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Member Spotlight



Spotlight on Bill Wester



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Bill Wester. Bill has owned a 1988 Buick Reatta Coupe for the past 13 years. While he had a 1948 Plymouth in his youth, Bill says that his favorite car is his

current 2007 Mazda MX5 with a retractable roof. Not to take anything away from the Buick Reatta, Bill likes the MX5 because it is his daily driver and a sports car to boot.

Bill joined the Buick Club while at the Easter Show six years ago at the invitation of Ginny and Bill Landers. Bill said that was the best thing he and Maggi have done in a long time. They have met and made friends with so many great people.

Bill and Maggi both like sailing. They own a 17-foot Sun Bird sailboat, which they keep at the Portage Des Sioux, IL, Marina. Bill and Maggi have sailed all over the world (not in their Sunbird). They belong to a local yacht club and have traveled and cruised to such exotic locations as Mexico, Texas, Vancouver Canada, San Juan Islands and New Zealand.

Bill said Maggi is his best first mate and that they make a good team together. Bill also likes model railroading. He has several antique HO-scale trains from the 40's and 50's among others on a 30-foot layout.

Bill retired from Monsanto after 37 years as a research biologist. He worked with John Waltz from time to time. Bill now works for Washington (continued on page 3)

**Next Meeting – May 1
FENTON BAR & GRILL, 701 RUDDER ROAD**

Director's Message

Hi All,

Another month and I am beginning to feel like I have a gray cloud following me around! Our cruise on the April 13 was canceled due to bad weather and the first meeting at Fenton Bar & Grill was cool with rain. Seems like the ghost of the Easter car show is hanging around.

Well, we will pick a new date for the cruise at the May meeting. Also, in May, I'm hoping to have a local Amsoil distributor stop by and give a presentation about zinc and synthetic oils. Bring your questions. I'm sure a few folks read the article in the Bugle about the removal of zinc from the newer motor oils.

Did you feel the earthquake? Maybe it is a good time to check your garage to make sure your cars are safe from stored items that may fall. A few moments spent removing or securing items could save you \$\$\$ and time in a body shop!

Hopefully by the time you read this, we will be talking about the great time we had at the Beffa's Car Show.

Happy Buicking!!!

Bob

Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2008

Location: The April 2008 meeting was held on Thursday, April 3, at Fenton Bar & Grill. Roughly 30 members and 3 guests, Gene Bosseller(Olds Club) and Mike and Nancy Beffa, were present.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses, Director.

Minutes from the March 2008 meeting were accepted as printed in the *Gateway Gazette*.

Pete Nathan was present to give the Treasurer's Report.

Past Events

Mar. 15 Oil change at Steve Dodson's
Mar. 23 Easter Concours d'Elegance Car Show, Forest Park.

Upcoming Events

April 13 Lunch/Dinner trip to Maystown, IL.
Jeff Watkins planning event
April 26 Beffa's Car Show & Horseless Carriage Club Display 11:00 a.m.
April 27 Model T Swap Meet, Gateway Int'l Speedway, Madison, IL
May 3 Sinclair Buick Show
May 30-Jun. 1 Olds Show at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks
June 7 Bobby's Custard
June 29 Museum of Transportation Show
Sept. 14 Wagner Buick Show
Oct. 4 Meeting and picnic, Kunz Plantation
Oct. 18 Crowne Valley Winery Tour

Old Business

Belt buckles sold: 4

Paul Meyer, Herb Morris, Jeff Watkins and Steve Dodson were elected to the Director-at-Large positions.

New Business

National Raffle – Bob has tickets, \$3 each.

New Outstanding Member Award in honor of John Waltz

May 10 – Classic Car Auction, St. Louis Auto Auction

National dues to go up to \$40/yr.

Money collected from 2007 for the Shriners will be kept and donated along with 2008 funds.

Next Regular Meeting:

May 1 – Fenton Bar & Grill

Gene Bosseller won the 50-50 drawing (\$24) and donated the winnings back to the Club

John Lasinski, Secretary

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University as a consultant. He and Maggi both are graduates of Fontbonne University and are still very active with the Fontbonne Alumni Association.

Bill and Maggi have been married for 43 years and really enjoy their outings with the Buick Club. They are big supporters of our club and will be found at most of our local car club displays, regional and national Buick meets.

Contributed by Steve Dodson

MAY IS DUES MONTH

As we are all aware, Club dues are payable in May. Please get your check or other negotiable form of payment to Pete Nathan at the address printed on the last page of this newsletter.

Collector Car Auction

An auction of collector cars is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, at St. Louis Auto Auction, 13813 St. Charles Rock Road, (314) 739-1300, just west of Paul Meyer's business. According to Paul's information, the auction starts at 10:00 a.m. and will likely be finished by 2:00 p.m.

There is a participation charge of \$25 to be in the bidding. Registering a car costs \$200, plus six percent with a reserve or five percent with no reserve. Reportedly, there will be bidders from across the U.S. and Canada.

Paul also reports that he sold his 1926 to a young man from Belleville. He also happens to be friends of Mr. Wagner of Wagner Buick, where the car was originally purchased. In addition, he also purchased Paul's 1942, which is in the 75 years of Buick book.

Previously, only two Dorris fire trucks were known to exist. Now there are three as Paul recently located and purchased one in a field near Ironton. "Its rough, but it seems to be all there."

Pre-National Tour

The tour preceding the BCA National Show in Flint, MI, will leave St. Louis on Saturday, July 12, with activities planned prior to arriving in Flint on Wednesday, July 16.

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| Saturday | ? am | Drive 248 miles to Indianapolis |
| | ? pm | Visit Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, 500 W. Washington Ave. |
| | ? pm | Easley Winery, 205 N. College |
| Sunday | ? am | Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum, 4790 W. 16 th St. |
| | ? pm | Broad Ripple Village – Dinner at Broad Ripple Brewpub |
| Monday | ? am | Drive 73 miles to Richmond, IN |
| | ? am | Visit Antique Alley Trails (1400 antique shops), 5701 National Road East |
| | ? am | Drive 50 miles to Dayton, OH |
| | ? am | Visit America's Packard Museum, 420 S. Ludlow St. |
| | 1 pm | Reservations for lunch – Packard Museum |
| Tuesday | ? am | Visit National Aviation Museum |
| Wednesday | ? am | Drive 251 miles to Flint, MI |
| | ? pm | Lunch stop at Pete's Bar & Grill |

New Members

Please welcome new members Bob Morgan of south St. Louis County and Bill Bicknell of Rolla, MO.

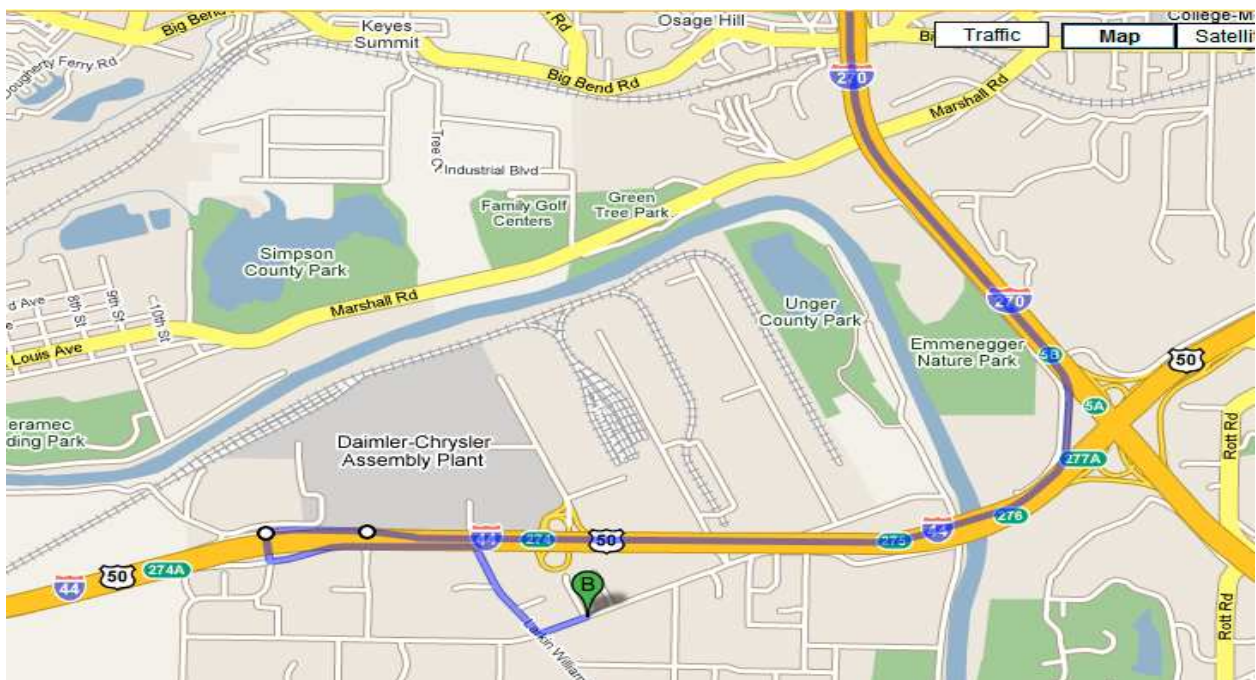
Dave Smith

Dave was in an accident recently, which seriously damaged his Mustang. It will likely be totaled by the insurance company. Fortunately, Dave fared much better. He was wearing his seat belt and suffered only relatively minor injuries with sore ribs and back, plus a banged up knee. His doctor estimates it will take about six weeks for him to get back to normal.

2008 Calendar

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| May | | | August | | |
| 1 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting | 7 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting |
| 3 | 11 am | Sinclair All Buick Show | 21-24 | | Heartland Regional Show, Topeka, KS |
| 10 | 10 am | Collector Car Auction St. Louis Auto Auction | | | |
| ?? | ?? | Cruise to Maeystown (rescheduled) | September | | |
| 30-Jun 1 | ?? | Oldsmobile Club Show, Tan Tara A Resort | 4 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting |
| | | | 7? | 10 am | Wheels In Motion |
| | | | 14 | 11 am | Wagner Buick/Pontiac/ GMC Show, Belleville, IL |
| June | | | October | | |
| 5 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting | 4 | ?? | Picnic and meeting at Kunz Plantation |
| 7 | 6 pm | Bobby's Custard (AACA will join us) | 5? | ?? | St. Charles Oktoberfest |
| 29 | 11 am | Museum of Transportation, All Buick Show | 18 | ?? | Cruise to Crown Winery |
| July | | | November | | |
| 3 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting | 6 | 7:30 pm | Regular Monthly Meeting |
| 12-16 | | Pre-National Tour | | | |
| 16-20 | | BCA National Show, Flint, MI | December | | |
| | | | 7? | 3 pm | Holiday Party |

NEXT MEETING will be at Fenton Bar & Grill, 701 Rudder Road. Take I-44 west from I-270 and exit onto N. Hwy Drive to Bowles Avenue. Crossover I-44, then left on S. Hwy Drive to Larkin Williams Drive. Turn right on Larkin Williams for 0.3 miles, then left on Rudder Road.



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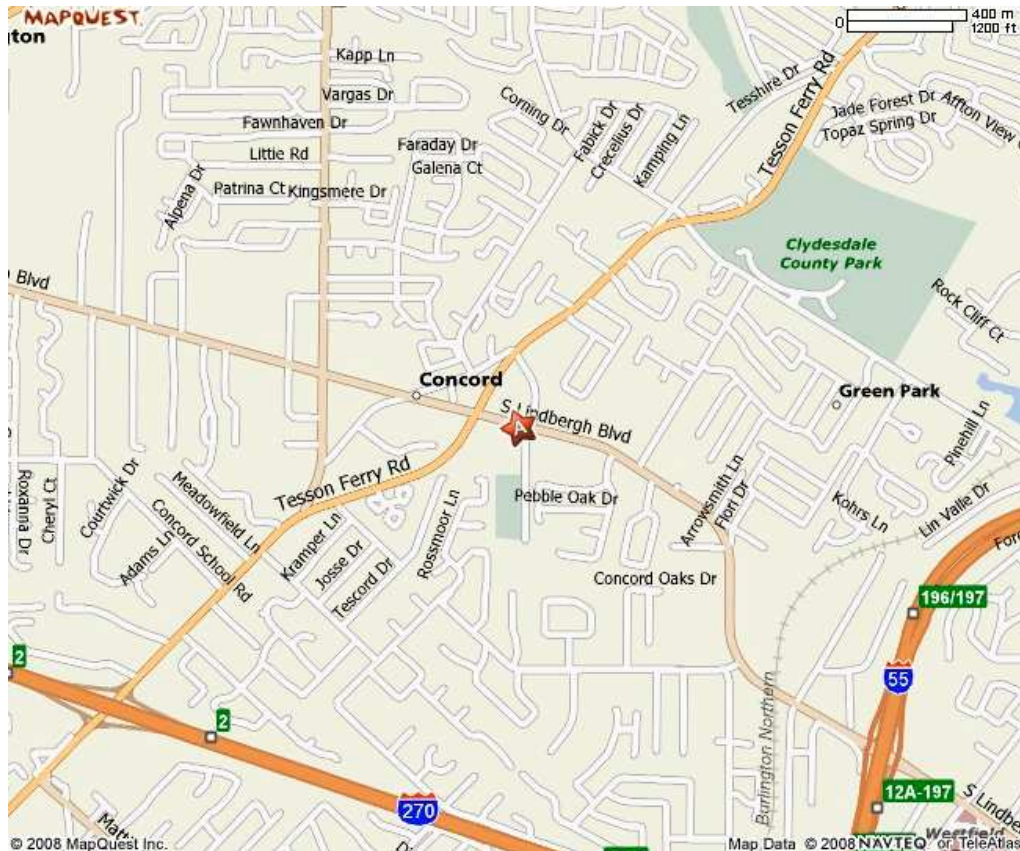
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Coming Up Saturday, May 3, Sinclair All Buick Show at Dave Sinclair Buick/GMC, located at 5655 S. Lindbergh, the intersection of S. Lindbergh and Tesson Ferry. Hot dogs and soda will be provided.



ITEMS FOR SALE:

1. Plymouth car radio (MOPAR) original AM, 6 volts - \$10.
2. Mustang full-wheel covers, set of 4, 14 inch, good condition - \$20.
3. 1938 set (2) MO license plates (restored), beautiful. Cost \$100, sell for \$50.
4. Set of 4 after-market rally wheels, 14 inch, 5-hole stainless steel, beautiful, with set of 4 full-wheel covers (like new). Each wheel cost over \$200. Everything for \$100 (firm)

Contact Dave Smith, 314-895-3416 (home) or 314-550-5853 (cell)

The *GATEWAY GAZETTE* is a monthly newsletter, free to paid members of the St. Louis Gateway Chapter of the Buick Club of America. Articles, technical information, For Sale and Want Ads, photos, restoration sagas and coming events are welcomed, but must be submitted by the next-to-last Thursday of the month to assure inclusion in the next issue.

Our membership year runs from May 1 to April 30. Membership is renewable on May 1. Members joining between January 1 and April 30 are paid up through the next April. Dues are \$15 per year for the local chapter. Contact Pete Nathan, Treasurer. See address below. Current dues for the national club are \$35 per year, payable to: Buick Club of America, P.O. Box 360775, Columbus, OH 43236-0775.

The Gateway Chapter meets monthly on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM and guests are welcome to attend. During the summer months, June through October, we meet at Chuck-A-Burger Drive-in, 9025 St. Charles Rock Road, just west of I-170. During the winter months, November through April, we move indoors at various restaurants around St. Louis.

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