



# Gateway Gazette

Monthly Newsletter of the St. Louis Chapter

**BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA**

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## Member Spotlight



### Spotlight on Pete Nathan



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Pete Nathan. He currently owns a beautiful 1935 Buick

Series 60 4dr Sedan street rod. Pete has been in the hobby for 20 years. Although he has owned other cars in the past, when asked which was his favorite car ever, he said his current 1935 Buick. When asked why, he said that even though this is a street rod, for the most part, the inside and outside looks like a stock 1935 Buick. But under the hood is another story! He can drive this 1935 anywhere he wants and ride in comfort and style.

Pete joined our Club four years ago at one of our meetings at Chuck-A-Berger. I don't think Pete will ever forget that night; ask him sometime! Pete is our current Club treasurer. Besides his old cars, Pete likes model railroading; don't ever pass up the opportunity to visit Pete's train layout; it's very impressive.

As a former Eagle Scout, he did a lot of camping and still likes to when he gets the opportunity (we're talking tent camping – what a man). Speaking of scouting, Pete had three daughters, so no surprise, he was (at least in Missouri) the first male Girl Scout leader. Skin diving in Mexico is another hobby of Pete's, when he gets time.

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**NEXT MEETING – March 6**  
Home Towne Buffet, 12228 St. Charles Rock Road, 7 p.m.

## Member Spotlight (continued)

Pete has been married 40 years and has three children and four great-grandchildren. Pete served our country for four years in the U.S. Airforce as a medic. He did a tour in Vietnam, thanks Pete! Pete has been in sales for the past 30 years. He currently owns his own business selling industrial packaging, both supplies and equipment. Pete is a great supporter of our club; you will find him going to most of the regional and national Buick meets.  
Steve Dodson

## Director's Message

Hi All,

Winter is over? Well, it was nice in Florida. If anyone is interested, I found a 1982 Electra for sale. It is located on St. George Island only 850 miles from here and could be gotten reasonably. The owner just doesn't want it to go to a salvage yard, which he is afraid will happen if he trades it in.

The March meeting will be your last chance to make a donation to the Shriners Hospitals for Children 2007 Charity Collection. Make your checks payable to the charity, so you get a tax break. Mail or give your donation to Pete Nathan. Our Club will **match** up to \$500.

Also please see Pete at the March meeting to sign up for the Easter show! We still could use a lot more cars! It is always a good time.

Well, I started up my 55 on one of the nice days. My 70 Electra should be back soon. Hope to be taking it to Flint. If anyone would like to go on the tour, but is afraid to drive, we may have a large air-conditioned rear seat available.

Steve Dodson is hosting the oil change this year and rumor has it that the ladies will be heading down to Kimmswick for lunch at the Blue Owl.

I want to thank Bill Landers for taking a turn as editor.

Happy Buicking...

Bob Brasses, Director  
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## Gateway Meeting Minutes February 7, 2008

Location: The February 2008 meeting was held on Thursday, February 7, at Home Towne Buffet. Roughly, 25 members and two guests, Gene (Olds Club) and Bill Truman attended the meeting.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses, Director.

Minutes from the November 2007 and January 2008 meetings were accepted as printed in the *Gateway Gazette*.

Pete Nathan gave the Treasurer's Report.

### Past Events

The Holiday Party at Nicolletti's was a success.

### Upcoming Events

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| Feb. 17      | 42nd Annual Indoor Swap Meet, Cape Girardeau, MO                                      |
| Mar. 1       | Hooter's and Hyman's Tour Event, 11:00 a.m. at Hooter's Westport                      |
| Mar. 15      | Oil change at Steve Dodson's 9:00 a.m.  |
| Mar. 23      | Easter Concours d'Elegance Car Show, Forest Park. Need \$15 to Pete by Mar. 6 meeting |
| Apr. 13      | Lunch/Dinner trip to Maystown, IL. Jeff Watkins planning event.                       |
| Apr. 27      | Model T Swap Meet, Gateway Int'l Speedway, Madison, IL                                |
| May 30-Jun.1 | Olds Show at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks                                     |
| Jun. 29      | Museum of Transportation Show   |

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## Minutes (continued)

### Old Business

Fifty-four belt buckles have been sold.

### New Business

Apr. 26      Beffa's Car Show  
Sept. 14     Wagner Buick Show  
Oct. 4        Kunz Plantation and  
                  October Meeting  
Oct. 18      Ste. Genevieve Wine Tour

National Raffle – Bob has tickets for \$3 each

A Gateway Gazette editor is still needed.

An Outstanding Member Award, in honor of John Waltz, has been created.

Chris Waltz has been made a Life Member.

Please suggest charities the Club will sponsor for 2008.

Nominations are needed for At-Large Board Members.

Volunteers are needed for the Sno-Cone machine.

### Members Deceased

Bob Loudon has passed away.

### Members Ill

Dave Smith's ankle is still mending.

### Next Regular Meetings

Mar. 6        Home Towne Buffet  
Apr. 3        Fenton Bar & Grill

Gene Bosler won the 50-50 drawing.

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## 2008 Pre-National Tour

Now is the time for all good men to step forward and consider what car events they would like to attend during the coming show season.

The Gateway Chapter has reserved 10 rooms for the National Show in Flint, MI, July 16 – July 20. As of today, only two rooms have been spoken for. Please advise Pete Nathan as soon as possible, if you plan to claim one of these rooms. A pre-tour is being scheduled, similar to what we did in Wisconsin last year. So far we are considering events in Indianapolis, as well as the Wright-Patterson Museum for the history of aviation. Any additional suggestions would be appreciated. Please notify Bill Landers or Pete Nathan if you plan to join us.

## Ladies Luncheon in Kimmswick

Barb Brasses has made reservations for 10 at The Blue Owl restaurant in Kimmswick for Saturday, March 15. The ladies are to meet at Steve and Sherrie Dodson's house and proceed to lunch. Barb is offering to take five to eight in her Suburban. Call her at (636) 343-1507 if you plan to attend and for times and other details.

Blue Owl web site: [www.theblueowl.com](http://www.theblueowl.com)  
Other Kimmswick information at:  
[www.visitkimmswick.com/store/Default.asp](http://www.visitkimmswick.com/store/Default.asp)

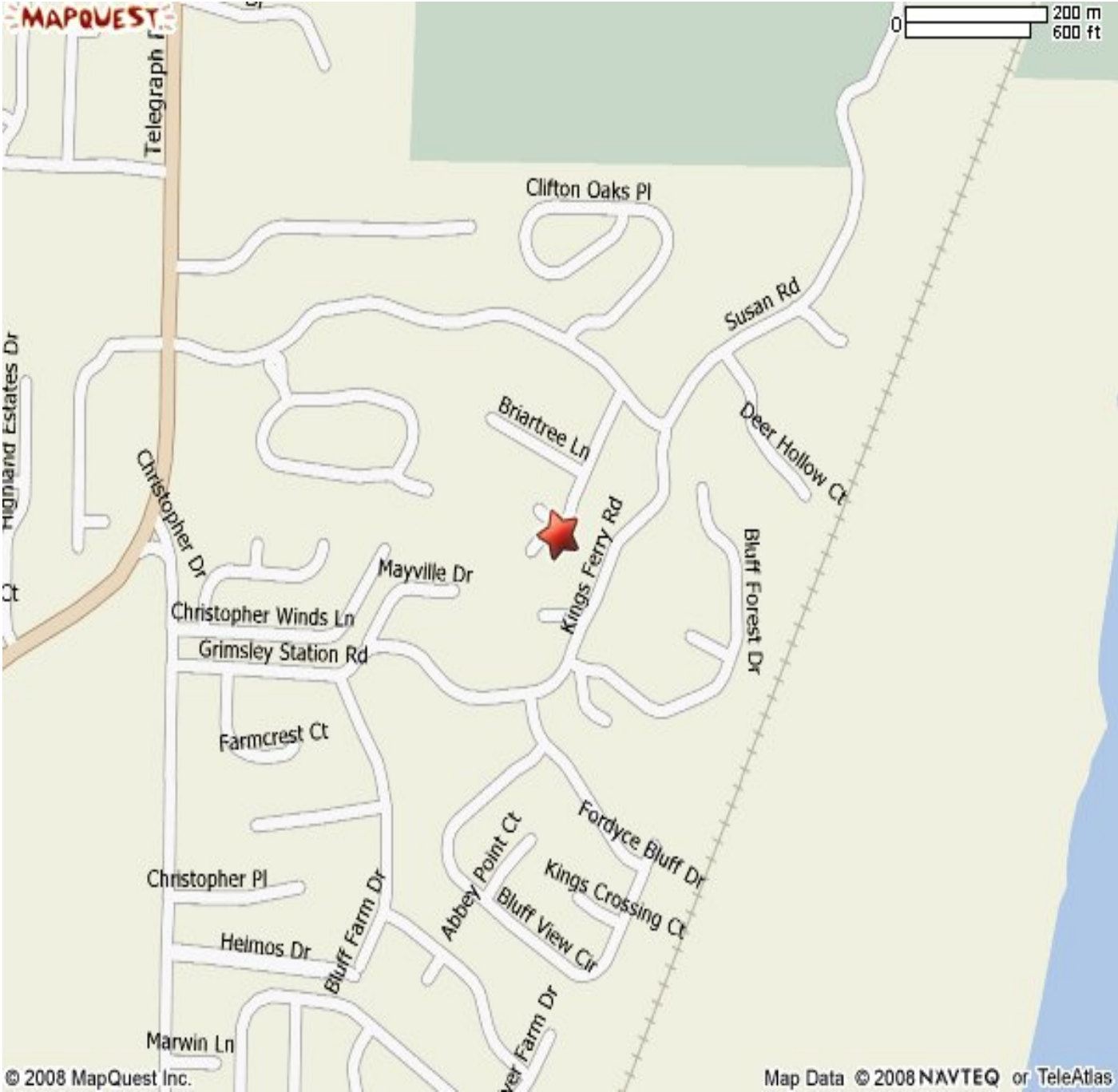
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**Gateway Chapter's Annual Spring Oil Change, March 15, 2008, 9 AM  
Steve Dodson's Garage, 6240 Beyes Lane, 63129**

To get to Steve's house, take Telegraph Road south from I-255/I-270. Make a left turn on Susan Road. Follow Susan to the second right, which will be Beyes Lane.





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# GM 100th Home Tour

Visit homes of General Motors Executives built in  
the 1920's and 1930's.

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- ◆ E.T. Strong, President of Buick, 1930's, 2810  
Parkside Drive
- ◆ Harlow Curtice, President of General Motors,  
1950's, 1810 Overhill Drive
- ◆ Arthur Summerfield, Chevrolet Dealer and  
U.S. Postmaster General under Eisenhower,  
2952 Parkside Drive



Harlow Curtice House



F.A. Bower House



E.T. Strong House

**Tickets:** Available on Home tour day at the Bower House, 2630  
Parkside Drive, \$20.00 per person

**Advanced tickets may be purchased until July 4 by sending a  
check for \$15.00 per person to :**

Home Tour  
Kettering University Archives  
1700 W. Third Ave.  
Flint, MI 48504

**Woodcroft Estates**  
Saturday, July 19, 2008  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Free shuttle bus will be avail-  
able between Downtown and  
the Flint Cultural Center.*

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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