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BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

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Holiday party at Grappa Grill

Approximately 32 members and children met at the Grappa Grill in St. Charles for our January meeting and annual holiday party. It appeared everyone enjoyed the company and the food. I believe everyone managed a trip to the attendance prize table for a car related item. Ted Becker donated a book covering 70 years of Buick for auction and our Director outbid everyone else to take home the coveted book.

The winners of the drawing for paid up club dues for the next year were Monica Ledwon, Nancy Keil and Steve Dodson.

One of the highlights of the evening was the selection of Ed Keil for the John Waltz Outstanding Member Award. Congratulations to Ed for this well-deserved honor.



Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting February 4, Pujols 5, 7:30

Regular Meeting March 4, Pujols 5, 7:30

Spring Oil Change and Lady's Luncheon, March 27, 11:30

See Page 4 for Details

Director's Message

Hi Everyone,

Well we kicked December off with our Christmas lunch at Old Spaghetti Factory. All those who attended had a good time. We collected toys for Toys for Tots in conjunction with the lunch. Barb and I took them to Dave Sinclair's Buick dealership. David III was happy to receive them and add ours to his truckload of toys. Thanks to all for bringing toys.

January, other than being very cold, started okay as we all met at the Grappa Grill for our Holiday Party. The food was good and so was the company.

Ed Kiel was awarded the John Waltz award for 2009. Ed has been in the club for many years and was very involved in the Heartland Regional Show we had here. Ed makes sure we keep our tax status with both the Feds and the state correct. Plus he is a wealth of knowledge about the club. Ed is one of the people who keep our club going. Congratulations Ed on a well-deserved honor.

This next year is really shaping up nicely. And that is due to the work of our Activities committee; Herb & Sharon Morris; Bill & Ginny Landers; Pete & Wendy Nathan; and John & Kitty Lasinski. They have added some new events, such as a trip to Fast Eddie's with a tour up the river road and a BBQ at Schmiehausens. We also have many returning activities. Please plan on attending as many of the club activities as you can. We always have a good time.

Happy Buicking!

Bob

Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2010

The January 2010 meeting and holiday party were held on Sunday, January 10, at Grappa Grill in St. Charles. We had a good turnout of about 32 members and children.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses.

Upcoming Events

February

Feb. 04 Regular Monthly Meeting – Pujols 5

March

Mar. 04 Regular Monthly Meeting – Pujols 5
Mar. 27 Spring Oil Change/ Ladies Luncheon at La Bonne Bouchee

April

Apr. 01 Regular Monthly Meeting – Pujols 5
Apr. 02 Fenton Cruise – Life Christian Church
Apr. 04 HCCM Easter Show – Forest Park
Apr. 25 Cruise to Shaw's Garden For Lunch

Ed Keil was selected as this year's recipient of the John Waltz Award.

Monica Ledwon, Nancy Keil and Steve Dodson won the raffle for free membership dues for the 2010 year.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Adam Martin, who donated his winnings back to the club.

Next Regular Meeting:

February 4 – Pujols 5

January and February Birthdays

Steve Dodson	Amy Eckstein
Rhonda Ford	Rosalee Hudson
Ina Hughes	Ed Keil
Scott Keller	Ed Lanfer
Bill Nolte	Patricia Panus
Vic Panus	Donald Roehl
Chris Waltz	Kenny Williams

January and February Anniversaries

Jim & Doris Hall
John & Angie Midkiff
Mike & Susan Roth



Toys For Tots

The Brasses' delivered the toys the club collected at our annual Toys For Tots collection at the December luncheon. Pictured with Bob and Barb is David Sinclair III of Dave Sinclair Buick.



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Steve Vanda Flynn

Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri Easter Show

Those, who plan to attend this year's Easter Show in Forest Park and display their car with the club, need to get a check for \$15 to Pete Nathan **no later than March 10.** Also since our 2010 club dues are payable on May 1, why not just write a check for \$30 and send it to Pete at the address on the last page of this newsletter. One check and you're paid up for dues and the Easter Show.

Upcoming Events – Details and Directions

February and March Meetings at Pujols 5 in West Port Plaza. To get to West Port Plaza, take I-270 to East on Page Avenue. Take the first exit off Page, Concourse Drive, then take the first right onto Lackland Road. Follow Lackland to the second traffic light and take another right onto Westport Plaza Drive. This will take you back north across Page. A left at the second light will get you into the parking lot. Make a right at the stop sign and you can park and walk into the Plaza past St Louis Bread Co. and see Pulols 5 to the right. Or you can continue for a hundred yards and pull into “Garage A”, next to the Sheraton Hotel. The word “clock tower” will be above that entrance. Drive straight back about 350 feet and you will see an elevator directly in front of you. Park and take the elevator up one floor. Exit the elevator, turn left and you should see the Pujols sign. Plan to arrive between 6 and 6:30 pm so you can enjoy dinner prior to the meeting.

Spring Oil Change at Paul Meyer’s garage at Spectra Painting, 13573 St. Charles Rock Road (1.3 miles west of I-270, on the right as you drive west), Saturday, May 27, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Brats, burgers and soda will be provided.

Lady’s Luncheon will be at La Bonne Bouchee, 12344 Olive Street Road (0.7 miles west of I-270). The Restaurant is in the Westgate Center strip mall which will be on the left as you travel west on Olive.

FOR SALE

‘90 Reatta Convertible, Maui blue with white top, 73,xxx miles. Newer top, 16-way driver’s seat, CD player, 392 points at BCA National Meet. Herb Morris, (c) 314-221-8138, reatta90@sbcglobal.net.

Driver’s side window for 1965 Riviera with power windows. Vent window assembly with some damage included. Bill Landers, 314-921-5015, walanders@sbcglobal.net.

1939 Special 4 door The engine has been detailed, the valve seats hardened, the clutch rebuilt, carburetor rebuilt, mains replaced, oil pump rebuilt, rear end changed to 390, bumpers re-chromed, seat belts added, 6 volt electric fuel pump added for backup, and 6 volt push fan added for 90 degree weather. This dark green car is all original with no rust and is in very good condition inside and outside. Only \$11,000. Mike Driscoll, 314-846-2322.

Embroidered Logo Orders by Ed Keil

DL THREADS ‘N STUFF has our logo digitized for application on our member’s garments. Up to four colors can be selected depending on the garment’s color. There are 2 logo sizes. The small logo is about 2.5” high and 3.25” wide. This size is most suitable for application on the front of your garment. The large logo was designed for the center back of a garment. It is about the size of an 8 ½” X 11” sheet of paper with the center circle about 5” in diameter and the lettering about 1” high.

DL is located off of Lindsay Lane at #11 Manor Drive in Florissant. The phone number is 314-830-4901. The proprietor, Debbie, works out of her garage at that location. Her hours are flexible so it would be a good idea to call before you make a trip.

Application cost of the small logo to your garment is \$8.00. The large logo is \$15.00. You can customize your garment with your name and/or title. This costs an additional \$5.00 each. All applications are sales tax exempt.

Those of our members who live in North County can take care of their own order, but members who live in West or South County, may want to place their order with any of our North County members at our meetings.

An order form is provided in this newsletter to help you with your order from DL.

Filling out the order form carefully is the best way to assure you get what you want. Whether placing an order in person or through another member please place your garment in a bag or on a hanger with the order form either pinned to the garment or in the pocket of the garment.

2010 CALENDAR

February

4 Regular Monthly Meeting - Pujols 5

March

4 Regular Monthly Meeting - Pujols 5
27 **Spring Oil Change/Ladies luncheon at La Bonne Bouchee

April

1 Regular Monthly Meeting - Pujols 5
2 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
4 HCCM Easter Show - Forest Park
25 **Cruise to Shaw's Gardens for lunch

May

1 Sinclair Buick Show
6 Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
7 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
16 MOT All-Buick Show
23 Picnic in Forest Park

June

3 Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
4 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
5 Bobby's Custard Cruise
4-6 Oldsmobile Club TanTarA Show
19-20 **Overnight or daytrip to St. Genevieve - Visit Crown and Cave wineries

July

1 Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
2 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
11 Lion's Club Car Show, St. Charles
16 MOT Cruise with Buick as featured Marque
24 Smithton Parade ??
27-31 BCA National Show - Ames, IA

August

5 Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
6 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
7 **Lunch at Dreamland Palace, Schorr Lake winery
14 **BBQ at Schmiehausens
?? Skyview Drive-In Theater
26-28 Great Lakes Regional, Columbus, OH

September

2 Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
3 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
12 Wheels in Motion Show, West Port Plaza
19 **Lunch at Fast Eddie's, cruise to winery in Grafton
26 St Charles Octoberfest Show
24-26 **Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL

October

?? Chili, etc at the Kunz Plantation
7 Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
8 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
30 **Fall oil change/Ladies luncheon at Blue Owl

November

4 Regular Monthly Meeting - ??

December

4 **Lunch at Spaghetti Factory, Toys for Tots
11 **Cruise to Our Lady of the Snows for holiday party

??? Possible shows at Veterans Homes at Jefferson Barracks, North County

** Need a headcount for these events

International Route 66 Mother Road Festival & Car Show

The 8th annual Route 66 Show will be held at the usual sites in Springfield IL, Friday, September 24 through Sunday, September 26. Registration is \$38 through September 21 at www.route66fest.com which includes weekend admission for the vehicle. On-site registration beginning September 24 is \$50. Admission is free to all spectators. There is a cruise on Friday evening, a judged show with 40 classes, a classic car auction, swap meet and lots of live entertainment. Plus, there are lots of things to do in Springfield for those who might want a break from car stuff. If you plan to attend, better make hotel reservations now: Abe Lincoln Hotel, 217-544-8800, \$84 per night.

St. Louis Gateway Chapter Buick Club of America

Embroidery Order Form for DL THREADS 'N STUFF
 #11 Manor Dr. Florissant, MO 63031- West of Lindbergh off Lindsay Lane
 314-830-4901



LOGO SELECTION

LARGE \$15.00
 SMALL \$8.00
 BOTH \$23.00

COLOR SELECTION

Provide the colors you want below for each segment of our logo, or the single color for the entire logo. A maximum of 4 colors is allowed.

You may want to provide yarn samples and DL THREADS 'N STUFF will try to match the colors as close as possible.

LARGE LOGO SMALL LOGO

GATEWAY CHAPTER, CLUB OF AMERICA COLOR	_____	_____
BUICK SCRIPT COLOR	_____	_____
CIRCLE COLOR	_____	_____
GRILL ENDS COLOR	_____	_____
ENTIRE LOGO COLOR	_____	_____

LARGE LOGO LOCATION

Always in the center of the back of the garment

SMALL LOGO LOCATION SELECTION

Check one

right front breast area
 left front breast area
 above left pocket

Distance of lower edge above pocket _____ inches

NAME and/or TITLE SELECTION \$5.00 each

NAME _____ TITLE _____
 LOCATION ON GARMENT _____

Garment description (including color) _____

Name _____ Phone number _____



Condolences to John Lasinski and his family on the death of his father, Anton J. Lasinski on December 26, 2009.

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 \$50 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. We meet at various restaurants around St. Louis and most members and guests try to arrive by 6:30 or earlier to have dinner before the meeting.

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