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Member Spotlight



Spotlight on Ed Keil



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Ed Keil. He currently owns a 1972 Buick Riviera and a 1972 Chevy El Camino SS. Ed has been in the old car hobby for at least 49 years. He has had several old cars during that time. His first was a 1929 Model A Ford, purchased in 1963. When asked which was his favorite car ever, he said a 1967 Chevy Corvette. Ed owned this 1967 Vet for 26 years, and when asked why it was his favorite, besides owning it for 26 years, he said it was such a rush to drive. This Vet was one of only 850 built that year with a 427 CI engine that developed 435 HP.

Ed has been a member of the Gateway Buick Club for 21 years, joining in July 1991. Ed was secretary of the Club for five years and has served as a board member for several years. And as most of you know, Ed is quite the detail man in our Club. If you want to know something about the history of the Club or anything about the Club's by-laws, you ask Ed. Ed created and later revised the current Club bylaws. He has served the Club in many capacities serving on countless committees, helping to organize and working on all three of the large Buick car shows that we have hosted. He secured for the club our Missouri sales tax exemption. If we had a Club full of Ed's, there would be nothing this Club couldn't do. Thanks Ed for all you do and have done!

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Upcoming Events

Next Regular Meeting, Monday, February 20, St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame (formerly Pujols 5), 7:30 pm

Spring Oil Change, Saturday, March 31, Paul Meyer's garage, 10 am

HCCM Easter Show, Sunday, April 8, Forest Park – Get your \$15 entry fee to Pete Nathan by March 8

See Page 3 for Details

Director's Letter

Hi Everyone!

Our Holiday Party at C.J. Muggs in Webster Groves was well attended, and everyone had a wonderful time. A drawing was held for three FREE 2012 Club dues. The winners were Mary Ann Meyer, Bob Windal and Joe Horvath III. Congratulations everyone!

Our next meeting February 20 will be held at St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame (formerly Pujol's 5) in Westport Plaza. Paul Meyer will be leading this meeting.

A board meeting was held February 6 at the Morris household. Many details for the 2012 Midwest Regional were ironed out. In fact, several categories are now complete. Another board meeting will be held April 2 at Pete Nathan's house to follow up on the regional's progress. Please consider volunteering to help at the regional in September. Our Club needs YOUR HELP to make our regional a huge success.

Thanks

Herb

Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2011

Minutes of the abbreviated meeting held in conjunction with our annual Holiday Party on January 15 are not available.

January Birthdays

Steve Dodson	Charles Doggendorf	Rhonda Ford
Jerry Green	Ina Hughes	Ed Keil
Scott Keller	Patricia Panus	Vic Panus
Chris Waltz		

January Anniversaries

John and Angie Midkiff
Sam & Susan Palazzolo
Buick & Dani Tharnish

February Birthdays

Kevin Dierkes	Jeff Johnson	Bill Nolte
Matthew Smythe	Caryl Wilson	Buick Tharnish

February Anniversaries

Jim & Doris Hall
Mike & Susan Roth
Bob & Lynda Schurwan

Upcoming Events

February Regular Meeting. Monday, February 20, at St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame (formerly known as Pujols 5) in Westport Plaza. Plan to arrive by 6:30 and enjoy dinner prior to the 7:30 meeting. Take Page Avenue east from I-270, and take the first exit from Page, Concourse Drive. Take the first right onto Lackland Road, then right on Westport Plaza Drive at the second traffic light. Follow Westport Plaza Drive over I-270 to a left at the second traffic light, then a right at the stop sign and into the parking lot. If you prefer indoor parking, continue for a couple hundred yards and turn left at the stop sign into garage A. Take the elevator up one floor.

Spring Oil Change. Saturday, March 31, 10 am to 2 pm, 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). Brats, burgers and soda will be provided.

Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri Easter Show. Sunday, April 8. Meet at 9:00 am on Wells Avenue (where we met before Hampton was closed for the Highway 40 project) to caravan to the show field. If you plan to attend and display your car with the club, you need to get a check for \$15 to Pete Nathan **no later than March 8.** Also since our 2012 club dues are now payable, 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.

FOR SALE

1968 Riviera, price reduced to \$6200. Very nice car with 38K original miles, factory air (needs Freon), excellent interior, no rust, has been in heated garage. Pictures available, Ray, 314-298-0604, anytime.

1953 Roadmaster. Recently rebuilt transmission, new ring gear, new radiator, plus more. 50th Anniversary model with first of the V-8s. Has P.S., P.B., P. seat, P. windows. Matching numbers. Shop manuals and other original documents. Gene Hughes, cell 314-504-4844. Pictured on cover of May 2007 Gazette.

Two 1963 Buick Specials. Car #1 is a convertible, 215 V8, 3 speed trans, factory air conditioning. Car #2 is a 2 door coupe, 215 V8, 4 speed trans. Both cars have bucket seats, both cars need right rear quarters, both engines turn over (not stuck), both seem to be complete. Sell as a pair, \$2000. Paul Meyer, 314-574-9853.

Huge Quantity of 1964 Buick Riviera parts For Sale. Donated to our chapter by a Buick enthusiast, proceeds will be used to fund chapter activities, including the 2012 Heartland Regional Show. Call Paul Meyer, 314-574-9853, ASAP for the Rivi parts you need.

1962 Special. Extra engine and transmission, various parts and books, pictures available. Best offer. Steve, 314-393-0996, 314-487-8586 or swarringin@hotmail.com.

1978 Skylark 4-Door. Very good condition with automatic, PB, PS, A/C, new battery, lots of factory chrome trim. Has 46,XXX actual miles. Pictures available. Recently passed state safety test. Marilyn, 618-975-6316 or rubato@htc.net.

Member Spotlight(Continued)

Besides his old cars, Ed likes genealogy. He has traced his German family history eleven generations, back to the 1600's. Ed was active in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America and served as Assistant Scout Leader for several years.

Ed has been and still is involved with civic work within the City of Florissant, serving now on the Landmarks and Historic District Commission. Ed has helped with landmark properties in Florissant, getting together the history of some of the old buildings.

He recently took on the responsibility of Archivist for the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine in Florissant. He has volunteered his services in making videos for the

Florissant Fire Department about the history of the fire department and the firemen that make up this group.

Ed graduated from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, Now Missouri S&T, earning a BS degree in chemical engineering. He worked as an engineer for McDonald Douglas for 35 years. His assignments included propulsion systems and aeronautical structural testing.

Ed and Nancy have been married for 57 years and have six children: five boys and one daughter (now you know why he was in the Boy Scouts) 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Ed was drafted into the Army and served from 1953 to 1955. He did most of his enlistment at Ft. Benning, GA, where he trained officers in field communications. Thanks Ed for your service to our country!

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Input Needed. I still need articles for future newsletters. Please take some photos and/or write a few paragraphs about one of our summer events, your restoration project, or any other topic of interest to our club members. Jeff Watson has provided more pictures and other items of interest, but written stories would add to the interest of the newsletter.

Thanks, Editor

The input of all members of the Gateway Chapter is needed to put together a “Calendar of Events” for this coming year. Attendance at a number of events this past year was disappointing, and the Board of Directors wants to generate a calendar that will be of interest to the maximum number of members and hopefully result in greater participation. If you have suggestions or ideas, contact one of the people listed on the last page of the Gazette or attend the planning meeting (date and time TBD). Even if you don’t have specific suggestions, provide generic ideas such as “cruise to a car museum”, “cruise to a park for a picnic”, “hold more meetings on the weekend”, etc. Below is 2011 calendar for your information.

2011 CALENDAR (Actual)			
January		July	
9	Holiday Party at Grappa Grill	6-9	BCA National Show - Danvers, MA
February		18	Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
21	Regular Monthly Meeting - Pujols 5	August	
March		15	Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
14	BOD Meeting, Pete Nathan's	18-20	Heartland Regional, Reedsburg, WI
21	Regular Monthly Meeting - Pujols 5		
April		September	
		10	Display at Wagner - BPO & GMC
16	Spring Oil Change--Ladies Luncheon, La Bonne Bouchee	11	Wheels in Motion Show, West Port Plaza
18	Regular Monthly Meeting - Pujols 5	17	Lunch at Fast Eddie's, cruise to winery in Grafton
24	HCCM Easter Show - Forest Park	19	Regular Monthly Meeting - Sports Café, Bridgeton
		23-25	Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL
May		October	
14	Cruise to Fulton with the Olds Club	16	Fall Color Tour, Lunch at Big Chief
16	Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's Watson Road & S. Lindburgh	17	Regular Monthly Meeting - Sports Café, Bridgeton
		29	Fall oil change
June		November	
3-5	Oldsmobile Club TanTarA Show	21	Regular Monthly Meeting - Sports Café, Bridgeton
17	MOT BOP Cruise-in		
20	Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's Watson Road & S. Lindburgh	December	
25	Fritz's Frozen Custard, Big Bend and Hwy 1	3	Lunch at Regazzi's, Regular Monthly Meeting,
27	Board of Directors Meeting, Pete Nathan's		Toys for Tots, Botanical Garden,

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 first Monday 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 **THIRD MONDAY** 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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