



# Gateway Gazette

Monthly Newsletter of the St. Louis Chapter

**BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA**

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## Upcoming Events

*See Details on Pages 5-11*

## *Slowly Getting Back On Track*

Next months Gazette should have a wrap up from some events that happened later last year. Thanks for your patience while I get around to passing the Gazette off to my dad.



# BUICK

*Monthly meeting at Sports café this Monday,  
February 2nd at Sports Café 7:30.*

## Director's Letter

John Lasinski



Happy New Year and thanks for all those who braved the weather and came out to our annual

Holiday Party at the Pasta House. We still had a good turn out and everyone had a good time. It was good to see everyone again.

A new year means new club activities. Kristina and several others have worked hard to put together an activities calendar for the upcoming year and is sending it out to everyone. Some old favorites are still there along with some new events. Let's make this the year we get those cars out and have some fun with other club members.

## Meeting Minutes

### Board Meeting, January 6th, 2015

The meeting was held at the Sport's Café, Bridgeton, MO, and was facilitated by Chet Palumbo; Joe Horvath III, Joe Horvath Jr, Bill Landers, Pete Nathan, Chet Palumbo, Kristina Richards and Dave Smith were present.

**Membership:** from a general discussion on how to bring in or invite new members to the club, it was suggested that when new BCA members are published in the Bugle that we send them a letter or invitation to join the St. Louis Gateway Chapter. This was done in the past with success. Bill Landers agreed to take over this responsibility.

### **Review of Board Members:**

- Officers:
  - Director, John Lasinski
  - Asst. Director, Steve Dodson
  - Treasurer, Pete Nathan
  - Secretary, Chet Palumbo
- Past Director, Herb Morris
- Activities Director, Kristina Richards
- Newsletter Editor, Joe Horvath III
- Members at Large: Dave Smith and Bill Landers (term in 2016)

This year, many of your clubs officers terms are coming up, (including yours truly), and we are currently taking nominations for replacements. If you have any interest in holding one of these positions, please throw your name in the hat. An election committee will be formed to handle elections.

Also, we want to find another restaurant down south to hold our summer regular meetings, so let us know if you have any suggestions that might work.

As always, Happy motoring!

*John*

### **Election of Officers 2015:** (taken from Bylaws)

- January Business Meeting—The Director shall announce the appointment of an Election Committee composed of three members, excluding all incumbent elected or appointed officers. The Election Committee shall oversee the nomination and election process, including verification and counting of ballots. If no January meeting is conducted the announcement of the election committee is postponed until the February business meeting.
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**Bylaws:** from a general discussion on the bylaws, not everyone present had ever seen the bylaws and felt that it would be a good idea to distribute an electronic copy to the membership to make sure everyone in the club had a copy. A suggestion was made that this occur at the beginning of each year along with the Annual Directors message to the club.

### **Activities Calendar 2015:**

- Planning meeting will be schedule later this month (Kristina)
- Primary focus will be given to the following events:
  - Buick Nationals – Springfield, MO, volunteers required for:
    - Parking cars
    - Parking lot maintenance/runners

- Hospitality
- Registration/Goody bags
- Loading buses
- Judges
- Shriner's Car Show
- Memories on Main – Oldsmobile Club
- Wheels in Motion

**Next Club Meeting:** January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Pasta House on Manchester Rd, Ballwin, MO



### Meeting Minutes, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- The meeting was held at the Pasta House on Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO and was facilitated by John Lasinski, Director.
- John opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States.
- Meeting was our Annual Holiday Party featuring a pasta buffet and attendance prizes for all.
- 27 members and guests were in attendance

#### Member News:

- Paul Meyer continues with chemo treatments for pancreatic, liver and lung cancer.
- Doug Stahl continues treatment for non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- Maggie Wester is recovering from colon cancer.
- Dave Smith reported on Culus Jones and Gail Simon and said they were well.

**Minutes:** December minutes approved as published.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Membership Dues: We are getting close to the end of the year, if you have not paid your dues; please see Pete.

- Club Account: **\$3,027.52**
- Shriner Show Account: **\$470.22**

#### Performance Division:

- A race is being planned for the June/July timeframe

- Members of the Performance Division will participate in the 2015 Forest Park Easter Show – lower level

**Modified News:** no report...

#### Regional News:

- John received a letter from the new Director of the Kansas City Region, Bob Tracy, Mid-America Chapter - BCA

#### National News:

- Volunteers and Judges needed for Springfield, sign-up sheets will be available at our next meeting.

#### Old Business:

1. Buick Belt Buckles (each): \$14.00 as advertised in the Bugle includes S&H. \$10.00 at shows where sold direct and \$5.00 to Gateway Chapter members. see Bill Landers

#### New Business:

- 2014 Club Dues are due: \$15.00, see Pete, Please...
- 2015 Dues are due in March.

#### **Board Meeting was held on January 6<sup>th</sup>**

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- **2015 Activities Calendar**

Kristina will meet with Pete on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, to finalize the 2015 Activities Calendar. Primary focus will be given to the following events:

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  - Hospitality
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  - Loading buses
  - Judges
- Shriner’s Car Show
- Memories on Main – Oldsmobile Club
- Wheels in Motion
- Also looking at more family type events, Go-cart racing, Drive-in Theater...
- If you have any suggestions – please see Kristina

**Upcoming Events:**

- Regular monthly meeting, 7:30 Sport’s Café

**50/50 Drawing:** \$31.00 to Ted Becker’s friend/guest Mary Daus.

**Next Meeting:**

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO
  - Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm.

## **Regular Monthly Meetings.**

**MEETINGS WILL BE ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH**

Monday, February 2nd, 7:30 pm at **Sports Café**, 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044.

Monday, March 3rd, 7:30 pm at **Sports Café**.

To reach the Sports Café, take I-70 or I-270 to West on St. Charles Rock Road at I-270. After one block, turn left at the traffic light onto Boenker Rd., then after one block turn left onto Pennridge Dr. The restaurant is on the right. Plan to arrive by 6:30 and enjoy dinner prior to the 7:30 meeting.

Hi All --

- 1) We have an event in April with the Olds club, but the date is still being worked out.
- 2) We are looking for suggestions for our April 25<sup>th</sup> Brewery Tour – Any suggestions ? Where do people prefer ??
- 3) We have a Casino Night in November – Need suggestions for which Casino people prefer
- 4) Boschertown will also be added...still working on a date
- 5) Next week a letter is being sent to Hunter Engineering for a tour – date and time is determined by them. If approved, we will work this into our calendar
- 6) The meetings are scheduled for Sports Café like last year...but a few people have mentioned having some meetings further south. We are open to that but need suggestions for a location. We need a place that can accommodate 30 people, space that is quite enough to hear the meeting, a place that doesn't require a fee ... and preferably close to highways. If you have a location that meets these needs, please let me know and I will look into the restaurant about booking. If locations are not suggested, I will assume there isn't interest. And we will keep things as they are. If a location is found that meets our needs, we will split up the meetings 6 months north and 6 months south.

Thanks guys !! Hope to see everyone at the February Meeting. We have a lot of great stuff planned. If you have any other events you'd like to see the club do... please let me know and I will get it planned out =)

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Kristina  
636-578-4448



**Buick Club of America  
Gateway Chapter**

# February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Monthly Meeting Sports Café Bridgeton 7:30 pm	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Passing Lane Tour Followed by Lunch 11:00 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



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8 Daylight Savings Time Starts	9	10 Deadline for Easter Show Entry Fee \$15	11	12	13	14 Shriner's Parade Cottleville, MO 11:00 am
15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Spring "Oil Spill" and Swap Meet Starts at 10:00 am  Womens Luncheon La Bonne Bouchee
29	30	31				



**February 2** – Monthly Meeting

**February 21** – Passing Lane Tour & Lunch

Meet at venue at 11:00 am, Lunch at Grand Slam to follow

Passing Lane Address: 514 Mae Court, Fenton 63026

<http://passinglanemotors.com>

Grand Slam Address: 519 Mae Court, Fenton 63026

Menu: [www.grandslamstl.com](http://www.grandslamstl.com)

**March 2** – Monthly Meeting

**March 10** – Deadline for Easter Car Show Registration – Entry Fee Due \$15

**March 14** – Shriner’s Parade -- LINE UP at 11:00 am, Starts at Noon

Meet and line up at Saint Charles Community College

Address: 4601 Mid Rivers Mall Driver, Cottleville, MO 63376

**March 28** – Spring “Oil Spill” -- Starts at 10:00 am

Our Annual oil change event. Special Thanks to Paul Meyer for letting us use his facility.

Address: 13573 St Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton

**March 28** – Ladies Luncheon at La Bonne Bouchee – Starts at 11:00

Reservations are made for the “Plaza Room” at La Bonne

This event takes place while the guys are hanging out at the “Oil Spill”

Address: 12344 Olive Blvd, Westgate Center, St. Louis 63141 314-576-6606

**April 5** – Easter Car Show – Forest Park Muny Parking Lot

Meet at McDonalds and drive in together – Meet at 8:30, Leave McDonald’s at 9:00 am

Address for McDonalds: 1420 Hampton Avenue, St Louis 63139

**April 6** – Monthly Meeting

**April 25** – Brewery Tour – Meet at entrance at 1:00 pm

LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

**April 28** – Deadline for Winery Cruise / Pere Marquette

RSVP’s NEEDED for this event, Thanks



**May 2 – Lunch & Winery Cruise -- 1:00 pm**

12:15 -- We will meet at the Pit Stop Gas Station, 14000 US Highway 67, West Alton, MO

Leaving at 12:30 to cruise together to Pere Marquette Lodge for lunch

After lunch, we will cruise down the Illinois River Road to Grafton Winery

Address for Park Lodge: 13112 Visitor Center Lane, Grafton, IL 62037

Address for Winery: 300 West Main, Grafton, IL 62037 [www.thegrafftonwinery.com](http://www.thegrafftonwinery.com)

**PLEASE RSVP for this event by April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**May 4 – Monthly Meeting**

**May 16 – Laura Buick Car Show -- 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Meet at 10:30 at 777 New Ballas Road (270/40) to cruise to Collinsville together

Laura Buick Address: 903 North Bluff Road, Collinsville, IL 62234

**June 1 – Monthly Meeting**

**June 8 – Hot Rod Power Tour is Stopping at Gateway Motorsports Park**

Come out and check out cars from all around the United States

From 10:00 to 5:00 pm

Address: 700 Raceway Blvd, Madison, IL 62060

**June 10 - 13 – Buick National Meet, Springfield, MO**

Volunteers are needed for this event

**June 13 – Hazelwood Baptist Church Car Show (Open to ALL Cars) – Time 10:00 to 4:00 pm**

**\*\*\*DON'T MISS THIS ONE !!! \*\* FREE FOOD, MUSIC, & Trophies !**

Special Trophy for Car Club with the MOST members in attendance -- Cars can start arriving as early as 8:00 am

Address: 6161 Howdershell Road, Hazelwood 63042

**June 21 – Father's Day Car Show (Open to ALL Cars) – Time 11:00 to 3:30 pm**

Museum of Transportation – 314-615-8MOT

Address: 3015 Barrett Station Road, St Louis 63122

**\*\*\* Park your car, then head inside to check out the collection and *Air Conditioning***

Admission: Adults \$8, Children (3-12) \$6

**July 25 – Club BBQ / Meeting at Love Park (Muffin Pavilion) – Starts at 11:00**

Club will provide meat, Members should bring a side dish or dessert

Address: 2248 Mason Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021

**July 31 – Group Car Show -- Lets See how many cars from our club we can get to come out**

Sonic Restaurant From 5:30 to 10:00 pm

Address: 1002 South Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122

**August 1 – Memories on Main Car Show / Judging – Arrive by 9:30, Judging starts at 10 am**

Like last year, our club will be judges for this car show. Lunch and Dinner will be provided.

Judges are welcome to enter their cars.

Address: Downtown, Troy 63379

**August 3 – Monthly Meeting**

**August 22 – Sky View Drive-In**

We will meet and drive together, more details as date approaches

Address: 5700 North Belt West, Belleville, IL 62226 [www.skyview-drive-in.com](http://www.skyview-drive-in.com)

**September 6 --- Wheels in Motion Car Show – West Port Plaza 9am - 4pm**

Proceeds from the event benefit The National Children’s Cancer Society

Car registration: \$20 per car, first 150 cars receive a commemorative dash plaque

Our club sets-up and runs the snow cone tent

**September 12 – BBQ at Chet’s House -- Starts at 11:00 am, Eating at Noon**

Pot Luck Style – Club will provide meats, Members should bring a side or dessert

\*\*\* THIS WILL ALSO BE THE MONTHLY MEETING \*\*\*\*

Stuffing goodie bags for the Shriners Car Show (THANKS CHET)

Address: 3 Callaway Lake Drive, Defiance, MO 63341 (close to New Melle)

**September 20 --- Shriners Car Show – Moolah Shrine Center 9am - 4pm**

WE ARE HOSTING THIS EVENT --- LETS ALL SHOW UP FOR A GREAT CAUSE !!

Address: 12545 Fee Fee Road, St Louis 63146

**September 27 --- Shriners Car Show – RAIN DATE**

**September 25-27 --- 12th Annual International Route 66 Mother Road Festival & Car Show**

Downtown Springfield, Illinois [www.route66fest.com](http://www.route66fest.com)

**This would be a great event to caravan up there for the day**

Pre-Registration is \$43.50 // Day of is \$55 for the whole weekend (No one day price)

The show spills over to side streets, so we could skip fee and be spectators

**October 5 – Monthly Meeting**

**October 18 – Fall Color Tour to Washington, MO -- 9:00 am**

Starts at the Museum of Transportation

Follow historic Route 66 from the Museum to historic Washington, MO, for a Fall Color Tour

Car Display and sausage dinner and craft festival.

All vehicles welcome and must be registered.

Address: 3015 Barrett Station Road, St Louis 63122

\*\*\* **IF** the Museum of Transportation cancels this trip (like they did in 2014)

we will still meet at the Museum and travel from there to Augusta winery.

Leaving the museum at 11:00 am

**November 2 – Monthly Meeting / Salute to Veterans / Can Food Drive**

Meeting starts at 7:30 but arrive early to eat dinner and enjoy our Salute to Veterans, FREE CAKE ! YUM !

Bring canned or box foods for our Annual Food Drive – Thanksgiving is coming, perfect time to think of those in need

**November 14** – Casino Night !!

More details as the date gets closer

**December 13** – Monthly Meeting / Toys for Tots Drive – Starts at 11:30 am

Christmas Party !!! We made it another year !! Whooo hooo !

Spaghetti Factory, Chesterfield 636-536-9522

17384 Chesterfield Airport Rd - Chesterfield MO 63005

\*\*\* Don't Forget to bring a toy for Toys For Tots

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 FIRST 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.

For more information, our local mailing addresses are as follows:

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