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Member Spotlight



Spotlight on Dave Smith



This month's "Member Spotlight" is on Dave Smith, who is a 12-year member of the Gateway Chapter, BCA. He's been married for 48 years, has five children, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Dave currently owns a 1930 Ford Model A; a 1963 VW Bug (Herbie); a 1983 Buick Riviera Convertible; a 1978 Oldsmobile 88; a 1994 Lincoln Town Car; and a 1996 Ford Mustang GT. In addition to our club, he is a member of 9 other area car clubs.

Dave is a very active member of our club and enjoys driving his Buick to most local club outings, and when available, he is always willing to volunteer to do the cooking at these events. When asked what his favorite car EVER was, he said his 1930 Model A. When asked why, Dave said well, he has owned it for 27 years and just enjoys driving it the most!

Dave is retired after 20 years with the McDonnell Douglas Corporation working as a space craft engineer. He worked with astronauts in ground support operations (Dave met several astronauts through the years). Before that, he worked 13 years as a radar engineer for the "THOR" missile operation in Kansas City, MO. Dave served our country for three years in the U.S. Army as a cook. In addition to all this, somehow he found time to run his own business as a TV repairman for 40 years. In addition to working on his old cars, he enjoys woodworking and making things.

Upcoming Events

Next Regular Meeting & Picnic, Saturday, June 23, Love Park, 11 am

BCA National Show, Concord, NC, June 27-30

Lunch at Wittmond Restaurant, Brussels, IL, July 14, 2 pm

See Details on Page 3

Director's Letter

Hello Everyone. With summer on the horizon, the heat, the car shows and the events are turning up! Let's get those cars out and attend some events. Always a good show and free is the Hazelwood Baptist Car Show off McDonnell Blvd on June 16th. This event even includes a free lunch and dinner if you register. Go to <http://www.hazelwoodbaptist.com/LiveSite/emailContact/carShowSignup.php> to register or just show up. Several of our members will be there.

I would like to thank Herb for his work and dedication in his past role as Director. I will be leaning on him and several other members for support as we move forward in making this a fun and enjoyable club that people want to attend. Please offer your suggestions on what you would like to see. Our next monthly meeting is June 23 at Love Park for a cookout. We will be beginning our incentive program, so show up and get your card punched. Until then, Happy Motoring.

John

Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2012

The May 2012 meeting was held on Sunday, May 20th at the Press Box, immediately following our club event at the Kemp Auto Museum.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Past Director Herb Morris, with 13 members in attendance.

The minutes of the April, 2012 meeting were approved as printed in the Gazette.

May Birthdays: See Gazette

May Anniversaries: See Gazette

Members III: no updates

Treasurer's Report:

- Club Account: \$2,371.09
- Regional Account: \$4,040.16

Upcoming Events:

Herb requested everyone's participation in the upcoming events and also expressed appreciation for the Oldsmobile Club for including us with their events.

- June 1st and 2nd: Oldsmobile Show at Tan-Tar-A
- June 16th: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hazelwood Baptist Car Show – FREE, Preregister at www.hazelwoodbaptistchurch.com

Old Business:

2012 Club dues of \$ 15.00 are past due. Please see Pete Nathan.

New Business:

Performance News: no updates
Modified News; Pete Nathan has two months left on his term
National News; Paul Meyer has two months left on his term

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June Birthdays

Bill Bicknell	Gene Bossaller
Mike Driscoll	Doris Hall
Mike Lotz	Paul Meyer
Angie Midkiff	John Midkiff
Karen Nolte	Tom Roulston
Joseph Walchshauser	

June Anniversaries

Jimmy & Rachel Gehm
Greg & Angela Key
Dennis & Helene McDonough
Paul & Mary Ann Meyer
Pete & Wendy Nathan
Tom & Martha Roulston
Dave & Louise Smith
Joseph & Janet Walchshauser

2012 CLUB CALENDAR			
June		October	
23	Cookout at Love Park and meeting	6	Fall oil change
27-30	BCA National Show - Concord, NC	15	Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
		20	Fall Color Tour
July		November	
14 or 15	Cruise to Brussels, IL, Dinner at the Wittmond Hotel, Meeting and visit Wester's	3	Visit Schlafly microbrewery for a tour and lunch
28	Cruise to car museum in Fulton, Mo , lunch	19	Regular Monthly Meeting - ??
August		December	
20	Regular Monthly Meeting - ??	1	Lunch, Meeting, Toys for Tots at Old Spaghetti Factory
September		January 2013	
6-8	Heartland Regional, Holiday Inn, Airport West		
9	Wheels in Motion Show, West Port Plaza	??	Holiday Party ??
17	Regular Monthly Meeting - ??		

Upcoming Events

Meeting and Picnic at Love Park. Saturday, June 23, at 11 am. Bring your own food & drink—grills are available for those who want to BBQ. The park is located at 2239 Mason Lane. Take I-270 to west on Manchester Road, then a left onto Mason Lane, which is 2 blocks west of Barrett Station Road. Or, take MO 141(Woods Mill Road) to east on Manchester Road, to a right on Mason Lane, one block east of Mason Road. Drive through the park to the last pavilion on the right.

Lunch at Wittmond Restaurant & Meeting. Saturday, July 14, Brussels, IL, formerly the Wittmond Hotel. Lunch is 2 pm at the restaurant, followed by a visit to Bill & Maggi Wester's home nearby, where we'll have our monthly meeting. Those with the time and energy can then head to Grafton to visit one of the wineries there. At the June 23 meeting we'll discuss whether to take the short route via the Golden Eagle Ferry at \$15 round trip or take the scenic route up the River Road through Grafton to the free Brussels' Ferry. We also need to select a meeting place for the caravan to the restaurant.

Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2012 (Continued)

2012 Regional Event

- REMINDER – please turn in your registration.
- Paul Myer asked if it would be okay for non-members to register for swap meet spaces. It was agreed that it should not be a problem.

Affirmation of new board members was discussed, but it was felt that we did not have a Quorum, and the conversation was tabled for the next meeting.

50/50 drawing – none

Next Regular Meeting:

Saturday, June 23rd, 2012 - Cookout at Love Park and meeting.

FOR SALE

1989 Lincoln Mark VII LSC. Midnight blue, accident-free, always garaged, well-maintained with 88K. Professionally repainted by White Auto Body. Has Dynamax exhaust system, Alpine stereo, Pirelli tires have 20K. A fine example of old-time Ford craftsmanship in the 80's with flawless performance. \$5300 or best offer to a caring new owner. Monica Ledwon mwledwon@gmail.com or 314-878-3935. (See photo, page 6)

1988 Reatta. Original owner, VIN xxxxx00425, red/saddle, 81K miles, new tires. Has the special suede/leather interior which is near perfect. Original documents, some advertising signage. Left headlight motor needs repair. Asking \$7500. Call anytime, Vic, 636-394-2735.

Car Wanted. 1937 through the 1950s, ready to drive, # 3 condition or better. Call Jerry, 314-956-4131.

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.

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The Heartland Regional

Our Gateway Chapter joined the Heartland Region in 1992 and according to an article in the March 1998 Gazette by Ed Keil, Jeff Watkins was instrumental in making that happen. The Heartland Region consists of the BCA Chapters located in Wisconsin (3), Iowa (1), Minnesota (2), Illinois (2), Missouri (1), Nebraska (1), and the Chapter in Eastern Kansas. More precise locations of these chapters and names of their Directors can be found in the Bugle each month.

All but the Nebraska and Central Illinois Chapters participate in an arrangement whereby the nine other chapters take turns hosting an annual regional show,

usually in August or September. Any profits or losses from these shows are shared equally among the nine chapters.

Our chapter has received substantial distributions from these regional shows over the years and has distributed profits to the other chapters from the shows we hosted in 1994 and 2004.

The Heartland Region has an overall Director, elected annually at the regional show. The Region maintains a treasury from which “seed money” is distributed to the host chapter to provide initial funding for the regional show. These funds are then paid back to the region to keep the fund going.

**Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting,
May 14, 2012**

A Board Meeting was held at John Lasinski's house to continue planning for the upcoming Heartland Regional Meet, September 6 – 8, 2012.

Security:

- Security at the show is still an open item.
- Per Paul Meyer, Bridgeton doesn't have an Explorer police troop. Does any other area have one?
- It was felt that, the evening of the banquet and award presentation is probably the worst time because everyone will be inside

Judges:

- Paul Meyer will check with O'Reilly to see if they will provide 30 hats or shirts for judges.

Promotional Items/Door Prizes/Goody Bags:

- John Lasinski will talk to Herb Morris to see if he can contact the representatives from SeaFoam for possible donations for goody bags or attendance prizes.
- John Lasinski will also check with O'Reilly--at the Sinclair show a rep offered to provide

promotional items for our show.

- Pete Nathan received a number of Frisbees from Scott Trade for goody bags.
- Steve Dodson talked to Sinclair--they will provide some Buick merchandise for goody bags.

Trophies:

- Pete Nathan presented a sample trophy for the Regional (very nice).
- Pete will order a few extras to accommodate ties and/or special awards.

Advertising/Communications:

- Bill Landers will call Mike Marx to determine if he can still do the event books for the show.
- Bill Landers will put an article in the Gazette re: the history of the HL Regional.
- Pete Nathan will put an ad in The Buick Street Rod Association's Reporter.
- Bill Landers will get with Ed Keil to determine who will send e-mails/letters with our registration form to BCA chapters around the HL Region.
- Club members need to be reminded at the next meeting to register ASAP and send a picture of their car to Adam Martin.

Olds Club TanTarA Show by Editor

The Archway Oldsmobile Club held their 10th Annual BOPC (Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, and Cadillac) show at TanTaraA on the usual first weekend in June. There were 4 Buicks, about 6 Pontiacs, 1 Cadillac and approximately 31 Oldsmobiles. Three of the Buicks were from the Gateway Chapter: The Wester's Reatta (1st place), the Ingargiola's 1970 GS convertible (1st place), and the Landers' Reatta (1st place). Other Gateway members attending were: Dave Smith, who took his recently acquired Oldsmobile, and Gene Bossaller who brought an Olds.

For those who are not familiar with this show, the

show field is inside and air-conditioned. All judged entries are judged according to the Oldsmobile Club of America 1000 point system, whereby all cars start with 1000 points and points within specified ranges are deducted for each defect found by the judges. I found the judges to be very meticulous but fair. I now have a great checklist for preparing for the Buick National show at the end of June in Concord, NC.

TanTarA is a great venue for a car show, especially with the indoor show field. Gene Bossaller and Barb Knudsen worked very hard to make the show the great event that it is. Ginny and I enjoyed ourselves and plan to return next year.



1961 Olds 98 Convertible



1962 Olds Starfire Convertible



Pontiac Turbo Trans AM Pace Car



1956 Olds



Olds Toronado



Monica Ledwon's 1989 Lincoln Mark VII LSC

Update on Registrations for the Heartland Regional

As of June 12, we have received 22 registrations. And as of June 1, 9 rooms have been booked for the show at the host hotel for Wednesday night, September 5; 39 rooms for Thursday; 40 rooms for Friday; and 33 rooms for Saturday. Since only 12 of the persons reserving hotel rooms have registered so far, it would appear we can count on a number of additional registrations. Typical experience over the years with these shows is that many attendees register in the last month or two before the show.

Photos from the Kemp Car Show by Chet Palumbo



Jeanne Harlow-Palumbo with Jean Harlow's Car



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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