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Regular Meeting Night Changed

Most of us are aware of the problems involved in finding a suitable place for our monthly meetings. We want a place with a separate room or at least an area where we have some privacy for our meetings. We don't want to guarantee a particular number of meals or total dollars spent or pay a fee to use the room. We want to be able to get good food at a reasonable price and be able to hear what's happening in the meeting after dinner. In addition, we want a place that's centrally located between our members from the north and from the south. Or, one place farther to the north (or south) for the winter and another in the other direction for the opposite season. There just aren't a lot of establishments in the area that fit all these criteria.

While Pujols 5 fits these criteria fairly well, the club Board of Directors felt a place further to the south was needed for the summer months. Fuddruckers in south county has a varied menu at a reasonable price, but is very noisy in the area available to us on our regular meeting night. Thursdays and Fridays are their busiest evenings. However, business is much lighter on Mondays, and Fuddruckers' management will allow us to use a larger room which should be much quieter. The board has decided to move the regular meeting night to the third Monday of each month beginning with May. This is reflected in the calendar on page 5.

Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting March 4, Pujols 5, 7:30

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

Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri Easter Show, Sunday, April 4

See Page 4 for Details

Director's Message

Hi Everyone,

As many of you know I took early retirement last year. However, I did not retire but started a new business in dog training. Unfortunately, the only evenings that are available for classes are Mondays and Thursdays. So, I was asked if I would like to step down as director. My response was yes but only if someone really wanted to step up and take on the task.

Herb Morris was the one who stepped up. I want to thank him and wish him the very best in leading the club.

I will still be involved with the club and will attend as many activities as possible. I truly enjoy the company and times spent with all club members.

We have lots of activities coming up and I hope to see many of you during the year.

Happy Buicking,

Bob

Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2010

The February 2010 meeting was held on Thursday, February 4th at Pujols 5 in Westport Plaza. We had a fair turnout with 1 guest, Jerry Wilson from the Oldsmobile Club.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Paul Meyer and was short due to the impending snow.

Jerry Wilson of the Oldsmobile Club gave his pitch for the upcoming Mid-Missouri Oldsmobile Show at Tan-Tar-A, Lake of the Ozarks. The show is open to all years of Oldsmobile, Buick & Pontiac vehicles

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and is held June 4th, 5th & 6th in an air conditioned exhibition hall. See Gene Bossaller for details.

Upcoming Events

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

50/50 drawing – won by Dave Smith

Next Regular Meeting:

March 4 at Pujols 5

Board of Directors Meeting, February 10, 2010 Pete Nathans's House

Attendees: Paul Meyer; Pete Nathan, Herb Morris, Bill Landers, Ed Keil, Steve Dodson, Adam Martin, John Lasinski, Jeff Watkins & special guest Gene Bossaller.

Three items were discussed:

1. Museum of Transportation All Buick Show, June 27th, 2010

Based on conversations with Gene Bossaller and the success of the Oldsmobile show, it was decided that the outing will be a car show that will include
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March Birthdays

Helen Becker

Avis Meyer

Francis Palmeri

Bill Landers

Mary Ann Meyer

March Anniversaries

None in my records

Editor's Note: Please let know if your birthday or anniversary does not appear in this space.

Board of Directors Meeting, February 10, 2010 Pete Nathans's House, Continued

trophies and attendance prizes. There will be 4 judged classes, special awards and a display class. There will also be a registration fee of \$15 judged, or \$10 display. We will advertise the show heavily in an effort to achieve a better turnout and the show will be open to all Buicks regardless of condition. Judged cars must be 1998 or older while display cars may be any year. It will also include oldies music.

The club will also be participating in the Kids' Car Club sponsored by the Museum of Transportation and several other car clubs. The goal is to get more young people interested in the antique car hobby. This involves the club purchasing and distributing trading cards with several members cars on them to young people interested in the program. In addition to collecting cards, the young people would meet with the car owners to discuss various aspects of the car & the hobby. They can win prizes by collecting cards and participating in various events. The prizes are provided by the MOT.

Cost to the club is \$194 for the cards and we must provide some sort of educational event. The board has

decided on 5 cars for the trading cards, Paul Meyer's Mimi, Adam Martin's Centurion, Pete Nathan's '35, John Lasinski's '71 GS Convertible, and Bill Landers' Reatta Convertible. Bill Bicknell is supplying his cutaway Corvair engine and transmission as an educational tool.

2. Summer monthly meeting place

It was decided to move the monthly meeting to **the 3rd Monday of the month from May 17th thru October 18th, and it will be held at the Fuddruckers in Sunset Hills**, corner of Watson and Lindbergh. Mondays are their slowest night and much quieter. They offer a diverse menu with no tipping, and pay back the club a percentage of the net proceeds.

3. Election of new board members

Due to conflicts with time for Bob Brasses, Herb Morris has stepped up as Acting Director of the club to take over duties and facilitate the meetings and club activities. We also are looking for two additional members to elect to the board to replace exiting members at large.



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Upcoming Events – Details and Directions

March Meeting 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, March 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. Contact Sharon Morris at 636-296-9147 or smorris@standingpr.com for additional information.

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.

FOR SALE/WANTED

‘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.

Wanted Set of Buick rear rubber floor mats for 1970 Electra 225, dark brown. John Pegg, 314-739-1542.

2010 CALENDAR

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
- 7 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- 17 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's, Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
- 23 Picnic in Forest Park

June

- 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
- 21 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's, Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
- 27 MOT All-Buick Show

July

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

August

- 6 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- 7 **Lunch at Dreamland Palace, Schorr Lake winery
- 14 **BBQ at Schmiehausens
- 16 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's, Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
- ?? Skyview Drive-In Theater
- 26-28 Great Lakes Regional, Columbus, OH

September

- 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
- 20 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's, Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
- 26 St Charles Octoberfest Show
- 24-26 **Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL

October

- ?? **Chile, etc at the Kunz Plantation
- 8 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- 18 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's, Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
- 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
- ** Need a headcount for these events
- ???
- Possible shows at Veterans Homes at Jefferson Barracks, North County

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.

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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