



Gateway Gazette

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Director's Letter

John Lasinski



It is bitter cold outside and it's hard to even think about getting the classic cars out, but hopefully spring will be here before you know it. It's time to get out in the garage and fix those small problems or finish up that project as it will be that time again real soon.

This Saturday, February 21st, we have our first club activity of the New Year. Come join us at Passing Lane Classic Cars and lunch afterward at Grand Slam Sports Bar & Grill. Passing Lane buys and sells classic cars, so they will be some beauties to look at or even buy if so inclined. We meet there at 11:00. The restaurant is right next door.

Also, to help get those cars ready, our Spring Oil Spill and Ladies Luncheon is March 28 at Paul Meyers Garage and La Bonne Bouchee. Don't forget, the Easter Car Show is early this year and Pete needs your entry fee of \$15 by the next meeting if you plan on displaying with the club that day.

As always, Happy motoring!

John

Meeting Minutes

February 2nd, 2015

- The meeting was held at the Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO and was facilitated by John Lasinski, Director.
- John opened the meeting with **The Pledge of Allegiance** of the United States.
- 24 members and guests were in attendance

Member News:

- Paul Meyer continues with chemo treatments for pancreatic, liver and lung cancer. Last week's PET scan indicated that there was "no change" which is good news. Another good sign, Paul's hair is growing back.
- Doug Stahl's non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma is in remission, and the stem cell transplant that was to follow treatment has been postponed. He also reported that he is scheduled for prostate surgery next week.
- Maggie Wester continues to recover from colon cancer.
- Culus Jones had surgery on his hand last week and is doing well.
- Wendy Nathan has COPD, congestive heart failure, her kidneys are shutting down and is on oxygen 24 x 7.
- Jerry Wilson's father passed away.

Minutes: January minutes approved as published.

Treasurer's Report:

- Club Account: **\$2,835.59**
- Shriner Show Account: **\$470.22**

Performance Division: no report...

Modified News: no report...

Regional News: no report...

National News: Volunteers and Judges needed for Springfield, see Pete Nathan for sign-up sheets.

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.
- Election Committee for new Officers needs to be formed.
 - Bill Landers volunteered to head this up.
- **Update on 2015 Activities Calendar** (Kristina)
 - 2015 Event Calendar was distributed to everyone last week.
 - Plan to add additional family events like Boschertown go karts
 - February 21st, Tour Passing Lane Motors, Fenton, MO
 - Lunch at Grand Slam Sports Bar (next door)
 - Reminder Darrel is one of our sponsors for the Shriner Show
 - April 5th Easter Show, your \$15.00 entry fee needs to be paid to Pete by the next meeting, entries need to be submitted by March 10th.
 - March, planning Oil Spill for the men, lunch at La Bonne Bouche for the women.
 - March 15th, Shriners Parade / Cottleville's St. Patrick's Day Parade, meet at noon.
 - June 10-13, 2015, Buick Nationals – Springfield, MO, volunteers required for: Parking cars, Parking lot maintenance/runners, Hospitality, Registration/Goody bags, Loading buses, Judges
 - Shriner's Car Show – need volunteers for committee, we need to re-evaluate trophies, plan to add classes for Mustangs and Camaros
 - Guest Speakers needed for club meetings
 - If you have any suggestions for events and guest speakers – please see Kristina
- April Car Cruise - Oldsmobile Club (Gene Bossaller)
 - Tour Crane's Country Store and the Apple Wagon in Williamsburg, MO
- May 3rd, Model-T Swap meet, Gateway International
- Bel-Clair Swap Meet, this Sunday.

Upcoming Events:

- March 3rd, regular monthly meeting, 7:30 Sport's Café
- Meeting locations; looking at alternate venues down south

50/50 Drawing: \$34.00 to Steve Dodson

Next Meeting:

- March 3rd, Sports Café, Bridgeton, MO
 - Dinner at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30pm.





March Birthdays:

- Marty Hughes
- Bill Landers
- Mary Ann Meyer
- Lynda Schurwan

EVENTS

February 21st; the Gateway Buick Club along with the Archway Oldsmobile Club toured Passing Lane Motors in Fenton, MO. After checking out all the neat cars on display, we walked across the street for lunch at the Grand Slam Sports Bar.





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 **PLEASE RSVP for this event by April 28th**

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

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 **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

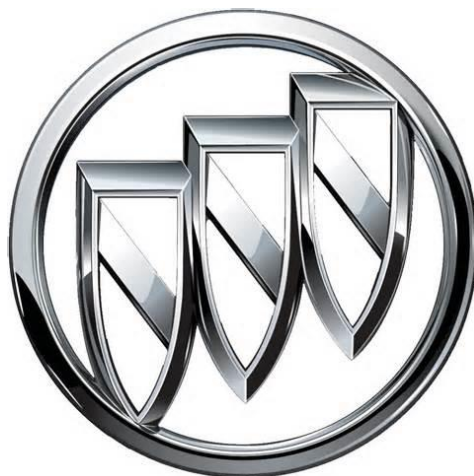
October 5 – Monthly Meeting

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

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



**FOR
SALE**

1985 Model EZ57Y, Riviera 2-door Coupe, 51,000 miles, Asking \$6,500.00
Contact: Glen Taylor (314) 606-1480



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.

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