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Member Spotlight by Steve Dodson



Spotlight on Bob Windal



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Bob Windal. Bob currently owns a 1970 Buick GS 455 convertible, a 1962 Chevy

Impala Wagon, 1968 Chevy C-10 pick up; 1993 Chevy Sport Side Sport pick up and a 1996 GMC pickup.

When asked which his all time favorite car was, Bob said it was his 1970 GS. When asked why he said this 1970 Buick was bought new in 1970 and has always been in the family. He said he likes the ride of the car as well as the big engine and speed. And of course being a convertible adds to the attraction.

Most members have seen this car and know that Bob keeps it in showroom condition. It won a Senior Award at the 2003 BCA National and Senior Preservation Awards in 2004 and 2005. After being flooded in 2009, Bob restored it to pristine condition again and won a Senior Award at the 2010 National in Ames, IA.

Bob joined the Gateway Chapter in 1997 when our club hosted the Buick National that was held at The Henry the Eighth Hotel. Bob's hobby (if you can call it a hobby) is doing home repair work for people. But if you know anything about Bob, he likes to help club members and others with repairs on their old cars.

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Upcoming Events

All Buick Show at Sinclair Cancelled

Cruise to Antiques, Car Museum, Lunch with the Olds Club, Saturday, May 14, 8:30 am

Next Regular Meeting, Monday, May 16, Fuddruckers, 7:30 pm

See Page 3 for Details

Director's Letter

Hi Everyone:

Spring is here and so are the tornadoes, thunderstorms and tons of rain. Please remember Mary Ann and Paul Meyer in your thoughts and prayers (or whatever it is that you do). They were hit very hard when Friday's tornado went through Bridgeton.

The Spring Oil Change at Paul Meyer's garage was well attended and a good time was had by all in spite of the chilly weather. The Ladies' Luncheon at La Bonne Bouchee that same day had a small attendance, but the ladies that did attend enjoyed good company, wonderful luncheon choices and desserts that were beyond the imagination.

For those who braved the wind and rain on Easter Sunday to represent our Club in Forest Park, we'd like to give you a big thank you. Let's hope next year will be a glorious day to show off those Buicks at a great event.

There will NOT be a display at Sinclair Buick May 7 due to remodeling. We are trying to pick a Saturday this fall for a Wagner Buick display in Belleville, Illinois.

May 14 is the Olds, Buick, Pontiac cruise to Fulton, Missouri. Check the upcoming events in this issue of the Gateway Gazette for details. Also, the Olds Club Tan-Tar-A show will take place June 3-5 and the Museum of Transportation (MOT) B.O.P. Cruise is scheduled for June 17.

Stay safe and dry until we can get those Buicks out on the road!

Thanks.

Herb

Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2011

The April monthly meeting was held on Monday, April 18 at Pujols 5 restaurant. Attendance was low. There were no new members or guests present although we did sign up a new member, Jeff Johnson, at the oil change.

April Birthdays:

Delia Greer, Joe Horvath Jr., James Hudson, Bob Pastor, Louise Smith, and Jerry Wilson.

April Anniversaries:

Bill and Karen Nolte

Members Ill: None

The minutes from the March 2011 meeting were approved with no additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Pete was not present. We had \$0 expenses this month and collected \$195 in dues, \$14 belt buckle sales, \$195 Easter show. Our balance is \$1965.39.

Past Events:

April 16 Spring Oil Change and Ladies Luncheon at Le Bonne Bouchee

Upcoming Events:

April 24 HCCM Easter Car Show, Forest Park
May 7 Sinclair Buick Show – Cancelled due to construction at dealership

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May Birthdays

Judy Driscoll	Jimmy Gehm
Rachel Gehm	Cathleen Horst
Nancy Longworth	Dennis McDonough
Sam Palazzolo	Barb Thomas

May Anniversaries

Steve & Sherri Dodson	John & Kitty Lasinski
Chet & Jeanne Palumbo	Vic & Patricia Panus
Jim & Karen Poole	Bill & Maggi Webster

Member Spotlight (Continued)

Bob has, in the past, traveled with members on the road to check out old cars or help pick them up and bring them home. Bob is a very knowledgeable mechanic.

Bob was an electrician for 12 years until he sustained a back injury.

He became interested in old cars at an early age. At

the age of 14 he bought a motorcycle but needed a way to transport it to his favorite riding spots, so he bought a 1966 Chevy Carry-All truck and the rest is history.

Bob has been a very active member of our club and will do most anything when asked. Bob, we appreciate your membership and look forward to many more years.

Upcoming Events

Sinclair All Buick Show. Originally scheduled for Saturday, May 7, has been cancelled for this year due to construction work at Sinclair.

Cruise with the Olds Club. Saturday, May 14, rain or shine. Meet at the park & ride lot on the north side of I-70 at Mid Rivers, exit 222, across from the QT before 8:30. The group will leave at 8:30 sharp to leisurely cruise to the Apple Wagon Antiques store at exit 155 off I-70 where they have something for everyone. This stop will be for one hour. There are two rest areas along the way, at exits 198 and 170. If you need to stop you can catch up to the group.

Then off to the Auto World Museum in Fulton where a special admission of only \$5 has been arranged if you mention the Oldsmobile Club. To reach the museum, take exit 148, Hwy 54 Fulton/Mexico and turn left onto Hwy 54 for seven miles to the Hwy HH exit. Turn left onto HH and go across the overpass, then turn left at the next road which is Cardinal Drive. Follow Cardinal for one mile then turn left into Peacock Drive and on to the museum for a one hour stop. Additional information about the museum is available at www.autoworldmuseum.com or 1-573-2080.

Lunch will be at the Old Post Office Grill in old town Fulton. Follow Peacock and Cardinal back to Hwy HH and turn left. The road becomes William Woods Avenue and as you stay to the right becomes Westminster Avenue as you approach downtown Fulton. Follow Westminster to West 4th Street and make a left and travel three blocks to a bank parking lot on the left. The restaurant is next door at 100 West 5th Street. Classic cars will park in front of the restaurant at 45 degrees in a blocked off area while modern cars will park in the bank lot. There is a large deck for outdoor dining and Gene Bossaller guarantees good weather. There will give-aways at the restaurant.

After lunch, the cruise will continue with a visit to the Winston Churchill Museum in Fulton, the scene of Churchill's famous "Iron Curtain" speech. The museum is only a few blocks away at 501 Westminster Avenue. Only on-street parking is available, so everyone will be on their own to find a spot. The entrance fee to the museum is \$6. For more information visit www.churchillmemorial.org or call 1-573-592-5234. After an hour or a little longer, the group will return home via the same route.

There will be maps and directions at the park and ride lot. If you plan to go contact Herb Morris or Pete Nathan at the e-mail or phone from the last page before May 10 so they can get a head count to Gene Bossaller.

May Regular Meeting. Monday, May 16, at Fuddrucker's, South Lindbergh and Watson road. Plan to arrive by 6:30 and enjoy dinner prior to the 7:30 meeting. The club receives a rebate on food purchased.

Spring Oil Change

About 20 members attended the spring oil change at Paul Meyer's garage at Spectra Painting on Saturday April 16. Four cars used the lift for an oil change or other maintenance.

New member, Jeff Johnson brought his 1951 Roadmaster to work on the voltage regulator and

found plenty of opinions about the problem and help in attempting a fix.

As usual, Ed Keil procured the food and dished out an unending stream of chili, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Many thanks to Ed for taking care of this year after year.

A few pictures from the event are shown below.



Left to right: Pete Nathan, Gene Bossaller, Paul Meyer, new member Jeff Johnson, Ed Keil, Herb Morris, Ted Becker (mostly hidden), Rich Horst



Left to right: Gene Bossaller, Ed Keil (mostly hidden), Jeff Johnson, Paul Meyer, Melissa Perucca, Ted Becker, Rich Horst



Left to right: Jeff Watkins, Paul's grandson Brandon, Dave Smith, Adam Martin, John Pegg



1951 Roadmaster belonging to new member Jeff Johnson.

Photos by editor.

2011 CALENDAR

May	September
14 Cruise to Fulton with Olds Club	11 Wheels in Motion Show, West Port Plaza
16 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's Watson Road & S. Lindburgh	17 Lunch at Fast Eddie's, cruise to winery in Grafton
	19 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
June	23-25 Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL
3-5 Oldsmobile Club TanTarA Show	October
17 MOT BOP Cruise In	8 or 9 ? Chile, etc at the Kunz Plantation, Regular Monthly Meeting
20 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's Watson Road & S. Lindburgh	16 Fall Color Tour, Lunch at Big Chief ???
25 Fritz's Frozen Custard, Big Bend & Hwy 141	29 Fall oil change
27 Board of Directors Meeting, Pete Nathan's	
July	November
6-9 BCA National Show - Danvers, MA	21 Regular Monthly Meeting - Pujol's 5
18 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's Watson Road & S. Lindburgh	December
29-31 Overnight or daytrip to St. Genevieve - Visit Crown and ?? wineries	3 Lunch on The Hill, Regular Monthly Meeting, Toys for Tots, Botanical Garden,
August	January 2012
15 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's Watson Road & S. Lindburgh	? Holiday Party, Trailhead or Lewis & Clark ???
18-20 Heartland Regional, Reedsburg, WI	

Meeting Minutes, April 18 (Continued)

Upcoming Events (Continued):

- May 14 Cruise to Fulton, MO with Olds Club. Antique Shops, Museums, Lunch with Friends! Meet at commuter lot at Hwy 70 at Mid Rivers exit, across from QT. Will depart at 8:30 a.m.
- May 21 KSHE Car & Motorcycle Show. Meet Dennis Gage from "My Classic Car". At Big St. Charles Motorsport, 3830 W. Clay, St. Charles, MO, starts at 9:00
- May 23 Regular Monthly Meeting – **Fuddrucker's** in Sunset Hills, for Summer months.
- June 3-5 Oldsmobile/Buick Show at Tan-Tar-A, Lake of the Ozarks

- June 17 Museum of Transportation Cruise In, Kids Car Club participants encouraged to be there
- June 20 Regular Monthly Meeting – Fuddrucker's
- June 27 Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00 Pete Nathan's House. All member welcome

Old Business:

Magnetic Club signs are still available, \$18.00 each. Club dues of \$15 are due. Please pay Pete.

New Business:

National BCA Club has formed National Show Committee that will run and plan all national shows.

The 50/50 Drawing winner was Joe Horvath III.

HCCM Easter Show

Once again, Mother Nature frowned on the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri's Easter Concours d'Elegance in Forest Park. This was the 50th Anniversary show, but it rained anyway. Apparently the threat of thunderstorms or worse kept most registered car owners away. The spectators, although not as numerous as usual, seemed to vastly outnumber car owners.

Our club had 25 registered cars, including a couple of

nonmembers, but only about 11 showed up. One member who wasn't able to make it had a very good excuse. Paul Meyer's home in Bridgeton was damaged in Friday night's tornado. Early reports indicate he had broken windows and extensive damage to every tree on the property including one which fell on a garage and destroyed an older Buick.

New member, Matt Smyth brought out his 1955 Super 2-door hardtop. Greg Keys, who many of you know, brought his black Riviera again this year and indicated he would become a club member.

FOR SALE/WANTED

1968 Riviera. Very nice car with 38K original miles, 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 314-540-4844. 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.

Other Events in the Area

North County Cruise Nites. Second Friday of the month, April through October, 6:00 pm. Music and 50/50 drawing benefiting Friends of Kids with Cancer. At Behlmann Buick GMC, I-270 and McDonnell Blvd. Sponsored by Gateway GTO Association and Behlmann. E-mail nctycruisenites@aol.com for additional information.

Summer Cruise 2011. Thursday thru Sunday, June 9-12, on the grounds of the Neighbor Social Club, 4168 State Route 162, Pontoon Beach, IL. Forty plus original and restored '66 and '67 Dodge Chargers expected to attend Saturday and Sunday to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the introduction. Cruises, a mixer, and other events planned. For more information, call John Culiberk, 618-931-1564 or e-mail John at johnculiberk@charter.net.

2012 Heartland Regional Show

As most club members are aware, the Gateway Chapter is hosting the 2012 Buick Regional Meet. This note is to give a brief update of what has transpired to date:

The regional will start Thursday September 6, 2012, ending with the traditional banquet and awards on Saturday, September 8, 2012. The event will be held at Holiday Inn, Earth City. Parking facilities include 212 parking spaces, plus ten spaces for the car corral, plus a 120' X 125' grass area for vendors. The room rate is \$82.99 per night, which includes a hot buffet breakfast.

For this event, we will have a white polo shirt with a pocket, above which will be a Buick Emblem, and the back will have a beautiful design including our theme, which is Route 66.

The registration form is being finalized, as are the trophies.

If you have questions or want to volunteer please call:

- Show Director – Herb Morris
- Hospitality Room – Mary Ann Meyer, Nancy Keil, Ginny Landers, Sharon Morris
- Registration – Bill Landers, Ed Keil
- Fundraising – Ed Keil and Jack Anderson
- Shirts – Tom Roulston, Steve Dodson
- Raffle – Steve Dodson
- Goody Bags – Mike Lotz, Paul Meyer, Steve Dodson, Herb Morris
- Swap Meet – Paul Meyer, Ted Becker
- Windshield Cards – Herb Morris
- Trophies/Dash Plaques – Pete Nathan
- Show Field – Pete Nathan, Chet Palumbo
- Advertisement – John Lasinski
- Judging – Bill Landers
- Name Badges – Bill Landers
- Tours – Mike Lotz
- Golf Cart – Mike Lotz
- Event Book – Mike Marx



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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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