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WALLY BERGER BUICK DISPLAY

October 14, 2006

A crisp fall day in Alton, Illinois, saw a parking area filled with Buicks. I counted 10 cars belonging to our members with the 30's represented especially well: Phil Berger's 1932, Pete Nathan's 1935 and Herb Morris' 1937. The display also had the 50's, 60's and 70's pretty well represented. I think Culus Jones' 1983 Riviera convertible was the newest car displayed. And I was happy to get a good daytime look at Frankie Pegg's 1970 Electra 225 2-door hard-top. Outstanding.

Phil Berger was in place at the grill serving up brats and sodas with son, Pat, assisting. (Thank you, Phil and Mary, for all you do for our chapter.) Tables and chairs provided a place to eat and more importantly a place to gather and catch up with friends. Bill and

Ginny Landers had come back from their two week motor home tour. Bob and Barb Brasses were packed and ready to start that afternoon for a tour with the Buick Driving Enthusiasts. Bill and Maggi Wester came by to visit. Bill had been homebound recovering from eye surgery and reported that he expects his vision to recover enough for driving and other normal activities. John and Kitty Lasinski brought their gleaming, Ferrari red, '71 GS455 convertible and joined the chapter on the spot. They had been to a couple of previous events including the Wagner display last month.

The Hank Deglman Memorial Dealer's Choice trophy was awarded to Bob Brasses for his '55 Special.

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Pat Berger presented the Dealer's Choice trophy to Bob Brasses.

UPCOMING EVENTS:	November 2nd	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting, CJ Muggs
	December 10th	3:00 PM	Holiday Party, CJ Muggs

CROWN VALLEY WINERY TOUR

Contributed by Sharon Morris



October 7th was a glorious fall day. The air was crisp, there wasn't a cloud in the sky and the sun was shining brightly on the autumn foliage. All was right with the world as our shiny clean Buicks rolled up and down the gentle hills of Highway 67 in pursuit of Crown Valley Winery in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Club participation was small, but those who attended enjoyed sitting on the covered balcony of the winery overlooking the vineyards, pond and fall scenery. Several delicacies were shared by the group, including Culus' homemade ham and chicken salad sandwiches and Barb Brasses' peanut butter swirl brown-

ies. There was a wonderful wine tasting bar, a good selection of wines, a well-stocked gift shop, live music and stainless-steel tanks, which visitors could view on a walk-over bridge. In fact, the winery itself was quite impressive. Crown Valley also welcomed non-drinking, designated drivers and offered them four non-alcoholic beverages while at the winery, which was a pleasant surprise. Such a good time was had by all that it was suggested that the club take another wine cruise to this location in the spring. (Incidentally, no photos were taken on this cruise. As they say . . . what happens in Ste. Genevieve stays in Ste. Genevieve.)

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The Ferrari red '71 GS455 belongs to John and Kitty Lasinski who joined the chapter while at the Berger display.



John Pegg brought this '70 Electra 225 which belongs to his daughter-in-law, Frankie. This 2-dr HT is loaded with drive train and power options. It was stored for 20 years before John got it in 2002. It seems John has erased the years and the 62,000 miles.



Bill and Ginny Landers brought their '62 Electra. It shows very well indeed. (And the year matches your old editor's high school senior class.)

Thursday, November 2nd
Gateway BCA Monthly Meeting

CJ Muggs Restaurant
101 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves

The meeting starts at 7:30 PM, but come early and join your Buick friends for dinner before the meeting.

DIRECTIONS

Take I-44 to the Elm exit (280)

Turn North on Elm & drive 0.9 miles.

Left onto Lockwood for 0.1 mile



There is free public parking behind CJ Muggs and it can be reached from Gore or from Lockwood. The lower portion which is covered is reached from Gore. We will dine and meet downstairs in the private, nonsmoking room we have used for the last two holiday parties.

Don't forget your nametag!

WORD FROM THE TOP BRASS

Barb and I just got back from our Buick Driving Enthusiasts (BDE) South Carolina trip. We had a great time. I'll try to do a report for the next *Gazette*. In short, great time, good folks, great food and what can be better than driving a Buick! If you get a chance, try a BDE tour. You will not be disappointed.

And what a way to start our trip, the display at Wally Berger Buick! We stayed two hours longer than expected. We really wanted to get on the road by noon, but it is hard to leave such good company. And to top the day off Pat Berger selected my car for the Dealer's Choice award. Thanks to all of you that made it and to the Bergers for hosting the event.

With a start like that the trip had to go great and it did. Our '55 Special ran perfectly and we made it to the BDE tour and back with no problems.

Bring your thoughts on upcoming events for 2007 and ideas for the Holiday Party to the next meeting.

See you all at CJ Muggs in Webster Groves on November 2nd.

Best Wishes to all!

Bob Brasses, Director

ROSTER UPDATES NEEDED

Members should check the chapter roster in their November *Gateway Gazette* for accuracy. The roster is a handy reference for finding a member with a car like yours or to help you remember a name. But updates are needed regularly. We continue to have people tell us at the monthly meetings that their birthday or anniversary wasn't announced. Usually, the problem is that I don't have the information. (I don't need the year, just the month.) Help me out with a call or email to update your profile and Buicks owned.

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