

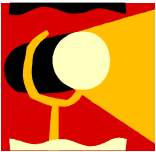
# Gateway Gazette

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## Member Spotlight by Steve Dodson



### Spotlight on Herb Morris



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Herb Morris. Herb currently owns a 1987 Grand National, 1937 Buick Series 40 4-door and a 1990 Reatta convertible.

Herb said his all-time favorite car was his 1987 Grand National. When asked why, he replied he likes the feel of the power and the way it drives.

Herb caught the "Old Car Bug" in 2001 when he bought his first old car, a 1969 LaSabre 2-door HT. He joined the Gateway Chapter and BCA that same year. Over the years since then, Herb has owned several Reattas, including his current Maui Blue convertible. Later, he decided he needed a "fat-fendered" Buick and bought the '37. (You will find the '37 and Reatta on a later page under "For Sale.") Herb now has his eye on a street rod.

Herb has been one of our more active members, holding the office of secretary of our chapter for four years and currently serving on the Board of Directors. As they say, you've come a long way Herb!

Herb is a sales representative for Medart Marine Supplies. For 21 years, he has sold marine supplies to boat dealers and other related businesses in several Midwestern states.

Other than keeping his old cars going, Herb has a hobby of collecting "Department 56" porcelain model homes (Dickens series). His current collection numbers 72 homes and is growing.

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## Upcoming Events

**Next Meeting at Pujols 5, Thursday, November 5, 7:30 pm**

**Fall Oil Change, Paul Meyer's, Saturday, November 7, 11:00 am**

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## Director's Message

Hi Everyone,

We had a nice turnout at the Kunz plantation. Many thanks to Bruce and Kathy for hosting us. The weather was cool but the chili, the company and the wood fires inside and outside the barn kept things warm.

Our next meeting had to be moved from Ozzie's as they are closing Friday, October 16. So thanks to our intrepid restaurant explorer, Pete Nathan, we now have a new meeting place – Pujols 5 restaurant at Westport Plaza.

The next meeting will be the last “official” meeting prior to Christmas, so please be sure to bring your toys for Toys for Tots!

With winter fast approaching, it's time for an oil change. Why not join us November 7 at Paul Meyer's garage. Good food, good times and a few oil changes are usually accomplished.

The Southeast Regional suggested by Pete Nathan sounds like a great time. This region goes touring rather than having a car show at their regional. I have gone on several Buick Driving Enthusiasts trips with several of their members. Check last months Gazette for details

WE ALSO NEED NOMINATIONS FOR THE JOHN WALSH AWARD! Please pass along your nominations to Steve Dodson the chairman of the selection committee. There are a lot of great members in our club!

Happy Buicking!

**Bob**

## Meeting Minutes, October 7, 2009

The October 2009 meeting was held on Sunday, October 11, at Kunz Plantation. We had a good turnout of about 25 people.

The Club meeting was facilitated by Bob Brasses.

The minutes of the September 2009 meeting were approved as printed in the Gazette.

Pete gave the Treasurer's Report.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **October**

- 3 Belleville Car Show & Chili Cookoff
- 11 Regular meeting and Kunz Plantation picnic
- 17-18 Cruise to Rolla with AACA

#### **Old Business**

The Club provided \$323 from sno cone donations and our partial match to the National Children's Cancer Society at the Wheels in Motion show at Westport Plaza on Sunday, September 13.

#### **New Business**

Steve Dodson will head a committee to select this year's winner of the John Waltz Award. Paul Meyer and Herb Morris will work with Steve.

The holiday Party will be January 10 at the Grappa Grill on South Highway 94 at 4 p.m. Additional information will be provided in next month's Gazette.

There will be no formal meeting in December. Instead, as has been the custom in the last few years, we will meet at the Old Spaghetti Factory at Chesterfield Commons on Saturday, December 12, 11:30 am for lunch. (Continued on page 3)

## November Birthdays

Barb Brasses  
Jim Paster  
Mike Roth

Nancy Keil  
Karen Poole  
Monte Williams

## November Anniversaries

Ted and Helen Becker  
Mike and Judy Driscoll  
Rich and Kathleen Horst  
Carl and Karen Schmiehausen

## Member Spotlight (Continued from Page 1)

Herb and his wife Sharon have been married for 40 years and have one daughter.

Herb served our country for six years in the Army National Guard as a heavy equipment operator. (Sorry, Herb, we just can't picture you driving a bulldozer!) Thanks, Herb, for your service.

## 2009 Calendar

### November

- 4 Regular monthly meeting, Pujols 5 at Westport Plaza, 7:30 pm
- 7 Fall oil change at Paul Meyer's
- 12-14 BCA Southeast Regional, Murfreesboro, TN

### December

- 3 Board of Directors meeting, Pete Nathan's, 7:00 pm
- 12 Luncheon Get-Together, Old Spaghetti Factory Chesterfield Commons, 11:30 am.

## Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2009

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There will be a Board of Director's meeting at Pete Nathan's house on Thursday, December 3, 7:00 pm.

### **Member's Ill**

None mentioned.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Barb Brasses.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

Thursday, November 5, 7:30 pm, Ozzie's at Westport Plaza. (Ed. Note: Meeting has been moved to Pujols 5, Westport Plaza, due to the closing of Ozzie's. Directions will be found on page 4 of this newsletter.)

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Herb Morris, (c) 314-221-8138, [reatta90@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reatta90@sbcglobal.net).

**'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](mailto:reatta90@sbcglobal.net).

**'58 Special, 4-door Sedan**, Mary Kay pink. Inside very good, chrome perfect, #3+ car. \$9,000/OBO. Dick Shearer, 314-434-8822, [shearerpool1@netzero.net](mailto:shearerpool1@netzero.net)

**'78 Ford T-Bird, 2-door HT**, by original owner. Full power options, windows, brakes, steering, cold A/C. Still all original inside and no prior body work, 77,500 miles. Located in Hillsboro, MO. Asking \$3,000. OBO. Call Roseanne Haeuser, 636-789-2230.



## **Upcoming Events – Details and Directions**

**Our next regular meeting** will be at Pujols 5 in Westport Plaza, Thursday, November 5. To get to Pujols 5, drive 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 to the ground floor. Exit the elevator, turn left and you should see the Pujols sign. The entrance to the restaurant is about another 300 feet. Plan to arrive between 6 and 6:30 pm so you can enjoy dinner prior to the meeting. Prices are said to be in line with our usual meeting places.

**The Fall Oil Change** will take place 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, November 7, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Brats, burgers and soda will be provided.



## Meeting and Picnic at the Kunz Plantation

On a cool, but sunny Sunday, October 11, we made our annual visit to the Kunz Plantation in Granite City, IL. As always, Bruce and Kathy were the gracious hosts. With a fire in a wood stove, the barn was comfortable and a bonfire outside warmed the hotdog grillers and others who gathered around.

Because of the cool weather, our usual fare of brats and burgers was changed to chili with all the accompaniments. Of course, there were all the side dishes and desserts. The food was good and the company was outstanding.



Welcome to new members Joe Horvath Jr. and Joe Horvath III, and Donald and Barbara Roehl.

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 \$40 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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