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RIVIERA OWNERS ANNUAL MEET - JULY 26 - 28

The ROA national event was held this year in Eureka Springs, Arkansas (about 30 miles SW of Branson). Culus Jones attended and reported a very enjoyable event. Also former chapter member Jeff Tarr was there with two cars, each winning awards. Sean Cahill heads the ROA and he and his wife Lori made all the preparations for this annual national meet. Regional coordinators, including Heartland Region Coordinator Ed Raner, and technical advisors assisted with the events. There were about 80 cars registered and about 200 members in attendance. Buick brought nine show cars including the Blackhawk, Silver Arrow 1 and the last Riviera off the assembly line. Culus tells me that the hood of this Riviera is

signed by all the workers. On Tuesday the 26th there was a bus excursion that took members on a trip around Eureka Springs and the surrounding area. Wednesday the Justis Brothers Company put on a service seminar and a technical question and answer seminar was provided also. Wednesday evening they had their Great Riviera Road Rally. This provided an opportunity to drive around the area and show off the cars to the local residents. Culus thought this was a particularly good event and worth trying to duplicate at our events. Thursday was show day at the convention center with peer judging by other registered members followed later in the evening by the awards banquet.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1st
September 11th
September 17th
October 1st

Monthly Meeting at Chuck-A-Burger
Wheels in Motion at Westport Plaza
Display at Wagner Buick GMC, Belleville
Display at Wally Berger Buick, Alton

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As I write this column I reflect upon an old saying, "Good things happen to good people." With that thought I am pleased to inform all of you that John Waltz came home from the hospital on Monday, August 8th. I stopped in on Tuesday the 9th and on Monday the 15th and chatted with John and Chris. He is recovering well.

We had a very productive meeting on August 4th. The turnout was 27 club members, including new members Rich Horst and Bill Brown whom we got to meet for the first time. (*Some of us met Rich at the Spring Tune-up. Ed*)

Our chapter's main focus in September is the Wheels-In-Motion Show benefiting the National Children's Cancer Society, Sunday, September 11th on the parking lot at Westport Plaza. We make this our chapter's chance to give back to the community. The show is strictly a display-only show with proceeds going to kids with cancer.

In 1994 our member and good friend Steve Bisesi started a tradition of making and "selling" sno-cones at different events. Steve would ask for donations and then give the proceeds to charities. Steve passed away and the club decided to continue this tradition in honor of Steve the "Sno-Cone Man". We would like all our members old and new to come join us. It does not matter whether you display a car or not. We set up a pickup truck (donated by James Bain and Amy Kelly), crush the ice (secured by John Pegg), sit under a canopy (supplied by John Pegg) and make sno-cones (cups and syrup purchased by Bill and Ginny Landers). We have a really great time. If you can't

join us for the entire day, won't you come help for an hour or two?

News and notes on the Regional in Chicago will be forthcoming in the October *Gazette*. Please use the calendar on page to mark your calendars for our September and October events.

Things I've seen and heard.

- Congratulations to Jim Poole for a 1st place showing at Gateway Classic Car on Saturday, August 6th.
- Paul Meyer recently picked up a 1995 Roadmaster.
- Bill and Ginny Landers welcomed home a 1962 Electra 225, 2 door HT.
- Adam Martin, as I write this, is in Ohio for the Buick Performance Group Nationals. Hope he breaks 15 seconds on the track. Rumor was that Dennis Striebel was going to join him.
- Culus Jones had a great time at the Riviera Nationals. (Thanks for the article, Culus.)
- Pete Nathan has just returned from the Street Rod Nationals in Louisville (over 16,000 street rods).
- Maggie Wester is going to do an article in the next *Gazette* about the Chicagoland Regional. We look forward to a lady's perspective.

For all those traveling to different out of town shows in August and September, be safe.

Hank

Thursday, September 1st

Gateway BCA Monthly Meeting

at

Chuck-A-Burger

9025 St. Charles Rock Road

THE MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

Come early and eat with your Buick friends.

