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Member Spotlight By Steve Dodson



Spotlight on Ted Becker



This month's "Member Spotlight" focuses on Ted Becker. Ted currently owns two 1957 Buicks: a Special 2 door hard top which he has owned since 1981, and a Roadmaster convertible which is a work in progress. Ted estimates completion is still about 2 year away. Ted also had a 1947 Packard, but sold it just last year.

When asked which was his all time favorite car, he said that it was his 1969 Ford Torino 2 door fastback. This was a new car he ordered in his senior year in college. He drove this car for about 5 years, then took it off the road, juiced it up and did some drag racing for 3 years. After that he just parted out the car and moved on.

Ted joined the Gateway Chapter eight years ago and has been a loyal member ever since.

While he is now retired, Ted worked for 36 years as a mechanical engineer, putting in 5 years at Ford and 31 years at Caterpillar. He worked in the design and development of both gas and diesel engines. Since retirement he has worked as an engineering consultant in problem solving for Ford, NASCAR and others.

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Upcoming Events

Wheels In Motion Car Show, Sunday, September 12, Westport Plaza

Lunch at "Fast Eddie's", cruise to Grafton, Saturday, September 19

Next Regular Meeting, Monday, September 20, Fuddrucker's, 7:30

See Page 4 for Details and Other Upcoming Events

Director's Letter

Hi Everyone:

A special thanks to Karen and Carl Schmiehausen for the scrumptious barbecue held at their beautiful new house in Warrenton. Their hospitality was impeccable and I believe I can say that everyone who attended had a fantastic time.

Thanks to Mary Ann and Paul Meyer for the tour of Ste. Genevieve. It was fun to hear stories from people who actually grew up there. The scenery was beautiful and the weather was perfect.

Even though member attendance was low, the people that did participated all want a repeat performance next year.

The Great Lakes Regional Meet in Columbus, Ohio was a very nice event that was well attended. Several people have volunteered to assist us with the Heartland Regional in 2012. I also delivered my Reatta to its new owner from Cleveland. It was a very productive trip.

It looks like we are headed into a month full of car events. Please check the Club calendar for upcoming events during September. The car season will be ending soon, so let's get those Buicks out as often as we can – take advantage of your Club events.

Thanks!
Herb Morris

Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2010

The July 2010 meeting was held on Monday, August 16th at Fuddruckers in Sunset Hills. We had a good turn out with two guests, Jim Sickler & Joe Ecklecamp

The Club meeting was facilitated by acting director Herb Morris.

Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2010 (Cont')

The minutes of the July 2010 meeting were approved as printed in the Gazette.

Pete was present to give the Treasurer's Report. Our balance is \$3622

July Birthdays

Marcia Bain	Kitty Lasinski
Carl Schmiehausen	Bill Wester
Tony Ingargiola	Janet Walchhauser

Anniversaries

Tony & Nancy Ingargiola
Mike & Cindy Lotz

Members Ill

None

Upcoming Events

September

Sept 4	Skyview Drive-Inn
Sept 10	Eureka Car Cruise & Show. Can attend short cruise in to show or show only. To cruise meet at Holiday Inn 6 Flags by 5 p.m., show only begins at 7:00 at the Eureka Community Center. \$5 pre-registration, \$10 day of show.
Sept 19	Fast Eddie's Cruise
Sept 19	BPE Dyno Days at Midcoast Performance, \$45 members of BPE or a little more for non-members, Lunch will be available for \$5
Sept 20	Gateway Buick Club regular Meeting, Fuddruckers, Sunset Hills
Sept 24-26	Route 66 Festival, Springfield, IL

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September Birthdays

Ted Becker	Betty Doggendorf
Nick Eckstein	Jim Hall
Nancy Ingargiola	Culus Jones
John Lasinski	Pat Peter
T J Rinn	

September Anniversaries

Charles & Betty Doggendorf
James & Rosalee Hudson
Ed & Nancy Keil
Bruce & Kathy Kunz

Member Spotlight (Continued)

Ted's hobbies are golf, grandchildren and being very active in his church. Ted spends a lot of his time working in his 50' X 30' size garage. Remember the 1957 Roadmaster convertible?

It's hard to say just when Ted became interested in old cars. As early as age 14, he began working on his dad's car and he has been working on cars and

appreciating them since then. The first old car he bought was a 1956 Ford, and he took the engine apart just to see what it looked like inside and what made it run.

Ted and wife Helen have been married for 41 years. They have 3 children and 5 wonderful grandchildren.

We are lucky to have such a knowledgeable and experienced car guy in our club!

2010 CALENDAR

September

- 3 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- 4 Skyview Drive-In Theater
- 10 Eureka Car Cruise & Show
- 12 Wheels in Motion Show, West Port Plaza
- 19 **Lunch at Fast Eddie's, cruise to winery in Grafton
- 19 BPE Dyno Days at Midcoast Performance
- 20 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's, Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
- 26 St Charles Octoberfest Show
- 24-26 **Route 66 Festival - Springfield, IL

??? Possible shows at Veterans Homes at Jefferson Barracks, North County

** Need a headcount for these events

October

- 1 Fenton Cruise - Life Christian Church
- 9 **Chile, etc at the Kunz Plantation
- 16 **Lunch at Dreamland Palace, Schorr Lake winery
- 18 Regular Monthly Meeting - Fuddrucker's, Watson Road & S. Lindburgh
- 20-23 GSCA Nationals, Bowling Green, KY
- 30 **Fall oil change / Ladies luncheon at Blue Owl

November

- 4 Regular Monthly Meeting - ??

December

- 4 **Lunch at Spaghetti Factory, Toys for Tots
- 11 **Cruise to Our Lady of the Snows for holiday party

Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2010 (Cont')

October—additions to club calendar

Oct 20-23 GSCA Nationals, Bowling Green, KY

New Business

Hotel needs to be picked to host 2012 Regionals. Aug 22-26, 2012. Westport Holiday Inn? Doubletree Westport, Viking?

Buick Parts for sale: Dave Loudon, 314-303-7562, dcloudon@yahoo.com

The **50/50 drawing** was won by Paul Horkits.

Next Regular Meeting:

Sept. 20 – Fuddrucker's, Sunset Hills

A warm welcome to the new members who joined this year. We hope to see you at as many of our events as you are able to attend.

Raymond Blakemore
Barry Hollander
Mike & Cindy Lotz
T J Rinn

Kevin Dierkes
Marty & Judy Hughes
Sam & Susan Palazzolo
Bob & Lynda Schurwan

Charles & Betty Doggendorf
Larry & Nancy Longworth
Chet & Jeanne Palumbo
Jerry & Caryl Wilson

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 10, Eureka Days Cruise/Car Show. Meet at Holiday Inn by 5 pm for the cruise to the show. The show is 7 to 9 pm at the Eureka Community Center. Pre-registration is \$5, day of show fee is \$10 if space allows.

Sunday, September 12, Wheels In Motion Car Show. Westport Plaza, registration begins at 9 am, \$15 per car. Proceeds to the National Children's Cancer Society. See note on page 5 for more information.

Sunday September 19, Lunch at "Fast Eddie's". Meet at Paul Meyer's Spectra Painting, 13573 St. Charles Rock Road at 10:30 to caravan to Fast Eddie's for lunch. Then to Grafton for a visit to a winery.

Monday, September 20, Regular Monthly Meeting. 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.

FOR SALE/WANTED

2 GM Wheels, original 5-hole, fit 1963-1985. Excellent condition, \$75 for both, OBO. Also, used alternator (works) for 1955 Buick, \$35. Dave Smith, (c) 314-550-5853, (H) 314-895-3416.

The following FOR SALE items are by Paul Meyer, 314-574-9853:

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.

1958 Buick Special Station Wagon, 4 door hardtop. Motor runs very well, needs brakes, has new windshield, upholstery, floors, tires. Some rust in rockers. \$5500

Dual carb set-up for '41-'42 320 engine, Complete with linkage, \$1000.

1941 320 engine, trans and dual carb set-up. Motor runs, but I haven't heard it run. Still in the car, \$1500.

NOS Harrison radiator, '42-'49 Special and Super. Still in box, \$250.

Wanted: Set of Buick rear rubber floor mats for 1970 Electra 225, dark brown. John Pegg, 314-739-1542.

Notes from the Heartland Regional Meeting in Ames, IA (at the BCA National Show).

Fred Penning, from the Dairyland Chapter (Green Bay) was elected Heartland Director.

The 2010 National Show was a combined National/Heartland Regional Show. Any profits realized will be shared with chapters who provided volunteers. Financials were looking good at the time of the meeting.

The 2011 Regional will be August 18-20, in Reedsburg WI, about 10 miles west of the Wisconsin Dells. WE will host the 2012 Regional, Chicagoland will host the 2013 meet and Gopher State will host the 2014.

Most members who attended the National in Ames have likely heard that the **show field at the Scheman Center at Iowa State University was under 11 feet of water** a couple of weeks after the show. There were very heavy rains north of Ames and the Skunk River and Squaw Creek which join in Ames, flooded the area. The basketball floor in the nearby field house was floating and will have to be replaced.

Wheels In Motion Charity Car Show, Sunday, September 12. All proceeds from this show benefit

The National Children's Cancer Society. Live entertainment is provided and food is available for purchase. Later in the afternoon, several girls from Hooter's bring Hooter's wings for purchase. Registration is \$15, and the show runs from 9 am to 4 pm. All registrants receive a prize and better prizes are raffled throughout the day.

This is our club's major charitable event. We give away sno cones in memory of past member, Steve Besesi, who was known as the "sno cone man" for his activity in roaming his neighborhood and elsewhere with his shaved ice and syrups giving sno cones to all the kids. We accept donations and turn over all proceeds, usually amounting to \$350 to \$500 to the charity.

Bring your car out to Westport to help make and serve sno cones and enjoy a day with fellow club members.

Weekend in St. Genevieve

Unfortunately, only 4 couples were able to enjoy this trip to the Cave and Crown wineries, the Crown microbrewery (don't get the wrong idea here) and the Antique mall on August 21 and 22. We also had lunch at the rustic Midway Bar & Grill and enjoyed a tour of the countryside courtesy of Paul & Mary Ann.

Our first stop was the Oberle Meat Company for some of their famous smoked sausage to add to the other snacks we had brought for the winery. After lunch we tasted wines at Cave and enjoyed a bottle inside their large (humid) cave. Then to Crown for more wine and snacks before a quick visit to the microbrewery before a tour of the countryside.

The ladies found some bargains at the antique mall the next morning.





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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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