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### August/September 2024



Our July meeting was held at Brewbaker's Bar & Grill in Belton, MO. Shortly after that, we learned that they closed permanently. Several of our Belton/Raymore members texted me about the abrupt closing with little or no information to the employees. We did have a good group of members attend our July meeting, with many driving their Buicks.

One of our newer members, Keith, and a Pontiac owner have helped organize the Johnny's Tavern cruise in Raymore. It's every Saturday night from 5 to 10 p.m. The first one had at least 100 cars and trucks. Check out this cruise for yourself!

We are changing things up a little bit for our annual September picnic. We will be having a box lunch catered by Hy-Vee. Inside the box will be a turkey or ham sandwich, chips, and a cookie. We will have a case of variety packs of chips so you can pick your favorite. The cookies will be a variety assortment as well. Jim and Martha have offered to purchase a cheese tray to share. We can also have a few salads available for those who might want them.

**As you read this, PLEASE RSVP by calling or texting Ricky with your choice of ham or turkey, or salad.** We need to know the number attending by Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>!

We are meeting at Stonehaus Winery and our event will be held on the lawn. Of course, the owners are hoping that some will choose to purchase wine while there. Stonehaus Winery is located at 24607 NE Colbern Rd., Lee's Summit, MO 64086. We have a plan to line our beautiful Buicks along the west side of the driveway leading up to the main building. We can only park in the grass on that side! Canopies will be set up for our gathering so we can have shade to eat and meet.

Be sure to bring lawn chairs and an EZ-up type tent if you have one, and come early to help set up. Club members over the past few years have suggested this winery and the box lunch will make everyone's preparation easier. **NO ONE NEEDS TO COOK!!!** The club will cover the box lunch cost for club members **ONLY!** *Guests are welcome and they can pay for their own lunches.* This is another grand reason to be members of our Mid-America Chapter. We will plan on eating at 2 p.m. with our meeting during our lunch. This is a little different schedule but, let's give it a try!

Please plan on joining your club members for this event. It can be KC area's largest Buick gathering of the year with your attendance. We hope to see you on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

Stonehaus Winery  
24607 NE Colbern Rd.  
Lee's Summit, MO 64086

For the love of Buicks, *Ricky*

## MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### September

3<sup>rd</sup> – Marla Eschbacher's BD  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Tracey Davis's BD  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Smock's BD  
 11<sup>th</sup> – JW Bullock's BD  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kevin Dvorak's BD  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Roy Everage's BD



### October

5<sup>th</sup> – Don Allen & Mary Ann Holdmeyer's Anniv.  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Helen Hutchings's BD  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Jim Dillenschneider's BD  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Becky Tracy's BD  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mark Macoubrie's BD  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Corey Hinrich's BD  
 27<sup>th</sup> – Roy & Kay Everage's anniv.  
 27<sup>th</sup> – Steve & Joy Flick's anniv.

### November

16<sup>th</sup> – Rich Gibbs's BD  
 19<sup>th</sup> – Todd & Jennifer Dawson's anniv.



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## Mid-America Chapter Buick Club Meeting Minutes July 21, 2024



The meeting was called to order at Brewbaker's Bar and Grill in Belton, MO at 2:10 pm by Director, Ricky Pirch. 17 people were in attendance.

### Member news:

- Keith at 1<sup>st</sup> meeting since becoming a member. Ricky presented a mug and ink pen
  - Keith owns a 1999 Buick Century custom

### Secretary notes:

- Kevin read Secretary notes.
- Corey motioned to accept, Don seconded.

### Treasury report:

- Don gave treasury report
- Don talked about filling out yearly non-profit report for the state of Kansas. It must be filled out and submitted online now.
- Bob motioned to accept, Corey seconded.

### News:

Activities: Turbo Bob

- Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> all GM and Corvette show in independence.
- Birthplace of Route 66 Car show, August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.
- Wellsville Car Show, August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Ottawa Ol' Marais River Run, September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.
- October Cruisin' the Coast, October 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.

### National Meet:

- National meet was held in Strongsville, OH.
- 340 cars attended.
- Meet was held at Best Western hotel.
- 1<sup>st</sup> National meeting held outside of Michigan was held at this Best Western in 1977.
- Thoughts on the hotel:
  - Meeting rooms were very warm.
  - Parking was insufficient for the number of cars.
  - Parking lot was poorly kept
  - Restaurant and bar were not open most of the time.
- The awards were an impressive design using older steering wheels.
- Ricky's last board meeting.

2025 Regional Meet:

- Our club has been asked to pick up the Regional trailer. Working on logistics
  - Don motion to pay for expenses while picking up trailer. Laura seconded.
- One of the top options thus far is the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO.

- Unsure if we can receive enough support to cover the costs for the banquet.

Other news:

- Ricky asked for thoughts on a location for the September meeting.
  - No one was willing to host at their home.
  - JW will check on Raintree Clubhouse
  - Ricky asked for folks to check on local parks for cost and availability.
  - Corey suggested we have meat purchased in bulk and everyone bring a side.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26pm. Motion to accept by Kevin D., Seconded by Don

## JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



## TRUNK TALK 2024

By Ricky Pirch



Congrats to Turbo Bob & Alana S on their "Best Buick" award from the Chillicothe Car Show ... All GM car show was well attended ... We showed them a massive Buick gathering ... Turbo Bob came through with organizing Turbo cars & other G-bodies ... Even two cars from Mississippi ... Congrats to club members Patrick Foss and his 1958 Century with a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award ... Ricky's GS 455 took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ... Two Turbo cars also won awards but are not club members ... Only one Oldsmobile, one Cadillac, and a few Pontiacs ... All the other cars were Chevrolet (mostly Corvettes) ... Members who attended the show were Bob T (1970 Skylark), Steve S (1964 Special Conv), Turbo Bob & Alana (1986 & 1987 Turbo Regals) ... Club spectators were JW & Laura B, Mark & Judy M, & Keith M ... Most folks were impressed with our Buick display ... Raymore's Johnny's Tavern cruise is every Saturday night ... Looks like a good turn out in the first two events ... Give it a try ... September car shows and cruise nights are every weekend ... Pick one to enjoy because they will soon be over ... Our September 15<sup>th</sup> picnic will be epic.

**PLEASE RSVP to Ricky by Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> to reserve your boxed lunch meal and enjoy the beautiful winery buildings and grounds.**

## NOTES FROM THE HEARTLAND (REGION) #5

Occasional Ramblings and Updates

Buick Club of America

By Len Woelfel (Heartland Region Director)

### THE NATIONALS ARE IN THE BOOKS

Many, many thanks to the North East Ohio Chapter for organizing the 2024 Nationals. The number of vehicles in attendance was really great, and there were a number of rare cars on display. It was WELL worth going. I'll leave it to others from your chapter to fill you in on the details if you couldn't make it.

### WE SOLD YOUR STUFF!!!

The Region booth grossed over \$150 dollars from the items you donated at the BCA Nationals in Strongsville, OH. Thanks to all who donated items, and those who minded the store to give me a break. The remaining items are being listed on eBay and that has already brought in a couple sales.

### SHOW ME THE MONEY

I have moved our bank account from US Bank to Chase Bank soon. The reason for the change is that US Bank is charging \$72 a year in fees, and Chase will not charge us at all, assuming we maintain a balance of over \$2,000. In 2023, we only wrote one check, for the renewal of the trailer license plate. Once the transfer is complete I'm going to add a second signatory on the account from the Chicagoland Chapter. I'm doing this in case I become incapacitated, you'll still be able to access the money, if necessary.

### DONATION ON DISPLAY

Some of you may remember I briefly owned the 1995 Riviera that was modified as a test vehicle

for development as a convertible. I'm pleased to learn that the car will soon be displayed at America On Wheels, a museum in Allentown, PA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18 - 20 is the Classic Auto Show and Cruise In, Dublin, OHIO, organized by Jeff Brashears of the Heritage Alliance

August 17 is Back to the Bricks, Flint, MI

August 20 is the Route 66 Car Show in Berwyn, IL

August 25 is the Concours d'Elegance in Geneva, IL

September 7 is the Wheel and Wing Show in Osceola, WI with a dedicated area for Buicks.

September 14 is the All Buick Show in Stillwater, MN, sponsored by the Fireball Chapter

\*\*September 20 - 22 is the Heartland Region Show in Roscoe, IL\*\*

November 23-24 is the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Rosemont, IL

If you have a car show, etc. coming up, PLEASE LET ME KNOW and I'll add it to the google calendar called Heartland Region Car Shows and Cruise Nights which you can access through Google Calendars or <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=dmgwZWc3NjRmdnNsajNyMXZhZTQxcjdvdTRAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZ>

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Fromtheheartland05.wpd <https://heartland.buickclub.org/> July 21, 2024

## **NOTES FROM THE HEARTLAND (REGION) #6**

Occasional Ramblings and Updates

Buick Club of America

By Len Woelfel (Heartland Region Director)

## ANSWERS TO SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. The actual show day is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, starting at 10AM, at Historic Auto Attractions, 13825 Metric Road, Roscoe, IL, 815-389-7917.

2. You MAY just show up and register on the day of the car show, but remember there is NO onsite food available other than what we are catering, and not a lot of choices nearby, so plan accordingly.

3. We will have our own tables on the Lake Geneva Cruise. There is street parking but I am told it is patrolled by plainclothes security. Make sure you're on time as the boat will be on time, and there won't be any refunds if you miss it. The cruise company recommends being at the dock at 812 Wrigley Drive, Lake Geneva, WI 262-248-5642, by 11am.

4. The \$48 fee for the museum and meal is per person. Please check your registration for the number of people you'll be bringing and let us know NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15TH

if you need to add guests.

5. We will hold a meeting for the Region during the awards presentation and luncheon.

You'll receive a copy of the meeting agenda when you check in for the show.

6. As Beloit is hosting a town Oktoberfest on Saturday, Bob & Don's Ice Cream Cruise has been relocated to Culver's to avoid the fest congestion.

## WE SOLD/ARE SELLING YOUR STUFF!!!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7 is the Wheel and Wing Show in Osceola, WI with a dedicated area for Buicks.

September 8, Wheels In Motion Car Show, St. Louis, MO Elks Lodge #9, 12481 Ladue Rd. St. Louis, MO

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2025 Heartland Regional is being planned for the Kansas City area. The Mid-America chapter is spearheading the planning and once a location and dates are secured, we'll let you know.

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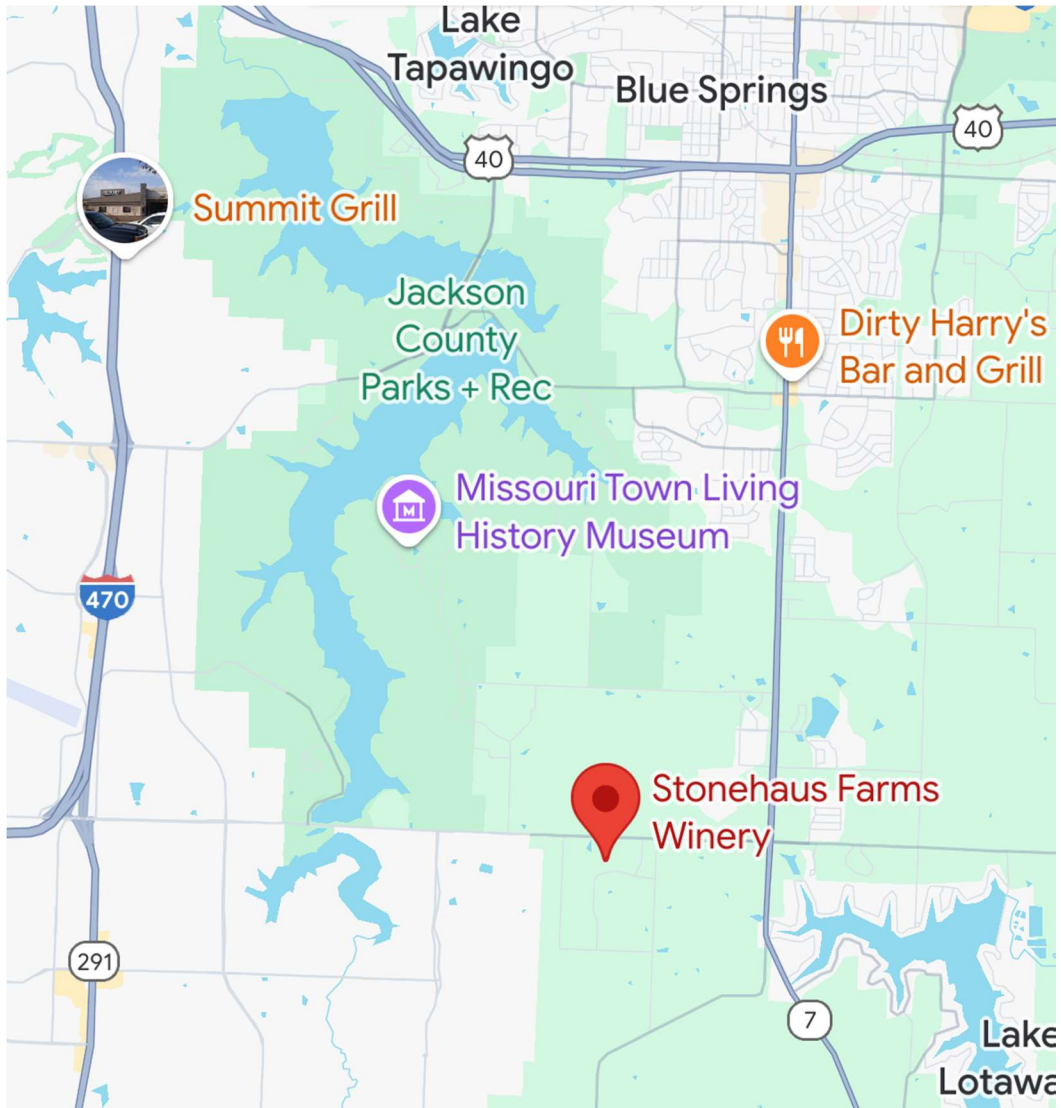
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## DIRECTIONS TO STONEHAUS WINERY



Stonehaus Farms Winery  
24607 NE Colbern Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64086

Stonehaus Farms Winery is located on Colbern Road between 470 and Highway 7. We will have our Buick flag out by Colbern Road to aid in finding the location. There is also a wine barrel at the beginning of the driveway. Remember, we will park our Buicks on the grass on the **west** side of the driveway as you enter. Bring your canopy if you have one and lawn chairs.

We hope to see you on September 15<sup>th</sup> at Stonehaus Winery. **Don't forget to RSVP to Ricky by Wednesday so we know how many boxed lunches to order.**