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## The Director's Headlight



Our March meeting was held at Johnny's Tavern in Raymore, MO. We had eleven members present and four guests. Our guest, Lynn drove his 1971 GS 350, Wally drove 1989 Riviera, and Brian and Vikki drove their 1987 Grand National. Corey and Tela brought "Bumble Bee"; a 1955 Century.

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Turbo Bob and Corey held up Mary Ann's quilt to show all her work in making this beautiful piece. We voted on ticket pricing for raffling it off at the Regional Meet. The price will be \$5 for one ticket or five tickets for \$20. A HUGE thank you to Mary Ann for donating her time and talent.

We also voted to move our May meeting because of graduations, Mother's Day, and GS Nationals. We will have our driving tour to the Holden Cruise Night on **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Our early May combined meeting and gathering will be our 5<sup>th</sup> annual driving tour to Ricky and Pam's house near Holden. A Cruise Night will be held downtown from 5 to 8 p.m. We will meet at the BP Station located at 50 and 7 HWY at 2 p.m. Leaving by 2:15 p.m., the 30-minute drive through small towns on two-lane blacktops with fun curves offers beautiful countryside views. We will have our meeting and then caravan back to Holden about 4:45 p.m. There is plenty of parking in the shade of our yard. Please consider bringing a snack to share.

Trust me, you will want to take part in this club event. Many years ago, members told me they wanted to do some driving tour activities as a group. Here is an opportunity to become involved. As in the past, a Buick is not required. Drive what you have because the cruise is all makes and models. Our first year we had ten to twelve cars and this year, I would like to have twenty or more! Please join us for our early May meeting/driving tour and cruise night.

We attended Rich Gibbs' memorial service on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Leavenworth, KS. It is a beautiful cemetery and was very well-attended by his car friends and family. Several classic cars were driven to the service. He will be greatly missed!



A Celebration of Life for JW Bullock will be held at the Raintree Lake Clubhouse on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 8 p.m. 825 SW Raintree Drive Lee's Summit, Mo. 64082. Weather permitting, bring your classics to the celebration. This will be a casual get together whenever you are able to stop by. Food will be served.

For the love of Buicks,

*Ricky*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Let's celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries of our club members!

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| <p><b>May</b></p> <p><b>11<sup>th</sup></b> – Kevin &amp; Anna Dvoraks' anniv.<br/> <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> - Kay Everage's BD<br/> <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> – Bob Tracy's BD</p>  | <p><b>June</b></p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup></b> – Anna Dvorak's BD<br/> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> – Paul &amp; Marla Eschbacher's anniv.<br/> <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> – Paul Eschbacher's BD<br/> <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> – Joy Flick's BD<br/> <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> – Bob &amp; Becky Tracy's anniv.<br/> <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> – John Shaw's BD<br/> <b>26<sup>th</sup></b> – Jim &amp; Martha Dillenschneider's anniv.<br/> <b>27<sup>th</sup></b> – Doug &amp; Kim Short's anniv.<br/> <b>29<sup>th</sup></b> – Tom Rowe's BD</p> | <p><b>July</b></p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup></b> – Pam Pirsch's BD<br/> <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> – Kim Short's BD<br/> <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> – Kathy Littleton's BD</p>  |
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## Our Club Officers

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## Heartland Regional Meet update:

- We currently have 26 cars pre-registered. Our local members only have seven. We need you to register!
- T-shirt sales have been way below expectations and the online store deadline is **May 1**. We had hoped to use the online store so we wouldn't have money invested in leftover t-shirts after the meet. PLEASE HELP by ordering and paying for your t-shirt [online](#).
- This will be the largest ALL Buick event in the Kansas City area. That is already guaranteed by the cars registered. Let's make it even bigger, all it takes is you!
- Right now, 1980's cars are leading in registrations, followed closely by the 1960's, 1970's and 1940's. Sadly, only one car from the 1950's and one from the 2000's. Remember any and all Buicks and Opels are welcome!
- Please be sure that you are sharing the **correct** Regional Registration form with others. The phone number for the hotel should be **816-350-3000**. Ricky is aware that some are having trouble booking a room for our meet. If you hear of someone who has been quoted the wrong price or is told there are no more rooms, they should ask for LuRue Ashley at ext. 5013.
- If you have a connection with a business in the area that might donate items for goodie bags, please reach out.

Many of my non-Buick owners have definitely planned to attend as spectators. Make sure your car friends come for a visit. This will be an amazing event.

## Some Upcoming Cruise Night & Car Show Dates

**Pleasant Hill Cruise Nights 2025:** May 16<sup>th</sup>  
June 20<sup>th</sup>  
July – Cass County Fair (no cruise night)  
August 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 19<sup>th</sup>  
October 17<sup>th</sup>

**Holden, MO Cruise Nights 2025:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
June 6<sup>th</sup>  
July 4<sup>th</sup>  
August 1<sup>st</sup>  
September 5<sup>th</sup>  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Cruise Night at the Fishing Dock**, 101 SW Outer Road, Archie, MO  
First Mondays starting in May. Cruise starts at 6 p.m. Dinner & drink specials.

**UA & Chill Cars & Coffee** the first Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. beginning May 3, 2025 through November at River of Refuge, 5155 Raytown Rd, Raytown, MO

**Paola Heartland Car Show**, Paola Square Park, Paola, KS. Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



## Mid-America Chapter Buick Club Meeting Minutes March 16, 2025



The meeting was called to order at Johnny's Tavern in Raymore, MO at 2:13 p.m. by Director, Ricky Pirch. 15 people were in attendance.

### Member news:

- Guest Lynn Dishon, friend of JW. Lynn bought a 1971 GS 350 convertible. Was purchased 4 or 5 months ago off of Hemmings.
- Wally Casebier 1989 Buick Rivera
- Brian and Vikki drove their 1987 Buick Grand national
- Ricky had a knee replacement. Going through rehab in hopes to get back to professional tap dancing.

### Secretary notes:

- Kevin read Secretary notes.
- Corey motion to accept notes, JW seconded.

### Treasury report:

- Don gave treasury report
- Pam motion to accept Treasury notes, Corey seconded

### News:

#### **Activities: Turbo Bob**

- April 5<sup>th</sup> - Kansas Speedway Cars and Coffee from 8–10 a.m.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> - Peculiar United Methodist Church Car Show from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Magic Dragon Street Meet Nationals at Lake of the Ozarks, MO
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Clinton Car Cruise from 4–7 p.m. – The actor who played Eddie Munster will be there.

### 2025 Regional Meet:

- Mary Ann showed the quilt she made.
- The group talked about the price for the tickets on the Buick quilt. Looking at \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20
  - JW motion to accept, Don seconded. No objections
- Ricky showed a couple trophy options which can be given out for awards. Could be a trophy or dash plaque
- Talked about giving a top 25 awards
- Pam talked about using Mothers bags we have on hand. We have a total of 64 Mothers bags we can use.
- Talked about on the registration form there was not a spot on the form to list a second or more cars.
- For folks who want to bring more than one Buick to the meeting, Corey motioned to charge \$15 for any additional cars brought after the 1<sup>st</sup> registered car. JW motion seconded.
- Talked about members donating bottled water.
- Alana talked about donating keychains.



## Other news:

- Motion to accept our next club meeting to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob, Seconded by Mary Ann. This meeting will coincide with the Holden monthly car cruise.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. Motion to accept by JW, Seconded by Mary Ann

## Some Photo Highlights of our Meeting



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## JW's obituary



James William Bullock (JW) age 72 of Lee's Summit, Mo. passed away Thursday April 3rd, 2025.

JW was called home to rest in eternal peace and will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts. JW began his life on September 11th, 1952, along with his parents, Ruth and W.G. Bullock, and his brother, Robert Bullock and his sister Evelyn "Bullock" Tabor. JW was never a quitter and fought a long hard battle to the very end.

Perhaps JW was better known as the familiar face and his cars at the racetracks, car shows and cruises. He was willing to share his special knowledge and expertise of automobiles and workings of them. He was always available to help anyone who asked for his advice. His real love was drag racing and circle track racing. When he no longer was able to do them, he taught his wife, Laura, how to drag race. He was a very patient man to say the least.

His words of wisdom were so enormous that sometimes it was overwhelming. But so impressive. He was preceded in death by his parents, In-laws and his son, Jay Bullock. JW was a devoted husband, father, brother and uncle. JW is survived by his loving wife, Laura, of 37 years, brother, Robert Bullock (Margaret), sister, Evelyn Tabor (Mark), and sister-in-law, Donna Wilson and his daughter, Wendy Bullock. Along with a host of beloved relatives and friends. A special "Thank-you" to Dr. Chuda and KU Oncology Dept. and Lee's Summit Medical Center for the wonderful care that JW received.

And to his friends of many years, Jim Deschenes and Terry Rush and Kevin Doty for being there at a moment's notice to help with anything that JW or his wife needed. And to Kim Romi for her cowboy cookies she would bake when JW requested them.

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*JW and Laura's 1967 Buick GS 400. (Because car guys' brains are wired differently people are often remembered by the cars they owned.)*

## Johnny's Tavern Raymore Coffee & Car Cruise Kick Off

Hey everyone! Johnny's Tavern Raymore has an exciting event this year, combining our annual Coffee & Cars Charity Brunch with our Car Cruise Central Saturdays! The kickoff will be May 31, 2025 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We invite everyone to bring out their cars for display. We will be serving a brunch buffet from 10 a.m.-Noon for \$20. 50% of proceeds from the buffet will go to Belton Educational Foundation & Ray-Pec Educational Foundation. Some things the foundations provide to students: Care closets – offering hygienic products, clothing needs and snacks. The foundation also provides a food pantry for children over breaks, holiday breaks and summertime and school year needs. **Thanks to people like you, we can help out our friends in the district with these needs!**

Our parking lot will have many reserved spaces for your cars, all spaces will be first come first serve. In addition to our brunch buffet, we will also have a beer cart outside for everyone to be able to enjoy drinks while looking at all the amazing cars, along with a DJ playing some great tunes!

This event is open to the public to help raise the most funds we can for these incredible organizations. Every Saturday evening following this event through September 27<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our weekly Car Cruise Central nights from 4-8 p.m. featuring:

- DIFFERENT SPECIALS EACH WEEK FOR CRUISERS
- RESERVED PARKING FOR CRUISERS
- BEER TUB FOR OUTDOOR DRINK SERVICE
- DJ
- FUN PRIZES

We are so excited to be hosting this event again, bringing our community together. We hope to see you all there each week with your friends and family. Please forward this information to anyone and everyone. Feel free to reach out to myself or Stanley if you have any questions.

**Anna Lindt**  
**Managing Partner**  
**Johnny's Tavern**  
O: 913-451-4542  
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# BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA 2025 HEARTLAND REGIONAL REGISTRATION

Hilton Garden Inn

19677 E. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64057

Call for reservations: 816-350-3000

(Rooms are reserved under Buick Club Mid-America Chapter)

All years and models of Buicks are welcome to attend.

Being a BCA member is not required to participate. Email [midamericabuicks@gmail.com](mailto:midamericabuicks@gmail.com) with questions.

MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BCA # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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SPOUSE/GUEST(S): \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEET REGISTRATION CHOICES:

Member only (member and spouse with car)-----\$30

CAR YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ CAR MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-BCA participant (one car)-----\$25

Member only (member and spouse/guest without car)-----\$25

Car Hauling Trailer Parking Needed? Yes or No-----Free

## MAIL REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT BEFORE MAY 2, 2025 TO:

2025 BCA Heartland Regional  
C.O. Don Allen Holdmeyer  
13820 S. Harris Road  
Greenwood, MO 64034

**TOTAL**

Please make checks payable to  
*Mid-America Chapter Buick Club*



## HEARTLAND REGIONAL T-SHIRTS:

Shirts feature the Buick Heartland Regional script on the front and the logo screen printed on the back of a deep blue tee. Prices are \$20 for standard sizes (S, M, L, XL), \$22 for 2XL, and \$23 for 3XL plus sales tax. These tend to run a little small, so keep that in mind when ordering.



To buy yours, scan the QR code or visit  
[bit.ly/buick-heartland-regional25](https://bit.ly/buick-heartland-regional25).

Shirts will be distributed at the registration table with your welcome packet. A limited number will be available to purchase at the event.

# HEARTLAND REGIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

|                             |             |   |
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| Early Arrivals Registration | 2–5 p.m.    | Hilton Garden Inn Lobby   |
| Small Group Supper          | 6-7:30 p.m. | Corner Cafe (4215 S. Little Blue Parkway<br>Independence, MO 64057) |

## FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

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|----------------------------|----------------|--|
| Registration               | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.  | Hilton Garden Inn Lobby                              |
| Hospitality Tent           | 10 a.m.–4 p.m. | Hilton Garden Inn Parking Lot                        |
| Self-Guided Tours          |                |  |
| Heartland Regional Meeting | 2–4 p.m.       | Hilton Garden Inn Parking Lot                        |
| Red Robin Cruise Night     | 5–8 p.m.       | Red Robin (18810 E Hwy 40<br>Independence, MO 64055) |

## SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

|  |               |                               |
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| Top 25 Car Show<br>(peer judging, plus special awards) | 9 a.m.–3 p.m. | Hilton Garden Inn Parking Lot |
| Suggested Group Gathering                              | 6–8 p.m.      | Hereford House Restaurant     |

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

A wide variety of restaurants are within 2 miles of the host hotel.

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| Bass Pro                           | Negro Leagues Baseball Museum                 |
| Brass Armadillo Antique Mall       | Steamboat Arabia Museum                       |
| Harry S. Truman Library and Museum | National WWI Museum and Memorial              |
| 1859 Old Jail and Marshal's Home   | Union Station & Science City                  |
| Bingham-Waggoner Estate            | Crown Center (Sea Life Aquarium and LegoLand) |
| National Frontier Trails Museum    | Nelson Atkins Museum of Art                   |
| Missouri Town                      | Kansas City Zoo                               |
| American Jazz Museum               | Greenwood, MO Antique Shops                   |

*There many things to do in the Kansas City area, we will provide more information in your registration packet.*