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The Director's Headlight



If you attended the July meeting, you saw an amazing garage tour. Thank you to Tom and Peggy Rowe for opening up their garage and setting up the restaurant for our meeting. It was great to see Laura Bullock driving the 1967 GS 400 to our meeting.

17 members were present for the meeting and two guests.

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Our two guests are new BCA members and filled out a membership form at the meeting. Welcome to Blade and Madi Nichols from Kansas City, KS. They own a 1985 Regal and a 2005 Rainier. Also, national and local membership forms were sent to Steve Sterthman. He brought his 1969 Skylark convertible to our Heartland Regional and wanted to join our club.

Our club picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 14th at 2 p.m.** Don Allen and Mary Ann agreed to host at their estate in Greenwood, MO. As in the past, this is the **one** meeting to attend. There will be a general meeting followed by a potluck meal and fellowship. The club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and cheese. Don Allen and Mary Ann will provide plates, tableware, lemonade and/or tea, and napkins. Please bring a side dish, salad, or veggies to share. To limit the number of desserts, last names beginning with the letters P to Z have the option to bring dessert.

This looks to be the largest gathering of Buicks in the KC area. It will be the "Event of 2025" (well, in addition to our Heartland Regional) when everyone brings their cars to the Holdmeyer's backyard. This is the one event of the club year to attend. If you have not been to any other club meetings, please try to be at our picnic. You won't be sorry! Please note that if your Buick is unable to make it, drive whatever classic or modern car you have! You will be welcome! It's going to be an AWESOME gathering. Every year I try to use words to entice you to drive your car and spend a few hours with your club members. This gathering is for everyone to enjoy so please give it a try. At our July meeting, Kevin Dvorak volunteered to do the grilling. If you would like to lend a hand, that would be great!

Enough of my arm twisting trying to get you to come. This picnic has been a club tradition for many years and is usually the best gathering of the club year I hope to see everyone on Sunday, September 14th at Don Allen and Mary Ann Holdmeyer's house, 13820 S. Harris Road, Greenwood, MO. If you have any questions, please contact us at **midamericabuicks@gmail.com** or call or text Ricky.

We hope you will be able to join us!

For the love of Buicks,

Ricky

Members' Birthdays and Anniversaries

September

3rd – Marla Eschbacher's BD
 8th – Matt Gordon's BD
 10th – Tracey Davis's BD
 11th – Sharon Smock's BD
 11th – JW Bullock's BD
 22nd – Kevin Dvorak's BD
 25th – Roy Everage's BD



October

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

November

15th – Peggy Rowe's BD
 19th – Todd & Jennifer Dawson's anniv.



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Mid America Chapter Buick Club Meeting Minutes July 7, 2025



The meeting was called to order at Conroy's Pub in Overland Park, Kansas at 12:21pm by Mid-America Chapter Director, Ricky Pirch. 19 people were in attendance.

Member News:

- Blade and Madi Nichols. They own an 85 Buick Regal and a 2005 Buick Rainier. Blade and Madi are BCA members but not yet members of the Mid-America Chapter.

Secretary Notes:

- Kevin presented notes.
- Jim motioned to accept, Corey seconded

Treasury report:

- No Treasury report given. Don not in attendance, currently on vacation.
- Still going over the Regional Meet income.
- Ricky talked about the money donated in memory of Chris, Rich, and JW. We will donate closer to Christmas time. We talked about donating to group out of Kingsville (Camp Valor Outdoors) who hunt and fish among other things with veterans.

Activities:

- Raymore Johnny's Tavern Saturday Cruise
- September 20th – 21st, Ol' Marais River Run in Ottawa, Kansas
- August 10 - Lone Jack Car Show
- Route 66 in Springfield, MO
- Buick National Meet
- October Cruisin' the Coast, Mississippi Coast in October
- October 25th, Halloween Car Show in Orrick, Missouri

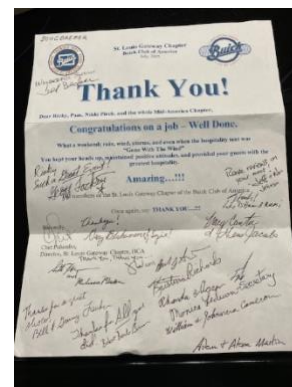
News:

- The Buick National Meet in 2026 will be held in Albany, New York
- Our next chapter meeting in September will be held at Don and Mary Ann's home. Would normally be September 21st but trying to switch to the 14th because of members out of town the 21st.

Regional Meet notes

- Regional meet went well.
- We received a thank you letter from the St. Louis chapter.
- Club members won 14 of the top 25 awards
- Many cars that registered that didn't come and some folks brought different cars than they registered with.
- Highest number of votes was 58 for the 48 convertible Roadmaster.
- 2026 Regional Meet to be held in Ames, Iowa

Meeting adjourned at 1:04pm



Meeting Highlights



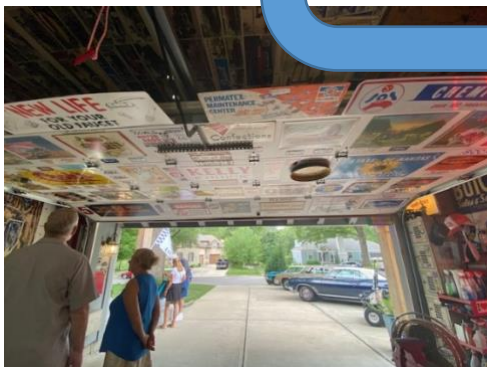
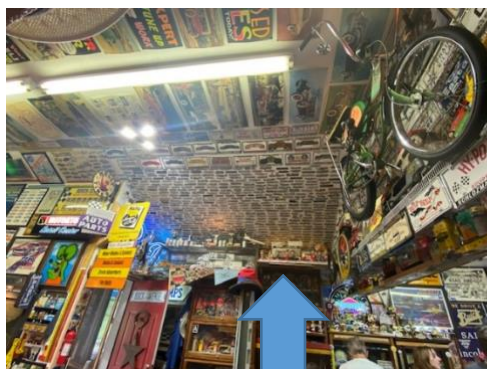
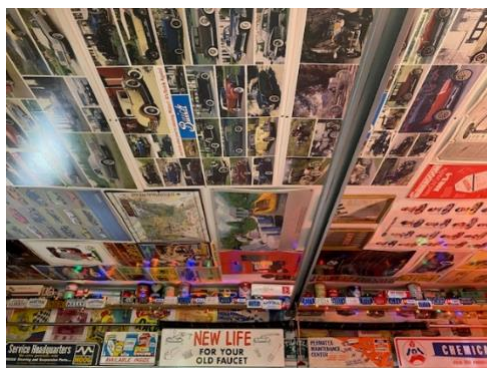
Garage Tour

Following our July meeting, the club members headed over to Tom Rowe's house to see his massive collection of car memorabilia. It was unbelievable to say the least!



Everywhere you looked, from floor to ceiling, there was something new to see. Even the inside of the garage door was covered in car posters!

(Garage Tour, continued)



All of these are dealership emblems that they used to put on the trunks of the cars.



These are Tom's life size cars: a 1966 Buick Skylark convertible, 1967 Buick Sport Wagon, and a 1968 Ford Galaxie LTD.



We would like to thank Tom and Peggy for sharing their collections with the club. I heard that there was a beer memorabilia collection in the basement! WOW!

Welcome New Members



Steve Sterthman
1969 Skylark conv.

Blade & Madi Nichols
2005 Buick Rainier &
1985 Regal



GS Nationals 2025

by Mark Macoubrie



My family received a Survivor Gold and the Dave Kleiner Best Unrestored GSX Award at the GS Nationals held in Bowling Green, KY in May. The GSX is a 1970 Stage 1 automatic car my parents purchased new in October of 1970. Both of my parents were in attendance at the event. The car currently resides at my house but the car is still considered a one-owner car and I share as many GSX experiences with my father as possible as I still see it as their car.

Also, see attached photo of the show field. We arrived around 8:00 a.m. to get the car in the show. It rained off and on early in the morning as a couple of

stronger storms passed. After it seemed most of the rain had passed, I got the car in the show around 9:30 a.m. Shortly after I got the car in the show another rain came through that dumped a lot of water quickly. We were not in the car. We were in the truck in a location where we could not see the car. After the rain passed, I went down to clean the car and found the attached situation. The person next to me said the water had gotten to the wheels and they backed up two feet for fear it was going to flood the car. Luckily it only got to the edge of the wheels. I would never have imagined we would have had this problem on the infield of the circle track.



Congratulations, Mark!

COLLECTOR CAR AUCTION



Friday, September 12, 2025
@ 6:30PM

Address: 15095 W. 116th St. Olathe, KS.66062 - K.C. Auto Museum



Item: 1940 Mint Buick 56 S Mule

This is only 1940 Buick in the world! One of kind pre-war car. Come be the highest bidder to a rare piece of history! If this car is bought under a business it can be tax deduction of up to \$1,222,000.00

Auctioneer Notes: Online bidding available through Equipment Facts. All buyers will need a letter of credit or proof of funds prior to bid at auction by Sept. 11th. A wire transfer will need to be completed on Sept. 15th.

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