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## THE DIRECTOR'S HEADLIGHT



Our January meeting was smaller than normal but, that is expected during cold weather. We had eleven members and no guests in attendance. Everyone's classic cars stayed home and covered up for winter storage.

Newer member, Steve S. suggested that our March meeting be held at Pizza Shoppe in downtown Blue Springs. All members approved this location for the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will meet at our usual time of 2:00 p.m. Please plan to join us and enjoy some pizza!

If you know of a Buick owner, invite them to our meeting. I met a couple that owns a Cascada convertible and they absolutely love it. So I asked for their email address to send National and Local club information. It's just that easy to hopefully gain membership.

Please consider attending the Heartland Regional in Ames, IA in June. See the registration form in this newsletter.

Some of our members will be attending the GS Nationals in Bowling Green, KY April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lots of racing, car show, and swap meet to enjoy while there. The green grass of Kentucky is beautiful in the spring.

Please welcome back former member, Don MacCarthy of Warsaw, MO. Don has a 1938 Special (Model 41) (currently the oldest car in our club) and a 1954 Century 2-Dr. (Model 66R).

For the Love of Buicks,

*Ricky*

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## MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<p><b>March</b></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> – Jason Welch's BD          26<sup>th</sup> – Steve Flick's BD          30<sup>th</sup> – Doug Short's BD</p> 	<p><b>April</b></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> – Martha Dillenschneider's BD          8<sup>th</sup> – Bob &amp; Alana Speiser's anniv.          16<sup>th</sup> – Steve &amp; Tracey Davis's anniv.          22<sup>nd</sup> – Alana Speiser's BD          25<sup>th</sup> – Laura Bullock's BD</p>	<p><b>May</b></p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> – Blade &amp; Madi Nicholas's anniv.          11<sup>th</sup> – Kevin &amp; Anna Dvorak's anniv.          21<sup>st</sup> – Bob Tracy's BD</p> 
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## OUR CLUB OFFICERS

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**Mid-America Chapter Buick Club  
Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2026**



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The meeting was called to order at Pegah's Family Restaurant in Lee's Summit, MO at 2:11pm by Director, Ricky Pirch. 11 people were in attendance.

**Member news:**

- No guests
- Turbo Bob and Alana were presented certificates for perfect club meeting attendance during 2025.

**Secretary notes:**

- Kevin read Secretary notes.
- Mary Ann made a motion to accept, Corey seconded

**Treasury report:**

- Don Allen presented Treasury report
- On behalf of the club, Don donated \$200 to the Salvation Army and \$400 to a local Charity called Coldwater
- Pam made a motion to accept, Kevin seconded

**News:**

**Activities: Turbo Bob**

- World of Wheels in March

**Other news:**

- In club news we discussed membership.
  - For 2025, there were 26 members in Club but only 13 have paid dues in 2026.
- Most current members live in Missouri.
- Next meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup>. We talked about possible location. Pegah's again, possibly Pizza Shoppe in Blue Springs.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn, Pam seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm

## ROUTE 66 CELEBRATIONS

There are several events going on this spring and summer to celebrate 100 years of Route 66. To kick things off, the celebration begins the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Springfield, MO. To learn more, visit <https://www.springfieldmo.org/>

or

<https://www.springfieldmo.org/blog/post/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-route-66-centennial-kickoff-in-springfield-missouri-in-2026/>

The Great Race is also following Route 66 from beginning to end on June 20 – 28, 2026.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CLUB DUES?



I know it is easy to forget sometimes but, it is time to pay your local chapter dues. If you have already paid your dues for this year, thank you! They are \$12 for the year which runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. **You MUST be a member of the Buick Club of America to be a member of Mid-America Chapter!**

Make your check payable to Mid-America BCA and send to:

Don Allen Holdmeyer  
13820 S. Harris Rd.  
Greenwood, MO 64034  
(816) 537-6427



(Questions about whether or not you have paid should be directed to Don Allen.)  
If you have already paid your club dues for 2026, thank you!



**We hope to see you at Pizza Shoppe at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>! The address is 1105 W. Main, Blue Springs, MO**



**Your input is welcome and appreciated:** If you have an article, photos, or news to be included in our newsletter please forward it to me at: **Pam Pirch, 490 SW County Road O, Holden, MO 64040** or you can email me at [midamericabuicks@gmail.com](mailto:midamericabuicks@gmail.com).

June 25-27, 2026

# HEARTLAND BUICK REGIONAL

**Lauterbach**  **GMC**  

Come to Ames as we celebrate Buick and Opel in 2026! All Buicks and Opels are welcome and we're extending a special invitation to Buicks with the legendary turbo 6 or any year car ending in 6. It's all part of the fun! It's a Buick/Opel party with a show 'n shine, tour of an incredible car collection, a scenic country drive and spectacular car show!



<h2>Thursday</h2> <p>June 25th</p> <p>Cruise to Huxley, IA Show and Shine</p>	<h2>Friday</h2> <p>June 26th</p> <p>Cruise to Albaugh Collection in Ankeny, IA Lunch Cruise around area</p>	<h2>Saturday</h2> <p>June 27th</p> <p><b>CAR SHOW</b> Display and 400 Point Judging options Award Banquet</p>
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**Bill Gorman:**  
515-290-6565  
bbgorman35@gmail.com  
**Facebook:** Iowa Hawkeye Chapter, Buick Club of America

**Host Hotel**  
Courtyard Marriott  
311 S 17th St Ames, IA 50010  
(515)-620-5910  
Block name-Heartland Regional

Buick Club of America  
2026 Heartland Regional Meet Registration  
June 25-27 2026 in Ames, Iowa

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Your email \_\_\_\_\_  
What names should be printed on the name tags?  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Chapter Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
BCA # \_\_\_\_\_

For information contact:  
Bill Gorman, Meet Chair  
e-mail bbgorman35@gmail.com  
Cell 515-290-6565

**Mail to**

Heartland Region 2026  
308 E 5th St  
Huxley, Iowa 50124

**Checks made out to Heartland Region 2026**

**Meet Registration Choices**

**Registrations must be postmarked by June 11, 2026 after this date, display only**

**Meet registration**

BCA Member Regional Registration \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-BCA Member (must complete Member-at-large application) Owner and Guest \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Registration**

BCA Member/Member-at-Large Judged Car 400-point (1st car, member and guest) \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
BCA Member/Member-at-Large Displayed Car (1st car, member and guest) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional cars (judged or displayed) \_\_\_\_\_ qty \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 ea \_\_\_\_\_  
Banquet Buffet, Saturday June 27; 7 PM - 9 PM @ Harvest Vineyard Church, qty \_\_\_\_\_ \$38.00 ea \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any dietary restrictions (Example Sodium, Gluten) \_\_\_\_\_**

Total Amount includes Registration Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will need parking for my trailer (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ (no RV's)  
I am willing to be a judge (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred class \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Listing is on the back page

I am willing to work in Judges Administration Yes/ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to work in Registration Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to work in Hospitality Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to work where needed Yes/ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Host Hotel** Courtyard by Marriott  
311 S. 17th Street  
Ames, IA 50010

**Call 515-620-5910 Block Name - Heartland Regional**

Rooms: Std Queen or King \$139.00 + 12% tax **Rate does not include breakfast**

Rooms King + \$149.00 +12% tax **Rate does not include breakfast**

Hotel Check in at 3:00 PM Check out 11:00 AM

**Reservations available starting July 15, 2025**

**Reservations close Monday, May 25, 2026**

**Turn over**

**Show Events**

Thursday, June 25 5:30 – 7:30 PM Show and Shine Huxley. IA (No Charge) Attending Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, June 26 Leave Ames at 7:45 AM

Friday, June 26 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Tour Albaugh Collection \_\_\_\_\_ # attending

**(Freewill donation appreciated)**

Friday, June 26 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM (estimate) Driving Tour \_\_\_\_\_ # attending

Friday, June 26 Lunch 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Friday, June 26 12:30PM – 1:00 PM return to Ames

Friday, June 26 1:30 PM– 2:30 PM Judges Training, in Harvest Church

Friday June 26 3:00 PM– 4:00 PM Regional Meeting, in Harvest Church

Saturday, June 27 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Judges Breakfast at Courtyard Marriott

Saturday, June 27 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM 400-point judging and tabulation

Saturday, June 27 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Cocktail hour – cash bar at Courtyard Marriott

Saturday, June 27 6:30 – 9:00 Harvest Vineyard Church Banquet Buffet and Awards (No Alcohol permitted)

**Vehicle 1:** Class \_\_\_\_\_ Judged \_\_\_\_\_ Displayed \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle 2:** Class \_\_\_\_\_ Judged \_\_\_\_\_ Displayed \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

**Buick Class Description**

A 1903 - 1913 Mod Modified Buicks

B 1914 – 1935

N 1967 – 2005 B, C, H Bodies

C 1936 – 1939

O Riviera 1963 – 1999

D 1940 – 1941

P 1965 – 1987 Gran Sport

E 1942 – 1948 & 1949 Specials

Q GN, GNX, Turbo Regal

F 1949 – 1953 Straight 8's

R 1988 – 1991 Reatta

G 1953 – 1954 Skylarks

S Professional – Special Vehicles

H 1953 – 1956 V8's

T Race Car (Must have documented history)

I 1957 – 1958

U Archival (Un-restored through 1992)

J 1959 – 1960

V Opel all years

K 1961 – 1967 A Bodies

W Contemporary 2014-2021

L 1968 – 2005 A, G, J, N, W, X Bodies

M 1961 – 1966 B & C Bodies