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The Director's Headlight



Our May 17th meeting was held at Pegah's Restaurant. A great group of 12 members and three cars were in attendance. Kevin drove his 1987 Turbo T, Lucky Bob and Becky drove their 1970 Skylark, and Ricky and Pam drove their 2021 Envision.

On May 23rd, many of our club members helped Lucky Bob celebrate his 80th birthday

at a surprise party. I believe Bob was a little bit overwhelmed, to say the least. Several classic cars from the 1950s through the 1990s made it to the celebration.

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Our fifth annual driving tour to Holden, Missouri's Cruise Night was a grand success on June 5th with 10 people driving in seven beautiful Buicks and a few other makes. Corey and Tela drove a Mustang convertible, Steve S. brought his 1969 Skylark custom convertible and invited a friend with a 1967 Ranchero. Lucky Bob and Becky T. came in their 1970 Skylark and Don Allen and Mary Ann H. drove their 1953 Super. Jim and Martha D. brought their gold 1977 LeSabre Sport Coupe. Ricky and Pam P. drove their 1987 GN and Turbo Bob and Alana S. the 1987 Turbo T and brought friends Bob and Becky H. with their 1987 Monte Carlo SS and Bryan and Vicki Goth in their blue 1987 Turbo T. The whole group enjoyed dinner at the 2nd Street Bistro in smaller groups because of space and availability of tables.

Pam and I attended the Heartland Regional in Ames, Iowa on June 25th - 27th. What a surprise on Friday afternoon seeing Don Allen and Mary Ann H. in the hotel lobby. They decided to make the trip for a one-night stay and then left on Saturday afternoon. We were not the only Mid-America Chapter members in attendance after all!

The Regional Meet kicked off on Thursday evening with a short drive to a downtown cruise in Huxley. Friday morning was a driving tour to Ankeny, IA to the most incredible private Chevrolet car museum I have ever seen! From the early 1900s to 1980s, this collection is unbelievable. Many of the cars are 4-speed convertibles in a wide variety of rare colors. There was a row of sixteen 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertibles, all in different colors. Glass globes from gasoline pumps line the perimeter of the rooms. There were metal signs, pedal cars, phone booths, toy cars, and memorabilia everywhere. You name it, this collection has it! There was way too much to see in an hour and a half. It was definitely worth a donation for future collecting.

After lunch, I attended the judge's training and the Heartland Region membership meeting. Saturday morning I enjoyed breakfast before getting to work judging. I was on a team of three with seven cars to evaluate. We took our time and finished up before lunch. Pam volunteered in the hospitality room and helped serve BBQ sandwiches for lunch. I had registered our 1972 Sun Coupe, but there were too many issues that prevented us from taking it. Instead, we decided to enter our 2021 Envision in the Contemporary Class. Buick Club judging offers this class as a choice for newer Buicks from 2019-21. We cleaned and showed it, and the Envision won a Gold Award in "Class W."

The award banquet offered a buffet of beef and turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and a slice of apple or French Silk pie. It was delicious! Thank you to our friends to the north, The Hawkeye Chapter for putting on a memorable event. Their members did a wonderful job with all the activities, tours, and food.

I hope to see everyone at Pegah's Restaurant in Lee's Summit on Sunday, July 19th at 2 p.m. for our meeting.

For the love of Buicks,

Ricky

Bob's Birthday Surprise

Bob Tracy's family planned a surprise birthday for Bob's 80th birthday. It was held at an Elk's Lodge in Kansas City on May 23rd, where many of his friends turned out to wish him well. Several people drove classic cars to commemorate the occasion.



This Nissan Figaro, which looks antique, was really manufactured in Japan in 1991. It is a right-hand-drive car with a little over 20,000 produced and is considered an iconic collector's item. We had never seen one before.



**Happy 80th birthday,
Bob!**

Doesn't everyone need a lifesize
cardboard cutout of themselves?

(Photos by Pam Pirch)



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

July	August	September
8th - Pam Pirch's BD 17th - Kim Short's BD 24th - Kathy Littleton's BD 	16th - Jeff & Kathy Littleton's anniv. 16th - Dave & Dana Madden's anniv. 19th - Tom & Peggy Rowe's anniv. 20th - Bob Speiser's BD 28th - Stephanie Mellott's BD 29th - Joe & Stephanie Mellott's anniv.	3rd - Marla Eschbacher's BD 8th - Matt Gordon's BD 22nd - Kevin Dvorak's BD 

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**Mid-America Chapter Buick Club
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2026**



The meeting was called to order in Lee's Summit, MO at Pegah's Restaurant at 2:09 p.m. by Director, Ricky Pirch. 12 people were in attendance.

Member news:

No member news.

Secretary notes:

Kevin read Secretary notes.
Jim motion to accept, Pam seconded

Treasury report:

No treasury report presented this meeting in Don's absence.

News:

Activities: Turbo Bob

- *Revelation Motors in Lone Jack is having Cars and Concerts events during the summer.
- *2nd Saturday of the month is the Blue Springs Cruise. Still downtown but moved because of construction on Main Street
- *Heartland Regional Meet June 25-27 in Ames, IA
- *Appleton City Car Show July 11th .
- *Chillicothe Cruise night and show July 17-18
- *Buick National Meet August 19-22 in Albany, NY
- *Rivera Nationals July 15-18 in Gettysburg, PA

Other news:

- *Ricky was contacted by someone who is selling a 1990 Buick Reatta with 94k miles, White with Red interior. Also comes with 2 parts cars, 1988 and a 1989.
- *We talked about the driving tour in connection with the Holden cruise - Hawaiian shirt themed. Motion to meet at 4:00pm, June 5th at the Quick Trip in Lake Lotawana.
- *Next Club meeting July 19th
- *Picnic is tentatively scheduled for September 20th . No location determined yet.

Meeting adjourned 2:51pm, Martha motioned to adjourn, Corey seconded.

Holden Cruise Night (photos by Pam Pirch)



Mid-America Chapter members and friends came out in force to the fifth annual driving cruise to the Holden, MO Cruise night on June 5th.

Steve Sterthman - 1969 Skylark convertible (red)
Bob & Becky Tracy - 1970 Skylark (bamboo cream)
Don Allen & Mary Ann Holdmeyer - 1953 Super (red)
Jim & Martha Dillenschneider - 1977 LeSabre Sport Coupe (gold)
Bob & Alana Speiser - 1987 Regal T (white)
Ricky & Pam Pirch - 1987 Grand National (black)
Corey Hinrichs & Tela Gough - 90's Ford Mustang convertible (white)
Bryan & Vicki Goth - 1987 Regal T (blue)
Bob & Becky Harris - 1987 Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS (burgundy)
Greg ? - 1967 Ford Ranchero (black)

Club members met at the new Quik Trip at the junction of 50 and 7 highways at 4 p.m. and drove to Holden to attend the cruise night.

Pleasant Hill Cruise Night

Cruise Night was held on Friday night, June 19th in downtown Pleasant Hill. Several Buick friends were in attendance with their beautiful rides.



Cars and owners in attendance:

Steve Sterthman - 1967 Oldsmobile
Jim & Martha Dillenschneider - 1955 Ford Fairlane
Bob & Becky Tracy - 1970 Buick Skylark
Bryan & Vicki Goth - 1987 Buick Regal T
Lin & Tracy Smith - 1971 Buick GS
Brent Hunter - 1972 Buick Skylark Stage 2
Bob & Alana Speiser - 1987 Buick Regal T

Ricky & Pam Pirch made an appearance in their Buick Envision.

(photos by Pam Pirch)

Heartland Regional Cruise Night in Huxley, IA

On Thursday evening, Heartland Regional attendees were invited to take a short drive to attend a Cruise Night in Huxley, IA. It was amazing to see so many Buicks at a Cruise Night. Pam took photos of the cars in attendance as she walked up the street.



Cruise Night (continued)



Heartland Regional Museum Tour

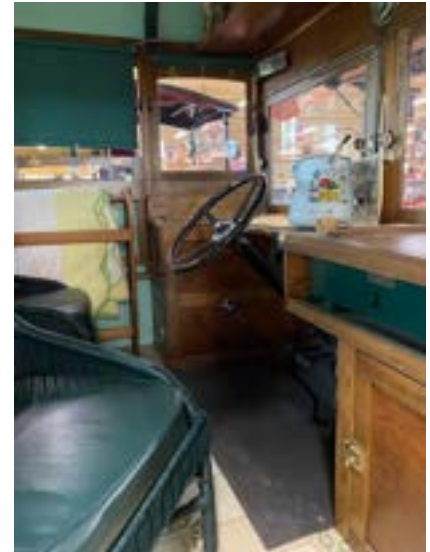
Those who attended the 2026 Heartland Regional had the opportunity to visit the Albaugh Museum in Ankeny, IA. This is a private museum filled with Chevrolet automobiles and memorabilia. There was plenty to see in the hour and a half tour. Enjoy some of the photos that I took. The entire museum was lined with lighted gas globes and we were told that no two are exactly alike.



We watched from the hotel window as the group lined up in the church parking lot to caravan to the museum.



Heartland Regional Museum Tour (continued)



Can you imagine taking your family camping in this 1928 camper?



Heartland Regional Museum Tour (continued)



Have you ever seen a Futurliner? There was a fleet of twelve custom, Art Deco-styled transport vehicles designed in 1939 by Harley Earl for General Motors. Nine are known to survive today. It is 33 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 11 feet tall. MASSIVE!



There were sixteen 1957 BelAir convertibles, all of a different color.

Many of the cars in the museum are 4-speeds.



Heartland Regional Car Show

There were a total of 62 cars on the showfield on Saturday morning. 27 of the cars were judged and 35 entered as Display. The oldest Buick was an unrestored 1916 and had been owned by the family since new. The weather was perfect for a show that was on asphalt, with the sun hiding behind the clouds the majority of the day. Here are a few of the cars in the show.



Our July Meeting

Our July meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19th at Pegah's Restaurant. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. We hope to see many of you there!



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[See full menu](#)