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April 2013 Edition

Our next Chapter meeting is Saturday May 11th at

Castle Buick during our Annual Dust-off/Car Show! See the enclosed flyer! Remember to wear your name Tag!!

CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER, BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

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Director's Ramblings

Hi everyone, our last meeting at the Masonic Lodge is history! The shed is empty, the tables and chairs are stowed, the lights are out and the door is locked. I'm a little sentimental about leaving the Lodge as were some of our other members. We were there for over 20 years and I have fond memories of events that were held there and of some of our past members that are no longer with us. I guess in one sense we're kind of homeless. Not really though, as we have most of our meeting locations planned, spread out over the Chicagoland area in an effort to attract more members to join us. I hope you will closely follow the instructions in this newsletter to know where our future meetings will be held as some of them will be held in the private room at Casey's Restaurant in Lombard and some will be held in conjunction with car shows or other events. Watch here for updates and location information. In an interview with the oldest man in America he was asked what he thought contributed to his longevity and one of his responses was that you need to "embrace change". Well..... here we go!

At the last meeting we held our "Show and Tell" tool event which turned out well. Thanks to Jim Bloomstrand, Jim August and Bob Flint for bringing some cool tools to stump us as to what they were. A big thanks to Tony Melone for solving a year's long question about two tools I brought that I could never identify – a tile grout removal tool by "Goldblatt" and a bucket heater! Thanks to all that participated!

On Saturday the 13th, I attended the GS Club meeting at their annual "Dyno Day" event in Bensenville along with some of our other members, Melanie Mauser, Loyd Bonecutter, Bob Rogacki, and Bill Grupp. Some fast cars setting some big HP numbers on the dynamometer! It was something different!

Keep in mind that our May meeting will be held in conjunction with our annual "Dust-Off"/Car Show at Castle Buick, 7400 W. Cermak Road in North Riverside. See the flyer in this newsletter. I'll try to gather everyone for the meeting about 1pm or after lunch (which is provided by the dealer). Come out and display your Buick whether it be a show car or a work-in-progress, it doesn't matter! We enjoy seeing whatever it is that you have that you are passionate

about! And of course with the Olds and Pontiac clubs coming we want to outnumber them with our Buicks!!

A few other upcoming events of note that are also listed on our "Calendar of Events" (a HUGE THANKS to Jim Bloomstrand for doing the Calendar for me!!);

The Steering/Regional Tour Meeting will be at Casey's on Monday May 20th at 7pm. Some of us will be meeting for dinner about 6 or you can come for coffee and pie/ dessert later. The meeting is open to ALL members!! The people involved with the Regional Tour should attend so we can finalize our plans!!

The Lambs Farm Show on June 2nd is a great charity show and a unique place!

Our June meeting will be June 7th at Casey's restaurant at 7pm (a new start time!!) some of us will be there for dinner about 5:30 (Dutch Treat) or come later for coffee, pie, beer, etc.

Our Chapter Picnic will be at Blackberry Farm in Aurora on Sunday June 23rd. See the enclosed flyer. The Chapter will provide a picnic lunch for a member and one guest. Additional meals can be purchased but we need to know a final count by June 13th! We also need a \$5 deposit required for each person so we can order the food. There will not be ANY EXCEPTIONS!! No phone orders, no walk ins! You are more than welcome to come and display your car and attend the car show but won't be able to partake in the food unless you are registered. This has to be a prepaid event!! Please send your money to Rick Schick, 1707 Princess Circle, Naperville IL 60564-7130.

We will have our July Meeting at the July 4th car show coordinated by the GS Club at Sabatino Park in Sleepy Hollow IL. It is between Rt. 31 and Randall Rd., and just north of I-90. More information and a flyer will follow soon.

Check out the other activities and events on our Calendar of Events.....

Steve

Send in your Regional Tour registration ASAP!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every intention is made to provide accurate information. However, I strongly suggest that you verify show dates and venues before traveling. I will also be updating the list month to month so watch for changes. If you have any events to add let me know before the second Wednesday of the month for publication in the next month's edition.

<u>April 21st</u>—Northern Illinois Region WPC (Chrysler) Club Swap Meet and Car Show at Larry Roesch Chrysler Jeep, Dodge Ram in Elmhurst.

April 26-28 - Spring Jefferson Swap Meet, Car Corral and Show. Jefferson WI

May 4 & 5—7th Annual Red Carpet Corridor Festival—Joliet to Towanda—travel Route 66 for local community activities., 815-844-5847 www.il66redcarpetcorridor.org

Thru May 13th at the Elmhurst Historical Museum is a Fred Lorenzen/ NASCAR exhibit. Bobby Allison will have a Meet and Greet from 5-7pm on April 4th!! There are several interesting exhibits and seminars for you NASCAR followers. Highly recommended by several people that have seen the show! 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst IL. 630-833-1457 www.elmhursthistory.org

<u>May 5th</u> - Gopher State Chapter 26th Annual Spring Extravaganza Car Show and Swap Meet, MN State Fairgrounds (Ledger and I hope to finally attend this!)

<u>May 11th — Our annual Spring Dust Off at Castle Buick.</u> See the flyer enclosed! This will also be our <u>May Meeting!</u> It will not be at the Lodge!

May 12th-MOTHERS DAY!

May 18th—Lincoln Highway Car Show, Franklin Grove, IL, 815-456-2695

<u>May 20th</u>—Steering Meeting at Casey's Restaurant, 415 E. North Ave., Lombard. 630-932-4777. Dinner (on you) at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm.

May 30-June 1—Downtown Pontiac IL Route 66 Car Show (June 1)—Pontiac, IL, 517-881-2329

May 31—"Cops on the Roof Top" at Dunkin Donuts

June 2nd— The Return of the Lambs Farm Charity Car and Bike Show—Lambs Farm, Libertyville, IL 847-899-6527 (A great show for a great charity!!)

June 4—Fundraiser at Culvers in Huntley gives a percentage of sales between 4-8pm to Special Olympics.

<u>June 5th—Chapter Meeting at Caseys Restaurant, 415 E. North Ave., Lombard. 630-932-4777. Dinner</u> (on you) at 6pm, meeting at 7pm.

<u>June 23rd</u>—BOPCGS Car Show and Picnic at Blackberry Historical Farm in Aurora, Flyer to follow!

June 30—Gears and Ears Car Show and Swap Meet at Yorkville 773-775-4696 www.gearsandears.com

July 4-Monthly Meeting at new Car Show in Sleepy Hollow-more next month.

July 16 & 17 Heartland Regional in Tinley Park followed by BCA National 17-20 in South Bend IN

If you know of any other events for the upcoming year get me the information so I can publish the dates—Steve or Jim.

Chicagoland Chapter

April 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Steve Kelly started the meeting promptly at 7:30 pm. There were 25 members in attendance.

This was our last meeting at the lodge. Steve recalled that he was director when we had our first meeting here in 1991 and now presided over the last one. Please make note on your calendars when and where we will be meeting. One location that we have established for future meetings will be at Casey's, 415 E. North Ave., Lombard. The meetings will start at 7:00 and should you wish to catch a bite beforehand, we will eat at 6:00. (When you arrive, go into the banquet room and mention you are with the Buick Club.) Some of the items discussed this evening were;

5/11/13 May Monthly Meeting and Spring Dust-off - Castle Buick (10-2 rain or shine),

7400 W. Cermak Road, North Riverside,IL

Contact Don Adams to register and if you are able to help. (708)535-3044

5/20/13 Steering Meeting – Casey's. This meeting is open to all members. Please join us. ALL people involved with the Regional tour should attend.

6/2/13 Lamb's Farm – Car & Bike show (charity event)

6/5/13 June Monthly Meeting – Casey's

6/23/13 Blackberry Farm Show/Picnic - (11 am-3pm) The Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac, GS and GTO Clubs will join us. Lunch will be provided by our club and a charge of \$5 for member/guest . RSVP to Rick Schick no later than 6/10.

6/24/13 ROA – Don Adams

7/4/13 July Monthly Meeting – Car Show with GS Club. (Sleepy Hollow) \$5 fee for a Charity.

7/16/13 Heartland Regional Meet -- Cruise Night - Tinley Park

Melanie will be in charge of welcoming visitors to the Regional. She will seek volunteers to help direct visitors to the Cruise Night.

7/17/13 Heartland Regional Meet – Route 66 Tour to Pontiac

Tony will lead tour down Route 66 to Pontiac and get lunch. Will meet at Roadhouse for dinner. Regional meeting is scheduled for 3:30 pm.

7/17 - 7/20/13 2013 Buick Club National Meet - South Bend, IN

8/7/13 August Monthly Meeting – Casey's

Should you encounter any problem receiving your newsletter, please contact Steve Kelly.

We emptied the storage shed and donations were made to the food pantry. Members brought some very old and interesting tools. The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes by Mel

For Sale and Wanted;

The metal '66 Wildcat shown by Steve Ledger at the March Meeting was done by: Kicks Kustom 5530 17th Place Kenosha, WI 53144. 262-359-1375.

Wheels for sale: GM Rally 15 x 9, 5bolt R W L Radial GT Tires P245/60 R 15 New trim rings and center caps, years unknown, \$1000.00 Eric 815-355-4128

Wanted; parts for 1962 Special Deluxe Convertible. I am converting a Dynaflow car to a 4 spd. Looking for all needed to convert over, such as T-10 Trans., bellhousing, all pedals/shafts, clutch flywheel, shifter for T-10 if possible. Steering wheel, nice appearing speedo face, bucket seats, pair of rebuildable heads for a 215 V8.

New member Jim Corcoran E-mail jcorcoran@patriotrange.com - (708) 557-4724

"Oh Ya, how many hubcaps do I have ??? Approximately 30,000. Yep, 30,000 of these wonderful shiny saucers. As it says in the subject line, "An Old 1950s Hot Rodder Has Lost His Mind." My Wife totally agrees with that. If you are thinking that I don't have what you are looking for, you better ask me because there is everything. How many people do you know that have an Oakland hubcap from the 1920s, I do.

Thanks Much, Tom Mc Mahan Phone: 208-734-0459 Email: hubcapempire@gmail.com" (Pulled from an email I received about hubcaps for sale)

1990 Reatta Black Coupe. 88,800 miles receipts for over \$6000,00 in updates and service. Including new tires and battery, No rust car was from Florida Runs and drives perfect. Call for detailed information to much to list. \$7000.00 or best offer. Norm Kortus 815 282 9632 HM or 815 519 3671 Cell.

Please send any articles, Calendar Dates or "For Sale/Wanted" items to the Newsletter/Flash Editor.



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Antique CIR SHOW

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 23

Car Show welcomes Buick, Buick Gran Sport, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, GTO, Cadillac Clubs and ALL MAKES 1993 and earlier!
Vintage motorcycles and vintage trucks are welcome too.
A \$10 fee includes the driver and 2 passenger's entrance into the park.
Additional passengers in the car are \$4.50 each.
Food is available at the summer kitchen.



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Richard Haas Murals

Downtown Homewood, Illinois

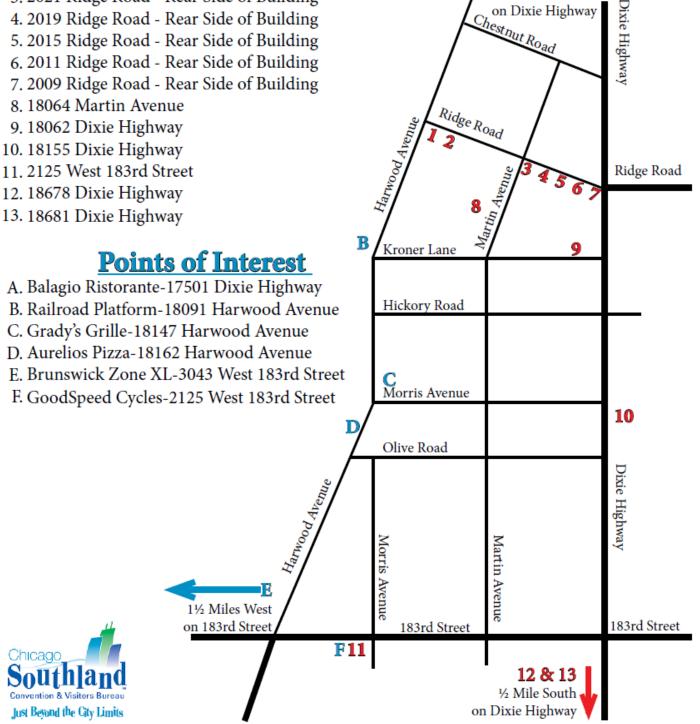
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on Dixie Highway

Mural Locations

- 1, 2053 Ridge Road Rear Side of Building
- 2. 2051 Ridge Road Rear Side of Building
- 3. 2021 Ridge Road Rear Side of Building
- 4. 2019 Ridge Road Rear Side of Building

- 10. 18155 Dixie Highway
- 11. 2125 West 183rd Street
- 12. 18678 Dixie Highway



Richard Haas Murals

Downtown Homewood, Illinois



Mural at 18064 Martin Avenue

THE VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD

1893

In addition to a unique and quaint downtown area, Homewood now boasts the largest collection of Richard Haas murals anywhere in the world. Haas, a world-renowned painter specializing in large, illusion murals, was first invited to Homewood in the early 1980s.

About Richard Haas



Richard Haas was born in 1936 in Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1959 with a Bachelor in Art and Art Education degree and from University of Minnesota in 1964 with a Master of Fine Arts. Haas is ranked by Artists Trade Union of Russia amongst the world-

best artists of the last four centuries.

"Homewood has a special place in my 35 years of doing public work," said Haas. "This project has allowed me to expand my work in many ways. In Homewood, I was given the freedom to design and execute a new series of works that tells an even larger story, not only about Homewood's history but about the region in general. Homewood now has the largest concentration of my works in one area and I hope people will discover and enjoy these works for a long time to come."



Mural at 18678 Dixie Highway

Downtown Homewood is a short 20-minute cruise east on 183rd Street from Tinley Park!

About the Trompe l'œil-style of Painting

Trompe-l'œil, meaning "deceive the eye" in French, is a hyper-realistic art technique that creates the optical illusion that the depicted objects exist in three dimensions. Although the style has its origin in the Baroque period (1590-1725), Trompe l'œil dates back to the of Ancient Greek and Roman times.

How to pronounce Trompe l'œil:

Trum Play

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For more information on the tour see the YouTube video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OS6aBi0sYnY and see more information about the Haas Murals at http://www.homesweethomewood.com/. The tour to the Haas murals will leave the hotel at 9:30 on Tuesday.





Buick Club of America 2013 Heartland Regional Meeting Coming to Tinley Park

July 16-18, 2013 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Tinley Park, Ill.

The Chicagoland Chapter of the Buick Club of America will host the Heartland Regional Meet in the Tinley Park, IL, July 16-18, 2013. Tinley Park is centrally located only 30 miles from downtown Chicago and near Interstate 80 between interstates 355 and 57.

This event will take place in the days leading up to the Buick Club of America's National Meet in South Bend, Ind., Tinley Park is about 90 minutes west of South Bend on Interstate 80.

Several events including a tour of the Route 66 Hall of Fame, a Cruise night and annual meeting have been planned. Tuesday night, the meet will take part in a cruise night hosted in beautiful downtown Tinley Park with a variety of nearby restaurants and quaint shops.

Wednesday will feature a back roads driving tour to the Route 66 Hall of Fame and the Pontiac Oakland Auto Museum in Pontiac, Ill. The annual Heartland Regional Meeting will take place later that day at 3:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn with dinner at the Texas Roadhouse.

Other options for local tours including checking out the nine interpretive murals along the Lincoln Highway that takes visitors through 25 miles of the Chicago Southland. Another local tour includes checking out the 13 Rich Haas murals along and around the Dixie Highway and the beautiful downtown in nearby Homewood, IL.

The host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn – Tinley Park and is located just north of the intersection of Interstate 80 and Route 45 (LaGrange Avenue). Rooms are \$ 119 plus tax for single or double. To make your reservation, call (708) 429-2266. For questions about the 2013 Heartland Regional Meeting contact Jeff Heilman, (847) 809-6909 or Don Adams, (708) 535-3044.

2013 Heartland Regional Meet July 14 – 17, 2013 Tinley Park, IL Hosted by Chicagoland Chapter, Buick Club of America



Today's Date		
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Buick Car Registration (NO		
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Tuesday, July 16, 2013: 9:30 AM – 3 PM Driving tour to see the famous Richard Haas "Trompe l'oeil"/Fool the Eye murals. See the website at http://www.homesweethomewood.com/ in Homewood IL. Lunch at Aurelio's Pizza. • 6:00pm – 10:00PM Cruise Night to Downtown Tinley Park (No Charge) • 6:00pm – 10:00pm Dinner on your own Wednesday, July 17, 2013: • 9:00am – 3:00pm Caravan to Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum in Pontiac, IL (No Charge) • 9:00am – 3:00pm Caravan to Pontiac-Oakland Museum in Pontiac, IL (No Charge) • 10:00am – 3:00pm Lunch on your own • 3:30pm – 4:30pm Regional Meeting in Botanic Garden I Room at Hilton Garden Inn • 6:00pm Dinner at Texas Roadhouse		
When would you like to carate Wednesday, July 17 □ Thursday, July 18	□ AM	nal Meet in South Bend, IN? PM PM
HOST HOTEL: Hilton Garden Inn Chic 18335 LaGrange Road Tinley Park, IL 60477 Room Rate: \$119 per		429-2266 – Mention "Buick Club" for special rate

For Additional Information, call: Steve Ledger, 847-487-5340 <u>before 9pm please</u> and see the video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OS6aBi0sYnY

Email your registration form to: buickbullitt@netzero.net

or mail your registration form to: Steve Ledger, 3022 Spruce Terrace, Island Lake IL 60042-9301

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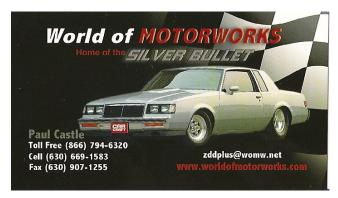
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