

Danie' & Rod Hendrickson's Street Machine

CAR STATISTICS-

Weight:: 2,980 lbs. with driver
Engine: 516 cid stage 2
Trans: Turbo 400 w/brake
Rearend: Nine inch Ford
Blower Manifold: Home made
Supercharger: w/8.71 Littlefield 25% over driven for 17psi of boost,
Induction: Enderle bug catcher that that flows 5,000 cfm
Injection: Kinsler pump & nozzles.
Exhaust: Two 4" flowmasters & two 4" walker dynamax with turndowns.



Rod's best ET so far is 8.17 @ 170mph through four mufflers. This was done at Bowling Green this year. Car is street driven regularly. The car was driven to cruise night at Buffalo Wild Wings at 2002 GS Nationals after running 8.17 earlier in the day. Only thing changed was the tires.



Accomplishments with this car

- 1996**
Won fastest streetcar event at Byron Dragway
- 1997**
GS Nationals qualified in V8 super 16
- 1999**
GS Nationals qualified in V8 super 16,
GS Nationals finished 4th in bracket 1
- 2001**
#2 qualifier at GS Nationals V8 super 16
#1 qualifier at Midwest Buick Challenge,
- 2002**
#1 qualifier at GS Nationals for v8 super 16
Won trophy dash at Great Lakes Dragway B.O.P.

What to say..... Well, we went to the Great Lakes B.O.P. event this summer, talk about hot out! We were hoping to get into the 7's but no luck with the heat our fastest pass was 8.40 @ 160mph. We entered the trophy dash. They sure didn't give you much time in-between rounds. By the last round Danie' just rolled the chute up, because she didn't have time to fold it. Without enough time in-between rounds the car didn't cool off, so they had to push it up the last two rounds. We ended up taking 1st! By the end of the day we ended up a trophy, sun burns and smoked trans. (because the car didn't get to cool down) all in all it was a good day.

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The Chicagoland Chapter of the Buick GSCA is open to all Buick enthusiasts and owners of Buick powered cars. Membership is \$20 per year, and includes a quarterly newsletter and much more. Apply On-Line at the chapter web site or send dues with check made out to **CCGSCA** with membership form to:

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Member's Change of Address

Chicagoland members who move are requested to notify our membership chairman before the next newsletter mailing. We would not want you to miss a single edition of your newsletter. Please notify us of e-mail address changes as soon as you change providers.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 11 Mundelein's Park on Park Cruise Nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Sept. 13, 14 and 15: Our own Midwest Buick Challenge. Will be our 5th Annual event. This is one not to miss.
- Sept. 21 B.O.C. Car show at Ettlerson Buick in Hodgkins, IL – 8:30AM to 3PM This will be a great one to go to.
- Sept. 22 BCA Car Show at Plymouth Place Retirement Community – Contact Dan Weiler at d_weiler@msn.com
- Sept. 22 Blackhawk Chapter POCI 18th Annual BOP show at Klemme Klassic Kars / Davenport, IA - Call Gregg Hawley at 563-264-1892
- Sept. 27 & 28: BOP Nationals at Bristol, TN. For info. <http://www.bop-nationals.com/>
- Sept. 28 & 29: Jefferson Swap Meet. For info: <http://www.jeffersonswapmeet.com/>
- Oct. 6 Best Air – Finale / Byron Dragway
- Oct. 12 Blackhawk Chapter POCI 15th Annual BOP drags at Cordova Dragway Park - Call Dean at 309-797-7636
- Oct. 12 BCA's Marquardt Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac & GMC Truck Show from 9AM until 3PM. Contact Scott Mich at 630-860-2021
- Oct. 19 Dyno Session at ATR Motorsports in Joliet, IL. The fun starts at 8:00 AM
- Nov. 17 Meeting and Technical Session at Precision Turbo and Engine / Hebron, Indiana.
- Dec. 7 CCGSCA Christmas Party at VFW Hall in Brookfield, IL

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We just got back from the BPG event in Nebraska. We had lots of fun, at their first event! Everyone was about 4 tenths off their time with the heat and elevation. Our best was 8.60 before we got an unknown rattle in the motor. So with this rattle coming and going, and not knowing what it was we decided to put it back on the trailer. When we got home we found out what was rattling. The blower is worn out and needed to be rebuilt, causing the motor to lean out. So the motor was detonating. So the blower is off to get rebuilt.

Our next event planned is the Midwest Buick Challenge. Maybe with a fresh blower we will get into the 7's this time. Hopefully we will keep our door on this time too! We don't seem to have good luck at rt. 41 Dragway. The first time ever there, back in 2000, we made two half passes with the new blower motor we ended up sweeping it off the track. It all fits nicely in a coffee can now. Then last year our door blew off! Never thought that would happen, Rod was quite startled when it happened. Maybe this year will bring good luck and we will break our best run of 8.17 @ 169mph.

All in all this motor has been very good to us. It can make pass after pass with no problems and be consistent.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR INTEREST, DANIE' & ROD

Cruise News -Chris Gatch

Greetings Cruisers!

I can't believe that the summer is almost over. Where did the time go? It seems like just last week we were at Bauer Buick for their spring dust off! Now as I look at the calendar it's almost time for the Midwest Challenge and literally before you know it the Christmas party!

Well, there have been plenty of shows and cruises that many of us have attended, so let me fill you in on all the fun and activities that went on so far. I'd like to give congratulations to all the people that have shown up for some of them and won!

Early June brought about a few of the shows that we attended as a club, and the first was the 2nd annual UPS Show. We had about 15 club members show up on this HOT day and participate in the show. It's hard to believe that we had only one winner out of all the Buick's that were there! Congratulations go out to Fred Butalla who took home a second place award for his beautiful Riv.

The following week on Fathers Day, a bunch of us attended the 1st annual Lyons Car Show. Once again we had a great turnout of Buick power. Unfortunately this was a conflicting show because it was the same day as the Boone County Show. I know that a few of the members went to this show but I never heard who exactly attended or if any one had won? We did have quite a few winners at the Lyons show and here they are: Marilyn Bachar, Loyd Bonecutter, Shari Bonecutter, Dwayne Collins, Mary Ferrari, Bob Hill, Steve Pitts and myself all came away with awards! A big

thanks to the Lyons show for putting a Turbo class in their show because of the number of Turbo cars that showed up! Maybe next year we can get more members out – maybe more GS'!

The fun never stops because on June 22nd we were off to Woody Buick for the 4th annual Summer Kick Off. This was another great show hosted by the BCA, and about 70+ cars showed up for this event with about 20 of them from our club. Some of the members who took home award plaques for their classes were: Paul Vilser, Pam Peters, Marilyn Bachar, Bob Hill and Glen Dempsey. Big congrats go to Carol Nunes who won the free 13" TV/VCR combo that Woody raffles off! It was a hot one that day but thanks for all the support and for everyone who showed up. I had also heard that there was another winner the same day at the Zion Days show. Don Hens walked away with a first place award in his class at that show. So congrats also go out to Don.

The following day was the BOP at Union Grove. We had a rather large turnout considering it was a non-point event, and another hot one! Besides tons of racing, Da Grove also hosted its BOP car show. The show had a rather small turnout. (Maybe next year we can get some more cars out to this one?) Don Hens as well as myself took home some real nice trophies for our respective classes with our GN's.

Gorilla Days was held on its usual day, July 4th This is always a great show and big thanks goes out to Frank Jackowiak and everyone who helped to make this show go smoothly for another year. We had over 200 cars that showed up and around 50 of them were Buicks. Despite the unexpected downpour of rain that we had, the show went great as usual. Once again thanks, Frank - you did a great job and it's much

appreciated. Thanks to all the club members that spent their holiday with us! I can't wait till next year's 10th annual event!

The next big show was the BCA Nationals in Kokomo, IN. This was an interesting and fun event. This show was different because you got to see a lot of the older Buick's as well as learn a lot about your car from the great judging staff that they had to go over the cars. Congratulations to Marilyn Bachar, Tom Mogler, Fred Butalla & Greg Stilip who won awards at the BCA Nationals in Kokomo, IN. Marilyn won a Gold Sr. Award for her T-type, Tom won a Gold Preservation award for his Blue GS Convertible, Fred took home a Gold Sr. for his Riv and Greg won I think if I can remember a Gold Sr. for his GS 455. We had a pretty good turn out of club members at this event. It was rather warm but we made the best of it with the help of Loyd & Shari's tent! The swap area was pretty decent but not a whole lot of parts for the newer cars. Let me tell you though there were plenty of pretty cars there. If you have never attended a show of this magnitude its well worth it! Remember that we also have plenty of local shows to come out and attend if you can't make the long trips. The local shows are just as fun but closer to home. Once again congratulations to all the winners and for every club member that was there.

Up next was the 7th annual Brookfield car show. This is always a fun event that is held in downtown Brookfield. The show seemed smaller then in years past but none-the less we had a good turn out of Buick club members. Congratulations go out to Wayne & Marilyn Bachar, Brian Squeo and myself who took home trophies for our respective classes.

One final thing is that I would like to thank Gary from Super Bowl & Paul from Thunder Bowl who had our club out to their establishments this summer for specific cruise events. Thanks also go out to everyone who attend these two hot events!

We have a few more cruise nights scheduled before the end of the year, so come on out and have fun. Enjoy yourself before winter is here and you can't drive the car! We are having our annual end of summer cruise at Mickey's on the 31st of August 6pm-? The Midwest Challenge is holding the car show on the 14th of September, which is a Saturday. Make sure that you check the website to see what future events we will be attending as a club.

With the summer almost over there is not too much time to bring those great cars out and enjoy them. If you think that the first part of summer went by fast where do you think that the rest of it is gong? Well I hope to see you out there and remember to drive safe and to keep going Fast With Class!

2002 Midwest Buick Challenge

The fifth annual Midwest Buick Challenge is right around the corner and I plan to be there again with my DIGITAL CAMERA to document the Buick fun! It will all be displayed again at <http://buickmidwestchallenge.homestead.com>. Please stop by and SIGN the GUEST BOOK. Take a time to browse and enjoy the images and provide me with some feedback.

I will also be on the prowl for more Chicagoland GSCA COVER CARS. If you would be interested please let me know via phone or mail and catch me at the 2002 event. I'll take the pictures, all you need to do is give me a good story on why you are hooked on your Buick! Don't miss your chance to share your pride and joy!

See you at the 2002 Buick Midwest Challenge!

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WANTED: Chicagoland GSCA Cover Cars!

Here is your chance to share your special Buick (or Buick powered) vehicle with other club members. Don't just sit in the Grandstands hiding your ride, get it published! You don't have to worry about it being unfinished, it's still of interest!

Write up a nice story of how you found your ride and what makes it special to you. You can include the specs but don't forget the story. Show us what makes your adrenaline flow when you drive your Buick. We also need some good pictures of your Buick! SHOW IT OFF! Please send all articles with pictures (will be returned) to: Devin Tornow; 5123 N. Merrimac Ave.; Peoria, IL 61614-4657; (309) 693-7506 e-mail: djtornow@bwsys.net fax (413) 215-0744.

Announcing a new Director for the GS Nationals

The Chicagoland Chapter is proud to introduce John Chamberlain the new Director of the GS Nationals. Many GS guys probably already know John, but for those of you whom do not we offer his biography below.

Hi, everyone!

I've been waiting to see an "official posting" announcing me as the new director, but it hasn't come across yet. I really appreciate the kind words that have been posted. It is my goal to not only run the Nationals as smoothly as possible (it is already a pretty well oiled machine, but there is always room for improvement in anything) but also to boost attendance and interest in our cars. As many of you know, there is a lot involved in keeping a club together. Many of our sister car clubs from the last 20 years doesn't even exist anymore! I have many ideas for the Nationals and interest levels in our beloved Buicks, and I will be calling on you for more ideas and bouncing ideas off you, the members, to get your thoughts. By the way, I am also GSCA member #3.

My Dad always drove Buicks, so it was natural for me to gravitate toward them as a young car buff. My 1st GS was a 1965 4-speed that I purchased as my very first car in 1971 for \$400. Dad spotted it sitting for sale in a front yard in a nearby town and commented to me that it would make a great first car for me. Who was I to disagree with that? After I got it home, he wanted to take it for a drive to see how it was, and he came back shaking his head. He declared that if he knew that it was going to be that hot, he would have never let me buy it!

So the hook was set! In 1973 I graduated from high school and went to work as a service technician at the local Buick/Chevrolet dealership where I spent the next 8 years working on Electras, Corvettes, and a few "new" GS's. During my first year there, I traded the 65 in for a 70 GS 455 that I kept for about 4 years. Then my first GSX came on the scene, along with a 70 Stage 1 towed into a local salvage

yard from Virginia with a blown engine. Somehow, I had to buy both of those cars. The GSX was \$600 – it needed some minor work – Stage 1, 4-speed, no less! The Stage 1 was \$900. So I sold the GS 455 and bought those 2 cars within a 3-month period. One of my friends from that area still owns the Stage 1 that I sold to him about 1975. Since then, I have owned many GS cars. I got started racing them when I met Richard Lassiter in 1976. I think I have owned 7 or 8 GSX's, several Stage 1 convertibles, and probably 15-20 GS's of various years, although the vast majority were 1970-72. I have also owned two GNX's – one of which I bought brand new – 3 Grand Nationals, and two T-Types, one of which I bought new and sold to Richard as one of the GSCA project cars back in the early 90's.

Today, my wife and I own 3 1970 Stage 1 hardtops, a 1970 Stage 1 convertible, a yellow 1970 GSX 4-speed, a 10-second 1987 Grand National, and the following non-Buicks – 94 Corvette, 98 Camaro SS, and a 2000 Prowler. My son still owns his 72 Stage 1 that we found back in the mid-80's in Charlotte, NC. So, as you can see, we've been around the block with these cars. I could go into the various magazine and TV coverage that some of my cars have had over the years, but that stuff is not important to me. Several of my GS cars I have owned over 20 years – my, how time flies!

My next goal is to get the rest of the world to recognize these cars, and I hope to use the Nationals to do just that. I have some new ideas, and would also like to solicit ideas from our membership base as to how THEY would like to see the club grow. Stay tuned!

John Chamberlain

Chicagoland Chapter has had the pleasure of working with Bennett Jones for many years now, and wish to welcome him to his new position as Logistics Coordinator. Bennett will be working as hard as ever to make sure our GS Nationals are enjoyable for all who attend.

CCGSCA Ads may be submitted by E-mail to loydb@enteract.com or mailed to 4010 Raymond Ave. in Brookfield, IL 60513. Ads are not taken verbally, to prevent misunderstandings. We offer ads free to members. Non-members advertising Buicks or Buick parts useful to our members may advertise fee as well.

Membership Chairman's Point of View Shari Bonecutter

Greetings from hot, sultry Brookfield! What a summer this has been! We went right from cold and rainy to hot and humid – typical Chicago area, I guess. I hope you've had a great summer. I know that Loyd and I have been busy!

There have been a lot of things going on with the club this summer. We had a great turnout of both our members and BCA folks at the Buick night in Elmhurst. A lot of folks thought that it was going to rain, but for once clear skies prevailed. It was great to see everyone. We've also had Buick GS/GN nights at various other Rally sponsored nights. Unfortunately we've not been able to make all of them, but I hope that some of you have gone, to show off our great Performance Buicks.

We had the Junque Yard Tour/Picnic in Tonica, IL. The Stasiak's graciously opened their house and yard for us to gather at. It was another hot day, but they have a great shade tree in the back yard enjoyed by those of us who passed on the junkyards. Several people went to the yards, came back to eat and went out again. I guess it's like the supreme scavenger hunt. We had a lot of people turn out for this great event, some for the junkyard and some to picnic and visit. We had a great assortment of food to choose from. Stephanie, Marilyn and Wayne did grill-duty, and we appreciated it! Big thanks to Ken, Liz, Jason and Stephanie for all the work that went into this great outing. No detail was spared, even down to the little tri-shield directional signs that were placed at various points on the way.

Next came a few races, again involving hot and humid weather. The first one was the Buick-Olds-Pontiac at Great Lakes Dragaway, WI. There were a few souls that braved the heat to remind people that Buick rules! Congrats to Rod Hendrickson who took the trophy this year. Then there was the Samantha Rix race, which was also hot and torrid! BJ, Iris and Ron were great to us – this time we had 3 lanes for racing and 2 for test and tune. They purposely picked a date where nothing was going on so that we had plenty of opportunity to play. Paul Dubois really knocked himself out for us to help make this a safe, comfortable event. He brought a huge tent, which when combined with a few others that folks brought really kept us out of the sun. He also brought his scooter to relay information. The club supplied soda, water and snacks. Ken Stasiak

was the race chairman, and did a great job. There were about 30 cars racing, which considering that it was so hot was a great turnout!

Then we had the Gorilla Days car show on the 4th of July. Yet another scorcher! We had at least 50 Buicks registered for this free show, and many more just came to visit and left. Thanks to all who braved the heat and sudden downpours to share their holiday with us. I want to thank Paul Brelie, Steve Russo, Chris and Anna Gatch, Bob Hill, Barb Pedrak, Mark Holda, and Wayne and Marilyn Bacher for their help, both in stuffing goodie bags and helping on the day of the show. We couldn't have done this without your help! Midnight Mike did a great job as dj, and I think got his equipment safely put away in the downpour. And major thanks and kudos go to Frank Jackowiak for all the behind-the-scenes work on this. (not to mention running everything the day of the show!) He does a fantastic job, and we really appreciate it.

Then we had two cruises at bowling alleys, the Super Bowl in Melrose Park, and Thunder Bowl in Mokena. Again, hot weather, and again surprisingly good attendance! Chris Gatch deserves a big thank you for setting these up with the various owners. We'll be back, if they'll have us!

We do have some membership news. It's with sorrow that I announce the passing of Bob Hogan. He was one of those guys that really enjoyed his GN, driving it across the country to different events. He enjoyed the club, too. Since he joined, I think he made every meeting/tech session. Hopefully he's enjoying driving a pristine GNX in the sky!

I'd like to welcome the following new members: Andrew K. Ostensen, Mount Prospect, IL; Steve Gerber, Schaumburg, IL; Michael MastAndrea, Tinley Park, IL; Earl Mika, Willowbrook, IL; Dan Kotwasinski, Tinley Park, IL; Rick Joest, Indianapolis, IN; and welcome back to Stewart Imbler, Bolingbrook, IL and Terrence Klemmer, Norridge, IL. Thanks for your support!

Dan and Beata Albrecht had an addition to their family. On July 27th, at 4:55 pm (quote from dad – "Is this a Buick boy in waiting or what?") Alek Daniel arrived, weighing in at 8 lb, 5 oz, and 21 inches long. The whole family is doing fine. Congrats, and thanks for the info!

If you move or change email addresses and/or area codes, please let us know that, too. Also, if your dues were up in June and you've not renewed yet, this will be your last issue of The Fast Times.

So now that summer is winding down, we're making plans for fall. Of course, we have **the Midwest Challenge in Morocco, September 13-15**. Make your hotel reservations if you've not already! This promises to be even bigger and better than ever, with races and a car show on Saturday (GSS, GSSA and TSM) and Sunday (bracket and Quick Stuff.) Please check the flier. We're also going to need more volunteers for this event, please contact Loyd if you wish to help in any way.

There's some car shows with the BCA that promise to be great, and our **Fresh Air Finale Race in Byron, IL on October 6**. October 12 is a double-dipper – the B-O-P race in Cordova, and a BCA show in Barrington. **October 19** is our fall meeting and tech session, which will be another fantastic **Dyno Day at ATR in Joliet, IL**. This is a great

event to watch, as well as participate in. The November meeting will be at **PTE, Hebron, IN on Sunday, Nov. 17**. The Christmas Party is set, moving back to the Brookfield VFW hall at 8844 Ogden Avenue. The date is **Saturday, December 7**, and should start at 5:00 pm. We'll be having the competition for best food in three categories – appetizers, side dishes and desserts. So start going over those family favorites! You'll also need to practice your singing – Buick related Christmas Carols are planned again!

We'll have fliers for these various meetings elsewhere in the newsletter. And we try to update the website all the time, sometimes with last-minute things that come up. Please try to keep an eye on that. Have a safe autumn, everyone!

In reading the daily ramblings from the GN T-Type list, I ran into the following nugget of gold that I thought I would share. Alan Witter who is seriously addicted with the need for speed has a lot of experience and is willing to share. So said Alan:

I have not found humidity to be the slowing factor that it is supposed to be. I bracket raced my Turbo Regal very heavily for four years -- to the tune of 1200 passes and a second and a third in yearly points in the footbrake class at Maryland International Raceway. I did the weather before every single run. MIR is only a mile or two from the Potomac River so the humidity goes sky high after dark during the summer. You can wipe water off of the top of your car with your hand by 10 PM most summer nights. (This plays hell with getting down the track with a high HP small tired car. Ask me how I know.) :)

The normally aspirated cars definitely slowed down with the humidity increase, but my TR picked up very close to 0.01 second for a 10% increase in humidity. I could put this in the bank. Some nights we would see almost a 25% increase in humidity between mid-afternoon and midnight. The car would pick up (go faster) 0.02 to 0.025 seconds.

Temperature affected the car the most. Increasing from 90 to 100 degrees would raise the ET a full 0.10 (tenth) of a second. From 80 to 90 affected it about 0.08, with 70 to 80, about 0.07seconds.

Barometric pressure was worth a hundredth of a second (0.01) for each 0.1 change in BP. (Higher the pressure, the faster the car, of course.)

One can see that running at 95 degrees and a BP of 29.5 was doggy compared to running at 65 degrees and a BP pushing 31 inches of mercury. The car would run about 4 tenths of a second faster when the weather matched the second example as compared to the first. Big difference, and one that can be easily felt in the 'ol "seat of the pants" dyno.

FWIW, the TR was a 11.90 to 12.10 second car at that time. I always thought that maybe the increase in HP with the humidity increase might be due to the front mount intercooler cooling a little better due to it's being wet on the outside. I also wondered if maybe it resisted detonation a little better since the air was moist, so ran a fraction faster, but I tried for no retard on any run, and I always ran CAM 2 blue and a max of 20# of boost.

Alan Witter / BIG NUF6 / afwdvm@aol.com

Our First Chapter meeting was held in December 1994 at Strats Diner in Franklin Park, IL. We wish to thank Johnny Gribble, Steve Russo, and Bernie Rekus for the Chapter's second life. Who would have ever thought we would continue to be this strong eight years later.

Directors Garage – Loyd Bonecutter

Fun with our cars of summer does not have to end on Labor Day. The gang at Chicagoland Chapter has motor sport activities planned through the end of the October, and sometimes into November. Shari and I keep our GS and GN out to participate for as long as the roads are dry and salt free. Among remaining events:

Our fifth annual Midwest Buick Challenge will be the best ever. The track is having their Street Chaos after hours on Friday those interested in what street racers are up to.

Saturday in addition to a great car show and test and tuning we are proud to host; Turbo Street Machine, Gran Sport Street Eliminator and Stock Appearing Gran Sport heads up racing. This will offer some very fast and exciting racing for those who come in Saturday. We cannot thank Scott Simpson, Lonnie Diers, Bobb Makley, Norm Dihle and Bob Ross enough for promoting these fine-racing events.

Sunday will bring our bracket program with quick 8/16 racing for V8 and Turbo V6 cars. This is always a fun packed and busy day. We are looking forward to a strong membership showing at Chicagoland's event. Please bring your Buick down for the ride, to show or to go, whichever you prefer.

The schedule of activities, the fliers in this newsletter and the web site list many events to participate in this fall. We would like to see you out there with your Buick. Our sessions include the Dyno Day, the PT&E meeting, a number of car shows and drag racing events. The Dyno day will be our forth time at ATR. I am always amazed at the enthusiasm of the group watching those impressive numbers roll off our Member's Buicks. These sessions are simply fun.

Our annual November meeting at PT&E in Hebron is always very informative. This will be our 6th annual meeting down there. We encourage our membership to turn our in force, as the information

exchanged is simply amazing. We can cover simple everyday problems you encounter to what it takes to get into the nines.

We have opportunities for September car shows at Ettleson and Plymouth Place and an October show Marquardt. CCGSCA's presence at these BCA sponsored shows often represents a quarter to a third of the Buick brought to these shows. This has caught the attention of the steering committee who recognizes there needs to be more categories. We are looking forward to seeing you all at these events, to witness the changes going on.

Keep in mind that volunteers are motivated by your participation. Many volunteers get discouraged after their valuable time was given to the Club only to see very few members attend events. When you see some of our members helping out let them know you appreciate their participation.

Speaking of volunteers, nominations for February's elections are being sought. We need new folks to bring fresh ideas to our volunteer staff to better serve the membership. This is your opportunity to really help our local Chapter along. Leaving all the work every year to the same volunteers is not fair to that group who also need to kick back occasionally at an event and enjoy the ride.

A very important announcement came across my desk a couple of months ago. Chicagoland Chapter welcomes John Chamberlain as the Director for the GS Nationals. If you have yet to read his biography in this newsletter please do so. This man truly loves his Buicks and will be a great leader for the event.

A rain date policy for the 2003 GS Nationals was announced that we will print in a future issue. This is exciting news that Richard Lassiter and crew has worked out and is rare for such a car club sponsored event. The volunteers of this Chapter strongly feel these changes will enhance participation at the Nats for upcoming years.

CCGSCA ADS:

Joe Harrington is selling off his inventory of Turbo Regal parts. Please give him a call at 630-434-0255

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