



PAUL CASTLE'S SILVER BULLET '87 TURBO T

My love for Buicks began at the age of 10 years old. My father purchased his Buick dealership in Berwyn, Illinois. I began my working career there, and by the age of 12, I was driving cars over to our Lyons lot to get them ready for delivery. Our first Grand National came into the dealership in 1984. It was all black and I had never seen a car like this in my life. I wanted one but I was not old enough. I started to save my money because I was determined to have this as my first car. In November of 1985, my father came home for dinner and asked me to go back to work with him because he had something he needed help with at the dealership. When we pulled into the service department, there was a brand new 1986 Grand National sitting there. He then handed me a set of keys and said this was my new car. This was the first year of the intercooled V6, and was the fastest

production car out. I was shocked because it was three months before my 16th birthday. My father followed me home in the car and said it was to stay in the garage until my birthday. Yeah, right! The next day after school I took the car over to the St. Joseph High School parking and experienced my first burn-out. This was a lot of car for a 16 year old!

In the summer of 1987, we received our first GNX at the dealership. I begged my father but he said these cars are bringing \$10,000 over window sticker. We put an ad in the Wall Street Journal and sold the car immediately. I remember that Saturday morning a father and his son flew in from Ohio to take delivery. I remember doing the delivery and the car did not have gas. I went to my manager and told him we needed to fill this car with premium gas. Continued on Page 3

The March Meeting will be time to close the nominations of Chapter Officers and vote.

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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 online 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 do 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.

Membership Renewal

Please check the label on your newsletter. If your membership is up in June, this will be your last newsletter. Obtain an application from the website or past issue, and mail to 4010 Raymond Avenue, Brookfield, IL 60513, along with a check for \$20 made out to "CCGSCA." Please don't let your membership lapse!

Volunteers for the Chapter

Contact Bob Nunes if you are interested in helping our Chapter continue our pursuit of Buick Motorsport activities for our members. It is very important to have fresh ideas introduced into the operation of the Club. Plus we need help to distribute the work so no volunteers get burned out. The tasks are easy generally fun and you will always have plenty of help.

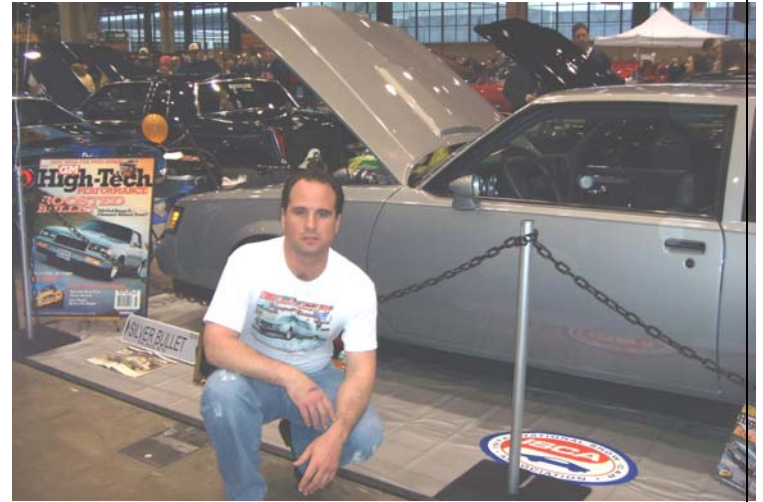
Upcoming Events

- Mar 11 Chillli Cookoff at the Moose Lodge
- Mar 25 BOPC Swap Meet at DuPage Co. Fairgrounds
- April 15 WPC Show & Swap at Larry Roesch / Elmhurst, IL
- April 21 Spring Dyno Session at ATR
- April 29 Samatha Rix Memorial Race / Byron Dragway
- May 4 Fuels 101 at BP Campus in Naperville
- May 15 thru 19, 2007 GS Nationals at BG
- June 1 thru 3, 2007 Buick Race Day at Norwalk
- June 2 Chi-Town Cruise Soldier Field / Chicago
- June 3 BOP Race at Great Lakes Dragway
- June 9 Car Show at Hondo's Bar and Grille
- June 17 Hondos Cruise & Eat In / Lake Como, WI
- June 30 2nd Race in CCGSCA Drag Race Series
- July 4, 2007 – Car Show in Woodridge, IL
- July 15 3rd Race in CCGSCA Drag Race Series

Cover car Continued - He looked at me stunned and said "What?" I told him we just sold this car for \$10,000 over window sticker and the least we could do is give them a full tank of premium gas. He did agree. I remember getting my check and was paid \$500 for selling the car. The money did not mean anything because I really wanted to have that car. It was not until 1994 that I purchased my first GNX myself. I have bought and sold many Buick Grand Nationals over the years. I now have quite a collection of Buick cars, parts and memorabilia.

Jumping ahead to 2004, I was at the Buick Nationals with my 3-year-old son, Paulie. I saw this silver Buick Turbo-T. I had never seen such a well put-together racecar. I started to talk to Jim, the owner, and told him if he ever decided to sell this car that I was a serious buyer. I gave him my name and number and in July 2005 he contacted me. We worked out a deal for the car and I made the purchase from him. The car won first place at the World of Wheels and outstanding engine award in 2006. It won first place at the 2006 GS Nationals in the heavily modified class. The car won Directors Choice Award at Indy at the Buick Horsepower Nationals. It won first place at the World of Wheels for 2007. This World of Wheels was extra-special for me, as it was my birthday. My girlfriend got

me a cake made to look like the Silver Bullet. I ran it down the track one time at the 2006 GS Nationals but discovered a fuel leak and stopped racing it. It was the third fastest qualifier at the Buick Horsepower Nationals. It has run a best time of 8.80 at 156mph. The car has been featured in GM Hi-Tech magazine and Car-Craft magazine. Special thanks to my dad, my mom, my girlfriend and the boys for enjoying the car events with me and appreciating my love for Buicks.



If your address label indicates June 2007, it is time to renew

Director's Garage – Loyd Bonecutter

Another cold winter day here, but it is fun looking forward to another great year to participate in Buick Motorsport Activities. Compiling the lists of events and planning a few of them, takes a lot of misery out of this cold snap we have been enduring.

The El Nino winter was great until February hit, then all heck has broken loose. I have not gotten out to the garage at all to prepare for the upcoming season. My list of maintenance and upgrade items is long and time is getting short.

This year started out great with decent weather for the Hangover Nationals to happen. This annual event on January 1st at Byron, has been blessed with decent weather. It was clear and chilly. For the second year in a row the daily driver Regal was treated to a half dozen quarter mile runs. Switching from the nearly beat up BFG Comp TAs to drag radials actually lowered my 60 ft. time so the lack of track prep and cold weather took its toll. When I could not get the times I wanted decided to go for the highest speed the daily could muster. That was 106 mph with a 13.10 second time on a 2.2 sec 60 ft. time. A decent 60 ft. time would have yielded a high 12 second pass for

sure. I have to keep telling myself this is a daily driver and not a racer, but it sure was fun. This year the only other folks I knew at the track were Ken and Liz who kept running their tow rig. Ken was working on his killer reaction time, so watch out this year racers.

For those of you who have not been to one of our meetings to hear my speech on the Midwest Buick challenge, here is what is happening. Since US 41 is going through some interesting management decisions, we have sought another track to take our event to. Since a good part of past participation of the Midwest Buick Challenge came from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio the event needed to stay in Indiana as we would definitely lose their participation moving north or west of here. We have agreement with Osceola Dragway near Elkhart, IN for September 5, 6 and 7. This is 50 mile further than US 41 from Brookfield so should not be an issue as far as distance. This will be our 10th annual event, so do not think about missing it. Finally please attend our Chilli cookoff coming up on March 11th and make sure you volunteer for one of the many positions in our Chapter.

Some Words from Advertising - Beth Andrews

I don't often write in the Fast Times and since I won't be on the cover again, I thought I would take this opportunity to write a little something. Mainly to give a BIG THANKS to our advertisers, sponsors and club members who were so kind and generously donated items for our Christmas party raffle.

Those people are: **Paul Castle, Dennis Kirban, Paul Ferry - HRpartsNStuff, Steve Ledger, Debbie & Al Martinez - Exclusively Buick, Frank "Sauce King of Chicago" Jackowiak and John Spina - Casper's Electronics.** If I have forgotten anyone please feel free to smack me next time you see me. Loyd & Shari deserve an EXTRA BIG THANKS for all the hard work they do, not only for the party but the entire year, so next time you see any of these people thank them.

I would also like to welcome a couple of new advertisers to the Fast Times newsletter they are: **Frank Jackowiak - "Sauce King of Chicago"**. He's got some mighty fine tastin' BBQ sauce. **Debbie & Al Martinez - Exclusively Buick.** They do some outstanding embroidery work, there is a link on the club web site if you have not seen what they do.

If you have items for sale or are looking for parts and want to have them listed in the newsletter, please email me at draena710@comcast.net I'll get it listed for you.

Keep up with the Chapter activities at <http://chicagolandbuick.org>

Membership Scribblings – Shari Bonecutter

Hi, everyone! I hope you're not suffering from cabin fever! We've been pretty lucky this winter, until the month of February. But we're all from the Midwest – we're pretty tough! We can take it, right?

Past Activities - First a quick review of the two activities since the last newsletter. We had the holiday party in January – about 80 people attended. We had a great meal, plenty to drink and some fantastic tunes by Midnite Mike. Beth mentioned all the donations to the raffle prizes; but I do want to thank Beth and Dana Andrews, and Paul and Linda Brelie for their help with various things, including set up. Also a thank you to Steve Russo for his help in getting the place. And a great big thank you to Robin Stevens for mainly selling raffle tickets, and assisting with some other things, too. We could not have pulled it off without all of you – a big thank you to all!

February brought our annual meeting at Caspers, featuring John Spina and Jimmy from Jimmy's Transmissions. It was bitterly cold, so we really appreciated seeing the folks that did attend. We managed to eat most of 12 pizzas, and the guys all had a great session with John and Jimmy. Thanks so much to John for hosting us, and to Jimmy for providing doughnuts and coffee cake – and good ones, at that! Also thanks to Beth for her help, and to the Nunes and Beth for helping bring soda.

Upcoming Activities – there's a list inside the front page of the newsletter, but I can run thru them

quickly. Sunday, March 11 is the chili cook-off at the Moose Lodge in River Grove. There is a flier somewhere in the newsletter. Some items to make note of: Please bring a crock pot or slow cooker to keep your chili warm. We do have a kitchen at our disposal, if we need to re-heat something quickly. (but you'll have to bring a pot to cook in.) Also please bring a serving spoon. The club will provide spoons and bowls, napkins, beans, fritos, oyster crackers, soda, sour cream and shredded cheddar. There is a bar on site but you're on your own for beverages of that kind. Mike Phillips will be making the trip again, and be available for a tech session and question and answer period. A little something for everyone....

March 25 is the BOPC swap meet at Wheaton. We will once again have a table with the clubs, so stop by and say hi! Maybe pay your dues if you're over due...;-)

April 21 is our Spring Dyno session at ATR in Joliet. Please sign up for a time either on-line at our website or by calling me at 708-485-8477.

April 29 is the Samantha Rix Memorial Race at Byron, IL. We will have a full race schedule elsewhere in the newsletter.

May 4 will be a new one for us, Fuels 101 at the BP campus in Naperville. Again, another flier is available for that.

May 15-19 is the GSCA Nationals at Bowling Green, KY. We have a registration form available in this newsletter, also. Please note that if you want to race or show at this event, you must be a members of the GSCA, not just our club.

I wanted to take some time to remind you all that we do have the Midwest Buick Challenge coming in September. Please mark your calendars, and plan on attending. Our next newsletter should have some info on pricing, and a host hotel for the weekend. We're going to check out the hotels in March. This will be the 10th year for this event, and we're hoping to add some fun things to the event. So please keep your eyes posted!

New Members – Please welcome the following new folks: Jason Pote of Woodridge, IL has 2 87 T-Types. Steve Ellsworth of Addison, IL has an 87 Garnet Red T-Type, while Nick Esposito of Bolingbrook, IL has a blue 87 T-Type. Gary Sanabria of Chicago, IL has an 86 White T-Type. James Evans of St. Charles, IL has an 87 GN. Bill Richmond of Oak Forest, IL has a 71 Skylark – our token one this quarter! Welcome back to Bob Hill of Chicago Ridge, IL with his 87 GN; Surej

Veleeparambil of Flossmor, IL with a 86 Regal T-Type and David Yackle of Plainfield, IL with an 87 Rx7 with a GN drive train. Thanks for the applications, you all, and I hope you get some enjoyment out of the club!

If you have sent me a renewal application, I'm sorry for the delay. We decided to save some postage by including the memberships cards in the envelope with this newsletter. If you don't find a blue membership card, and you've paid for your 2007 renewal, please check with me, ok?

This warm weather for the last couple of days makes me want to see my car out – but not until we get some rain to wash the salt off the streets. Some of us may go out on the first day of spring and start our cars at noon, just to celebrate! Care to join us?

This just in – there's a new arrival amongst our Buick friends. Megan Olivia Stasiak arrived February 20th at 10:06pm - 6 lbs. 4 oz. and 19 inches long! Mommy, Megan and big sister Alaina are doing fine - thank God. Daddy's okay too.

I hope to see some of you at some of the upcoming events! Take care, everyone!

Classified Ads

68 -70 GS Parts for sale

Too many to list. Please call Dan Hanley at 708-323-6488.

1986 T-Type for sale

New Chestnut Brown paint, new carpet, headliner, interior, tires, wheels, etc. Too many new/rebuilt parts to list here. Email me for the option list and replaced parts list, and pictures. Asking \$15,500. Can deliver. Dave.Willand@worldnet.att.net

Cruise News

Hello everyone!

Chris Gatch

Ahhh! Spring is in the air! Well not really but that is always wishful thinking as I am writing this. The last few weeks around here as everyone knows have been brutal! But I guess for the most part the rest of the winter has been pretty mild. Let me tell you even though that World of Wheels has just passed I have cabin fever! I just can't wait for spring so I can get my car out again and hit the local cruises and club events. I am sure that mostly everyone else feels the same and that we can make this another great year for the club. I can hopefully make some changes in the cruise schedule to make it more accommodating for everyone. I already know that we have some big changes in the racing program so this should be an

interesting and fun season. I hope to see everyone out there this year!

World of Wheels was our first event of the year and it was a blast! This was the first time that a few brave souls would bring out their cars from their long winter's naps a little earlier then planned for all of the Chicagoland area to see. After a rather brutally slow move in process on Thursday and a hectic day of cleaning on Friday morning the show opened for the entire public to see. Besides the beautiful cars we also set up a television to show old tapes from our past events & past GS National events. This combination drew many curious onlookers to see what our cars can do. Many club members' graciously answered many of the crowd's questions and curiosities they had. I would like to once again

personally thank everyone that showed up over the entire weekend and helped watch the cars while the car owners were away. There was some unfortunate news regarding this year's display though. It seems that this year the show had an overabundance of cars and they turned over 150 cars and 5 clubs away from the show. They said that they are trying to make this show bigger and on more of a grand scale with the quality and representation of cars that they had entered in the show. We had a total of nine cars that were supposed to be in the display but only 4 of them were chosen by the WOW acceptance committee to represent the club. I was told that all of the clubs that were accepted were cut down in size to accommodate more clubs. At least we were accepted as a club to participate in the show. I can't apologize enough to the member's cars that were not chosen but once again I still feel bad as we have never had this happen to us before. Usually we have lack of participation and this year we had to turn members away. Hopefully next year will be a little better.

This year's display consisted of four cars that did awe and amaze the crowded halls of McCormick Place. All of the four cars in the display took home plaques for their respective classes. The owners, classes and awards are as follows:

Steve Pitts	Pro-Street/Street Machine	Outstanding
Bob Hill	Cons. Hardtop 80-86	Best in Class
Paul Castle	Cons. Hardtop 87-89	Best in Class
Chris & Anna Gatch	Cons. Hardtop 87-89	Class Award

Thanks once again to all who braved the elements to come on out with their cars and also to those who came out to support the club! We not only cleaned up with our cars but also got a participation plaque for 5th place out of ten clubs participating in the Windy City Club Challenge!

With the start of the summer cruise/show schedule right around the corner, I would like to tell you about just a few of the shows that we are going to try and attend as a club this spring. To start the year out, even though it's not a show or cruise, is the 16th annual B.O.P.C. swap meet at the DuPage County Fair Grounds. This swap will be held on Sunday March 25th and is always a good place to go and get

all those little things to get your car ready for spring. Our first show is hopefully going to be the Spring Dust-Off at Suburban Buick in Wheaton. The date is not set as of right now and is still in the works so please check the web site for more information. This event is hosted by the Chicagoland BCA who always invites us to these premiere events and they are always free. I will have further information regarding the rest of the BCA shows in the next newsletter.

Up next will be the Nat's in Bowling Green from the 15th -19th. This should be another fun year. We will also be looking for help with the judging again so if you are there and interested please feel free to help out! After we return from the Nat's we will have the complete Summer Cruise/Car Show Calendar together. So if you have any suggestions please let me know because I am always looking for new car show and cruise spots for the club to attend.

As usual Gorilla Days will be held on Wednesday July 4th and will be totally free as usual. This will be the 14th annual show so come on out and support this great event. This is probably the biggest collection of Buick's that you will see at a show in Illinois. The show usually is 11am to 3pm with the gates opening at 10. Once again please check the website for further details.

Here is the part that I would like to ask everyone once again ask for any information on cruise locations or car shows that you know about and would like us to attend as a group this year. Besides the usually Rally cruises there will also be some new spots that I am going to have on the calendar for our cruise events this year. If anyone knows of any events in their area that they would like us to add to the schedule please let me know. The earlier the better because it's really hard to get the word out and organize something a week or two before an event is going to happen. So remember any information is helpful and the earlier you can get it to me the better.

I would like to wish everyone a prosperous and safe upcoming year. The season is almost here so get those cars running, shine them up and prepare to bring them out this year for what promises to be a great one! Hope to see everyone "cruzin" this year and remember to *Keep Going Fast With Class!*

Be sure to check out how you can help the club, by volunteering to handle an event or become an officer.

More Classified Ads

BUICK PARTS FOR SALE

Please call Tom Rix at 815-675-3188 if you have questions or would like to purchase an item.

1972 Buick GS Carb. #7042240 - NOS for 455 (why restore old core) \$450.00
1970-72 GS/Skylark front fender - professionally installed lower patch panels - holes for GS & Stage 1 fender emblems - currently painted - prep & go \$500.00/pair.
1970-72 NOS "Buick Motor Division" fender emblem \$25.00
1970-72 Buick 15" Black Ralley wheel, hub, horn ring & Buick cap - excellent \$275.00
NOS Buick "Stage 1" fender emblem, narrow pin (NOT reproduction) \$75.00/pair
1970 GS/Skylark front bumper for core \$75.00
2 - 15x7 Buick GS Ralley wheels with new BFG 235x60x15 tires \$325.00/pair
1 - 15x7 Buick GS Ralley wheel with new BFG 235x60x15 tire - great for spare \$125.00
1972 RH headlight bezel - very good condition (close to perfect) \$100.00
Completely restored/powder coated bumper jack complete for 1970 -72 (correct for 71-72, but will work on 1970- includes jack, jack handle and rubber boot) \$150.00
1970 Buick rear bumper nameplate, almost perfect , this is the one with Silver argent background, but can be painted black \$125.00
Reproduction 70-72 interior rear view mirror bracket \$25.00/new
2 - GS air cleaner lids, powder coated gloss black \$25.00 each
1970 16" front arm rest, blue in color with pit-free chrome inserts, no pads, excellent condition \$60.00/pair
Moroso front trick springs - NEW #47160 \$85.00
Lexan Stage 2 hood scoop pan with Moroso foam pan - for Dominator \$60.00
Assorted Holley jets 80-88 in plastic case \$25.00
1964-67 Buick 4-speed bell housing #9774035 - restored #100.00 (also fits 1968 & up but in not correct #)

PARTS WANTED

Please contact Tom Rix at 815-675-3188 if you have any of these parts.

1970 GS remote drivers side mirror - NOS or excellent used.
1970 Early GS/Skylark pointed lenses for dash - excellent condition.
1970-72 4 Speed shifter boot & ring for non-console GS - NOS, good used or reproduction.
Kenne-Bell black crinkle valve covers- in excellent condition,
1970 dish brake valve that mounts on booster - also called residual valve.
1970 GS 455 Engine bracket that holds heater hoses on non-air
1970 GS 4-speed carb. #7040243



