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Mark Holda's 1987 Grand National

As many of us automobile enthusiasts have done, Mark started out with other cars. His first was a 1985 Mercury that came to a sudden stop one day against a tree. Ask Mark sometime about tactile feedback in his accelerator foot. This unfortunate incident helped him refine is driving skills. He got closer to Buicks with his second car - a 1985 Riviera.

While observing street racing in the south side Mark noticed a row of Buick Grand Nationals lurking in the background that were seldom challenged. Figuring there must be a reason for that, he had to have one and traded the Rivera for a bone stock 1987 Grand National in March 1995 at Lauren Buick in Waukegan.

Having heard of the GS Nationals Mark and Barb ventured down to Bowling Green, arriving late Friday and discovered there was no hotel rooms anywhere in the area. Not knowing anybody they ended up getting a little rest in the car before arriving at the gate at the appointed time. Wait they assumed Eastern Standard

Time, therefore having to wait an hour for folks to open the gates. As you can guess they enjoyed the Nats immensely, as they never missed one until 2010. Mark still wonders why he has never tried the track at the GS Nationals.

One of the Fridays in June 1995 Mark left the GN parked with money in the console slated to pay off a loan. Not good, as later he found his Grand National stolen. The car was found the following Tuesday in an alley in Cicero near 45th and Leamington. The owners of the houses joked about whose turn it is to find a stripped car blocking their garage. Mark was fortunate that although the hood was open, nothing under there was missing except the transmission dip stick. Unfortunately the wheels and tires were gone, as was the radio. Other damage included a cigarette burn on the carpet, the steering column was busted and of course the money was missing. Continued on page 3

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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 January, June 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, for too long.

Volunteers for the Chapter

Contact Bob Nunes if you are interested in helping our Chapter continue exchanging ideas, gathering local car show and cruise night information and planning activities for our members. Fresh ideas are needed to keep the Club exciting. Distributing the work among more volunteers make it more easy for all. The tasks are easy, painless and you will always have plenty of help.

Upcoming Events

Mar 11 & 12 Southern Shoot Out - Reynolds, GA

Mar 13 - Chili Cook-off at Darien Park District

Apr 10 - Meeting at Modern Muscle in Oswego, IL

Apr 17 - Car Show & Swap Meet - Larry Roesch Elmhurst

May 7 – Dyno Session at Sound Performance in Bensonille

May 11-14 - TurboBuick.Com Nationals - Burlington, NC

May 20-22 - Buick Race Day - Norwalk, OH

Jun 4-10 - Hot Rod Power Tour - Florida to Detroit

Jul 29-31 - BPG Horsepower Nationals - Hebron, OH

Aug 26-28 - Midwest Buick Challenge - Osceola, IN

Oct 19-22 - GSCA Nationals Bowling Green, KY

Continued from Page 1 With the insurance settlement to fix the car and a little extra the first upgrade came in the form of the GNX wheels. Then came the very expensive (\$320) superchip, that probably changed timing more than anything else. In August the transmission was failing. That is when Mark became familiar with ANS from an ad in the GSXtra. The transmission was repaired with an upgraded in torque convertors.

Ken and Pete continued to do this and that with Mark's GN as Mark would hang out along Archer Avenue, needing more speed.



The first time at the track needed a low 13 second quarter mile, but Mark was down to a 12.36 at 106 with stock injectors, turbo and intercooler. One day on the way back from Union Grove the car was running great, when a head gasket blew near the Touhy Exit on I-294. Luckily Gary Oswald had his shop nearby, so Mark had an opportunity to get a little head work with a 3 angle valve job. All this cost was due to the hose on the Y tube that controls boost being rotten and therefore disconnected. We have all been there.

The next round of upgrades were the pinion snubber, air bags and removal of the trim around the rear wheels and rolling the lip. At the Columbus Nationals in 1999 Mark got a set of 36 pound/hour injectors and a PT 52 before modding his ECM. This got him deeper into the

12s, before he parked the car for about 5 years, as his job required extensive traveling. Many of you may remember Mark having to drive straight to the 2001 Midwest Buick Challenge from Florida in a rental car when all the planes were grounded. That is dedication to Buicks and our local race.

The next round included pulling out the tired engine for overhaul with the heads milled and ported. At the 05 Midwest Buick Challenge on a borrowed trailer he got the car to run an 11.94. Unfortunately on the return road back to the pits the oil pressure dropped to zero, zip nada which is not a good thing. A bolt had come loose in the harmonic balancer that took out a bearing. This was the end of the original engine.

Finally for the 06 Midwest Buick Challenge he had Dennis Butt's 109 engine from his Mustang. This combination included Champion aluminum heads, a Turbo TA crank (cross drilled), with stock pistons and rods. Marks efforts did not pan out due to a pinched fuel injector supply wire under the fuel rail that was not found until after tearing down at home after the event.

Mark's car is now closer to being ready for some great runs with a CAS radiator and front mount intercooler, the trusty PT 52 and 55 lb low impedance injectors with modded ECM drivers.

In 2002 Mark was a little frustrated with having no Turbo Regal to drive. He purchased a 1987 Designer T from an enthusiast in Brian, Ohio with 52,000 miles that now has 82,000 miles. The added 30,000 miles has provided an ample fix of the dark side while preparing the GN for the next Midwest Buick Challenge. Many of you will remember the Designer T at the GS Nationals all week with a "help I need a transmission" sign in the window by the Chicagoland Chapter Tent.

Thanks Mark for sharing your experiences

Please, take a look at your mailing label it has your renewal date

Directors Garage

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Loyd Bonecutter

Wow another winter is flying by, and our planned events are coming up fast. We are truly blessed having so many supporting vendors in our area, which help support our hobby. Winter activities hopefully help keep the winter doldrums away.

Our January meeting at the sandblasting and powder coating place was cancelled as his shop got filled with a big order and he could not accommodate us. Good for him and terrible for us who needed to get out for the day. Will try again another day.

If you were waiting for the BOPC swap meet, you have already missed it as it was nearly a month early and at the Kane County rather than the DuPage County Fairgrounds. The swap meet was in two buildings connected with a entry way where the chapter tables were located. Thank goodness it was a bright day and the buildings had skylights as the power in the fairgrounds area went out for most of the morning. The place was more money to rent for the Oldsmobile and Pontiac Club, but the buildings held more spaces for swapping, plus they allowed trucks with trailers inside, making loading and unloading for the venders easy. Lots of competition that day with the Drag Race Expo and Skips Swap Meet running. Unfortunately the later March Date at the Kane County Fairgrounds is not available.

Had an opportunity to meet Don Booker at the swap meet. J&G Relining now has the cast iron liners needed to reline G-Body aluminum brake drums. Now is the time to drag out those worn G-Body aluminum brake drums you have been keeping and have them restored. Please welcome our new advertisers.

Original Equipment Reproduction (OER) now has the popular 16 X 8 GNX style wheels for Turbo Regals that have not been available for awhile. If you download their catalog (www.oerparts.com) the wheels are on page \$336 with all four for \$699.

Steve Pitts found a great show with Dyno that many of us warded off winter doldrums having Cal Hartline tune the Fast Systems in our car. Shari's car definitely picked up a few more ponies under the capable hands of a tuner. Michale Cerra at Benchmark Tuning LLC at 1615 North 25th Avenue in Melrose Park offered dyno

time for a very reasonable rate. Many of us will be back when it comes time to try out different combinations. Give Michael a call at 708-233-8516 for tuning your EFI car.

Many of you who follow the Chicagoland Chapter Bulletin Board know how hard Joe Garcia has been working on this year's racing season. The only reason there are no dates in this newsletter is we are waiting on word from Route 66 on a possible date out there. It has been a long time since our Chapter participated in a race there so this might be fun. This will again be another great racing season under Joe's guidance, and never forget the great lunches the gang puts together for some of the races. Looking forward to the racing season.

Of course most of you already know our Chili cookoff and technical session has been moved to the Darien Park District at on Fairview just north of 75th Street. We are getting a good size room to hold one of my favorite annual events. Please do not miss this event, particularly if you like Buick Power and/or Chili.

Turbo Cliff set up the May dyno session at Sound Performance in Bensonville. It has been awhile since we have had a dyno session, so I am looking forward to this. Better yet our members will be able to drive their own car while testing on the dyno. Therefore if you held back due to having a stranger in your car, this is the opportunity to make a few pulls to see how your car is doing. Being just west of O'Hare we should not have to worry about making too much noise, The owner Larry Prebis is also good with carbureted cars. Will be interesting to see if he knows Rochesters.

When racing season finally starts and we are driving across St. Rte 72 on the way to Byron, there is a new place to stop about 2 ½ mile north of Stillman Valley.

Spaghetti Wiring Specialits is open Saturday and Sunday offering racecar wiring, and all the elements to put your own together. Visit www.racewiring.com for information on what Robert Lapp has to offer. He even carries the coveted adhesive lined heat shrink tubing we all have become addicted to since Turbo Rick introduced this product to.

Time to get this newsletter off to the press, have a great spring.

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Membership Scribblings

Shari Bonecutter

Greetings! I suppose you are all as tired of snow and cold as I am. I guess it really doesn't bother me that much, as we seem to be hurling towards warmer weather and car season at a great rate of speed! I know that my busy season is upon me, starting with the Holiday Party in January and the meetings/tech sessions thru May. Every month there's at least one thing to plan/attend, and it's great! I like to be busy!

So let me start with what I forgot in the last newsletter – club members who placed in something at the GSCA Nats! Keith Eagan took first place in the Buick Stock Appearing race class – congrats! In the car show we had a few members place. Bob Kostuk took first place in the GSX class; Jamie Wolcott took first in the Race Car Class; Srecko Novakovic took first place in Non-GS/GN Buick Powered; and Bill Burton took first place in the Wildcat Class. There was an awesome class that consisted of all cars, original owners. This was a participant judged class, and Sid and Belva Meyer took first place. Congrats to all who placed – you guys were awesome!

The Holiday Party went off without a hitch. We had 85 people attend, who seemed to enjoy the chicken with lemon sauce, roasted pork loin, and mostacolli with all the trimmings. We always have Midnight Mike provide some really great tunes, even if most of us don't dance. This year, we had a spectacular paper airplane fight – thanks to the banquet hall that provided us with paper placemats over linen tablecloths. I think Kevin Stevens started it, but pretty soon the whole place erupted in red and blue airplanes all over the place! We even had a final contest between all tables that wanted to participate, with the winner being Paul Brelie. The party would not be what it is without some very generous people, who donated raffle prizes. First and foremost, Al and Deb Martinez donated the last of their licensed Buick merchandise. We had oodles of embroidered tee-shirts and hats - they are such a generous couple! Paul Castle donated a GN jacket and some GN repo parts - I know there was a set of headlight bezels. Dennis Kirban donated a DVD and some books. Dave Formato donated a train set and a 1970 GS Stage 1 model. There was a Pampered Chef gift basket donated by Barb Holda, and some Avon products donated by Jolanta Soltys. Precision Turbo &

Engine and Cotton's Performance both donated hats and tee-shirts. Finish Line donated some key chains, and Joe Garcia (and his wife Cindy) put together some really nice liquor gift baskets. Casper's Electronics donated a \$100 gift certificate, and John Stevens painted a really nice GSX mailbox. Jim McGowan of the Quad Shop donated a very cool framed print. I think all other items were donated by the club. I know the raffle seemed to take a long time, but we had a lot of stuff to distribute. We'll maybe do it a little differently next year. Thanks to all who attended, and major thanks to the folks that donated. My personal thanks go to Beth Andrews, Barb Holda, Carol and Bob Nunes, and Chris Gatch who helped with the raffle prizes and selling of tickets. You guys are awesome!

Two weeks later, we had our February winter tech session/meeting, traditionally held at Casper's electronics with Jimmy's transmissions holding a qand-a session. This year it was a little different, to say the least. John Spina of Caspers knew they were going to move, and invited a few guest speakers to come, back in October at the Nats. Because of the move into very, very nice and spacious new quarters, the meeting was moved from January to February. We also had, along with Jimmy and the Spinas, Cal Hartline of Hartline Performance; Bob Bailey; Harry Hruska and Patrick Rubio of Precision Turbo & Engine; and Erik Marshall of Turbo Tweaked. All speakers were available for questions, which over 80 of you took advantage of! This had to have been one of our largest meetings! And to top it off, just as it was winding down, one of John's neighbors in the Industrial Park was taking possession of his new car that day, and brought it by to show it off. This was the '73 Century that Horsepower TV had just finished up the day before, at least in the Chicago area! The over head door opened up, and he drove it on in! Talk about a new meaning to shock and awe! There will be a lot more on this car in the next issue, I'm thinking. We really appreciated all the speakers for coming in for this meeting, and thanks to all who attended. Major thanks go out to Jimmy for the doughnuts, and the Spina's for sharing the cost of the food with us. More thanks go out to Beth and Barb for serving the food, and also to Chris and Frank for helping pick up all the food! Thanks for cleaning up, too – we could never do any of this kind of stuff without you guys!

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So I'm writing this the day before the Buick-Olds-Pontiac Cadillac swap meet at the new location at the Kane County Fairgrounds. I'm hoping for a good turnout, for the host club's sake. And I hope I saw you there!

Membership news: We have a few new members to welcome: Jon Buonomo of Plainfield, IL; Myron Porter of Valparaiso, IN; Michael Smith of Lake Zurich, IL; Patrick Conley of Sycamore, IL; Kyle Hoover of Mokena, IL; and Tim Swedberg of Tinley Park, IL. I'd like to welcome back Archie Anderson of Lake Villa, IL; Steve Ellsworth and Dawn Nolan of Addison, IL; Michael Wolf of Prescott, AZ; James Evans of St. Charles, IL, Tim Goheen, Lake in the Hills, IL and John Lebetski of Wood Dale, IL. Thank to all of you!

Our Buick family got a little larger in another way, too. Chris Katsuleas and his wife welcomed a son on February 12. Cameron Mateo was 6 pounds, 8 ounces and 19 inches long. And I don't have all the particulars but Mike and Suzy Prybell welcome their daughter, Sarah Ande, on January 13. It's about time someone had a little girl in this group. Congrats to both sets of parents!

Two of our members took their cars to the World of Wheels in Wisconsin. Christ Gatch took the Best award in Conservative Hard Top 80-89 with his '87 GN, and Don Hens took Best in Competition Stock. All that chrome under the hood is considered conservative? Wow! Congrats to both of you!

So Upcoming Events – In 2 weeks, we have the Chili Cook-off, with Mike Phillips doing his presentation on big-block engines. Mike usually has a great question-and-answer session, after we've all sampled and voted on our favorite chili. Please remember to heat your chili up before you bring it – that way we'll be able to serve it around noon. Please bring your creation in a crock pot or slow cooker. The club will provide sour cream and shredded cheddar cheese. We might need a few more heavy duty extension cords, and zip strips. So if anyone could bring some it would be appreciated! Also please note that this is at a NEW LOCATION – THE DARIEN PARK DISTRICT. Please look for the flier elsewhere in this edition with directions.

In April, we have the club meeting/tech session at Modern Muscle, in Oswego, IL on April 10. April 17

brings the Car show and Swap Meet at Larry Roesch Chrysler Jeep Dodge in Elmhurst, IL. Please see the fliers for both of these.

May 7 is a Club Meeting and Dyno Day at Sound Performance in Bensenville, IL. This starts at 10:00 am. The cost is \$50 for 2 pulls, and the owners get to drive their own car on the dyno. You can sign up by either calling us at 708-485-8477 or going to the website – chicagolandbuick.org, and signing up under CCGSCA events on the message board. We really need more commitments from folks – so far we only have 1 or 2.

June 18th will be a cruise to a car show in Pekin, IL. July 4th will again be the car show, in Countryside, IL. We will try again with night at the Drive Inn in West Chicago sometime this summer. But this will be stuff for the next newsletter. The last but not least is the Midwest Buick Challenge, which will be held on August 26-28 at Osceola Dragway, Osceola, IN this year. We've not finalized everything yet – but would like to have a meet and greet at the Simonton Lake Drive-Inn, and there are rumors of a pig roast at the track on Saturday. The hotel information is as follows:

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All rooms are being held until August 5, 2011

I think the Indiana chapter is running a car show this year, so that will probably take place on Saturday. More information will be in the next newsletter, so stay tuned!

I know we're all waiting for the salt to get washed off (and to stay off!) the roads, and for warmer temps to arrive. Maybe we'll be lucky and be able to bring some of our beauties out for the March meeting. I hope to see a lot of you there!





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If you want a preview go to the V8 board and then to the "Ebay Cars and Parts Section" and follow that thread on the 1972 NHRA Poster. An original just sold on Ebay for over \$228.00! I also have an original and so this project started. There will be a limited run so if you want one make sure you go there and follow the instructions.

Tom 815-675-3188

Tom has also declared this winter as basement cleaning month, so give him a call. Parts listed included: 1970-72 GS Rocker Panel Moldings, Master Cylinder, air lift bags, Electric Water Pump Kit, Convertible Windshield, and drivers side fender.

Buick 15" Rally Wheels: Currently on my 1968 Buick Sportwagon, I have a set of 15" rally style rims with the much coveted "W" or "J" code stamped on the inside. Not sure which letter is the one the racing guys/gals desire. I am going to put 14" rims back on this car in the Spring, so I would like to sell these 15" ones.

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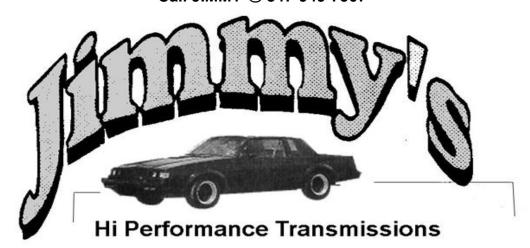
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Our food frenzy March meeting has moved to the Darien Park District and will feature Chili of course and Mike Phillips who by the way loves Chili. This is our favorite event for many of us who are definitely stir crazy by this time. It is still a few weeks early to get our Performance Buicks out for the season. The various entries and variations of chili offered is excellent. We will be presenting gift certificates to the winners again and of course pass the winner chef hat along to the 1st place winner.

Mike Phillips owner of Automotive Machine & Performance in Owensboro, KY will be on hand to cover all aspects of building high performance Buick engines. Mike supports our chapter by coming up here every spring to share his extensive knowledge of the machining, head porting and assembly of Buick engines. If you are planning to freshen up your engine, need help selecting a camshaft or contemplating some headwork you should not miss this session. He also has a number of parts he can provide.

If you have a favorite chili you would like to share with the group please be sure to bring some to sample. You might be surprised how good your chili stacks up to the competition. Many of us like it very hot and others like theirs milder, just like our engines.

We are looking forward to the presentation and of course the chili. Our regular business meeting will start at 10:00 am before the feeding frenzy and before the technical session.

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- Take Cass Avenue North to 75th Street (little over a mile)
- Turn left (west) on 75th Street
- Take 75th Street to Fairview (little less than a mile)
- Turn right (north) on Fairview
- The Darien Park District Building at 7301 will be to the right.

For the latest of what the Chapter is doing refer to

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April Meeting and Technical Session

Sunday April 10, 2010 at 10:00 am Modern Muscle, Inc. 61 Kendall Point Drive Oswego, IL 60543

Phone: 630-898-5933 http://www.modern-muscle.com

Brad Berger has set up this meeting for us on April 10th at this 10,000 sq. ft. high performance shop in Oswego. From the looks of their web site they do a lot of high end work. They can handle the following:

- Complete Restorations
- Performance Computer Tuning
- Dyno Carb Tuning for race or street cars
- Custom Turbo Systems
- Custom Wheels and Tires they use mount mate to get the correct backspacing and width for your car.
- Exhaust Installation including: headers, cat backs, high flow cats

Our meeting will proceed the technical session. They will be showing us the shop and what they can do plus demo the DynoJet dyno.

If you want to sit, please bring your lawn chair.









Directions:

- From I-88 (Ronald Regan Tollway) take Rte 59 South
- Continue on Route 59 past the Fox Valley Mall to Ogden Avenue Rte 34.
- Turn Left (West) on Ogden Ave
- Follow Ogden Avenue past the intersections for US 30 where it changes to Oswego Rd
- Turn right (north) on Kendall Point Drive
- Follow Kendall Point Drive to the destination at 61

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Dyno Session with Meeting Saturday; May 7, 2011; @ 10:00 am

Sound Performance 554 N York Road Bensenville, IL 60101 630-893-5002

Owner Larry Prebis has arranged with member Turbo Cliff for Chapter members to dyno test our cars on his equipment. The meeting will be held between a few of the dyno pulls while the crew switches cars.

It has been awhile so it is time to get our fix and be amazed at the demonstration of Buick power.

Cost will be \$50 for 2 dyno pulls taking approximately 30 minutes per car. Owners will be able to drive your own cars on the Chassis Dyno. Please make your reservations on the Chapter Board or call 708-485-8477 for your reservation.

Prasad has promised to bring his Type R Camry to dazzle us with the torque.

This should be big fun for our club members. Please bring chairs for the Event.







Directions

From I-294 South bound

- Take the Irving Park Road (Illinois 19) Exit
- Take Irving Park Road west around the south end of O'Hare to York Road
- Turn right (North) on York Road and follow to 554 York Road

From I-294 North bound

- Take I-290 (Eisenhower) Exit west
- Follow I-290 to York Road Exit.
- North on York Road past Irving Park Road
- Follow to 554 York Road

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Car Club Discount

It is our great pleasure to inform you that Chicagoland Chapter GSCA has been approved to receive the Car Club Discount provided by American Modern Insurance Group. The Collector Car Hobby has changed a great deal in the past 10 years and many clubs have been looking for ways to encourage and maintain membership. We feel that car clubs are a vital part of the Collector Car Hobby and this discount was designed to add more value to your club membership.

This is a 10% discount that is provided by American Modern Home Insurance Company and will be applied to any Collector Auto Policy that a member has with American Modern. In order for the discount to be applied to a members' policy, a copy of your membership ID card must be provided to your insurance agent. The discount would then be applied. It is required by the Department of Insurance that a verifiable proof of membership be provided in order for the discount to be applied. The discount can be renewed each year but proof of membership must be provided each year for it to be applied.

I would like to assist your organization in getting the most out of this benefit and it is important to get the information out to the membership in as many ways as possible. I have included a list of commonly asked questions regarding the Car Club Discount.

- Q: I have a policy with Rally Insurance Group but it is not with American Modern. Can I still get the discount?
- **A:** No, you must have a policy with American Modern.
- Q: 1 have a policy with American Modern but it is not with Rally Insurance Group. Can I still get the discount?
- **A:** Yes, this is not specific to any one agency. Rally Insurance Group was instrumental in getting your club approved but the discount is good regardless of which agent services your account.
- Q: I already have my insurance with American Modern, can 1 still get the discount?
- **A:** Yes, it is for all policy holders new or renewal.
- **Q:** My insurance policy does not come up for renewal for several months, can I get the Discount now?
- **A:** Yes, you can get the discount applied mid term.
- Q: Will my discount automatically carry over to the next year renewal?
- **A:** No, each year you must submit your proof of membership for the discount to be applied.
- **Q:** What is acceptable proof of membership?
- A: Proof of membership can be an ID Card or a letter from club stating membership.
- Q: When should I submit my proof of membership for my renewal policy?
- **A:** You should send it in to your agent when you receive the renewal on your policy in the mail. Renewals are normally sent out at least 30 days before the policy renews.

Sincerely,

Ellen Anderson - President

If you have lost your membership card, just ask and Shari will send Ellen what is needed for proof.