

# EXHAUST VALVE

FIREBALL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I have good news! If I am not mistaken, we must be near the "hump" point, where we are now closer to spring than farther from it. With this thought, I have sprung into action and am doing a couple things to the Buick, getting it ready for the upcoming season.

It is also time to get serious about planning chapter activities for the Spring, Summer and Fall. The chapter has a March meeting scheduled for this purpose. Included in the agenda are chapter plans for the Heartland Regional in Chicago, the BCA National in South Bend, Indiana, and the All Buick Show. Already on the docket are the Gopher State Spring Extravaganza on May 5 and a joint driving tour with the Riviera, Gopher State and Cadillac Clubs. Look for more detail on these events later in this newsletter.

I hope everyone had as enjoyable time as I at the Valentine Party. A special thanks to Carol Farmer for making the arrangements. The presentation on the JFK assassination by David Jones was very entertaining. David also gives presentations on other subjects, which we may want to schedule for future meetings. While there were roses for the ladies, I had also arranged for something for the guys. But, alas, they didn't arrive in time - you guys have something to look forward to at the next meeting.

By now, everyone should have received the 2013 Fireball Chapter Membership Directory, either via electronic delivery or postal delivery. If you haven't received your copy, please let Linda Paul or myself know. Our contact information appears later in this newsletter. I also want to extend a special thank you to Linda for doing a super job on the directory, especially this being her first year on this project.

In addition to the new directory, the mailing lists have been updated. If you are getting the newsletter via e-mail and want snail mail or have snail mail and want e-mail, please contact Jim Jaeger.

Think spring!

Rollie

## Happy St. Patrick's Day



# MARCH 2013





## FIREBALL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO:

Wesley Ackerley

Tom Bauer

Shirley Bury

Doug Farmer

Linda Paul

### HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARY TO:

Rob and Lyndal Croxford

*Gratefully acknowledging  
and thanking you for  
your kind expression of sympathy*

Dear Rollie and Fireball Chapt-members, 1-29-2013  
Thanks for the cards and condolences on the sudden passing of my mother. It was very thoughtful of you to remember me and it has helped me get through this - Your support and friendship are much appreciated.

Most sincerely,  
Pete Phillips

Our condolences to Dee Carlson on the loss of her son.

Many of you may remember Lee Anderson. He drove a 1957 Buick in retail red with some minor modification. Later he had a fully restored 1960 Buick ambulance. Lee passed away last week following bypass surgery. Lee had been a fireman and worked for Bachman's for 43 years. He and Mary Lou had been married 42 years.

Last year we celebrated Stillwater Motors' 95 years of Buick sales. This is a photo of the celebration of 90 years of Buick sales. I hope we will be able to help them celebrate 100 years.



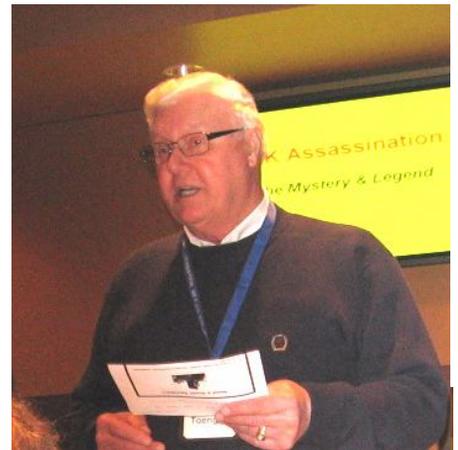
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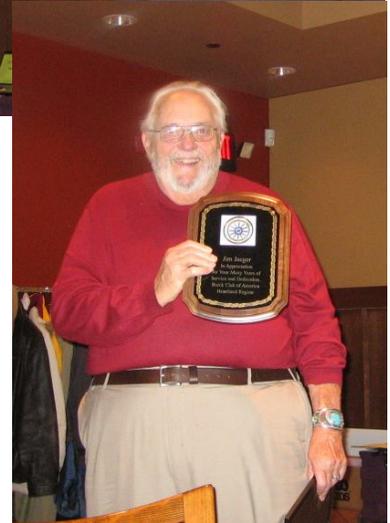
## GREAT FOOD, GREAT SPEAKER AND GREAT COMPANY FIREBALL BIRTHDAY AND VALENTINE PARTY FEB 16, 2013

The Fireball Chapter kicked off the 2013 season with its annual Birthday and Valentines Day party. This year we again returned to Jakes in Plymouth. This was the first year Mary and I had the opportunity to attend the annual February gathering at Jakes. Normally we are hiding from winter in Texas. I was pleasantly surprised at the attention to detail the staff at Jake's provided. The dinner started with a delicious salad, large enough to be a meal in its self. For a main entrée the menu choices were fish, pork chops and prime rib, presented beautifully. For dessert, as always, the chapter supplied a cake, selected this year by Tom and Jan Link. To recognize the Fireball ladies, each one was presented with a single rose. The Kowaliks were in charge of rose selection and the flowers they brought had a great fragrance. The room was prepared by our "Hostess with the mostest" Carol Farmer. Each table had a party favor filled with M and Ms. After introducing the Fireball board members, our Director took this occasion to present a plaque for the Old Cars Golden Quill award for our newsletter and also talked about the award I received for support of the Heartland Regional. The speaker for the evening did a presentation on the assassination of JFK, the legend and mystery. He talked about the many strange events that occurred that day such as someone starting to clean up JFK's limo in the parking lot of the hospital before the forensic people could study the car. He had a picture of a number of policemen standing around the car, showing the bucket next to the car. He also had a copy of what he called the most analyzed film strip in America, the video taken during the assassination. He talked about the Warren Commission formed by President Johnson to investigate the shooting and how they never reached a conclusion of WHY. He then talked about how the lack of WHY has resulted in the development of an industry dedicated to the event. The 50th anniversary of the event has resulted in four new books being published and two movies about the assassination. The evening concluded with a drawing for some excellent door prizes.

Director Rollie Toenges talking about the evening's agenda.



Director Rollie Toenges (right) presenting Jim Jaeger with his award for the newsletter and Jim showing his award from the region.



Rollie introducing our speaker for the evening, David Jones.



Buick club favorite pastime, eating !!



At any car club meeting you will find a group exchanging information for the world of car knowledge. I suspect this is such a group. It looks like Dick Bury is holding the attention of Dick Kowalik, left, Tom Ryan and Doug Farmer.

In the far rear is Bill Rossbach wearing one of his famous car shirts. This year I did not get a photo of this creation. Sorry Bill, my camera failed AGAIN.





## Riviera, Buick, Cadillac Spring Driving Tour Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2013

The Riviera Owners Association, Gopher State, Fireball, Cadillac LaSalle Club will get together for a tour down the beautiful Mississippi River on the Wisconsin side to Trempealeau Wisconsin. We will meet at 8:00 am at the boat landing and park at the bottom of the hill on HWY 10 on the St. Croix going to Prescott Wisconsin. The parking lot is huge with plenty of room to park.

From there we will tour along the river with lots of scenic spots and along beautiful Lake Pepin. We will stop for lunch at the historic Trempealeau Hotel then on to Tenba Ridge Winery for a tour and check out their award winning collection of fine Wines.

The trip from Prescott to Trempealeau is about 125 miles. For those who wish to spend more time down there and spend the night there are many reasonable motels to choose from.

Interested parties please mark your calendar and let your club activity director or chapter director know you are coming. We would like to get an approximate number of people going so we can prepare for lunch. Please let your club know before April 30<sup>th</sup> so final arrangements can be made.

This should be a fun and scenic tour.

Any questions please contact Ed Gunyo, Riviera Owners Association at 612-824-9339 or cell phone 612-619-3983.

Since winter has caused me to be somewhat of a shut in, I have been investigating the mystery closet in my office, I am sure strangers live in there. I found these photos of some of the interesting Buicks I have seen at BCA nationals.





## BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

February 1, 2013

Greetings BCA Chapter/Region/Division Director,

I wanted to take a minute to drop you a few lines from the BCA.

First of all thanks so very much for your service to your BCA Chapter/Region/Division. It is your work on the front lines that keeps the BCA alive and what it is today.

I'm sure you are aware there has been a decline of bids to host a National Meet in recent years. The BCA Board of Directors has established a committee to oversee the annual event. That doesn't mean your Chapter/Region/Division can't make a profit from the National Meet. For every hour one of your members volunteers, your organization will receive a portion of the profit. Watch for when a National is coming near you.

Also, a reminder that all members of a Chapter/Region/Division must be a member in good standing with the BCA. Besides receiving the ever loved Bugle, it also important for liability issues when attending events sponsored by a Chapter/Region/Division. Besides that, they get to be a part of the nicest Classic Car people anywhere.

That's all for now. Hope your staying warm. Only 2 months til Spring.

Regards

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*Hi Rollie Hope*

*All is well up*

*North*



At this year's Barrett Jackson Auction in Scottsdale AZ, Fireball member Randy Guyer sold his 1957 DeSoto. ( In the last newsletter I called it a 1955. Can you imagine your editor making a error like this? ) If you want to read the amazing story of the **100 day restoration** of this car, finishing just prior to the auction, get a copy of the January 24th edition of Old Cars Weekly. This car sported a 341 HEMI, manual transmission, no power brakes, steering or radio.



## FOR SALE

1953 Buick Super convertible. It is an older restoration and comes with a lot of extra parts. \$29,000. Offers accepted. Car is located in Bloomington MN. 952-888-5456



1983 Riviera. 62,000 actual miles. The Riviera has all the original equipment including the factory stereo. I have had new tires and a new battery installed. Currently the car is in South St. Paul, MN (close to #494 and #52 ) in the south metro. When I spoke with Hagerty's Concierge, Glen Arlt; he said that "Hagerty rates the cars as #1 excellent, #2 good and he said that my Riviera would be rated #2 good." Contact me at foxyroxie08@hotmail.com



Parts Lead: Parting out a 1960 Buick Electra 2-door hardtop with engine and transmission, fenders, doors, glass, chrome, and interior parts, etc. Also 4 NOS wheel covers for this car. Car is located in Dubuque, IA area.

For Sale: Complete 1941 Buick dual carburetor set up.

Contact: Dave Reardon with any questions.

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