



# Carolina ROADMASTER

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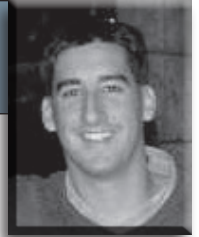
## Underneath The OPEN SKIES

**Recaps of the 2010 Buick National Meet, and  
the 2010 Food Lion AutoFairs**



## DYNAFLOWING

COMMENTARY BY CLUB PRESIDENT BRIAN DePOULI



As I write this the weather is supposed to be turning cooler as it is now fall, but yet we are still toping 90 degrees. I am not complaining as summer is my favorite season. One thing I do love about fall though...fall means Hershey. I will be making my annual pilgrimage to automotive Mecca again in 2010. For me unlike Charlotte Autofair there are more chance of finding parts for my 30's era Buicks at Hershey. On top of that the AACA car show on Saturday is amazing with 1500 cars dating from the first cars ever made to 25 years old along with a large showing of commercial trucks and unrestored originals (HPOF) there are some truly unique vehicle displayed at Hershey. Certainly worth a trip for anyone who has never been.

On the home front we are now working on contracting with the hotel and CVB and others for the 2012 National Meet, hopefully the major ones will be checked off by the time this is published. We just finished up our annual Lenoir car show (article in this issue) and despite the rain had a

decent turn out. For the remainder of the year we do not have much planned except for the chapter holiday party where we will be teaming up with the Carolina GS GN club and having that celebration at The Autobarn in Concord, NC.

Our chapter continues to grow and our membership and bank account are up over the prior year and with the coming National meet a lot of non-members seem very excited and have pledged to join. I ask that you do your part and when you see a Buick out at a car show, or cruise to tell them about the BCA National meet, our chapter and hand them a BCA Application.

## THE FIRING ORDER

2010-2011 CCBCA EVENT SCHEDULE

### Nov 3-6-BCA South East Regional Tour

Hosted by the Bama Buick Chapter, more to be announced contact Jerry Bodden at [jbsbuix@embarq.com](mailto:jbsbuix@embarq.com) or 336-627-9708

### Dec 5th, 1:00pm-3:00pm-Christmas Party/Monthly Meeting

In conjunction with the Carolinas Chapter GSGN Club. Autobarn in Concord, NC. Contact Brian DePouli at [brian.depouli@att.net](mailto:brian.depouli@att.net) or 704-905-4989 for more info.

### March 19th, 2011 2PM-4PM-SW Charlotte Leet 100th Birthday Car Display

We need cars to display a this former Buick employee's birthday. Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, 15000 York Rd. (I think it's now Tryon St.), Charlotte 28278 Contact Brian DePouli [brian.depouli@att.net](mailto:brian.depouli@att.net) or 704-905-4989

### Friday April 9th, 2011-Charlotte Autofair Dinner

The Carolina Chapter hosts BCA member attending the Spring Charlotte Autofair and AACA Southeastern Spring National Meet who join us for our Annual Friday Night Dinner Event. Location and Time TBD Typically Italian food in the University area. Contact Brian DePouli at 704-905-4989 for final information and to reserve your spot.

### Sunday April 11th, 2011-Buicks at Autofair

We have limited vehicle and spectator passes to this event. Free to chapter members, \$15 for non members. Event is 8AM to 3PM. Contact Jerry Bodden at [jbsbuix@embarq.com](mailto:jbsbuix@embarq.com) or 336-627-9708

### July 4-7, 2011-2011 BCA National Meet, Danvers, MA

Hosted by the Minutemen Chapter. Carolina Chapter are EXPECTED TO ATTEND as we are hosting 2012, please contact Brian DePouli [brian.depouli@att.net](mailto:brian.depouli@att.net) or 704-905-4989

### June 27-30, 2012-2012 BCA National Meet

Concord, NC hosted by us!

*If you have an idea for an event please get it to Brian DePouli or Rob Grindstaff for inclusion in the newsletter and website.*

# HAWKEYE

# Dreams!

## A Recap of the 2010 National Meet

Photos and Story by Brian DePouli

In late July 2010 The Buick Club of America hosted the 39<sup>th</sup> BCA National Meet at Ames, Iowa on the campus of Iowa State University. Approximately 350+ Buicks descended on the college town just north of Des Moines. Carolina Chapter members in attendance include Doug Seybold and myself, Doug with his 1940 Super Estate Wagon and I was sans Buick. Instead of being hosted by an individual chapter this event was hosted by BCA BOD members Bill Stoneberg and Rick Young with volunteers from the Hawkeye and Gopher State chapters. It was also the first time in BCA history that the 400 pt judging was held on Friday instead of Saturday.

Due to my BOD responsibilities I was not able to make the tours planned for Wednesday and Thursday however I was able to bum a ride from Ben Bruce, a BCA friend from MO, to the Jewell, IA cruise on Friday night. Jewell, IA is the hometown of our current BCA President Rick Young and most of the attending Buicks made the 30 minute drive from Ames to Jewell, where we lined the streets of downtown with Buicks. A stage and band played while we feasted on pork and sweet corn. The Reatta division received their award as the chapter/division to attract the most new members to the BCA. It was a very enjoyable night.

Saturday there were several activities planned to keep everyone entertained until the banquet that night. First and foremost was the driven class show was on Saturday and due to the Friday 400 pt judging cars were allowed to enter both the 400pt on Friday and the driven class Saturday resulting in the largest participation in the driven class to date. Also there was an open car show on Saturday to benefit the Make a wish foundation and it ended up raising over \$3000 towards that charity.

I had to leave prior to the banquet, but I understand it went well and your truly managed to bring home some hardware despite not having a Buick at the show. I won the 2010 Gerstkemper award for the individual attracting the most new members to the BCA. I received a plaque, jacket and \$500 prize. The prize money I donated back to the BCA and you will find more on that in the Bugle soon. Jerry Bodden won this award a few years back and the chapter continues to grow.

Enjoy these photos of the Meet and cruise to Jewell. Next year is Boston and then Charlotte ya'll get ready!!





*1954 Landau*



*1954 Landau*





# STORMY *Seven!*

*Photos and Story by Brian DePouli*

## **A Recap of the 2010 Gathering in Lenoir**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the Buicks, Olds, Pontiacs and Cadillacs was held Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at Rooster Bush Buick on Hwy 321 in Lenoir. Despite overcast skies and a few passing rain storms, we still had a nice turn out of over 30 cars. New for this year, we added Cadillacs to the show and they turned out in force with 11 cars. Buicks were well represented also with 11 cars. Olds and Pontiac who typically turn out in for this event were done, most likely due to the rain. We also had two Tarheel Chapter members join us all the way from Raleigh so we thank them for making the long journey despite the showers.

To keep this concise and allow more room for the photos below are the results for the Buicks only and the overall best of Show. Next year we will order up some better weather.

- Best Paint** – Travis Holcomb – 1971 Riviera
- Best Interior** – Rob Coker – 1955 Century
- Best Engine** – Glen and Faye Pope – 1955 Special
- Best Original** – Gene Stewart – 1978 Riviera
- Best Modified** – D.R. Augsberger – 1961 Invicta
- Best Buick** – Butch Minyard – 1936 Special
- Best Overall** – David Clark – 1957 Cadillac



*Butch Minyard's 1936 Special - Best Buick*



*David Clark's Cadillac - Best of Show*



*Travis Holcomb 1971 Riviera - Best Paint Buick*



*Bob Coker's 1955 Century - Best Interior Buick*



*D.R. Augsburger's 61 Invicta Best Modified Buick*





## A Recap of the 2010 Spring and Fall AutoFairs

Photos and Stories by Brian DePouli and Rob Grindstaff

### SPRING 2010!

The Carolina Chapter hosted its annual **Buick Show Within-a-Show** at the Spring Autofair at Charlotte Motor Speedway. We started out the day underneath the grandstand but were quickly moved to our sunny location on pit road. Beside our usual faces we had some new people and new cars joining us for this event. As usual we had a wide variety of Buicks with several Rivs and prewar cars, a GS, a GN and at least one over every decade from the 40's through the 2000's. Prior to our show we had a great turn out at our annual Friday night dinner before the fair/AACA National with over 25 people showing up from all over the country.

I want to give another special recognition to **Frank Batty** who drove his 1940 Century all the way down from Mass and was awarded our Judges Choice award for his long distance driving effort. He also gets special credit for somehow managing to sneak into the car corral Friday and the AACA National Saturday despite not having registered for either (shh! Don't tell the Hornets Nest). He has a white house dinner next on his party crashing agenda.

Other award winners were

**Pat Curran** with his 69 Riv for Best unrestored Original

**Glenn Pope** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall for his 1955 Special

Our **Best of Show Winner** was **Doug Seybold** with his 1940 Super Woody Wagon which was absolutely gorgeous. Doug represented our chapter and the BCA well as he went on to win the overall **Best of the Best of Shows**. We congratulate Doug and look forward to having him bring something even more spectacular to next Spring's show. Also, Buicks have won the **Best of the Best of Show** award several times including Tom Baker's 70 GSX a few years back as well as a few of Lewis Jenkins' cars have been recognized with the award.



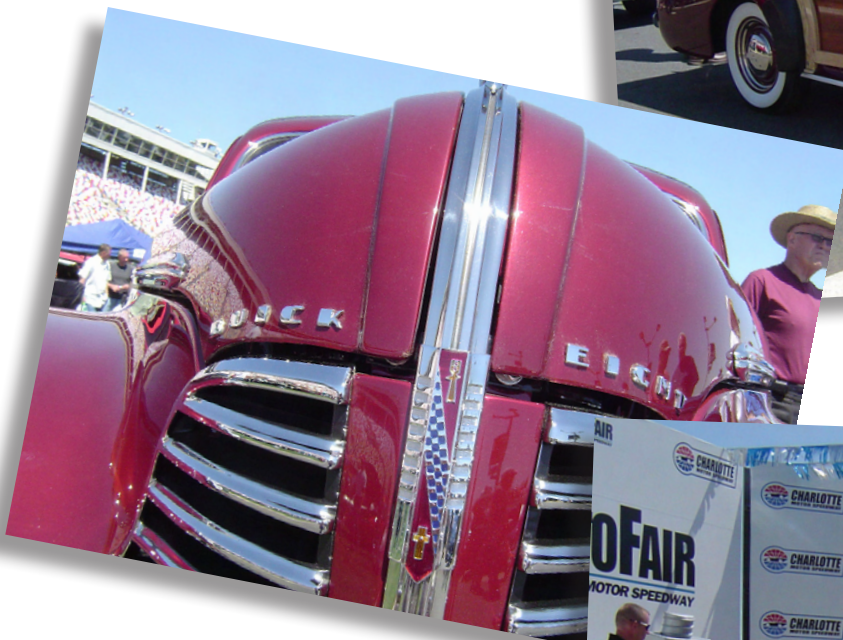
Doug's 1940 Super Woody Wagon in Victory Lane



*Winners L to R - Glen Pope, Doug Seybold, Pat Curran*



*Doug's 1940 Super Woody Wagon in Victory Lane*





**FALL 2010!**

The Carolina Chapter arrived at the 2010 fall AutoFair to a very inviting location up against the gate behind the retaining wall along pit road. Everyone agreed that the spot was great for both foot traffic as well as the mobility and parking of our larger-than-average Buicks. The weather was especially nice too!

A total of 11 Buicks were brought out for the festivities that has become the mecca for car enthusiasts in the southeast. If you've never brought your Buick to the AutoFair, it's time to start thinking about getting in on the fun.

This fall, we made a change to a "title" of one of the trophies we honor at each event. We changed the name of the "Judge's Choice" trophy to "Officer's Choice" This means that the club officers choose a recipient based on any number of circumstances. It could be the distance traveled to get there or even to recognize an individual in gratitude - which is exactly what we did!

We honored **Allen Martin** for his constant dedication and support that he freely gives the Carolina Chapter. If you've attended an AutoFair, you've seen Allen and his silver 1984 Century T-type!

Other award winners were

**Rob Grindstaff** with his 1958 Century for Best unrestored Original. Rob's Buick went on to win the Bob Laidlein Award (Most Original) in the Winner's Circle Parade.

**Glenn Pope** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall for his 1955 Special

Our **Best of Show Winner** was **Chuck DeMund** with his Stunning! Stunning! Stunning! 1964 Wildcat Convertible in fire enging red.





## NEW MEMBERS

### Calvin and Jane Henderson

Charlotte, NC

BCA#:42535

1970 Model 44637, Grant Sport 455, 2-dr HT

Welcome aboard!!



*Buicks at August Monthly meeting at General Greene AACA show at the Greensboro Farmers Market.*

## FYI

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The Carolina Chapter of the Buick Club of America operates as a nonprofit organization and relies heavily on volunteer services.

Sponsorship of events, production of the newsletter, and other expenses constitute a financial burden that must be borne by the membership. Make your Buick experience more enjoyable...join and participate.

### How To Join.....

To keep the Club meaningful and solvent, we need your support. Annual dues are \$20.00 per year and expires one year from the date you become a member. Checks should be made out to the "Carolina Chapter/BCA" and mailed to:

**Brian DePouli 3026 Silver Birch Dr, Charlotte, NC 28269 704-905-4989**

Our membership drive is open for all who want to participate. The only requirement is that you must be a member of the Buick Club of America. Their annual dues are \$50 minimum. To join go to [www.buickclub.org](http://www.buickclub.org) or phone 614-472-3939

Place a copy of our calendar (jot a note if you would like) on any Buick, preferably when it's parked. We are an active club and want to "show off" what is available. It is that easy!

## STABILITRAK

### Monthly Meeting Schedule

Monthly meeting occurs on the first Saturday of the Month except for April and August when our meeting occurs at our Charlotte Autofair car show events.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

**Nov 13th - 4PM** note change in regular date and time, location Gateway Classic Cars

### **Dec 5th**

GSGN/BCA Holiday Party 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Pot Luck Dinner, Autobarn Concord, NC

### **January Canceled**

**2011 Meeting Schedule will be 6 times a year as follows and will be at new locations**

**February 5th**, at 4PM Location TBD

**April 10th** at Charlotte AutoFair, 11AM

**May 7th**, at Mooresville Cruise In, 4PM  
[www.mooresvillencruisein.com](http://www.mooresvillencruisein.com)

**August 6th** at General Greene AACA show, 1PM  
Greensboro Farmers Market

**Late Oct/Early Nov** TBD at 2011 SE Regional Tour by Tarheel Chapter, Danville VA

**Dec TBD** at GSGN/BCA Holiday Party, Autobarn Concord, NC

## VALVE-IN-HEAD

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Officers are elected for one calendar year term.

Nominations for board are due to newsletter editor by July monthly meeting for Sept elections.

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

Deadline for submissions: last day of odd numbered months.

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