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Buick's mighty 1987 GNX

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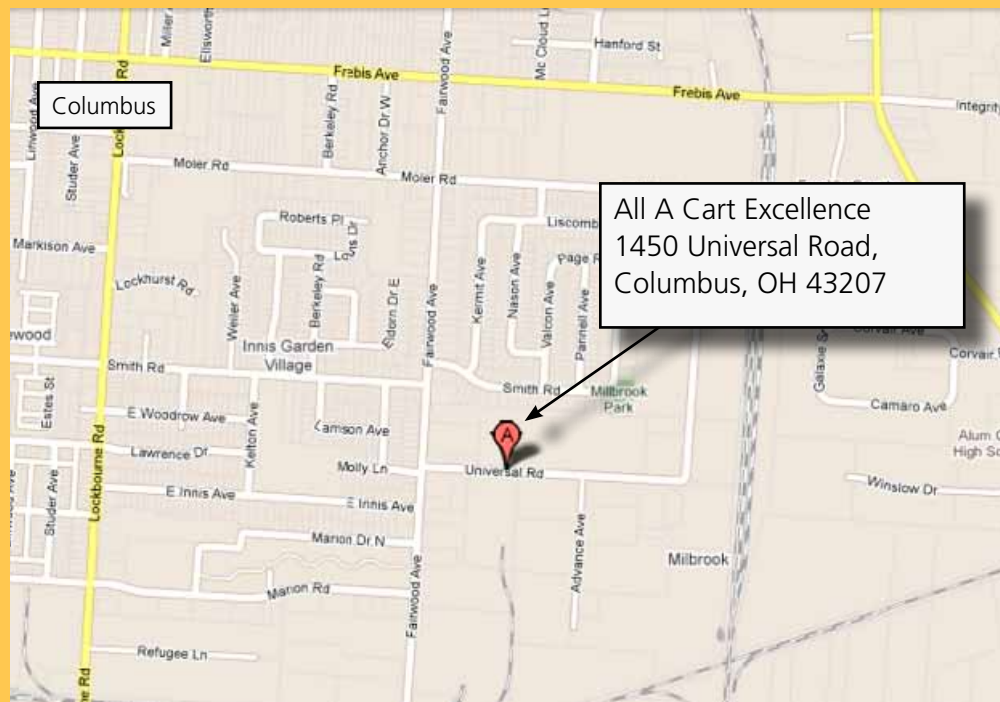
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March Club Meeting All A Cart Excellence

Thursday 24 March

1450 Universal Road
Columbus, OH 43207

Dinner at 6:00pm
Meeting at 7:00pm



Birthdays

Jim Bacome	3/15
Kate Fields	3/19
Joni Herr	3/18
Dana Kromer	3/7
Joyce McKittrick	3/31
Jeff Morris	3/18
Jackie Penn	3/28
Bill Rauch	3/18
John Samson	3/7
Don Zaiser	3/2
Pat Oberst	

Anniversaries

Harry and Therese Lambert	3/14
John and Alice Westfall	3/24

Please let Larry Robinson (robinsle2000@yahoo.com) know if we missed your birthday or anniversary

2011 Calendar of Events

March 24

Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7pm
All A Cart Excellence
1450 Universal Rd, Columbus 43207
614-443-5544 Ext 100

April 21

Dinner 6pm, Meeting 7pm
Tri Tex
1390 Holly Ave, Columbus, 43212
614-294-8511

May 19

Socialize 6:30pm, Dinner 7pm
Right Stuff
200 Intek Way, Westerville, 43082
800-405-2000
Coordinator, Steve Hunkins

May 30 – Memorial Day

Mt Victory Car Show
Mt Victory, OH 43340
Meet for breakfast at 8am
Bob Evans, Marysville, OH

Proceed to car show after breakfast.
Coordinator John Westfall

June 14

Pool 5pm, Dinner 6pm, Mtg 7pm
Jeff Brashares' 614-361-7299
2205 Wingate Dr, Delaware, 43015

July 8–9

Arthritis Foundation Show
Do you know of any month that has ever had or will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays? July 2011 This only happens every 823 years.

August 27

Mt Victory Plaza Restaurant
5pm Dinner
481 S Main St, Mt Victory, 43340
800-884-2328
Coordinator John Westfall

September (Date/Time TBD)

Tom Kromer's 614-791-9668
6450 Martin Place, Dublin, 43017

October 23

Meet at the Air Force Museum NLT
10am
Air Force Museum
100 Spaatz St
Dayton, OH 45433
Coordinator, Bill Griffin

November 17

6pm Dinner, Meeting to Follow
Dinner
Der Dutchman Restaurant
445 S. Jefferson Ave.
Plain City, OH 43064
614-873-3414

December Christmas Party

LaScalla Restaurant
Coordinator, Susan Hunkins

Note: We are looking for entertainment during the Christmas party. If you have any suggestions please contact Larry Robinson.

Cruising Along

a note from the director

Our February 17, 2011, meeting was held at Len Immke Buick on Hamilton Road in Columbus, with 17 attending. Oh, 18 counting baby Amber, Larry and Sabrina's 9 month old granddaughter, she may be a Buick driver in the future. Len Immke Buick has several very nice new and used vehicles and we want to extend our gratitude to Frank Baldwin, Shelly Lucas and Tom McGovern for their role in providing the meeting room.

Sabrina and I joined the Roundtown Cruisers Car Club and went to Detroit on 2/26/11, to see the Detroit Autorama. The club chartered a bus to Detroit and it was great! They had two floors of custom cars and rat rods. We spent five hours there and could have used more time.

Check out page 10 of the February Bugle. The BCA is giving a Gerstkemper Membership Award plaque, plus \$500, to a BCA member who recruits the most new members into the BCA over a 12 month period. There is a \$10 Discount Voucher available on page 13 of the February Buick Bugle to help you win this award. For applications to the BCA and Central Ohio Chapter contact Steve (614-262-8082) or Ed (614-262-5167) Hunkins. The national also provided us with very nice color handouts.

We are still in need of a Committee Chair for the following committees:

- Sunshine Committee
- Events and Phone Committee
- Historian/Librarian

Please contact me if you are interested in being a Committee Chair.

Note: More information regarding the above committees may be found in the Horn.

Jeff Brashares is asking for volunteers to assist with the Arthritis Foundation Show July 8 and 9, 2011. If you can help contact Jeff (jeff1952@brashares.com).

Our next meeting will be held at All A Cart Excellence in Columbus on March 24. Dinner will be at 6pm and our meeting will follow. Details may be found within the Horn.

Our meeting locations for 2011 have been scheduled. A list of meetings and events can be found in the Horn and by clicking on "Events" once you log on to our web site (www.centralohiochapter.com). One of our events scheduled is a car show in Mt. Victory, OH on Memorial Day, May 30, 2011. Put this on your calendar. We plan to meet at Bob Evans, Marysville, OH for breakfast at 8am and caravan to Mt. Victory after breakfast. There is not any registration fee for this event. It would be GREAT to have a BIG BIG turn out for this event. John Westfall (937-747-3742) is coordinating the event. We'll need our Buick Club banner to display. Check the Horn and web for other activities.

We still have 16 members that have not paid their 2011 dues. Please pay your dues if you have not already done so. If you are not sure that you have paid please contact Bill Griffin (937-884-7401). Dues are \$20, send them to:

BCA Central Ohio Chapter
c/o Bill Griffin
1564 State Route 49
Arcanum, OH 45304

Thank You, —Larry Robinson, Director



Join us for the 29th annual Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show and Cruise-In! Our featured Marques for 2011 will celebrate 100 years of Chevrolet, 75 years of Volkswagen and 50 years of the Jaguar XKE.

29th ANNUAL CLASSIC AUTO SHOW & CRUISE-IN JULY 8th & 9th, 2011

DUBLIN METRO CENTER, DUBLIN OHIO (COLUMBUS AREA)

Fridays Cruise-In features more than 1500 cars, including antiques, classics, muscle cars, customs, street rods and European exotics. Judging concludes at 7:00 p.m. followed by a concert featuring the world famous Van-Dells! During intermission, 100 spectacular 6-ft trophies will be awarded to the top 100 cars along with many other specialty awards.

Saturday's show is a concours format featuring 50 classes, along with several show-within-a-show specialty classes. Judging takes place in the afternoon with an awards parade at 4:30 p.m. Following the awards parade, Phil Dirt and the Dozers will rock the house with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. You won't want to miss this show!



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FOR MORE SHOW INFORMATION, VISIT OUR NEWLY REDESIGNED WEBSITE AT: WWW.ARTHRITISAUTOSHOW.COM

Arthritis Foundation of Central Ohio / 3740 Ridge Mill Drive / Hilliard, Ohio 43026

phone: 614.876.8200 / email: mthomas@arthritis.org

February Meeting Minutes



Members gathered at Len Immke Buick for the February club meeting

February 17, 2011 at Len Immke Buick

Meeting opened by Larry Robinson.

Minutes – John Westfall volunteered to take the minutes

Treasurer's Report - \$3,817.11 - Approved

Check was returned for a \$15 fee as it was over 90 days from the issue date. Mike Book will have the BCA National office reissue it.

Old Business

- Sunshine Committee
- Email from John Marsh thanking us for acknowledging his daughter's illness
- Letter from the Morris family thanking us for the gift to Montefiore Hospice Foundation in memory of their daughter
- Alice Westfall – shoulder surgery
- Lynn Goldenbogen – foot surgery

We need a committee Chair for Sunshine. Notify Larry Robinson if you are interested.

- 50/50 drawing – Generated \$27.50 for the club
- Patch Sales – 4 = \$20
- Arthritis Foundation – Jeff Brashares sent an email asking for volunteers to assist with the show July 8–9. If you can help contact Jeff (jeff1952@brashares.com).

Meetings:

- March 24 – All A Cart, 1450 Universal Dr., Col, OH 43207
- November – Will be scheduled at Der Dutchman, Plain City, OH 43064
- Need Committee Chairman for Events and Phone. Notify Larry Robinson if you are interested.
- A phone tree has been developed
- Need Committee Chair for Historian/Librarian. Notify Larry Robinson if you are interested.
- Tom Schoener donated some history of the club for 1986–1988. He will assist the committee chairman.
- We are looking for the total history of the club from 1974 and beyond. If you have anything to contribute notify Larry Robinson.

New Business

- March, Swop meet in Troy, Mi – Contact Bill Griffin (griffinbuick@hotmail.com or 937-884-7401) for details.
- April, Swop meet in Elyria, OH – Contact Bill Griffin (griffinbuick@hotmail.com or 937-884-7401) for details.

A Fond Farewell #415



Photo by Steve Hunkins

Few would argue that the 1987 GNX was one of the most menacingly awesome Buicks ever built. Only 547 were built and sold for a hefty \$29,389. Today, a low mileage GNX could sell for at least 3 times that amount.

Produced by McLaren Performance Technologies/ASC, Buick underrated the GNX at 276 hp and a very substantial 360 lb-ft of torque. This was created to be the *Grand National to end all Grand Nationals*. Changes made included a special Garrett turbocharger with a ceramic-impeller blowing through a more efficient intercooler and a "CERMATEL (Ceramic/Aluminum) coated" pipe connecting the intercooler to the engine. A GNX specific EEPROM, low-restriction exhaust with dual mufflers, reprogrammed Turbo Hydramatic 200-4R transmission with a custom torque converter and transmission cooler, and unique differential cover/panhard bar included more of the performance modifications. Exterior styling changes include vents located on each front fender, 16 inch black mesh style wheels with VR-speed rated tires, and deletion of the hood and fender emblems. The interior changes of the GNX included a serial number on the dash plaque and a revised instrument cluster providing analog Stewart-Warner gauges, including an analog turbo boost gauge. GNX #001 is the 1986 prototype currently owned by Buick and sometimes makes appearances at car shows around the US. The GNX had a ladder bar that ran from the mid-section of the car to the rear axle, so as to increase traction. This is also the reason why a GNX will actually lift the rear end up when the car is about to accelerate.

portions of this article are from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buick_Regal

Just a few weeks ago, the Len Immke Buick-GMC organization sold their GNX #415. The car was a fixture in the showroom for more than 20 years. Originally delivered to Toth Buick in Akron, Leonard Immke acquired the vehicle in 1990. Listed at \$115,000, you will note from the photos, the car only has 676 miles on it and is believed to be the only GNX that was never titled. Fond farewell.

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1970 Buick Electra 225. 455. 62,622K all original, 2-door coupe, olive green black top/interior. Family owned. Must see \$8900.00. Call 216-409-7519 (10.10)



1955 Buick 4 door Super. \$2,500 OBO. Runs.419.399.9544. Jamie Larson <jaimiel@windstream.net> (09.10)

1964 Buick Skylark Convertible. Original gray paint w/black interior. Wildcat engine. Appointment only. Hal Shoemaker, CPA, Cincinnati 45226, 513.871.9600 (09.10)

'70 Buick Electra 225. 455. 62K all original, 2-door coupe, olive green black top/interior. Family owned. Must see \$8900.00. Call 216.409.7519. <briabb@sbcglobal.net> Brian Abbott. (01.11)

1939 Buick Model 41. 4 door, 48K miles, no motor or transmission, otherwise mostly complete. Have good Ohio title. Call Dave, 419.652.2549. (03.11)