



Orange County Chapter Buick Club of America **The Buick Running Board**

July

2023

Director's Message

Hello OCCBCA members,

We had another great month with our local Buick Club Orange County Chapter. Starting with our annual picnic held at Irvine Regional Park, Lots of attendance with great conversations.

Club Members celebrating the 4th of July holiday with their families and friends.

Upcoming event with a few OCBCA members attending:

The Buick Nationals event

50th Buick Club of America Nationals

July 12 – 15, 2023

Hosted by the Inland Northwest BCA, Spokane, Washington



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Front row L->R Louis, Sid, Mary, Diana, Robert, Richard
Back Row L->R Dave, Lois, Sandy, Sonny, Robert, Elvia, Patricia, Irene, Tony



The Buick Club would like to share our condolences to the recent passing of longtime club member Louis Schuchart, his wife Mary and his family.

We all enjoyed the many times Louis attended club events with most recently this months annual picnic. Louis was sharing wonderful stories to the group over our BBQ.

RIP Louis, you will be missed by ALL.

Members Corner Message

From: *Larry Minery*



In 1948, at age 10, our family landed in Santa Ana as refugees from Oklahoma, in an old 30ies something Chevy. All we had was either in or on top of the car. We lived with my mother's sister and their family for months, while my dad built a small home. My parents were very ambitious and friendly people, so we all fit right in OC. In 1949 dad bought a new Chevy, sold the small house and built a beautiful new one, which was our home for many years. In 1954 (I'm now 16) the folks had a chance to buy a supper clean, low mileage 1952 Buick Roadmaster, which fueled my like for big heavy cars. On my 16th birthday I got my driver's license using that Buick. I had saved. \$300 to buy my first car with, and 3 days later, I found a creampuff 1948, red, Chevy convertible that I bought. In 1957, I found another creampuff, a 55 Buick Roadmaster, 2 door, 76R. It had belonged to the president of Star Kiss tuna, a company car. In 1963, when they were pushing smaller cars, I bought my first new car, an Oldsmobile F85 Jet fire, the next to the worst car I've ever owned. The worst was a 1982 Buick Skylark!!! After 6 months, Buick did give me full credit for any car in their lineup. In 1965, Michele, now my wife of 56 years, and I started dating. In late 1966, Michele was attending nursing school in LA and I was driving her back and forth. Neither she nor I liked the 63 Olds much, and I wanted a Buick again, so I ordered a 67 Buick Wildcat custom, red with black vinyl top and most options. The Wildcat arrived in Feb., we got engaged and were married on Sept. 16th, 1967. We went on our honeymoon in the car and in subsequent years, after their births brought our 3 sons' home in it. They are now in their low fifties. Jump ahead 30+ years, at the Buick Dealership having the Wildcat Serviced, I meet Bruce Andren, a longtime member of OCCBCA, now deceased and that's how I discovered our club.

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In 1989, we joined the national BCA and the OC chapter. then began attending all Buick shows and others. in the southland, meeting many new friends. In 1991 we attended our first BCA national in Sacramento CA., 1992 in Overland Park KA., 1993 in Pheonix AZ. and about a dozen after that. In 1995 another creampuff landed in my lap, a 1965 Wildcat convertible with 18K miles. We took this car to the St. Louis national in 97, where it attained senior class first time out. The car now has 31K. About 2002, retired and wanting a project car, I bought another 55 Roadmaster, rough, but all there. After 15 years of one major problem after another with humans, I sold the near perfect car. Michele and I have many great memories of the OCCBCA!



Happy Birthdays

Lori Kredit - July 10th

Dennis Griffin - July 11th

Lois Gilliland - July 11th

Post section: from Alan Clark:

From the Navajo Trading Post (at a gas station) on I-40 in Gallup, NM.

FYI, regular gas (87 octane) was ~ \$3.30 - \$3.40 per gallon in NM. In AZ it averaged 50 cents higher.



10 Facts You Didn't Know About Buick

Posted by Irene Martinez



Buick is a brand that's been loved and trusted for generations. This automotive giant has a reputation for excellence, for luxury, and for reliability that extends to every vehicle in its lineup. But there are some things about Buick as a brand that you might not know. Let's take a look at [10 facts about Buick's history](#) that will give you a better understanding of this standout automaker.

Buick Basics

Want to dig a little deeper into Buick's history and learn some fun facts? Here are several bits of brand trivia that you can add to your bank of knowledge about this beloved manufacturer:

1. Buick was established in 1903 and is headquartered in Detroit, Michigan.
2. Buick is the oldest active American car brand and one of the oldest in the world.
3. The first Buick to be manufactured for sale was the 1904 Model B.
4. Buick cars are sold in the U.S., China, Canada, Israel, and Mexico. Buick vehicles were sold in New Zealand before World War II, but post-war production did not continue there.
5. The 50th anniversary of Buick in 1953 saw the introduction of the Buick V8 engine.

6. The 1970s saw the introduction of several new Buick models including the Buick Estate, the Centurion, the Apollo, and the Skyhawk.
7. During the 1980s, the brand focused on performance and motorsports vehicles.
8. In 1984, domestic sales of the complete line of Buick models skyrocketed in the United States, and sales topped 1 million.
9. Buick sales in China make up approximately 35 percent of all global sales of the brand.
10. Starting in the 2000s, Buick began shifting focus away from performance vehicles and toward the increasingly popular SUVs and crossovers that drivers were after.
11. (fact or fiction from Robert Winters) The Buick lady eyes are open or closed in what year 1934 or 1935 ?

You might also like: [DIY Your Way Through National Crafting Month](#)

Why Buy a Buick?

The Buick models of today appeal to a broad range of drivers seeking luxury-grade accommodations, exquisite design, and cutting-edge technology. Buick sedans, SUVs, and crossovers are all created with the brand's signature commitment to excellence and attention to detail.

If you're interested in a Buick of your own, we invite you to explore our online inventory at [Bob Brady Buick GMC](#). We carry all of your favorite Buick models, so whether you're seeking a well-endowed crossover like the Encore, Enclave, or Envision or a sophisticated sedan like the Regal Sportback, you'll find plenty to love in our selection.

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ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER, BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

Membership Registration – Required Information

Name: _____ **New or Renewal** (circle one)

Address: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Email: _____

National BCA Membership Number: _____

For insurance purposes, all members of the Orange County Chapter must be members of the national organization, the Buick Club of America. Chapter members are entitled to participate in all chapter activities and vote on all initiatives. Annual dues of \$20 include newsletter email communication. Newsletters via USPS are available for a \$5 premium. Please make checks payable to Orange County Chapter, BCA.

Optional Information

Spouse Name: _____

Ownership of a Buick or Opel is not required. If you own car(s), please list below:

Year _____ Model # _____ Model Name _____ Body Type _____

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