

# GSXHAUST

## Official Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Buick GS Club



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### New Elected Club Officers

On January 17<sup>th</sup> the club held a meeting to elect new officers for this year. Elections were at Brunswick Zone Bowling in Wheatridge. We only had one person running for each of the four positions and with eleven people attended, no one objected to any of the proposed candidates. Therefore no voting took place and the group quickly moved onto the bowling lanes. The new officers are:

Director: Steve Wagner

Co-Director: Pat Quinney

Secretary/Newsletter: Pete Tomka

Treasurer: Doug Borgh

Webmaster: Becky Wagner



## Bowling Party

After the officer's election all eleven of us took over 3 lanes to flex our muscles and see how good we were at bowling. The spouses and friends that attended the meeting were also having a good time. Most of us have not been bowling for over a year, some up to 3 years or more. We had a lot of gutter balls and very wild swings in the total points for each of the three games we all played. Ex-league bowler Jim Lineberger was our champion with 5 continuous strikes, 7 strikes total in one game for the night's high score of 214. This was Jim's first time bowling in 2 years. Between games we devoured 5 pizza and many pitchers of pop. All went home with sore arms.

## Board Meeting Minutes

The board members met on Saturday, January 24 at Perkins restaurant in Lakewood to discuss, develop and plan for how the club should function this year.

The meeting was called to order by Steve at 11:30 AM.

Steve and Doug now have signature authority for the club's checking account. The account balance is approximately \$1500.

The club will hold quarterly meeting on the first Saturday of March, June, September and January. Meeting will be held in the afternoon or evenings along with a function that members, spouses and kids can attend after or during the meeting. Meeting places will take place in the north metro (north of I-70) area since some of the officers will be coming from Fort Collins and Greeley. These quarterly meeting will be open to the general membership.

Doug will investigate the status of the club's not-for-profit corporation standing and take appropriate action to make sure we are in compliance.

Pat will contact GSCA with information regarding re-establishing the club as a chapter.

Dues were set at \$20 per year, but will be waved for the first half of the year. The officers want to first demonstrate that we can have a viable and enjoyable club for our membership before we start collecting dues.

The first few newsletters will be mailed to past members to try to recruit a larger membership base. Membership application is posted on the website [www.rmbuicksclub.com](http://www.rmbuicksclub.com)

Pete will editor of the newsletter. Every officer is expected to provide an article for each issue. Pat will do the printing and mailing based on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary show/shine mailing list.

Jim Gibson will verify if our '09 club drag race can again be part of the Douglas or Julesburg event.

Our club will participate in the Bandimere Club Clash, which will be open to all vehicles. If more Buicks attend this event we may amend the rules.

Officers decided to try to get the club member's family more involved in our club by providing non-car related activities that everyone can enjoy. These activities could be putt-putt golf, go-carting, picnics, bowling or other activities that members can suggest.

Meeting adjourned by Steve at 1:15 PM.

## Director

Hello from your new Director



Just thought I'd write a little bit about myself. I believe I joined the club in 1989, so I haven't been around from the very beginning, but close. When I joined I only had one Buick, a 1971 GS 350 that I bought in 1980. I still have that car and seven more. Two of my rarest cars are my 1970 Saturn Yellow GSX and my 1969 GS 400 Stage 1. The rest of my fleet includes a 1968 GS Colorado, 1968 GS400, 1969 GS400, 1970 GS 350, and a 1972 Skylark.



I do all my own auto body, paint, and mechanical work. I've always enjoyed hanging out at club events and talking about what I've been working on and finding out what other people are doing. I think that's what the club is all about, sharing knowledge and helping out friends. I plan on having several picnic type events this summer, as well as our usual show & shine, club clash at Bandimere, and the club race.

I hope to see everyone throughout the summer!

Steve Wagner

## Co Director

It doesn't seem possible, but it has been more than 20 years since a group of us met at Colorado Blvd. & Hampden Ave. to start the Rocky Mountain Buick GS Club! Time has a way of sneaking by when you're having fun. Over the past 20 years, the club has experienced many changes, but the obvious thread that has held throughout all this time is the love of the Buick muscle cars. The club has seen members married, have children, and then seen the children grow into hopeless Buick gear-heads. It has seen members come and go, move away, return, and sadly seem members pass away.

While our lives most certainly do not revolve around a car club, the RMBGS Club has been a means to relate with others who have a common interest. It has provided us with a forum to meet people we most likely would not otherwise know. While our mottos speak of "Going Fast with Class", and being dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of Buicks, the true goal of the club has always been and should always be to HAVE FUN!

Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show and Shine, held this past summer at Clement Park, served to re-invigorate some of us old members, and remind us of the fun we used to have with the club. For quite some time, a handful of dedicated members and officers of the club had been maintaining the club identity, but were not seeing much support from the membership. The current officers, along with several past officers and members, have volunteered to jump in and help re-invigorate the club.

We have decided to meet officially on a quarterly basis as a board of directors. These meetings will be announced on the web site, and will be open to all members. Initially, the meetings will be more organizational and business related. Eventually, they may evolve into more typical "Car Club" meetings like we used to have, with auto related presentations, "BS" sessions, and so forth, but initially, we felt it necessary to keep to business to get the club re-established.

The club web site and this newsletter will be the main means of communication as to club developments. We will be attempting to contact all past members, and any new potential members over the next few weeks. We will be planning both a Car Show and Race event this summer. In addition to the Club Clash racing at Bandimere Speedway, we hope to have several informal events which would include family members, such as picnic/meetings at club members' homes.

## 2009 Buick Performance Group National Event

On a side note, the Buick Performance Group, a national Buick club, is hosting a "GSX Reunion" at their national event in Columbus Ohio July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. They currently have commitments from more than 75 Buick GSX's across the country. This includes 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1974 Apollo GSX's. The Car Magazines and TV car shows have indicated they will be there for national coverage. The Buick Performance Group hosts a national Buick race every year at the National Trail Raceway in Hebron, Ohio, just outside of Columbus. The GSX Reunion is being held on Sunday, and being coordinated by Mark Macoubrie and Duane Heckman. Mark and his father Bill are long time members of the club.

I am looking forward to an exciting and fun summer. It's time to renew old friendships, create new, and generally have fun with our chosen hobby!

Patrick Quinney

## Secretary

It has been awhile since I put together a newsletter and I have found it to be a little easier, but still time consuming. I volunteered to do this job with the help of each of the board members. Every newsletter will contain an article from each board member on any topic they chose to write about.

I've been inactive from the club for many years and felt it was time for me to become more involved. I still love my Buicks', but have not worked on any of them since I've been retired for the past 3 years. I'm busier now than ever doing 3 part-time jobs while my GS's and GNX still just sit in the garage. I hope to change that in the next year and this

position just may give me the motivation to re-arrange my priorities.

I've always been an automotive tech guy and still am, only my work now involves high performance diesel trucks. I plan to write some tech articles in future newsletters that just may help your Buicks run a little quicker.

I'm really looking forward in reviving old friendships, attending more club functions and just getting back in the swings of thing with our Buicks and the membership.

Pete Tomka

## Treasurer's Report

As of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2009:

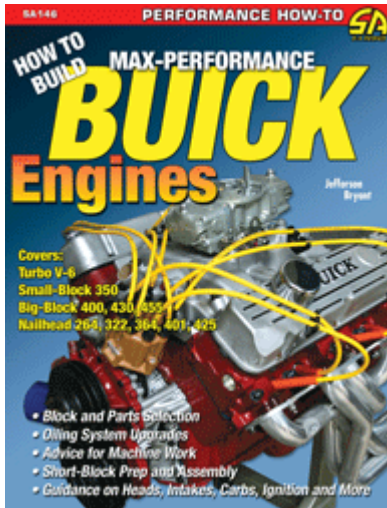
Dues received	120.00
Brunswick Zone Bowling expenses	(54.00)
Board of Director's Meeting Luncheon	(78.90)
Balance	\$1,514.70

## Webmaster

A few members have mentioned that they are not getting the email reminders for club events and website updates. Part of the problem may be that my emails are getting caught in your spam filters. Please add [beckywagner@hotmail.com](mailto:beckywagner@hotmail.com) to you safe senders list to keep this from happening.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, the Rocky Mountain Buick GS Club will try to waive its membership dues, until the clubs treasure gets critically low! Members who have already paid will receive a refund. We would ask that new and renewing members fill out a new application so that we are sure to have your most current information. Send the new application to Pete.

## New Buick Engine Book



This book just came out in the fall of '08. The author is Jeff Bryant who states he has been a Buick guy for years. The book covers the nailhead engines from the '50's to the late '80's V6 turbo engines. I never heard of this guy, and if any member has this book, please let Pete know if it contains any valuable information. Maybe we can get the Larry or Jeff Strube to do a book report for us!!!

## March Club Meeting

The March Club Meeting will be held at Dave & Buster's on 10667 Westminster Blvd, in Westminster @ 6 pm, See our website for the link to the map. It will be an informal meeting and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Bowling Green, Kentucky



In past years, the RMBGS club members sure had a great time attending the GS Nationals and the after

hours entertainment. Some of us attended the Bowling Green event before the club was created. The panicle period was in the late '90's when the vendors, attendance and racers were the highest. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary GSCA Nationals was also a big event. As we all matured (got older) our beverage consumption and the late hours began to be less frequent as our bodies couldn't take it anymore, but many of us still returned to try again the following year. GSCA members at Bowling Green are more placid now, as the late night racing and parking lot drinking had mostly disappeared, but the excitement of seeing all those beautiful and fast Buicks for 5 continuous days will never go away.

Years ago, we had up to a dozen or more RMBGS members attend this event and it would be great if we could get close to those numbers again. Call Pete if you are going to attend this year. Maybe we can stay in the same hotel or at least meet for dinner one night, just like the good-old-days.

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