



BOMBSIGHT

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Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the automobiles built by The Buick Motor Division.

The Los Angeles Chapter Logo
reflects who we are and what we do.
Our members' cars are used
in motion picture and TV productions.



This is the logo of the Buick Club of America 2010 National Meet held July 27 through the 31st at Ames, Iowa. In the red barn garage you will recognize the front ends of a '59, a '50 and a '63 Buick. Members brought these and 373 others, including over 30 Reattas to the heartland of Iowa.



The campus of Iowa State University provided a vast viewing area with more than adequate space for the separation of all the judging categories. There were four such areas surrounded by a walkway at the ground level. This



created an ideal space for showing Buicks. Swap space was under the building to the right.

The Buick National Meet uses the very critical 400-point judging system. All cars to be judged are assumed to have a total of 400 points initially. As the rigorously-trained judges examine the car, points are deducted for non-original elements, that is, parts that were not on that model as it came from the factory. For instance, if there is a radio in the car, it must be the exact same radio that came with that particular model. Interestingly enough, the radio doesn't have to work! Condition, paint color, upholstery, and accessories are the obvious targets of the judges. After an owner has spent all winter and spring chasing parts and wrestling with restoration problems, he gives up those points with considerable reluctance. Should there be a dispute, the burden of proof is on the owner. He must show the judges some documentation of authenticity. Is a 400-point car possible? Yes, indeed, and there was one, and only one, at the Iowa meet. It is the 1940 Model 59 station wagon featured on the reverse.



Tuesday, July 27th, the Scheman Building on the university campus was open for registration. Here merchandise, memorabilia, hospitality and information were provided for BCA'ers from across the nation. Over goodie bags, the talk was of



the tours organized by the Hawkeye Chapter, the first of which was to Dennis Albaugh's Chevrolet Collection in Ankeny, a suburb of Des Moines. It is not open to the public, but BCA participants were welcome guests. The train ride on the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad took the members from Boone to Fraser, and back in history, as well. A look down from the bridge at the recently-flooded river reminded everyone of the heavy rains a month before. The Hemken Collection of American classic cars includes unique exhibits you will find pictured in this issue. The excursion most satisfying to the palate was the cruise-in to Jewell for a Corn Boil and Pork & Turkey Barbeque prepared by the citizens of Jewell.

The weather was warm and humid. It was 100% humid when it rained for an hour or two just before the judging. This brought out the towel brigade and soon all the Buicks looked bright and spiffy again, as you can see below. In Iowa rain is either friend or foe depending on whether you are raising a crop or driving a convertible.



Two weeks after the last Buick started down the road to home, a torrential downpour submerged the show place under 13 feet of water! Timing is everything.



Photo by Paula Mochel

1940 Buick Station Wagon Model 59 / 400-point car / 2010 BCA Na-



1931 Buick Model 96C Convertible Coupe / Gold Award winner / Owner David Landow

Photo by Paula Mochel



BCA NATIONAL MEET FORMAL CAR JUDGING



1954 Buick Roadmaster Convertible Received a Gold Award

This means that the car
received at least 390 points.

The owner is John Kranitz
Dayton, MN



1954 Blue Buick Landau Show Car One of a Kind

Details of this unique
automobile appear in a 2009
issue of the Buick Bugle by
the editor, Pete Phillips.

ALBAUGH CHEVROLET MUSEUM



In the middle of a 9-hole golf course sits the palatial home on the left. Behind it is the Albaugh Chevrolet Museum, shown at the right. Above, is a peek inside the museum, with many spectacular Chevrolets of the past years.



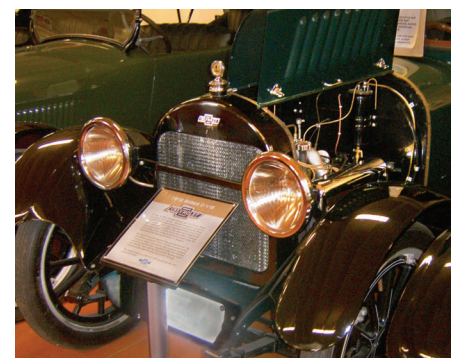
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Entering the museum, we see a service station attendant ready to add gasoline, clean the windshield and headlight lenses, and also check the air in the tires on a 1962 Chevrolet Corvair. Actually, he won't do any of those things. He is only a dummy. Did the service station attendants really do all those things fifty years ago???



Turning left at the end of that long line of Corvettes at the top of the page brings you to an equally large group of Chevrolets of the 30s, '40s and '50s, like the ones above. A turn to the right at the end of the line of Vettes brings you to several meticulously restored and labeled, older Chevrolets, shown to the left. You may be surprised to see the first Chevrolet V-8 at the right. Although approximately 3000 of were made and sold between 1917 and 1919, they were thought to be a bit too up-scale and expensive in the race to compete with Ford.



The picture to the left is of a 1923 Chevrolet, which was equipped with a Copper Cooled engine developed by Charles Kettering. Of the 759 produced, most were scrapped due to overheating issues. Where are they now? Only one remains in the Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI.



Photos by Paula Mochel



This area of Middle America boasts of several, private collections of fine automobiles. The Hemken Collection stresses conservation rather than restoration. Easily recognized is the Hudson, the Packard, the Cadillac and the Studebaker convertibles, but the Playboy with its retractable hard top, to the right, has long been forgotten.



97 of these Playboy retractable hard tops were made in Buffalo, NY in 1947 and 1948.

Photo from the internet

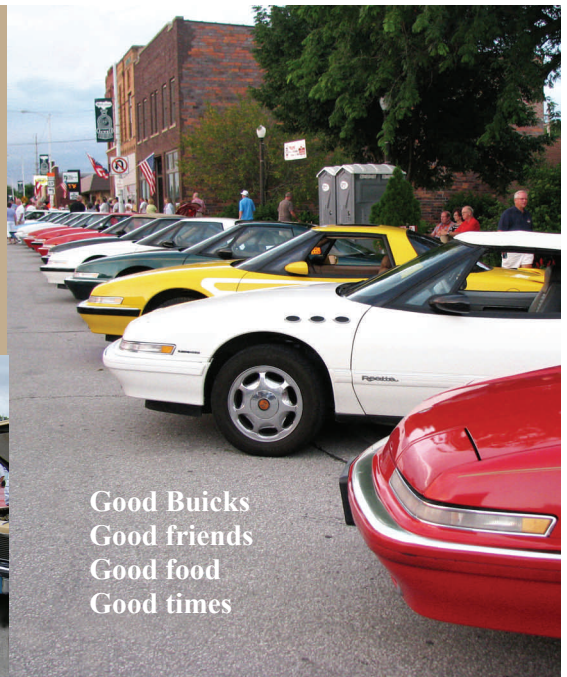


Thursday, July 29, the BCA'ers were treated to a train ride from the town of Boone that took us to Fraser and back. The city folks were impressed by the trip through Iowa's beautiful backcountry.





Every Man
Woman and Child
welcomes
The Buick Club of America
to Jewell, Iowa
to a
Corn Boil - BBQ - Street Dance



Good Buicks
Good friends
Good food
Good times



1941 Buick Super Convertible Received a Senior Preservation Award

This means that the car
is a former Gold and a
former Senior winner.

The owner is Jim Schaffer
Deer Park, IL

1940 Yellow Buick Limited Phaeton Received a Senior Preservation Award

A Gold Award car
is one that has received
390 points or better.

The owner is George Voris
Elgin, IL

