



BOMBSIGHT

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of every month at 7:00 PM.



Steve's Corner



We saw two fine car shows this spring. April 19th was the date of the CHVA Spring Fun Car Show, which always features a variety of old, new and many orphaned automobiles. The members, who participated in this show, were treated to a new, open-air location on a beautiful day. On May 2 we enjoyed the San Gabriel Buick Car Show and the beautiful Buicks it always provides. Those who participated for awards have pictures of their cars shown on the insert page of this issue of the Bombsight.

Our event coordinator, Dennis Erickson, has set up another tour ending in a Poker Run, the details of which are shown in the flier to the right.

And now, only half way through this exciting year, we prepare for the next very important event, the All GM Car Show. In the past when you have heard the booming voice of the announcer call your name when your car has won in its class, you may not have realized that it was the voice of Bill Burleigh. To thank him for his professional service, we present a short profile below on the life and some of the times of Bill Burleigh.

Steve Rot

Bill Burleigh's interest and enthusiasm for Buicks, specifically, and California in general, is well documented in the December 1994 issue of the Bombsight. When Bill was ten years old, the Burleighs decided to leave Philadelphia, get in their Buick, and come to California. Of course, Bill brought along the 8 inch-long promo model of a yellow '48 Buick convertible that he was given by the automobile salesman. This was a time when dealers could afford to be more generous than they can today. Bill doesn't remember what happened to the model, but the big, beautiful, 1946 maroon Buick Super Sedan brought them to Santa Monica without a whine or a whimper.

Bill quickly shifted into the California scene and never looked back. The maroon Super, which he called "Betsy," soon began to require a lot of maintenance and repair. It did, however, get him through school. He was so impressed that he decided to replace the family 1946 with another great Buick. This time it was a 1948 Model 51 that he kept running, rather smoothly, for nineteen years before he sold it to a man from Belgium, who shipped it home to Antwerp. These two Buicks and their need for appropriate parts brought Bill in touch with someone we all know, Greg Field. In those days, if you bought a Buick part from Greg, you were presented with an opportunity to join the Buick Club of America. In fact, if you did not join the BCA on the spot, somehow Greg could not find the part you needed anywhere in his vast repository of parts collected from the 1940s, '50s, and '60s.

Road Trip 2 Saturday, June 13, 2009

The LA Chapter of the
Buick Club of America
will sponsor a tour to Leona Valley
for cherry picking and then a
Poker Run to Lake Hughes.

The Poker Run will be five card stud with an entrance fee of \$15 per car. From this, \$5 goes to the LA Chapter and \$10 to the highest hand at the end of the run at Lake Hughes.

We will meet at 8:00 AM in the Nethercutt parking lot at 15200 Bledsoe St., Sylmar CA

Pre-1980
cars only.
Bring your own
picnic lunch.

Questions? Please
call Dennis Erickson
at 1-310-398-1962
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As Bill's Buick got older and needed more parts it brought him closer to Greg Field and the Los Angeles Chapter. In 1987 Bill Burleigh became our Director. He inaugurated our participation in the summer festivities at Marina del Ray called "The Old Fashioned Day in the Park." Those who brought Buicks could go aboard the palatial yachts anchored in the marina. Bill and Greg planned a couple of special chapter meetings at Greg's home. These get-togethers were always very well attended, because Greg and the chapter would share the expense of barbecued ribs or hamburgers.



In June of 1990 we were asked to bring our Buicks to the Motion Picture Retirement Home in Calabasas, where celebrity residents voted on the chapter's most beautiful Buicks. Later in June, we were invited aboard the Lane Victory, which is a retired Merchant Marine cargo ship located in San Pedro.

Bill and his friend Marie Hadji, at the left, enjoyed our most recent Christmas Party. Burleigh announces the activities at our All GM Car Shows. So when you hear your name called because your spit-and-polish GM car has won an award on the 28th of June at Woodley Park, it will be Bill Burleigh's friendly voice that you hear.



Paul Moschel



Long before there was a red Ferrari, there was a red 1910 Buick



Long before there was a red Ferrari, there was a red 1912 Buick



SAN GABRIEL BUICK CAR SHOW AND SWAP MEET



2nd in Class
Larry Minery



1st in Class
Rich McDonald



1st in Class
Mike Helie



2nd in Class
David Kennedy



3rd in Class
Dennis McNerny

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Randy Unthank
1953 Estate Wagon



1st in Class
Jim Anderson



1990 Reatta
Lou Baiocco



1st in Class
Joel Rothman



2nd in Class
Garth Higgins



Joel Shapiro
1948 Sedanet



Larry Harsha
1962 Skylark



3rd in Class
Dennis Erickson



Randy Unthank
1938 Convertible



Mike Green
1955 Special



Before



After



2nd in Class
Clair Schutte



1st in Class
Richard Freeman



Bill Gisbrecht
Best Workmanship



AT THE SAN GABRIEL BUICK CAR SHOW THE CAR IS THE STAR



Post-War
Best of Show
Steve Rostam



Pre-War
Best of Show
Jack Macmillan



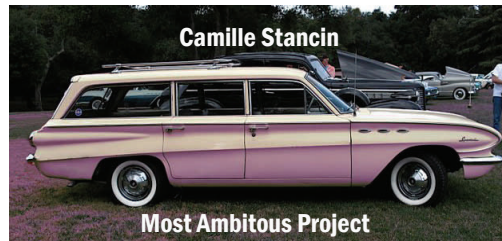
1st in class
John Larson



2nd in class



John Lane



Camille Stancin

Most Ambitious Project



Bob Bakke
1965 Skylark



3rd in Class
Gideon Fridman



3rd in Class
Ken Campo



3rd in Class
Bill Thoms



3rd in class
Mary Louise Largey

