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Happy New Year!!

Well, say goodbye to good old 2005 and let's welcome the New Year!! It figures to be a good one for Buick lovers, with many events that are stronger than ever. With the Buick Horsepower Nationals added to the slate, it will be an even better summer this time around. It's just icing on the cake that the new event will be held right here in Indiana! Indianapolis Raceway Park is a very nice facility and I'm sure it will attract many racers from across the Midwest.

As many of you know, our lives changed for the better at the end of 2005. I got a new position as an associate at Lauth Property Group of Indianapolis in the construction department as a Project Manager. Stacey and I moved down to Westfield (North side of Indy) from Lafayette right before the Christmas Holiday weekend. That was fun and a pain at the same time, but we pulled it off. That is why this newsletter comes to you a bit tardy. It took a bit to unpack and find everything that was needed to prepare the newsletter! Thank you all for your patience through our big change and I hope this newsletter comes to you at the start of a great 2006!!

Tom Brown

What happened at the Chapter Meetings?

Tim and Lisa Duggan held a Club meeting at their home in Greencastle on October 23, 2005. While the attendance was mild, many important issues were discussed. John Stevens suggested that we start using "web polls" on the INGSCA website for various issues. This will be used to allow those not able to attend meetings to cast their votes on Club issues and events. It was decided that the Club would purchase more GN and GS plastic mugs similar to the type and style that we have had in the past years. The order may include a "split" between the normal sized cups and the versions with the smaller bases to allow them to fit in vehicle cup holders better.

It was discussed to have "Year/Event" t-shirts printed for Bowling Green and possibly the Buick Horsepower Nationals in Indy this year. 100 - 120 shirts maximum would be printed.

Raffle items were discussed for Bowling Green and ideas include: signs, wheels, gift certificates to Year One/Poston and Finish Line Racing. Many of the attendees felt that the gift certificate package would be a great idea and would give some of our supporters some extra visibility. John Stevens agreed to pursue this further.

Security issues (of personal property) were discussed in light of an event that took place in Maryland a few weeks prior to the meeting. Discussion of how we could protect our vehicles and personal belongings was discussed.

John Chamberlain has many rooms booked for the Buick HP Nationals near the Indianapolis International Airport for the June/July 2006 event. There are also rooms available in the Brownsburg and Crawfordsville areas as well.

The next meeting was held at BW3's in Speedway (Indianapolis area near Clermont) on 1/8/06.

Jamie McCumber will be handling the room reservations again for Bowling Green this year. It was stated that any additional rooms reserved that are not taken will be returned to the hotel on May 1st so that others may rent them. The Chapter decided that we would participate with the car show again this year and the raffle will be gift certificates from Year One. The Chapter decided that we would raffle off 3 chance to win, with the Grand Prize being \$1,000 and two runner-up prizes being \$500 each. John Stevens will get the gift certificates and Robin will make the raffle tickets.

It was decided the the Chapter would also help with the car show at the HP Nats in Indy in any way that we could. The chapter probably will not reserve a block of rooms for this event. The chapter encourages the members to try to stay at the same hotel if possible, but does not have any certain person coordinating this effort as of this meeting.

Mugs were mentioned at this meeting as well, and the Chapter decided that two different sizes of the GN and GS mugs will be ordered for merchandise. Brad and Jamie McCumber will check on prices.

T-shirts were also discussed again, and a tie-dyed version was investigated. We would place the INGSCA logo on the front breast and something larger on the back. "Buicks at Bowling Green....Light my Fire" possibly. Jamie McCumber will check into hats/visors as well for the merchandise.

Wild Bill Burton discussed the Bunker Hill event and would like for the Chapter to sponsor at least one event in Summer 2006. The Chapter decided to sponsor only one event at Bunker Hill this year, with the winnings to be: 1st place - \$300, 2nd place - \$100 and \$50 to each of the semi-finals participants for a total commitment of \$500.

Chris Reed stated that The Paddock has a contact with a company that is manufacturing aluminum radiators for the GN's and GS's that are correct factory copies that bolt in without modifications. If you would like additional information, contact Chris Reed at 800-428-4319.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

John Stevens

Hello all, and welcome to the new year! We had a very productive January meeting, deciding many chapter activities for 2006.

For the chapter fund raiser, we will be raffling off a Year One gift certificate at the GS Nationals. The plan is to have 3 certificates, a \$1,000.00 "grand prize" with 2-\$500.00 "runner-ups", Year One is being great working with us on this, so let them know that we appreciate their support when placing an order!

There is also a possibility of us doing this at the Buick Horsepower nationals in Indy! The chapter has also volunteered with the Chicagoland Chapter to "work" the car show at both of these events.

If you need a room for the GS Nationals in Bowling Green, please contact Jamie McCumber, for the Indy meet several of us will be driving from home everyday, so we will not have a chapter hotel as such, I will contact the Chicagoland chapter to see where their staying, I will post it on the web site if interested, otherwise everyone will be responsible for their own rooms.

The chapter has also been asked for more mugs, so we will be comparing prices at our February meeting, but the plan is to have both, our "old style" mugs, as well as mugs that will fit in auto cup holders.

We are also planning on having new shirts, we will be comparing designs at our February meeting. Bring your ideas!

Our chapter will also be sponsoring a race at Bunker Hill that Wild Bill is coordinating, with a \$500.00 total purse, we will need a good turnout for this event so bring your cars and be ready to race! The exact date has yet to be set but towards the end of July is planned!

Plan to attend our February "tech meeting", the plan is top "set-up" a 12-bolt rear axle including converting it from an open rear end to a positraction. Any other ideas are welcomed!

Please check out our chapter web site at www.Indianabuickgsca.org and register if you haven't already and participate in YOUR chapter!!!

- John Stevens

Treasurer's Report

Brad McCumber

Beginning balance	\$3,839.98
Income	
Dues	\$250.00
Total Income	\$250.00
Expenses	
Newsletter	\$158.22
Ballots	\$107.74
Total Expenses	\$265.96
Ending Balance	\$3,824.02



Secretary's Scribbles

Tom Brown

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and were able to spend quality time with your family and friends! It's hard to believe that 2005 has come to an end already.

It's time to start off the New Year with a bang, so let's talk Buick!! My transmission in the GN is ailing at best and I think I'm in need of a new torque converter.

I really don't plan to do much with the car this year and after our recent move, probably won't have much time to fiddle with it.

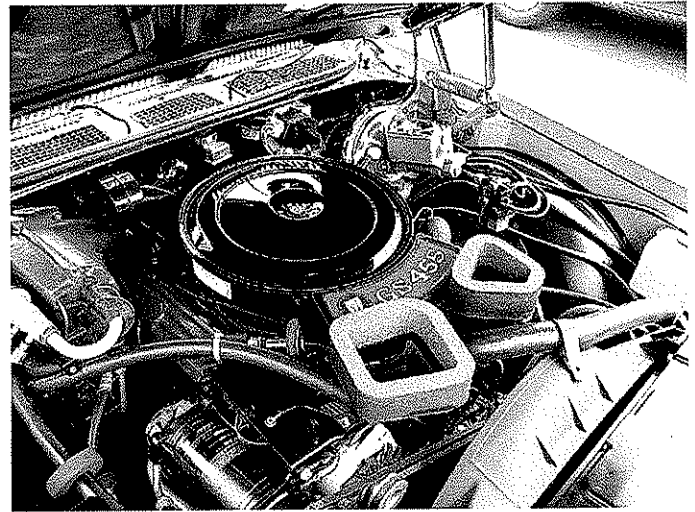
I'm still driving our 2000 GS on a daily basis and she's now got 160K+ miles on the odometer. She's still a great driver and hasn't missed a beat yet!! I still love the way the supercharger sounds under boost conditions and the way it feels to hit 10 psi on the highway. What a rush....

After the Midwest Buick Challenge in September, I really haven't done much with cars, unfortunately. I got a new job and then we moved, which has consumed most of our time in the past 3 months.

It was good to get together with everyone for the Chapter meeting on January 8th. We talked about some very key issues for the upcoming Club year, and it promises to be a great 2006 for Buick racing and showing.

If anybody out there has any certain pictures or stories that they would like to share with everyone, please get them to me, I would love to put them into the newsletter! Send articles or pictures to my email address at: tsbrown1@sbcglobal.net.

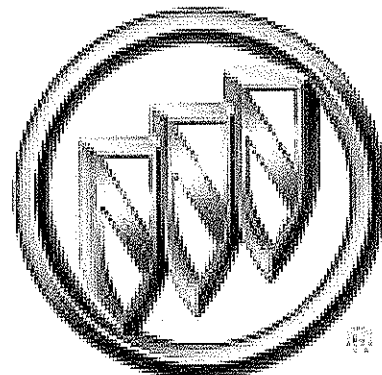
Now, let's turn our attention back to our Buicks and get them babies ready for Spring and Summer!!



Classifieds

You are welcome as a member of the INGSCA to submit your ads here for FREE! Just send them in to me by the 10th of any even month (December, February, August, etc.) and they will run for two consecutive issues, unless you request otherwise. They will also appear on the Chapter's website. Contact Tom at 317-816-5199 or email him at tsbrown1@sbcglobal.net.

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Buickman's Perspective

Tim Duggan

Hi there, hope all of you are having a good winter and got those winter projects going. Think you will have them all done in time for BG? Not a lot going on here.

Lisa's Skylark is done again for the second time within 4 months. I don't have a lot going on other than a new job building Crown fork lift trucks and doing automotive in the evenings & weekends. I start work at 6:45 AM and get out at 2:55 PM. Even a guy that I used to work with left the dealer and opened his own place after being there for 15 years because he was tired of the BS there.

As all of you know we have a lot to do this summer. We are working on a new shirt set up and some mug and raffle ideas for BG and the Indy Horsepower events. They seem to be coming together after the last meeting. It was good to see some far-away familiar faces come to the last meeting at BW3's. Maybe the weather had something to do with the good turn-out? A lot of talk about BG, and the Indy event were already in the air even though they are still months away. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting and at BG. By the way, with me having this new job it will probably be Thursday or Friday night before I get to BG this year. It might be the same thing for Indy. I'm sure that we will drive back and forth for Indy. It's only about 35 minutes away for us.

Hope the gas prices don't go more stupid this year. Sorry guys, I just don't have a lot to write for this one. I know..... shocking isn't it!!

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Membership Renewal

It's time again to buck up for the Chapter!! Actually, it was time 4 months ago, but who's counting? Check your membership to see if your account is in need of renewal.

It pays off to be a Chapter member when the Buick racing and showing events come around. You'll want to be sure to take advantage of Chapter room reservations at hotels and attend meetings to voice your opinions on how the Chapter functions and changes. After all, if you don't bring your ideas forward, you have no right to kick and scream when the Chapter does something that you don't approve of!

To renew your club dues, send a check in the amount of \$15.00 (1 year renewal) or \$25.00 (2 year renewal) to the club Treasurer as follows:

Brad McCumber
109 North Harvey Street
Linden, IN 47955

Also, if you have recently moved or have updated information such as phone number, address, vehicles owned, etc. please send it to the Secretary at the contact information as found on the front page.



Important Dates

February 26, 2006

INGSCA Club Meeting
at John & Robin Steven's Home
7501 West County Road 400 South
Yorktown, IN 47396
765-759-8171

Tech Session: Convert an open rear-end to a Posi unit!! The Club will provide the main dish for lunch, bring a covered dish to support

April 9, 2006

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April 30, 2005

INGSCA Club Meeting
at John & Robin Steven's Home
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765-759-8171

Bring a covered dish - the Chapter will provide the main dish

May 16-20, 2006


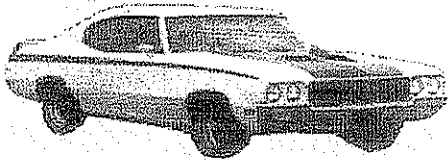
GS Nationals - Bowling Green, Kentucky
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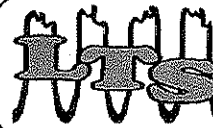
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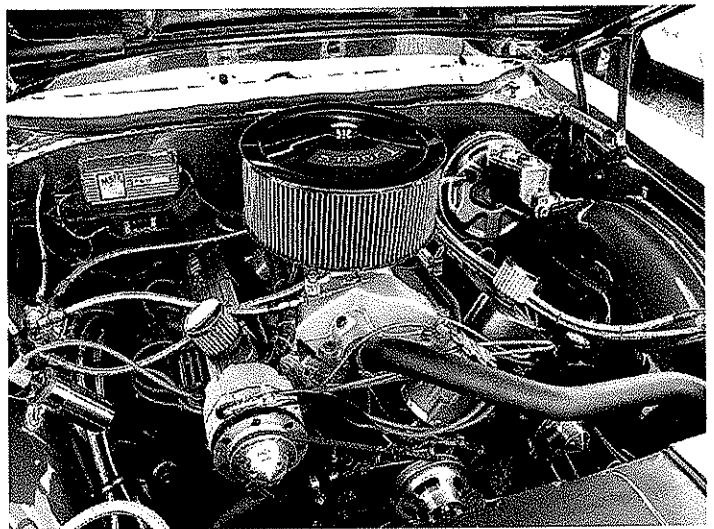
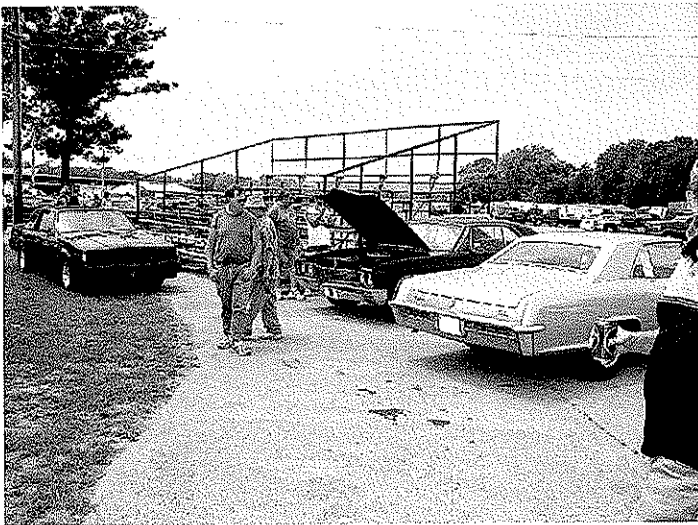
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Here's a little collage of photos to help us all remember the GS Nationals from 2005 and get us through the winter months a little easier. A little pit action, some big Buick power (and a fairly large air cleaner too!!), General Motors quality, and some wheels up action from a 4-speed full interior convertible Gran Sport. Cant' you smell the rubber and race gas? Don't look now, but here comes the 2006 race season!!

