

BYLAWS OF THE HEARTLAND REGION
BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE

THE REGION, AN ORGANIZATION DEFINED BY THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA, SHALL BE NAMED HEARTLAND REGION. THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE HEARTLAND REGION IS FORMED ARE:

- TO PROVIDE THE CHAPTERS IN THE REGION THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER FOR THE PROMOTION, PRESERVATION AND SHOWING OF ALL MODELS OF THE VEHICLES PRODUCED BY THE BUICK MOTOR DIVISION OF GENERAL MOTORS INCORPORATED.
- TO PROVIDE THOSE PEOPLE WHO ENJOY THE BUICK AUTOMOBILE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A MAJOR ANNUAL SHOW IN THEIR AREA.
- TO BRING COLLECTIVITY TO CHAPTERS AND TO BCA MEMBERS NOT IN A BCA CHAPTER.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERS

SECTION 1 - MEMBERS

THE MEMBERS OF THE HEARTLAND REGION SHALL BE CHAPTERS OF THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA LOCATED IN THE MIDWEST AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

HEARTLAND REGION STATES	HEARTLAND REGION CHAPTER	HEARTLAND CHAPTER STATUS
IOWA	HAWKEYE	FINANCIAL PARTNER
ILLINOIS	CHICAGOLAND	FINANCIAL PARTNER
ILLINOIS	UPPER ILLINOIS	NON FINANCIAL PARTNER
KANSAS	MID-AMERICA	FINANCIAL PARTNER
MINNESOTA	FIREBALL	FINANCIAL PARTNER
MINNESOTA	GOPHER STATE	FINANCIAL PARTNER
MISSOURI	GATEWAY	FINANCIAL PARTNER
NEBRASKA	CROSSROADS	NON-FINANCIAL PARTNER
WISCONSIN	CREAM CITY	FINANCIAL PARTNER
WISCONSIN	DAIRYLAND	FINANCIAL PARTNER
WISCONSIN	ROCK VALLEY	FINANCIAL PARTNER

AND ANY INDIVIDUAL BCA MEMBER RESIDING IN THE DEFINED HEARTLAND REGION WHO CARES TO JOIN. **HOW TO BECOME A FINANCIAL PARTNER IS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE VII SECTION 3.**

SECTION 2 - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ADDITIONAL CHAPTERS OR MEMBERS MAY JOIN THE REGION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CURRENT CHAPTERS OF THE HEARTLAND REGION AND THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. A WRITTEN REQUEST TO JOIN THE HEARTLAND REGION MUST BE SENT TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL SHOW.

SECTION 3 - MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

MEMBER CHAPTERS OR MEMBERS MAY TERMINATE THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE HEARTLAND REGION AFTER RECEIVING APPROVAL FROM THE NATIONAL BCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 4 - DUES

DUES FOR THIS ORGANIZATION ARE AT A CHAPTER LEVEL AND WILL BE STRUCTURED AROUND ONLY THE EXPENSES FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND WILL COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ONLY. THIS BUDGET WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED DURING THE MEETING AT THE ANNUAL SHOW.

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ARTICLE III
MEETING OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL SCHEDULE A MINIMUM OF ONE YEARLY MEETING WHICH WILL BE CALLED AT THE ANNUAL HEARTLAND REGIONAL SHOW. THE MEETING WILL BE AN OPEN MEETING AND MAY BE ATTENDED BY ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE IV
REGIONAL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

SECTION 1 - STRUCTURE

THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE HEARTLAND REGION SHALL BE COMPRISED OF:

DIRECTOR

THE DIRECTOR MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA, BUT DOES NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF A HEARTLAND REGION CHAPTER. THE DIRECTOR IS A NON VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD, UNLESS THERE IS A TIE VOTE.

BOARD

THE BOARD SHALL BE COMPRISED OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE HEARTLAND CHAPTERS. THIS REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE FOR THE CHAPTER HE/SHE REPRESENTS.

SECRETARY

THE BOARD WILL APPOINT A SECRETARY FOR EACH MEETING. THIS PERSON CAN BE, BUT DOES NOT NEED TO BE, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IF THE APPOINTMENT GOES TO A NON BOARD MEMBER, THE SECRETARY IS THEN A NON-VOTING POSITION.

TREASURER

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR WILL ACT AS REGIONAL TREASURER AND MANAGE ALL FUNDS DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH REGIONAL BUSINESS.

SECTION 2 - RESPONSIBILITIES

THIS MANAGEMENT GROUP WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO SPEAK FOR THEIR CHAPTERS IN SETTING POLICY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE REGION. THIS GROUP WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THE ORGANIZATION FOLLOWS ALL LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS AS THEY RELATE TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND TO THE STATES WITHIN WHICH THE HEARTLAND OPERATES.

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**ARTICLE V
ELECTIONS**

ALL POSITIONS ARE APPOINTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR. THE FOLLOWING ELECTION PROCESS WILL BE USED FOR THIS POSITION.

NOMINATION

IN THE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE CURRENT DIRECTOR'S TERM, A NOTICE WILL BE PLACED IN THE BCA'S BUGLE REQUESTING NOMINATIONS AND/OR VOLUNTEERS. THESE APPLICATIONS AND A SHORT BIOGRAPHY WILL BE SENT TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR. 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. A LIST OF CANDIDATES WILL BE FORWARDED TO ALL HEARTLAND REGION CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES.

VOTING

IT WILL BE THE CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING THE CHAPTER'S SELECTION TO THE MEETING. A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN AT THE REGION'S ANNUAL MEETING. IN CASE OF A TIE VOTE BY THE BOARD MEMBERS, A COIN WILL BE FLIPPED TO DETERMINE THE DIRECTOR.

**ARTICLE VI
TERM OF OFFICE**

DIRECTOR

THE DIRECTOR IS ELECTED FOR A TWO YEAR TERM. AFTER A DIRECTOR HAS SERVED TWO FULL TERMS HE/SHE MAY RUN AGAIN ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. CHAIR AT LEAST ONE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE REGION.
2. **USE THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS TO PUBLISH HEARTLAND REGION INFORMATION.**
3. REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE REGION WITH THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.
4. ATTEMPT TO VISIT EACH CHAPTER ONCE DURING HIS/HER TERM. THE VISIT WILL BE SCHEDULED IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR.
5. THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR COORDINATES THE ANNUAL REGIONAL SHOW WITHIN THE CHAPTER STRUCTURE.
6. MANAGE THE REGIONAL FUNDS.
7. IMPROVE THE OPERATING STRUCTURE OF THE REGION.

CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

THE CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVE MUST SERVE FOR A FULL YEAR. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE APPOINTMENT BE A TWO YEAR TERM, BUT THIS IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS.

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ARTICLE VII
REGIONAL CAR SHOW

SECTION 1 - PURPOSE

ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE HEARTLAND REGION IS TO HAVE A YEARLY CAR SHOW HOSTED BY ONE OF THE CHAPTERS IN THE REGION AND SUPPORTED BY ALL CHAPTERS IN THE REGION. THIS SHOW IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHAPTERS TO WORK TOGETHER AND TO ALLOW THE SMALLER CHAPTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE OPERATION OF A LARGE SHOW, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING MORE CHAPTERS CAPABLE OF HOSTING A NATIONAL MEET. IT IS ALSO SEEN AS A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INCOME FOR THE REGION'S CHAPTERS.

SECTION 2 - SHOW ADMINISTRATION

ALL ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGIONAL SHOW SHALL BE AT THE DIRECTION OF THE HOST CHAPTER.

SECTION 3 - SHOW FUNDING

TO FUND A SHOW OF THIS SIZE IT IS THE INTENT OF THE HEARTLAND REGION TO MAINTAIN A TREASURY TO BE USED AS START UP FUNDING FOR THE HOST CHAPTER. **THE FUND WILL BE SPLIT TO PROVIDE 2/3 OF THE FUND VALUE TO THE CURRENT YEAR'S HOST CHAPTER AND 1/3 TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S HOST CHAPTER.** THIS WILL ALLOW A SMALL CHAPTER THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE HOST CHAPTER WITHOUT PUTTING UNDUE FINANCIAL STRESS ON THE CHAPTER, THE **FUNDING** WILL BE PROVIDED BY THOSE CHAPTERS WHICH PROVIDE AN ENTRY FEE OF \$500.00 EACH. BY JOINING THE FUND, THE CHAPTER WILL THEN SHARE IN ANY **PROFIT OR LOSS RESULTING FROM THE SHOW.**

SECTION 4 - SHOW PARTICIPATION

IT IS INTENDED THAT EACH CHAPTER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE MAJOR ASPECT OF THE SHOW AND ITS OPERATION. THE HOST CHAPTER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SITE SELECTION AND BANQUET ARRANGEMENTS. THE HOST CHAPTER WILL THEN CONTACT THE OTHER REGIONAL CHAPTERS TO NEGOTIATE AN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. THESE WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

REGISTRATION	SHOW PARKING
JUDGING (OPTIONAL)	PICTURE TAKING
SWAPPER MANAGEMENT	HOSPITALITY ROOM
TOURS	BANQUET

SECTION 5 - SHOW START UP FUND MANAGEMENT

THE SHOW START UP FUND WILL BE MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR. HE WILL COORDINATE WITH THE HOST CHAPTER TO DETERMINE THE REQUIRED START UP FUNDING AND PAYMENT METHOD. IT WILL BE THE HOST CHAPTER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REPLENISH THE START UP FUND PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS OR AS AGREED TO BY THE HOST CHAPTER AND THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

SECTION 6 - **DISASTER FUND (OMITTED 9/1998)**

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**ARTICLE VII
REGIONAL CAR SHOW
(CONTINUED)**

SECTION 7- EARNED EQUITY

SINCE SMALLER CHAPTERS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE \$500.00, A METHOD WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW THEM TO BUILD AN EQUITY IN THE SHOW FUND. THIS METHOD WILL PROVIDE FOR A PAYMENT PLAN WITH PROPORTIONED PROFIT EQUAL TO CONTRIBUTION.

**ARTICLE VIII
MISCELLANEOUS**

SECTION 1 - FUNDING THE DIRECTOR

THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE FUNDED BY THE CHAPTERS OF THE HEARTLAND REGION. THE COST OF THIS FUNDING REQUIREMENT WILL BE THE BUDGET **NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00** AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF CHAPTER MEMBERS IN THE REGION.

SECTION 2 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

NO REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY SALARY OR REMUNERATION FROM THE REGION. NO BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBER OR OFFICIAL OF THE REGION SHALL BE INTERESTED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN ANY CONTRACT RELATING TO THE OPERATION OR ANY CONTRACT TO FURNISH SUPPLIES OR SERVICES TO THE REGION OR ITS ACTIVITIES, WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BID.

SECTION 3- AGENCY

NO MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER IS AUTHORIZED TO ACT AS AN AGENT TO CREATE ANY OBLIGATIONS BINDING ON THE CHAPTERS OR THE BCA WITHOUT WRITTEN APPROVAL AND DIRECTION OF THE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

REVISION RECORD

DATE OF CHANGE	CHANGE MADE
8/1993	ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1 ADDED MISSOURI GATEWAY CHAPTER TO LIST OF MEMBERS
8/1989	ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1 ADDED DEFINITION OF FINANCIAL PARTNER
8/1989	ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1 ADDED NEBRASKA CROSSROADS CHAPTER TO LIST OF MEMBERS
8/1989	ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1 SHOW FINANCIAL PARTNERS STATUS ON LIST OF CHAPTERS
8/1989	ARTICLE 6 DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY ITEM 2 REMOVE DIRECTOR'S NEWSLETTER, ADD TO READ, USE OF CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS
8/1989	ARTICLE 7 SECTION 3 REMOVE DOLLAR VALUES, ADD PERCENTAGES
8/1989	ARTICLE 7 SECTION 6 REMOVE DISASTER FUND
8/1989	ARTICLE 8 SECTION 1 FIX DIRECTOR'S FUND AT NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00
8/2007	ARTICLE 2 SECTION 1 ADDED UPPER ILLINOIS CHAPTER