

Notes from the Heartland (Region)  
Occasional Info and Ramblings  
Buick Club of America

From Len Woelfel:

Thanks for electing me your Regional Coordinator for the Heartland Region of the Buick Club of America. I hope that I can live up to the high standards my predecessor, John McCarthy, maintained. I'll be sending a note out on an occasional basis to help keep you informed. If you have any items for publication, please send them to me.

The Chicago Chapter met on Wednesday night, 02/07/24. 14 of our members were in attendance. Of note are several group activities we have planned for the next couple months. ALL BCA members ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND our group activities, regardless if you're a member of the chapter (although we hope you'll join our chapter as well). Here's a few of our upcoming events:

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**, the Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac Swap Meet is happening at the Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S Randall Road, St. Charles, IL. The event is mostly indoors, RAIN OR SHINE, and there will be roughly 32,000 feet worth of parts, memorabilia, etc. Info at: <https://www.facebook.com/p/BOPC-Swap-Meet-100064803336282/>

**Friday - Sunday, March 8 - 10, 2024** is the World of Wheels at the Donald E Stephens Center, 5555 N River Road, Rosemont, IL The event is all indoors, the Chicago Chapter will have a booth there, and info is available <https://autorama.com/attend/chicago/>

**Saturday, March 16, 2024** is our club tour of the Klairmont Collection in Chicago. This car collection has only been open to the public a short time. We hope to meet for breakfast before we head to the museum. Breakfast location TBD. You can find more info about Klairmont at <https://klairmontcollections.com/>

**Saturday, April 27, 2024** is the Club tour of Historic Auto Attractions, 13825 Metric Road, Roscoe, IL. This museum is only open a few months throughout the year and we are lucky to be getting access. <https://www.historicautoattractions.com/>

All these are listed on a calendar I maintain of various car shows, etc. I use it as a quick resource I can access from any of my devices to find out when and where car shows are. It started out just for northeastern Illinois, but I have been expanding it to cover BCA events, AACA events, some of the bigger auctions, and events throughout Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana as well. I'll be adding Buick events across the entire Heartland Region now. If you'd like access just log in or create a google account, then go to <https://calendar.google.com> and search Heartland Region Car

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Shows and Cruise Nights. If you have an event to add just send me a link or email me the details.

The 2024 Heartland Regional Car Show is in the EARLY PLANNING STAGES. The event is tentatively scheduled for September and we are shopping for venues in southeast and south-central Wisconsin. Shopping for a hotel that can accommodate our needs at a reasonable cost remains a significant challenge. Alternative venues as well as changes to the typical schedule and time frame for the event are being considered, which may help to make this year's event a reality. More details are forthcoming and YOUR INPUT IS WELCOME.

Looking into the future, the Centennial of Route 66 is in 2026. The Chicago Chapter is discussing a trip along the entire route, from Chicago to Los Angeles. We estimate about 2 weeks of driving from end to end. If you'd like to participate for the entire journey or just join in for part of it, please contact me here and I'll keep you informed.

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