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**The next Chapter Meeting will be held April 20, 2008 at the BOPC Show.  
Time and location noted below.**

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

The Fall meeting of the Roadrunner Buick Chapter was called to order at 5:17 PM, Saturday, September 29, 2007, by Chapter Director Tom Rostkowski, at the Rib Hickory Pit BBQ in Los Lunas, New Mexico. **Members** present included Ken Murphy, Jack Krietzburg, Russ Dent, Duke McCracken, Jo Johnson, Bob Humphrey, Tom and Dee Patterson, Ben and Inez Garland, Bob Jones, Charlie Mann and Tom Rostkowski. **Guests** included Frank Lyle and Shari Adams, Bill Westlake, Pat Chiusano and Joe Santora, Max Miller, Joe Wehlug, and Travis Bradfuts. **OLD BUSINESS:** Chapter minutes, from the April 28, 2007 meeting, were accepted. The Treasurer's report of \$170.92 was given and accepted. Russ Dent reported that the Chapter Web page is up and running – [www.nmbuicks.org](http://www.nmbuicks.org). There are still a couple of items to be addressed. The Web page will link to the Buick Club of America and the New Mexico Council of Car Clubs web pages. There was some concern about Chapter Member's phone numbers being correct. A current membership list was passed around to check the numbers and other pertinent member information. Charlie Mann shared that the Buick Rep said the local dealership would be doing some kind of event to celebrate 100 years of GM, but nothing has been firmed up. **NEW BUSINESS:** Frank Lyle, 2009 BCA National Chairman, was introduced. Frank stated he is a 1958 Buick Collector, through and through. Due to his interest in Buicks, he was instrumental in getting the Pikes Peak Buick Chapter up and running. He was also on the committee who proposed for the



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Buick Nationals to be in Colorado Springs in 2007. Due to his enthusiasm and determination, Frank again pitched having the Nationals in Colorado Springs in 2009, which proposal was accepted. Pikes Peak Chapter is estimating 500 cars, with 1,000 BCA members participating in the 2009 meet. Currently, Frank is working with the Sheraton Inn for the host hotel. It can hold the 500 cars and has a banquet room that holds 1,200 people. When asked how our chapter could help, he suggested that the Roadrunner Buick Chapter sponsor the Swap Meet. He suggested that we make the swappers feel more welcome and an important part of the Buick Nationals. The National meet will run Wednesday through Sunday and our Chapter volunteers would need to arrive on site on Tuesday to mark the spaces and get set up for the Vendors. Once the Hotel contract is signed then the swap meet size can be determined. The Chapter would then handle the check in and any other activities needed for the swappers. In addition to the Roadrunner Buick Chapter, the Mile High Chapter and the Rocky Mountain Chapter will assist the Pikes Peak Chapter. Profit from the National meet will be distributed by percentage to the Chapters that help. Frank indicated that his Chapter is looking at mid to late June 2009. The temperature averages 85 degrees at that time. He knows that the VMCCA is holding a meet in Colorado Springs in July 2009. Chapter members unanimously voted to sponsor the Swap Meet. In addition, the Chapter volunteered to handle the Hospitality Room one day. Volunteers for the event are Ben, Steve, Bob, Jack, Bob, Charlie, Duke, Tom, Steve, Jo, Mike, Priscilla, Gerry, Russ, Darlene and Inez. A suggestion of \$30/space be charged. Also, the Albuquerque Tortilla Company was mentioned to contact about items to provide in the Hospitality Room. Tom stated he had contacted the BDE group to see if they would like some suggestions for a tour following the National meet. **CLOSING:** Tom thanked Russ Dent for all his hard work on the Chapter Web site and Tom and Dee Patterson for setting up our meeting/dinner place. Meeting closed at 6:12 PM.

**2008 COMING EVENTS:**

- 4/20 – B-O-P Show, Quality Pontiac-GMC –Buick, 7901 Lomas Blvd, NE  
(505) 256- 7344 - Entry form on [www.nmbuicks.org](http://www.nmbuicks.org) - go to meetings section
- 4/26 – Park ‘N the Park Car Show, Haynes Park, Rio Rancho – (505) 891-4737
- 5/2-4 – Route 66 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fun Run. Starts in Seligman and ends in Kingman  
(928) 753-5001
- 5/4 - Route 66 Rodders Swap Meet - UNM Tailgate 2 Lot - (505) 259-1232
- 5/18 - NMCCC & Albuquerque Museum Annual Show - Mark your calendars
- 6/6-8 - Red River Classic Car Show - Red River, Brandenburg Park - 1-800-348-6444
- 8/15-17 – Orval Proctor Collection Auction, Delta, CO – [www.vanderbrinkauctions.com](http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com)
- 9/26-28 - NMCCC Annual Swap Meet – Los Lunas - Mark your calendars.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPTER - Tom Rostkowski BCA 14033**

**Roadrunner Director Notes for September 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

I want to start out by thanking Tom & Dee Patterson for setting up the Ribs Restaurant for our meeting location. I'm still licking the sauce off my fingers. Also, thanks to Russ Dent, Ben & Inez Garland and Tom and Dee Paterson for the wonderful door prizes and appetizers. I was one of the lucky winners and the Buick sign is now on my wall. Thanks again from all of us.

Prior to the meeting, several of us were at the New Mexico Car Club Council Parts Swap Meet. I think all of us had a good time Picking through the parts and even the rain showers kept us moving quickly. We had twenty Buick enthusiasts at the meeting; I could see how enthused they were by the size of the meal orders.

At the meeting, we had Frank Lyle from the Pike's Peak Club come and provide us with an overview of the planned 2009 Buick National; he is coordinating. Frank explained the need for the Four Corners Region to provide support. Our Roadrunner Buick Chapter volunteered to run the Swap Meet. Job responsibilities are: marking the Swap area a day before the show, directing swap participants to their locations and overseeing the on-going Swap Meet. The final responsibility will be cleaning up the swap area after the show on Sunday afternoon. I believe we had 12 or 13 volunteers to work the Swap Meet set up and associated duties. Several other members are thinking about volunteering for inside jobs.

Our Club also volunteered to run the Hospitality Room one of the days. This will include providing munchies with a New Mexican Flavor (Red or Green). The specific dates of the 2009 BCA National are still in discussion. Finalization of Host Hotel is in process.

***The next Road Runner Buicks ad hoc meeting and breakfast will be at 8:30 AM, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Vic's Daily Café on Osuna***

**CANCEL NOV 3 BUICK BREAKFAST**

Buickers, - I have a movie extra gig "Appaloosa" for Saturday November 3rd and will not be at the Vic's Cafe. If several of you still want to get together, that's great. It was 8:30 AM. Sorry, Tom

**Buicks Of New Mexico - Spring 2008**

Roadrunner Buick members: Spring is about to bloom and it's time to make plans for the 2008 Car Season and to update you regarding the 2009 Buick National plans.

Our first 2008-planned activity was our Buick bi-monthly breakfast get together on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Vic's Daily Café. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but Dee Patterson and Duke McCracken orchestrated the business part. They reported: Duke will be scheduling a monthly All Car Club Park at the Twisters on Highway 550 in Bernalillo; time and date to be announced. I hope many of us Buickers will participate. The question: when and where we will have our Spring Buick Club meeting was discussed. It was agreed to hold the meeting during the BOP&C Spring show. The BOP&C Show is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> at Quality Pontiac-GMC-Buick, 7901 Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. I have attached an application for the show. If anyone wants meet for breakfast that morning 7:15 AM on April 20<sup>th</sup> let me know. tomrostkow@aol.com

I just received; the information and application for the **Rio Rancho Park 'n the Park Show** to be held on **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Gates open 8AM, Show 11AM to 3PM.** **Location is: Haynes Park, Rio Rancho, Highway 528 and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue.** I plan on going, but with our Camaro. Feel free to bring your Buick, anyway. Hope to see you there. Application is attached.

### **2009 Buick National Show in Colorado Springs July 1 Thru 5**

This is an article that appeared in "The Mile High" BCA Newsletter regarding the 2009 National.

The Meet will be held July 1 through July 5, at Crowne Plaza, Colorado Springs. The secondary hotel is Doubletree. Darrow says both hotels agreed to extend the BCA discounted rate of \$109 for three days before and after the meet to "allow for more sightseeing and extended vacations."

Frank Lyle is inviting and encouraging all BCA members in Colorado to join him for an inspection of the planned facilities on February 16. The tour begins at 11:00.

(BCA President) Darrow and Bugle editor Pete Phillips visited Colorado Springs in late October to survey locations and conduct preliminary negotiations. After those meetings, Darrow said, "We both believe Colorado Springs presents a great location for a National Meet and will be well attended from across the country." Following the visit to Colorado Springs, Darrow and Phillips met with about 25 members of the Pikes Peak, Mile High, and Rocky Mountain Chapters in Denver. A representative from the Roadrunner Chapter in New Mexico was unable to attend.

"There were lots of questions and we went over the National Meet requirements and some of the issues that needed to be addressed upfront with contracts, and so forth," said Darrow, commenting for The Mile Higher. "(We had a) real good dialogue with this group. Hopefully, Pete Phillips and I were able to address these (concerns) satisfactorily."

It isn't known if the Bonneville (Utah), the Southern Arizona (Tucson), or Valley of the Sun (Phoenix) chapters are participating as part of the Four Corners Region. There has also been no word yet from the Riviera Owners Association or the Buick GS Club chapters in the four states area.

**2009 BCA National Show Chairman Frank Lyle**  
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**5715 Sayres Road Colorado Springs CO 80927-9618**

Darrow says both hotels "are locked up" and BCA is confirming a minimum of 350 rooms. No registrations will be accepted until after the 2008 National in Flint in July. Lyle said earlier he expects about 1,000 people to attend.

Based on registration at the last National in Bellevue, Darrow expects up to 400 exhibit cars. He notes that about 20 percent of those attending typically drive "modern" cars and do not register a show car. "(In Colorado Springs) we will draw from the Midwest with the largest concentration of our members, as well as the West coast, just due to the location and attractions," says Darrow. "We have also received a lot of positive feedback from members across the country."

Darrow says the National BCA National Office will handle registration, "relieving the local chapter of what seems to be a continuing problem." Look for further information in your future Buick Bugle.

I (Tom Rostkowski) talked to Frank Lyle, National Show Chairman, regarding our (Roadrunner Buick Chapter) commitments. At our 2007 Fall meeting in Las Lunas, which Frank attended; **we volunteered to run the Swap Meet and do the Hospitality Room for one day. I committed the Roadrunner Buicks to run the Hospitality Room on July 2, 2009.**

What these commitments mean are:

**Hospitality Room - provide goodies and staff for hours of operations that day;** I will provide Salsa, we will need chips, soda, cheese, sweets & paper goods. Please start thinking about what you can help out with, as well as staffing the room during operating hours. I will get the proposed hours of operation from Frank Lyle.

**Swap Meet Area – provide personnel to setup swap area, staffing during hours of operation and personnel to police swap area after it closes.** Please start thinking about our Roadrunner Buicks responsibilities and how you can help.

I hope to see you all at the BOP&C Show on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### ROADRUNNER SALE-A-THON

**FOR SALE** – 1957 Super 4 Door HT; original engine and transmission but needs rebuilt. Original owner bought new, drove for 10 years and then parked it. Contact Kimball Nelson – nelson.kimball@gmail.com

**FOR SALE** – 1939 Buick, 8cyl. Stored in barn for 40 years. Engine turns; last ran 3-4 years ago. Needs complete restoration. Asking \$1,800. Contact Clarence Howland, Emporia, KS 620-342-0215 or 602-341-3533

**FOR SALE** - 1963 Buick Wildcat Convertible – Asking \$15,000. Call Lou Beard – 970-324-3722



A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The Surgeon was waiting for the service manager to take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, can I ask you a question?" The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its 'heart', take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in and, when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a measly salary and you get the "really big bucks" when you and I are doing basically the same kind of work?" The surgeon paused, smiled, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."



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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Park 'n the Park Car Show Entry Form**  
 No entry newer than 1980 Accepted

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make of Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Second Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Information for Windshield Card/Car Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

**CATEGORIES: Circle One**  
*(This show is professionally judged)*

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|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|------------------|
| A | Antique - Pre 1950 (Stock)    | G | Street Rod Closed 1923 - 1935 | M | Truck - Custom   |
| B | Classic - 1951 - 1959 (Stock) | H | Street Rod Closed 1936 - 1950 | N | Custom - Mild    |
| C | Classic - 1960 - 1970 (Stock) | I | Muscle Car 60 -67             | O | Custom - Full    |
| D | Classic - 1971 - 1980 (Stock) | J | Muscle Car 68 -74             | P | Low Rider        |
| E | Street Rod Open 1923 - 1935   | K | Convertible                   | Q | Special Interest |
| F | Street Rod Open 1936 - 1950   | L | Truck - Restored              | R | Travel Trailer   |

**Pre-registration ONLY! Cut-off is March 31, 2008 and limited to 200 Entries**  
**No Registration on day of show!**

Pre Registration (By March 31, 2008) (Entry fee includes t-shirt/dash plaque)	M L XL XXL Circle Size	\$25.00	x 1	=	\$ _____
Second Entry (No Goody Bag, Dash Plaque or T-shirt)		\$20.00	x 1	=	\$ _____
Extra T-shirt	M L XL XXL Circle Size	\$15.00	x _____	=	\$ _____
2008 Car Show Jacket Raffle Tickets (for Entrants only) (Tickets will also be available on day of show)		\$ 1.00 each	x _____	=	\$ _____
Total Due					\$ _____

***In the interest of safety-NO exhibition driving and NO alcohol!!! No car will leave until after awards.***

**Please read and sign the following waiver:**

I, the undersigned, do hereby myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release the City of Rio Rancho & Car Shows Unlimited, their officers and all Individual members thereof, and all other persons regardless of their capacity in any way connected with Park 'n the Park Car Show, from any and all right, claim or liability of any kind or nature that I might have, I do hereby acknowledge that this release will extend to any accidents, damages or claims arising out of my entry caused by my own acts, or acts caused by anyone outside my control. I further acknowledge and agree that I will be personally liable and accept full responsibility for any and all damage I, or any person within my control, cause to the grounds upon which the show is held or any equipments, vehicles, buildings, etc., used in connection with the car show. I understand that photographs taken during the event may be used for publicity, advertising and other uses & I hereby relinquish any rights to all photos taken in connection with this event.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed form with entry fee (be sure to mark t-shirt size and category) to:  
**Car Shows Unlimited, 2321 Arlin Court, Rio Rancho, NM 87124**  
 For more information call: Richard 891-4737 Larry 892-0954 Ed 994-4416 or John 615-8496