

ROADRUNNER SPECIAL
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CHAPTER MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2007

The April Spring Fling meeting of the Roadrunner Buicks was held April 28, 2007, at the home of Charlie and Pam Mann. Chapter members toured Charlie's interesting collection of vehicles, including two that were produced in New Mexico, as well as browsed their outstanding memorabilia collection. Members present were Tom and Nancy Rostkowski, Duke and Priscilla McCracken, Charlie and Pam Mann, Russ Dent, Jo Johnson, Tom and Dee Patterson, and Ben and Inez Garland. Bob Jones and Bernie and Marion Stevens joined our Chapter at this meeting. Guests Benjamin, Christine, and Eugene Garland, came with Ben and Inez. OLD BUSINESS: The minutes were accepted as written in the newsletter. NEW BUSINESS: Tom advised the members that the new National Chapter Coordinator is Carl Finer from Massachusetts. Ben shared that he was acquainted with Carl and that Carl has some longevity with BCA. Carl will be added to the newsletter list. Tom then mentioned that our Chapter is in the Four Corners Region with Mark Philbrook acting as Regional Director. Also, Tom was advised that the Pikes Peak Chapter, from Colorado Springs, is going to present to the BCA Board of Directors for the 2009 National Meet. Inez said she would try to put together a weekend in Farmington in June. Tom reminded everyone that the next Chapter breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2007, at Vic's Daily Café, on Osuna, at 8:30 AM. He was pleased to report that 10 members attended the first breakfast. Tom then gave a recap of the Park-in-the-Park Car Show, held in Rio Rancho. The Buick showing was good, with six on display. Mike Campos was one owner showing his 1938 Buick Street Rod.



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For members planning to attend the B-O-P show on Sunday, plans were made to meet at the Sunset Grill on the north side of Lomas, and then all drive together to the show. Jo Johnson will be cooking hamburgers and members are to bring the fixins'. The NMCOCC Museum Car Show is May 20th. Tom and Dee Patterson, Tom Rostkowski, and Jo Johnson have volunteered to help. Tom made arrangements so the Roadrunner members could park together. Tom adjourned the meeting. Members joined together at the ?????? for good conversation and a great dinner. (The Secretary didn't write the restaurant name down so she can't remember it, but she does remember the food was delicious!)

COMING EVENTS:

Sept 22 – Collector Car Show, Farmington. Chris @ 505-326-2227

Sept 28-30 – NMCOCC Swap Meet in Los Lunas, oldcarnut1932@earthlink.net

Sept 29 – Roadrunner Buick Chapter Meeting, 5:00 PM, Rib Restaurant (See info in newsletter)

Nov 3 – Roadrunner Buick Breakfast, Vic's Café, Osuna

President's Note

Tom Rostkowski BCA 14033

The Roadrunner Buick Chapter had 8 members at the bimonthly breakfast (May 19, 2007). We met at Vic's Daily Cafe and had a delicious breakfast and some great Buick talk. Duke brought a speedometer for identifying what year and model Buick it was from. The group believed it to be from early 50's but not sure so, we hope Duke will bring again for other club members to check out.

In attendance was : Duke & Priscilla McCracken, Tom & Dee Patterson, Ken Murphy, Tom Rostkowski and Jerry Jennings. Jerry is a potential new BCA member and has a 42 Buick he is restoring. We hope the club and associated suppliers can help his restoration out.

The NMCCC Museum Show (May 20, 2007) is the premier New Mexico Car Show in my opinion. While none of our Buicks made it into the winner's circle we did have a great time and an early end. The sky opened up and those of us who got out before the end and stayed dry felt like winners.

Our club had Tom & Dee Patterson, Charlie Mann, Ken Murphy, Bill Sullivan, Jo Johnson, Bob Jones, Bernie and Marion Stevens, Tom Rostkowski and Ben and Inez Garland in attendance. Not all brought Buicks but did have some nice rolling stock there. We also had 4 potential new members to the BCA and Roadrunner Buicks. I'd consider the show a success for the Roadrunner Buicks.

Ken Murphy, 47 Buick Roadmaster, and Tom Rostkowski, 58 Buick Century, attended the Santa Fe Car Show on the 4th of July. It was a good time and plenty of cars that we had not seen before. It was \$30 to enter. I'd like to see more of our Roadrunner Buicks attend. It's a year away but give it some thought. Early arrival of 6 AM to 6:30 AM is required, but the show ends at 1:15 PM.

We had our bi-monthly breakfast at Vic's Cafe in Albuquerque this past Saturday (July 14, 2007). In attendance were: Tom & Dee Paterson, Duke & Priscilla McCracken, Ken Murphy, Bob Jones, Jo Johnson and me. Jo noted that he will be leaving for a temp job in Oregon on August 29th but will be back once a month.

I talked to Frank Lyle with respect to our support for their national in 2009. I told him we could probably provide 6 people to assist with the National. Also, I told him we would like to have the Buick Driving Enthusiasts tour in the Santa Fe area. I'm going to contact the BDE about the tour down to New Mexico.

Our next breakfast will be at 8:30 AM, Saturday, November 3rd at Vic's Daily Café, 3600 Osuna, west of I-25 on the south side of the street.

Russ Dent and Jo Johnson are working on the Chapter's Web Page; they hope to have it by September 29th.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For all those who know there's something wrong with their car, but have no clue what the problem is or how much it'll cost to fix, here's a chart from a mechanic's garage, along with prices:

Ping, Click, Ping.....	\$10
Click, Whir, Click.....	\$30
Clunk, Whir, Clunk.....	\$50
Thud, Clunk, Thud.....	\$100
Clang, Thud, Clang.....	\$200
I can't describe it.....	\$500

NEW MEXICO ROADRUNNER BUICKS EVENT NOTICE
SEPTEMBER 29, 2007

We will be holding a very important planning meeting at 5:00 pm at Rib Hickory Pit BBQ in Los Lunas after the Swap Meet. Rib has a moderately priced, varied menu (not all BBQ) as well as a full-size and toy tractor display which most people find interesting. It is located at 120 Nelson Lane at the Valencia Y (Hwy 47 and 6 (Main Street). Phone # is 866-0000. From I25, take the Los Lunas Exit (Hwy 6) and go East toward the Mountains. You will pass Hwy 314 (Luna Mansion and Lota Burger on your right) Continue through town, crossover the Rio Grande, pass NM 263 to MY Bank on your right, just past the bank, turn right on Lujan Road and Ribs is a short distance on your left. If you miss the Lujan Road turn, continue on to the next traffic light which is Hwy 47 (Burger King on your right) turn right and just past the shopping center on your right is Lujan Road, turn right again and Ribs will be on your left behind the shopping center.

This meeting will be the first one to discuss the plans to support the Pike's Peak Chapter of the Colorado Springs area. They will be hosting the 2009 National Buick Meet. As Tom and Jo have pointed out recently, it is very important to begin early in order to have an outstanding meet. Please plan to be there to give your support and past experience to support these groups as well as give our chapter a boost and perhaps add some new members.

Consider volunteering in any of these areas:

- 1) Swap Meet
- 2) Photo Taking
- 3) Registration
- 4) Greeter/Information
- 5) Judging.

The Pike's Peak Club has Frank Lyle as the lead organizer so, if you have questions, email him at mr58buick@msn.com or me at tomrostkow@aol.com. Please give this some thought before the meeting. We will have some joint meetings to discuss support of the Nationals.

We will also discuss the 2008 Buick activities celebrating 100 years of General Motors.

We must have a head count for the restaurant reservations no later than Sept. 24th so PLEASE let either Tom Rostkowski or Dee and Tom Patterson know before then how many will be attending. Cost of dinner is on your own. Sure hope this turnout will blow Tom Rostkowski's red car show socks down!

SEE YA ON THE 29TH AT RIBS!

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ROADRUNNER SALE-A-THON

FOR SALE – 1953 Buick Special – 4-door sedan. Call Deane Arnold, Santa Fe, (505) 455-2092

FOR SALE – Camaro sub-frame. \$100.00. Call Ben Garland, Farmington, (505) 327 6887

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