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## **Buick Enthusiasts Help Raise \$230,000 for Arthritis Foundation**

More than 100 antique and collectible Buicks ascended upon Dublin, Ohio's Metro Center for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In presented by CaughlinCars.com, where the Buick Club of America (BCA) held its 2015 Great Lakes Regional Meet on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Many Buick participants also attended the Rolling Legends Tour on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, and the always-popular Cruise-In on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, all held as part of the Arthritis Foundation's three-day extravaganza.

On Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, despite torrential rain, more than 50 participants enjoyed the Rolling Legends Tour, which followed a scenic countryside route through Southern Ohio to the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington. Even though a steady rain overflowed the track surface, drivers enjoyed three "hot laps," and then took a break to together enjoy terrific box lunches provided by Life Care Alliance and to compare stories about who best hydroplaned their car across the finish line. The oldest Buick was driven by veteran Buick enthusiast Roger Fields who impressed the crowd with how well his long wheel base Series 90 1931 Buick sedan handled the water sloshed course.

**Above right:** Along with his son John (front passenger) and West and David Peterson, Roger Fields runs his 1931 Buick on-track at a wet Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

**Right:** Rolling Legends Tour organizer Katie Eberst takes time out to enjoy lunch with, from left to right, West Peterson, David Peterson and Roger Fields. Now in its third successful year, more than 50 participants enjoyed this years' 100 mile tour which meandered through a mix of historic towns and beautiful countryside.





The Rolling Legends Tour concluded at Right Stuff Detailing, where each participant was treated to an open house with lots of great food, hospitality and classic car fellowship. Three years ago, Rob and Katie Eberst (left) expanded the Classic Auto Show to include the Rolling Legends Tour and, still under their dedicated stewardship, this well organized, popular event continues to grow. Next year's destination will soon be announced at [www.ArthritisAutoShow.com](http://www.ArthritisAutoShow.com)

More than 500 cars were out on display at Dublin Metro Center for Friday's Cruise-In, where the tradition continued of awarding 100 coveted 6' tall trophies, as well as many special awards. Despite on-and-off rain showers throughout the day, ever faithful Buick owners responded with strong attendance, many of whom took home significant awards.



**Above left:** Pete Nathan's 1935 Buick street rod, beautifully refined down to the smallest detail, drew big spectator crowds all day at Friday's Cruise-In. Driving his Buick every year all the way from St. Louis, Pete is a steadfast supporter and valued friend of the Arthritis Foundation. **Above Right:** Event officials Rob Eberst (left) and David Landow (right) proudly congratulate Pete Nathan (center) on winning a 6' tall trophy at Friday's Cruise-In.

Buick collector and enthusiast Jeff Brashares, who has served as Chairman of the Classic Auto Show for 32 of its 33 years, delivered on his promise for beautiful, sunny weather on Saturday. The day could not have been any more ideal for more than 100 Buicks that attended the BCA Great Lakes Regional Meet "show-within-a-show."

**Right:** John Fields showed a 1941 Model 46S Special Sedanet, recently purchased from the estate of the late Lewis Jenkins, a notable Buick and Cadillac collector. Under Mr. Jenkins ownership, the car achieved Senior Grand National AACA status and BCA Archival status. The car is all original and completely unrestored, and John plans to continue showing it for the enjoyment of all.



Described by the Antique Automobile Club of America as “the most coveted award on the classic car circuit,” at Saturday’s Classic Auto Show, Tom Kromer received the prestigious Lee Iacocca Award for his many years of valuable service to the Arthritis Foundation and for his dedicated service to many other worthy civic causes. As he has reliably done for many years, Tom did a phenomenal job organizing the Buicks. Buick owners were treated to an exciting, well attended BCA Regional Meet, where they also enjoyed the more than 1,100 other cars and owners that participated in the Classic Auto Show, where the wide variety of cars is always the main attraction.

**Right:** Presented for “Dedication To Excellence In Perpetuating An American Automotive Tradition,” Tom Kromer (right) is presented with The Lee Iacocca Award by Jeff Brashares (above right and on the stage) - Chairman of the Classic Auto Show, Angie Brashares (center) and Susan Davis (left) - Division Vice President of the Arthritis Foundation’s Great Lakes Region.



**Above left:** Mark Mederski talks with an interested Buick enthusiast about his 1927 Buick Race Car, originally built in Uruguay, South America with a 1927 Model 27 drive line. **Above right:** Race car body is all steel, sectioned and channeled with a custom made tail section. The Model 27 frame was shortened by 14". Mr. Mederski received The Brashares Family Foundation award for Best Buick.



Historically, the Arthritis Foundation’s three-day automobile extravaganza has been one of the largest fund-raisers for the Central Ohio Chapter. Buick enthusiasts in attendance this year were proud to be a significant part of raising an impressive \$230,000.

**Left:** A featured marque of this year’s show, the Buick Grand Sport’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated; more than 20 Grand Sports were in attendance.

With its more than 60-member all-volunteer committee that plans and works on the event year round, you can bet next year's Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In, which takes place on July 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, will again set fund-raising and attendance records, making it possible for the Arthritis Foundation to fund their valuable programs, services and research for more than 486,000 Ohioans who struggle with more than 100 various types of Arthritis. And, as always, the Buick faithful will be returning to support this important event. So mark your calendars for next year's show, and you can stay up-to-date with the latest announcements at [www.ArthritisAutoShow.com](http://www.ArthritisAutoShow.com)

Also mark your calendar for July 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, when the Arthritis Foundation will host its grandest celebration yet; the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In! The Buick Club of America has announced that it will join in the celebration with its 2017 Great Lakes Regional Meet, scheduled for July 17, 2017, a milestone Buick event that you won't want to miss. Your fellow Buick enthusiasts look forward to seeing you there!

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