



Los Angeles Chapter of The Buick Club of America

The Los Angeles Chapter Logo reflects who we are and what we do. Our members' cars are used in motion picture and TV productions.



Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the automobiles built by The Buick Motor Division

Steve's Corner



We just had our 10th annual All GM Car Show. Everyone said it was the best one yet. I can't help but agree with them. I think I can, also, tell you how this happened to be the case. We had many members, as

well as friends of the car show, who knew what had to be done, who jumped in and made it happen. Scheduling, which is always important was strictly adhered to. Everybody went about their assigned tasks and completed them in a "let's do it" manner. I can't tell all you people how proud and gratified I am for this kind of performance. I can't wait to do it again.

This show appealed to more General Motors products owners and more restorers than ever before. The show summoned the finest Buicks, Cadillacs, Pontiacs and Oldsmobiles. The Chevrolet owners have always found a place in the All GM Show to show off their many traditional restorations plus the really great custom modifications that have made them famous.

Monday, 7:00 P.M.

Steve Port

Dick's Corvette

Dick learned his solution to Corvette suspension problems by competitive racing at every major track in Europe, and found that if he tweaked the Corvette suspension a bit, he could get through the corners faster than his competition. But the other guys soon began to pass him in the straight-away. With the development of Dick's five-link suspension system and the ability to increase horse power by 9% or more over stock, he attracted the attention of Dave MacLellan, the chief designer of Corvette at Chevrolet. Dick Guldstrand's fifty year relationship with Chevrolet and Corvette has admitted him to The Corvette Hall of Fame. Dick has made four different models of Special Corvettes over the last several years. They are: the GS80 at 375 hp.; the GS90 at 475 hp.; and the 2003 50 Year Anniversary model at 500 hp. The GSRT model at 580 hp. is pictured below.





LA Chapter All GM Car Show Welcomes the Pros

These two car nuts have been friends for ten years. And they met most recently at the All GM Car Show last month. I never knew exactly what that expres-

sion "car nut" meant. But if it means someone who spends over half his waking hours altering the manufacture's best efforts by personalizing the design or performance, or both of most any car he gets his hands on, then these two are really car nuts.

They first met at Autobooks-Aerobooks on Magnolia Blvd. in Burbank. According to Dick Guldstrand, pictured on the right above, Jay Leno had just purchased a book that Dick had written on racing vehicle suspension. This led quickly to "do you want to come over to my shop and look at my Corvette?"

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Jay's Roadmaster

"I've always liked Buicks," says Jay Leno. And here's one that he liked well enough to save from the recycler. He paid \$350 for this 1955 Roadmaster thirtyfour years ago. According to Jay, it was a wise purchase; he could always sleep in it, when necessary. Jay acknowledges that "the guys that designed it went to college, so I decided to update it *only*, because it is such a great looking car." By the way, it has a C5 Corvette suspension, front and rear."

The Corvette C5 suspension was only a small part of the updating process. Replacing the stock engine with a big-block 472 hp. Chevy engine necessitated the better suspension system. Disc brakes came with the package. Power steering, air conditioning and a new sound system were among the other added amenities.





Jay Leno checks out two 1933 Buick Coupes at the All GM Show

Photo by Howard Branner









































Bernie Buller

2nd Place



Los Angeles Concours d'Elegance at Pasadena on the Golf Course

This 1953 Cadillac Series 62 Coupe by Ghia was purchased by Ali Kahn for actress Rita Hayworth. It was the car featured at the Concours on June 1, 2008.

Arrangements were made by our Director, Steve Rostam to exhibit some of the fine cars belonging to the members of the Los Angeles Chapter: below.























