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The Director's View

By Chris Lee

Well here we are, right in the middle of summer, gas prices up, Edison power down and over priced, but that's all part of the fun of living in SoCal. I've just returned from Bowling Green and the GS Nationals. What a blast we had! Congrats to **Bruce Kent** for wining GS street eliminator heads up class driving **Dave Benisek's** new Apollo GSX. It was a real nail biter. I've never seen the heads up classes so close. In the second round Bruce won by only .009 of a second. Plus the amount of work that was going on because by all rights the car was not race ready until race day. Qualifying days were used just to make this car go down the track. First the brakes wouldn't work right, then electrical gremlins set in, blowing fuses, pumps not working right, changing all the battery cables, (battery mounted in trunk!) then completely unbolting the rear end to change the pinion angle, aligning the front end using a tape measure. replace the master cylinder and bleeding the brakes, adjusting the cal-track bars and preload, and the worst of all was coming in on race day and finding the steering shaft broken inside the steering column. But team work prevailed and many thanks go out to the following members: **Rod Anstet, Tom Jacot, Bill Kirschner, Bill Moore, Dan and Judy Gerber, Nate Wakefield, Sam Davis and June Cecil.**

I got to see the country driving to Kentucky and one thing I noted was that gas is way cheaper once you leave California. \$1.35 was the average, \$1.29 in Oklahoma. Also driving across I never saw one cloud all the way, just blue sky. All and all it was a fun and very busy trip.

Now there's the matter of a very controversial go-cart race at the local Bowling Green track and Tom Jacot being ejected (unjustly?). We may never know, but we all tried to give him a lot of room.

Thanks for now, and we'll see you soon
Chris Lee

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A 10% increase in voltage to the lights makes them 30% brighter!

RECOMMENDED PARTS:

A good selection of various electrical connectors (you can get a kit with 100+ assortment for \$9.99 at most auto parts stores)

- Electrical tape
- 2 fusible links (18 gauge min)
- 18 gauge wire

The best place in the wiring harness to insert the relay is in between the firewall and the driver side headlights.

PROCEDURE:

DISCONNECT BATTERY!

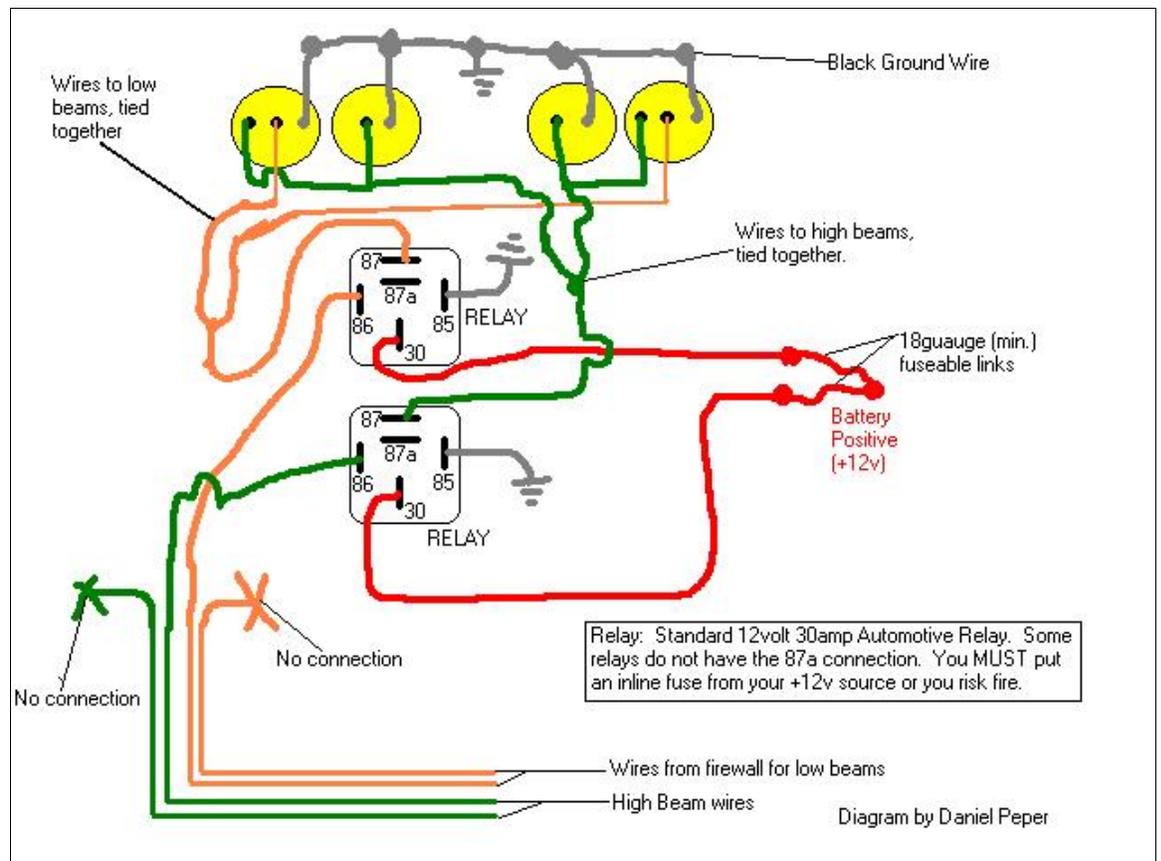
Find the low and high beam wires in the headlight harness, cut the wires noting which wires go to and away from the firewall. Tape off one of each wire coming from the firewall. Decide which relay is going to power the low and the high beams. Attach the remaining tan low beam wire to the 86 terminal on the low beam relay and attach the remaining green wire to the 86 terminal on the high beam relay. Take the 2 pairs of wires going to the lights and tie them together (do not cross colors). Attach the tan pair to the 87 terminal on the low beam relay. Attach the green pair to the 87 terminal on the high beam relay. Ground the 85 terminal on both relays. Attach 2 18 gauge fusible links to the + terminal on the battery then wire each link to a 30 terminal on each relay. Cover / Tape all your exposed wires, mount the relays, reconnect the battery and give it a try. If you have a voltmeter check the voltage at the lights before then after you do this.

(Check with engine at 2500 rpm's).

M.A.D. Enterprises sells a kit for around \$24 that includes 2 relays, wiring harness, heat shrinks, and directions to wire up several 12v "gizmos". www.mad-enterprises.com

Their kit is nice because it has a connector with wires that slides right on to the relay. I believe you can also get this at the auto parts store.

Contact me if you have any questions or problems. 562-697-8018 or ace486@cyberg8t.com





Assistant Director's View

By Daniel Peper

Well, we had a very successful event at Deer Park Winery in June. Despite its last minute formation we had a good turnout of club members and there were many nice GS and GN cars. I know a lot of our club members could not attend although they wanted to, that is our fault for not planning this event out sooner. I think we can assume that this will definitely be on the agenda for next year in June, so mark your calendars now!

Future events, well, we had planned a racing/show event at Rialto, but I just found out that they have suspended all racing at Rialto until at least the end of the year. We are going to have to come up with another event. Carlsbad raceway seems like a good venue for us, it is a lot closer than Palmdale for most of our club and there's always racing going on there. If you think this is a good idea give myself or **Gary Ryan** (Event Coordinator) a call and let us know so we can get it on the agenda.

We have had many of our club meetings at the Michaelangelo's Pizza in San Dimas. This location seems alright but we have had some issues in the past as far as having a separate room so that we can hear what the person next to us is saying. Because of that our last meeting was almost a bust. Fortunately we have reserved their party room for the next meeting so noise will not be an issue. Incidentally our next meeting will be coming up shortly after this newsletter will be sent out. We encourage EVERYONE to attend these meetings, dinner is on the club! Our next meeting will be July 12th at 7:00 pm.

I am still working on the club website. If you would like pictures and information of your car(s) on the site, please contact me. I can scan pictures or even take pictures of your car for you. I will try and have the web page up and running by the end of July. We will probably have our own address which will be easy for all of you to remember: <http://www.socalgs.com/>. What could be easier!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings and events!

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Recommended Internet Websites

Contributed by Daniel Peper

Here are a few Buick related websites that you should be aware of. Some of these sites are invaluable and can save you a lot of time and money.

(1) <http://www.buickperformance.com/>
This is an absolute MUST. Not only is this where you need to go to sign up for the Buickperformance yahoo group, it is packed full of tech articles and Buick info.

(2) <http://www.classicar.com/bombsight>
This site is full of great Buick info, it covers ALL years of Buicks and has a wonderful Photo Gallery so you can find out what year Buick is sitting in your neighbors yard!

(3) <http://www.atlantabuick.com/>
Here you will find good information and tech articles on GS, GN, Reatta, Riviera, TTA, and 3800SC Regals.

(4) <http://www.skylarkgs.com/>
This site is for '68 and '69 Skylark, GS350, and GS400 Buicks. It is a good resource for hard to find parts for these cars with many one year only parts. There is also an extensive photo gallery of '64-'72 Buicks.

(5) <http://www.paeenterprises.com/>
The president of this company is a great man to deal with, his prices are very fair and he really knows Buicks. He is also well known for his head porting, more than one of our club members are using his heads. (note, click on the picture of the engine to get into the website)

Have fun surfing, and feel free to contribute to this list for the next newsletter!

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5/960" ROD				
C.I.D.	231			
CYLINDER	V-6	KB220*	1) For years 1977-87	+21CC PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME
BORE	3.800"	2-5/64 1-3/16	2) Turbocharge O.K.	
STROKE	3.400"		with fuel to match boost	
ROD LENGTH	5.960"		3) Normally aspirated	
MIN. CLEARANCE	.0015'	Head Vol.-	with the proper cam sel	
COMP. HT.	1.855"	Comp. Ratio	ection allows this piston	
PIN DIAMETER	.9398"	48cc-9.4	to use pump gas with all	
HEAD TYPE	STEP	50cc-9.2	listed heads	
CRANK CL TO DECK	HEAD	54cc-8.8	4) Will fit Buick V-8	
WT. PISTON/PIN	9.525"		1968-81. Order balanced	
	/g		set of eight.	
C.I.D.	455			
6.6" ROD				
CYLINDER	V-8	KB357*	1) Premium pump gas	+30cc PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.
BORE	4.3125"	2-5/64 1-3/16	with small head and long	
STROKE	3.900"		duration cam.	
ROD LENGTH	6.600"		2) Large head and long	
MIN. CLEARANCE	.0020"	Head vol.	duration cam may work	
COMP. HT.	2.010"	Comp. ratio	with regular fuel-torque	
PIN DIAMETER	.9997"	67cc09.9	cam requires premium.	
HEAD TYPE	STEP	75cc-9.25		
CRANK CL TO DECK	HEAD		NEW ITEM. CHECK	
WT. PISTON/PIN	10.570		AVAILABILITY	
	/157g			
SIZES: .030, .040, .060				

Part numbers with an asterisk * are not legal for sale or use on pollution controlled motor vehicles.

Here are the two new piston applications from KB silvalite: One for the 231 V-6 (which also fits the 350, apparently) and the other for the 455. Check them out.
Gordon Hanson

**So Cal Gran Sports
Meeting Minutes May 10, 2001
Michaelangelo's Pizza**

Members Present: Dan Peper & Sahra, B. Kent, L. Bentley, G. Hanson, J. Cail, Richard Denkelman, C. Lee, S. MacPherson, D. Gerber, T. Jacot and G. Ryan.

Call to Order: 7:48 p.m.

Reading of Minutes: Gordon read minutes of March 3, 2001 meeting-Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Cail reported a balance of \$1,450.11-Approved.

Tee Shirt Report: Sheldon reported we have a ready supply of almost all items except size medium tee shirts-more to be ordered.

Membership Coordinator Report: Dan Gerber reported that we still have a few members who have not renewed their membership for 201, and a very few have sold their Buicks and may not be back with us.

Events:

(A) **NHRA Museum Visitation:** (Post-meeting update-per phone conversation with Gary Ryan, August 11 looks like a favorable date to visit the museum and convene with Tommy Ivo. He would give us an historical overview of his cars which are on display). *NOTE CHANGE IN DATE*

(B) **Deerpark Car Show:** Was discussed, but as of meeting time was thought to be later in June which would conflict with the efforts of the going to the GS Nationals. (Post-meeting update-Upon checking the BGNRA website, the Deerpark Show is June 3 and we are on for that event..)

(C) **Fuddrucker's-Pasadena Cruisin':** Gordon has long been an advocate of a joint Buick-Olds-Pontiac car show. This event will hopefully have that, although the schedule for the Olds people is pretty full already. Date will be Saturday, June 23. If you have a computer, just do search/Pasadena cruisin', and the link should pop up; or key in www.gobananas.net/pasadena/cruisin'.

(D) **July 21: Chris Lee** suggested Saturday night drag racing at Rialto Airport. *Rialto Drags are cancelled*

(E) **GS Nationals: Bowling Green, Kentucky-June 12-16.**

Old Business: It is important to kick in and contribute news items, articles, etc. to the newsletter. We cannot expect Sam to compile and format a newsletter when she has little or no material!

New Business: Tom Jacot and Dan Peper were selected by club consensus to be Assistant Directors.

Raffle: None held.

Next Meeting Location: Michaelangelo's Pizza, San Dimas, July 12, 2001.

Adjourn Meeting: 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Hanson, Secretary



FOR SALE: 401-425 nailhead factory dual quad intake, \$175. 401" long block, correct (rare) 65 GS code "LR," turns over but not running, \$225. AFB heat shield, \$5. Rebuilt AFB, \$60. 14" open air cleaner and element, black, like new, from Summit, has new "Wildcat 445" decal on it, looks great, \$30 (cost \$48 + decal). Stock 65 GS air cleaner, repainted and has new "Wildcat 445" decal, \$60. 4 blade fan, \$5. Pair rear shocks from Kanter, less than 500 miles, \$20. 4 headlight trim rings, \$5: Engine Stand, \$30. John Ashworth, 805-640-1960.

WANTED: For 65 Skylark/GS: steering wheel in very good condition, wheel well moldings, black seat belts (early style). John Ashworth, 805-640-1960.



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