



The Porthole



January/February 2017

Newsletter of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the BCA

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mason-Dixon chapter items are in red

2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday, January 22 - Mason-Dixon Chapter BCA Membership meeting. 3:00 PM Hoss's Restaurant Route 30 and 74 West York Pa. Come for dinner first, meeting to follow. **Election of officers.**

February 9th-11th AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia. See AACA publication or website for more information.

Sunday, February 19th- Sundae At The Movies. 2:00 P.M. Open invitation by Y.A.A.C to join them at their 35th annual, Sundae at the Movies, with old-time car films, car-toons and comedies. Make your own ice cream sundaes with all the topping. FREE to all members. New Location: Dover UCC Church, 45 West Canal Road, Dover, York county. From York, go north on Rt. 74, turn left at the square in Dover. Church is across from the high school.

March 1st – Final day to pay your 2017 Dues. Any member that fails to pay dues by this date will be dropped from the roster. See renewal form at the end of the newsletter.

March 5 - Hamburg, Pa. Ontelaunee Region, Swap Meet/Car corral. Hamburg Field house.

March 17- 18 - Antique Automobile Pre-War Swap Meet - Chickasha, OK, Grady county fairgrounds, Chickasha, OK. The largest **pre-war swap meet** in the USA.

Saturday, March 18th - **Tour to America on Wheels**, Allentown, PA. "Fender Skirts and Poodle Skirts" display to include Richard Sills' 1960 Electra Convertible custom built for Harlow Curtice. Details to follow.

Sunday, March 26th - Mason-Dixon Chapter BCA Membership meeting. 3:00 PM Hoss's Restaurant, 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg Pa. Come for dinner first, meeting to follow.

April 9th-12th - The1936-1938 Buick Club Spring Wilmington NC. Tour. Contact Matt Hinson at : matthinson.c.hinson@gmail.com 910-471-0797

April 19-23 - Spring Carlisle, 2017 edition. 80 acres of automotive swap meet and cars for sale.

May 26-27th - AACA Eastern Spring Meet. Huntington, WV.

Sunday, May 28th - Mason-Dixon Chapter BCA Membership meeting. 3:00 PM Hoss's Restaurant, Route 30 and 74 West York Pa. Come for dinner first, meeting to follow.

Saturday June 3rd, 2017 Mechanicsburg, PA. Mason-Dixon Chapter and Freysinger Buick will host their 9th annual Buick Show at Freysinger Buick/GMC, 6251 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Peer judging with 9 Buick Classes, 3 awards per class. Two classes for GM other makes, two classes for non-GM makes, all-inclusive modified class, 3, awards per class. Best of Show-Buick, Best of Show-other makes, Dealer's Choice Buick, Long Distance, Oldest Car. Dash plaques to the first 75 entries. Registration 8:30-10:30. Show 9-3. Advance registration \$10 until May 25th, \$12 day of show. Contact, Larry DiBarry 717-263-3804, dibarjo@hotmail.com or Dick Beckley 717-395-7128. dbeckley@epix.net

July 5th-8th - BCA National in Brookfield WI. Make your reservations now as things are filling up fast. **Details in the Buick Bugle.**

Support your Buick Club events! There are many car shows, but no others that focus specifically on our favorite marque.

We have a new treasurer for the Mason-Dixon chapter.

It is David Hare, 418 McCosh Street, Hanover, Pa. 17331. Contact info is: weareracing@gmail.com or by phone at: 717-521-7282

We would like to thank John Kuchtiak for his many years of excellent service to the Chapter. John was the first and only up to now, to serve in this capacity. Thanks to Dave Hare for taking over this awesome responsibility.

Why I became a BUICK guy. Larry DiBarry

Another installment of the reasons why we may become a lover of Buicks. This was prompted by reading an AACA forum thread "Some Things Never Change". The thread related a member's purchase of a model at the AACA museum gift shop for less than \$3.00. Then when he bought brushes, paints and glue he had spent over \$15.00. The comparison was made as to purchase price of a restorable car and the final cost of supplies and restoration. The only difference is the number of decimal points.

In the mid 1960s I spent much of my allowance and spare cash from cutting grass and hauling well water for my neighbor on models. The clerks at Rudy Pulaski's News store in Monongahela PA were usually annoyed at me for rummaging through all the newly arrived models. "*Buy something kid or get out*". I was never satisfied with the selection of the current models. Usually late models and hot rods such as the "*RAT FINK SERIES*". I begged them to order the more antique models. That meant I had to have cash up front. More grass cutting, leaf raking and water hauling. At one time I had over 60 completed models. For 3 dollars I bought a book case from a white elephant sale (they did not use the term yard sale then). I refinished it as a place to display all my models. Unfortunately my sister's poodle had a taste for styrene plastic. Most of all within his reach were destroyed. My favorites were the Aurora Vintage series. I had the 1903 Rambler, 1904 Curved Dash Olds, 1914 Stutz Bearcat, 1909 Stanley Steamer and the 1911 2 cylinder Buick Model 14. I don't believe I ever had the 1913 Mercer Raceabout as it was at least \$1.50 more than the others in the series. My favorite was The 1911 Buick Model 14. **This is what started me on being a Buick Man.** I probably built 3 of them throughout my youth. Replacing the ones that became dog chow or did not survive long, imaginary treks across our back yard dirt piles. My last efforts at model building was as therapy after chemo treatments, trying to keep the depression demon at bay. I bought 4, 1/24 scale Monogram Models. A 1933 Cadillac All Weather Phaeton, 1931 Rolls Royce roadster, 1932 Cadillac Phaeton and 1932 Duesenberg Roadster.



The 1932 Cadillac and 1932 Duesenberg were the only two I finished. That was 10 years ago and thank God for these extra years! Keeping busy with real antique Buicks, means that I have no time to build models. I have been able to transfer some of the skill acquired through the model building process into making some of the "unobtainium" parts for my Buicks. I still have the 1911 Buick model.



Directors Message

Happy and Healthy 2017!

To say 2016 was jam packed would be an understatement. With the 50th anniversary celebration in Allentown and our preparation to be getting both of our cars there. I still have not seen the interview I did while at the meet for the Chinese media. Joan and I were very busy with club activities throughout the year. Old Car festival in Michigan and busy times at Hershey this past fall. And as if this was not enough another 1920s Buick followed me home. All was nicely capped off with our Christmas party on the 11th of December.

One of my sad thoughts for 2016 was the resignation of John Kuchtiak as our treasurer for personal reasons. We will be at a great loss because of John's skills at managing our finances, registration and all he has done since the chapter's beginning. I thank John for his many years of faith full service to our club chapter. I am sure we will still see him at our car shows and activities. At our last meeting when I asked for someone to step forward to replace John, Dave Hare had agreed to fill the position. Please give Dave all our support and good wishes.

As a BCA member I encourage you all to visit the BCA website (as well as Mason-Dixons). The BCA site has the monthly Board of Directors minutes posted. Since I have become involved with the BOD there has been several issues that have been voted upon of which you should be aware. One issue I wish I could say that was approved was a proposed 10% dues reduction. Siting a current financial surplus. Three of us on the board thought that would be a good "give back" to the membership. We were voted down. Several BOD members will have terms ending this year. Just saying, if anyone else is interested.....

It is already promising to be a busy year ahead. Just a few road trips planned. Please see upcoming events on our calendar. We are hoping to attend the Chickasha Pre-War swap meet in March. I am still waiting for the Rural Heritage Museum in Maryland to set their calendar for their spring opening date to plan another tour. As of now, Joan and I are planning to drive our 1937 Special on the 1936-38 Club tour around Wilmington, NC. April 9th-12th. Our 9th Annual Mason-Dixon /Freysinger Show is set for June 3rd. At our January 22nd meeting we need to start setting up volunteer positions. Also we need to be making plans for the Brookfield WI. Nationals July 5th-8th.

Larry

Mason-Dixon 2016 Christmas party

By Larry DiBarry

On December 11th we held our Christmas party at The Brownstone Café in Middletown. This was a change in venue from Boomerang's because of the lower number of attendees. Boomerang's needed at least a number of 30, otherwise there was an extra room fee. We had 14 attendees to share the Yuletide festivities. It was unfortunate that circumstances kept some from attending. Barry McClair had an unscheduled trip to the hospital, so he and Phyllis could not attend. They were to bring Edwinna Newmyer to share our fellowship again. While checking on Barry in the hospital he told me that Gwen Miller had a fall and had broken her shoulder. So Gwen and her guest could not make it. Both Barry and Gwen are on the mend.

The restaurant's accommodations and the menu was first rate. We had part of the upper floor with an overlooking balcony to watch a model train working its way through a Christmas village. Door prize was won by Richard Sills. After dinner all were invited to Dick and Karen Beckley's home in Lewisberry. There Karen had desert, refreshments, exceptional hospitality. Dick opened his garage for us to tour his collection while Karen displayed her decorating expertise. A great evening with great people!



Mason-Dixon Chapter Buick Club of America Minutes of Membership Meeting

November 27, 2016
Hoss's Restaurant
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

1. Open & Welcome

Director Larry DiBarry called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m., and welcomed the members.

The following members attended this meeting:

Dick and Karen Beckley
Tom and Shirl Busch
Larry and Joan DiBarry (and Joan's mother, Mrs. Psak)
David Hare and Barbara DeCesare
Gwen Miller
Richard Sills

2. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Larry reviewed the minutes of the prior meeting.

Two issues were discussed, but no decision was reached:

- (a) whether the Chapter should accept dues by PayPal, and
- (b) whether the Chapter should offer lifetime membership.

With regard to the issue of using PayPal, any decision will depend on a cost-benefit analysis. We need to determine what the expense would be to the Chapter, and decide whether we think the Chapter is likely to make up the cost by an increase in membership.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is not available this month because Treasurer John Kuchtiak is not in attendance. (See discussion below under item 8.)

4. Renewal of "Adoption" of 1910 Buick at AACA Museum.

Motion made by Tom Busch, seconded by Dick Beckley: To renew the Chapter's "adoption" of the 1910 Buick at the AACA Museum, at a cost of \$500.00. Passed unanimously.

5. Purchase of a Brick for the Chapter at the AACA Museum

Motion made by Dick Beckley, seconded by Joan DiBarry: To buy a brick at the AACA Museum with the Chapter logo, with the expenditure not to exceed \$300. Passed unanimously.

Dick suggested that we ask the Museum to reserve some space beside the Chapter's brick so that individual mem-

bers may purchase bricks as well.

6. Ninth Annual Car Show at Freysinger Buick-GMC in 2017

After discussing the dates of other antique-car-related events in the area, it was determined that the date for the 2017 show at Freysinger's Buick—GMC should be **Saturday June 3, 2017**, subject to confirmation with the dealership.

7. Christmas Party for 2016

Previously, the Chapter had tentatively decided to hold the Christmas party on Sunday December 11, at Boomerang's. However, it was learned that Boomerang's will charge us \$200 for a "room fee" if we have fewer than 30 persons in attendance. Also, Boomerang's will require us to use a very limited choice of entrees, and will charge a fixed price per person.

Because of the expectation that we probably won't have 30 persons in attendance, other choices were discussed. Dick and Karen Beckley suggested the Brownstone Café, located at 1 N. Union Street, Middletown, PA – The Brownstone can take a group of up to 25 people, and will allow each person to order from the regular menu and pay his or her own check, rather than limiting the choices and imposing a fixed price.

The decision was made to hold the event at the Brownstone, on the same date – Sunday December 11, The time for dinner was changed to 4:00 p.m. The Beckleys invited the Chapter members to come to their home after the dinner for dessert and coffee.

8. Chapter Treasurer

Larry announced, with great regret, that John Kuchtiak has submitted his resignation as the Treasurer of the Mason-Dixon Chapter. Larry discussed some of the issues that led to John's decision, including problems with communications with the National Club relating to the BCA National Meet in Allentown.

Dick Beckley added that he too had experienced similar problems. He was designated as Chairman of the Welcome Committee for the meet, but had difficulty obtaining information about what his committee was supposed to do.

Larry stated that the Chapter needs to elect a new Treasurer in order to continue operating. He noted that the Philadelphia 76 Chapter of the BCA has recently voted to dissolve. Its long-time Director passed away, and the Chapter could not find anyone willing to succeed him, so the Chapter transferred its remaining funds to the national BCA and terminated its existence.

Larry then outlined the principal duties of the Chapter Treasurer:

- (1) The Treasurer is responsible for depositing dues and other funds received by the Chapter. This duty is primarily related to the receipt of annual dues when members renew their memberships, and registration fees related to our annual dealership show.
- (2) The Treasurer is responsible for issuing checks in payment of the Chapter's obligations. Larry estimated that about 10 checks are written each year.
- (3) The Treasurer maintains Chapter membership records, which follows from the fact that the Treasurer is the one who receives the payment of dues,
- (4) The Treasurer provides a financial report to the membership at the meetings held every other month.

After discussion, David Hare stated that he would be willing to serve in this capacity.

Motion made by Dick Beckley, seconded by Tom Busch, to nominate David Hare as Treasurer of the Mason-Dixon Chapter. Passed unanimously.

9. Schedule of Next Meeting and Other Upcoming Events

In addition to the Christmas party on Sunday December 11, Larry reminded the membership of the other upcoming dates scheduled:

Sunday January 22, 2017 – Membership meeting at 3:00 p.m. at Hoss's Restaurant in West York, PA.

Sunday February 19, 2017 – “Sundae at the Movies”, in Dover, PA.

Sunday March 26, 2017 – Membership meeting at 3:00 p.m. at Hoss's Restaurant in Mechanicsburg, PA.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Chapter, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m., pursuant to motion made by Dick Beckley, seconded by Joan DiBarry, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard P. Sills, Secretary

Please Note....if you'd like to submit any information, articles, cars for sale...whatever....contact newsletter editor John Hess at (717) 757-7666 or via email at: hocusfocus@verizon.net or via snail mail at 1285 Christensen Rd., York, Pa. 17402.

Dues are due now!! Please be sure to pay your dues for 2017 now, in order to continue your membership and to continue receiving this “Porthole”. See renewal form at the end of this newsletter. Deadline is March 1st. Send the form and your check for \$10.00 to Dave Hare, Treasurer. Thanks!

Wanted

old signs, automobilia, petroliana, old gas pumps, barber shop collectables, etc.
Contact Dick Beckley at dbeckley@epix.net , phone 717-395-7128. PO Box 128, Lewisberry, PA 17339.

For Sale

Parts For Sale

Set of 1969 Electra tail lights. Used condition. \$50.00

1969 Electra 4 dr. Rocker stainless. \$20.00

1949 Buick radio with nice chrome grill. \$100.00

1969 Le Sabre Convertible deck lid. \$50

1937 series 40 fenders, hood, headlight pods and misc. pieces from Jack Frank's estate.
If someone needs it I may have it.

Larry DiBarry 717-263-3804

For Sale



1982 Buick Regal Limited, automatic transmission, 2-door, V-6, one owner, non-smoker, no accidents. Charcoal exterior, light gray landau top, poor bumpers (resulting in failed inspection), minimal rust spots. Air conditioning, tilt steering wheel, rear window defroster, light gray velour upholstery. Mileage: 153,844. Does not start. Would make an ideal restoration piece.. Asking price: \$2,500.00, Contact Deb Prentice 717-712-1220 (work, 8:30am-5pm, M-F), 717-737-1597 (home, after 6pm)

For Sale

1964 LeSabre for sale in Mt. Joy (Lancaster county). For more info, go to:

<https://www.hemmings.com/classifieds/cars-for-sale/buick/lesabre/1801576.html>

Mason-Dixon Chapter of the Buick Club of America

Dues Reminder Notice!

Dues are \$10.00 per year
Must be a member of the BCA to be a member of Mason-Dixon

This is the only notice you will receive!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ BCA# _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Buicks owned: Please list year, model, body style, etc.

Dues are \$10 per year, due no later than March 1 of each calendar year. You must be a member of BCA national to be a member of our Chapter.

Mail check payable to Mason-Dixon Chapter BCA to:

David Hare
418 McCosh Street
Hanover, Pa. 17331

Meetings are bi-monthly, last Sunday of the month, 3PM
6 Newsletters, by e-mail or snail mail if no e-mail
Annual show
Other Events as planned

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