



# The Porthole



September/October 2017

## Newsletter of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the BCA

### **UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Mason-Dixon chapter items are in red**

### **2017**

**Thursday Sept. 21 – Sunday Sept. 24** – Fall Boardwalk Classic Car Show in Wildwood, N.J.

**Friday Sept. 22 - Sunday Sept. 24** – Eleventh Annual St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at Perry Cabin in St Michaels, MD. The Inn is a world-class hotel on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. On Saturday, a driving tour through the Eastern Shore will depart from the St. Michaels Classic Car Museum, make a stop at the Easton Municipal Airport, where vintage airplanes will be on display, and conclude with a luncheon at the historic Robert Morris Inn in Oxford, MD. On Sunday, the Concours features Pre-War and Post WWII Classic and Sports automobiles. Traditionally, the Saturday driving tour has been just for cars entered in the Concours, but they will make some exceptions. Non-entrants may attend, subject to car acceptance, at a cost of \$50 per automobile plus \$50 per person to cover the cost of breakfast and lunch. So the total charge to join the tour for a single car and driver is a minimum of \$100. Non-entrants who wish to join the tour may contact Mr. Luke Phipps at “[StMichaelsConcours@gmail.com](mailto:StMichaelsConcours@gmail.com)” to reserve a spot in advance.

**Sunday, Sept 24** – B.O.O.M’s All GM Show. The annual Buick Show at Boyle Buick-GMC, 3015 Emmorton Road, Abingdon, MD. 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See the “bugle” for more info.

**Wednesday-Sunday Sept. 27-Oct. 1** – Fall Carlisle

**Thursday-Saturday Sept. 28-30** – Fall Carlisle Auction

**September 29-October 1<sup>st</sup>.** - BCA Northeastern Regional Meet Upstate New York Chapter, Clifton Park NY. See additional information at the end of this Porthole.

**Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting,** 3 p.m. **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND PLACE.** Infinito's Restaurant 2144 South Queen Street York, PA. Off route 83 exit 16B. Come for dinner first. Meeting to follow.

**Sunday October 1 and Monday October 2 -** Morphy Auction of Automobilia, Petroliana, and Automobiles, Denver PA

**Wednesday-Saturday October 4-7 – Hershey AACa Fall Meet**

**Wednesday October 4 –** “Night at the Museum” at the AACa Museum.

**Sunday October 15 –**Delaware County Community College Show (HCCP)

**October 29 -** 41<sup>st</sup> annual old car show & flea market sponsored by the Free Spirit Chapter BCA in Kempton, PA. See the Buick Bugle “Coming Events” for more information or contact Clarence Getz, 610-377-6130, [www.buickfreespirit.org](http://www.buickfreespirit.org).

**Friday November 3 –**Autos & Ales at the AACa Museum

**Thursday November 23 -** The 2017 Frostbite Run, sponsored by the Historic Car Club of Pennsylvania will take place on at 8:00 am Thanksgiving Day, the Massey House (Lawrence Road off of West Chester Pike or Springfield Road). We ask that you bring a new unwrapped toy to donate for the United States Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Drive and a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. Free donuts and coffee will be provided by HCCP.

**Sunday, November 26 Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting.** 3 p.m., Hoss' Restaurant, Mechanicsburg, PA

## **2018**

**Friday-Sunday February 9-11 –** Atlantic City Car Corral, Flea Market & Auction – Atlantic City Convention Center

**Wednesday-Sunday April 18-22 –** Spring Carlisle

**Thursday-Saturday April 19-21 –** Spring Carlisle Auction

**Wednesday May 2 – Sunday May 6 –** Delaware Valley Region CCCA Eastern Grand Classic, to be held at Gateway Gettysburg, the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325. This is a great venue for an antique car event, minutes from the historic battlefield sites.

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

## Directors Message

The Brookfield Wisconsin 2017 Buick Nationals is now in the past. We did 1,915 miles in the 1937.



And boy were we tired. We were on the road for about 13 days leaving Chambersburg on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. days. The first night was spent at our daughter's house outside of Indiana PA. The next morning we got back on the road at 7:00 AM. Driving on the Fourth of July was quite a pleasure with very little traffic. One stop at a fellow BCA member's home in Avon Ohio to look over his 1926 Model 47 Sedan.



That night we finally stopped for the night at 8:00 in Chesterton Indiana. The following morning we were to meet Joe and Ann Suarez of the 1936-38 Club at the first Oasis in Illinois, Lincoln Park.



They were going to help us get around the traffic mess of Chicago. Quite a change from the previous day's drive. Because of a breakdown on their 1960 Buick we caught up with them later. We did meet Mr. and Mrs. Roger May who ran interference for us in their lovely original 1955 Special.

The drive around Chicago was a "white knuckle" experience for us in an 80 year old car! Although it would have been the same for us in our 9 year old car! Once settled into the Sheraton we were able to connect with our Buick buddies. None of the tours appealed to us so we just socialized and hung around the hotel. On Thursday we drove Terry and Barb Weigand over to the Pre-War dinner several miles away. We had an excellent showing of over 30 people at the dinner. The Weigand's, Joan and I had to leave early to be able to make the General Membership meeting. Information about the 2018 Nationals in Denver was discussed.

Friday brought the BOD meeting which finished up much old business, I gave the report for the 36-38 Buick Club. Concerns about the Modified division were expressed and resolved. Information about the Denver meet was gone over again as well as Pete Phillips' excellent presentation about the 2019 Meet at Oklahoma City. Later that afternoon I missed the judge's school meeting (having too much fun with the Pre-War group) so the next morning I found myself appointed team captain! Our group had only about 12 cars to judge from 1908 to 1930. Because of judging duties I rarely get to see the later cars and by the time I can, most have already left the show field. At the banquet I was asked to accept awards for those who could not stay. I accepted one for Roger May for his unrestored 1955 Special. Then I was able to accept a Gold award for Paul Ford and his 1933 Victoria Sedan. Paul's car won our Best of Show and Dealers Choice in 2016. On our way back from the meet I met Paul at a Flying J truck stop at the intersection of routes 422, 19 and 79. See photo of the formal presentation.



Our picnic at Tom and Shirl Busch's was well attended as we had over 15 in attendance. Fine food, fun and conversation. I was only able to snap one photo as some people left because of an impending storm. The only topic during the impromptu meeting was about a new venue for the next car show. Suggestions to be forthcoming by the next meeting.



We are still in need of an assistant director since Tim Spigelmyer has stepped down. I sure can use the help so, someone please help me!

Please see upcoming events in the newsletter.

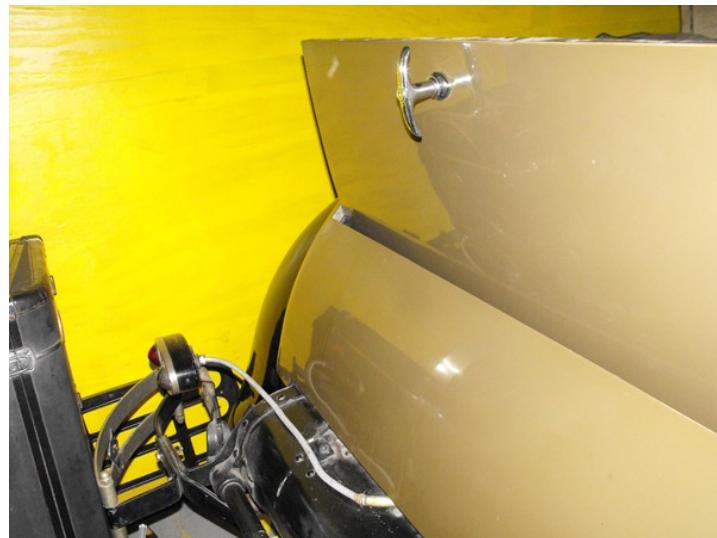
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# Very Original 1927 Model 54 Sport Roadster

Larry DiBarry BCA#18395

Since being involved with the Mason-Dixon Chapter I have become friends with one of our members, Peter Rambis who owned a 1927-54. He would drive it to our yearly car show at Mechanicsburg PA. When I first checked the roster it showed that he had (2) Model 54 Sport Roadsters! It must be a misprint. Later when I visited Pete at his home he showed me that he indeed had 2. Unfortunately he had just sold one to a person around Lancaster PA. Urrggh! I missed another one! Keeping his mostly original one with one repaint (Courier Brown over Courier Cream) and one re-topping. Since then we have shared a few adventures. Last year we went to look at a 1928 Sport Roadster in NJ. (Ad was in the Bugle.) The car had a cracked block and did have a spare partial engine and running gear. Equipped with side mounts and 6 very nice wire wheels. Unfortunately the car had some other serious issues as well as needing all the body wood replaced. Pete indicated that for about the same asking price he knew of a 1927-54 he had been trying to buy for nearly 20 years. He told me that the low mileage car (odometer shows only 15,176 miles) was just about as original as you could find. He saw the car at a Bennington Vt. Car show around 1998, where he took down the owners contact information. He would call the family about every year hoping that it someday would be available. The family said that the car was originally purchased in New Hampshire by their father a local barber. Since he walked to work he rarely drove the car except on special occasions. When he passed away the car stayed with the family always in dry storage. His son would have the car maintained and did take it to a few shows in the 1990s. Later when I met Pete at Hershey last year he said that he made the family an offer and they accepted! Persistence paid off! I was truly overwhelmed when I got my first look at the car still in the trailer from when he picked it up over the winter. The body still has the original upholstery, nickel plating, paint and striping! (Patrol Green over Patrol Cream with red striping). The fenders may have had some touch up at one time but look to be just as nice. What is amazing is the original top details. Also the original boot and curtains. A unique feature of this car is the single side mounted spare. The car had been equipped with a trunk rack and travel trunk. The former owner's family thought that it had been removed so that the car would fit into a smaller garage and has since disappeared. So, Pete is searching for the proper trunk rack. We will look forward to see it driving soon.





## 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](mailto:hocusfocus@verizon.net) or via snail mail at 1285 Christensen Rd., York, Pa. 17402.

## 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

1963 Riviera : Runs & Drives, 60,000 original miles, 401 Nail Head Engine , A/T, Currently wearing American Racing Wheels, still have factory wheels. . Phone Brad at 717-266-6470 for further information. \$18,000 negotiable. The owner also mentioned that he's pretty sure that the car has been in his family since new. His grandfather was the original owner.



## **For Sale**

Considering selling 2 of my convertibles due to health issues , is there any interest?

One is 64 Skylark conv. with all aluminum block 330 c.i. engine , Buick only made 600 cars with this engine in 1964 sold new at Mount joy Buick in Hanover I am the second owner . Needs total restoration . . .

The second car is a well optioned 65 Skylark conv. that needs total restoration . Didn't think about prices . Was going to restore cars when I retired . Both cars have not run in 17 years .

Call if interested 717-632-5968 will consider offers . Thanks Gene Geiman

## **For Sale**

1938 Buick 320 cid. Engine, reported to have been rebuilt. \$800.....1953 Roadmaster, Black, 4 door sedan, 19,000 miles. \$7,000.....1960 Cadillac Convertible \$13,000

Clarence Baltimore  
301-452-0784  
Preston MD. 21655

**Wanted** old signs, automobilia, petroliana, old gas pumps, barber shop collectables

etc.  
Contact Dick Beckley at [dbeckley@epix.net](mailto:dbeckley@epix.net) , phone 717-395-7128. PO Box 128, Lewisberry, PA 17339.

# **2017 BCA Northeast Regional Meet**

Sep 30 - Oct 1, 2017  
Clifton Park, NY

The Upstate New York Chapter is pleased to host the Buick Club of America's 2017 Northeast Regional Meet in Clifton Park, New York.

## **PLANNED EVENTS:**

- FRIDAY: A car museum and a dinner tour
- SATURDAY: Buick car show and banquet
- SUNDAY: Day long after tour

## **LOCATION:**

Clifton Park is located midway between Albany and Saratoga Springs, NY. The area is rich with activities including historical sites, Lake George, and the Lebanon Valley Speedway for drag racing.

## **HOW TO REGISTER:**

For more details, including host hotel, registration instructions, and a registration form please visit the [Upstate NY Chapter Website](#).

**Make your hotel reservations early!  
There is high demand in this area during this time frame!**

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