



The Porthole



March/April 2018

Newsletter of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the BCA

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mason-Dixon chapter items are in red

2018

Sunday, March 25 - Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting. 3 p.m., Hoss' Restaurant, Mechanicsburg, PA.

Saturday, April 7 - Visit and Tour to THE RURAL HERITAGE MUSEUM Open House Truck & Car Show. The location is 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro MD. 21713. Details elsewhere in the Porthole.

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.

May 18-19th Luray VA. Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet www.mapwsm.com

Sunday May 20th Flea Market for 2018 BBC Brass Tour HCCA National Tour. Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania Strasburg PA.

Sunday May 27th - 2018 Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting 3:00 at C&D Grill and Bar Route 30 Near Cross Keys. Come for dinner first then meeting

June 30 - HERSHEY Pa. - Mason-Dixon Chapter and Freysinger Buick/GMC will host their 10th annual Buick Show at the AACA Museum 161 Museum Drive Hershey, Pa. Peer judging with 6 Buick Classes, 3 classes for other makes modified and truck classes. Best of Show-Buick, Best of Show-other makes, Long Distance, Oldest Car. Dash plaques to the first 75 entries. Registration 8:30-10:30. Show 9-3. Registration \$15. Registration includes 1 free admission to the AACA Museum. Contact, Larry DiBarry 717-263-3804, email: dibarjo@hotmail.com or Dick Beckley 717-395-7128. dbeckley@epix.net See flyer at end of Porthole.

Sunday July 22 – tentative date for Chapter picnic

Sunday September 23 – Membership Meeting - 3:00 pm, at Infinito's, York, PA

Sunday November 18 – 3:00 p.m., at Hoss's, Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA

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

Directors Message

Well it is time to think SPRING! I see by the weather reports that we are to expect another “Nor-easter” just in time for me to get an engine in Kentucky. Oh well, we will manage. Even though Buick time is limited because of weather and disabled vehicles I am still busy with the projects in preparation for return of my engine from the shop in Cazanovia NY.

We had a very nice turn out for our meeting at the C&D Grill in January. Everyone who was there wanted to return, so our May meeting will be back there. During that meeting we had discussions about the issue of ALL TOGETHER PARKING IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF PRE WAR CARS AT THE DENVER MEET. (I shared some of the emails we had on this topic in the January/February Porthole). The ability to do this was a goal I had set for myself and my friends in the Pre-War division and the 36-38 Buick Club. After a long and difficult battle with the National Chief Judge I believe we have come to a final agreement. Our Standard Operating Procedures for the BCA indicate that any BCA Division can have a say in how their cars are displayed and judged. We are hoping that the Chief Judge lives up to the agreement.

On page 12 of the current Bugle another issue has come up that had been discussed by the BOD. That is of a change in the Standard Operating Procedure #17. That is the Duties and Responsibilities of the Regional Director and Regional and Chapter Coordinator. The last person to hold that position was Hank Reus Jr. a former Mason-Dixon and B.O.O.M member. This was to be a SIMPLIFICATION of the outlined duties? There has been much comment about these positions including Mason-Dixon members. If you read the duties as outlined, to me, I have no idea who would want the position. We will see if we have any takers for these positions.

As far as what Dick Beckley has been up to we have proof with the 10th annual show flyer. Dick has secured a Blue Grass group **The Werner Family Band** to perform at the show. We also will continue setting up volunteer positions for the show. Dick Beckley has been instrumental in securing the continued sponsorship of Freysinger's at the AACA Museum site.

News about the website. Chuck Hoffman and Dave Hare have been setting up a link on our Mason-Dixon website to accept PAY PAL to pay dues. We are also getting more visits to the site requesting the 10th Annual Freysinger show flyers. As of this writing the flyer is available.

I hope you will come out with your Buick to our spring tour to the Rural Heritage Museum on April 6th. Also we need to be making plans for the Denver Colorado Nationals June 19th-23rd.

It promises to be a busy Buick year!

Larry

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.

Get Well

....Please remember in your thoughts and prayers longtime M/D member Jack (Barry) Ensminger and his wife Lori. They have been experiencing some health issues and need our support. We have missed them at our events.

Saturday April 7th Rural Heritage Museum Driving Tour Rain Date April 8th

The location is 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro MD. 21713. I have made arrangements for us to arrive at around 10:00 AM for the beginning of the museum's Open House festivities on Saturday the 7th. As most of the group will be coming from the east those out there would need to contact each other to connect up, if you wish to drive as a group. Particularly the York Club can work out a meeting place. I will see what the preference of the Mason-Dixon B.O.O.M and Cadillac LaSalle Clubs are. We would like to be able to park together. They have 3 museum buildings to tour. ruralheritagemuseum.org

Of course the car collection is what is of interest to the car people. This weekend they will be having a have a truck show. Also they will have the village buildings open, displaying crafts and activities. Bread baking etc. They will have food vendors on site. Although for a lunch stop I have contacted "Bonnie's at the Red Bird". Bonnie's is located at 19409 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD. Possibly around 1:00 for lunch to drive about 5 miles to Bonnie's. They have a large back room that can accommodate about 50 people I have given them a possible number of 25 persons. After lunch we could return to the museum. I have arranged a tour of a Franklin Automobile collection in Williamsport MD. Another thought if you wish, a group can tour Antietam Battlefield which is several miles down the road. More on this later. Please let me know by if you wish to participate so I can get numbers to The Rural Heritage and Bonnie's.

Larry DiBarry

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Past Events

February 25, 2018 – Sundae at the Movies. 30 members attended our annual “Sundae at the Movies” at the Dover UCC Church, including 4 from the Mason-Dixon Chapter. This was an event in conjunction with the York Antique Car Club. We had a nice assortment of films, shown by John & Hillary Hess. They included a newsreel from 1957, Laurel & Hardy's “Them Thar Hills”, a Roadrunner cartoon, Sports Thrills (featuring car & motorcycle wrecks), “How to survive an atomic bomb” (from the 1950's), Laurel & Hardy's “Tit For Tat” (which was more-or-less part 2 of Them That Hills) and finally a “Leave It To Beaver” where Wally & Eddie wreck Lumpy's car. After the films, we ate delicious “build 'em yourself” sundaes with all the toppings and many other snacks and treats.



Photos courtesy of Hillary Hess & Larry DiBarry



Engine Retrieval by Larry DiBarry

On February the 24th I tagged along with was Chuck Hoffman to the Reeve machine shop at Cazanovia NY for the pick-up of his 1931 344 cu.in. 8 cylinder engine. Reeve's is a 3 generation family operation that does much heavy truck and agricultural work. They do love antique cars though. They have several Franklins a 1918 Buick and a similar age Studebaker. I tagged along since I needed to bring up the gaskets for the final partial assembly on my 1925 engine. Chuck will do his own assembly. When we arrived, Patrick Reeve, his son and daughter were busy getting the engine block and associated assemblies ready for pick up. Looking over the work that was done the custom aluminum Ross Pistons were things of beauty, \$\$\$\$. There were at least 3 cracks in the block that needed attended to and his head also had some repairs done. The engine has had a complete rebuild. The complete top end, re-bore, reground cam, re-ground crank and computer balanced as an assembly. New main bearings etc. He also had insert bearings fitted to his rods. Something they offered to me also but I will just have new Babbitt done. Because of family problems they were somewhat late in getting the engine done for Chuck. Patrick did give Chuck a break on the final price. So overall Chuck was pleased. Patrick said that he would work out a similar arrangement with me on price since they have had my engine since September. We are keeping our fingers crossed! Patrick said that they will get my engine done after a Pierce Arrow 8 they have underway. At this time they have my block soaking in the hot tank, the crank in another room the crankcase stripped and cleaned and the cam out getting re-ground. The only thing I could get a photo of was the crankcase.



Patrick Reeve (in Black) and Chuck Hoffman looking at Chuck's engine. A photo of the finished crankshaft.



While I was helping load the parts I found that the crank was much heavier than the complete head assembly! After we had loaded up the truck Patrick said that he thought one of Chuck's tires looked low. This prompted a change of the tire in the mud. At least Chuck now knows where his jack and tools are.



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

January 28, 2018
C & D Bar & Grill
New Oxford, Pennsylvania

1. Open & Welcome

Director Larry DiBarry called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m., and welcomed the members. The following members attended this meeting:

Dick and Karen Beckley
Larry and Joan DiBarry
David Hare
Chuck Hoffman
Gwen Miller and Gary (guest)
Fred Rutter
Richard Sills
Jim Smith
Tim Spigelmyer

2. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Richard Sills reviewed the minutes of the prior meeting on November 26, 2017, which were circulated previously by e-mail.

Motion made by Dick Beckley, seconded by Chuck Hoffman: To accept the minutes of the November 26, 2017 meeting, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report and Membership Report

David Hare presented both reports.

During December 2017, the Chapter's deposits totaled \$75.00, consisting of six membership dues payments and an additional donation of \$15.00 from Michael Crookham. During January 2018 to date, the Chapter's deposits consist of \$20.00 in membership dues. There were no expenses during either month. There were no expenses during either month. The current balance of the Chapter's bank account is \$3589.21.

Current membership in the Chapter now stands at 29, of whom 16 members are current with their 2018 dues. (This number excludes some members who paid their 2018 dues during this meeting.)

Chuck Hoffman suggested that the Chapter make it possible for members to renew on line, by establishing a PayPal account for the Chapter. David said he would discuss this idea with Chuck.

Motion made by Gwen Miller, seconded by Jim Smith: To accept the Treasurer's Report and the Membership Report, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

4. National BCA

Larry reported that there is discussion among BCA Board members of whether cars entered in a BCA national meet should be displayed on the basis of model year, so that all cars of the same approximate age are grouped together. This would be a departure from the way the cars have been arranged in some prior meets, where Archival cars and Driven cars are displayed separately from cars subject to the 400-point judging. A proposal was made to start out the "chronological display" practice with the pre-World War II cars and determine whether the approach should be extended to all show cars. However, this proposal is encountering resistance from some Board members who say it is not feasible to display cars in this manner.

Larry pointed out that we don't have a Regional Director since Hank Reus stepped down from that position.

He mentioned that the national BCA was interested in holding the 2021 National Meet in Gettysburg, but no progress has been made on this plan.

5. Tenth Annual Mason-Dixon Chapter Car Show in 2018

We have now signed the commitment letter with the AACA Museum to hold our show there on Saturday June 30, 2018. Show Chairman Dick Beckley outlined our plans for the awards to be presented at this show:

Best of Show - Buick

Best of Show – Other Makes

Dealers Choice (this award would be at Freysinger's option – it would make sense only if they will have a representative there)

Long Distance Award

Oldest Vehicle Award

Classes for Buicks:

Class 1 – 1903-1939

Class 2 – 1940-1959

Class 3 – 1960-1969

Class 4 - 1970-1989

Class 5 – 1990-present

Class 6 – Rivas (all years)

Classes for all makes including Buicks:

Class 7 – Modified

Class 8 – Trucks

Classes for other makes (excluding Buicks)

Class 9 – 1900-1949

Class 10 –1950-1969

Class 11 –1970-present

Dick suggested that to reduce costs, we could order eleven first place awards, ten second-place awards, and eight third place awards. This takes into account that some classes may not have three cars, or in some cases, a class may have only one or two cars that receives a significant number of votes.

Duplication of awards would be prevented by a rule that a car receiving a Best of Show award or a Dealer's Choice award would not be eligible to receive an award in its class. This would be announced at the awards presentation.

Dick believes that, under this approach, the total cost of awards will be in the range of \$1,800-\$1,900, including the dash plaques, the art work, the DJ, and the fees charged by the AACA Museum (\$80 flat clean-up fee and \$8 per registered car). This cost structure is within the cost limitation that Freysinger's suggested, which is not to exceed \$2,000.

Registration for the show will be \$15, with no discount for early registration, in view of the fact that the registration fee includes an admission ticket to the Museum. We will have a food vendor present, and Dick asked Richard Sills to arrange for the Good Humor Man to be in attendance.

The allocation of various show responsibilities was discussed. The following members will take responsibility for the following functions:

Counting votes and MC announcements – Richard Sills

50-50 ticket sales – Karen Beckley and Joan DiBarry

Registration – David Hare (provided he doesn't have a conflict that weekend)

Photography - Chuck Hoffman

T-shirt sales – Gwen Miller

Dick said he would speak with Barry McClair to see if he can arrange for us to get t-shirts again this year. Dick suggested that we use shirts with attractive art work, including a car picture – he thought that might increase the sales of the t-shirts. We also discussed getting hats with similar art work.

Regarding the hours of the show, the notice is the Bugle states that the show continues until 3 p.m. However, if circumstances permit us to distribute the awards earlier than that – i.e., closer to 2 p.m. – we will do that.

6. Additional Events in 2018

The schedule for membership meetings for 2018 was announced as follows:

Sunday March 25 - 3:00 p.m., at Hoss's, Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA

Sunday May 21 – 3:00 p.m., at C & D Bar & Grill, New Oxford, PA

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Larry announced that we can visit the Rural Heritage Museum on Saturday April 7, which is the date of their open house. (April 8 is the rain date.) There may also be a private collection in the area that we can visit.

Richard Sills mentioned that the AACA Museum is holding its annual parts auction and car corral on Saturday April 7. (This is the event that was sponsored in past years by the PA Dutch Region of AACA.)

Karen Beckley volunteered to help with the Christmas party this year. All the comments about the last two years' Christmas parties were favorable, so we will try to schedule it at the same restaurant this year.

Larry also reminded the group of the previously-scheduled "Sundae at the Movies" event, featuring movies with old car themes, on Sunday February 25.

7. Adjournment

Motion made by Dick Beckley, seconded by Joan Di Barry: To adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard P. Sills, Secretary



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 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

1983 Riviera V8 Coupe. Approximately 7,000 original miles. One owner, excellent condition. Offers over \$6,000.



Car is located near Charleroi PA.
Contact Eric Klett 724-244-8111

For Sale

1955 Buick Super Convertible *Submitted by Dick Beckley*

This car is a very nice AACA Senior car that has been owned by the owner since 1989 and they are the 3rd owners. I have personally known the Weidenmeyer's for many years as well as this car. Rodney died in early 2017 and his widow is 83 and needs to sell the car. It's a great driver and shows very well and I'd add it to my collection if my garage was not already full.

Description is as follows:

One of 21 registered and never trailered. All books go with the car.

322 CI nailhead, 236 HP

Cherokee Red/w red leather

Variable pitch Dynaflow, 0-60 in 11.2 seconds

800-15 Wide Whites with Kelsey-Hayes Wire Wheels

Asking \$55,000

Connie Weidenmeyer, 206 Lincoln Dr., Reading, PA 19606-3629 Phone: 610-372-0264

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 **1974 Buick LeSabre Luxus Convertible V8**

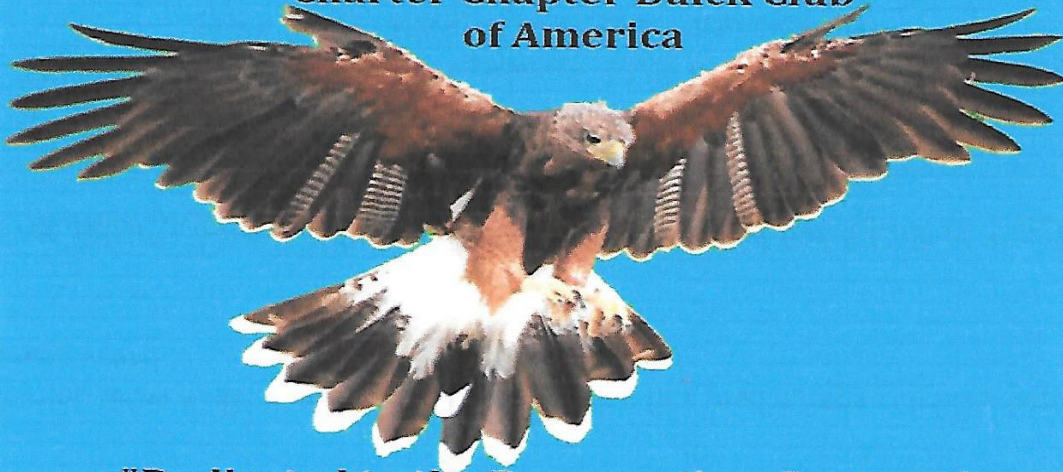
Red with white top, red interior. Approximately 76,000 original miles. Excellent condition. \$15,000 OBO. Car is located West Chester/Exton PA. Contact Nicholas at 610-692-7777

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.

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of America**



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SEPTEMBER 20 - 21 - 22, 2018

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610-377-3400

COUNTRY INN & STE. 1619 Interchange Rd. Lehigh, Pa (1 mi)

610-379-5066

BOOK ROOM(S) BEFORE AUGUST 20, 2018

Show & Tours = Thursday & Friday

Show w/ Peer Judging, Awards, & Informal Dinner = Saturday

Please visit our web site, www.buickfreespirit.org

Mason-Dixon Chapter BCA – 10th Annual Buick Show

Saturday June 30th, 2018
ALL MAKES WELCOME

Sponsored by



AACA Museum
161 Museum Drive
Hershey, PA



One free admission to the museum with registration.



AWARDS to INCLUDE

- 6 Buick Classes
- 3 Classes for Other Makes, trucks and modifieds
- Best of Show
- Longest distance Driven
- Oldest
- Dash plaques for the first 75 entries



Registration Begins @ 8:30 am – Show Time 9:00am to 3:00pm – Awards @ 2:00

Peer Judging Begins @ 11:30am

“Rain or Shine”

Classes and Place Awards Subject to Change

Food Truck on Site

Music by:

**DJ Jay Mattson
And special guests**

The Werner Family Band plays a mixture of traditional and gospel bluegrass music.

THE WERNER FAMILY BAND



For more information contact:

Dick Beckley, dbeckley@epix.net 717-395-7128 or Larry DiBarry dibarjo@hotmail.com 717-263-3804

Silent Auction day of show.
Auction items to include tools,
detailing supplies, vintage items,
and much more!

Proceeds benefit MDBC & AACA
Museum

Complete and Mail Registration Form with Payment to Address Listed Below

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Make Check Payable to: Mason Dixon Buick Club

Mail To: David Hare
418 McCosh Street
Hanover, PA 17331
717-521-7282 weareracing@gmail.com

Registration \$15. Mail or day of show.
Includes 1 admission to the museum.
First 75 entries receive a dash plaque