



The Porthole



November/December 2018

Newsletter of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the BCA

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDER

Mason-Dixon chapter items are in red

2018

Sun. 11/18 - Mason-Dixon BCA meeting - Hoss's in Mechanicsburg

Thursday November 22, 2018 - Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania Frost Bite Run, held on the grounds of the historic Thomas Massey House, Broomall, PA - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday December 2nd Mason Dixon Christmas party. To be held at The Brownstone Café, Middletown, PA. 3pm. See details in this Porthole

2019

January 18-20 - Auto Mania flea market and automotive items – sponsored by Carlisle Productions - Allentown PA Fairgrounds

February 8-10 – Atlantic City 2019

March 3, 2019 - Hamburg, PA - AACCA Ontelaunee Regions Swap Meet/Car Corral. Hamburg Field House, Pine St. Hamburg, PA. Contact: Lester Manwiller - 610-944-8619; lhedgehog1@aol.com

April 24-28 - Spring Carlisle - Carlisle PA Fairgrounds/Carlisle Expo Center (Auction held Thur./Fri./Sat.)

June 12-15 - BCA National Meet, Midwest City, Oklahoma (suburb of Oklahoma City)

June 22nd 2019 HERSHEY, PA. Mason-Dixon Chapter and Freysinger Buick/GMC will host their 11th 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, dibarjo@hotmail.com or Dick Beckley 717-395-7128. dbeckley@epix.net

July 18-19-20 – Central Penn Antique Auto Auction, Lock Haven, PA

October 2-6 - Fall Carlisle - Carlisle PA Fairgrounds/Carlisle Expo Center (Auction Thur./Fri./Sat. by Carlisle Auctions)

October 9-12 – Hershey Region AACA Fall Meet

Upcoming Events (continued)

2020

July 15-18 – BCA National Meet, host hotel is Holiday Inn in Strongsville, Ohio (Cleveland area)

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

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.

Directors Message

Well fall is upon us and the holidays will be soon be creeping by. Halloween is tomorrow night at this writing. It seems with the unusual amount of rain we have had over the summer we have not gotten a nice transition between seasons. We have gone from 90 degrees to the 50s. I really needed some dry days to get some painting done on the Buick.



Joan helping install the head.



Tom and Hugh with the ready to run 1925 engine.

Friends from Texas Hugh and Tom stayed with us prior to their first visit to Hershey. They were both overwhelmed at the Hershey experience. Hugh has the same Standard model 1925 Buick I have and is in the process of assembling his re-machined engine. He and I were both hoping to have the engine on mine running by the time he arrived. (I still have yet to start it.) There were just so many little things needed to do while things were apart and the weather just did not wish to accommodate.

Our Hershey experience was somewhat mixed as we share a space with Buick buddy Dave Blaufarb. I did not set up at our space until Wednesday noon and did not get out much to look. Thursday was a complete washout. Friday, the temp dropped 25 degrees and my day was spent trying to keep things from blowing away!



Buick Bugle editor Pete Philips visits with Dave at out flea market space.



Jay Leno showed up Saturday for the car show.

On the Mason-Dixon front I am pleased to announce that Dick Beckley is our new Assistant Director. Tim Spigelmeyer is relieve not to be a director for life. Tim and George have had a monumental task of getting their property cleaned up after the recent hurricane in the Carolinas. Our prayers and best wishes go out to them.

Joan and I wish all a happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and hope to see all of you at our annual Christmas dinner at The Brownstone café on December 2nd. Information elsewhere in the Porthole.

Best to all! Larry

October 20th. 2018 Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show

After our Hershey experience my friend Dave Blaufarb prodded me to bring my 1937 to the Rockville Maryland car show. Usually this is the regions last car show of the year at Rockville Civic Center Park, traditionally, to follow the Fall AACA meet at Hershey. He said that it was unlike anything I had probably been to. Even though the mission as stated by the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show Committee show booklet...."are to exhibit motor vehicles to the highest standards of preservation and restoration and to be recognized as the premier **non-judged** motor vehicle show in the region", many as found unrestored cars were also there. There are 32 regional car clubs represented. Everything from Rolls Royce, to Ford, Cadillac /LaSalle, other foreign makes and of course **Buick** represented by the Metro Area Chapter of the BCA.

No judging and most of the spectators were not all old car type people. (Read... highly critical of everyone else's car). Mostly the public experiencing the wonder of old cars. It truly was as he told me. Many people came to us with questions as they had not a clue about our respective vehicles. "You actually drive these on the highway"??

When we left Chambersburg at 7:15 AM it had rained overnight and was overcast the entire trip down. I love to drive my car but the I-70 and I-270 corridor is quite unnerving trying to keep my Buick's speed around 55-60 mph. It took us about 1 hour and 50 minutes to drive the 85 miles. The blue skies did not appear until about 10:30. When we arrived at registration wheel chocks were offered since the entire show is on the hilly, grassy surface. We were lucky and had a flat spot right next to Dave Blaufarb's 1928-25 Touring. By noon it was a sunny 65 degree day. We will return next year, hopefully, with one of my 1925s

While I was at the Rockville, MD. Antique and Classic car show I had the trunk of my 37 open for Mason-Dixon Buick Club Business. Bugles Anyone?? 180 mile round trip and a beautiful day. Also a few photos of the 11 Buicks that were there.



Photo 1 of my trunk.



2nd of my 37, Ben Blaufarb (son of Dave), Joan, Suzy Manhertz (owner of a 1927 Standard Roadster named Homer), Dave Blaufarb and his 1928-25.



Photo 3 Feature car on program 1908 Model G. This car was also at Hershey.



Photo 4 1938 Limited.



Photo 5 My 1937 Special and Dave's 1928-25



Photo 6 A 1941 Super and the 38 Limited.



Photo 6 A 1961 LeSabre convertible.

I missed shots of 2 Rivieras, a Reatta, a 1954 Century 4 door and a 1974 Electra coupe.

Larry DiBarry

Rocker shaft renewal for my 1925 Buick Standard 191 Cubic Inch engine.

Larry DiBarry BCA #18395

I had noted the excessive play my rockers were on my 1937-248 engine so when first checking the 1925 engine shaft/rockers prior to having the engine rebuilt I thought they were much better and could leave them alone. As it got closer to getting the engine back after a full rebuild with, new Babbitt, reground crank, cam and new aluminum pistons I thought of giving the rocker assembly a closer look. A local shop had done the valve job so that part was done but since reevaluating the assembly I thought new bushings were in order.

When I received my Oillite bushing from McMaster-Carr I pulled apart the rocker shaft. All rocker bushings were worn uniformly at about .005 oversize on about 1/3 of their surface area. The underside of the shaft where the rockers were are each at .002 undersize at the same wear spot. So a total of .007 wear. My shaft measures .873 so a .002 clearance is good to the new bushing I.D. of .875. I cleaned up the shaft with crocus cloth. Examining the entire shaft I believe there will be no problem by just indexing the shaft 180 degrees and putting the unworn sections on the bottom since that is where all the force is applied. All the oil holes match and the locator screw is across from the oil delivery hole from the oil inlet. So all should be good.

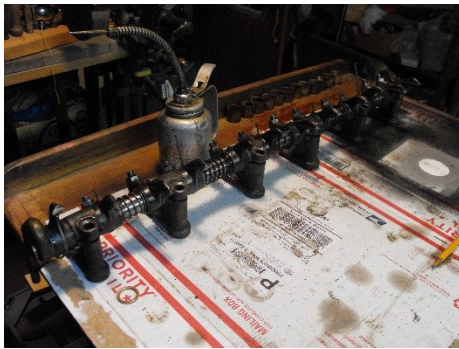


I have a parts engine rocker shaft from a 1937 248 engine and several rockers were worn completely through the bushing and the shaft was worn at the same spot at .020 undersize. So the total clearance was .080!!! Yet there were others that only showed .005 total clearance. Check the feeder pipe to make sure there is no blockage!

What McMaster-Carr had on stock in this diameter combination was 1.000 O.D. .875 I.D. it would be great not to have to cut off the extra length. The new bushings press in well using the flat faced cross slide vice on the drill press. I had to drill the oil holes to reference one side for accurate placement. I still had to touch them up to make sure the distance remained accurate. The photo of the bushing on the snug fitted arbor with a 10-32 screw and nut to act as a driving dog.



Note the carriage stop in the one photo to help keep things uniform when parting. That is where I used the parting tool to part off the extra 3/8 of an inch. A lot of cleanup and de-burring goes on also. The bores on the rockers are not perfectly round. After pressing in the bushing there is some distortion on the ID. I just happen to have a somewhat worn 7/8" reamer. I dressed it up the best I could to ream out the assembled bushings. .874. Well, all are back together.



Well, all are back together. The second photo is of the "eye" on the surface of the bearing. An unworn spot where the oil hole is on the shaft.

The driver I made to drive out the bushings.



They are not solid. There is a split so they may have been made from flat stock and then rolled. They marked Buick on everything!

Pressing in the new bushing using a flat faced machinist vice.

Drilling the top oil hole with a #31 drill.



Final reaming to finished size .874 to .875.

Now I have to confidence to tackle the rockers on my 1937 248 cu.in. straight 8. I do have a NOS replacement shaft and bushing kit I picked up at the South Bend meet. So, other than reaming the bushings all should go smoother.

Mason-Dixon Meeting minutes September 22rd, 2018. Infinito's York PA.

Meeting called to order 4:05

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurers report. Dave Hare

July proceeds from car show. Deposit \$1,672.

August expenses. \$199.91. Tom Bush Reimbursement for picnic.

August deposits of \$708.00. Freysinger reimbursement for our show expenses.

Current Balance = \$4,077.90

Motion to approve... Dick Beckley. Second Jack Ulrich

Membership report. Dave Hare

Current membership. (32) Members current paid for 2018. (28) Motion, Chuck Hoffman. Second, Jack Ulrich. Approved.

Comment by Dick that Gary Freysinger would like to be included at next year's show.

Newsletter Postage reimbursement Tabled

Recruitment of Assistant Director. Dick Beckley volunteered. Approved by acclamation!

NEW BUSINESS:

Report from Dick that all obligations have been satisfied for the June 30th Mason-Dixon Freysinger show. Further discussion about agreed to date of June 22nd 2019 for the next show at the AACA grounds. Dick to confirm. Contacts to be done and committed to. Jay Matson D.J. OK. Secure the Werner Family band again. Gary Freysinger is on board with sponsorship and the same format as this year. Dave Hare had requested to count all the AACA tickets prior to distribution. I or Chuck are to submit to Bugle the car show article along with photos. Also to have photos sent to Andrew Snyder for next year's awards. Richard to contact the "Good Humor Man" and the food truck for the 22nd of June.

Involvement with possible Gettysburg BCA meet 2022 or 2023

The chapters feeling is that various members may volunteer but the Mason-Dixon Chapter will not sponsor or underwrite.

Proposed Activities. Mid July, picnic at the Tom Bush's home. Late April, Boyertown museum and tour.

Don Bowman's collection has changed and may be good for a possible tour. Dick suggested his place for a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn. Dick Beckley Second. Jack Ulrich

Submitted by Joan DiBarry

MASON-DIXON BUICK CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: December 2nd. 2018 Time: 3:00 social time. Dinner at 4:00.

Place: Brownstone Cafe' 1 North Union Street Middletown PA.

This is a good opportunity to share some Christmas cheer with fellow enthusiasts. This is to include any interested B.O.O.M and CLC members as they have repeatedly invited us to their activities. We had a great time last year! All may order from the menu.

RSVP by November 26th. Karen Beckley 717-938-4975 dbeckley@epix.net
Larry DIBarry 717-263-3804 dibarjo@hotmail.com

Link to their menu <https://www.bing.com/local/lid=YN749x12891180&id=YN749x12891180&q=Brownstone+Cafe+Middletown+PA&name=Brownstone+Cafe&cp=40.19524~-76.73146&qpvt=brownstone+restaurant+menu>

Directions from, North and West. Route 283 S, Middletown exit right onto North Union Street. Follow south into town at the corner of North Union and West Emaus Streets.

From, East and South. Route 283 N, make right onto exit for route 441, left on to Toll House Road, continue under 283, turn right onto to Harrisburg Pike (route 441) continue to Middletown when this becomes East Main Street, turn right onto North Union Street continue until the Brownstone and the big Green Clock is seen on the Right at the corner of North Union and West Emaus Street.



This is the place!!

New Mason-Dixon T shirt Logo Design

Here is what was approved for the new T shirts. I thank Dick Beckley for providing the inspiration and art work for the new design.



The new shirts sold briskly at the June 30th car show. \$15.00 each.

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

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

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.

For Sale

1971 455 CID Engine with (2) cylinder heads. (2) valve covers. Intake manifold. (1) 4 BBL Carb. (1) Air cleaner from a 1971 GS. \$600 for All. Fred White 717-767-8903

For Sale

2009 BUICK LUCERNE CXL-3. White Diamond with Titanium leather interior, one local owner, 13,700 actual miles, like new inside and out. Very well equipped including chrome wheels, heated seats, power seats and lumbar controls, rear parking sensors, blind spot warning lights, plus much more. If you wished you could buy a new Buick Lucerne for about 1/3 of the original list price, this is the right car. \$12,500. Paul Sevag, 610-496-4246.