



The Porthole



January/February 2019

Newsletter of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the BCA

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDER

Mason-Dixon chapter items are in red

2019

Sunday January 27th 2019 - Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting 3:00 at C&D Grill and Bar Route 30 Near Cross Keys. Come for dinner first then meeting.

Friday-Sunday February 8-10 – Atlantic City Car Corral, Flea Market & Auction – Atlantic City Convention Center.

Sunday February 24th 2019 - SUNDAE AT THE MOVIES.....Join us (YACC) for our 37th annual Sundae at the Movies, with old-time car films, car-toons and comedies. Make your own ice cream sundaes with all the topping. Dover UCC Church, 45 W. Canal Rd, Dover. From York, take Rt. 74 N., go to the square in Dover, turn left, church is across from high school. Starts at 2pm.

March 1st – Final day to pay your 2019 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 3, 2019 - Hamburg, PA - AACA Ontelaunee Regions Swap Meet/Car Corral. Hamburg Field House, Pine St. Hamburg, PA. Contact: Lester Manwiller - 610-944-8619; lhedgehog1@aol.com

March 9th Saturday - Mason-Dixon Gas and oil collectors show at Fredrick MD. Fairgrounds doors open at 8:00 AM. Possible driving tour so meeting place to be determined.

March 15-18th – 29th Annual Antique Automobile Pre-War Swap Meet - Chickasha, OK, Grady county fairgrounds, Chickasha, OK. The largest pre-war swap meet in the USA.

Sunday, March 24th - Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting. 3 p.m., Hoss' Restaurant, Mechanicsburg, PA. Come for dinner first then meeting.

Wednesday-Sunday April 17-21 – Spring Carlisle

Thursday-Saturday April 18-20 – Spring Carlisle Auction

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

Happy and Healthy 2019!

We hope all had a joy filled Christmas! It seem as though all my Directors Messages tend to have some retrospectives in them. I do review what I have told you before and try to come up with fresh, relevant topics. My first New Year's directors message in 2014 reflected on where the chapter had been, where we were at the moment and then what was on the horizon. I felt we had achieved a lot for our membership with the website inaugurated soon after the 2014 message. Thank you Chuck Hoffman for keeping things current! Looking through the Portholes since I can't believe I have put that much on paper. I wrote lesson plans nearly every day for 30 years and hated every moment of it. Longing for the day I would no longer commit thought to paper! I must admit it has become easier though no less painful for me and you the reader.

I was checking last January's message to see if I was able to take care of any outstanding Buick issues. The only resolution is that I have the re-built engine **now running** in my 1925 "Beulah".



While the engine was out I decided to get some painting attended to and only have the hood painted (correct Brewster Green) and striped. The front mud pan, the firewall, dash board and the frame. The front fenders will have to wait until spring. The seemingly never ending summer/fall and now winter rains have slowed any other Buick projects to a crawl. So basement projects will have to do. "Remley", our 1925 Master Touring is still questionable as to his ailment. I wanted to focus getting "Beulah" back together.

A major concern stated in the last January message was about the new car show venue. I was quite pleased that the new Freysinger sponsored car show was so successful at the AACA site and we are looking forward to the June 22nd 2019 show.

My role on the BCA board of directors has been "never a dull moment" situation. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have voted on the organization to perform the long overdue audit of the BCAs finances. Something several of us on the BOD had requested for nearly 2 years. Also voting on the replacement of Mike and Nancy Book (who are retiring) after 17 ½ years as the BCA office managers.

The year was finished off with our Christmas party on the 2nd of December. More about that in "Past Happenings" in elsewhere in the Porthole.

It is already promising to be a busy year ahead. Just a few road trips planned. Please see upcoming events on our calendar. Suggestions are of a spring tour to the Boyertown Museum. Also a Tour to the Spring Oil and Gas show at the Fredrick, MD. Fairgrounds. Our 11th Annual Mason-Dixon /Freysinger Show is set for June 22nd. At our January 27th meeting at the C&D Grill Route 30 Cross Keys we need to start setting up volunteer positions. Dick Beckley has been instrumental in securing the continued sponsorship of Freysinger's at the AACA Museum site. Also we need to be making plans for the BCA Nationals in Oklahoma June 12th-15th.

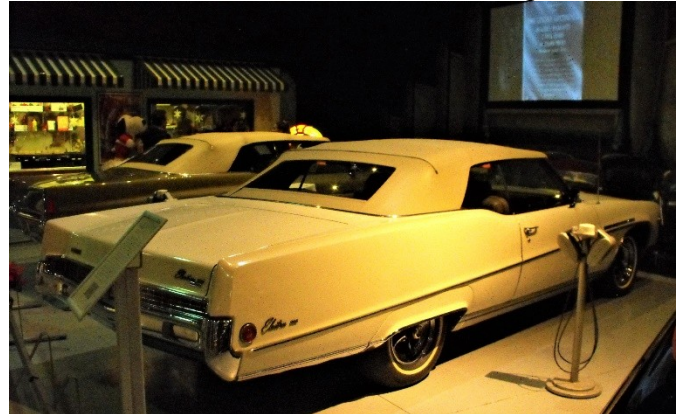
Larry



Just letting the membership know about the current exhibit at the AACA Museum. Joan and I went recently. Dick and Karen Beckley were approached to display several of their cars. Here are the 3 that we saw posed for display.



1965 WILDCAT in the front lobby.



1969 Electra at the drive in movie display.



Their 1949 Chrysler Town and Country. Somewhere along Route 66 .

Many other large American “Land Yachts” on display through April 28th.

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.

Perfect Christmas Gift

Friends and Neighbors Monty and Leah Warsing presented me with this for Christmas. They had accompanied us on the **America on Wheels** tour several years ago. They like to indulge me in my Buick hobby. Now I just need to complete repairs on my old Buicks!



Mason-Dixon Meeting minutes November, 2018. Hoss' Mechanicsburg PA.

Meeting called to order 4:15 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from previous meeting Richard Sills- Absent Read by Larry DiBarry

Motion for approval. Jack Ulrich, second by James Smith.

Treasurers report. Dave Hare - Absent Report by Larry DiBarry

(No change from September report.)

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 as of October 30th \$4,077.90

Membership report. Dave Hare Report by Larry DiBarry

Current membership. (32) Members current paid for 2018. (28)

Motion to approve both treasurers and membership reports together. Motion for approval Gwen Miller, Second, Joan DiBarry
Newsletter Postage reimbursement No report from John Hess. Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

Noted that new Assistant Director is Dick Beckley and he has reported that all preparations for the June 22nd 2019 Car Show are going smoothly.

Discussion about the Christmas party for December 2nd. Reminded all to get RSVP into Karen Beckley by November 26th.

Volunteer schedule for car show to be tabled until January meeting.

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.

Director DiBarry has spoken to Craig Bober of B.O.O.M. about their idea of Hunt Valley MD.

Proposed Activities. Late April, Boyertown museum and tour. "Diner Day". Date to be confirmed.

Morgantown PA collector car auto Mall. Dates to be set at January meeting.

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. 5:09 PM. James Smith, Second. Jack Ulrich

Submitted by Joan DiBarry

Latest BOD issues.

At the time I was putting some thoughts down for the Porthole we on the BOD were in the midst of getting the new office managers approved. Also trying to get an audit vendor approved. The new Managers are the Cornerstone organization, transition from the Books to be achieved by the end of January. The audit has been much more difficult and after nearly 2 years we are still pushing forward. The audit was voted on and approved. There were 5 of us who have asked for an audit and 4 who did not. The people on the board who have anything to do with financials are against it and have tried to dilute the type of audit. A Forensic audit (detailed) verses an Opinion audit (several year cursory examination).

When you receive your new Bugle you will see an article written by Jack Gerstkemper entitled Pre War Division 2.0. **Please do not take anything stated at face value.** I have been a longtime member of the PWD (I have 3 pre-war Buicks) and have enjoyed several BCA National after-tours. The latest at the 2017 Nationals in Wisconsin. As a BOD member I did not approve Mr. Gerstkemper's (who owns no pre-war vehicles) claim to take over directorship. Our PWD group did not solicit a new director. The director was Mark Shaw (who owns and tours 5 of his pre-war Buicks) from Washington State. We have since had an election with known and verified PWD BCA member participants. Our new director is Brian Heil (I have toured 3 times with Brian and his 1923 Buick) from Michigan. My feeling was that this assertion of being a director (during the general membership meeting at Denver) was staged to discredit any one associated with the PWD and those of us on the BOD who had asked for an audit, all together chronological parking for pre-war cars **only** and recognition for 100 year old Buick vehicles.

Any further information can be secured by giving me a call at 717-263-3804.

Larry DiBarry

Past Happenings

2018 Mason-Dixon Christmas party

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Brownstone Café at Middletown on Sunday December 2nd. A week earlier than last year we still had over 20 members for friendship in ringing in the Christmas season.



Busy, blurry Tim. Some better images in the background. George looking a bit panicked. Misplaced the gravy? After dinner Dick and Karen Beckley invited all to their home for fellowship and dessert.



Host Dick Beckley holding court.

Mark Your Calendars!
The 23rd Annual
"CABIN FEVER EXPO"

Model Engineering Show & Auctions

Will Be Held:

January 18-20, 2019

This has been an event that several friends and I have attended for at least 20 of the 23 years. As model makers, machinists, car people and enthusiasts of all things mechanical will find a never ending array of interesting things. I have made many contacts for suppliers of restoration items and tools. Never know what one may find. Last year I bought 11 NOS Valve Job gasket sets for my 1937-248 Buick engine. Do a search on *CABIN FEVER EXPO*. Many videos of previous year's shows.

LEBANON VALLEY EXPO CENTER

80 Rocherty Road

Lebanon, PA 17042

\$15.00

Good for All 3 Days

With Badge &

Waterproof Wristband Worn On Your Wrist

Children 12 & Under FREE

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

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

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 Dynaflo, 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

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.

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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