



The Porthole



May/June 2020

Newsletter of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the BCA

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDER

Mason-Dixon chapter items are in red

2020

Sunday May 24th - Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting 3:00 at C&D Grill and Bar Route 30 near Cross Keys. Come for dinner first then meeting. THIS IS SCHEDULED AS OF NOW, BUT COULD BE CANCELED IF THE STATE OF PA. IS CLOSED.

June 27, 2020 HERSHEY PA - Mason-Dixon Chapter and Freysinger Buick/GMC 12th annual Buick Show at the AACA Museum. THIS IS CANCELED FOR THIS YEAR. SEE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

July 15-18 – BCA National Meet, host hotel is Holiday Inn in Strongsville, Ohio (Cleveland area) THIS NATIONAL SHOW HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR THIS YEAR.

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 Spring is here! (But we are all restricted to our homes.....)

I could not have fathomed when I wrote the March directors message that we would be shut down as a hobby group. I had a full calendar of activities, meets and shows to choose from into the fall. Now everything is up in the air as far as any planning. All spring activities had been canceled for all the clubs I belong to; the AACA, the HCCA, the VMCCA, and the BCA. Last week I had John Hess forward the message from the BCA about the cancellation of the Stongsville, Ohio Buick Nationals in July. Yes this in all unprecedented in our collective experiences. I felt badly that I had to cancel all our spring activities and meetings. I MISS YOU PEOPLE! Last week in light of the BCA national being canceled for 2020, the Mason-Dixon executive committee discussed the cancellation of our meet in June. Originally I felt that things would open up well before that late June timeframe. Dick Beckley assured me that awards could be had in time for the June 27th date if we had a firm commitment to our supplier as late as June 1st. As we discussed the possibilities several points came out. **No. 1.** The AACA has control of our site and is closed down until further notice. **No.2.** I for one thought people would look forward to being out in the hobby activities and shows after being quarantined. But our newly identified health concerns will make all of us leery about gathering in large groups for a long while. Attendance may be down considerably. Which leads to **No. 3** Our concern about our sponsor **Freysinger Buick GMC**. Pennsylvania new and used car dealers had been hit with a “no sales restriction” for the past month only rescinded last week. All dealerships have lost revenue. We considered not to pressure Freysinger to come up with money for the awards and the registration stipend they provide to pay the AACA for the use of the Museum grounds. At this time our consideration is to cancel the June 27th Mason-Dixon show. If things do indeed open up sooner then we may revisit this but it does not seem promising. At this time I am still scheduling the May 24th meeting at the C&D grill. It is still dependent on what Governor Wolfe deems prudent to reopening these businesses. And even after that there still may be restrictions for us to effectively meet as a group. Praying for all be well and to stay well.

Larry

ANOTHER PORTHOLE AND NO OTHER MEMBER SUBMISSIONS SO ANOTHER RECIPE

OLD-FASHIONED MEATLOAF

Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 8oz canned diced tomatoes with juice***
- 1/4 cup quick cooking oats

For topping:

- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp prepared mustard

Instructions

Combine ground beef, salt, pepper, egg, onion, bell pepper, diced tomatoes with juice, and oats & shape into a loaf and placed into a Pam sprayed meatloaf pan. Combine topping ingredients and spread evenly over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until meatloaf is done. Allow to rest for 10 minutes before slicing. Enjoy!

***I can never find an 8 oz. can of diced tomatoes, so I always just get the 15 oz. can, and use about half.

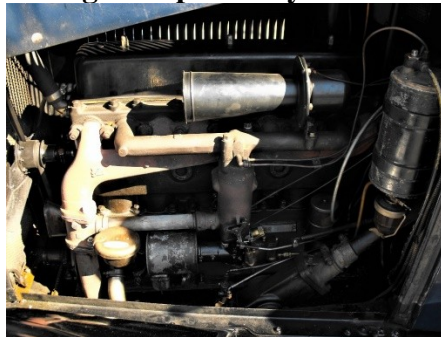
Member Spotlight. Steve Torrico

By Larry DiBarry

Joan and I are fine if not antsy to get out and about, but we are all pretty much locked down. We do take some drives about in our Buicks. We really looked forward to having a visit from recent M/D member Steve Torrico. Several weeks ago Steve who is laid off from his job from the **Ironstone Ranch** event venue (amid the pandemic concerns we all know of events being canceled) wanted to come for a visit. Keeping our distance from each other when he arrived. He drove his very original 1927 Model 27 sedan FROM ELIZABETHTOWN! 72 miles. Just to show it to me and ask advice. He wanted me to drive it to get my opinion on the cars performance.



Original upholstery in excellent condition.



So I got to chauffeur him! My view behind the wheel.

It runs/rides and drives better than my 1925. I believe his car now shows around 62,000 original miles. (Unfortunately Steve said that the speedometer quit on the trip.) He is the 3rd owner. The first owner was a doctor who owned it through 1960. The car then went to the doctor's nephew who simply stored and maintained it. Yes! All original paint and upholstery. He purchased the car about 5 years ago. At the time the odometer showed around 42,000 miles. Steve indicated that he used it as his everyday driver around Chicago for 2 years. He then sent it to 1920s Buick expert Tony Bult in Wisconsin to go through the car to keep it reliable. Steve was transferred out east and the car was stored at Tony's place until Steve could have it moved back with him here in Elizabethtown.

Original paint and



Steve with my "Beulah". He is a pretty tall fellow for a Standard Buick. **Steve next to his car talking with buddy Monty who is inspecting the new Buick in the neighborhood.** I also chauffeured him in Beulah. Steve's goal for the car is to drive it and enjoy the experience. He is not into shows.

When opportunity knocks.....By Larry DiBarry

As some of you may know ever since we bought my 1925 "Looking for a driver Buick" in 2011 we have been slowly trying to get things more reliable and reverse some of the interpretive restoration done by prior owners. I mentioned in the last Porthole that the correct top sockets were being fabricated.

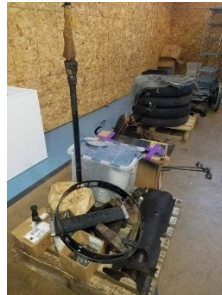


What the car looked like when we bought "Beulah" in 2011



Current appearance with some improvements.

Much of the mechanicals have been gone through with a new clutch and having the engine rebuilt 3 years ago. While the engine was out we had the radiator re-cored and a re-nickel plated shell. Then I repaired the banged up front fenders and did some painting on both the front fenders, the front mud pan and the side splash shields. I repainted the firewall and the hood back to the correct Brewster green with red striping. Along with these things there was always a search for missing parts or exchanging incorrect ones. One of the originality issues were that someone in the dim past changed the wheels to 21" Originally they were 22". No big deal. Plus, the 21" tires are found in a variety of styles and sizes. ONLY one size (600 X 22) are reproduced. I was going to re-do the wheels in the Brewster green and red striping as original this spring. LISTEN Opportunity is knocking... On Craigslist I was informed of a party who was restoring a 1925 Standard coupe changed their mind and was having the car street rodded! The entire driveline was available. Engine, transmission, axles, accessories etc. Including (5) original 22" wheels. Prior to the former owner's decision he bought 5 NEW BF Goodrich tubes and flaps with all the hardware. With all these standard parts there was also a 4' X4' X6' wood crate with 1920s Buick parts as part of the deal. The deal was made as it was less than the cost of the new tires for all the parts. Great! Now how to get it to Chambersburg from..... BEND OREGON.



Enter Buick buddy Mark Shaw from Vancouver Wash. Mark volunteered to drive 3 hours with his 20' trailer to retrieve them for me. So a full day round trip. Then with the help of another friend from the AACA Buick Pre War forum Keven

Rohner, sorted and documented all the parts for me. A lot of effort was expended by Mark who after sorting did break down all the old tires from the rims, disassembled the rear axle and packed a box for shipment. I believe there was mention of steak dinners for life..... Some of the extra parts to our needs have already been dispersed to other Buick collectors in need on the west coast and Texas.



The box shown is only about half full in this photo.

Final size 4'X4'X4' @ 1,050lbs!

We still needed a reasonable carrier for shipment and that is where a local hero enters. Chuck Hoffman provided a contact for very reasonable shipping to the Truck repair business off of Carlisle Pike where he works. I owe Chuck



some cooked meat also!
Buick garage.

Final destination at my

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.

A few more Images of an Era

These are about 37 years apart. The first is of a Buick dealer's show room and some of his crew. Circa 1924. Notice the accessories on display. Display of jacks in the foreground.



The chassis is of a 1924 6 cylinder. I

would love to have the Buick poster on the back wall behind the column. The photos on it look to be a collection of Buick owner testimonials that were commonly seen in the Buick Bulletins of the period.



This other photo taken during the summer of 1971 is of my first "Antique Vehicle". The location is of my father's garage. A 1937 International D-2, 1/2 ton pick-up. Purchased from the original owner for the huge sum of \$125.00. Always garaged in his feed store building from new. I wish I had not messed it up with my inept attempts to fix it up. When winter rolled around I had to get it out and put it on the street so our 1963 Skylark would not sit out.

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

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

It has come time for Joan and Jack to move to a one floor condo. Sadly we will have no room for the Wildcat. Most members know the Wildcat's history, but to review: 1964 Wildcat 401cu.in. 4dr Htp with 45,200 original miles to date. Last driven 12/26/19, always garaged inside in climate controlled environment. New battery 11/14/19, new power brake booster replaced last year. This last summer new points, coil and rotor were installed. Five like-new radials with Buick chrome wheels. Vintage air added 2016 and now needs freon charge which I planned this spring. All original docs including warranty plate, build sheet, operating manual and service records since new. White exterior with blue interior, car cover included. Power steering, power brakes and TH400 automatic transmission, Am-Fm radio with new speaker. This Wildcat is a real cruiser. I have absolutely enjoyed driving over 4200 miles since 12/12. Reasonable offers will be considered. If you know where I can find a real clean low mileage Reatta, Please advise. I will also consider a clean '89 Regal GranSport or smaller Buick with 74" width. I contracted with Carlo Connors of Connors Motors in West Chester to sell Wildcat. The dealer is asking \$19,500 for the 1964 Wildcat. Go to: <https://www.connorsmotorcar.com>

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For Sale

I have a 1970 Buick Wildcat, all original and stock, located in Ocean City, NJ. Considering selling to right buyer. Car needs body work due to rust, but has decent interior and 455-4 engine. would need to be towed. Here's a video that shows all ...https://youtu.be/aESicCtP_GM

If you know anyone who is interested, please let me know - Jerry 646-267-2014

For Sale

1991 Riviera, Claret Red Metallic with matching leather interior and factory gold pinstripes. Only 25,613 actual miles; one owner from 1991 through September 2018. Garage kept and meticulously maintained since new. Equipment includes wire wheel covers, opera lamps in rear sail panels, reclining bucket seats and center console, digital dash cluster with analog instruments, tilt wheel, cruise control, seek-scan AM-FM stereo radio with cassette player, and full power equipment including windows, locks, seats, antenna, mirrors, and automatic trunk release. Completely original inside and out. "Like new" is not an exaggeration. Fully serviced with latest PA safety and emission inspection. Original owner's books and sales brochures. Ready for show or touring. \$11,500. Paul Sevag, 610-496-4246

