



The Porthole



March/April 2020

Newsletter of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the BCA

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDER

Mason-Dixon chapter items are in red

2020

March 1st – Final day to pay your 2020 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 1st, 2020 - 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 14th 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 20-21th – 30th 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 22nd - Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting. 3 p.m., Hoss' Restaurant, Mechanicsburg, PA. Come for dinner first then meeting.

May 17th - Brass at Berks Flea Market & Gathering for the week's tour. Morgantown PA.

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.

June 27th, 2020 HERSHEY PA - Mason-Dixon Chapter and Freysinger Buick/GMC will host their 12th 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 15-18 – BCA National Meet, host hotel is Holiday Inn in Strongsville, Ohio (Cleveland area), Hosted by the Northeast Ohio Chapter.

Friday July 17 - Buick Heritage Alliance Annual Awards Banquet at Michaud's Catering and Event Center, 16808 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio. (1 mile from the BCA 2020 Annual Meet. Host Hotel). 5-10 pm. Buffet Dinner with a Cash Bar. West Peterson, Editor-In-Chief of the AACA will be our guest speaker. \$50 a person; \$90 a couple. For additional information, contact Jeff Brashares at Jeff.Brashares@sunteckts.com.

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 around the corner!!

I could be crying about the horrible freezing weather we are dealing with BUT! It has been a relatively calm and uneventful winter season. We have been out and about with the 1925 Buick "Beulah". I have been driving her several days a week just to do errands. Our 1937 Buick "Lucy" was out last Sunday for the 38th annual "Sundae at the Movies" at Dover. We did a 95 mile round trip on a sunny 60 degree day. Very pleasant trip. John and Hillary Hess do a fantastic job in their entertainment presentation.

Now my gripe... Technology, particularly my ability to access and insert photos. It seems we had a ransom-wear problem last fall. It seemed to affect my picture files accessed through a USB patch card reader. All the photos I took at the Rockville car show in October had become corrupted and some random photos taken before that have become affected. Now even the last photos I took at "Sundae" have become corrupted. Any of my SD cards I inserted into the reader automatically rendered the SD into needing initialized. Maddening! Now it seems as though several years of photos are gone. So for a time I can only include some older photos.

Our next activity is the Mason-Dixon Gas and Oil meet at Frederick MD. March 13th. See the notice elsewhere in this Porthole. With the spring comes planning for our annual car show and that will be discussed at our March 22nd Meeting at Hoss' Mechanicsburg. The new car show flyers have been made up for distribution at our next meeting. (Thank you Chuck Hoffman).

Last several issues I mentioned that Pete Rambis and I will be working on a project with the AACA museum that has had a 1926 Buick model 51 Brougham donated in partially restored condition. Scheduling has been an issue. So far no word back for a date to begin. This is where the project is at this point. The car is on display but the parts are in one of the storage buildings.

Please find new Meat Loaf recipe this month as there were no member submissions again.

Larry

BACON-TOPPED MEAT LOAF

Esther Schultz

1/2 c. chili sauce	2/3 c. dry bread crumbs
2 eggs (lightly beaten)	1/2 tsp. salt
1 T. Worcestershire sauce	1/4 tsp. pepper
1 med. onion (chopped)	2 lbs. lean ground beef
(4-oz.) shredded cheddar cheese	2 strips bacon (halved)

In a bowl, combine the first eight ingredients. Crumble beef over mixture & mix well. Shape into a loaf in an ungreased 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking dish. Top with bacon. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 70 - 80 minutes or until meat is no longer pink & a meat thermometer reads 160°. Drain; let stand for 10 minutes before cutting. Yield: 8 servings.

Recent trip for a service. TOP SOCKETS.

All of us in the old car hobby have felt the pinch of not being able to find services that once were quite common. Recent experience with getting a radiator re-cored locally. At one time Chambersburg had 4 old line radiator shops. After my “guy” retires then the closest will be in West York. Still he had to have the core made in Canada and took over 2 months. Upholsterers/trimmers have been disappearing at an alarming rate and if I would like to get a correct top done for my car I must act soon. Unfortunately before doing so the top frame must be in good condition and aligned properly. One of the “originality” issues I have with my 1925 Standard Buick “Beulah” was that the top was incorrect with a poorly made top covering of 1960s vinyl convertible top material. Also the way the structure was cut the top stands about 3” too high.

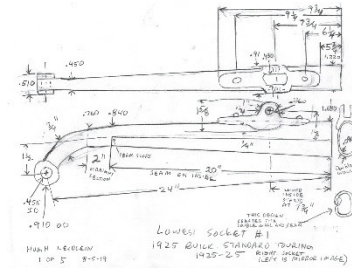


Cut out and re-welded section.

My estimation was that it had been a cut down 1923 6 cylinder Buick top. Longer wheelbase and subsequently longer body. When the top was cut down to fit those who did it also used the earlier top bows which are the same width front to back. My 1925's bows are to taper, smaller at the front to the widest at the rear. My friend in Sweden, Leif Holmberg, sent me many photos of his original car with the original top for reference.



Leif's car with original top and some original details.



Layout photos and sketch from Hugh.

Since then my friend Hugh Leidlein in TX has been working on restoring his touring car top as accurately as possible. He has made many dimensional sketches and taken many photos to help me out. Now I thoroughly understand the need to get as complete and correct a car as possible to start with. I have been searching for a correct set of top iron sockets since I bought the car in 2011. A company in California had stated that they could make up a set for me. After 2 years of no action from them and more reminder calls, they then said that they had container truck bodies full of top iron sockets. They should be able to match up a set for me. Several years and more calls there was no movement on their part. In my hometown of Chambersburg there is a place that does steam bent top bows. Still I needed correct top sockets. Over the last 8 years I have looked at about 50 different sets at Hershey and Chickasha OK. Nothing close. Then there was a contact on the AACA Buick forum of a concern it Australia. No problem mate! It should be about \$2,300 AU for your 25 tourer irons!! Then shipping to USA, then top bows made even before a covering would be considered. Also a scammer tried to get me to buy a set that he said had a new top placed on the bows as a spare for his father's car. He could not send photos and they were going to throw them away... Very strange!

At last October's Hershey meet I came across a **Mel Draper** from Ohio whose business card indicated that among other restoration services he did **Top Iron Sockets and Bows**. Mel said that if I at least had the cast iron end pieces and the "timing" pieces he could do a set including bows for under \$1,000. Below is a set of pretty rusted away sockets for a 1924 Model 35, 4 cylinder car. A friend who is restoring a 1924 Model 34 roadster had these from a parts touring car. The front sockets were rusted away to the cast iron ends.



I thought that they would be close enough to my 1925 standard. Since my car's wheelbase is slightly longer each piece was different than what is needed. But! All the cast end and timing pieces were there. Hopefully Mel is getting a new set of sockets made up for me as this is written. He is located in Jeromesville Ohio on the old Lincoln Highway between Columbus and Akron. Much closer than Australia! He also has horsehair and leather for upholstery as well as woodworking for early brass era cars.

Larry

IMAGES OF AN ERA On the AACA forum we have a thread on **Images of an era**. There are many photos from the teens, twenties, thirties and up of cars and their settings from family photo albums and such. If you have such photos to share please send them to me with a note about them. And I will make this a running feature. I contributed this photo of "Keenie's Garage" our Chevrolet dealer in my old home town of Monongahela PA.



The date says 1928 but it is probably 1933 or 1934 by the looks of the new Chevrolet in the first floor show room window. Notice the late 1920s cars in the 2nd floor show room window. That is where they had the used car department. I believe they also sold Oldsmobile there after WW 2 as my father bought his new 1948 Olds there. Across the street from this was an equally 1920s period GULF station. Later the GULF station was leveled for Vickers Chevrolet used cart lot. I applied for a job as body man there in 1973 when it was Vickers Chevrolet. By 1955 the streetcar tracts were being removed. I have seen other photos of the great flood of 1936 which the water level came up to about the wheels of the service truck on the lift. The entire city block was leveled and now it is occupied by a SHEETZ gas station convenience store.

PAST HAPPENINGS February 23, 2020 - Sundae at the Movies. 35 members turned out to see our movie presentation and eat self-made ice cream sundaes. We viewed an assortment of film, starting with the 1959 year in review, the cartoon "Show Biz Bugs" with Bugs Bunny & Daffy Duck. Next was a really early Max Sennett comedy called "Skylarking". Following that, was a film about the history and the decline of drive-in movie theaters. Next was a Little Rascals short called "Bored of Education, with the kids getting ice cream treats for singing. Last was an episode of "Leave It To Beaver" where Beaver gets arrested for driving a go-cart on the city street, We then make our own delicious ice cream sundaes with all kinds of toppings. There was also plenty of soda, chips, pretzels and other snacks. The weather was beautiful that day, with temps in the low 60's.....could have shown this film outside, like the drive in's used to do!!



photos courtesy of Hillary Hess

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

January 19, 2020
C & D Bar & Grille
New Oxford, Pennsylvania

1. Open & Welcome

Director Larry DiBarry called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m., and welcomed the members. The following members and guests attended:

Dick & Karen Beckley
Chris Calabrese
Larry & Joan DiBarry
David Hare
Thomas J. Otzel
Tom Siemans
Richard Sills
Jack Ulrich

2. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Richard Sills reviewed the minutes of the prior meetings on September 22, 2019 and November 24, 2019.

MOTION made by Dick Beckley, seconded by Tom Otzel: To accept the minutes of the meetings on September 22, 2019 and November 24, 2019, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report and Membership Report

David Hare reported that the Chapter's bank account balance was \$4,938.84 at the time of our November meeting, and the current balance is \$5,087.13. Deposits in November, December and January consisted of membership dues totaling \$250.00. Expenses consisted of \$51.71, which was to reimburse Larry DiBarry for postage expenses and the expenses of the Christmas party.

The Chapter has a total of 34 members, including one who joined recently -- Paul Ezzo from Carlisle, PA. However, 8 members have not yet paid their 2020 dues.

MOTION made by Joan DiBarry, seconded by Jack Ulrich: To approve the Treasurer's Report, as submitted. Passed unanimously.

Previously, the members voted to donate \$500.00 to the AACA Museum, Inc., provided the funds can be applied for use in restoring the 1926 Buick Model 51 Master Brougham that was donated to the Museum. Richard Sills confirmed that the Museum would be pleased to receive this donation subject to that restriction. David will send the donation to the Museum, and indicate the purpose for which it is to be used.

The members then turned to a discussion that began at the November meeting, regarding the disposition of the Chapter's assets in the unanticipated event that the Chapter should ever wish to terminate its operations. The members agreed that if that should happen, the most effective way to use the assets for the furtherance of the antique car

hobby in the area served by the Mason-Dixon Chapter would be to donate the assets to the AACA Museum, Inc. in Hershey.

MOTION made by Dick Beckley, seconded by Jack Ulrich: In the unlikely event that the Chapter should ever decide to terminate its operations, the Chapter shall donate substantially all of its remaining assets to the AACA Museum, Inc. as a charitable contribution prior to dissolving the Chapter. Passed unanimously.

4. Review of Christmas Party

Karen Beckley reported that 20 people attended the Christmas party at the Brownstone Café in Middletown, PA, and that everyone seemed to be pleased with the event.

The Chapter expressed its thanks to Joan DiBarry for making the delicious apple cakes that were distributed to the attending members.

5. Election of Officers for 2020

The officers presently serving the Chapter all expressed their willingness to run for another term, to serve the Chapter in 2020. Larry asked for additional nominations from the floor, but there were none.

Accordingly, the following officers were re-elected by acclamation:

Director	– Larry DiBarry
Assistant Director	– Dick Beckley
Treasurer	– David Hare
Secretary	– Richard Sills

6. Upcoming Activities

Larry announced that the Chapter was organizing a run to the 24th Annual Mason-Dixon Gas, Oil, Automotive and Advertising Swap Meet in Frederick, MD, on March 14.

Several ideas for other activities were suggested:

(a) David Hare suggested a tour to the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. It is also possible that we could hold a meeting there.

(b) Dick Beckley suggested that we might want to visit Don Bowman's car collection in Williamsport, MD. Although some of us have visited that collection before, Dick said there have been a number of new acquisitions since then.

(c) Richard Sills suggested that we could visit the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA, which has hundreds of antique cars available for sale, including some very old and rare vehicles. Another possible trip would be to Allentown, PA, where we could visit the America on Wheels Museum and the Ruozzi brothers' RB Collection Restoration Shop that is directly across the street.

An open question is whether we want to schedule a picnic again this year. This will be decided at a later meeting.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Chapter is scheduled for Sunday March 22, 2020, at Hoss's Restaurant on Gettysburg Pike

in Mechanicsburg.

8. Adjournment

MOTION made by Jack Ulrich, seconded by Dick Beckley: To adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 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

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>

Contact Jack Ulrich
717-578-5005
julrich60@yahoo.com



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

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

March 14, 2020



○ **Gas, Oil, Automotive and Advertising Swap Meet**

- Thanks to all who came out for the 2019 Mason-Dixon Gas Show, the shows keep getting better and better.
The additional building added to the show in 2015 was full with the *additional 20-25 vendor spaces*.
- The Great Frederick Fairgrounds • 797 East Patrick St., Frederick, Maryland
 - *Free Admission – Free Parking – Food & Drink Available*
 - **Doors open at 7:00 AM Saturday to the public**

From Larry DiBarry.

Originally John Kuchtiak set up this trip. I am doing it this year.

- I have organized a trip to the Mason Dixon Gas show on Saturday March 14th at the Frederick MD. Fairgrounds. I will have two rendezvous points. 1st one at the Sheetz on the corner of PA 94 and PA 30. John Kuchtiak will be there at 6:45 am departing at 7:00 am. We will drive across Rt. 30 and rendezvous with Larry DiBarry at the Sheetz at the PA Rt. 30 and PA Rt. 15 intersection at 7:20 am, and depart at 7:30 am. We will drive down Rt. 15 on to the Frederick Fair Grounds. Please extend this invite to all YACC and CLS club members. Larry will publish to the Buick folks on Sunday Jan. 19th at the Mason Dixon Chapter meeting. Have all interested parties contact me at **717-263-3804** (call or email me) at dibarjo@hotmail.com. Once inside I imagine folks will go the direction they are interested in. However, when we all convene at the Show upon arrival, I will pole interest in all meeting for a sit down lunch together at a local restaurant and set it up that morning with a consensus of where to go.
- Last year we met with several other BCA members from the Baltimore and Annapolis areas. A good time was had by all.
- Look forward to seeing/meeting some folks at the Sheetz on the 14th!
 - dibarjo@hotmail.com. **717-263-3804**

Mason-Dixon Chapter BCA – 12th Annual Buick Show

Saturday June 27th, 2020
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

Music by: DJ Jay Mattson
Food Truck
Ice Cream Truck



Museum admission for show participants!

For more information contact:
Dick Beckley, dbeckley@epix.net
717-395-7128 or Larry DiBarry

dibarjo@hotmail.com 717-263-3804

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

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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