



The Porthole



September/October 2020

Newsletter of the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the BCA

UPCOMING EVENTS -- MARK YOUR CALENDER

Mason-Dixon chapter items are in red

Fall 2020

Sunday September 20th Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting I still would like a northern location for those members local to that region. Suggestions? **Otherwise...3:00 at C&D Grill and Bar Route 30 Near Cross Keys.**

September 28-30th 2020 1936-38 Buick Club annual tour Wilmington, NC. I am planning on attending. This too is a tentative event dependent on what the current health situation becomes.

October 1-3rd Fall Carlisle. If things are still open this should be similar to the June show

October 10th Hershey Car Show is still proposed even though the Flea Market had been cancelled. My 1937 will be there in the "Driven Class"

Sunday November 22nd Mason-Dixon Chapter Membership Meeting TBD since the pandemic restrictions on buffet locations like Hoss' may still have restrictions. I still would like a northern location for those members local to that region. Suggestions? **Otherwise...3:00 at C&D Grill and Bar Route 30 Near Cross Keys.**

Activity note from Richard Sills. Open House at Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown PA, every Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. (In the spring when I was doing the summer calendar this venue was still closed by Governor Wolfe's order) There are hundreds of antique cars to see, most of which are for sale on consignment from the owners. These include some very rare and old antique cars, some of which are in "barn find" condition. The Classic Auto Mall is directly off the PA Turnpike at the Morgantown Exit, so it is easily accessible. (From Lancaster, it is also easily accessible by taking Route 23 East to Route 10.) This could be an interesting "run" for the Club if you think people would be interested. Please let me know if interested. Give me a call at 717-263-3804. Larry

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

Directors Message **Summer is about over, we hope you have exercised your Buick.**

I have tried to give my cars some quality time. I recommended for you to attend the August 22nd Cadillac/La Salle Meet at the AACA museum. Joan and I did attend the Museum open house/car show several weeks ago which was well attended. We did not show our car. Those we spoke to were quite thrilled to finally be out and about engaged in the hobby. We have been restricted on participation because of our care of Joan's mother. This has limited us to local venues such as cruise-ins (where they have been allowed to proceed.) I had a full calendar of activities, meets and shows to choose from into the fall. Many of those were canceled and some are still iffy depending on the whim of the **VIRUS** and out governing officials. The AACA Grand Nationals were moved from July at The Bulgari complex to Aug 21-22 at Gettysburg. Looking ahead the next available local Buick activity will be the September 27th B.O.O.M meet at Abington MD. The AACA fall flea market is canceled BUT! I was able to register my 1937 for the driven class at the Fall Hershey car show.

Our shared health concerns will make all of us leery about gathering in large groups for a long while. Our July 19^h Mason-Dixon meeting was more of a BREAKOUT get together than a regular meeting. We only had 7 in attendance. No real business was discussed. Only Buick people glad to socialize again.



Only Joan and I are not in the photo.

I am scheduling a September 20th meeting at the C&D grill, hopefully with better attendance so we can see where we are going for the fall/winter.

Praying for all. Be well. Stay well.

Larry

AACA Museum “Thank You” Cruise-in August 2nd.

Joan and I went up to the Museum on the 2nd to make contact with other human beings with a passion for their cars. A lovely day and very well attended. All seemed very enthusiastic in having an opportunity to be social if only at a distance!



Joan with the fashion of the day. The Mask.



The only Buick I saw was this 1913 Md. 31 owned by Horseless Carriage Gazette editor Tracy Leshner and her husband Jeff.



The Leshner Buick's Vulture radiator cap ornament.



1941 Cadillac, 1918 Pierce Arrow, 1912 Ford

Image of an era

Larry and Moe. To their left is a new 1936 Oldsmobile. Curly playing hood ornament on (I believe to be) his 1935 Oldsmobile convertible Coupe. The same car appears in some of their home movies of the period.



In the Pre-War Australian Buicks Newsletter, there is a link to the August 4th 1940 Flint parade. Here's a link for "You tube" <https://youtu.be/t8HjRN0rw5M>



1940 Flint Michigan Parade

This is 16mm amateur silent color film showing a massive parade, entitled the "Flint Motor Festival." The parade was held just prior to World War II

Buicks at the AACA Grand National By Larry DiBarry

It was a great day for the Grand Nationals at the Gettysburg site. We had never been to one before. Originally it was to be held in July at the Bulgari site. Because of state health restrictions it had to be moved to the Windham Gettysburg site. I had already committed to meet some friends there or else we would have been at the Cadillac LaSalle club meet at the AACA museum. Since it was close, we were able to drive our 1925 there and meet up with friends. 60-mile round trip. It was nice to be able to drive around the show grounds with our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kikta as passengers.

BCA friends Larry Schramm and Joe Tonietto drove up to Chambersburg for a visit on Friday after the Zenith award competition. Joe had his 58 up for the Zenith award. He did a fabulous ground up restoration on a desert found basket case example. Details can be found on the AACA Buick forum.



Joe's 1958 Caballero won the Zenith trophy.



Group of 70s Centuries and Skylarks.

I had been checking with some of the people at the show for information about the proposed 2024 Buick Nationals being held there. This has been spearheaded by John Scheib from Connecticut. We agree it is a great site for car shows.

Some of the Buicks we liked below.



A 1931 model 65 Phaeton from Gettysburg (not shown but just driving around like us) and a model 95 7 passenger Phaeton from Connecticut.

The only other Buicks I found was Doug Seybolt's yellow 1940 Limited, A 1929 Model 50, 7 passenger sedan done by Daniel Burkitt. A 1926 Buick model 48 Master coupe. Also Kevin Keenan's 1982 Riviera convertible from the BCA NJ chapter. These I did not get photos of before the camera batteries gave out!



Impressive 41 Roadmaster Phaeton. Some of the other beautiful non Buick cars at the show I used up my batteries on.



Hudson, Pierce Arrow, Locomobile and Packard



1926 Wills St-Claire

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.

Mason Dixon Members:

Sorry to inform the membership of the passing of Dave Hare's mother. Please remember the Hare family in your thoughts and prayers.

Ruth Arlene Hare, 77, of Hampstead, MD passed away peacefully at home, Friday, August 14, 2020. Born November 7, 1942 in Baltimore County, MD. She is the daughter of the late Ralph Yingling Sr. and Helen Naylor Yingling. Ruth was the loving wife of Donald Eugene Hare for 59 years. Ruth worked as a secretary for Black and Decker and was a loyal member of the St. Peters Lutheran Church of Hampstead, Maryland. Surviving in addition to her husband are sons: David Hare of Hanover, PA, and Jason Hare and wife Cherise of Hanover, PA, daughter: Kimberly Hare of Parkville, MD, grandchildren: Catherine Scholles and husband Joe, and Van Hare and wife Catherine. She is also survived by 4 great grandchildren. As well as sister: Shelva Robbins and husband David of Westminster, MD. If desired, donations may be sent to St. Peters Lutheran Church located at 4300 Church Road, Hampstead, MD 21074. Online condolences may be offered at www.eckhartfuneralchapel.com.

Also, sympathies to member and Porthole Editor John Hess and wife Hillary on the passing of John's mother, Doris Hess, who passed away on March 11th at the age of 101 years, 3 months.

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

Parts For Sale

Set of 1969 Electra tail lights. Used condition. \$50.00

1969 Le Sabre Convertible deck lid. \$50

1937 Buick Series 40 misc. body and engine parts. Pieces from the Jack Frank estate

If someone needs it I may have it.

Larry DiBarry 717-263-3804

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

1973 Apollo 2dr Hatchback Midnight Blue. 350 V8 2 Bl.. No rust AZ, car. Excellent Cond. Ace, HEI 189,500 miles. Asking \$10,000. Contact Mary Ann Rizzo 570-856-4681, Berwick PA. (Northeast PA)

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