



Buicktown Crier

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Paul Marchi

Greetings and Salutations! As I write this letter to you it is a Sunday morning and the snow is now on the ground (hopefully it won't stay for the day though) so it is a solid confirmation that the fun auto stuff for the year is officially done, the babies are nestled snugly in their garages and everyone is already looking forward to warmer temps and salt free roads.

This is the last newsletter of the year and I wanted to pull back a little and reflect on what has occurred:

We lost a few great friends over the course of this year and this has affected each of us greatly. I won't mention anyone specific since I will forget someone I am sure but there were a few that were people who even in my short tenure of knowing them made quite the impact on my life, and I am missing them greatly.

General Motors has drug itself up by its boot straps and is back up and running strong, albeit a little leaner and a different animal than what we knew from just a few years ago. I look forward to some of the new and innovative ideas that they will come up with. If you haven't gone to take a look that new Regal is an amazing car (I have a bias towards the GS trim level myself, go figure).

Our nation has charted its course for the next four years and will continue under the existing regime. That's all I will say about that to prevent any political fervor here. Now I know I missed a bunch of things, but those were the first 3 to hit my brain, and bring me to reflect on this group, we to will continue under the same regime for one more year (with a few minor changes).

I do want to give a special thank you to Gary and Debbie Minch. They have been serving us on the Social Committee for some time, but will finally get a chance to take a break. They have done an amazing job and I want to give them a special thank you for everything they did. The Lutz's ill be filling the Social Committee job for next year and I look forward to having them on board.

Other than that I hope to see you all at the Christmas party, and until next year (and especially with the snow coming), let's keep it between the lines out there.

Merry Christmas!



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CALENDAR 2012-13

**December 1 Buick Statue Unveiling, Downtown Flint,
11:30 am**

December 9

Christmas Party
Zehnders, 730 South Main Street Frankenmuth
6:30 PM Social 7:00 PM Dinner
\$20/person must be prepaid no pay at the door

December 12

Buicktown Board Meeting, Alexander J's, Fenton Rd.

2013

January 24

Detroit Auto Show!

Date: Thursday, January 24th, 2013
Cost: \$30.00 per person (Early Bird rate - by
12/31/12) \$38.00 per person after 1/1/13
Departure: Clio K-mart @ 10:00 a.m.
The North American International Auto Show will
be held at Cobo Hall in Detroit in January. You will
have about 4 hours to explore the Auto Show. We will
leave at 3:30 p.m. for the trip home with a supper stop
on the way which will be on your own. Your payment
will reserve your seat. The cost includes the
motorcoach and the admission ticket for the auto
show. Contact Ann's Adventures 810-686-6669

February 27

Regular Membership Meeting

Autorama 2013

Last year I was asked to offer a bus trip to this
annual Hot Rod Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit.
Unfortunately by the time I advertised the trip, it was
too close to the date. This year the show will be held
the weekend of March 8-10, 2013. So, I'm getting it
my schedule earlier this year. Please let me know if
this is something you are interested in attending. It
was offered at \$40.00 per person last year and I
would hope we could keep it at that just to give you an
idea. I will get more information if there is enough
interest! Contact Ann's Adventures 810-686-6669

March 27

Regular Membership Meeting

April 24

Regular Membership Meeting

April 26-28

Buick Race Day 2013, Norwalk, OH

May ? Ladies Night

Due to BDE National Meet TBD

June 7-14 Back to the Bricks Lakeshore to Lakeshore
Promo tour

June 26

Regular Membership Meeting

2013 Great Lakes Regional Tour

July 14-16, 2013, Michigan

2013 BCA National Meet

July 17-20, 2013 South Bend, IN Inn at St. Mary's

\$89 574-232-4000

Registration deadline: June 30, 2013. Late or day of
event registrations will be at the Meet Director's
and National Meet Chief Judge's discretion.

For any further information, please contact us:

614-472-3939 (phone)

buickcluboffice@aol.com (email)

Mike & Nancy Book, BCA # 9202

BCA Office Administrators

National Meet Committee Chairman

2013 BCA National Meet Co-Chairs

July 24

Regular Membership Meeting

August 5-10

Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party week

August 13-17

Back to the Bricks

August 28

Regular Membership Meeting

September 7

Michigan Buick Bash—sponsored by West Michigan

September 25

Regular Membership Meeting

October 23

Regular Membership Meeting

November 13

Regular Membership Meeting

December ?

Christmas Party

2014 BCA National Meet

July 23-26, 2014 Portland, OR

2015 BCA National Meet

June 10-14, 2015 Springfield, MO

Buicktown Regular Monthly Meeting

On November 14, the meeting was held at the Blevin's Man Cave. Thanks, Bruce, Faith and Jim for having us again!!! We had lots of guests and lots of desserts! There were 65 people and 14 guests, wow!! And the food from John's Pizzeria was fabulous, even though some people didn't get any pizza, hmmm...

Al Hatch talked about the Back to the Bricks Statue Project and how you can support it by buying a brick, which several did, thank you! And he also talked about the unveiling of Buick on December 1 and said be there and bring a Buick, then we ate and Bruce gave us his spiel on all the 1933 Packards in his collection, very interesting and entertaining.

Don't forget to send Rosemary your check for the Christmas party Very soon cause it's on December 9, at Zehnder's at 6:30 pm!!



Assistant Director: Roberta Vasilow

So it snowed today, I guess that season is upon us, which also means dues are due, it's time for a Christmas Party, and you can bring an unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots" to the Christmas party, but please send Rosemary a check if you going to the Christmas party. Looking for someone to coordinate a Spring Tour, and maybe to the GM Heritage Center in Sterling Heights, we can invite the SEMBCA and the Michigan Buick Performance Club and the rest of the world. Anyone game to make it happen???????? And maybe we can work in a tour of the Automotive Department at Macomb Community College, where they do work on engines and over stuff.

Dues are due there's a form on page 9. You can print or rip and send me your dues. That's about it for now, and there's another subject here to read and think about. RIP our friend, Terry Dunham.



Terry B. Dunham, 72, died November 2 2012. He was considered one of the world's leading experts on the heritage of the Buick automobile, creating an award-winning book, a national enthusiasts' organization, an innovative website for vintage car owners and major magazine articles. Dunham, of Apopka, Fla., had been active until recent days despite an illness of several years.

Dunham was employed in sales and service operations of General Motors' Pontiac Motor Division from 1963 to 1992. After retirement from GM, he worked for Engineering Analysis, Detroit, handling product liability investigations for GM, Ford and Chrysler.

He was particularly well known for the book, "The Buick: A Complete History," which he co-authored. Dunham's enthusiasm for Buick was also apparent in other activities. He was an active member of the Buick Club of America from its inception in 1966, once president of its northern California chapter and in 1996 was elected the club's national vice president. He wrote several award-winning articles for auto magazines on Buick engine and racing history. He was instrumental in creating the Buick Heritage Alliance and developed a website that made it possible for others to access vast amounts of Buick historical data.

Recently, the Antique Automobile Club of America announced a new Buick Heritage Alliance Award, in honor of Dunham. The award will be presented to the owner of an outstanding 1921-1942 Buick entered in a national meet.

Back to the Bricks—Automotive Pioneers Statue Fund

The annual Back to the Bricks event has grown from a local 1-day car show in 2005 to one of the nation's premiere week-long automotive events. To celebrate its success and heritage, the Back to the Bricks organization created an Automotive Pioneers Statue Fund 501(c)(3) honoring the individuals who shaped an industry, a community and our nation. This group's goal is to organize events that inspire the next generation of leadership while educating the public on the legacy of the automotive industry especially in Genesee County and Flint.

Your purchase is tax deductible, and proceeds will raise money for a series of life-size bronze statues commemorating the automotive pioneers whose careers took hold in Flint. The statues will be placed throughout the city of Flint, with Louis Chevrolet as the first pioneer to be recognized. Other candidates will include David Buick, Charles Nash, C.S. Mott, Walter Reuther, Albert Champion, Charles F. Kettering and more.

Flint's automotive legacy is extremely rich and one that all of us can take pride. You can show your support and be a part of history with a personalized and permanent contribution to this effort. Etch your message, a loved one's name, or simply take this opportunity to honor the automotive pioneer in your family with a memorial brick placed near each statue.

Yes, I want to support the Back to the Bricks Automotive Pioneers Statue Fund.

_____ Small 4" x 8" brick (up to 3 lines of text with 12 characters per line) — \$75.00

_____ Medium 8" x 8" brick (up to 5 lines of text with 12 characters per line) — \$150.00

_____ Large 12" x 12" brick (up to 7 lines of text with 17 characters per line) or optional corporate logo — \$275.00

Please complete the order information and send to:

Back to the Bricks, Inc.
7377 New Hampshire Drive
Davison, MI 48423

The next statue will be David Buick, order your bricks now and they will be installed near the Buick statue if you mention near Buick on your order.

The Buick Statue unveiling and celebration is on December 1, at 11:30am!

<http://www.backtothebricks.org/StatueProject.htm>



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Classified Ads are free to members of the Buicktown Chapter and run for 3 consecutive months.
Ads must be to the Editor by the 25th of the month prior to the month in which the ad will run.

BUICKS FOR SALE

1940 Buick Super convertible.

Sequoia Cream / brown leather interior. Twin Spotlights- skirts -radio - heater. \$52,000 OBO drive anywhere 3.4 rear end,Roadmaster brakes, 263 engine. original drive line and parts included

1969 Sport Wagon 350 CI 4 barrel , dual Exhaust, 200-4R overdrive trans, power steering and brakes, cruise control , AC converted to 134A, Tennessee car, no rust ,paint and interior very nice. drive anywhere

\$ 15,000 OBO 810-655-8988

Joe buickjoet@comcast.net
810-655-8988

1958 Buick Special 2 door Hardtop, blue & white 41,000 miles Call Ed Franks 989-723-5966

1982 Buick Riviera 64,049 original miles. V6, Gold on Gold. Please contact Michael Besant (Grandson) at 810-577-1330 for appointment to view this car. Asking \$4100 or best offer

51 Buick 2 dr sedan rough but runs call Rick :810-560-0078

1983 Riv for sale with 98K. It is really solid with no rust and only one blemish on left rear bumper that could probably be polished out. It has a V-8 and all the options except sunroof. A/C blows cold. Rear seat looks like no one has sat in it. \$4000 firm. Tires look next to new and It does have a new battery. Jim Williams 231-879-3118

Fife Lake, Michigan 49633

1969 Buick Skylark...white/black top 350, 200/4R Trans, mild cam, rebuilt motor, new shocks, new tires \$ wheels, T/A intake, 600 Edelbrock, etc.\$12,500

ALSO:

1986 Buick Riviera with 70,000 original miles...\$4,500

Bob Bombe 989-426-9813 (Gladwin)
706-536-3396 (cell)

BUICK STUFF FOR SALE

1990 Reatta parting out white coupe with gray interior. Al (810)744-2191

Two car storage spaces in my pole barn available....\$35. per month...call Jim Drury 989-770-4541

Miscellaneous '37-38 and '48-49 Buick Parts, call Marvin 517-484-5188

'80s Buick Riv 3.8 turbo motor, trans, cradle, \$3000 obo, brand new call Dave 810-691-6814

1985 Riviera Parts New Power Antenna, Opera Lights and other miscellaneous parts, Call Jim 810-694-9292

Buick parts

gear selector shaft new in original box #1312989 19/32"x7-9/16 for

1940 Model 40-50 & 1941-42;1946-47-48-49- 50 \$40.00

2 transmissions for 1940 special parts only \$25.00 each

1940-41 Speedo & wire to trans: temp/charge gauge;

gas & battery gauge \$100.(all came from same car)

left front door (special) 1940 \$10.00

1-front bumper bracket 1940 \$5.00

2-front fenders (bad shape) \$20.00

defroster meter in box 1939-40-41-42-46-47 \$5.00

2 Denman wide WSW 650-16 \$20.00

1 Firestone wide WSW 650-16 \$10.00

1940 shop manual Buick original \$50.00

1939-40 **body** manual reprint Chev-Buick-Pontiac-Lasalle. Cadillac \$20.00

box of heater switches \$5.00

box - gear shift lever bushing , sun visor brackets chrome,

Bumper bolts \$5.00

1940 dashboard gauge inserts engine turned

various condition

call Bob Frye 989 - 893-1461

Lots of Buick Stuff for sale.
Call Norbert 810-659-3682

OTHER STUFF FOR SALE

3 Choice burial plots in Flint Memorial Cemetary, \$900 plus registration fee. Call Harry 810-694-1694

1947 Wurlitzer JukeBox 1015, \$8500 or best offer Call Harry 810-694-1694

Wanted

Michigan License Plates from 1910, 1911 and 1963 and 1964.Call Harry 810-694-1694

Please let me know if your ads are outdated!!!

The Social Committee sent out three cards last month. Two Get well cards to: Marge McQuigg and Bill Salisbury. A thinking of you card was sent to Clare Barcome.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Please notify the Social Committee if you are aware of any situation needing our consideration.

Gary and Debbie Minch

Social Committee Chairpersons (810) 653 1967



Ruby Congdon	12/3
James Baliko	12/9
Pamela Bonk	12/6
Rex Harkins	12/9
Pat Sheidler	12/9
Gene Ezop	12/11
Pamela Conway	12/12
Janet Anderson	12/14
Tom Halka	12/15
Mary Root	12/19
David Gladd	12/24
Ruth Frakes	12/25
Carol Zimmerman	12/25
Pam Newhart	12/26
Amy Sanford	12/29
Cary Uban	12/30

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 155 paid memberships as of August 19, 2012
 There is a membership application on page 9 of this Crier!
 And the following are paid through 2013
[Click here if you want to print a copy!](#)

Abbott	Ferguson	Jones C	Renico
Burgess	Gardner	Kitchen	Sherman
Collie-Rippe	Gorski	Langdon	Taubitz C
Cushman	Halka T	Lutz	Taubitz J
Daily	Heiser	Manner	Vasilow
Drury	Hubler	Matthies	Walker



Harold & Renee	Calhoun	12/8
Robert & Agnes	Gardner	12/15
Jay & Jan	Werschky	12/18
Larry & Suzanne	Sherman	12/19
Greg & Pam	Newhart	12/26



In 2011 the Chapter's newsletter, the Crier, was modified to comply with IRS criteria due to advertising income. Simply stated, the IRS defines advertising income as unrelated to the purpose of the club. Their point being advertising receipts may provide member benefits by decreasing dues or increasing services. If total unrelated business income is in excess of a calculated value, based upon membership income for the fiscal year, then IRS form 990-T shall be filed.

The club's goal should be to publish the club newsletter with the costs being underwritten solely by the membership. However, the IRS does permit limited non-member income in support of club activity, including the newsletter, which is unique to the 501 C 7 classification. The club treasurer must monitor club receipts and advise the board of the situation. If non-member income exceeds limits, the club would lose its exempt status.

Non-Member Advertising:

- Advertising will be limited to "business card" style graphics.
- Advertising charge will be \$ 20 for a 12 month period.
- A copy of the newsletter, mailed, is included in the price.
- For-Profit businesses shall not receive free advertising.
- Non-profit organizations may receive free advertising if space is available.
- All advertising must have a purpose that is related to the club's activity.
- A club member must sponsor and vouch for each advertiser.

Please send paid advertising to
 Rosemary Emerton, Buicktown Treasurer, 2476 Ketzler Dr Flint, MI 48507
 Include your business card.

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**BIRTHPLACE OF GENERAL MOTORS**

**Share the Magic**  
 Downtown Flint  
 Annual Holiday Festival

**Saturday, December 1, 2012**

**Back to the Bricks**  
 unveils the David Buick Statue at 11:30AM

**Santa Run at Noon**  
 5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk  
 to benefit the YMCA

**Holiday Parade at 1PM**  
 Floats, Marching Bands & More!  
 starting at University Ave. going to Fourth St.

**Holiday Shopping Palooza 11AM-3PM**  
 Shop vendors on the  
 Flint DDA Flat Lot

**Pictures with Santa**  
 at Citizens Bank

**Live Music**  
**Free Parking**

For more information  
[CLICK HERE](#)  
 or call The Flint DDA  
 (810) 767-2297





**BUICKTOWN CHAPTER, BCA**  
**2013 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

His \_\_\_\_\_ Hers \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BCA# \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL address \_\_\_\_\_

BCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

**BUICKS CURRENTLY OWNED** \_\_\_\_\_

| Year  | Model | Body Style |
|-------|-------|------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____      |
| _____ | _____ | _____      |
| _____ | _____ | _____      |
| _____ | _____ | _____      |

Please send dues to:

R. A. Vasilow, Membership Chair

6186 Torrey Rd, Flint, MI 48507

Please make checks payable to:

**Buicktown Chapter, BCA**

Birthdays

Husband - Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Wife - Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Anniversary - Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\* YOU MUST BELONG TO THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA \*\*\*\***

**DUES ARE: \$20.00/Year Regular Family Membership**

**15.00/Year Seniors & Retirees Family Membership**

**NAME TAGS: \$6.00 EACH** Pin Style \_\_\_\_\_ Lanyard Style \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME TAGS REQUIRED AT ALL CHAPTER FUNCTIONS**

Updated December 2012

Date \_\_\_\_\_ CK# \_\_\_\_\_



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