



# Buicktown Crier

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Paul Marchi

Greeting and Salutations! Well we are off and running in 2012 and it looks like this is going to be a very unique year (who would have thought days over 40 degrees in January in Michigan?). Over and above all that it just means we are that much closer to getting the Buicks back out of the garage and on the roads where they belong!

The January meeting was great and we had even more people here this year than last. I appreciate everyone coming out and having a great time, the ladies played "Garbage" and the guys sat in the other room and told lies to each other.

Rumor has it that Roberta has most of the meetings planned out for the year and has added a few places that are different from last year (though I think there are a couple open spots).

Autorama is coming on February 24-26<sup>th</sup> down at Cobo hall and have heard that the local groups will have a booth to promote some of the local events like the Baker College show and Back to the Bricks among others.

We have planned for a "almost Spring" tour, so look for more info on this further in this issue, as well as getting the items onto your calendar for the summer.

I realize it is only February, but "Ladies Night" is quickly approaching! I am looking for a few good men who want to take the time and thank their wives for letting them go out and play cars with their friends all summer long, who take them out to sit in the sun with loud noise and people they rarely see and ask them to be happy about doing it. If this sounds like you (or at this point even if it doesn't) let me know as we need to start planning this as it happens in only three months!

On a side note we have moved the Board of Directors meeting to Trapper Joe's at the request of a number of members who were concerned that meetings held at private residences were somewhat intimidating for people who would like to come. I look forward to seeing you there as we have a large room reserved and want to see members showing up and voicing their opinions.



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Bus to AUTORAMA in at Cobo, Friday, February 24 12-9. Saturday, February 25, 9AM-10PM, Sunday, February 26, 9AM-6PM  
If we can get at least 30 people to sign up to with Ann's Adventures we will organize a trip for \$40 including tickets. Call Charlie Jones for more info. 810-845-4774

**[www.buickclub.org/Buicktown](http://www.buickclub.org/Buicktown)**

# CALENDAR 2012-13

## February 8

Buicktown Board of Directors Meeting  
Trapper Joe's, Saginaw St, Flint. 6PM

## February 22

Buicktown Regular Meeting  
*El Potrero 5516 Fenton Road  
Flint, MI order off of the menu*  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

## February 24-26

Detroit Autorama, Cobo Hall, see note on page 2

## March 24

Almost Spring Tour  
Washtenaw Community College Autobody tour,  
Ypsilanti Auto Museum, Fireman's Museum and  
lunch, look for details in the March Crier

## March 28

Buicktown Regular Meeting  
*John's Pizzeria 9010 Davison Rd  
Davison, MI Pizza Pasta Buffet \$12*  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

## April 28

Buicktown Regular Meeting  
*Alexander J's 5490 Fenton Rd Flint  
Ribs, Wings, Pull Pork Buffet \$15*  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

## May 23

Buicktown Ladies Night

## June 15-23, 2012

Back to the Bricks Promo Tour

## June 15,16, 17, 2012

[22nd Annual Buick Race Day/Regal Madness  
and Car Show, Norwalk, OH](#)

## June 16, 2012

Jim Heiser Benefit Car Show, Durand Eagles

## June 23-24, 2012

[Sloan Auto Fair, Flint, MI](#)

## June 27

Buicktown Regular Meeting

## June 27-30, 2012 Concord, NC (Charlotte)

The Carolina Chapter will host the 2012 BCA 500, the  
41st Annual BCA National Meet.  
[www.buickclub.org/2012](http://www.buickclub.org/2012) or contact show chairman,  
[Brian De Pouli](#) 704-905-4989

## July 5-8, 2012 Dublin, Ohio

30th Annual Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto  
Show and Cruise In honoring Len Immke at the  
Metro Center in Dublin, (Columbus), Ohio. Show  
information: [www.ArthritisAutoShow.com](http://www.ArthritisAutoShow.com)

## July 28

Buicktown Regular Meeting

## August 7-11, 2012

[Back to the Bricks Tune Up Parties](#)

## August 14-20, 2012

[Back to the Bricks, Flint, MI](#)

## August 22

Buicktown Regular Meeting

## September 26

Buicktown Regular Meeting, Sloan Buick Gallery  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

## October 24

Buicktown Regular Meeting

## November 14

Buicktown Regular Meeting

## December ?

Buicktown Christmas Party

## 2013

### July 17-20, 2013 South Bend, IN

2013 BCA National Meet



1978

'Overflow Parking,' a mural on the east side of The Flint Journal's building, was unveiled on July 26, 1978, and the artist, Blue Sky, stood back for a look. Cars painted in the mural include a 1953 Buick owned by Ray Dutrizac, a Journal retiree, and his wife, Genevieve. The painted Buick was equipped with working taillights that could be turned on at night.

THE FLINT JOURNAL / BRUCE EDWARDS

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## University of Michigan History Dept. Internship by Suzanne Sherman, Liaison, Buicktown Chapter/Sloan Gallery/UM-Flint

Our intern this semester is Samantha Bol. She is our first History Major intern who is interested in car restoration. Her Father owned a body shop while she was growing up and restored several cars for himself on the side. She said she was amazed when she saw all the shelves of books in the archives. Her Father had two shelves of books which she asked him to save for her. She was very interested in our Mott internship and said that she would have enjoyed that hands-on internship as well.



After completing her Associates Degree at Mott in General Studies, Samantha spent the 2008-2009 school year at Columbia College, Chicago, school of visual, performing, media and communication arts. She said she had taken a shop class in metal. During our tour of the Gallery, Samantha said that "Cars are art", an attitude many of us share. One of her particular favorites is the 1985 Buick Regal which she wanted to buy last summer but decided against since her summer job was at Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone National Park. She said she couldn't have fixed (yet!) anything that didn't work on the trip so decided not to buy it.

We look forward to introducing Samantha at our February meeting.

**Assistant Director:** Roberta Vasilow



Well, finally it looks like winter for a few days, and then it looks like and feels like fall for a few days, strange weather, that's for sure. Hope you are working on a winter project or dreaming of the bright sunny days to come or both.

Our February meeting on the 22nd is at El Potrero on Fenton Rd, always great food our new intern Samantha will be joining us. The next weekend is Autorama, and Charlie Jones is working on getting enough folks to go to Detroit on a bus for \$40 includes admission, there's a note earlier in this newsletter.

Our March meeting is at John's Pizzeria in Davison, please sign up ahead of time so Joe can have enough food for all of us!

Roger T. and Larry Sherman are working on a "Almost Spring Tour" to Washtenaw Community College and various other sites in the Ypsilanti area for March 24th, so mark your calendars now!

And just a reminder the SEMBCA swap meet usually held in March in Troy is no longer.

April will be at a newer place in town, Alexander J's on Fenton Rd on the west side just north of Hill Rd. Alex has planned a great buffet for us of ribs, pulled pork, chicken wings, salad, mac and cheese and beans with coffee, tea, milk and soda included, for \$15 please sign up so we know how many to expect.

Need one more volunteer for the summer meeting in August, please let me know if you are interested or have any questions on what is required.

And guys, please help Paul out with the plans for Ladies Night, you did a great job last year, and girls if you got any ideas let your guy know to get involved, thanks!!

Back to the Bricks has expanded to Court St for the event on Saturday, Buicktown and all other Buicks will now have more room, Kearsley St will be used for special exhibitor parking.

See on February 22nd. Go safely in your BUICKS!!

Visit us on Facebook—<http://www.facebook.com/buicktown>

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Four sympathy cards were sent this month: to the Groshart family for the death of Michael Groshart, to Jenny Dutrizac for Ray Dutrizac, to Bob and Ellen Cushman for Ray Dutrizac, to Bill and Jane Harris for Ray Dutrizac, and to the Taubitz Family for the death of their niece, Jean Young and her husband.

A get well card was sent to Bill Renico.

A thinking of you card was sent to John Welby.

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

## Gary and Debbie Minch

Social Committee Chairpersons

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### Happy Birthday!

Wesley	Borgne	2/1
Don	Williamson	2/2
Duane	Hilliker	2/2
Bill	Phillion	2/3
Bernice	Taubitz	2/3
Linda	Jaworski	2/3
Frank	DeNicolo	2/4
Rich	Sheidler	2/4
Michael	Wittenberg	2/4
Mary	Wood	2/5
William	Stellard	2/6
Gail	Woods	2/6
Julie	Strickhouser	2/11
Caron	Litten	2/11
Jason	Phillips	2/13
William	Ewing	2/14
Bruce	Kile	2/15
James	Drury	2/18
Bob	Hamilton	2/23
Barbara	Meyer	2/24
Georgene	Wittenberg	2/24
Joanne	DePottey	2/25
Cloie	Hamilton	2/25
Harold	Calhoun	2/26
Diane	Barker	2/26



### Happy Anniversary!

David &	Diane	Barker	2/10
Dave &	Mary	Wood	2/11
Terry &	Sarah	Hanson	2/14
Jerry &	Carolyn	Draws	2/22
Andy &	MaryAnn	Krutka	2/27

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 136 paid memberships as of January 25, 2012 but see the list below, if your name is listed you haven't renewed for 2012

See you at the meetings!

[Dues are due for 2012](#)

**Jim MacLean,**  
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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.

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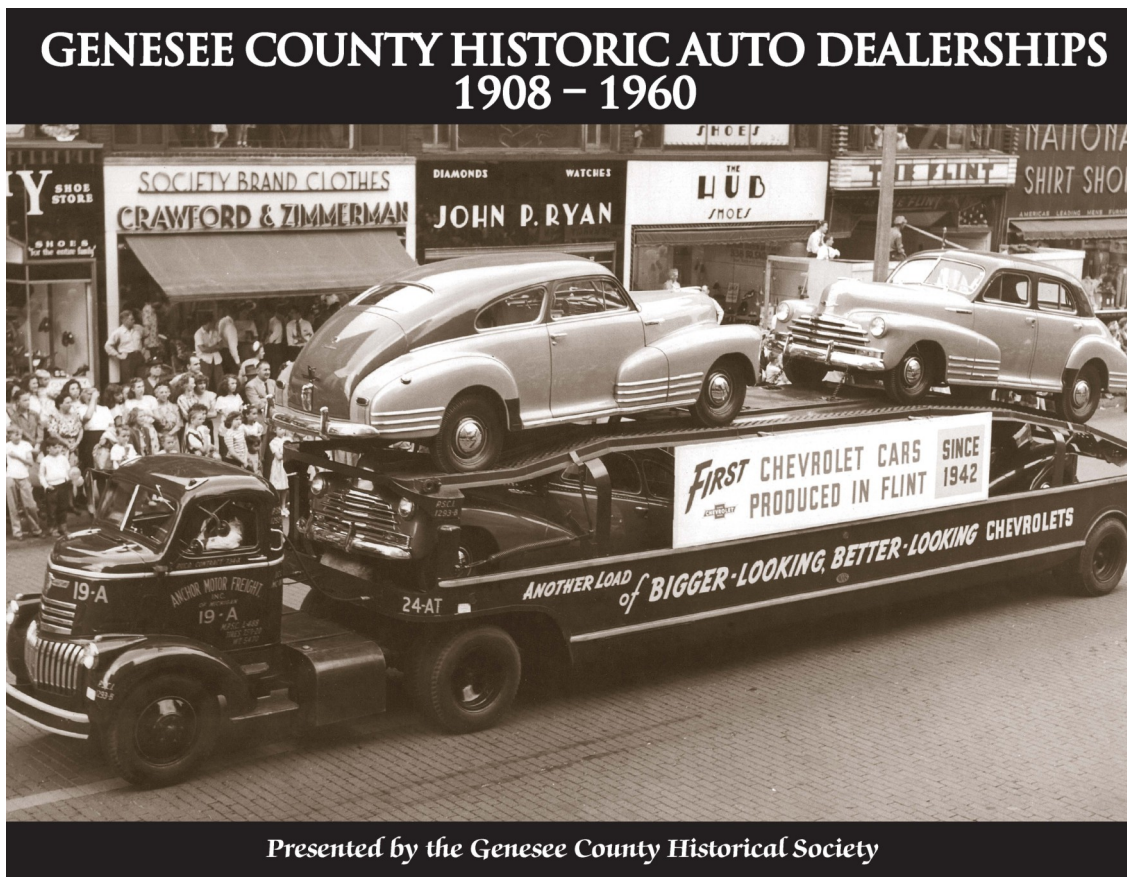
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MY SON, BEWARE OF "GOOD ENOUGH",  
IT ISN'T MADE OF STERLING STUFF;  
IT'S SOMETHING ANY MAN CAN DO,  
IT MARKS THE MANY FROM THE FEW,  
IT HAS NO MERIT TO THE EYE,  
IT'S SOMETHING ANY MAN CAN BUY,  
IT'S NAME IS BUT A SHAM AND BLUFF,  
FOR IT IS NEVER GOOD ENOUGH.

WITH 'GOOD ENOUGH' THE SHIRKERS STOP,  
IN EVERY FACTORY AND SHOP;  
WITH "GOOD ENOUGH" THE FAILURES REST  
AND LOSE TO MEN WHO GIVE THEIR BEST;  
WITH 'GOOD ENOUGH' THE CAR  
BREAKS DOWN  
AND MEN FALL SHORT OF HIGH RENOWN,  
MY SON REMEMBER AND BE WISE,  
IN 'GOOD ENOUGH' DISASTER LIES.


EDGAR A. GUEST

## Ten Commandments For The Car Collector

- I. Thou shalt not store thy cars out-of-doors, except for thy wife's modern iron.
- II. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car, nor his garage, nor his battery charger.
- III. Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children; as much, but not more.
- IV. Thou shalt not read thy Hemmings on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
- V. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Edsel, nor his DeSoto, nor even his 1947 Plymouth.
- VI. Thou shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the holy days of Hershey.
- VII. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when, indeed, thou art going out to look at another car.
- VIII. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration, at least not all at the same time.
- IX. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house and then use it to store cars; thou shalt not store cars in the attic.
- X. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas.

*-Donald R. Peterson*

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