



Buicktown Crier

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Paul Marchi

Greetings and salutations! As we look into this New Year I want to look back for just a moment. Just over a year ago I was meeting this club and learning about an amazing group who's involvement in the community was further reaching than I knew. From that point I have taken and stepped forward working my way into this organization as the Assistant Director, learning the background, the people, and the things that made Buicktown great.

Now as I look forward as Director, I am aiming for another great year with the group. I have been handed a great amount of information, a budget that we can continue to work with, and a group of willing volunteers wanting the community to know about their love and passion for not just their Buicks but the automotive history of Flint in general.

I know that Roberta has been working hard on making sure we have great places for meetings, and that this year is shaping up to be just as impressive as years past with meeting locations and events. I hope your Buicks are resting "snug as a bug in a rug" right now, but until they can come out of hibernation.....Let's keep it between the lines!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Have you paid your dues?

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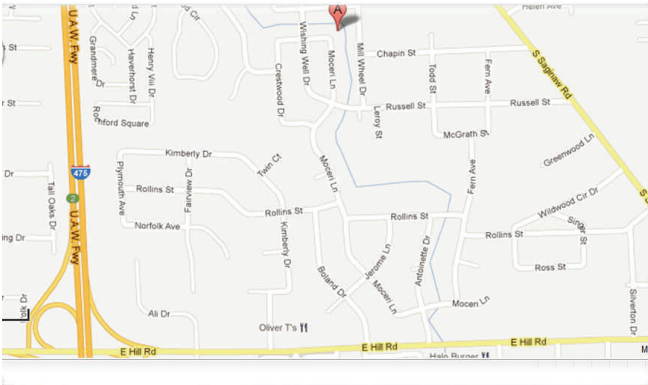
CALENDAR 2012-13

January 11

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

January 28

Fun Night/Pizza Party at the Marchi's
5159 Mocerri Ln, Grand Blanc
Bring your drinks, snacks and games. 6PM—?



February 22

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

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

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 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

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

Secretary's Column

Thanks to Suzanne Sherman for 2 dedicated years as the Buicktown Chapter Secretary!!!!



Skill Center Students at the Buick Gallery by Roger Tyyska

A new opportunity for high school students has occurred at the Buick Gallery. An agreement between the Sloan Museum and the GASC Technology Center, funded by the Collectors Foundation, is in place starting this fall. Two students travel to the Buick Gallery for two days each week for a total of four hours to learn about preservation and maintenance of a car collection. Andrew Denman and Brandon Stutzman, when first seeing the Gallery vehicle collection, responded with “Wow” and “Amazing”. These two are seriously considering future training to become engine mechanics in gas and diesel technology. They are fortunate to have family members who own and maintain cars, trucks and farm machinery thus giving them a significant insight into their career goals. They love engines with power and to hear them run. They are in the “watching” and “helper” mode around the Gallery shop. Tasks depend on the skill set they bring along. One interesting project was disassembly and repair of a 1926 Buick carburetor resulting in a smooth running engine. Students receive a small stipend to cover transportation to and from the GASC building. They say, “We would like to stay at the Gallery all day”. Alas, the bell is about to ring for their next class back at the GASC. The residue of their keen interest and overt enthusiasm lingers awhile in our minds. And, as they depart, us Gallery regulars smile a bit and remember when, years back, we stood in their shoes.



Greg Keller explains the features and working of the MIG welder

Andrew and Brandon getting ready to lay their first welding beads



Assistant Director: Roberta Vasilow

Happy New Year! We welcome 2012 with a blistery storm approaching and dreams of wonderful warm weather to reappear in a few short months, so we can enjoy the friends and Buicks again. Lots planned for this year already, and if you have any new ideas let us know!

There's a fun day planned at the end of the month to play some games or just chat, all are welcome to the Marchi's on the 28th. Our next meeting is on February 22, at El Potrero on Fenton Rd next to the Secretary of State, always a good order of the menu meeting!

In March we will enjoy some pizza and pasta at John's Pizzeria in Davison, so mark your calendars so you don't forget.

Looking for hosts for the summer meeting, I think we have one planned in Richfield Township for July or August and somebody said they want to go back to the Flushing "A". So be thinking about where else we could go, the possibilities are endless.

So stay warm and go safely in your travels this winter!!

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



Thank You!

The Buicktown Chapter donates \$25 to the charity of choice for deceased members. Here are a couple of recent thank you notes we have received:

Dear Members of the Buicktown Chapter of the BCA, Thank you for your generous donation in our Dad's Memory. Your thoughtfulness means so much. Most sincerely, Jean and Rich Young, and Tim and Joan Salley and families American Diabetes Association in Memory of Jerry Vavro

Dear Buicktown Friends, Thank you for your memorial contribution to WKAR. Most of all, thank you for your phone calls, your cards, your notes and your hugs. Several of you already helped us with Bill's service; others have offered assistance when needed. I cannot tell you how much this means to me and my family. It is easy to understand why Bill looked to you as his extended family. And to his Tuesday morning friends, breakfast with you was always a good reason to re-schedule everything else! And I mean everything! Thank you for the miles of fun and new places we enjoyed with you and thank you for being the kind, dear friends that you are. Bless you all in the New Year, Sincerely, Pat Smith

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Get well to Jennie Burgess, Deiana Bower and Faith Aseltine. A sympathy card was sent to the Aseltine family for the death of their grandson Michael Allen.

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



Happy Birthday!

Richard	Jobbagy	1/3
Greg	Newhart	1/4
Ron	Woods	1/4
Al	Jones	1/4
Deserie	Fendt	1/5
Charles	SeKrenes	1/7
Donald	Hartz	1/10
Gary	Kantrud	1/10
Ed	Martin	1/11
Nancy	Gorski	1/11
Deb	Jones	1/13
Ken	Ferguson	1/17
Tom	Cloutier	1/17
Shirley	Abbott	1/20
Valerie	Marchi	1/20
Janet	Freiheit	1/21
Gary	Minch	1/24
Penny	Mervis	1/24
Robert	Cushman	1/25
Doris	Jones	1/29
Bill	Renico	1/31



Happy Anniversary!

Rich & Pat Shiedler 1/10

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 129 paid memberships as of December 31, 2011 but about 40 have not renewed for 2012.

See you at the meetings!

[Dues are due for 2012](#)

Jim MacLean,
Buicktown
Membership Chair-
man



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.

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BUICKS FOR SALE

1983 Riviera convertible

white with new white top, asking \$7,500 Harry (810)694-1694

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1982 Buick Rivera 64,049 original miles. V6, Gold on Gold. Elderly owned. Excellent condition. Stored in garage. This vehicle has not been driven for 3 years since my Grandmother passed away. Selling this for my mother. Looking for Buick enthusiast to restore and enjoy this beautiful car.

Please contact Michael Besant (Grandson) at 810-577-1330 for appointment to view this car. Asking \$6,500.00 as it sits



BUICK STUFF FOR SALE

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

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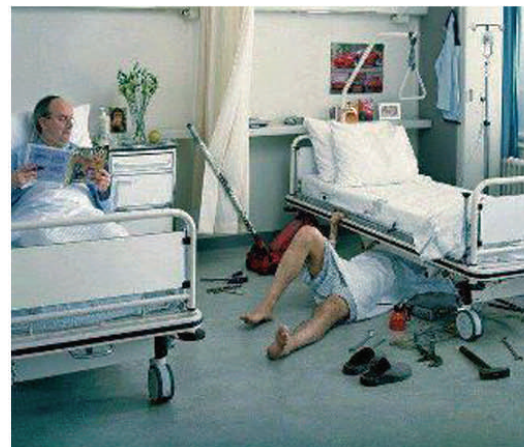
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JANUARY 29, 2012

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