



Buicktown Crier

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Paul Marchi

Greetings and Salutations! Well it seems like the weather is starting to turn and that only means one thing.....time to get the cars out! I know that I am personally ready to hear the purr of a happy engine and cannot wait for additional opportunities to get my Buick on the road (I got it out a couple times already!) and put some miles under the tires.

So I have been asked about where I want to go and what I want to try and do with the club and I want to give a little insight. One of the big things I want to do is expand the involvement of the club members. Over the past months one of the things that I see is the same people at the events (this is over and above the regular meetings). Whether it be the tours, the cruises or the special events the same people are setting up, being involved, and then tearing down. Now if someone who works 30 minutes away (and travels regularly for work) can make the lions share of these events why is it that people whom are in town cannot? I do not think that this club can prosper while holding to the 80/20 rule.

The next thing is talking to people. The Back to the Bricks event is one of the best outreaches we have for meeting people, but for the last two years we huddle together under the awnings. I think that if we were closer to our vehicles and faced outward versus inward and we more willing to talk to the people and had some sort of indication as to whom belongs to what vehicle it would get more people talking and asking questions of the owners and driving additional interest.

I know that this is the first step, but if we want to continue we need to show that we want to be involved with the next generation and try to drive their interest. Till next month lets keep it between the lines out there.



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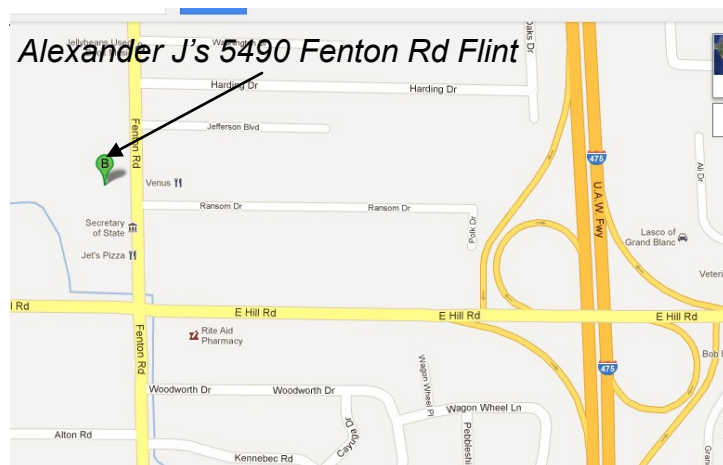
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CALENDAR 2012-13

April 25

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

April 19

Genesee County Historical Society presents
David Buick's Marvelous Motorcar
7:00 PM - 8:30PM
Dort-Durant Office Building 316 Water Street
FREE, [More Info](#)

May 4 May 4

Classic Car Nights at Meadow Brook Theatre
[Flyer](#) RSVP by April 20

May 20

[Baker College Car/Bike Show, Flint](#)

May 23

Buicktown Ladies Night, Frankenmuth Brewery
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

June 10, 2012

Cars are the Stars Show 8AM –3PM
Packard Proving Grounds, Utica, MI

June 15-23, 2012

[Back to the Bricks Heart of Michigan 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 22

SLOAN MUSEUM AUTO FAIR FENCE DAY 8AM

June 23-24, 2012

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

June 27

Buicktown Regular Meeting
Denny and Lola Manner's
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

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

The Carolina Chapter will host the 2012 BCA 500
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 25

Buicktown Regular Meeting
Richfield Township Park sponsored by Deb and Gary Minch
5381 N State Rd, Davison, MI (M15)
Social 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

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
TBD
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

September 26

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

October 24

Buicktown Regular Meeting
TBD
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

November 14

Buicktown Regular Meeting
TBD
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

December ?

Buicktown Christmas Party
TBD

Secretary Report—Jennie Burgess

Buicktown regular meeting held on March 28, 2012 at John's Pizzeria in Davison was called to order at 7:58 p.m. by Paul Marchi.

Larry Sherman introduced new members Cary and Marilyn Uban, new member Jim Williams and guest Jim Drury the third.

Secretary report was approved as read.

Treasurer report approved as read.

Sloan intern report 2 new interns. 1 sponsored by club and 1 sponsored by Hagerty.

Sloan Autofair report fence June 21 - shirts handed out this year not hats. Sign up sheet circulating for fence detail.

Membership report there is still 25 not renewed for this year.

Assistant Director reported April meeting will be at Alexander J's, May ladies night meeting at Frankenmuth Brewery, June meeting hosted by the Manners, July meeting hosted by the Minch's, August meeting hosted by the Emerton's.

Social chairpeople reported 52 present at meeting.

Joe Taubitz award for 2011 presented to Jim and Faith Aseltine.

Next board meeting will be held on April 11 at Trapper Joe's. Members are welcome to attend.

Silent auction book was donated by the Burgess'. Money to go to intern scholarship. Larry Lutz purchased book for twenty dollars.

50/50 was won by Marge McQuigg, Millie Lutz, Bernice Taubitz and \$14 won by Roberta Vasilow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully, Jennie Burgess

[HVA Honor Roll: Buicktown Chapter of the Buick Club of America](#)

March 16, 2012

Through paid internships for college-age students, this Michigan-based car club is changing lives while promoting historic vehicle preservation.

Last year, the Historic Vehicle Association asked its members to nominate an individual, club or charity working on a grassroots level to preserve and promote the future of historic vehicle ownership. This month, the HVA would like to spotlight one of those nominees: Buicktown Chapter of the Buick Club of America.

Thanks to dedicated member support, Buicktown Chapter of Flint, Michigan, has successfully provided paid internships to students from Mott Community College and the University of Michigan-Flint. Students serve out their internship at the local Buick Automotive Gallery of the Sloan Museum, where they learn about the preservation of historic vehicles and the museum's archives. In addition, members of Buicktown Chapter serve as mentors to the students, teaching them about the artifacts, automobiles, and history of the Sloan Museum collection.

So far, Buicktown Chapter has sponsored six automotive interns from Mott Community College and another six from the history department at the University of Michigan-Flint. According to Roger Tyska, the HVA member who nominated Buicktown Chapter, there have been two instances of students changing their course of study and embarking on a master's degree programs in museum-related studies.

Buicktown Chapter offers scholarships because they are essential to creating a bridge between generations, one that nurtures the interest of young enthusiasts to help ensure the continuation of the hobby for future generations

Mott Interns by Larry Sherman, Liaison

Our latest Buicktown Chapter Intern from Mott is Andy Eshbaugh, who is in his final semester at Mott in Auto Restoration, which is also the final class. He began taking body repair classes while still in high school. Andy attended college in Lima, Ohio, for Engine Repair and Rebuild. His parents had moved to Traverse City so he joined them and landed a job with a GM dealer. He needed several more credits to get his degree at Mott in Auto Restoration. When his Uncle informed him that the last class was being accepted, he took a leave of absence from his job and returned to Flint.

He grew up where his Uncles and Grandfather had collector cars. He fell in love with the classics. Although he enjoys the mechanical side, his passion is auto body restoration and ultimately, would like to get a job in an auto restoration shop.

Andy is not married and if the opportunity should arise, he is willing to relocate anywhere the position might be.

Andy appreciates the opportunity that Buicktown has provided and looks forward to meeting the membership.

The Gallery intern is Jose Santana. Originally from Puerto Rico, he has lived in the Flint area for the past four years. He is married and has two children. From an early age he was interested in art and enjoys body work but his primary interest is custom painting. He likes Low-Rider art and would like to attain that level one day. Jose enjoys taking a tired, dilapidated, car and bringing it back to its original beauty or better.

Jose is honored to have been chosen to be a participant in the program. He is grateful that there are people like Hagerty and Buicktown Chapter who take an interest in youth and give this opportunity.

What's Happening at the Gallery?

A tour through the Buick Gallery in mid March showed about four or five cars from the Grand Traverse St warehouse parked inside and near the restoration shop. These were about the last of the 20 plus cars to be pulled from the warehouse moisture mishap for cleanup and inspection. Volunteers and staff were admiring their efforts to re-gain the (polished & waxed) exterior finish. Most of these cars had not been touched since they were in storage at the prior Dort Highway warehouse. Now looking good as could be on the outside our thoughts focused on the engine / drive train. Most of these cars have not run in years! Previously records were not kept on all the things that records needed to be kept on. Now each vehicle pulled out of the storage basement went up against a comprehensive checklist and the condition was entered into the computer. This included exterior stuff, interior condition, notation of missing parts, photos and etc. Remember, the engines have not been started in (?) years. It will take a lot of labor and some (?) money just to buy parts to get 'em running and stopping when the brakes are applied. Does anybody want to sign up to be the lead mechanic (wizard), adopt a car and earn some "community service" hours?



Jeremy, Jose, Andy, Greg and Larry

At last, MCC came through with names of auto body students as candidates for the internship. The Gallery selected Andy Eshbaugh and Jose Santana. This time, two students are hired. One will be Buicktown's (last intern) and the other will be the Museum's guy using grant monies from the Collectors Foundation, (aka Hagerty Insurance and friends). Most of us in the club are wondering if the '53 Skylark will ever get a final paint job. Keep your fingers crossed that it will be done by the Sloan's 2012 Auto Fair event. Fingers are crossed that the two new guys can do it! Stop by on Monday or Friday to say "hello".

Breaking news! A curator has been hired and will soon start at the Sloan replacing Jane McIntosh who retired. His name is Jeremy Dimick and comes from the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing. More detail will follow in the next Crier.

Next time you are in the gallery look up at the ceiling cross beams. New automobile graphics, great eye candy! (They came from Autoworld in case you were wondering.)

Assistant Director: Roberta Vasilow

Happy Spring, some of you have already had the Buicks out and so have I. at least 2 so far!! The meeting at John's Pizzeria was filled with excellent food, and 53 members!! The Joe Taubitz award was given to Jim and Faith Aseltine for 2011 for their support over the years. Congratulations! The Almost Spring Tour was well attend, see the blurb below that Roger wrote describing the day. Next up is the Board Meeting on April 11 at Trapper Joe's, wander in and see what your officers are working on. Own next Chapter meeting is April 25 at Alexander J's for a rib, chicken wing and pulled pork and all the fixings for \$15! Ladies Night is scheduled for May 23 at the Frankenmuth Brewery, please see the info at the bottom of this page for more info. Paul is still looking for some guys to help with entertainment and surprises. Looks like the summer meetings are good to go with Denny and Lola Manner hosting June, Gary and Deb Minch doing July and I think I can lead Dan and Rosemary to make it happen in August, location yet to be determined. Some of our members will be travelling to Tallahassee, FL for the Buick Driving Enthusiast National Meet, this month, have fun in the sun and be safe in your Travels. Have some fun in a Buick, See you all, soon, Roberta

Almost Spring Tour Report

Per the "Plan", our group met at the Fenton Mega Coney Island for a bit 'O breakfast and cruised on down to the "Washtenaw". Our host, Alan Day, Department Chair for the Auto Body program was awaiting our arrival along with students April and Glenn. We received a briefing on the entire automotive program including detail of the recent investment of 17 million dollars into their body shop facility. Total headcount was about 40 persons including the Michigan Buick Performance Club, South East Michigan Buick Club of America(SEMBCA) members and some from the American Truck Historical Society. We split into three tour groups each with a WCC guide.

This school is significant! Probably the largest and best equipped in the state. It was evident our guides had a passion for their work as they spoke enthusiastically about each division of the shop. The paint booth area was in use by students doing custom painting. Their thing was about images and scenes for what we might know as the "custom cruisers". The school has restored several cars and trucks. We looked up close at an immaculate "65 Impala convertible recently shown at Autorama. We toured a small metal shaping shop equipped with the usual English Wheel, etc., and a display of shaped panels made by the students. Now, do you like motorcycles? This shop has everything to repair or build motorcycles including a full capacity dynamometer! We saw a huge fleet of motorcycles of all makes, sizes and configurations; mostly the Go-Fast variety. Speaking of go-fast, they fired up the school's (student project) Ford drag racer just for our listening pleasure--talk about loud! We also heard the mellow exhaust sound of a modern Ford four cylinder on a test stand. Each student is assigned an engine, must totally dismantle it, reassemble and successfully test run it to pass the class. There were at least two-dozen identical engines in that lab.

We departed for lunch, later than planned, and most went to Ypsi's Side Track Bar and Grille, one of our favorites. After lunch the group split up and crossed the street to the Ypsilanti Heritage Museum or went to Boyce and Christina Jones' residence to look over his Gran Sport and enjoy a snack and beverage or two. All-in-all, it was a good day and a great way to start the 2012 touring season.



MAY 23, 2012

Ladies Night

Frankenmuth Brewery

425 South Main Street

Frankenmuth, MI 48734

(989) 262-8300

6PM Social Hour

7PM Dinner, 8PM Entertainment

Dinner consists of three choices: Pasta, \$20, Chicken, \$25 and Top Sirloin, \$30.00(includes tax and gratuity). Payment and food choice must be sent to Rosemary by May 16. Parking is available in the hotel lot across the street from the restaurant. Rosemary Emerton, Buicktown Treasurer, 2476 Ketzler Dr Flint, MI 48507

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Cards sent since the last meeting are as follows:

Dalton Rolfe--thinking of you

Jack McCarthy family--Sympathy--Charter member of Buicktown

Dave and Becky Pettengill--Sympathy--Beckys' mother Mary Ostrander

Mary Wood--Get well

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 Birthday!

Bob	Frye	4/5
James	Rolfe	4/5
Robert	Spillett	4/5
Dave	Wood	4/5
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Janice	Ezop	4/14
Steven	Magryta	4/15
Dalton	Rolfe	4/17
Dusty	Rhodes	4/19
Paul	Marchi	4/23
Sherrill	Martin	4/23
Pat	Smith	4/26
Agnes	Gardner	4/27



Happy Anniversary!

David & Marge	Gladd	4/1
Robert & Gwenna	Spillett	4/4
Dennis & Lola	Manner	4/11
Donald & Wilma	Hartz	4/12
Wyman & Joanne	DePottey	4/18
Ken & Charlene	Ferguson	4/19
Michael & Carrie	Book	4/21
Joe & Bernice	Taubitz	4/25
Clifford & Pat	Herold	4/26
Bruce & Shar	Kile	4/26
Don & Patsy Lou	Williamson	4/27
Bill & Linda	Cook	4/28

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 148 paid memberships as of March 28, 2012 but see the list below, if your name is listed you haven't renewed for 2012 and this is your last Crier.

See you at the meetings!

[Dues are due for 2012](#)

Jim MacLean,
Buicktown
Membership Chairman



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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.

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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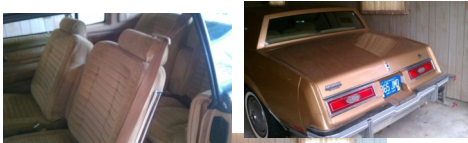
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Meadow Brook Theatre is proud to once again be hosting classic car shows on Friday nights in May and June, 2012 in conjunction with the Michigan Premieres of *From My Hometown* and *Xanadu*, and we would like to invite you and your car club to join us in the festivities!

Pick A Friday Night

May 4 & May 11

-OR-

May 25 & June 1



From My Hometown

The 2004 Off-Broadway hit about three men auditioning at the Apollo Theatre features the greatest hits of the Motown era and examines the difference between the Detroit/Chicago sound as well as the Philly and Memphis sound. Featuring hit songs "Lonely Teardrops", "Wonderful World", "Dock of the Bay" and many more!



Xanadu

A beautiful Greek muse descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, CA in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time—the first ROLLER DISCO! Featuring hit songs "Xanadu", "All Over the World", "Strange Magic" and many more!



Car Arrival between 6:30 and 7:00 PM
Performance Begins at 8:00 PM

There will be attendants who will stay with the cars during the show.

What

Bring your classic car, socialize with your fellow club members, and meet other classic car owners from all over Michigan. You may even bring some refreshments and have a car side picnic! (No alcohol please). After that come inside, sit back, relax and enjoy a fun-filled performance of music, dancing and great theatre!

Participants will receive **ONE free ticket per vehicle** to use for that evening. Any additional tickets may be purchased at an special event rate of **\$20.00 each** (regular price \$30-\$4). *Seating is subject to availability.* Please have a representative from your car club contact Meadow Brook Theatre at 248-370-5310 at your earliest convenience to sign up for a performance date.

Where:

Meadow Brook Theatre Parking Lot

(We are located on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, MI, off Squirrel Rd & Walton Blvd)



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MAY 20
2012**

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