



# Buicktown Crier

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

ROBERTA VASILOW

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Happy New Year to all of Buicktown!!

This is going to be a new and different format for the Buicktown Crier, as we have to limit our advertising income due to the IRS requirements.

Many thanks go to Bob Gorski for his commitment to the Buicktown Crier for many years, he has done a great job, that was much appreciated by the members and community. Bob has resigned from the position of editor . So I'm taking over for the time being til someone else volunteers, anyone???



We have some great adventures planned for 2011, so check out the Calendar, Rip it out of your newsletter and put on your fridge or get you calendar out and start writing in all the dates! Be safe and have fun in a Buick, Roberta

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Short Survey:

Do you want Anniversaries and Birthdays to be included in the Crier?

Would you send your Buick story to be included in the Crier?

Would you recommend friends to join the Buicktown Chapter?

Would you volunteer to host the June Potluck Meeting?

Would you volunteer to help at the Swap Meet?

Would you provide ideas on other things to do as a club?

Do you just want to go to meetings and eat dinner or would you enjoy some entertainment or a speaker on something of interest, and what would be of interest?

Would you accept an email telling you the new Crier was available on the Buicktown website and not receive a copy in the mail??

Please call or send thoughts to me, Paul or anyone on the Board of Directors, this is your club, we just have the pleasure of trying to keep the members interested, but without your input, it's let's see what happens!

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What is this? Where was it? What was the date???

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

# CALENDAR 2011

**January 26** Open House at Buick Gallery 4PM-6PM,  
Fuddruckers afterward

**February 23**

Buicktown Monthly Meeting, El Potrero, Fenton and Hill  
Rds—order off menu  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

**March 20**

Southeast Michigan Buick Club Annual Swap Meet

**March 23**

Buicktown Monthly Meeting, John's Pizzeria, Davison  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

**April 27**

Buicktown Monthly Meeting, TBD  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

**May ??**

Buicktown Spring Tour

**May 20-22**

Buick Race Day/Regal Madness 2011, Norwalk, OH

**May 22**

Baker College Car Show, Flint, MI

**May 25**

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

**June 5-9**

BDE National Meet, Dayton/Columbus, OH  
"The Buckeye Tour"

**June 17-26**

Back to the Bricks—Michigan Mitten Promotional Tour

**June 20-23**

Riviera Owner Association National Meet, Branson, MO

**June 24-26**

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

**June 29(moved conflict with promo tour)**

Buicktown Monthly Meeting, TBD  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

**July 6-9**

BCA National Meet, Danvers, MA

**July 8 & 9**

Arthritis Foundation Show, Dublin, OH

**July 27**

Buicktown Monthly Meeting, John and Mary Root's  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

**August 4-6**

Great Lakes Regional, Westlake, OH

**August 9**

Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party, Clio

**August 10**

Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party, Flint Township

**August 11**

Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party, Fenton

**August 12**

Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party, Davison

**August 13**

Back to the Bricks Tune Up Party, Richfield Twp/Mt Morris

**August 16-20**

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

**August 24**

Buicktown Monthly Meeting, Roger & Sharon Tyyska's  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

**September ?**

Buicktown hosts the Michigan Buick Bash  
Location TBD

**September 28**

Buicktown Monthly Meeting, Buick Gallery  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

**October 2**

Buicktown 16th Annual Swap Meet, Patsy Lou Buick GMC

**October ??**

Buicktown Fall Color Tour

**October 26**

Buicktown Monthly Meeting, TBD  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

**November 16**

Buicktown Monthly Meeting, TBD  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

**December ??**

Buicktown Christmas Party, TBD  
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

## Secretary—Suzanne Sherman—Meeting Minutes

Merry Christmas, everyone! As our December meeting was a party, I did not take minutes. Marge did her usual fine job of planning and it was a lovely evening. We played “Get acquainted Bingo” for a host of prizes. It got us out of our chairs and talking to people other than those we were sitting near. David Bothamly did a great job presenting the award plaques. He asked for a volunteer to take over that task as his job keeps him away from meetings.

Dr. Thomas Henthorn from UM-Flint has contacted me as liaison for Buicktown Chapter, the Sloan Gallery and our interns to submit remarks for an article he is writing about the internship program. He is addressing other clubs/groups to encourage them to become involved in similar projects. From volunteering at the Gallery myself, I can see how much these students have accomplished as far as cataloguing information that then becomes accessible to car enthusiasts. I told Dr. Henthorn that I would accompany him to any meetings that he thought my input might be helpful. It would be helpful for me to know how many of our members have contacted the Gallery, either recently or in the past, about their projects. Please email or call me if you have requested information from the Sloan about a paint color, options available, numbers of cars made that year, or other reasons. I hope you had a wonderful Holiday.

### Assistant Director Ramblings:

## Paul Says:



Greetings and Salutations. I wanted to take this first chance to introduce myself and clear up a little bit of: "The Man, The Myth, The Legend" as not many know much about me. I guess for now I get title of "The Kid" as I was born in April, 1974 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. I have lived all over the United States, but have called Michigan home for over 10 years now. I have two kids of my own, and my accomplice in crime, Valerie, has her one (expect to see them often, and beat them like they are your own). Currently I reside in Grand Blanc, and anyone who comes to the game night actually gets to see the house which is in a constant state of remodeling as we have been here less than two years.

My background is that of your typical gear head. I started working on cars at about age 7, and grew into my own. I have played with GM, Ford, Chrysler, and VW over the years, but always see myself coming back to GM. Currently the garage houses a Black 2000 Buick Regal GS, a Silver 2004 Buick Regal GS (the toy), and Val's 2001 VW Passat (She had a Regal but we bought it way too used). I work for a small company out of Waterford that sells/designs/builds/repairs water and wastewater equipment across the state.

I guess that about covers the basics. I hope to get to know each and everyone of you more, and see you at more and more events. If there is something you like, let me know. I will be out there asking for people to help out with events, projects and jobs in the club, and I am hard to say no to! If there is something you don't like, let me know. Here is to a great year...and lets keep it between the lines out there!

Paul

## **Buick Club in Flint Creates Partnership** **by Professor Thomas Henthorn, History Department, UM-Flint**

Each semester the staff of Sloan Museum's Buick Gallery and Research Center welcome history students from the University of Michigan-Flint as Collections Management Interns to enjoy a hands-on experience with the Museum. Interns receive supervised experience working directly with the faculty and staff, curating the museum's collection of records that chronicle the history of Buick Motor Company. Staff members provide the most direct supervision working with the interns on defined projects as part of the learning strategy developed by the intern's faculty supervisor. Over the course of one semester, students complete 100 hours of supervised work in the museum learning methods in museum practices and records management.



"The more history I learn as I earn my degree, the more I've become convinced that I want to pursue a career working in museum." recalled Angela Passarelli. UM-Flint's Fall 2010 collections intern. Angela was especially excited about the skills she learned throughout the course of her internship. "I'm not sure if [automotive] history will be my focus, but the internship has provided me with the



kind of experience that I can use no matter what type of history or museum I work in." Angela's learning experience is precisely what members of the Buicktown Chapter of the Buick Club of America were thinking of when they partnered with the University of Michigan-Flint's History Department. It is through the generosity of the Buick Club that the intern is able to earn a stipend for their internship. "This type of compensation is especially critical for students these days," according to the Professor Thomas Henthorn. "In addition to their studies, a large number of our students are also working. Without this type of compensation, many of our students would not be able to take advantage of the invaluable experience an internship such as the Buick Collections Intern."

Jane McIntosh, Curator of Collections at the Sloan Museum's Buick Gallery can attest to the value of the internship. "It is really a fabulous partnership," says Jane. "I know the students get some needed career experience and the museum has been able to organize and make its collections more accessible to researchers and collectors who have a real interest in these records."

"Organization is the key," quipped Angela. "If you have a compulsive need to organize large amounts of information, than this the job for you." Both Angela's and Jane's comments clearly illustrate the positive outcomes for the student and museum. Roberta Vasilow, president of the Buicktown chapter pointed out the benefits and reasons the Buick Club became involved with the internship program.

"We saw a real need for this kind of thing," recalled Roberta. "We saw from our volunteers how committed the museum staff was to preserving the heritage of Buick." Roberta also noted that as committed as the museum was, they needed more help than their volunteers could offer. It was the need for more assistance organization and managing the Buick records that lead members of the Buicktown chapter to approach the University of Michigan-Flint to create an internship with the museum with an explicit mission of managing and making accessible the collections of the Buick Motor Company. Since 2009, the local Buick Club has funded three internships and is working with museum staff and university faculty to assess the progress of the program. So far the membership is pleased with the both the quality of interns and the work that is being done at the Buick Gallery.

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“It has been a pleasure working with the interns from the University of Michigan-Flint’s History Department,” commented Suzanne Sherman, the Buicktown chapter’s liaison between the interns and Buick Club. Like many museums and archives, the Buick Gallery received much of its material about the history of Buick Motor Company as large donations of unorganized materials and artifacts. Since the inception of the internship, history students have been able to catalog and organize a great deal of material and make it available for the museum and the general public. It is this aspect of the internship that members have found particular compelling, remarked Suzanne.

“More importantly for Buicktown Chapter members, this material is invaluable to people who are working on old Buicks. As members of Buicktown Chapter and the Buick Club of America, we also hope to create interest in our hobby of restoration to a new generation of History majors, because that is what we are doing; preserving little pieces of history.”

“This internship really demonstrates what’s possible when communities find ways to work together towards a common goal,” remarked Professor Henthorn. “We have scores of enthusiastic students ready to take advantage of these kinds of experience, and the museum staff has the expertise to help them learn, but it is really the generosity of the Buick Club that makes this work.” Professor Henthorn hopes to use the Buick collections internship as a model for other community partnerships that will help the university expand its internship program that meets the learning needs of the student and the needs of the community.

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# **BUICK** **GALLERY**

**Join us at the Buick Gallery**

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## Gary and Debbie Minch

Social Committee Chairpersons

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

LISTEN UP FOLKS! The following is a list of members who have not renewed for 2011. If your name appears please send monies to me as soon as possible. If you cannot find a renewal form just send the check and I can fill out the paperwork. My address is 4409 E Carpenter Road, Flint MI 48506. Hope to hear from you soon. I sure hope everyone is surviving this blustery January we are having. There is certainly a chill in the air and PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DRIVESAFELY!!!!

**Jim MacLean, Buicktown Membership Chairman**



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*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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