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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE Paul Marchi

Greetings and Salutations! Well as we head towards the half way point in the year I am hoping you have all got your Buicks out of storage and back rolling under their own power again! So far we have had a good year with regular attendance at the meetings. It seems the word is getting out on Buicktown even more now as I have talked to a number of people regarding the club at shows and the like. As I mentioned before the idea is to not hide out back, but when someone takes an interest in your vehicle go forward, be personable and TALK to them about your car and our club.

This is the only way we can continue to hope to get the club to grow from where we are now, and with your help I think it is possible, remember this is not a social club with a car background this is a car club with a social impact!

It looks like the summer schedule is going strong so please check out the calendar and make it out to a few events. There are a couple of important ones going on this month that members of our group are directly involved in, but unfortunately they occur on the same weekend, the Jim Heiser Show in Durand and Buick Raceday in Norwalk, Oh. Both events are a great time and result in great friendships, so if you aren't going to one, please go to the other.

Not much else to say this month, Ladies night went great thanks to those that came out, look at all the pictures inside, hope to see you all at this month's meeting. Till then keep it between the lines out there.





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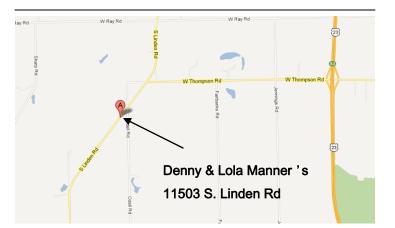
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June 10, 2012 Cars are the Stars Show 8AM –3PM Packard Proving Grounds, Utica, MI

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 21 SLOAN MUSEUM AUTO FAIR FENCE DAY 8AM

June 23-24, 2012 <u>Sloan Auto Fair, Flint, MI</u>

June 27

Buicktown Regular Meeting Denny and Lola Manner's, 11503 S Linden Rd, Linden Bring a dish to pass. 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 hosted by Dan and Rosemary Emerton—Flushing Park.4417 N. McKinley Road, Flushing, MI 48433 Bring a dish to pass. Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM, Meeting 8PM

August 25

Abbey Park Car Show, Grand Blanc, 10 AM— 1PM

September 8

Michigan Buick Bash hosted by the SEMBCA locations tbd

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?

Christmas Party TBD

2013 BCA National Meet July 17-20, 2013 South Bend, IN

2014 BCA National Meet July 23-26, 2014 Portland, OR

2015 BCA National Meet June 10-14, 2015 Springfield, MO

For more local car show and cruises check this out http://www.buickclub.org/buicktown/Carshows.htm

So Long Andy ... And Mott Auto Body

Andy Eshbaugh, our current Auto Body Intern, had taken his final exams at Mott CC the prior week and was packing up to head for Traverse City, his home and his job. He had completed his 100 hours at the Gallery and wanted to stay on just one day longer, as a volunteer, to help out with the color spray painting of the 1953 Skylark. This semester at the Gallery was about fitting the body panels, applying primer-surfacer followed with hours of sanding to achieve that "perfect" surface. Well, Mother Nature intervened...



We all remember the evening and early morning hours beginning Thursday May 4. It rained and rained and rained. Upon arriving at the Gallery, Greg Keller had some water problems to be attended to both at the Gallery and went to check out the basement car storage in the Grand Traverse Street warehouse. After that was taken care of not much time was left to paint the Skylark. A little more surfacer was applied and a paint color sample was made to verify a match and that was about all that could be done.

Of course Andy was disappointed but totally understood the situation. He appreciated the opportunity to work in the Gallery and learn about the restoration business. He says this work is definitely



more challenging and exciting than everyday collision repair. He hopes to be able to get into the restoration business and collector cars in the future.

Mott CC has ended their twenty-year run of the Auto Body program that would culminate with an associate degree. Clark Harris, Dean, speaks of a possible continued use of the Thompson Road facility for community use by hobbyists or the like. That is a wait and see situation. Recently acquired restoration tools purchased by both our chapter and Mott face an unknown application. He is formulating plans for some manner of use in the future.



Collectors Foundation Awards Auto Restoration Grant to Sloan Museum

Flint, MI- The Collectors Foundation of Traverse City, Michigan has awarded Sloan Museum a \$10,000 grant to continue its successful auto restoration internship program. This funding will help to educate young people and adults about vintage automobiles and their care and restoration while training student interns to become professional restorers. Restoration activities will take place in Sloan's Buick Automotive Gallery in the Vehicle Restoration Facility that allows the public to view the work in progress.

This year's grant will provide internships for seven students from Mott Community College, Flint's GASC Technology Center, and Kansas-based McPherson College. Sloan will also work with Baker College of Flint to explore potential internships for the College's Autobody Technician and Automotive Services Technician Associate degree programs. The internships will begin this summer and run through the 2012 – 2013 school year. Students will work on a classic 1953 Buick Skylark and other vintage vehicles in Sloan's collection.

"We very much appreciate the generosity of the Collectors Foundation," said Tim Shickles, Director of Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium (Sloan*Longway). "With the Foundation's strong continuing support, we are undertaking important vehicle restoration work, training future practitioners in this exciting field, and introducing many Museum visitors to vintage vehicles and how they are restored and maintained."

Sloan Museum is located on the Flint Cultural Center campus at 1221 E. Kearsley, with the nearby Buick Automotive Gallery located at 303 Walnut. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, Noon-5 p.m. Museum admission, which includes admission to the Buick Gallery, is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 for children ages 3-11. Since 2004, Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium have operated under a single management structure (Sloan*Longway), and have a mission to create engaging experiences for everyone that inspire lifelong curiosity in history, science and technology. Sloan*Longway is a member organization of the non-profit Flint Cultural Center Corporation.

The Collectors Foundation is an educational grant-making organization funded by collector vehicle and classic boat enthusiasts to serve youth development and the long-term interests of the collector vehicle and classic boat communities. More information about the Foundation can be found on its website: www.collectorsfoundation.org.

Meadowbrook Car Show

by Suzanne Sherman

Those of you who did not go to the Meadowbrook Car Show missed a very pleasant evening. Several of us caravanned to Rochester and had pizza (Square ones!) at a huge place across from the Oakland University Campus. The car show was right in front of the entrance to the theater so there was little walking involved. It was fun to meet members of South East Michigan Chapter (SEMBCA), many of whom we had traveled with in Florida with Buick Driving Enthusiasts (BDE) in April. Several other clubs, not all Buicks, were glad to be out this early in the season. Flint Corvette Club was represented and we knew many of those drivers.

Each car was given one free ticket to the show, which was very entertaining. Three men sang and danced to a story about their Hometowns, using music of 60's and 70's Motown, Philly, and Memphis; their Hometowns. I always liked the three-man do dah back-up singers and these three were really good.

If Meadowbrook invites us again next year, I will be the first in line to sign-up. It was a fun way to start the car show season.

Assistant Director: Roberta Vasilow

Happy Buick Summer!

Well, Ladies Night was quite the treat, at the Frankenmuth Brewery, pictures scattered through this newsletter and also on the Buicktown Facebook page. The contest this year was purses... heaviest, "oh my god, I can't believe she carries that" and "Oh that's so CUTE!". Rosemary had the heaviest, Valarie had the weirdest, and Millie had the cutest. Paul and his judges had a great time judging this. Each received a gift card and a plant, well all the ladies received a plant. Thanks to the guys that take there ladies to the special night, wonder what they will think of next year.

Car shows and cruises abound in June almost every weekend there could be 3-4 or maybe more things to do. Make sure you talk to the guy or gal with a Buick and tell them about the club, too. Seems a lot of folks still never heard of the Buicktown Chapter or the Buick Club of American, I know it's hard to believe but it's true.

The summer potlucks are all lined up, June 27 at Denny and Lola's on Linden Rd, always a great setting. Gary and Deb Minch are hosting the July 25 meeting at Richfield Township Park on M-15, they have always wanted to but didn't have room, so this is close to their home and is a perfect set up, can't wait. Rosemary and Dan are going to host us at Flushing Park on McKinley on August 22, they also had wanted to do it, so thanks for stepping up!! Don't forget bring a dish to pass, and your plates and eating tools, etc. You will want to bring chairs etc to Denny and Lola's. The other two are in pavilions with tables. See ya soon! Roberta

2012 CAR CRUISES Bubba O'Malley's Car Show Event



Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection Day!



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee sent cards to the following :

One sympathy card was sent to Marshall and Diane Callard. Their daughter Kim passed.

Thinking of you cards were sent to: Jim Aseltine, Bill Renico, and Bill Salisbury Get well cards were sent to: Dr. N. Simpson (Lee Burwell's son), Jim Beal, Marshall Callard, and Bill Renico

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!

Jim	Brayton	6/3
Rita	Collie-Rippe	6/3
Mary Ann	Hadley	6/5
Bob	Stemm	6/8
Renee	Calhoun	6/9
Linda	Cook	6/11
Charles	Anderson	6/13
Dick	Strickhouser	6/13
Mary	Long	6/14
Susan	Specht	6/19
Loyd	Gatica	6/20
Larry	Lutz	6/23
Barbara	Deska	6/23
Stephen	Baich	6/25
Bob	Bowen	6/28
Jim	Litten	6/28
Marshall	Callard	6/29



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 148 paid memberships as of May 20, 2012 See you at the meetings!

Happy Anniversary!

Larry &	Millie	Lutz	6/1
John &	Annette	Lucky	6/6
David &	Mary	Long	6/14
William &	Janet	Ewing	6/15
Ernie &	Kathy	Callard	6/16
Loyd &	Sue	Gatica	6/16
James &	Ruth	Drury	6/18
Dennis &	Barbara	Meyer	6/18
Richard &	Barbara	Horton	6/19
Bob &	Cloie	Hamilton	6/20
David &	Jeanette	Hall	6/22
Scott &	Amy	Sanford	6/22
John &	Benne	Hawker	6/26
Bill &	Barb	Phillion	6/28
Howard &	Carol	Zimmerman	6/28
John &	Kathy	Daily	6/29
Chris &	Dayna	Evert	6/30



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.

Please patronize our advertisers



damage occurring in connection with this event.

Please, NO Alcohol, NO Drugs, NO Bikes, Skateboards or Scooters.

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Classified Ads are free to members of the Buicktown Chapter and run for 3 consecutive months. Ads must be to the Editor by the 15th of the month prior to the month in which the ad will run.

BUICKS FOR SALE

1982 Buick Riviera 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



1955 Roadmaster Riviera 2-Dr Ht. This is a complete parts car \$1,400 Contact: Kevin Hempton Goodrich Body Shop, Goodrich, MI 810-636-7992 khempbody@yahoo.com

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

1984 Buick LeSabre Limited 2

Door Coupe: Florida car, 106,040 Actual miles, needs engine work? White Exterior, Burgundy Exterior,Call Roger. 810-720-2288. 73 Riv GS stage 1 Blue \$5500 .00 86 GN 63,000 miles \$10,000.00 Denise Christian Phone : 586-574-0262

1958 Buick Special 2 door Hardtop, blue & white41,000 miles Call Ed Franks 989-723-5966



1960 Buick Invicta Red & white Call Bob Bonk,863-242-6044 or 863-242-1801



1982 Buick Electra, 67K original miles, 4.I L V6, 4bbl carb, Jade Green \$6000 Call Dan 810-732-0565

BUICK STUFF FOR SALE

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

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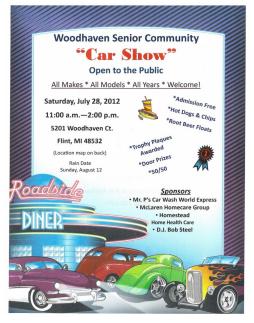
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