



Buicktown Crier

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Paul Marchi

Greeting and Salutations! Well it looks like we are on the home-ward stretch back to getting our Buicks out on the road again. There has been a little snow and we all heard what the groundhog said, but does anyone actually trust a rodent to predict the weather?

I do hope everyone is planning to join us for the "Almost Spring" Tour in a few weeks. Roger and Larry have set up a nice day and a tour down to Ypsilanti to check out a very renowned auto program at Washtenaw College (I saw their booth at Autorama and the things those kids can do is pretty impressive).

Since we are now in March that means Ladies Night is only 2 MONTHS away! So I a looking for assistance to get everything planned and off the ground for the event. We need some entertainment we need something to do, and we need YOUR involvement otherwise it is not the men doing it as a thank you for their wives rather just a few guys thanking all the female membership!

Over the next couple months I will have a little bit about what I hope to see with the future of the club and how I hope we can get their (my 1-2 year plan), but unless I can get involvement from more membership it will be difficult to do. I think everyone has heard of the 80/20 rule, how 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people I would really like to see this change and get more of the membership involved. This is going to be done by the most direct approach I know.....I am going to come up and ask directly, so everyone please be ready as if we want this club to continue to grow and thrive it is going to take ALL of us.

As for this month's Board of Directors meeting it will still be on the second Wednesday at Trapper Joe's and will start about 5:30. I hope to see you there as this is an open meeting for members to show and express their opinions, but I will be there via teleconference as I have to be out of town for work that day.

Till next month, let's keep it between the lines out there!



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CALENDAR 2012-13

March 14

Buicktown Board of Director Meeting
5:30PM Trapper Joe's Flint

March 24

Almost Spring Tour
Washtenaw Community College Occupational
Education tour, Ypsilanti Auto Museum, Fire-
man's Museum and lunch, Flyer in this 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 20

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

May 23

Buicktown Ladies Night
Social Hour 6PM, Dinner 7PM

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 23-24, 2012

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

June 27

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

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 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

The February meeting at El Potrero was attended by 41 members and 2 guests.

Samantha Bol and Dr Thomas Henthorn addressed the crowd and thank us for our continued support of the UM-Flint History Internship at the Sloan Buick Gallery and Research Center.

Upcoming meetings and events were discussed and Charlie Jones and Perry Pindur did a wonderful job with their new assignment of the 50/50!

See some pictures on the front page of this newsletter and a few more below.



What's Happening at the Gallery?

A tour through the Buick Gallery in mid February showed about six or seven extra cars parked inside and near the restoration shop. Volunteers and staff were busy with cleaning compounds and chrome polish removing a residue from the exterior finish. Floor carpeting was lifted and seat bottoms were raised to allow air to pass underneath and dry the material. These cars were the first to be removed from the basement of the Grand Traverse Street storage facility for drying and cleanup at the Gallery. A pipe in a sub floor above the ceiling had broken and water found its way through cracks and dripped on some of the cars in storage. Humidity was high and de-humidifiers are usual in this unheated portion the basement. The Marquette was found to have water pooled inside the body. Moving these cars is in itself a significant project as they are pushed about and not run on their own power. About 20 cars will need to be inspected and probably cycled through the Gallery.

Mott Community College had not yet sent prospective auto body students to interview for the last internship. Calls to their administration in mid January and early February gave information that their selection process was in the works. Under the circumstances, work on the 1953 Skylark, which is near ready for final paint, was now of secondary importance due to the immediate work needed on the warehoused cars.

Our UM-Flint student intern, Samantha Bol, has been diligently working on the Buick Motor Division documents. We were given a tour of the work area. Many unopened boxes remain to be evaluated, cataloged, re-filed and entered into the computer database.

Assistant Director: Roberta Vasilow

Oh, wow! Spring will be here in 3 weeks, hard to believe it's already March!! We had our first meeting of 2012, was nice to see 41 members and 2 guests!

There's information on the ***Almost Spring Tour*** in this newsletter, please call Roger or I to confirm your plans to attend, so we can warn the folks at Washtenaw Community College. We have invited some other clubs too, so should be a good time on March 24.

Our March meeting on the 28nd will be held at John's Pizzeria on Davison Road in Davison, across from VG's. Please let me know if you will be joining us, so they prepare enough food for all of us!! Hopefully the weather stays good, so we have great turn out.

Another reminder if you have not renewed this is your last Buicktown Crier, this also goes for the commercial advertisers, your ads will be removed also.

Plans are moving forward for the rest of the meetings for this year, the April meeting will be at Alexander J's on Fenton Road just north of Hill Road. Still looking for sponsors for the June and August meetings. If you are interested please call me for more information.

See you soon!! Roberta

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

Intern Program by Suzanne Sherman, liaison.

The final paper of BRIAN MACHUK, our winter semester intern, begins, "The time I spent as an intern at the Sloan Museum's Buick Gallery in collections management has served as the pinnacle of my time spent as a history major at the University of Michigan-Flint." Further, "This internship is undoubtedly one of the most important things that happened to me during my time earning my bachelorette. In his paper, Brian enumerates



the number of ways of organizing information so that it may be most easily accessed by those of us doing research on our collector cars.

This internship is still a win/win/win situation. The Gallery benefits from the hours of work, our membership and the general public benefit from the further accessibility of the material and, as you can read, the intern finds the time spent vital to his/her career.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A get well card was sent to David Gladd.

A thinking of you card was sent to Ed McQuigg and Bill Salisbury.

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

Congratulations

Rosemary and Dan Emerton New granddaughter Olivia born in January!!Ava now has a sister!!!

Jim and Ruth Drury My son Jim & wife Amanda had a baby girl...Aubrey Jean Drury...2-2-2012.

We will see her in March when he gets leave. They are coming to Michigan from Washington



Happy Birthday!

Jan	Werschky	3/2
Debi	Phillips	3/3
Jane	Harris	3/3
Wilma	Hartz	3/3
Douglas	Francek	3/4
Howard	Scott	3/4
Jim	Beal	3/6
Larry	Schramm	3/7
Marilyn	Uban	3/7
Lois	Jensen	3/9
Pamela	Nagy	3/10
Diana	Heiser	3/11
Mary	Renico	3/12
Pat	Herold	3/12
Charles	Jones	3/13
Leone	Burwell	3/17
Marge	Gladd	3/19
Gwenna	Spillett	3/20
John	Lucky	3/21
Margie	McQuigg	3/26
Charlene	Ferguson	3/27
Elaine	Amman	3/28
John	Hawker	3/28
Cindy	Smith	3/30
Wyman	DePottey	3/31



Happy Anniversary!

John &	Linda	Jaworski	3/5
Bill &	Nancy	Briggs	3/20
Charles &	Doris	Jones	3/23
Steve &	Janet	Freiheit	3/28
Bill &	Betty	Cook	3/30
John &	Mary	Root	3/31

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 139 paid memberships as of February 25, 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,
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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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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

1992 Roadmaster Limited, 39000 miles. \$7500. Charles Anderson 810 659 9807

1994 Roadmaster, 80K Miles, engine cranks but will not run, \$850 OBO Call Perry, 810-342-8132

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BUICK STUFF FOR SALE

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Miscellaneous '37-'38 and '48-'49 Buick Parts, call Marvin 517-484-5188

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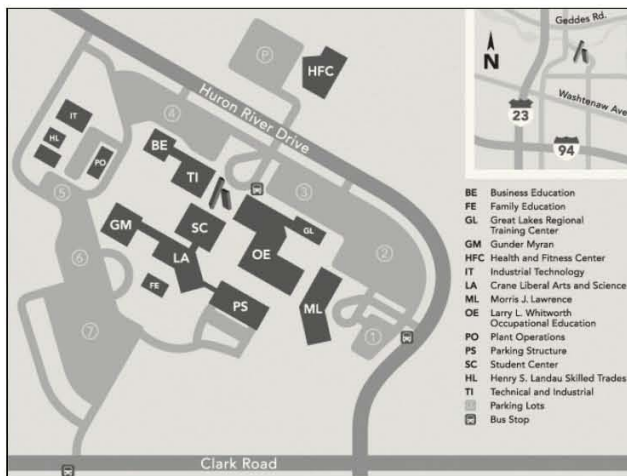
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Buick

Almost Spring Tour

Tour Washtenaw Community College
Occupational Education Facility



From the north the Geddes Rd exit.
Take Geddes east to Dixboro Rd south to East Huron River Drive.

Address is 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI (This might not be the OE building)
Look for road signs pointing to Occupational Education Building when you see the campus
Park in parking lot #3 (see map)
Walk down long ramp to double doors
Turn right and walk down hallway, to lobby
Meet in lobby of Occupational Education Building for welcome and safety talk.

(Bring your safety glasses just in case as classes run all day on Saturday)

Labs we will visit:
Auto Body and Paint
Metal Shaping
Custom Body and Paint
Welding
Motorcycle
Frame and Body Alignment
Engine and Chassis

Drive to downtown Ypsilanti for lunch (About 15 minutes)

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2012

Meet at Mega Coney Island, Owen Rd
Fenton for Breakfast 7:15AM
(810) 750-2234
Leave at 8:15AM precisely.

Arrive Washtenaw Community College
9:30 AM tour to 11AM
(meet in the Lobby)

Lunch on your own at
Haab's
18 West Michigan
or

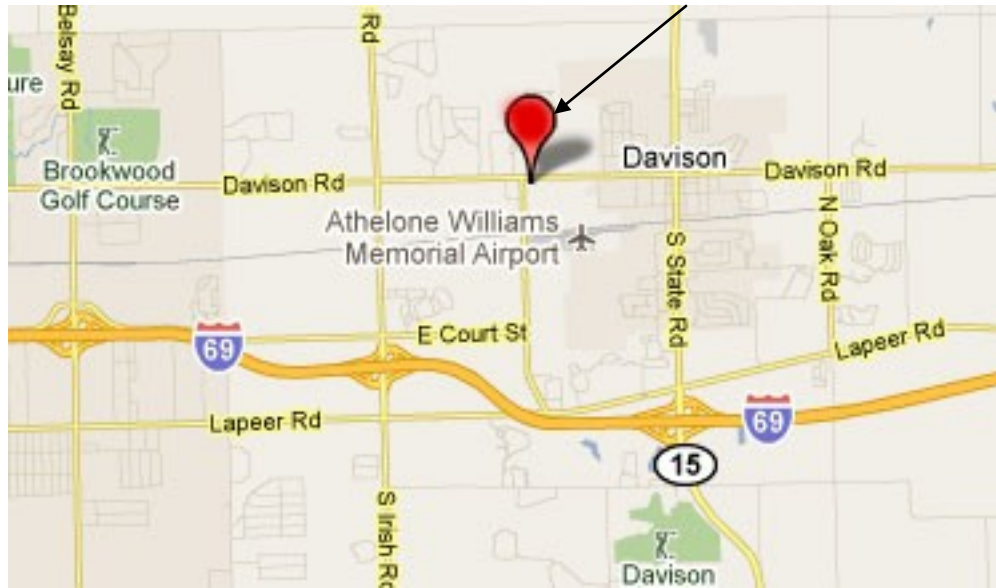
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For more info call or to RSVP for head count
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Map for Meeting at John's Pizzeria on March 24



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