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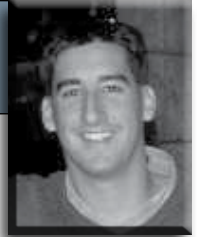
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COMMENTARY BY CLUB PRESIDENT BRIAN DePOULI



Ok folks first off sorry for the delay in getting this issue out to you. It's my fault as I have been tied up with starting my own business. I am writing this one week before the 2010 BCA National, by the time you read this we will know if we have secured the 2012 National Meet for Charlotte. I am confident that we will be successful this year.

From a national perspective things are getting better for the BCA, though membership is down the club is in the black financially and renewals were stronger than expected despite the raise in dues. The Ames National meet has 350 cars registered. A Small show for a mid west show, but I feel very good about those numbers considering Ames is not a tourist destination, the economy is still recovering and the Buick Performance Group is having their National meet the same weekend. Just so you know our National meet is being called the "2012 Buick Club of America 500" because we hope to get 500 Buicks. The previous southeastern and mid-Atlantic meets had around 350 and that is what my budget is based on, however I think we can pull from the great lakes region

really well and have a lot to offer potential guest. The Cabarrus County CVB has been great to work with so far and I am looking forward to the relationship with them after we get this meet.

Finally I recently visited the Early Ford V8 Eastern National meet hosted at Embassy Suite and Charlotte motor Speedway and the National Corvette Restorer's Society (NCRS) National meet also hosted at Embassy suites and zMax Dragway. I got some great ideas and lessons learned out of walking around those two shows plus got to see some great cars in the process.

One last thing we have the Buicks at Autofair in August followed by the Gathering of the BOPC's in Lenoir Sept 11th, both are great shows so I hope to see you there.

THE FIRING ORDER

2010 CCBCA EVENT SCHEDULE

Sunday August 29th - Buicks at Autofair

We have limited vehicle and spectator passes to this event. Free to chapter members, \$15 for non members. Event is 8AM to 3PM. Contact Jerry Bodden at jbsbuix@embarq.com or 336-627-9708

Saturday Sept 11 - "The Gathering" of the Buick Olds and Pontiacs

Held at Rooster Bush Buick, Hwy 321 Lenoir, NC. Contact John Herold for more info at linherold@charter.net or 828-754-9651

September 30- October 2 - Second Annual Southeastern Riveria Regional

will be held in Knoxville, TN
Contact Randall Crain at rivman65@aol.com or 336-431-3854 for info

October 6-9 - Hershey Flea Market and Fall Eastern AACA Meet, Hershey, PA

Carolina Chapter members attending please contact Brian DePouli brian.depouli@att.net or 704-905-4989

November 3-6 - BCA South East Regional Tour

Hosted by the Bama Buick Chapter, centered at the Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park Hotel. Contact Jerry Bodden at jbsbuix@embarq.com or 336-627-9708

Nov or Dec TBD - 1st Annual Christmas Tree Run

Contact Brian DePouli brian.depouli@att.net or 704-905-4989 for more info.

Also Note...

Summer - First and 3rd Saturdays though mid September

Lenoir Cruise-In at downtown Historic Lenoir, NC. Contact John Herold linherold@charter.net or 828-754-9651 for more info

If you have an idea for an event please get it to Brian DePouli or Rob Grindstaff for inclusion in the newsletter and website.

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The Story of the Enclave

Photos and Story by Brian DePouli

The Buick Enclave debuted in May 2007 as a 2008 model on the new GM Lambda platform which is shared with the GMC Acadia, Chevrolet Traverse, and Saturn Outlook. In 2007 Buick sold 29,286 and 2008 44,706. This Enclave was sold new in July 2007 at Hendrick Buick in Cary, NC.

There are two trim levels available each with two drive trains available. The CX and CXL trim levels each available in front wheel and all wheel drive. Also both models are available in either 7 passenger or 8 passenger seating configurations. This 2008 Enclave is a CXL front wheel drive model, seating 7, equipped with a 3.6L V-6 making 275 bhp and 251 ft-lbs of torque mated to a six speed automatic transmission.

This vehicle is fully loaded with most of the available options. The driver confidence package includes remote starting, ultrasonic rear parking assists, and heated windshield washer fluid, however southern cars are devoid of this feature so while the button is there it does nothing. The luxury package has heated exterior mirrors which fold and have built in turn signals. The luxury package also has steerable headlights, power tilt and telescoping steering wheel and an 110V AC power outlet. Another option this vehicle has is entertainment package #4. This package has touch screen navigation, DVD rear seat entertainment, rear seat audio controls, BOSE sound system and rearview back up camera. Finally this Enclave came with sunroof and skylight with power sunshade, trailer towing package, 19" Chromed



Aluminum Wheels, cargo shade and dealer installed running boards. The two tone paint scheme, in the less frequently seen, Red Jewel Tint coat with Cocoa lower accent has cashmere leather seating. The interior is the favorite part of this vehicle. The cashmere leather, which is a light tan, is offset by dark brown accents on the dash and top of the door panels. The real mahogany steering wheel is reminiscent of the painted mahogany dashboards in the 1938 Buick Roadmasters, however the Enclave features walnut wood graining on its dash. The center dash mounted analog clock is a nice finishing touch to the stately interior.



Buick's Quiet Tuning makes the interior exceptionally quite from road noise. Standard features include heated power memory front captains chair seating, rear power lift gate, tri-zone automatic climate control, XM Radio, Xenon headlights and Twilight Sentinel. The onboard computer gives the driver tire pressures, oil life monitoring, among the now common multiple trip summaries, average mpg, mileage remaining until empty, and fuel consumption.

The only two factory options omitted from this vehicle are the second row seating console and the engine block heater which being a southern car is expected. A few dealer installed accessories are not featured either on this Enclave; a two way remote monitoring system, dual head restraint DVD system, a roof rack and 20" wheels. New for 2009 will be Bluetooth phone compatibility and front seats that are cooled as well as heated.



Monaco Stash!

Photos and Story by Brian DePouli

Peeking in on the Prince of Monaco's Superb Car Collection

In May of 2008 I had the opportunity to visit Monte Carlo in Monaco. We took the opportunity to visit the Prince of Monaco's car collection. The collection is kept at the Terrasses de Fontvieille not far from the Prince's Palace.

The collection houses over 100 vehicles from turn of the century vehicles to more modern iron. Luckily while I visited there were also another 50 plus cars being prepared for auction. There were numerous Ferrari's, Maserati's and Mercedes' along with Renault's, an Aston Martin or two and many other vehicles up for auction, literally millions of dollars worth of vehicles to be sold.

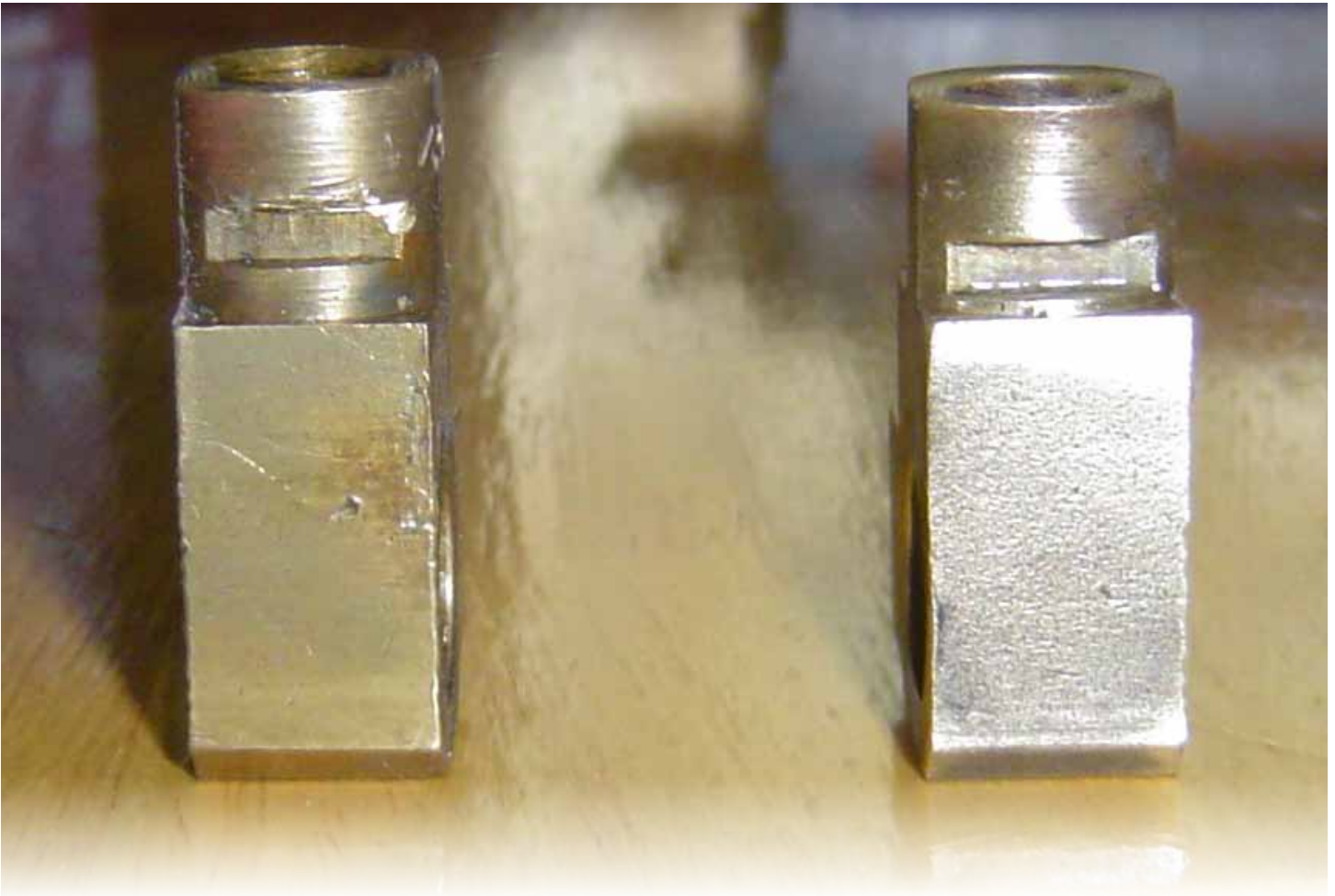
The prince's collection was just as impressive and expensive with several Rolls Royce's including a 1927 phantom 1 and a 1921 Silver Ghost. There were a numerous early Renaults, Many Ferrari's, Maserati's, and Mercedes' including a gull wing Mercedes.

There were also a few Packard's, a 1928 Lincoln V8 Double Phaeton, A Bugatti Type 27, a wood bodied Chrysler convertible and even a 1966 Buick, of course.

There are just too many cars to mention and it is amazing to see this precious collection of vehicle jewels. Please enjoy some of the photos I took.







JUNCTION FUNCTION

Brian DePouli gives his '38 a shot of ingenuity

I hit the point in my restoration where I needed to fill and bleed the brakes. Unfortunately I had an issue with a leak between the two junction blocks (one junction block mounts through the frame and accept the brake hose from the master cylinder and the other distribution block distributes to the left front and rear and the stop light switch. A bolt mounts the two blocks together with a copper washer helping to seal the blocks together). Unfortunately upon reexamining the junction block that mounts through the frame I found a small nick in the mating surface which was causing the leak. I had a spare junction block so I went to replace it.

What I found was that I could not get the retaining clip onto my spare junction block when placed in the frame. I took the block out and compared it to the one I was previously using and found the difference... see in the attached photo. (The junction block on the left is for a convertible and the right for a sedan note the difference between the square portion and the slot for the retaining clip)

Since my car is a convertible the frame is thicker material and apparently Buick made two different junction block pieces to

accommodate the difference in frame thickness. I ended up having my old junction block machined and it now works fine.

It also finally dawned on me that this is the reason why I was having trouble with the rear brake hose (from the frame to torque tube) that I got from Bob's. When I bought and installed the hose (his part number BH360F) a few years back I couldn't ever get a clip on and due to the brake lines. It was pretty solid in its spot, so I didn't worry about it. So with the junction block issue I then realized why I was having trouble with the brake line earlier again due to the thicker frame. A quick trip to a machine shop with a lathe to increase the width of the depression (slot) for the brake clip to allow for the thicker frame easily solves the issue on the hose.

So the moral of the story is when you have items that go through the frame be sure to determine if they are for sedan frames or thicker convertible frames (Also check and make sure the mating surfaces on your junction blocks are nick free).

NEW MEMBERS

Ernie Austin
Burlington, NC
1941 Super Convertible model 56C

Lineback, David and Lisa
Winston Salem, NC
BCA #45214
1940 Roadmaster model 81
1987 model 4GJ47 (grand national)

Seybold, Doug
Westlake, OH
too many Buicks to mention

Welcome aboard everybody!!

STABILITRAK

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Monthly meeting occurs 2PM on the first Saturday of the Month at Streetside Classic Cars except for April and August when our meeting occurs at our Charlotte Autofair car show events.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

August 29 - At Charlotte AutoFair

September 4th

October 2nd

November 6th

December 4th

For directions to Streetside Classic Cars go to www.streetsideclassiccars.com or our website.

Below is a small map



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The Carolina Chapter of the Buick Club of America operates as a nonprofit organization and relies heavily on volunteer services.

Sponsorship of events, production of the newsletter, and other expenses constitute a financial burden that must be borne by the membership. Make your Buick experience more enjoyable...join and participate.

How To Join.....

To keep the Club meaningful and solvent, we need your support. Annual dues are \$20.00 per year and expires one year from the date you become a member. Checks should be made out to the "Carolina Chapter/BCA" and mailed to:

Brian DePouli 3026 Silver Birch Dr, Charlotte, NC 28269 704-905-4989

Our membership drive is open for all who want to participate. The only requirement is that you must be a member of the Buick Club of America. Their annual dues are \$50 minimum. To join go to www.buickclub.org or phone 614-472-3939

Place a copy of our calendar (jot a note if you would like) on any Buick, preferably when it's parked. We are an active club and want to "show off" what is available. It is that easy!

VALVE-IN-HEAD

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

Deadline for submissions: last day of odd numbered months.

Mailing Date: 15th day of even numbered months.