



# Carolina ROADMASTER

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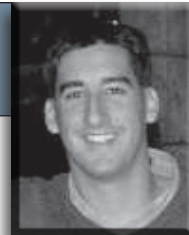


# Family RESEMBLANCE

Photos from the February BCA/GSCA Club meeting at Baker Auto

## DYNAFLOWING

COMMENTARY BY CLUB PRESIDENT BRIAN DEPOULI



I know we are a little behind in getting newsletters out. This is mostly due to my focus on preparations for the 2012 National Meet. Things are going very well on that front. We have the host hotel, Embassy Suites Concord under contract and it looks like our showfield will now be inside the Speedway garages areas. We have firm commitments for all our tour dates and locations as well as our evening events. We have also developed our event schedule and the beginnings of our website, both will be made public in July along with the registration form.

This brings me to our next subject. This event will take a lot of volunteer work from our club and we will also have to solicit help from our neighboring BCA Chapters, area non affiliated Buick Clubs and possibly even non Buick clubs. First off it will be expected that all chapter members volunteer their time towards this event and there is a great degree of flexibility in when and how your time can be donated. Your reward for volunteering will be special TBD event apparel that will not be for sale to the public and I promise will not say "staff" or "volunteer" anywhere on it. Also the chapter stands to make a decent financial sum if the event is successful and that will be given back to the membership in various ways. After the 2011 National Meet

you will each receive a survey that will ask for your availability and preferences in volunteer roles, which will be used to make sure we have all the positions we need, filled.

Moving on to other subjects. I was very pleased at the turn out for the Holiday Party and February Meeting. In both cases we teamed up with the Carolinas GS GN club (which we have many members belonging to both clubs) and had very good turn outs. I had hoped this new meeting schedule and format of tying them to an event will result in better participation and so far it has. Thanks to all who attended these events and for those who missed them we'll hopefully see you at an upcoming one. Speaking of events there will be no major changes to our events calendar for 2011 aside from the fact that the Tar Heel Chapter is hosting the Southeast tour in nearby Danville and we should support them with good participation.

Happy Motoring!

## THE FIRING ORDER

2010-2011 CCBCA EVENT SCHEDULE

### Friday April 8th, 2011—Charlotte Autofair Dinner

The Carolina Chapter hosts BCA member attending the Spring Charlotte Autofair and AACA Southeastern Spring National Meet who join us for our Annual Friday Night Dinner Event. Location and Time TBD Typically Italian food in the University area. Contact Brian DePouli at 704-905-4989 for final information and to reserve your spot.

### Sunday April 10th, 2011—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

### BCA May Picnic and Meet

May Date TBD Contact John Herold For info

### Fire Over Aiken 2011

June 25, 2011. Independence Day fireworks celebration and car show for Aiken County, SC, part of a Charity Event to raise money for The Child Advocacy Center. They have a safe parking area for away from the fireworks and with excellent viewing of the show. Free! Contact Brent Daugherty for more info.

### June 27-30, 2012—2012 BCA National Meet

Concord, NC hosted by us!

### July 6-9, 2011—2011 BCA National Meet, Danvers, MA

Hosted by the Minutemen Chapter. Carolina Chapter are EXPECTED TO ATTEND as we are hosting 2012, please

contact Brian DePouli [brian.depouli@att.net](mailto:brian.depouli@att.net) or 704-905-4989

### Sunday August 28th, 2011—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

### 8th Annual Gathering of the BOPC's Lenoir, NC

Sat. Sept. 17 at Rooster Bush dealership. Contact John Herold for info

### Southeast Region Tour October 20-22, Danville, VA

hosted by Tar Heel Chapter

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

# Celebrating A CENTURY!

## The 100th Birthday of Bob Capps

Story by Rob Grindstaff, Photos by Chuck DeMund

Bob Capps may not be a household name. You may be wondering "Do I know this person?" Truth is you probably don't, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't. Believe it or not pretty much every one of us has some small degree of connectivity to this gentleman. On a sunny March afternoon we were asked by his daughter Sue Leet to gather in the courtyard of a beautiful church on the outskirts of Lake Wylie to celebrate the 100th birthday and the life of a man who has always been a passionate advocate of the cars we restore, drive, and love.

For a span of 42 years Bob Capps was an employee of Buick. He worked in many cities including Chicago and Los Angeles. He was responsible for parts distribution, making sure that whenever a Buick owner stopped into a dealership for accessories and service that they had exactly what the customer was looking for. From radius rods, to oil filters, to valve covers, Bob made a career of keeping dealerships and customers happy ones, even though the drivers never heard his name.

Just over a dozen owners like myself came out to celebrate with a man we never met until now. Bob said he could probably recite some of the part numbers of items on our cars. He enjoyed his time with us and we were thrilled to meet him.

Happy Birthday Bob... and thank you for your dedication and passion. Buick is a better company with having you in it.





PACKARD

# PAST prescience

*Photos and Story by Brian DePouli*

## DePouli's Auto Museum Stop: Ft Lauderdale Antique Car Museum

Where: Ft Lauderdale, FL

Website: [www.antiquecarmuseum.org/](http://www.antiquecarmuseum.org/)

Buick's Spotted: 0

Estimated Time to View Museum: 90 min

I recently visited the Ft Lauderdale Antique Car Museum in Ft Lauderdale, FL. The Museum is dedicated to the History of the Packard Motor Company and features mostly pre war Packards. Besides Packards the museum is also filled with numerous other automotive memorabilia, such as Mascots and hood ornaments literature, brass era headlamps, and even an FDR memorabilia room. There is also a small theater in the museum that plays history of Packard videos. Most impressive however are the cars themselves. Since I myself am partial to Pre-war vehicles in general I thoroughly enjoyed this museum's collection. The collection ranges from a 1909 Packard to a 1957 Packard, the last year for Packard production. Some of the more unique Packards included a 1916 Packard Model 1-35 Twin-Six Town Car Limo (Body by CP Kimball) (the only one known to exist), a Police Patty Wagon, a Packard Fire Truck, a Packard tow truck conversion and my personal favorite a 1938 Packard Funeral Flower car which was in spectacular condition. There was also a 1929 Dual Cowl Phaeton which was impressive and the engineer in me liked the bare 1937 Packard chassis and drivetrain. Please enjoy the photos I took of the museum, including my 90 year old grandfather in front of the Patty Wagon.



1916 Packard Town Car Limo



1938 Packard Funeral Flower Car



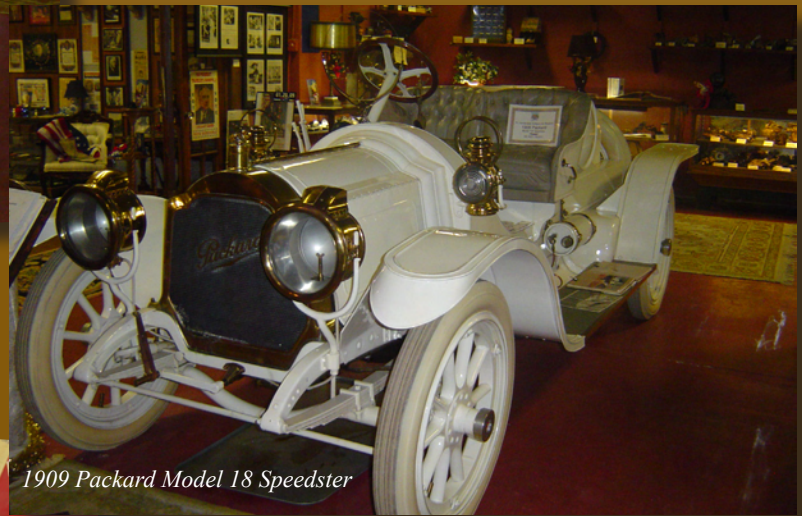
*Packard Tow Truck Conversion*



*1929 Packard Dual Cowl Phaeton*



*1930 Packard Model 640 Fire Engine*



*1909 Packard Model 18 Speedster*



*Packard Patty Wagon*

# Family

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## NEW MEMBERS

**Richard & Cheryl Cary**  
Asheville NC 45554

**Charles Paschall**  
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**Dallas & Ramona Prestwood**  
Winston-Salem NC 45476

**Natalie Wagner**  
6021 Parker Farm Rd Cherryville NC 45551  
Welcome aboard!!

## INTERCOOLED

Meeting Minutes Jan 31, 2011

1. Brian DePouli Thanked the GS GN Club for allowing us to tag on to their already planned event at Baker Auto. Mutual GS GN / BCA Member Tom Baker, Owner of Baker Auto was also thanked for his hospitality in having us.
2. Brian noted the event schedule with the March 19th 100th Birthday party, and April Autofair Dinner and Car show. Jerry Bodden updated all on the SE Region Tour in Danville hosted by the Tar Heel Chapter in Later October.
3. Allen Martin was not in attendance so no treasury update was given
4. Brian noted the progress on the 2012 National meet going over event details including host Hotel (Embassy Suites Charlotte-Concord) is under contract for June 27-30, 2012. Showfield will most likely be the speedway garage area. Members can participate in the zMax Drag and Brag Series at a discounted rate, Tours to Steele Rubber, NASCAR HOF, Levine Museum of the New South, and NC Transportation Museum and shops at Salisbury are confirmed, Registrations forms will be available July 2011. David Link made note that the GS GN Club should help the CCBCA with the volunteer efforts to put on the show.
5. Brian noted next meeting will take place at our Sunday Buick Show as part of Charlotte Autofair at 11AM at our showfield location.
6. Meeting adjourned.

## STABILITRAK

### Monthly Meeting Schedule

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

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

**April 11th** at Charlotte AutoFair, 11AM

**May 7th**, at Mooresville Cruise In, 4PM  
[www.mooresvillencruisein.com](http://www.mooresvillencruisein.com)

**August 6th** at General Greene AACA show, 1PM  
Greensboro Farmers Market

**October 22** at 2011 SE Regional Tour by Tarheel Chapter, Danville VA

**Dec TBD** at GSGN/BCA Holiday Party,  
Autobarn Concord, NC

## FYI

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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](http://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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Officers are elected for one calendar year term. Nominations for board are due to newsletter editor by July monthly meeting for Sept elections.

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

Deadline for submissions: last day of odd numbered months.

Mailing Date: 15th day of even numbered months.