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May 2009 Director's Message

Greetings from Your Director:

Another BOPC swap meet has passed, but it will not be soon forgotten, as many of us were faced with heavy snow, as we prepared to drive to the event. A big **Thank You** to all our members who turned out to help make this a successful event for our club. I want to mention Bob Bezingue for all the "behind the scenes" work he did to secure the facilities, sellout the vendor spaces, and advertising to attract a crowd of 833 attendees. Also, thanks for the efforts of Brad Berger for the food vendor management, Rick Schick for handling the gate receipts and the show finances, Steve Kelly for the carts and setup, and Scott Mich for the signs.

If you were unable to attend our April 1 meeting, you missed a very informative presentation by Michael Schultz on the latest products from Turtle Wax.

A few of our members are planning on visiting northern Indiana on April 25 & 26 and will report on what you missed next month. A Steering Meeting is planned for 7:00 pm on April 28 at Russell's BBQ. Please remember our May 6 meeting is a Food Pantry night.

May 9 will be your chance to get that car out of the garage and attend our Spring Dust Off at Crossroads Chevy/Buick in West Chicago. If you have any questions about the show, contact Scott Mich or Don Adams. Please check the calendar for other events to attend.

Until next time,

Jim Bloomstrand

A Special THANK YOU to all the BCA members that assisted with the BOPC Swap Meet.

---They are:

Steve Kelly
 Don Adams
*Kris and Paul Syrdal and
 Kevin Kinney - all the way from Minnesota!*
 Mike LaBrose
 Gene Johnson
 Dan Dziedzic
 Bob Flint
 Bob Widomski
 Jim August
 Ted Barkei
 Steve Ledger and Barb
 John Arpan

Rick Schick
 Scott Mich
 Jim Bloomstrand
 Howie Schoen
 Beau Cueva
 Donna and Wayne Holous
 Brad Berger
 Andy Ibata
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If we missed anybody, please let your editor or Jim know. We want to thank everyone who helped.

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APRIL

April 25, 26... Spring Jefferson Swap and Car Corral
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI. Call 608-244-8416

April 25, 26..... CCBCA Spring Tour
Shipshewana Inn and surrounding area. Then, Hudson and Studebaker museum on the 26th. Contact Jim Bloomstrand (see page 4)

April 27.....CCBCA Steering Committee Meeting
Planning meeting for the club. Everyone invited. At Russell's BBQ on Algonquin Rd. Contact Jim Bloomstrand or any club officer (see the front page for club officer contact info)

MAY

May 3 - AACA Grayslake Car Show and Swap Meet,
new Lake Cty fairgrounds. Peterson & Midlotian Rds, Grayslake, IL. Jim McDonald - 708-485-3633

May 6Chapter Meeting
FOOD Pantry Night; bring a donation

May 9.....CCBCA Spring Dust-Off car show;
At Crossroads Buick-Chevrolet in West Chicago, IL

May 12-16GS Club 28th Annual GS Nationals
Bowling Green, KY

May 14-17AACA (Antique Auto Club) Tour to Auburn, IN

JUNE

June 3Chapter Meeting
Old Car Night; Drive your antique or collector car to the meeting

June 3-6.....'53-'54 Skylark National Meet
Contact Art Lostumo, Jr. (see ad at left)

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- Or email FPennings@New.rr.com



Happy Birthday

May 7	Robin Bray	May 23	Brad Buell
May 7	Jim Walsh	May 24	Mary Barnes
May 9	Lorine Kortus	May 25	Dan Dziedzic
May 14	Art Lostumo, Sr.	May 27	Bill Kubik
May 15	Helen Roth	May 29	Andy Ivashchenko
May 20	Robert Widomski	May 30	Sean Fedora
May 22	Ron Johnson	May 31	Joan Ryan



Happy Anniversary

May 4	Jerry and Dar Michalak
May 7	George and Bonnie Peska
May 7	Jim Walsh
May 15	John and Helen Roth
May 17	Ken and Susan Malone
May 19	Dale and Ruth Egeland
May 26	Art Sr. and Evelyn Lostumo
May 31	Don and Joan Ryan

Tech Tips: -

Fluid Loss: Your radiator is leaking and you're in the middle of no-where. There's no repair shop in sight.

Quick Fix: Dump in a small container of ground black pepper. The pepper won't dissolve, but instead it will remain in suspension in the fluid. This will temporarily plug minor leaks until you can get to a repair shop.

Basement Odors: Try taking a shower. If that doesn't help, it could be that the water in the drain trap has evaporated, allowing odors to come up from the sewer. You could add water, but for little-used floor drains, pour non-toxic anti-freeze (RV anti-freeze) into the drain. It doesn't evaporate as fast as water.

NOTE - There is no Chapter Meeting for the month of July!

--Steering Meeting is now on April 27th,
Monday, at Russell's Barbeque -
6:30pm

885 Algonquin Rd. (1 mile east of Route
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CCBCA Spring Tour to Northern Indiana

**April 25th and 26th
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Minutes by Brad

April, 2009



Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Director Jim Bloomstrand.

No new members present.

Joe Petrik is still missing and believed to be "faking it." Danny Dziedzic is undergoing surgery and everyone wishes him a speedy recovery. Heartfelt condolences go out to Ron Johnson on the passing of his wife, Adrienne.

Guest Speaker:

Frank Tarpey introduced his friend Michael Schultz from Turtle Wax. Michael has been with Turtle Wax for 25-years as a Product Developer. Marvel Mystery Oil is owned by Turtle Wax. We were given a presentation on all of the latest Turtle Wax products with suggestions on how to cure problems with our car's paint. Questions and answers to particular problems were also addressed.

BOPC Swap Report:

BOPC was held over the previous weekend and 833 people came through the gate. Jim Bloomstrand gave congratulations to Bob Bezingue, Steve Kelly, and the entire team that helped out at the event.

Bob Bezingue took the podium and thanked everyone by name that participated in some way. Final figures will be forthcoming.

Other Event News:

The ChiTown Cruise is on for 2009, but there is no car show after cruising.

No Treasurer's Report due to Rick taking some vacation time.

Coker Tire Group Order:

Scott Mich is putting together an order for Coker tires. Please contact Scott if you'd like to participate.

Next meeting is May 6th and that is a Food Pantry night. The June meeting will include a presentation by NAPA.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Brad

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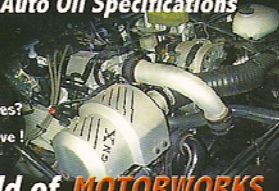
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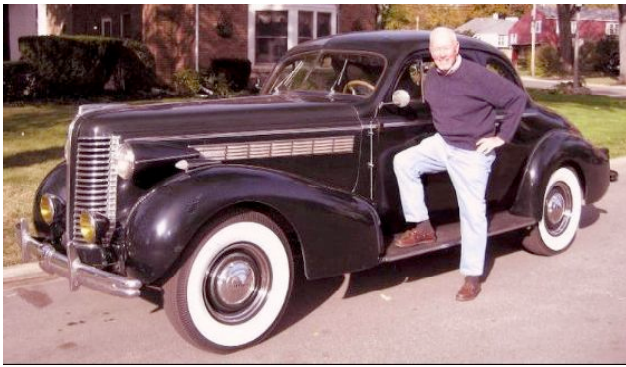


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See October Buick Bugle write up on page 16.

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Rear Bumper, '85 LeSabre

Rich Sima 630-533-2272 (1)



BOPC Swap a Lot of Fun Despite Strange Weather

Bob Bezingue

The 18th annual Buick-Olds-Pontiac and Cadillac swap meet went on as planned on Sunday, March 29th. Mother Nature tried her darndest to stop us, but the vendors and customers would not be stopped. A freak snowstorm Saturday night, after vendor setup on Saturday, threatened to reduce attendance. However, over 800 people went through the door, and all but just a few vendors were there.

Many of the "old-timers" were there, these people being the vendors who have been loyal participants for many years. But we also saw some new sellers, who brought parts we have not seen before from garages and basements. The economy has encouraged many to sell what they have been holding onto in the past.



Some of the many shoppers at the swap meet

really appreciate the effort everyone made to come out in the bad weather. Rick Schick and Melanie Mauser did a great job at the main entrance taking in the admission fees, making change, and hand-stamping entrants.



Gene Johnson and Bob Widomski were two of the many volunteers manning the doors.



Special thanks goes out to Dan Dziedzic and son Jason. Dan came out and helped all day even though he was going in for surgery on the following Wednesday.

A lot of customers and the sellers treat this as not only a swap meet but also a chance to swap stories with old friends. A lot of the Chicagoland BCA members showed up to help. The Chicagoland club officers and I, the show chairman,

Thanks again to all who came out. Special thanks to Kevin Kinney and Paul and Kris Syrdal, who came all the way from Minnesota to help Saturday and Sunday. Please see the list of those who helped on page 2, in Jim Bloomstrand's director's notes.



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**April Meet Guest Speaker
Turtle Wax Representative**

The guest speaker at the April chapter meeting was Michael Schultz, Product Developer at Turtle Wax. Turtle Wax is the leading car wax product and Michael was here to demonstrate the latest and most popular products, the ICE line of finish protectants.

Turtle wax is a local company – started on the north side of Chicago. The original product was called Plastone, but a visit to Turtle Creek near Beloit gave Ben Hirsch the idea to call it Turtle Wax. The company is family owned and operated since its founding in the 40's.



Michael Schultz explains the many car care products to the CCBCA audience.

The company also sells other well-known products such as Marvel Mystery Oil, and CD2 engine treatment, which was originally developed for Buick before detergent oil was available. The company's most popular product other than wax is the headlight lens restorer kit. 15,000 units are sold a month.

Michael discussed how to remove wax without adding swirl marks, the special challenges of black cars (you GN guys take note) and interior care. Also, do you know which is the LEAST durable car color? It also happens to be the most popular. No, it's not black, but silver. Silver paint has a high pigment-to-resin ratio, which means reduced durability.

If you did not attend the meeting, you missed your chance to ask questions about appearance car chemicals and the use, and the myths surrounding some of them. *Watch for our next guest speaker.*

-Bob Bezingue

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