



BOMBSIGHT

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The Los Angeles Chapter Logo reflects who we are and what we do. Our members' cars are often used in motion picture and TV productions.



Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the automobiles built by The Buick Motor Division.

Steve's Corner



With most pleasant memories of the L.A. Chapter Christmas Party at the Smoke House on December 3rd, I want to wish every BCAer a Happy New Year.

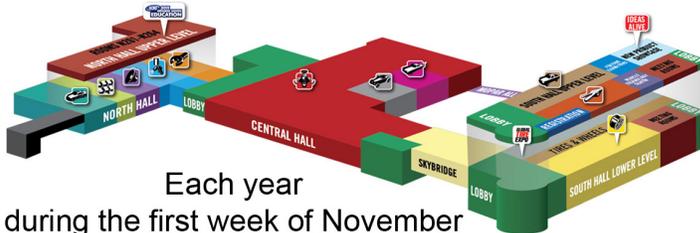
Join us at the next meeting, February 13th, and help us coordinate our events and tours schedule at a time that is best for you.

Burt Kaminsky's Road Rally is rescheduled for February 26th at 9:00 a.m. We will meet behind the Ralph's at Winnekta and Ventura Blvd. The cost is \$10 per person and you will need a navigator! Bring a pencil & paper. We anticipate a finish time for lunch between 11:30-12:30 for those who are interested. Participants will be responsible for their own lunch, although Burt will try to negotiate a reduced-price menu. Please call Burt or Kathy Kaminsky at 818-709-7979 to RSVP. The more the merrier, so please tell your friends!

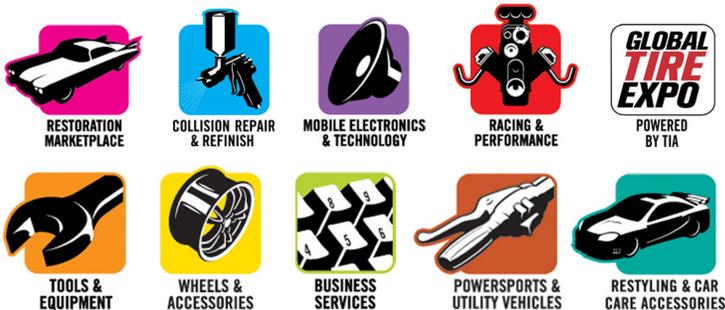
Gideon Fridman is recovering from a stroke and we wish him well.

Editor's Note: Our sincere condolences to Steve and the Rostam family on the death of his grandmother.

SEMA SHOW 2011 | SEMA MEANS SPECIALTY EQUIPMENT MARKETING ASSOCIATION



Each year during the first week of November SEMA attracts 106,000 attendees and 1,739 exhibitors to a facility of 735,200 sq. ft.



Each year the gigantic convention center in Las Vegas is turned over to an association that calls itself SEMA. Here you can select and purchase all new parts and equipment necessary to produce the show car in the picture above. The reader might say, "That looks as if it is simply a restored 1943 Ford. Why didn't the owner just go to a junk yard and pick up the parts?" Up until recently the original parts were not available new. But now, through SEMA, new parts are available. Additionally, new body parts, now produced by a process called reverse engineering, result in uniform dimensions that allow the parts to fit together perfectly. If the owner wants his show car to be a high performance beauty, the engine and parts for that are available at SEMA.



Norm Adams, a friend of the LA Chapter, sent a photo of the beautifully restored 1954 Buick above. The restorer, Troy Trepanier, has successfully coordinated and matched the interior colors with the earth colors of the car's exterior. But what is unique is that the drivetrain came from a totaled 2007 G55 AMG Mercedes-Benz. The owner wanted to salvage it, so Trepanier suggested putting it in a 1954 Buick. The challenge was to mesh the wiring of the 4-wheel drive Mercedes to the 2-wheel drive Buick. In spite of reworking the bumpers a bit, they were very respectful of Buick's classic lines. To complete the makeover, it was dressed up with custom wheels, and for the final touch the Buick name was applied to them. *Paul Mochel*

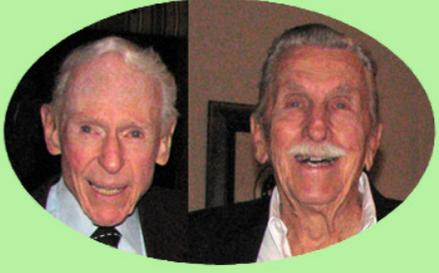


Baker Electric at the Horseless Carriage Club 2012 Holiday Motor Excursion

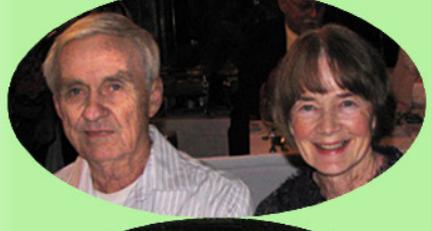


1915 Buick Touring at the Horseless Carriage Club 2012 Holiday Motor Excursion

Los Angeles Chapter 2011 Christmas Party



Photos and arrangement by Paula Mochel





2012 HOLIDAY



MOTOR EXCURSION



Buick
At a National Horseless Carriage Tour

Susan and Peter May are *at speed* in their 1911 Model 14B Buick. This photo was taken at a town called Sale in country Victoria during a tour in 2000. In 1998 Peter obtained the remains of a flat, twin-cylinder Buick engine and radiator from New South Wales (the state north of Victoria). The Mays were lucky enough to track down, in Colorado, the skeleton of a chassis with transmission intact, weathered but mostly there.



Studebaker
At the 2012 Holiday Motor Excursion

Tom Markey, owner and restorer of this handsome 1915 model SD 4-cylinder Studebaker Roadster, has completed the last 8 annual tours as a member of the Southern California Horseless Carriage Club. His friend Patricia Bilheimer can scarcely be seen. She's there all bundled up as the tour begins to assemble at dawn. Originally the cars had to be vintage 1916 or older, but the age limit has recently been increased to 1932.

