



BOMBSIGHT

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The Los Angeles Chapter Logo reflects who we are and what we do. Our members' cars are 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



Hey, Guys, don't miss a single meeting and go to www.buickclub.org/losangeles regularly. There are going to be more things going on than you can imagine.

Here's a partial list:

Sunday, September 14th, Cruz'n For Roses, South Pasadena.

Friday to Sunday, September, 19-21st, Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance, at Trump National Golf Club.

Friday to Sunday September 26-28th, AACA Western National Fall Meet, San Diego.

Sunday, October 19th, Olds, Buick, Pontiac Show. Enderle Center, Tustin.

Don't miss the September 8th meeting. We want you to help decide where the 2008 Christmas party is going to be and what the menu should be.

On July 16th through the 19th the Buick Club of America celebrated its homecoming in Flint, MI and Buick's 105th anniversary, plus the 100 year anniversary of General Motors. It is important to know something of Flint history in order to appreciate this spectacular event, which was hosted by the Buicktown Chapter.

In 1886 through the efforts of Wm. C. Durant and J. Dallas Dort, Flint became the world's largest producer of horse drawn vehicles. Durant realized in 1903 that he could go farther and faster without the horse, in a vehicle called Buick. By 1908 Durant had gathered Buick suppliers and several other small auto manufacturers in order to create General Motors. 80 million Buicks and 95 years later, Buicks are now being produced not in Flint, but in other cities such as Fairfax, KS, and countries such as Mexico and Canada. And in this 21st century global economy, we shouldn't be surprised to find Buick factories in China.

Monday, 7:00 P.M.

September 8, 2008

Flint Invites Her Buicks Home For All To See at the National Meet



1912

The Durant Plaza was filled with 588 wonderfully restored Buicks. The Buicktown Chapter, Co-Chairperson Roberta Vasilow, and the people of Flint were out to make our day special. Larry Gustin presented a multi-media video showing rare clips of William C. Durant and his creation of General Motors 100 years ago. This rich history is depicted in Gustin's book, "Billy Durant." His book is certainly required reading for those interested in Buick or General Motors history.



1930 Marquettes



1930, story in June 2008 Bugle



1959



1915, story in July 2008 Bugle



1953



1938



1933



*Old is new and new is old
in the Buick Gallery at Flint*



*Concept Car
designed by Chuck Jordan
displayed in the Buick Gallery at Flint*



1931

A large tent was erected outside the Sloan Museum to provide shelter against the rain for the older cars and convertibles. A sudden cloudburst brought out Buick owners with dry towels and we scurried to the Buick Gallery. Another large tent was set up behind the museum permitting us to enjoy a sumptuous homecoming banquet.



1932



1932



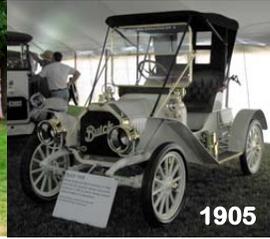
1956



1950'S



1907



1905



1950'S



1929



1921



1930



1925



Harley Earl's Y-Job



Although it is small and a little bit cramped, GM's Buick Gallery and Research Center maintains some of the world's most exciting vehicles.



Concept car designed by Bill Mitchell



Wildcat



Concept car designed by Bill Mitchell



Chuck Jordan's Centurion

The early history of Flint as a lumber-producing city is well documented, and is exhibited in a series of full-sized dioramas complete with figures dressed in the apparel of the time, as they would have been while going about their daily tasks. The scenes are located in the Sloan Museum, which includes a well stocked gift shop.

The GM Gems of Nicola Bulgari

The museum proudly exhibited Nicola Bulgari's 10 favorite General Motors automobiles. This includes his favorite Buick, a 1935 Model 96-S, a 1949 Buick Estate Wagon once owned by Bette Davis, a 1950 Oldsmobile 88 convertible, and a 1932 Cadillac V12 limousine. Bulgari is the vice-chairman of the internationally known jewelry firm BVLGARI.



GM HERITAGE CENTER

One day of the homecoming activities was spent at the General Motors Heritage Center. It is the repository for most of the experimental and production cars made by GM. We went in busses as it is located some distance from Flint. Sandwiches and beverages were provided at midday.



1912 Oldsmobile



GM World Headquarters

The GM Renaissance Center shown in the model below consists of seven interconnected skyscrapers. More than 10,000 people (of which 6,000 are GM employees) work in the complex. The Ren Cen includes a hotel, restaurants, a conference hall, shops, and a multi-screen theater and entertainment center.

