

2012 BPG Nationals Handbook

Class of '87 and Big Boat Bash





Exclusive Inside:

Everything you always wanted to know about the 2012 BPG Nationals

THE BUICK PERFORMANCE GROUP

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The Buick Performance Group is a non-profit memberrun organization. We value all input from our members, and we could love to include your car, tech tips, and any article that you would like to take the time to submit to us.

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August is my favorite time of year

Can you believe how many issues of the Build Sheet you've received since last September? Well, here is ANOTHER Special Edition! This issue is designed to hold all the information you need to enjoy the 2012 BPG Nationals. This issue will be handed out at the event, but you have first dibs at it.

Planning this event has been more work than you can believe. There are literally thousands of decisions that have been made and there will be thousands more right up until the last payouts have been made to the racers and Show winners.

Huh? Did I just say "Payouts to Show Winners? You read that right. Thanks to very generous donations from a standard core of devoted members, this year the Big Boat Bash will be paying \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place in each of the six "Director's Choice" Show classes.

These payouts are totally separate from the payouts the BPG will be making for the race classes. NO FUNDS have been diverted from the coffers of the racers. The Big Boat Bash Show payouts are 100% donated by members.

Also, there will be special events to honor the 25th anniversary of the Class of '87: The 1987 GN and GNX. There will be a Q&A session with Buick GN/GNX engineers and former members of ASC/McLaren. Ever wondered how the Corvette engineers felt when the GN and GNX were produced? Here's your chance to hear stories first hand. Hint: the Corvette people weren't too happy. After all, they were getting handed their lunch by a mundane Buick grocery-getter! The tales are legendary, so come listen and be thoroughly entertained.

I begin planning my vacation around the BPG Nationals on the 9 hour drive home from the

event every year. I don't know why, but at age 52 I still get a giddy thrill out of driving my big honkin' Riviera across the state of PA and into the Ohio valley. 9 hours each way doesn't bother me one bit, especially when I'm in a line of beautiful Buicks on the turnpike, getting stares and thumbs-up from other motorists. I get melancholy when I finally pull into the garage late at night and listen as the rumble from the cammed up exhaust cuts off. It is then that I realize that I have to wait a whole year to do it again.

We have shortened the event to just Friday and Saturday, with Sunday as a rain date for racing. This was done out of sheer financial prudence. We save many thousands of dollars to not rent the track on Sunday. With the only people at the track on Sunday being the racers, we feel it will be more fun for all involved to do the racing while there are a few thousand spectators at the track on Saturday. Let's give them something to watch!

We have also rearranged the show field so all vendors and show cars are in one area for maximum viewing potential. We think you'll find the changes more hospitable for all attendees. Stop by the Club Tent behind the Grandstands, buy an event shirt and say Hi! We want to meet all members, new and old.

Yardley BPG #1033 Jeff@the-comp-doc.com

Send Me Your BPG Nationals Pictures

I will be taking as many pictures as I can during the event, but I can always use more pictures to show everyone just how much fun we all had. So if you took any pictures please feel free to send as many as you want to me for inclusion in future issues of The Build Sheet. Share your memories with the BPG!

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We are offering 4 levels of sponsorship: **Platinum, Gold, Silver, & Bronze**. (see attached Sponsor registration form on page 10)

Founded in May 2002, the *Buick Performance Group* is a non-profit membership-driven organization dedicated to the performance, preservation, maintenance, and restoration of Buick-powered performance cars. The BPG currently has over 550 members nationally and internationally and growing!!

In return for your generous support you will receive a complimentary copy of the club newsletter, *The Build Sheet*, acknowledging your sponsorship. Also, your company will be recognized by verbal public announcements throughout the event. We anticipate a showing of over 400 cars and 1,200 spectators. We are also offering free membership to the BPG with Sponsorship over \$250.

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2012 BPG Nationals Event Schedule

(Times and Schedule subject to change.)

Friday

8 am - Gates open

9 am - Tech opens

From start to finish, open test and tune in lane 6. Test and tune will be run mostly in the morning and in between qualifying rounds throughout the day.

11am - 1st round qualifying for BCO. You MUST make at least 2 of 3 qualifying runs to compete.

Noon - Restoration Clinic in the gazebo with Duane Heckman and Brad Conley.

1 pm - 2nd round qualifying for BCO.

1 pm - 1st round of Gamblers Race #1. \$20 to enter, 100% payback! Each round will take place after a 30 minute cool-down period until finished.

3 pm - 3rd and final qualifying for BCO.

4 pm - Big Boat Challenge 1st round eliminations. Each round will take place after 30 minute cooldown period until finished.

6 pm - BCO first round of eliminations. Pairing up behind the crosswalk in the staging lanes. 45 minute cool-down time before next round.

7 pm - Finishline Furious Four 1st round qualifying! 1 hour cool down before the last qualifying session

7 pm - 1st round of Gamblers Race #2. \$20 to enter, 100% payback! Each round will take place after 30 minute cool-down period until finished. Locals can participate in this race with their \$20.

8 pm - TSO, THS, TSM first round qualifying.

8 pm - Finishline Furious Four 2nd and final round qualifying.

8:30 pm- First round Q16 qualifying.

9:30 pm - First round Furious Four!

10:30 pm - Final round of Furious Four and end of our Friday Night Program.

Saturday

8 am - Gates open

8 am –Noon - Car show (all race and spectator tickets include car show entrance except for concours judging).

9 am -Noon - Open test and tune.

Noon – GNX Presentation in Jegs Suite in tower.

Noon - Drivers meeting at base of tower.

12:30 pm - 1st round qualifying for Quick 16.

1 pm - 1st round qualifying for Turbo Heads Up Classes : TSO TSM THS

1:30 pm - 2nd round qualifying for Quick 16.

2 pm - 2nd round qualifying for Turbo Heads Up Class.

2 pm - Open test and tune and possible directors choice race.

Eliminations will be run in the following order:

Q16, TSO, TSM, THS, Bracket 2, Bracket 1 until all are complete. 2nd round will begin 1 hour after Q16s first round.





My Ups and Downs of Degreeing a Camshaft

by Michael Tomaszewski Jr.

During the recent rebuild of my Buick 350, when it was time to degree the cam, my dad, Mike Tomaszewski, showed me how to set everything up and the procedure of degreeing the cam. I had a 0.365" Lift, 231/231 @ 0.050" duration, 113 degree lobe separation TA Hydraulic Roller Cam ground for the engine running 1.65 TA Roller Rockers. However, when degreeing the cam on Cylinder #1, it was coming out as 230/236 at 111 degrees. My dad told me that the angle of the indicator can make a difference in the reading that you will get; if the indicator isn't straight with the centerline of the lifter you will get an inaccurate reading, which I observed. Being this was my first time degreeing a cam, I reset everything and degreed it a second time with very similar results. I notified my dad of my results and this time he set everything up and degreed it and he too



had very similar numbers. Our first thought was that the camshaft may have been ground incorrectly, so I degreed the cam on Cylinder #6 to verify the readings. The result? 231/231 at 113 degree lobe separation, just as it should be. Now we were puzzled, one cylinder checked out ok but the other was way off.

Dad had just invested in a Cam Pro Plus Camshaft Measurement System the week prior for measuring and analyzing lifter and valve motion profiles and checking camshaft accuracy. It allows us to precisely measure duration, opening, closing, centerline, lobe separation, and much more information about a camshaft





including the ability to verify the cam grind to make sure it was ground correctly. It was the perfect opportunity to try out the new machine, so I setup my cam and one hour later had measured all of the lobes. The results were surprising; every lobe on my cam checked out at 231/231 at 113 LS with very little variation. This was quite the learning experience for us. Dad had always thought that the Buick engine blocks were machined very well, but after this event, we learned that this isn't necessarily true. We theorize that either the camshaft isn't in the centerline of the lifter bores, or the angle of the lifter bores are off a slight amount which will cause the opening and closing events to be altered. The downside to this is that while my cam was ground correctly at 231/231 at 113 degrees LS, Cylinder #1 sees a cam that is 230/236 at 111 degrees (we did not degree all 8 cylinders).

Occasionally we have had customers that ordered a cam call us and report that the cam would not degree correctly, but when we sent it back to the cam grinder to be checked they would say that everything was ok. Now it makes sense, some blocks are better than others; the block is not a good verification tool. So the next time you degree a camshaft and it doesn't match the specifications on the cam card, there's a posibility its the block.

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2012 Event Pricing

We have taken some time to adjust pricing based on feed back from members and non-members and have come up with a new pricing structure for 2012. We have adjusted the pricing on spectator tickets to allow you to enter your car into the Show area as a spectator. The Big Boat Show will be a "Director's Choice" with CASH PAYOUTS. More information on page 7 in this publication.

You do not need to be a BPG member to attend or show. There is no Registration fee. There is no Parking Fee. All Vendor space is free. Swap meet area is free - just pay spectator price. Included in all tickets is free Car Show except for concours judging.

2012 Friday

As always, children under 16 are free.

\$20 spectator member

\$25 spectator non-member

\$50 member racing before 6PM all makes/models

\$60 non-member racing before 6pm all makes/models

\$25 racing after 6PM all makes/models

\$15 spectator after 6pm ladies free

2012 Saturday

As always, children under 16 are free.

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Pre-Registration allowed for members only. The form is on page 8 in this publication.

Refunds in the event of a track rain-out only...Sunday is rain out date if Event cannot be finished on Saturday.

Unused tickets can be rolled over to next year with a BPG BOD's signature prior to the end of Event.

Tickets can be upgraded from spectator to race.

All other ticket issues will be addressed on a case by case basis.

Big Boat Bash Car Show

The BPG will be offering CASH Payouts for Big Boat Bash participants ONLY.

This Show is judged as a "Director's Choice" only. Our Director, Yardley, is open minded and very fair. Awards will NOT be determined on whether or not participants are club members or friends with the Director! But telling him all about your car can't hurt! Winning vehicles will not be judged on factory-correctness. While having the original radiator cap is cool, our Director looks at the car as a whole. If you've modified it, are the mods done well? Is it functional? Does it have an "oddball" factor? Anything goes. A near-perfect restoration will be given equal consideration with a primered car that has been carefully cut and modified but is still under construction.

Each of the six classes will receive a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award. You MAY enter multiple cars, but be aware that we will award the cash as fairly as possible so that all participants have an equal chance to go home with fond memories of the 2012 BPG Nationals and a happy dollar in their pocket.

Prizes are as follows:

First Place pays \$75. Second Place pays \$50. Third Place pays \$25.

There are only SIX Classes:

1962 and older 1963 to 1965 1966 to 1970 1971 to 1973 1974 to 1976 1977 and newer

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- All year Rivieras qualify.

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Spectator and Race ticket gets you into the car show for free on Saturday Concours Judging is \$40 member on Saturday (\$50 non member)

BPG Member "Early Registration" Ticket Pricing

Race Ticket is \$45.00 per day 2	X (quantity) = \$	(total)
Spectator Ticket is \$15.00 per c	day X (quantity) = \$	(total)
Concours Show Ticket is \$35.00	0 X (quantity) = \$	(total)
Grand Total \$		

There is no limit to the amount of tickets a Member may pre-purchase, however, there will be no refund for unused tickets. Tickets can be upgraded at event with cost difference between pre-purchase and regular Event Ticket Pricing.

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- Verbal sponsorship recognition throughout event
- Your banner along track fence for greatest exposure

GOLD Level -- \$500

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- ♦ 3 Free event T-Shirts
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- Half page ad in Event brochure
- Verbal sponsorship recognition throughout event
- Your banner along track fence for greatest exposure

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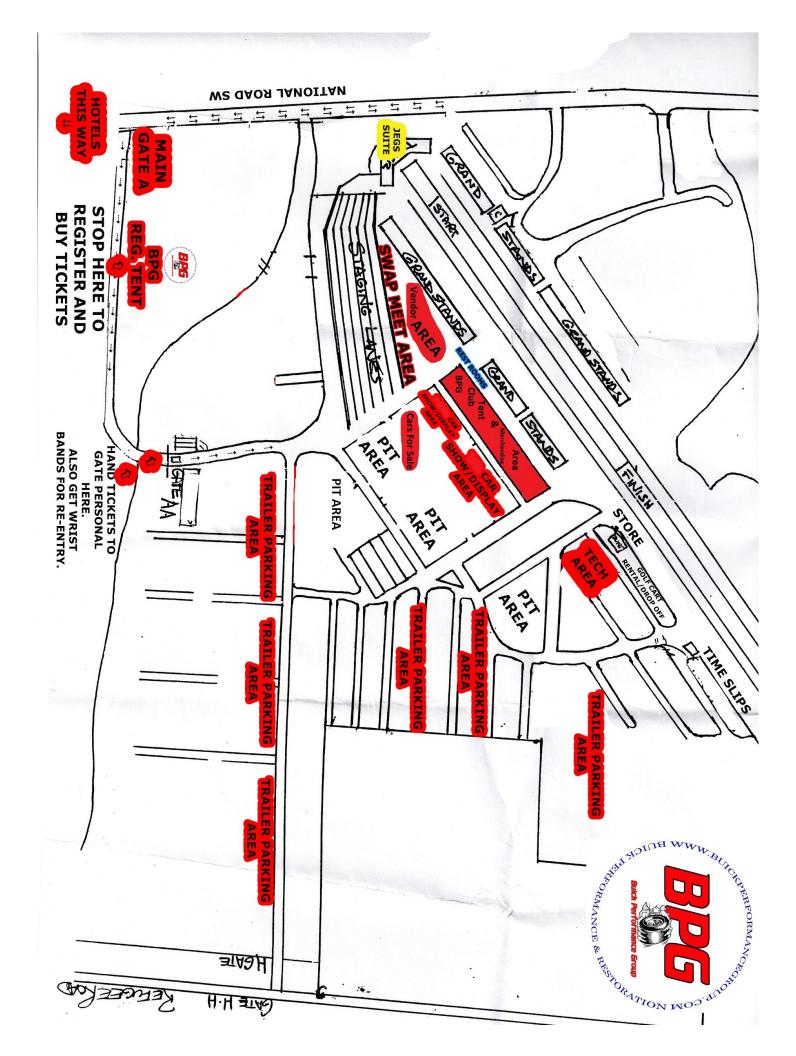
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- **Photos:** One photo per ad, please. Each photo is \$15.00. All photos are black and white.
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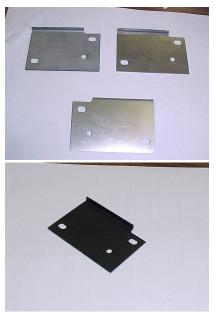
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