

The Breakdown

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Letter from the President

by Dan Grzybek

Well another year has come and gone and to no surprise to anyone the final newsletter of 2018 is late. The BOA had a very eventful year and I would like to say thanks to all the membership that worked hard at all the events to make it a great year.

We pulled off our 35th anniversary car show even though we delt with some wet weather again. We were able to keep the crowd entertained and feed and overall was a good day.

In this issue we have the follow up article to last issue following Janet and Larry's epic vacation of the Parks last year. Thanks Janet for writing it all for us to enjoy.

Also we have some upcoming events for 2019 that will be new and exciting for us as well as maintaining some other events we have done before. We will have a BOA day at the Pierce Arrow museum, will be joining the Pontiac club once again for their Canadian bowling outing once again. We will have our summer drive again as well as the 36th annual autumn sports classic. If anyone has any ideas for events please get a hold of Jim Borkman or come on down to a meeting. Its sure to be an eventful year!

As always we could use any newsletter articles anyone wants to write. It could be a simple tip or tech article, or a restaurant review, or even a recipe you would like to share.

For 2019 Peter Calabrese has volunteered to take over the newsletter editor position. I thank Pete very much for this as I have felt a little overwhelmed with every thing thats been going on both in and out of the club. Pete and I will work on the first issue together and than if it goes well he will take the reigns from there. Pete has edited the newsletter in the past and I'm sure he will do a tremendous job, probably better than me!

Ok enough rambling enjoy the final issue of 2018.

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35th Anniversary ASC Results

| Class | Place | First Name | Last Name | Car | Model | Year |
|-------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------|
| A | 1st | Don & Pat | Bogdan | MG | B | 1974 |
| A | 2nd | Bob & Gloria | Cook | MG | B | 1974 |
| A | 3rd | Joe & Kathy | Gioffre | MG | B | 1965 |
| A | HM | Karl | Weber | MG | B | 1970 |
| B | 1st | Larry | Vito | MG | B | 1976 |
| B | 2nd | Roy | Doel | MG | B | 1978 |
| B | 3rd | Alex | Benitez | MG | B | 1976 |
| D-1 | 1st | Jerry | Emling | Triumph | TR-6 | 1974 |
| D-1 | 2nd | William | Henningson | Triumph | TR-3A | 1961 |
| D-1 | 3rd | Skip | Gould | Triumph | TR-250 | 1968 |
| D-2 | 1st | John | Damico | Triumph | TR-7 | 1980 |
| D-2 | 2nd | Tom | Luksch | Triumph | Spitfire | 1978 |
| D-2 | 3rd | Dan | Grzbek | Triumph | Spitfire | 1976 |
| E | 1st | Jim | Borkman | A-H | Bugeye | 1960 |
| E | 2nd | John | Leible | MG | Midget | 1979 |
| F | 1st | Ed | McDonnell | Jaguar | XK-120 | 1953 |
| F | 2nd | Darlene | Powers | Jaguar | XK-120 | 2003 |
| G | 1st | Paul | Bogdan | Chevy | Corvette | 1969 |
| G | 2nd | Joe | Mannarino | Chevy | Corvette | 1968 |
| G | 3rd | Carl | Domescek | Chevy | Corvette | 1975 |
| H-1 | 1st | John | Gawron | Chrysler | Windsor | 1975 |
| H-1 | 2nd | James | Calabrese | Ford | Fairlane | 1959 |
| H-1 | 3rd | Robert | Janosz | Ford | Galaxie | 1963 |
| H-i | HM | Anjie | Grzybek | Chevy | Nova | 1963 |
| H-2 | 1st | Sharon | Kerr | Buick | LeSabre | 1967 |
| H-2 | 2nd | Paul | Marchewska | Chevy | Pickup | 1963 |
| H-2 | 3rd | Gary | Swiatowy | Chevy | Courvair | 1965 |
| H-2 | HM | Christy | Falter | Plymouth | Valiant | 1965 |
| I-1 | 1st | Roxanne | Swain | Pontiac | LeMans | 1972 |
| I-1 | 2nd | Ann | Busch | Buick | LeSabre | 1976 |
| I-1 | 3rd | Gerald | Aquilina | Cadillac | Allante | 1993 |
| I-2 | 1st | Peter | Gee | Chrysler | P.T Cruiser | 2006 |
| I-2 | 2nd | Mike | Kachurek | Pontiac | Firebird | 1995 |
| I-2 | 3rd | Larry | McFarland | Chrysler | P.T Cruiser | 2007 |
| K | 1st | Bruce | Lutgen | Buick | Skylark | 1971 |
| L | 1st | Jerry & Barb | Thompson | A-H | 3000 | 1966 |
| L | 2nd | Elton | Schulz | A-H | 3000 | 1963 |
| L | 3rd | Valerie | Oleksik | Morris | Minor | 1967 |
| M | 1st | Carl | Jennings | Mazda | Miata | 2015 |
| N | 1st | Keith | Kresianko | Fiat | Spider | 1980 |
| N | 2nd | Eugene | Przybyl | BMW | Z-3 | 2001 |
| N | 3rd | Owen | Stacey | Fiat | Abarth | 2012 |
| N | HN | Patrick | Carmody | Porsche | Carrera S | 2009 |
| N | HN | Alfred | Bingerheimer | Porsche | Targa | 1987 |

SPECIAL AWARDS

Best Engine

Bruce Lutgen
1971 Buick Skylark

Best Interior

Will Henningson
1961 Triumph TR-3

Best Paint

Ed McDonald
1953 Jaguar XK-120

Peoples Choice

Ed McDonald
1953 Jaguar XK-120

Best of Show

John Gawron
1957 Chrysler Windsor

Upcoming Events

Always Check The
Website for full details.
Buffalomg.com

-Mon Feb. 11th. meeting @
Otto's 7:30pm

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Otto's 7:30pm

-Sun. March 24th Canadian
bowling with Pontiac Club.

-March 29-31 Buffalo Motora-
ma. Bflo Convention Center

-Sat April 6th BOA @ The
Pierce Arrow & Lunch @
Chef's after

-Mon April 8th meeting @
Otto's 7:30pm

-Sun April 21st Ancaster
British swap meet

Sunday March 24th 2019

The BOA has once again been invited to join the WNY chapter of the Pontiac club in their annual Canadian Bowling outing. This is 5 pin duck pin bowling. Different from what we have in the states.

Cost is \$8.50 payable day of. That includes 2 games of bowling and shoe rental. Event starts @ 1pm

Carrol's Lanes

7 Klauck st,

Fort Erie, ON L2A 3P2, Canada

Take Peace Bridge and Central Ave/Niagara 124/Regional Road 124 to Klauck St in Fort Erie, Canada

There is also an optional dinner after at:

The Barrel Italian Kitchen

224 Garrison Rd,

Fort Erie, ON L2A 1M7, Canada

Menu can be found on their website <http://thebarrel.ca/>
Please let Dan Grzybek know if you plan on attending by March 17th so we can plan the correct number of lanes.

Either by phone @ 430-5205 or by email
president@buffalomg.com

This is a fun event and the Pontiac club has been doing it for a number of years and this year have extended their invitation to the BOA. Its only about a 20 min drive from Cheektowaga to the bowling lanes. If any other directions are needed contact Dan Grzybek. Hope to see some members in attendance!



Traveling the National Parks Part 2

by Janet Vito

June 20th - Denver - Vail - Moab, Utah - Today we ascended into the foothills of the Rockies crossing the Continental Divide on way to Vail founded 1966 at the base of the largest ski mountain in the U.S. Ride very scenic with snow-capped Rockies and red-rock mountains... traveled through Eisenhower Tunnel... highest elevation traveled today 11,300 ft. Arrived at Vail with time for lunch and to explore this beautiful alpine village/ski area and Betty Ford Botanical Gardens...

- We followed Colorado River to Moab, Utah... River is 1,300 miles long extending into Baha California Bay and forming the basis of the Grand Canyon... Very scenic drive - Grand Mesa - largest in the world - flat top - 500 miles with 30 lakes... traveled Highway 128 - 44 miles of the most beautiful mountain scenery on way to Moab, Utah... Border of Utah and Colorado professional photographer took group picture with mountain background entering City of Moab... Following arrival at hotel, went for dinner Italian Restaurant, Pasta Joe - Very large portions, took left overs for next day dinner at hotel... Bed time 9:45 p.m. ... expecting very warm next day, will leave early morning to visit Arches and Canyonlands National Parks...

June 21st - Arches - Canyonlands National Parks - 7:45 a.m. arrived Arches National Park, over 70,000 acres and home to largest 2000 sandstone arches... Became National Park 1971 - wind and rain eroded the sandstone into natural arches most famous is the Double Arch... rock formations included "3 Gossips (Sisters) and "Parade of Elephants"... Outstanding sites!

- Next stop 12 Noon - Canyonlands National Park, over 700,000 acres - LBJ signed for Canyonlands to be National Park during 1960s... Named - "Island in the Sky" on the top of a mesa... Canyon formed by the Colorado and Green Rivers... View from 6,000 feet, Green River Overlook, magnificent... beautiful sites of Canyon from Grand View Overlook followed with driving down the mountain to Visitor Center...

- Back to Moab/Best Western Hotel approximately 1:45 p.m. - very warm 100 degrees... had lite lunch, took nap, up 5:15 p.m. - took short walk bought 2-T shirts and Coors lite beer for our left over pasta dinner/garlic bread... What a way to end a great day in two beautiful National Parks! ... Learned of the passing of Charles Krauthammer, 68 years old...

June 22nd - 7:45 a.m. - Expecting another very hot day on our journey to Cortez, CO, Mesa Verde National Park and Monument Valley... Between AD 600 - 1300, Ancestral Puebloan people carved houses and entire communities out of the sandstone of the canyon wall at Mesa Verde National Park were 1200-1300 people lived in 80 room "Square Tower House" + 100-120 people lived in "Cliff Palace"... Mesa Verde became National Park in 1906... Currently there are 3,000,000 native-Americans...

- First Cortez, City Market - comfort stop, pick up food for outdoor picnic lunch on top of Mesa Verde in the National Park... Following lunch saw remnants of Square Tower House and Cliff Palace... Watched 1948 movie "Forte Apache" with John Wayne filmed in Monument Valley... Good old Cowboy movie on way to Bluff Utah and Monument Valley! ... Landscape from CO to Utah was flat/desert like... saw several oil drills working/pipelines... Very dry/sandy...

- Scenic drive to Bluff approaching San Juan River on way to Hotel Gouldings Lodge in Monument Valley... Once across the River, we were in Navajo territory... 20,000 square acres with mud thatched homes known as "Hogan's"... population 300,000 members... no running water today - 1/2 population no electricity... Harry Goulding lived here - got movie productions started - opened up tourism along with John Ford... Back to Gouldings Lodge 5:00 p.m....

- 6:00 p.m. pickup in open/covered safari style van for Navajo cook out dinner in Monument Valley... drove through mountains in desert to get to the cook out with Gouldings Catering... Very rapid, bumpy, rough ride surrounded by mountains... wore bandanas over face to protect from dust... Scenery awesome! Dinner very good - choice of steak, chicken or stir fry (our choice) with corn, baked beans, fried dough, apple walnut cake with strawberry/whip cream... Navajo spoke on history and played drum... back to hotel by 8:00 p.m.... sat outside on balcony watched sunset! Had another great day!

Resturant Review

by Dan Grzybek

The Yelling Goat
205 Central Ave.
Lancaster

So Anj and I decided to try the Yelling Goat again since they had recently re-opened after a fire that had closed the restaurant for a few months. Parking is in a lot next to the restaurant with some on the street for any overflow.

It was a Saturday night at about 7 so we didn't expect to be sat right away. When we got there we were asked if we had a reservation, which we did not. There was no chance to get a table since we didn't have one so we decided to sit at the bar area. We sat right away and the service was pretty fast even though they were extremely busy.

We both ordered a drink as we looked over their menu. The Goat has a very extensive menu having all sorts of different selections. We decided and ordered. We got some hot pretzels as appetizers which came out quick and were delicious.

I ordered a burger which was cooked perfectly they way I ordered it and was huge. Came with a side of seasoned fries as well. Anj got the prime rib selection off the menu. It seamed to be an even larger cut than she ordered. It was prepared perfectly as well. Came with a side of veggies and a dinner salad. The service during the meal was a little slow but overall for how busy they were it was a good experience. One negative was the server forgot Anj's salad, but realized and boxed it up to go for us.

Price wise be prepared to spend \$60 and up for 2 Adults if you have a couple drinks. Pretty fair overall for the quality of the food.



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Classifieds

Parts from my hobby collection

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Toys - MG Models - Posters - Paper Items - MG Art - and more

These items are from my 40 year hobby collection

<http://classicbuff.com/>

1971 Midget parts car
losing storage must go. Decent body parts.
contact Lenore Pawlowski
See buffalomg.com for more info and contact

Be sure to check the facebook page as a few members have posted cars for sale there as well! Also make sure to keep checking the website for any recent updates.

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Traveling the National Parks Part 2

June 23rd - Monument Valley - Grand Canyon National Park - Breakfast outside on balcony followed by a 1 1/2 hour tour of Monument Valley in an open safari truck... bumpy at times, dusty - had to wear face bandanas once again... scenery exquisite...

- Next journey on to Arizona and Grand Canyon thru Navajo territory... landscape flat, desert, some vegetation - Painted Desert brought colors of red to light brown with some rolling hills ... Lunch stop at Cameron, AZ/Trading Post...bought sub sandwiches, ate in garden setting across from Trading Post...

- 12:38 p.m. - Grand Canyon National Park Entrance - North Rim... Breathtaking views of the vast panorama of the Canyon... 5,000,000 years to carve out, 1 mile deep, over 5,000 feet elevation... Park has 5,000,000 visitors each year...

- 2:15 p.m. arrive at Mather Point, South Rim/Visitor Center... Saw mule deer on drive to the South Rim... walked to amphitheater for talk with local specialist on formation of rocks more than 1.7 billion years of geology revealed in the canyon... Excellent lecture - beautiful sites...

- 3:40 p.m. arrive Hotel - Yellow Pine Lodge in the National Park - very nice with balcony... Evening farewell dinner Thanksgiving Style with all the trimmings... Bed time 9:30 p.m. in preparation for early morning plane ride over the canyon...

June 24th - Grand Canyon - Las Vegas - Up very early, had light continental breakfast on balcony, beautiful morning... 7:15 a.m. left for Grand Canyon Airport for plane ride... saw elk/baby crossing road ... Arrive 8:00 a. m. for 45 minute flight over the canyon... colors outstanding, beautiful sites, peaceful, calm ride... 9:10 a.m. bus picked us up for our last day journey to Las Vegas Airport ...

- 10:37 a.m. finds us in Seligman, AZ (pop 450) on the iconic American highway, Route 66 for our morning stop... very unique town, shops, eateries... met man, named Larry, with a 1966 VW car from Brooklyn, NY now retired in Seligman... Nice experience....

- Next travel to Kingman, AZ (pop 28,000) heart of Route 66 - gas \$2.67 - history - mob element - Cosa Nostra lived here away from Vegas ... Lunch Stop Smith's Grocery Store - shared a large fresh made to order sub sandwich/drink... Oh so good!

- 1:30 p.m. on our way to Las Vegas - 2 hours estimate... got glimpses of Black Canyon, Hoover Dam and Lake Mead (some pictures from the bus)...6,000,000 tons of concrete used to build the Dam... 1931 Nevada legalized gambling and prostitution...

- Passed thru Boulder City, very nice homes - saw Rail Road Hotel-Casino... Tour Director played Viva Las Vegas sung by Elvis Presley approaching Vegas... many cheers on the bus!

- 3:15 p.m. arrive Las Vegas International Airport - say final goodbyes to everyone... little emotional after 15 days with wonderful travelers, tour director and bus driver... "Great traveling family"... Check in for plane flight very easy... Had sandwich/beer before boarding plane/6:00 p.m. departure... Nice flight!

June 25th - Home - 1:10 a.m. arrive Buffalo Niagara International Airport... taxi home arrived 2:00 a.m.

TRIP WAS BEYOND OUR EXPECTATIONS!

A ONCE IN A LIFE TIME EXPERIENCE!

GOD BLESS OUR GREAT U. S. A.