



# Upstate Update

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## Director's Message

By John DeFiore



Well, it looks like we made it through the winter months and it's time to break out the warm weather wear! Wait, what the heck was that white stuff on the ground at the end of March, especially after all those sunny, 50-degree days? March sure can be a crazy month! And in my opinion, this has been a crazy winter! It was so warm I finally had no excuse for doing a repair on the GS that I stalled for several years. And now it is ready to go.

And the Club is ready to go as well. As of March, our 2024-2025 year's budget has been approved, and work continues on developing a possible bid for the 2026 BCA National Meet. Voting is ongoing, as I write this, to determine if we should proceed to submit a bid for the show. I would like to have everyone express their opinion on this event.

April will be our last scheduled membership meeting for the summer months. But we do have to finish planning for Cruise Into Summer 15. It will be earlier than Labor Day this year. And we may have to work in a meeting at some point in May. Speaking of May, we will be visiting the annual Rhinebeck Car Show with a group tour to the site for Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Show field parking for Sunday has been arranged. If you head out independently and want to, just ask for parking in BC1 for a relaxed day with no judging. Also please join us at the weekly Wednesday Lead Foot Lucy's Cruise -in swchich continue to be at Kohls Plaza in Colonie.

This year I am anticipating a late summer tour, in conjunction with the Finger Lakes Chapter, to the Curtis Wright Museum in Hammondsport NY. It would be a long day trip, but it is doable. I recommend you consider making it an overnighner.

So, let's all get the cars out and talk up the Club to other Buick people. It's looking like a great driving season ahead!

John D

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## Announcements: Next UNYBCA Meeting is :

Wednesday April 10th, 7 PM , at the Metro 7 Diner. Many arrive early

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS NEWS: Greetings friends:

This function is to help spread the news affecting our members. If you want us to know about these things, e-mail your announcement to Rosemary Malette!

No current announcements! Think Spring and Stay Safe and Healthy!



## EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS By Lynda Baum-Jakubiak

Well, we made it through the winter and spring is here. Let's hope that it is a good one! As for me, I can't wait to get in that garage and wake up the Rivvy from a long (long) nap. (Hint, Hint for Help). It has been nice seeing many club members at the monthly meetings. They are a great opportunity to enjoy catching up over a nice meal, and for club planning. That planning includes Cruise In To Summer and other fun things to enjoy. I know I am planning my 2024 year, with a cruise in September (on a ship) and lots to do in-between. Also looking at dog-friendly things to do with my pup, but she has missed going out on Wednesday nights to Leadfoot Lucy's.

During the March dinner and meeting at the Metro 7 Diner, I had the opportunity to ask a few of the members about what they have been doing or about anything they would like to share. So here's the scoop. It does pay to bring a pen and notepad! Thanks everyone who contributed.

### Here's what I found out:

Ed Marcy participated in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Albany with the 68 Ford Torino. Per Ed, "It was the nicest weather we ever had and the largest crowd I've seen as the weather was so nice". Ed and Laura seem to have lots of plans in the making. They are going to the Jazz Fest in New Orleans to see the Rolling Stones at the end of April/beginning of May.

Ellen and Al Krumm would like to remind everyone about the show at Rhinebeck on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. (Dutchess County Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, NY).

Dick and Faith Stewart had an unfortunate incident during the heavy winds/storm on March 11<sup>th</sup>. A tree fell on their garage and on their camper. The camper, per Dick, "now has a moonroof, oops!". He added, "But the Buick was okay". They were okay as well.

Mike and Sally O'Brien report that luck was on Sally's side, when she was driving on 9W and a tree fell, right after she passed by the tree's falling path. Unfortunately for the car behind her, it was hit and went into a ditch. Definitely luck was overseeing her there. Mike reports that he is still sending Sally off to school every day for a couple more years but counting the days until this "Lunch Lady" joins him in retirement. They also want to report that they had another grandchild recently, and their 1<sup>st</sup> grandson. Congratulations are in order there.

Barry Cox joined the UNYBCA right before the holiday party in December. He is also the President of the Cadillac and LaSalle Club. Most know that the holiday party was a joint venture of the two clubs. Barry got a 1995 Buick riviera, and he is working on it.

Tom Proulx reports that, "The website is up and running, and the minutes from meetings, newsletters, and the 2024 Membership Application are all there". If anyone has pictures to post, let Tom know.

Dave Mc Connell shared that his 58 Chevy Impala has snaps in the boot and the top is going down, expected spring or summer, depending on when the spirit moves him. He added that the Buick's snaps has been resolved. The 65 Le Sabre's top will come down when it comes out of the barn.

Ed Almond mentioned that he brought 2 cars to the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Read on further in this issue to find out how exactly he managed to bring 2 cars at once. An article about the Parade can be found on pages 3 and 4 (with great pictures)!



By Cruisemaster Ed

(Photos by Ed Marcy  
and John De Fiore)

# ALBANY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The 73rd Annual Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Saturday, March 16 this year, and once again the Up-state New York Chapter was involved. Members John DeFiore, Bob Martino, and Ed Marcy, along with yours truly and former member Scott Crowder, provided classic car transportation for the parade dignitaries. Member Bill Traver was also involved as a driver of one of the cars.

John DeFiore drove his 1969 GS400 convertible, Bob brought his 1956 Olds Super 88, Ed Marcy his 1968 Ford Torino convertible, and Scott Crowder brought his wife's 2023 Ford Mustang convertible. My 1967 Skylark convertible made its annual appearance with me behind the wheel, and Bill Traver drove my 1975 Caddy Coupe DeVille. John had the honor of driving the Tulip Queen and her Court this year in his GS400.

The others drove various parade dignitaries. Except for me. The lady who usually rides in the back seat of my Skylark could not make it due to a family issue and, though I was promised replacements, I had none. However, I was not alone. My buddy Danny rode shotgun with me, and *he* was a replacement for my other friend who usually rides with me, but could not due to illness. Good thing I have at least two friends.





The weather was decent this year, with temperatures good enough for comfortable top-down driving, and no precipitation to contend with. The parade route was condensed from prior years (per the request of the Albany Police, for better crowd control I believe), requiring all groups to line up in two rows on Central Avenue in the parade muster area. This led to some confusion for the parade organizers, resulting in some groups moving out in the wrong order. As a result, even though I was designated to be the fourth car in the parade lineup, I ended up last. No big deal. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the cars were a big hit, as always. And the bagpipers piped, the Irish dancers danced, and the leprechauns leaped in the air.



Above is the Marcy car with riders, On the Right is a '75 Caddy, and below is the GS and the Tulip Queen. Top corner is the Summer of 67 (x2). Great car and city pictures!

Thank you to everyone who was kind enough to volunteer their car and time for the parade. The Parade Committee always appreciates the Buick Club's involvement.

**Editor's note: Thanks to Ed for coordinating on behalf of the club.**





## SIMONE APPEARS IN A DOCUMENTARY



During the UNYBCA meeting on March 20th, Simone Zalewski announced that she was in the documentary "Shirley" which features Shirley Muldowney, a legendary racer who became the first driver to win three consecutive NYRA Top Fuel races and the Winston World Championship. Dedicated to the UNYBCA, Simone chose to attend the club meeting, instead of viewing the documentary while it was being shown on TV. She did mention that she was taping it! Very nice, Simone!

## FRANK THE JUDGE AND SOME INTERESTING AWARDS (HOW HE SPENT HIS WINTER)

UNYBCA Members Frank and Jean Starkes spent the winter in Florida. Frank helped out at a car show at the Oak Alley RV Resort in Webster Florida. He was also a judge. Shown below is Frank and the first, second, and third place award winners. According to Frank, "The three trophies were hand made from transmission parts and old spark plugs. The most clever awards I had ever seen, and thought maybe the

Club members would enjoy seeing them as well". He added, "It was an honor to present these clever awards to the winners".



## UNYBCA MARCH MEETING AND DINNER AT METRO 7

The meeting held on March 20th included a buffet dinner. As can be seen in the picture below, everyone enjoyed getting together and also enjoyed the great meal. Check out page 6 for some more pictures from the nice event. Also, thanks to Otto and his staff at the Metro 7! A special thank you goes out to Glen Taunton who helped fund this event.







Those who attended the meeting/dinner enjoyed several different options for their dining pleasure.

Above is what everyone had to choose from. And when the chicken tray was empty, some more was brought out.

Everyone enjoyed themselves. Great food and time for club members to get together.







# Leadfoot Lucy Cruise-In

**DON'T FORGET:  
LEADFOOT LUCY  
STARTS WEDNESDAY  
MAY 1, 2024**

**KOHL'S PLAZA**  
1814 CENTRAL AVE, COLONIE  
.....  
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