

## **Power Point Presentation for 2017 BHA Award**

Thank you again to all for your attendance this evening and for all of the support that you provide to the Buick Heritage Alliance.

### **Slide #1**

We are honored to present the Buick Heritage Alliance Award for the sixth time since its inception, now shown on the screen. The BHA Award is presented annually at the BCA's national meet to commemorate those who have made a significant contribution to the preservation of Buick Heritage. Accomplishments meriting the receipt of the award can include:

Exhibition at a nationally recognized event of a significant and well-preserved original Buick, a high-quality, authentic restoration, or a one-of-a-kind or limited production Buick automobile.

Other accomplishments meriting the award are literary work or historic research that expands the realm of knowledge regarding Buick automobiles, and the conduct of research that promotes public awareness and appreciation of Buick history and Buick automobiles.

In 1971, as a part of its support for the early BCA national meets, Buick created an award they named the "Manufacturer's Trophy." This award was presented to a Buick automobile that best represented preservation of original condition. In tribute to the original 1971 Manufacturer's Trophy, the Buick Heritage Alliance Trophy incorporates an exact replica of the Buick script logo casting that originally adorned the top of the Manufacturer's Trophy. The replica is cast in solid bronze and serves as a fitting commemoration of those who have made a significant contribution to the preservation of Buick's heritage.

In addition to having their name and specific accomplishment inscribed on an individual brass nameplate affixed to the trophy, each winner receives a separate award they can keep that incorporates a Buick script bronze casting identical to that used on the trophy. The trophy itself will eventually be housed and displayed at a BHA museum location, after those locations are permanently established.

The Buick Heritage Alliance Trophy contains space for 100 names of its winners, thereby ensuring the award's significance and recognition well into the next century. Past recipients of the award are Lawrence R. Gustin, Terry B. Dunham, Dennis M. Manner, McClellan G. "Mac" Blair and Nicola Bulgari.

### **Slide #2 - Do not post until reading Slide #2 paragraph below.**

For his significant contributions to the development of Buick fuel delivery systems at GM's Rochester Products Division, and for 20 years of dedication and devotion to the

preservation of 1915-1918 Buicks, it gives me great pleasure to announce that **Dean Tryon** is this year's winner of the prestigious 100-year Buick Heritage Alliance Award.

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### **Slide #3**

Dean was born in Cortland, New York on Christmas Day in 1938.

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He was joined seven years later by twin sisters Carol and **Joan**. There was nothing in his early years that forecast the accomplished antique car aficionado that he would become.

When Dean was 12, the family moved to Rochester, New York when his father, Tracy, accepted a job with Kodak. This move would set the stage for the rest of Dean's life.

Through Rochester Products in Rochester, New York, Dean applied to the General Motors Institute in 1956, and was accepted. This was his first exposure to the automotive world and to the center of the Buick world, in Flint, Michigan.

### **Slide #5**

In 1961, Dean graduated from the General Motors Institute with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree.

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The day after his General Motors Institute graduation, Dean married Flint native Lestalove "Les" McAndrew, a nurse at Flint's Hurley Hospital. They were married in a church near Buick's headquarters building.

The new couple immediately moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where, in 1963, Dean obtained a masters degree in mechanical engineering under the guidance of Professor David Cole, the son of General Motors engineer and president, Ed Cole.

Then, it was back to Rochester and Rochester Products where Dean pursued improvements to fuel delivery and emission control systems.

### **Slide #7**

In 1982, after 20 years of working in automobile engineering, Dean finally succumbed to the antique car disease with a 1947 Pontiac station wagon that he bought from the original owner. He refinished all of the wood himself and has generally maintained the car's originality; it remains in his collection today.

### **Slide #8**

Dean's dedication to his job led to his being selected to head the Rochester Products role in a team of GM employees from AC, Delco-Remy, Delco Electronics and Rochester Products that created GM's European Technical Center in Luxembourg, an operation that was created from scratch.

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Once in operation, the center focused on applying U.S.-created components to engines of all car manufacturers. The center demonstrated how GM components, such as multi-port fuel injection and other controls, could enable all engines, not just GM engines, to meet increasingly stringent emissions standards.

Dean regards this assignment as the high point of his career.

### **Slide #10**

In 1987, Dean and his family returned to the United States and Dean was assigned to set-up and supervise the operation of a technical center at GM's Milford Proving Grounds like the one in Luxembourg.

Dean's interest in antique cars continued, and in 1989, he purchased this 1959 Buick at Hershey from Glenn Cecchine, the sponsor of tonight's BHA Gala. While it is a small world, it is truly a much smaller Buick community.

### **Slide #11**

In 1990, Dean moved to Flint and in 1994 became the technical director of advanced engineering for the Delphi Engine Management Division of GM, a position he held until his retirement from GM in 1997.

In 1994, another collector car caught Dean's interest, this time a 1916 McLaughlin-Buick Model D-45S **touring car**. He completed its restoration and, in 1997, that car became the inspiration for his founding of the 1915-1918 Buick & McLaughlin Owners Group. Dean has produced and served as editor of the group's newsletter since his founding of the group. Dean also arranges for and coordinates the manufacture of many impossible to obtain parts for these cars. The group is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

### **Slide #12**

Dean's retirement from GM in 1997 led to yet another restoration project, this time a 1932 Buick Model 56S 4-Passenger Special Coupe, and a move to Wake Forest, North Carolina.

### **Slide #13**

Don Mayton, who was Dean's classmate at the General Motors Institute, called on Dean in 1998. Don was leading the restoration of one of the GM Futurliners and needed Dean's help.

### **Slide #14**

Dean served as the project's newsletter editor for the restoration of the Futurliner from 1998 to 2008, and he rebuilt the carburetors and ignition components for the Futurliner's engine.

### **Slide #15**

By 2003, Dean had completed the restoration of his 1932 Buick coupe. He then sold the car and purchased this 1929 Buick Model 57 Master Six Sedan, restoring it in his basement.

In his spare time, Dean is also involved in the Wake Forest Fire Department and the Presbyterian Church.

### **Slide #16**

In spite of all that he has accomplished, Dean is most proud of his family. He and Les have raised three wonderful sons, all of whom have followed in their father's engineering footsteps - there is Barry, who is a computer engineer (his family is shown dressed in yellow), David, who is an electrical engineer (his family is in blue), and Keith, who is a mechanical engineer. Keith's family is wearing red. The color coding was Les' idea for a Christmas gathering a few years ago.

### **Closing**

And now, it is my distinct privilege to present to you Mr. Dean Tryon, winner of the 2017 Buick Heritage Alliance Award.

**Present shadow box award now?**

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