

1930 Marquette Automobile Owners International Registry



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The Marquette meeting at the 2009 Hershey Fall Meet at Andy Everetts' swap space. From L - R: Andy, Bill Neff, Mike Balogh, Jim Hansel, Randy Fehr, and Tim Hansel. It was great to get together and talk Marquettes in person again. Randy and Tim were Hershey first timers. More members were actually there, including my son Scott who took the photo. Doug Bushnell and Don Holton were busy minding their swap spaces, for Don it was the Thunderbird booth. Sal Canzoneri made it to the swap meet later that afternoon, after the meeting. I also ran into J. C. Fredericksen from Virginia with a 4-dr sedan for sale—see the ads. And Bill McLaughlin was over manning the 1929 Buick Registry booth.

Even though there were no Marquettes on the show field nor for sale this year, there were some parts to be found like hubcaps, tail lights and horns as well as a wide variety of new reproduction parts. Although the rain threatened on Friday and Saturday, we survived with just a few sprinkles. Another good time at Hershey!

Parts News

Tim Hansel updated us on the status of the reproduction **dash trim piece**. The process has turned out to be more involved than anticipated but progress is being made.

Bill Neff discovered I & I Reproduction, Inc. of Paramount, CA, at Hershey. Although they are makers of parts for 1929—1954 Chevys, Bill found a few parts cross over to our Marquettes. These are: the rubber pads that go under headlight tubes where they mount to the body, PT# HP 15, (\$10 pr) and the gaskets that go between the head light bars and the fenders, PT# TP01 (\$10 pr). There is a \$9.50 shipping minimum. In looking through their 100-page catalog, it looks like a few more parts may fit our cars too.

Randy Fehr is going to have the large Marquette **bumper clamp** reproduced. This would be the thin chromed piece that goes in front and the thicker back piece that goes behind it. Your car should have either 2 or 4 of these clamps, depending on whether you have a rear spare or dual mounted spares. Contact Randy at fehrr@bvu.edu by December 1st if you are interested in ordering some. The more that are made, the cheaper the unit cost. I believe these clamps are unique to Marquette.

I would like to get the **rear bumper step plate** reproduced if someone will loan me one to use as a pattern. After 9 years of searching, this is my last part I can't find. These were used on the roadsters and sport coupes and 1931 Buick 50 series roadsters, early models. Contact me (Mike) if you have one to loan or want one made.

Parts & Info Wanted

WANTED: Bumper step plate for a roadster or sports coupe. Also fits early 1931 50-series Buick. Mike Balogh, (217) 355-1704.

WANTED: Hood tops, both sides, and in good condition. Tim Hansel, (707) 539-6515.

WANTED: Locks & keys for the ignition, passenger and golf bag doors. Puerto Rico. Fabio Galzignato, (787) 313-3030.

WANTED: Larry Langston in Arizona needs an engine block. I recall someone bought one from Steve Pearlman a few years back. Please contact Larry if you have one to sell him: bible4576@yahoo.com. Note: Larry may keep this car stock if he can find a block, otherwise it will go resto-rod.

WANTED: Tail light bracket. Peter Wood, New Zealand, jafa002@hotmail.com.

WANTED: 3 long and 2 short brake springs. Jerry is a Buick 50-series owner in Iowa. Call him at: (515) 285-2099.

Parts For Sale

FOR SALE: Engine tune up sets: distributor cap, rotor, contact points & condenser. About \$75 plus shipping. You really need a spare set! Ask me about other parts you need. Mike Balogh, mbalogh@balogh.com.

Let's expand this section of parts needed and parts for sale. Email or call me with parts info.

Marquettes In The News

Was your Marquette in a news article in 2009? If so, give me the details so I can share it with the rest of the group.

A photo of Doug Bushnell's fine sport coupe made a recent issue of AACA's *Antique Automobile*, taken at a meet in Gettysburg, PA. Doug said it rained so heavily the day before that he did not think there would even be a show, but the sun came out and he said it was one of the best shows he's ever attended.

New member Peter Wood from New Zealand is about to take on a roadster restoration. He has also found that there are about 11 Marquettes there now. In researching the Marquette, he found out that 84 Marquettes, all complete cars, were imported into New Zealand during 1929 and 1930.

Kevin Johnson is a car enthusiast extraordinaire in CA who is creating an online library of Buick information. And Marquette has a section and our newsletters are posted there! There are photos, service bulletins & letters, and over 2,000 pieces of literature. The home page has featured a photo of the 1929 Buick Model 44 roadster that Kevin restored as well as photos documenting much of the restoration including the wooden frame for the body. There is also a service letter that talks about problems with the regular marvel carburetor that was put on Marquettes and replacements with the Marvel fuemer model. Go to: www.1929Buick.com to check it out.

Possible Marquette cap—no.



Randy Fehr's radiator cap (above) was on the front page of the last newsletter. It is not for a Marquette but it has become more valuable. Turns out the Stant-made cap is for a pre-1926 Marmon. The cap was identified by Doug Bushnell who found it at: www.mascot-mania.com. In the last few months they have added a requirement to log in with a password to enter the site. Thanks Doug!

Presenting the Marquette Crank.



In the last newsletter, I mentioned that Randy Fehr was looking for an original-style crank (he found one at Hershey!) Eric Bloch came to the rescue on this one with a photo of the crank that came with his car years ago. Here are the specs: 14" long, 3/4" thick, chamfered ends, and the pin is 3/8" dia and 1 11/16 " long.

Registry Information

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Cars For Sale

FOR SALE: Model 37. Been in storage about 18 years, complete. \$1,500 takes it. J.C. Fredericksen, Beaverdam, VA, Cell Ph: (804) 690-4723. jcfredericks@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE: Model 37. This is a great original car in running condition. See the August 2008 newsletter issue for photos. Located in New Jersey. \$11,000. Contact Kathy Schoonfield, RogersTrailersNE@aol.com.

FOR SALE: Model 30, \$12,450. (Price has been reduced). Country Classic Cars, (618) 635-6287, Staunton, IL.
www.countryclassiccars.com

A red roadster was sold this year to someone in Missouri named Steve. I believe this is the car that was restored by Stan Sterle in Canada in the 1990s and has been sold a number of times since. Anyone know the owner?

Marquette Registry Statistics

Here are the latest figures:

Members: 78

Complete cars: 76 + many parts cars

8 Countries: USA, Australia, Canada, Denmark, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, and United Kingdom

A big thanks to Bill Neff for putting out the latest registry. Because we are growing, I have added the stats box above. We started less than 4 years ago with just 3 of us.

And now—the coolest news of all, way too cool for the last page, but here it is. Introducing — **The Marquette Movie**. Gordon Berg found this on the internet. It's a promotional film by a Spanish GM dealer, so it is probably from 1929. It seems that Marquette was marketed in Spain as well as Latin America as the Buick Series 30. Okay, so it is just 3 minutes long, jerky, a bit fuzzy in places, and only in Spanish, but it does show real Marquettes in the showroom and being driven along with the rest of the cars in the GM lineup. Most of the cars are open cars:

www.youtube.com/watch?gl=AU&hl=en-GB&v+=-5WX9zKcHg.

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This issue has been heavy with parts information, hope you like it!