

The Driving Force



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So long from Keith and Wendy.

Thanks for the support for the past 15 years. We have made many, many friends. This is the last issue of the Driving Force from Canada. We have produced over 60 issues since 2000.

As we retire we have put together some memories from some of the tours we have been on over the years. We hope they bring back memories for you too.

We have participated in 32 out of 40 tours including this May tour. We also were on 14 After tours. We have attended 17 BCA National meets, having to turn around and head for home from 2 due to Wendy's illness. We have visited many places that we would never have seen. Our thanks to all the tour organizers.

Thanks to the BCA and BDE along with a few bus tours, we are privileged to have visited all 50 states and driven in them all except Alaska, Hawaii and South Dakota.

In 2015, we celebrated our 50th anniversary by visiting the last province in Canada on our list, Newfoundland and Labrador.

Love from us both, Keith and Wendy Horsfall

Since Wendy and I joined the BDE in August 1996 we have lost a lot of good people. Here is a list of the ones who have gone to the big Buick home in the sky. So long, we miss you all. Apologies if I missed anyone.

Bob Beaton, BDE #003, Al Bell, BDE #009, Balser Cook BDE #114, Sue Cobbledick, BDE# 283, Alverta Cover, BDE #402, Del Cutter, BDE #014, James DeRusher, BDE #413, Barbara Greene, BDE #386, Fran and Charles Greenly, BDE #041, Rich Hagen, BDE# 388, Brian Hall, BDE #227, Don Hess, BDE #166, Bob Kaufman, BDE #008, Ken Liska, BDE #002, Jim Kessel, BDE #122, Jimmy Knapp, BDE #298, Ken McClellan, BDE #004, Paul Meyer, BDE #329, Howard Mehlschau, BDE #202, Bob Montgomery, BDE #027, Bill Renico BDE #022 Bill Smith, BDE #090, Ann Spencer, BDE #381, Bob Spillette, BDE #026, Jerry Vavro, BDE #005, Alice Westfall, BDE #092, Ron Woods, BDE #335, Roy Wresche, BDE #12, Frank and Lucille Wright, BDE #116



1997, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Fall Tour.

This is at the Mount Hope Airport Museum. This was the first BDE event for Wendy and I.



1999 Monteagle, TN. National Tour



2001 Galena, IL. Our gal Bobby takes a swing, sorry the picture is not clear.



Shifting gears with the Directors

Skip Petsch, Senior Director

Hello to all BDE folks

We have just about everything wrapped up for the May tour. It will be good to see all of our friends again, and hopefully some new faces too. I had neck surgery in Jan and am recovering well. I still have a problem with my left arm but therapy is helping. I'm ready for some warm weather so I can get the cars out and enjoy them. I hope to have the wagon going by the time of the tour. Hope all is well with everyone.

Keep the rubber on the road and the shiny side up

Skip Petsch, Sr director

John Daily, Middle Director

Greetings to all in the BDE from Florida. We escaped our relatively mild winter in MI for some sunshine in the Tampa area. We hear, though, that they just got about 12" of wet snow in our area as I write this in late February. Kathy is doing fine from her operation in December, but is scheduled for single knee surgery in late March, after we return home. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Georgia and driving our Buicks. Kathy & I have been working on our 2017 MI BDE trip. We were able to confirm a visit to the private Hagerty car garage & collection recently. We will receive a briefing about the family & business, plus have a complimentary continental light breakfast. With this confirmation, we can now finalize the timing of the other events we have planned including the Old Mission Peninsula vineyards, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park, Moomers Ice Cream & Farm, Torch Lake Cherry Orchards, Tunnel of Trees drive, & Grand Traverse Village Commons for shopping, etc. We will be staying at Shanty Creek Resort about 30 minutes from the Traverse City area in the beautiful Torch Lake ski country.

John Daily

Frank Cwikla, Junior Director

We are in Mesa, Az. for the rest of the winter. Will be working on the spring tour for 2018 when we get back home. Are still looking at Reedsburg, Wi. for the hub place. Got a nice book from our chapter on planning tours, so we will be looking at that book while we are here in Mesa. Was cold here when we came but now it has warmed up, 85 during day and cools off at night to 50's. Not bad. Have a nice winter, every one.!!

Frank and Kay

Isabel Lenny, Membership chair

Ed and I nearly made it to the end of January with some very mild weather and no snow. We knew that could not last all winter. Well, to make up for the lack of snow until then, we were hit with a record breaking 32 inches one weekend. I'm ready for spring, but super cold weather is upon us as I write this. They are blaming it on the polar vortex.

We presently have 120 members who renewed their dues; Lois Jensen has resigned as she does not drive anymore; and as of this writing 15 members did not renew, including Wesley and Marietta Borgne, Jr., Cary and Lynn Crutchfield, Bobbie Cutter, Stephen Fox, Dorothy Kessel, Michael and Robin Mills, Dave and Becky Pettengill, Howard C. And Raymond Price, Larry and Suzanne Sherman, Dave and Diane Shipman, Ken and Barbara Talley, Gail Woods, and James and Karen Young.

We are happy to welcome as new members Frank and Kathy Woodin BDE #421 of Elburn, IL

New rosters will be available in May.

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We are sorry to report we lost 3 of our members since our last newsletter. - Jimmy Knapp BDE #298 and Ken McClellan BDE #004 and Bob Montgomery BDE #027, Our deepest sympathies to their families.

Hope to see everyone at the Callaway Gardens in May.

Regards, Isabel

2002, Aurora, Ontario, Golden Tour



February 28, 2016. We received the dreaded phone call from Katie Montgomery, her beloved Bob had passed that morning. This is a sad time for the BDE, BCA and McLaughlin Buick Club. Bob and Katie loved their Buicks and really enjoyed the touring aspect of the hobby. Wendy and I spent the last 23 years touring with them and other members of the BDE. Bob enjoyed planning our trips to Sedona, AZ, French Lick, IN, Rochester WI, Abilene KS to name a few. They both enjoyed the many "after tours" hosted by Bruce and Shar.

On a personal note, Wendy and I spent many other happy hours with Bob and Katie, at their homes in North Royalton and Sarasota since meeting them at our first MBCC Homecoming in Brantford, ON in 1994. It was an instant friendship which resulted in many, many happy tours together both in the USA and Canada. We were honored to be asked to organize the "Golden Tour" in 2002 for their golden wedding anniversary in Aurora, Ontario. It was at this meet we met other people who were to become good friends, Ed and Isabel Lenny, Dick and Sue Boswell and Darrell and Connie Brumbaugh.

So long Bob, we will meet again in Buick heaven. Say hi to all the BDE members who have made this final tour.

Robert S. Montgomery, March 10, 1928 — February 28, 2016, Birthplace: Cleveland, Ohio, Resided In: Olmsted Township, Ohio

Robert S. Montgomery, 87, beloved husband of Kathryn Montgomery (nee Hastings). Dear father of Robert E. Montgomery (Pamela M.) and Leslie E. Boomer (William). Fond grandfather of Maureen J. Montgomery, Robert A. Montgomery. Joshua D. Medaugh, Sara Martin (Ben) and Joseph Dietz (Lucy). Dearest step grandfather of Kristen and Brian Boomer. Great grandfather of Tristin Lacey, Liam Montgomery, Robert Montgomery, Colleen Piccone, Asher Martin and Amelia Martin. Close cousin of Jack Marks (deceased) wife Joyce surviving. Robert was Past Master of Parma Lodge #721 and a member of the Cleveland Kilty Band playing bag pipes. Veteran of the Occupation Forces in Japan. He enjoyed touring in his classic Buick Automobiles with the Buick Enthusiast Club. Visitations Friday March 4 from 5-8pm at Jenkins Funeral Chapel, 2914 Dover Center Road, Westlake. Memorial Service Saturday March 5 at 11:00am at Independence Presbyterian Church, 6624 West Public Square, Independence OH 44131. Contributions may be made to American Lung Association, 6100 Rockside Woods Blvd N, Cleveland, OH 44131

Courtesy of Jenkins Funeral Home



2002 Brandywine, PA. Fall Tour



2003 Helen, GA. National Tour



2003 Door County, WI. Fall Tour



2004 Grand Rapids, MI.
10th anniversary Tour





**2005 Sedona, AZ .
National Tour**



**2005 Keweenaw,
MI. Fall Tour**





2006 Beaufort, SC.
Fall Tour



2007 French Lick, IN.
National Tour





2007 Alliston, Ontario
Fall Tour





2008 Neenah, WI. National Tour



2008 Pensacola, FL.
Fall Tour





2009 Allentown, PA. National Tour



2009 Winston –Salem, NC. Fall Tour





2010 Waynesville, NC. National Tour



**2010 Abilene, KS.
Fall Tour**





2011 Dayton, OH. National Tour



2011 St. Ignace, MI. Fall Tour



2012 Tallahassee, FL. National Tour



2012 Lancaster, PA. Fall Tour



Coming events for Buick People

May 14-19, 2016 BDE National Tour—Callaway Gardens, Georgia
July 27 - 30, 2016, Allentown, Pennsylvania, BCA 50th Anniversary
August 16-19, 2016, Pembroke, Ontario, MBCC Homecoming
October 3-6 Fall tour, East Peoria, IL, Bruce and Inez Norgard
2017 National Tour—Michigan, John Daily
2017 Milwaukee. WI BCA National
2017 Fall Tour, Nashville, Ellen Cavanaugh and Courtney Shenkle

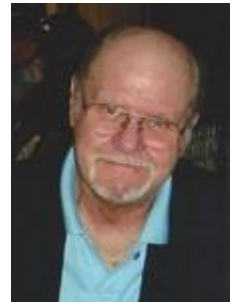


Farewell to another great guy, we will miss you Ken.

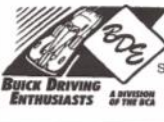
Mr. Kenneth Wayne McClellan, age 73, died December 14th, 2015 at his home in Flint, MI. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Colleen Lou McClellan; children, Jacqueline M. McClellan, Michelle (James) Mascio, David Wayne McClellan, and "Sissy Gump"; sister, Registered Nurse Susan (Dennis) McClellan-Wortman; grandchildren, Matthew and Nicholas Bender; nieces, Kimmy and Jenny; two grandnephews and two grandnieces; and many cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne Day and Helen Laverne (nee: Hooper) McClellan. He graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1960 and went on to attend Mott Community College, then earning an Associates Degree from Baker Business University. In 1963 he married his best friend, Colleen Lou Fitzpatrick. Ken volunteered as basketball coach at Saint Leo the Great Church and School for six years. He was a registered member of MHSAA as a basketball and football official for 30 years. Ken was employed at Buick Motor Division in their financial department for 35 years and has been retired for 15 years. He is an active member of the Buick Club of America. As a Buicktown Chapter member he was treasurer for a number of years, and a charter member and co-director of Buick Driving Enthusiasts (BDE). He was also swap meet chair during the BCA Annual National Meet of 2003 during which the Buick Motor Division celebrated their 100th anniversary. He was an annual Old Newsboys volunteer during their Christmas gift drive. He is a 44 year member of Holy Redeemer Parish, a proud owner of a 1949 Buick Sedanet, 1966 Buick Wildcat, and 1985 Buick Riviera T Type. Visitation was held at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, 500 Main Street, Fenton, MI 48430. In lieu of flowers please donate funds to "The Old Newsboys 6255 Taylor Dr Flint, MI 48507-4665 in Ken's name.

January 13, 2016 Grand Blanc, Michigan. William was born January 31, 1941 in Flint the son of Harold and Lucienne (Aselin) Renico. He had worked for the Kearsley Rescue Squad in the 1960's. He married Mary Doty on October 1, 1983 in Holly. He had worked at Chevrolet Truck and Bus then worked for EDS for many years retiring in 1996. Bill and his wife Mary were longtime members of the Buick Club of America. It was a hobby they enjoyed together and with many friends. It took them on travels across the country. He enjoyed their home at Holiday Shores in Durand. He was a member of the F.O.E. Burton Aries 3814. He loved to do crossword puzzles and "he completed them in record time in ink." He had a wonderful sense of humor that he shared with many.

Surviving are: his wife of 32 years Mary; two daughters, Christie (Sean) Newsome, Nikki Renico; grand children and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and also his beloved dog Sadie.



Bill Renico, BDE #22

 <p>JOE TAUBITZ SWARTZ CREEK, MI BDE #1</p>	<p align="center">B.D.E. NAME BADGES BEAUTIFUL BURNISHED GOLD COLOR WITH BLACK TYPE. SIZE: 1-1/2" X 3" ONLY \$8 EACH (INCLUDES SHIPPING AND HANDLING) INDICATE YOUR NAME, CITY, STATE AND BDE # SEND THIS FORM, WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS 2492 LORRIE DRIVE, MARIETTA, GA 30066-5720 BADGE #2 (PLEASE PRINT)</p>
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"The room block at the host hotel for the BDE National Tour "Georgia On My Mind" will expire 4/15/16. Therefore we ask that you send your registration in ASAP. Hotel info will be returned upon receipt of the registration.
Kindest Regards
Bruce & Shar

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**2013 Fredericksburg, TX.
National Tour**



2013 Rhode Island, Fall Tour





2014 Corning, NY. National Tour



2014 Bryan, OH. Fall Tour



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