



Special Edition

The Driving Force

Driving, Touring & Just Having Fun!

A Publication of the Buick Driving Enthusiasts
Division of the Buick Club of America
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Where Are We Going & Where Are We Coming From? (A Brief History of the BDE)

Even before the inception of the BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS in July of 1995, several members of the BCA had the feeling that there had to be more to the Buick Club than merely having your car judged. "Buicks Are Meant to be Driven" - so why not promote driving and having fun, too? Their dream came together at Hot Springs Heyday, the 1st Annual BDE National Driving Tour in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The BDE is in belief of the following philosophies: 1) Promotion and driving of all models of Buicks produced by the Buick Motor Division, 2) Encouraging the maintenance, preservation and restoration of all models of Buicks produced by the Buick Motor Division, and 3) Providing the exchange of technical, historical and other information about Buick automobiles for all members and other interested persons. Twenty BCA'ers in sympathy with these philosophies petitioned the National Board and the BDE was the first organization to be granted Division status by the Buick Club of America. In one and a half years, the BDE had grown to 96 member families.

The founding members are: Joe and Bernice Taubitz (BDE #1), Ken (*deceased*) and Paula Liska (BDE #2) and Bob (*deceased*) and Marie Beaton (BDE #3). Under the leadership of 21 Senior Directors, the club has seen BDE Nationals and Fall Tours across the United States.

During its existence, the Buick Driving Enthusiasts has established a reputation for fun and friendship. It's tours feature areas of scenic beauty and historical significance. The BDE's priority is to see America in your Buick while enjoying the fellowship of your fellow Buick Enthusiasts.

"There's only one problem with these BDE Tours... they just don't last long enough!"



Fast forward to 2016 - "Georgia on my Mind" - the BDE National Tour based at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia. Kudos to outgoing Senior Director Skip Petsch and his wife, Jane for hosting an amazing tour. Thank you Skip for your service to the Buick Driving Enthusiasts. Special thanks to Keith Horsfall and Wendy for all those amazing newsletters

Kudos

A big round of applause is due for outgoing Senior Director SKIP PETSCH, his lovely wife, JANE, and all those who helped with "Georgia on my Mind". The 2016 BDE National Tour at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia was fantastic.

Thanks Skip and Jane for your dedication and service to the Buick Driving Enthusiasts!



Words cannot express the appreciation for the BDE's outgoing Editor. KEITH and WENDY HORSFALL produced "The Driving Force" - not an easy task - for fifteen years. Keith, with his writing and photography talents, and Wendy with her proofreading and grammar skills, were quite the team. Who can forget Keith setting up his tripod then running to get in the group picture for National and Fall Tours! Thank you both for your devotion to the job and to the Buick Driving Enthusiasts.



Although they were last year's outgoing officers, who could resist these photos?

Thanks to RHETT SPENCER, previous Senior Director, enjoying a well deserved moment in a rocking chair.



Also Secretary, INEZ NORGARD, happily enjoying a reward of ice cream!

And last, but not at all least, congratulations to our newly elected Co-Director, RICH GIBBS. Rich was just oozing with enthusiasm when he learned of his good fortune.

Or is that determination to do a great job? Welcome to the BDE Board!





The BDE's newest Co-Director following one of the oldest traditions . . . the famous U-Turn Tour!

From our Newly Elected Co-Director . . .

Greetings to All BDE members. I am Rich Gibbs, the new junior director. I was elected at the 2016 Spring Tour in Pine Mountain, GA in May. I live in Topeka, KS and have been a member of BDE since 1998, BDE # 144. I have been a member of BCA since April 1983. My Buicks range from 1941 to 1994, 12 in all, as well as having a 1956 Olds, 1973 Chevrolet Monte Carlo and three Cadillacs, 1958, 1969 and 1990.

Looking forward to meeting and touring with all of you at future Spring and Fall tours. I believe Buicks were made to be driven and I take pleasure in doing so with my Buicks. Consider joining us on a future BDE Tour. They are great fun.

Rich Gibbs (aka *triple turbine*) BCA #13352, BDE #144
Co -Director

A Message from the Membership Chairperson . . .

Ed and I hope everyone has had a good summer, so far. Our biggest complaint has been the temperature - HOT! HOT! AND MORE HOT!

We had a wonderful time in Pine Mountain, GA on the BDE National Tour in May. It is always great to see people we have not seen in awhile. The Callaway Gardens were beautiful.

As I write the message, the BCA 50th Anniversary Celebration is history. What an incredible event! This was followed by the "After Tour", always a fun event.

I have no new members to report, but please add the following 3 renewals to add to your roster:

Gail Woods	BDE #335	
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Scotty & Wanda Aurandt	BDE #306	
	101 Main Street	Powhatan Point, OH 43942
Melanie & Robert Mauser	BDE #108	
	4619 Woodward Avenue	Downers Grove, IL 60515

Best wishes,
Isabel Lenny BCA #7534, BDE #222
Membership Chairperson



Not only is our Membership Chairperson extremely competent and professional, she is also kind and compassionate! Proof here as she provides medical aid to Co-Director Rich Gibbs, as John Cavanaugh and Dr. Ed Lenny supervise.



Here's your editor - two cameras around my neck, cell phone in my pocket - dazed, confused and just hoping to snap a photo or find something for The Driving Force!

Hello from your new BDE Newsletter Editor . . .

Or should I say recycled newsletter editor? I've done this gig before, back about 15 years ago, when I was younger and more naive - LOL! One would think I would have more sense now that I have aged. Anyway, I searched through the rubble of my office trying to find one of those old newsletters, just to put something "historical" here. But to no avail - must have been one of those rare cleaning frenzies when I disposed of all the old issues.

Moving forward - I want you to know that this is YOUR newsletter, and I want contributions from YOU, our members. With your help we can do a great newsletter together! Send me your "stuff" - kliska@cfl.rr.com

Thanks in advance,
Paula Liska BCA #6397, BDE #2
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"BDE - Buick Driving, Eating and Just Having Fun!"

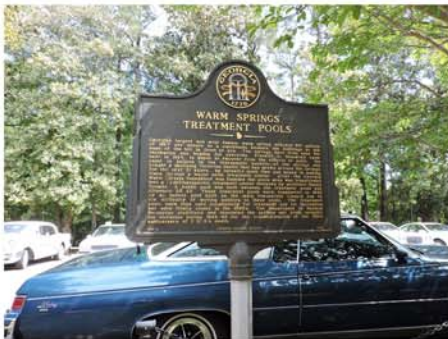
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They are probably planning their BDE tours or polishing their Buicks!***

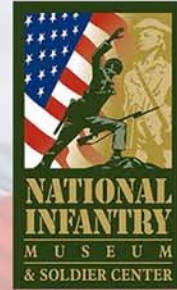
A photojourney . . .

**“Georgia on my Mind” - BDE National Tour
Callaway Gardens - Pine Mountain, GA
May 15-19, 2016**



**Warm Springs - Home to FDR's Little White House,
Warm Springs Treatment Pools and the lovely restored
Village of Warm Springs - Monday, May 16**





**National Infantry Museum
and Soldier Center.
WWII Street.
Columbus, Georgia
Tuesday, May 17**



FLAGS ACROSS AMERICA



During the BDE National in Pine Mountain, Georgia, and thanks to **JANE PETSCH** (BDE #376), the BDE participated in the Flags Across America Program. Thirty American flags were planted in various locations as we toured the area.

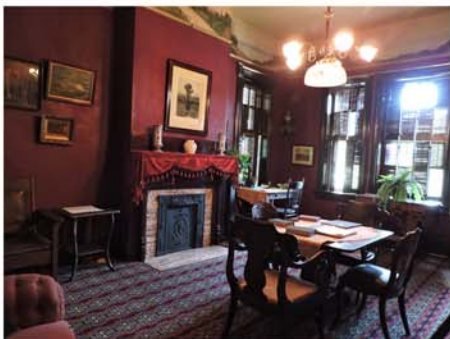
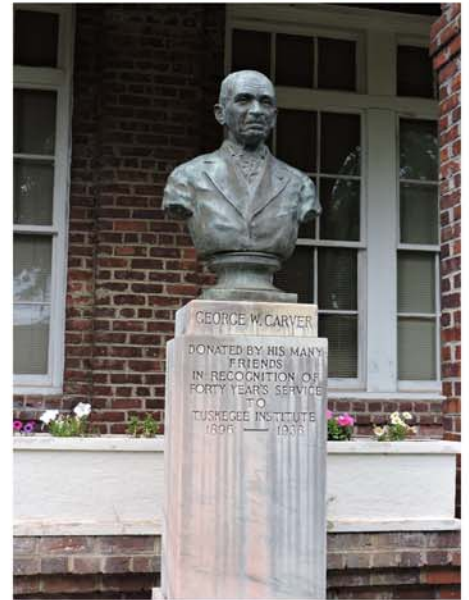


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**Tuskegee Airmen National Museum.
George Washington Carver Museum.
Booker T. Washington Home.
Tuskegee, Alabama
Wednesday, May 18**





**Hills and Dales Estate
Fuller E. Callaway and his wife Ida Cason Callaway
LaGrange, Georgia
Thursday, May 19**



REFLECTIONS . . . A LOOK BACK AT THE BCA'S 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Article and Photos by *Connie Brumbaugh, BCA #19939 - BDE #143, Photos Roberta Vasilow, BCA #16798 - BDE #017*

As the temperatures and humidity rose each day during the last week of July, so did the number of Buicks on the show field at the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage. It was good to see a lot of the BDE members present for this event! Each day the tempo increased as members arrived, registered, and their Buick escorted to its proper place on the field. A well designed show field was something to behold. A parking space for each Buick and each Buick in its space! A volunteer on a golf cart escorted you to your designated area and you were met by another who would assist you so your Buick would be displayed just right. Cars were grouped by decades. In the registration building you could view a large map and locate the decade you were headed to so you had an idea upon entering the gate. Remember, 27 acres is a fairly large area to cover on foot!



An aerial view of the NB Center for American Automobile Heritage



Centrally located was The Lodge, the hospitality room for registered members. Along the perimeter of this beautiful complex were Mr. Bulgari's buildings housing some of his automobile collection, along with his shops. You could find the food vendors, flea market (both indoor and outside) and the car corral.

Thunderstorms rolled through the area Monday afternoon and again on Thursday, making additional work for the NB staff and car owners alike. Nevertheless, everyone kept moving forward with the game plan.

Darrell and I were to be part of the welcoming committee but for some reason things never seemed to get organized. We spent a little time just lending a hand when needed in the hospitality room. Without your proper credentials, you were not allowed in to the lodge. Saturday the gates opened at 9:00 a.m. for the public at a minimal fee, thus creating the need for security at the doors of the lodge. I think I finally found my calling . . . doing the "hello and welcome" and being a bouncer if needed. Unfortunately some BCA members were disappointed that they could not enter. You had to be registered for this event and wear your lanyard to move around the complex. We felt badly that some of our membership misunderstood the rules of this celebration. As we took shifts manning the doors, many BDE folks stepped up and helped. And, with the Kiles keeping the hospitality room organized, a lot of local chapter members helped as well.



Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, BCA members were able to view the Bulgari collection in the three garages. His work shops were available as well. Saturday these exhibits remained closed, due to the high volume of foot traffic. Once again, many local residents were disappointed, as the media had announced that you could view the Bulgari collection.



For an hour each day, Wednesday through Friday, you were able to visit the staging area to receive your special gift from Mr. Bulgari himself. What a privilege to meet and talk with the man who was hosting this special event.

Rain showers moved in early Saturday afternoon which chased a few Buicks away. But by 2:00 p.m. the heavier rains began and many more cars left the complex. Saturday evening the banquet was held at the Allentown Agri-Plex arena. What a facility to be able to accommodate up to 2,000 people. I believe we totaled a little over 1400 and we were all served, buffet style, in a very timely manner. Compliments to the staff at the Fairgrounds for the professional job they did to keep the last leg of our celebration running smoothly.

For those who attended this 50th Celebration, I believe you will agree it was a gathering well worth our time and effort to attend. It wasn't the largest showing of the Buick automobile, but a very well planned event by Mr. Nicola Bulgari, Keith and Kris Flickinger, and all of their volunteers and employees of the Center. Thank you for the many hours of planning and execution for this celebration. Thank you to the Buick Club of America . . . Event Chairman Jeff Brashares, all the Event Co-Chairs, Committee Chairs, Directors, and all the volunteers involved in the planning, preparation and presentation of the celebration. Your three+ year dedication made this happen! And, especially, to the BCA Club members who supported this event.

Again, a very sincere thank you to Mr Bulgari for making this event so special. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A DAY AT THE BULGARI COMPLEX

Article and Photos by Ed Lenny, BCA #7534, BDE #222

Recently, I spent a long day at the Bulgari Complex here in Allentown. As most of you know, where the Buick Club of America conducted its 50th Anniversary Celebration this July. A few weeks previous, I had been asked to help in the filming of a documentary being made on the life story of Nicola Bulgari, and his involvement in the collector car hobby. The intention was to get about 30 of Mr. Bulgari's cars out of the museums and onto the tracks at the complex so the film crew could capture them in action. I was one of the drivers.



I arrived at the complex at 7:15 am on a very foggy morning and helped to get the preselected cars up on the outer loop, that is one-half mile around. There is also a smaller loop that circles the lodge, which you will see in one of the photos below. BTW, the lodge is built with recycled stone and beams from an old barn and is beautiful. There is a third loop on the property that is at a lower level and is the smallest of the three. Fortunately, I did all of my driving on the longest loop, and I felt for the guys driving that third loop.

In the morning, I drove the 1948 Buick Roadmaster Estate Wagon, a beautiful vehicle in deep green. The creative talent for the film were all from Rome, and the technical crew was from New York City. We were instructed to drive around the loops continuously while the crews used a drone to shoot the film, or video. Others were shooting still photos and also recording audio. We just kept driving around the loops until instructed to stop. We did this all morning until we took a lunch break at 1:30. We were told we were done, but then the creative crew decided that they wanted more footage, and we were asked to stay if possible.



I did stay, and then in the afternoon I drove the 1940 Buick Super Estate Wagon. This vehicle was once owned by the actress Bette Davis, and was given to her by the Warner Brothers studio after it had appeared in at least two of her films. Once again, after several hours of driving, and standing around trading stories with other drivers, we thought we were done, but the director had a different idea. He thought it would be cool to shoot as dusk approached. So we waited to give him the atmosphere he wanted.

This photo is you a very handsome '32 Buick roadster. Mr. Bulgari enjoyed himself by driving this car on all three loops and passing all of the other cars as we held a steady speed. I got to say hello to Mr. Bulgari as I was returning to my car and as usual he was very gracious.



As I walked back to my car at the end of the day, after helping to put all the cars back in the museums, I snapped this picture a beautiful Buick dealer neon sign on the side of one of the museums. It was now past 7:00 pm.

Something to Sell? Swap? Buy?

Send your information and photos to Paula Liska, Editor - Kliska@cfl.rr.com

Ads run free for BDE members for 4 editions and photos will be included as space permits.

Be sure to include contact information in your ad. Ad may be edited due to space constraints.



FOR SALE: 1956 Roadmaster Sedan - Owned since 1980. 75,000 miles. Many upgrades (not factory) including Steel belted radial wide whites, Cruise control (traveling at 65 mph makes for a comfortable ride), rear air shocks, alternator, electric gas pump, electric windshield wipers (replaced vacuum wiper motor), electric pusher fan to prevent overheating, radiator core rebuild and 6 sets of seat belts for safety purposed. A/C was a "factory dealer" accessory and equipment was bought in 1976. Asking \$20,000. For more details please contact JOHN CAVANAUGH, BDE #7 at 941.350.2150 (cell) or 941.343.0016 (home) or john@cavanaughcompany.com

FOR SALE: 1990 Buick Reatta Convertible - Red, red, white top. 95,000 miles, 3,000 on tires. Top replaced June 2008, repainted and correctly pin striped four years ago. Asking \$15,000. For more details please contact JOHN CAVANAUGH, BDE #7 at 941.350.2150 (cell) or 941.343.0016 (home) or john@cavanaughcompany.com



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2016 Buick Driving Enthusiasts Fall Tour
 "Will it Play in Peoria"
 October 3 - 6, 2016 - Peoria, IL

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 "Cherry Blossoms & Lakes"
 May 15 - 19, 2017

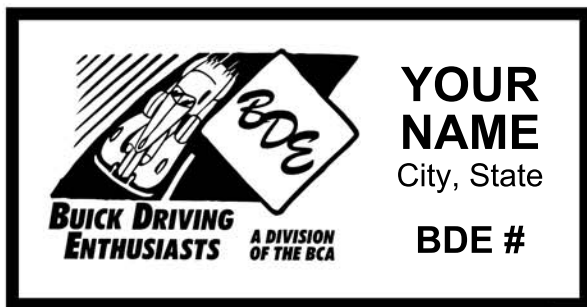
2017 Buick Driving Enthusiasts Fall Tour
 "Music City Madness"
 September 10 - 15, 2015 - Nashville, TN

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Just havin' fun at the 2016 BDE National in Pine Mountain, Georgia





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3. Providing the exchange of technical, historical, and other information about Buick automobiles for all members and other interested parties.

If you are in agreement with these beliefs, you are invited to join the BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS. In order to be a member of the BDE, YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA. If you are not a member, please indicate so, and we will provide you with an application to join. Thank you.

- ☐ NEW
- ☐ RENEWAL: BDE# _____
- ☐ I AM NOT A BCA MEMBER. PLEASE SEND A BCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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BDE FALL TOUR 2016

East Peoria, IL - Sunday, October 2 – Thursday, October 6

Name: _____ Spouse or Guest: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ eMail: _____

BCA # _____ BDE # _____

Year of Buick: _____ Model: _____

(This helps arrange the tour groups. Please notify us prior to your arrival if you change cars)

Registration (Includes car): \$30 (\$20 single) \$_____

Sunday: Self-guided Tours – Multiple Options

Monday: Pontiac, IL
Route 66 Museum, Pontiac Museum and More # _____ \$ Donation_ _____

Gridley, IL
Telephone Museum # _____ @ \$2 \$ _____

Tuesday: JC Whitney
Starved Rock
Buffet Lunch at the Lodge # _____ @ \$15 \$ _____

Wednesday: Barnacopia
Tour and Free Ice Cream #_____ @ \$10 \$_____

Pulled Pork	Chicken Salad Croissant	#	@ \$15	\$
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John Deere Homestead	#	@ \$5	\$
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Thursday: Illinois River Bluffs #_____ @ \$2 \$_____
Shore Acres
Tanner's Orchid – Lunch on your own
Optional on the way home:
Wheels of Time Museum (Ask for Buick discount)
Caterpillar Welcome Center

Banquet #_____ @ \$35 \$_____
_____ Cedar planked salmon, toasted almond rice & apricot butter
_____ Beef tips and garlic mashed potatoes

Total amount enclosed \$_____
(\$104 per person or \$198 per couple)

Hotel information will be provided upon receipt of registration. Rates are \$119 per room/\$139 suite

TOUR PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the Buick I will drive on this tour is covered by at least minimum bodily injury and property damage liability limits as required by my state or province of registry.

My insurance company is: _____

Policy Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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