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DUES ARE DUE DECEMBER 31!



Holiday Greetings from the Buick Driving Enthusiasts!



Holiday Graphic compliments of Larry Splane, BDE #362

And since no one is sorry to see it go . . .



FROM OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR - CHARLIE STEFFY - BDE #374

Season's Greetings to the Buick Driving Enthusiasts!

lessage Well, we almost made it through 2020! A year that was both memorable and one we would like to forget. Yes, there have been many things we could all bitch and fuss about in 2020 but then again there have been some good things to come out of this mess. If nothing else, this year has been one big Pause button. A chance to stop and reevaluate our lives, our priorities and count our blessings.



I have been fortunate to live in an area where our Governor has kept things as normal as possible and the folks here have been, for the most part, doing what they can to minimize the spread of the virus. I have been able to reorganize and de-clutter in the house and in the garages. I have had time to "check things off the list"...things that have been on The List for way too long. And I have been able to keep in touch with friends and family in new ways.

I have been frustrated at not being able to participate in any tours or swap meets this year. But this will not last forever. Nothing lasts forever. The day will come when we are all out enjoying the good times of a BDE Tour and seeing new places and catching up with old friends. Our Buick Family is strong. Our Buick Family is there for one another. We just need to hang in there a little longer. As we finish out this out of the ordinary 2020 may you all stay safe, count your blessings and have those Buicks ready for many more miles of smiles down the road!

Charlie Steffy Your leftover Director from 2019

OUR MID/SENIOR DIRECTOR - ROBERTA VASILOW - BDE #17

Well, BDE'ers, hope all is well with you and yours, it's been an interesting year or lack thereof things to do, but interesting and wondering what lies ahead.



I did get out twice to the drag strip, and to two drive by birthday celebrations, and one tour around the historical places in Flint, which was fun, got a t-shirt from Back to the Bricks for doing that! They had to do something with free t-shirts that were already printed.

Took the GSX to Dave Langdon's funeral, which made for some interesting conversations with a couple guys, that worked at Buick, it was hard not to argue with them about engines and other silly stuff they thought they remembered. LOL!

The speculation on when the world will be 'normal' again', is not very conducive to planning

anything for the coming year, and Michigan got shut down for another 12 days today. How is it where you are? I suspect, we're all in the same situation or similar.

So, Merry Christmas and best to all in Facetime, Zoom, or Facebook video when you can't be with the ones you wish.

Roberta

STAY SAFE! Your "Director-in-Waiting, Roberta



AND OUR JUNIOR/MID DIRECTOR - JERRY RICHSTEIN - BDE #398

As we all know, this has been an "unusual" year, but things could have been worse and will get better.

Jean & I will get on line for a vaccine as soon as it's available to us, and then we'll be ready to start touring again.

Speaking of touring I heard a rumor that Roberta has been making some progress in making the 2021 National Tour a reality next June.

I'm looking forward to life getting back to normal by next summer so that I can see everyone in June, and then perhaps also in July at one, or both, of the 2021 BCA Nationals, and then the "after tour".

BLACK LIVES MATTER
WOMENS RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN RIGHTS
NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL
SCIENCE IS REAL
LOVE IS LOVE
KINDNESS
IS EVERYTHING

Until we are all able to get together again "virtual hugs" to everyone, and please remember that "kindness is everything"!

Love & Peace, Jerry

AND OUR YET TO BE INSTALLED 2020 JUNIOR BDE DIRECTOR - JD WESTFALL - BDE #393

Hello Fellow Buick Driving Enthusiasts,

'I can't find my sparkplug wrench. Does anyone have a sparkplug wrench?

Oh well, blame it on Covid."

Happy Holidays everyone. Stay safe!

Hope 2021 will be a Great Touring Year!

J D Westfall



SECRETARY - CONNIE BRUMBAUGH - BDE #143

Wow, another year has passed us by! And what a year it has been. Something that none of us witnessed before. But on an up note, I believe it's brought us closer together as we have the time to check in on friends via the phone or social media.

If you're like us, your cars didn't get very many miles put on them this year. For some, it's meant time to stay at home and work on projects. Hopefully they will get a grip on covid-19 and reduce the severe need for lock downs, etc. And that in turn will mean hitting the highways again with our Buicks!! Currently it's very difficult to make plans but everyone involved with any of the upcoming tours is still "working on it" and anticipating being able to tour once more in June.

Please follow the recommended guidelines, do your part not to spread the virus. Stay safe and healthy and be ready to roll when the flag is waved! There's a lot of this country yet to tour! Darrell and I wish you all a wonderful holiday season. Anxious to be together with our Buick family in a few months.

Christmas Blessings to all. Connie

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON - MARY ANN SNELL - BDE #424

Greetings from Bethlehem, not the one you see on the Christmas cards, but the one in Pennsylvania.

As we near the end of this calendar year, this is a reminder to those who have not yet renewed their memberships for 2021 with the Buick Driving Enthusiasts I ask that you pause for a few minutes, consider all the good times we have shared and look forward to that time when we can travel the roads again and share mutual camaraderie. The membership fee remains as \$15.00.

If I do not receive your renewal timely, your membership will end.

Mary Ann Snell





- Finally - the Last Message of 2020 -

EDITOR - PAULA LIŠKA - BDE #2

Good grief! Is this year almost over? I think it is time to run Father Time 2020 out of town and take his cronies with him.

Are you experiencing Covid-19 fatigue? I know I am. I'm tired of not seeing my friends, tired of not being able to go anywhere, tired of not having my so called "normal life." But even more than that, I am so angry that many did not take this pandemic seriously, and people have suffered and died because of it. People have experienced physical, mental and emotional tolls. As we move forward into 2021

we must remain vigilant and practice safety protocols. Please continue to socially distance, wear your mask and, if you can, take the vaccine when it is available. I am looking forward to the day when we can gather together and tour with our BDE friends!

Moving forward, 2021 promises some great potential events if things can be "normalized". The Annual Mecum Auction - "The World's Largest Collector Car Auction" - 10 days and 3500 cars - heads to Kissimmee January 7-17. While attending their 3 day event in August I was impressed with their safety procedures. If you are planning to attend, go to the Buick Club of America website, log into the BCA Members Only Area, and click on Mecum Auction - how to get free access. Another great bonus of BCA membership . . . a complimentary standard bidders registration, which includes a guest, and admission for all the days of the auction. BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS!

Hopefully we will be able to have our 2021 BDE National in June in Flint. If Michigan "opens up and is safe" Roberta has some awesome tours on the agenda. The BCA is accepting registrations for the 2021 Dual Buick Nationals - in Concord, North Carolina and Strongsville, Ohio. And there are just a few spaces for the After

Tour departing Strongsville on July 11th. And concluding in Athens, Ohio on July 15th. See page 6 of this newsletter for details. Autumn will bring the reschduled Fall Tour in Alabama. Details on that as things progress. Keep your fingers crossed that we will be able to experience these events.

So as the clock strikes midnight on December 31 and Baby New Year brings in 2021, we hope that he brings peace, joy and the opportunity to share friendship and fun again. Happy New Year everyone and thanks for sticking by the Buick Driving Enthusiasts in an especially trying time.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this issue of The Driving Force - Ann Bell, Connie Brumbaugh, John Cavanaugh, Lynn Crutchfield, Jack Horvath, Bruce Kile, Ed Lenny, Bill McLaughlin, Jerry Richstein, Mary Ann Snell, Larry Splane, Charlie Steffy, Mike Stemen, Roberta Vasilow, JD Westfall, and those who accidentally slipped under my computer. Without our members help we wouldn't have a newsletter. If you have something you would like to share just email me at Kliska@cfl.rr.com or via snail mail - 1424 Dogwood Court, Kissimmee FL 34744.

Go BDE! Go Away 2020! Paula

PLEASE NOTE: ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL BE EMAILED TO MEMBERS UNLESS YOU REQUEST OTHERWISE (or do not have an email address). THANKS FOR HELPING US STAY ON BUDGET!

How About a Shout Out to KATIE MONTGOMERY - BDE # 22

I recently received a note from Katie Montgomery - she and her late husband, Bob, were among the original members of the BDE.

Not only did she mention that she enjoyed receiving *The Driving Force*, she said that "caring for one another was a goal in the beginning of the BDE and hopefully now, too." Anyway, Katie recently turned 91!!! And unfortunately we missed her birthday. So let's send some love, belated birthday greetings and holiday wishes her way!

Katie Montgomery 36 Delft Circle Olmsted Township, OH 44138 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 3 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.

WANTED: 1970 Buick Electra Convertible. Red, red, white top. Contact **John Cavanaugh** at 941-350-2157 (cell) or cavanaugh7@comcast.net (FL) 9

WANTED: Looking for a rebuilt or NOS power antenna for my '76 Riviera if anyone knows of one or any good leads. **Ronald Givler** - 814-329-3533 (cell) or ragivler@hotmail.com (PA) 9

FREE: Transmission from a 1963 Riviera. It needs a little work but I would give it away if someone is interested. Pick up in Northfield MN. **Bob LeClair** - 651-253-6808 or rdriviera@gmail.com (MN) 9

FOR SALE: Beautiful set of original wire wheels, never used since refurbished by Dayton. 15 X 6 1/2 with stainless spokes.Includes plastic center caps. \$3500. **Bobby Minis** 912-484-1825 or rpminis@comcast.net (GA) 9

FOR SALE: 5 last generation Buick Riviera wheels. Very nice - no curb scratches \$350/obo. We can work on the shipping. Steve Ledger 312-316-0249. buickbullitt65 @gmail.com (IL) 9



FOR SALE: 1975 LeSabre Convertible, 455 Engine 400 Turbo. Cruise, power 60/40 seats, Tilt, and Road Wheels. Original milage car. To many new parts to list. Show ready. \$18,750. **Frank Blizzard** - email frankblizz@aol.com (GA) 9



FOR SALE: 1941 Jr series complete dual carb setup..carbs, exhaust intake, air cleaner etc..show car detailed on a rolling pallet. Carbs look rebuilt but cannot document \$900. 1942 and 1946 Buick grills, show quality polished and complete on frames \$700 and \$650. 6 volt Delco Guide headlamps -pre 1950. Proper for judged cars in 30s-40s These are NOS but not in original boxes \$160 the pair. Lewis Cohen 58 North Racebrook Road, Woodbridge, Conn 06525 203-397-8723 (CT) 9

FOR SALE: 4 American Racing Torq Thrust Wheels.

Style 505-7863 - 17x8, P.C.D. 5x4.75, Offset +8mm. Purchased for '67 GS. NEW! Never on car. Always stored inside. Asking \$800. Also '71 Skylark/GS bumper (excellent core quality), '71 Skylark/GS stainless sweep spears. Email **Paula Liska** for details Kliska@cfl.rr.com (FL) 9





FOR SALE: 1949/ 50 Buick gauges and speedometer. \$75. Email Frank Blizzard frankblizz@aol.com (GA) 9



DUES ARE DUE DECEMBER 31, 2020 THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU HAVEN'T RE-UPPED

This & That

From **Ed Lenny - BDE #222**: This morning Isabel I were watching one of our favorite television shows, "The CBS Sunday Morning Show". They were doing a theme show and the theme was "Food". As part of the show, they discussed the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on iconic restaurants and they mentioned that the Brookville Hotel had closed. As part of BDE Tours/After Tours, we had been there, with some of you, at least twice. Sorry to see this place go down.

ABILENE, Kan. (WIBW) - The famous chicken dinners filling plates at Brookville Hotel are coming to an end.

Owners Connie and Mark Martin posted Thursday on Facebook the restaurant in Abilene is closed. The post cites the COVID-19 pandemic and lack of traffic. "We hung on as long as we could, but the writing was on the wall," their post states. "We would like to thank everyone for your patronage of the Brookville Hotel over the last 125 years." Members of the Martin family have operated the Brookville Hotel for more than a century. It moved from the town of Brookville to Abilene in 2000. "Keeping our business as simple as possible with one menu so people can actually expect the same flavors each time they come here, we're talking generations now, (is our recipe for success)," Mark Martin told 13 NEWS for a Fork in the Road segment in 2018. Copyright 2020 WIBW. All rights reserved.



BDE'ers arriving at the Brookville Hotel during the Fall Tour of 2010 in Abilene, Kansas

A Note from Lynn

Hi Paula.

I hope that all is good with you today. For the most part, we are okay. (Two and a half months ago, I fell and fractured two ribs. I am now much better, but it is still there. About three weeks ago, Cary got a piece of meat stuck in his esophagus. It still had not moved the next morning, so we of course went to the VA hospital in Gainesville. He had an emergency upper endoscopy, spent the night in the hosp, and is fine now. They found



no issues in his esophagus to cause the problem, but has a procedure scheduled next week for further exploration.

We very much appreciate your effort, as editor of a touring club newsletter, with no tours to write about. I have attached a photo of our two 2006 Terrazas. "T-Raz-1" and "T-Raz-2", photographed next to our house, with the Suwannee in the background. I hope this helps.

The way this virus has continued to have a grip on our country and world, I wonder if we will be able to get together even next summer. Fingers crossed!!! Stay smart. (Wear your mask.) Stay well. Stay alive!

Lynn Crutchfield - BDE #264

2021 After Tour is Still On!!!

Plans for the 26th (annual?) "After Tour" are still on & (hopefully) will depart from the site of the Holiday Inn in Strongsville, Ohio on July 11th. The tour will conclude in Athens, Ohio on July 15th. There is a 30 Buick room limit for this event. As of this notice we have six (6) spots remaining.

If you are interested please call Bruce & Shar, (770) 977-7924 or email sbkile58@aol.com

An Odd Bit of History from 1941

Contributed by Mike Stemen - BDE #119

Buick Karl Shapiro

As a sloop with a sweep of immaculate wing on her delicate spine

And a keel as steel as a root that holds in the sea as she leans,

Leaning and laughing, my warm-hearted beauty, you ride, you ride,

You tack on the curves with parabola speed and a kiss of goodbye,

Like a thoroughbred sloop,

my new high-spirited spirit, my kiss.

As my foot suggests that you leap in the air with your hips of a girl,
My finger that praises your wheel and announces your voices of song,
Flouncing your skirts, you blueness of joy, you flirt of politeness,
You leap, you intelligence,
essence of wheelness with silvery nose,
And your platinum clocks of excitement stir like the hairs of a fern.

But how alien you are from the booming belts of your birth and the smoke
Where you turned on the stinging lathes of Detroit and Lansing at night
And shrieked at the torch in your secret parts and the amorous tests,
But now with your eyes that enter the future of roads you forget;
You are all instinct with your phosphorous glow and your streaking hair.

And now when we stop it is not as the bird from the shell that I leave
Or the leathery pilot who steps from his bird with a sneer of delight,
And not as the ignorant beast do you squat and watch me depart,
But with exquisite breathing you smile, with satisfaction of love,
And I touch you again as you tick in the silence and settle in sleep.

From Person, Place and Thing by Karl Shapiro. Copyright 1941, by Karl Shapiro. Random House Inc.



BUICK BUG ADOPTION

Hopefully, many of you remember that we adopted the Buick Bug at the Sloan Museum this year in memory of Joe Taubitz. See here:

https://sloanlongway.org/adopted-cars/

As we near the first of 2021 and many of you have asked to be involved to donate,

I will ask you to send me an email with your anticipated donation,
or even send a check to me made out to the Sloan Museum-Adopt a Car- Buick Bug in Memory of Joe Taubitz - BDE #1.

I will personally make up any difference to get to the \$1000 requested, and your name will be on the sign, stating that you donated.

Thanks,
Roberta Vasilow
6186 Torrey Road
Flint, MI 48507

FLASHBACK from John Cavanaugh - BDE #007



This picture is of my Dad and me in 1964 in Sanford, Florida. Dad gave to me the 1956 Buick Special when I was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Sanford.

The car had turned 100,000 miles on the way from Chicago to Sanford.



GOOD NEWS & GOOD DEEDS

BDE members Jack & Pat

Volunteer for the USO.
Here is their beautiful Riviera at a 'Georgia Cool Cruisers for a Cause' car show - a benefit for the USO at the Atlanta Airport, where they are regular volunteers.

Pat is seen at another car show collecting donations.
The photo of their Riv was taken in their home town of Tucker, Georgia.
Kudos to these fine folks for the

good work they so selfishly do.







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Look at the cover car illustration for the Madrid International Classic Vehicle Show

The largest showcase dedicated to classic motors in Spain is held in the Casa de Campo glass pavilion For more than 25 years now, the Glass pavilion at the Casa de Campo de Madrid fairgrounds has hosted the largest exhibition and commercial event dedicated to the classic motor segment in Spain.

The International Classic Vehicle Show brings together national and international professionals, companies, clubs and fans. This great scenario makes it possible to highlight the wealth and excellence of the automotive heritage that is preserved in Spain while promoting the commercial activity of the business and professional fabric of this sector.

The International Classic Vehicle Show, Classic Madrid, will be on this occasion the penultimate weekend of May a benchmark for motor enthusiasts with more history in southern Europe.

Hundreds of collectible and popular automobiles and motorcycles; thousands of references in automobilia (accessories, spare parts, pieces, etc); clubs and entities; and a wide program of activities to enhance actions and experiences related to automotive heritage will take place from May 21 to 23 in this emblematic space of the Casa de Campo in Madrid.

(Information from the Salón Internacional del Vehículo Clásico de Madrid website)

Thank you to Bill McLaughlin for sharing the poster.

Flashback - Vintage Cars with Matching Trailers Contributed by Ed Lenny - BDE# 222





1952 Buick Riviera Hardtop with Matching Trailer















1949 Studebaker Pickup with Purple Trailer to Match





Pretty Pink Pair 1959 Cadillac Sixty with Shasta Trailer

1955 Ford Customline Wagon with Shasta Trailer

THE GOOD OLD DAYS . . . OR NOT!



Children playing while wearing gas masks in 1941.
And you're complaining about wearing a mask now?



How about a tour to Grand Canyon - in 1914?



Charging an electric car in 1905. Hmmm - maybe a bit easier now?



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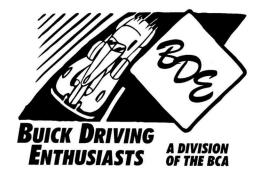












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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION **BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS**

A DIVISION OF THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

The BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS (BDE) is a division of the Buick Club of America (BCA). The BDE believes in:

- 1. The 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.
- 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 in YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING Owe will provide you with an application to join. Thank	OF THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA. If you are not	
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