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**SAVE THE DATES!!!
BDE 2025 NATIONAL TOUR
MAY 4 - 9, 2025
NACHEZ, MISSISSIPPI**



The BDE Scores Again! Home Run in Blue Ridge, Georgia!



What a beautiful locale to have a
Buick Driving Enthusiasts tour!
Thank you JD & Allison Westfall
and Bruce & Shar Kile
for making this happen!



**SAVE THE DATES!
BDE 2024 FALL TOUR
Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania
September 23 - 26, 2024
Registration in this issue!**

Messages

OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR - DARRELL BRUMBAUGH - BDE #143

Thank you JD for the National Tour in Blue Ridge. It was very interesting and I believe everyone had a good time. Next up, Pennsylvania. Don't forget to register for the Fall Tour. I'm looking forward to seeing more of my home state!

As I write this, we are driving to the Last Frontier. Maybe I should have used this trip as my National Tour? Wonder if I would have had any takers on it??? Touring with the Enclave to Alaska this summer.

I'd like to welcome Dan to the Jr Director position. Thank you Dan for stepping up. We need volunteers to step forward if we're going to keep this Division going. As JD's strategy at the annual meeting showed the number of members who have hosted a tour vs those who have not. I'll repeat here what I said there, anyone who has ideas, please talk with a Director. There are always folks willing to assist in planning. You wouldn't need to do it all by yourself. Please consider hosting a tour. We haven't seen this entire country yet!

Enjoy your summer and run those Buicks. They were built to be driven. We'll see you in September!

Darrell



OUR MID BDE DIRECTOR - BRUCE KILE - BDE #11

Hello BDE Family -

So here I am the new mid guy, you can just call me "Middie" now. Actually I was just getting used to being referred to as "Junior" but that distinction now goes to Dan Christensen. A big thank you goes to Dan for stepping up. I understand he & Tammi even have their eyes on a location for the 2027 National National tour. Now that's planning ahead!

Hey, speaking of tours, thanks & congratulations to J.D. & Allison for organizing and facilitating another fun filled tour, this time in beautiful Blue Ridge, Georgia. We're looking forward to "reliving" the fun through coverage in this issue of the "D.F." (thank you Paula).

Now we can't wait for the next BDE "family reunion" this fall in Lehigh Valley, Pa. BTW, save the dates of May 4 - 9, 2025 for next year's National Tour. We plan to have details and registration forms in Lehigh Valley.

Oh, we do need bids for the 2025 Fall Tour. PLEASE, consider "stepping up to the plate" and taking a swing at it. There are lots of experienced help available. Just call any officer (past or present).

Peace, God Bless & "Go (tour in a) Buick"
"Middie" (old) Bruce BDE 11

SECRETARY - BELVA MEYER - BDE #023

I have the registration forms and envelopes ready to mail for the Friends tour and the September BDE tour, just need to write the checks. Don't forget. As always, we are very much looking forward to both tours.

JD's Blue Ridge tour was also a great stopping point for our return to Indiana. It was less than 10 miles from being the half way point mileage wise. It is beautiful country with no straight roads and great small towns. We especially loved the train ride. And, we certainly ate well, as usual. Thanks, JD.

Upon returning home we made preparations to attend our 41st Buick GS Nationals in Bowling Green, KY. Our 1970 GS Stage 2 was displayed along with fellow BDE member Dennis Manner's collection of Stage 2 parts and history. Thanks to Dennis for his continuing efforts to preserve this part of Buick history.

We are looking forward to more adventures this summer with our Buicks but you never know what might make its way to a show.

Stay safe and have a good summer,
Belva



More Messages

OUR NEWLY INSTALLED JUNIOR BDE DIRECTOR - DAN CHRISTENSEN - BDE #565

My BDE Friends,

Thank you for voting me in as Junior Director. I am often asked why I like Buicks so much. So, a little about myself: as a wee lad back in the eighties, times were tough and money was tougher. I came up with the idea of buying ditches of old cars that I would discover in my travels around Iowa, and pay the farmer \$100 for the ditch full. I would find a wrecker to haul them to my place, strip off the good parts like steering wheels, to sell separately. I then sold the shells to a crusher for \$100 a piece. I would split the crushing profits with the wrecker operator. I would always keep back the Buicks as I really liked them. At one point, I had a dozen in the back yard. I thought my wife wouldn't mind so much if I kept them parked in a neat row. Not so much. In my neck of the woods, every aspiring gearhead had a Chevy or a Ford to hot rod around in. I wanted to be different, besides, the quality and styling of the old Buicks interested me.



I stumbled upon a 1956 Buick Special hardtop for \$25. It had a chimney fall onto it. The owner quit driving it because it sucked in too much dust from the smashed deck lid on the gravel road that he lived on. After spending \$3,000 on the restoration, I sold it for \$5,000. I wonder where she is now. I had satisfied the old car itch and sold everything else off to a local junk yard. My family continued to grow as did my other hobbies. After retirement from my "real" job in 2020, I completed Jezebel, my 1938 Buick Special and the Buick rash needed itched again. We tour in Jezebel and are trying to complete a 1948 Roadmaster, or two.

Our 2027 tour plans for the members are developing... standby! Mid Director Bruce Kile has taken Tammi and I under his wing and has pledged to help us learn the ropes about setting up a tour. If you would like to see a tour in a place you enjoy, why not volunteer to set up a tour or work with one of the officers to help them set up a tour? Our members are such wonderful people, I'm sure you would have all the help you need and a good time in the process.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Strongsville for the BCA National Meet and in Wooster for the Friends After Tour!

Daniel Christensen
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON - ROBERTA VASILOW - BDE #17

Hi BDEers,

Happy Summer!

Hope you have the Buicks ready to roll some more, saw a bunch of you in Blue Ridge, GA, as usual a good time was had by all. Thanks to J.D. and Allison and all that helped make it happen!

Next up, the BCA National and the "Friends Tour", I'll be in the swap meet and have the GSX in the car show at the National, and help lead the way on after tour, can't wait, Will see you all there!

The Fall Tour in PA will be upon us, before we know it. My Sister Alicia BDE#501 will be accompanying me, she can't wait to see the ones she's met before but especially you other folks she has heard about for years!

The latest membership roster will be included with this newsletter, rather than printing individual copies, this way makes more sense and gets copies to all, please review and let me know if there are any corrections to be made to your information. THANKS!!!

Go Safely and have fun in your Buick/s, see you in OHIO!
Roberta



What a great way to kick off the 2024 BDE National Tour on Monday, April 29 - driving our beautiful Buicks through the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains from Blue Ridge to Helen, Georgia. This picturesque Alpine Bavarian styled village offered a delightful variety of shops to explore before we headed to the Old Bavaria Inn for lunch featuring traditional German cuisine.

Gutes Essen, gute Zeiten.

Following lunch a visit was made to Babyland General Hospital, the fictional "birthplace" of Cabbage Patch Kids dolls, located in Cleveland, Georgia. Creator Xavier Roberts converted a former clinic into a retail facility for the sale of his dolls, originally called "Little People."

Sometimes Mother Nature just has to have her own way. Unfortunately she got it on Tuesday, April 30. Our hayride through Mercier's blossoming apple orchards was cancelled. But, since the optional "E" in BDE is eating, we headed to Mercier's Market for produce, bakery, candy, cheese, meats, cider, wine and even a honey wall - well, you get the picture. Snacking before an outstanding box lunch was in order.

Next on the agenda was exploring downtown Blue Ridge. Shops of all varieties: boutiques, art and antiques, toys and penny candy, gourmet foods and coffee, craft beer, fine wine and ICE CREAM! What a great way to spend a few hours before heading to the hotel for another evening of socializing. Always a good time!





Wednesday, May 1st's adventure featured a journey through the mountains of the Cherokee National Forest including the Ocoee Scenic Byway. The Ocoee Dam Deli & Diner provided some "dam good" homestyle food so we could journey to the next "dam" location - the Chief Vann House State Historic Site. Chief James



Vann, the wealthiest Cherokee person in the nation, built his "Showplace of the Cherokee Nation" in 1804, and his home still stands as the best-preserved surviving Cherokee plantation home. During the 1790s, James Vann became a Cherokee Indian leader and wealthy businessman. He established the largest and most prosperous plantation in the Cherokee Nation, covering 1,000 acres of what is now Murray County. In 1804 he completed construction of a beautiful 2 1/2 story brick home that was the most elegant in the Cherokee Nation. After Vann was murdered in 1809, his son Joseph inherited the mansion and plantation. Joseph was also a Cherokee leader and became even more wealthy than his father.

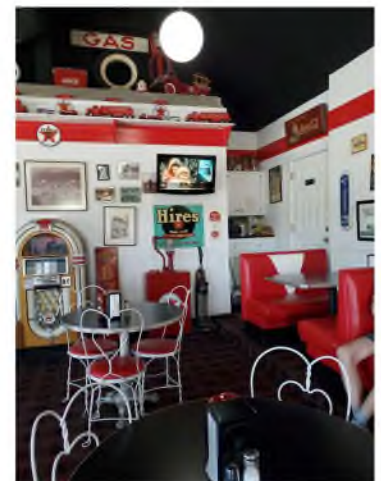


In the 1830s almost the entire Cherokee Nation was forced west by state and federal troops on the infamous Trail of Tears. In 1838 and 1839 U.S. troops, prompted by the state of Georgia, expelled the Cherokee Indians from their ancestral homeland in the Southeast and removed them to the Indian Territory in what is now Oklahoma. The Vann family lost their elegant home, rebuilding in the Cherokee there. Today the Vann House survives as Georgia's best-preserved historic Cherokee Indian home.



Since it was only a brief diversion from the route back to the hotel, and the BDE'ers were all "screaming for ICE CREAM", the Creme Hut in Chatsworth, Georgia fit the bill perfectly. Housed in a former Texaco gas station and chocked full of memorabilia, it was the icing of the cake with a cherry on top

That evening, puzzles being completed and the competition being close, the hospitably room was the scene of yet another BDE tradition - the Silent Auction! Much laughter and surprises ended one more tradition of the BDE tours.





All Aboard the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway! On our last day of touring, Thursday, May 2nd, we boarded this heritage railroad at the historic depot in downtown Blue Ridge. While aboard we were treated to musical

entertainment. The 26-mile roundtrip took us on a slow, relaxing scenic route that took us along the Toccoa River through the North Georgia countryside. The train followed the former Marietta and North Georgia Railroad line north to our destinations - McCaysville, Georgia, and its adjacent Twin city Copperhill, Tennessee. You can stand in two states at once having one foot on the Georgia side and the other on the Tennessee side!



When leaving McCaysville, we sat on the opposite side of the train. This gave us the opportunity to see the river views and also those of the mountain. Our on-board tour guide provided us with history along the river. One of the most interesting was the remnants of a 500-year old Cherokee fish trap. It is a low wall made from river rocks that forms a "V" shape that points downstream and traps the fish when they attempt to swim through it. Once the fish were caught up in the "V", they were easily collected in baskets, nets or other traps.



The tour commenced with the fairwell banquet at the Southern Charm Restaurant in Historic Downtown Blue Ridge. Comfort foods with a taste of the South were served with Southern Hospitality.

After dinner the BDE Annual Meeting was held. Dennis and Mary Ann Snell gave a presentation about the BDE Fall tour in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania to be held September 23-26, 2024 and have some great tours planned. *(Spoiler Alert: A guided tour of the NB Center, (private collection of world renowned collector, Nicola Bulgari.)* An info sheet and registration form is included in this newsletter.



Our new Junior Director, Dan Christensen, was elected. Outgoing Senior Director, JD Westfall, presented the gavel to Darrell Brumbaugh.

This year's Founders Award was presented to Ed and Isabel Lenny. The award honors a member who best exemplify the spirit and deed originally brought to the BDE by the founders.

A rousing round of applause was given to JD and Allison Westfall for hosting this fantastic tour. JD gave Bruce and Shar Kile gifts to thank them for their help with the tour. BDE members bid fairwell before heading home with fond memories of the 2024 BDE National tour.



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Buicks on Tour



BDE People and Buicks in the Rain





EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2

Good Morning Fellow BDEers -

It's been a long time since the last newsletter. I apologize for the delay. It's been a bit of a bumpy ride but now I'm on a smoother road and moving forward. Thank you for the condolences and sympathy. Tom really enjoyed meeting you all and traveling with the BDE. When Frank Cwikla needed a navigator at Flint, Tom was volunteered for the job - no experience. Watching them fly by our destination was mildly amusing, knowing they would dead end at a lake if they kept going. Cell phones to the rescue.

Thanks to JD Westfall, our outgoing Senior Director. We appreciate all you have done to make the BDE a success with some fun thrown in. And welcome to our new Junior Director Dan Christensen. He and his wife, Tammi, have that refreshing enthusiasm this club needs. They already have a tour planned for 2027 when it is their turn to host. You'll enjoy getting to know them if you haven't already met them.

Welcome to our new members too. There is a listing of them in this edition of the newsletter. It's great when a member invites someone and they join. And also, when someone attends a BDE meet and they decide to sign up.

Kudos to hosts JD and Allison Westfall, with assistance from Bruce and Shar Kile, for the Buicks in Blue Ridge BDE National Tour. What gorgeous country. Keeping a old BDE tradition, we traveled some twisty, winding, curvy roads transversing the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. And seeing places we haven't visited before, from a alpine village to a hospital where babies are born in a secret cabbage patch, a market in a orchard where you could almost any edible to the plantation of a Cherokee leader, an a train ride to a place where you can stand in two states at the same time. Oh, and ICE CREAM! Historic Downtown Blue Ridge was great to explore. Thanks for a great time!



When is the Fall Tour? Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania to be held September 23-26, 2024. Dennis and Mary Ann Snell gave a presentation about the BDE Fall tour in have some great tours planned. An info sheet and registration form is included in this newsletter. The 2025 National Tour will be held in Natchez, Mississippi, May 4-9, 2025. **SAVE THE DATES!**

Speaking of tours, it's time for some different members to step up to the plate. If you would like to plan one or have an idea a great place to tour, reach out to one of the directors. There is always someone to help, so have no fear!

In closing we note with great sadness that we share the passing of Jack Anderson, BDE #235. He and his wife, Donna, were active members and had joined us on many tours. No further information is available at this time. Condolences may be sent to Donna Anderson, 7511 Herrick Park Drive, Hudson, OH 44236 or hiohio@roadrunner.com

And a shout out to Rich Gibbs. We miss you and hope you are feeling better.

Thanks to the people who helped make yet another issue of The Driving Force possible including - **Connie Brumbaugh, Darrell Brumbaugh, Dan Christensen, Bruce Kile, Belva Meyer, Mike Stemen, Inez Norgard, Roberta Vasilow, JD Westfall**, and those who accidentally omitted.

We wouldn't have a newsletter without our members help and contributions. If you have something you would like to share just email me - Kliska@cfl.rr.com or via snail mail - 1424 Dogwood Court, Kissimmee FL 34744.

**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!**

Who is going to the Buick Club of America National in Strongsville, Ohio in July? Here's a fuzzy flashback from the Buick Bugle. Ken and I were there in 1977 for our very first Buick National and it was at the same hotel in Strongsville! Bruce and Shar were there, too. Looks like it's going to be deja vu all over again! See you there - you might find Roberta and me in the Swap Meet. And/or see you for the With a Little Help from my Friends Aftertour.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We're Glad You Decided to Join us!

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How I Love to Drive my Buick -
The Adventures of Darrell and Connie Brumbaugh as they drive from Pennsylvania across the United States and Canada to Alaska.

Obviously influenced by the BDE, they have found some quirky places to explore.



Visiting the Fort Nelson Heritage Museum in British Columbia, situated just west of the historic Mile 300 milepost on the world famous Alaska Highway, loaded with unusual and wonderful things. They discovered this 1908 Buick McLaughlin which was driven 100 miles in 2008. Darrell wondered if it would take them home, but Connie didn't want to try.



A visit to the Sign Post Forest in Watson Lake, Yukon, Canada was in order. A miniature maze maintained by the town, the forest has almost 100,000 signs tacked on to towering signposts, from locations around the world the forest started "growing" in 1942 when a homesick American soldier erected an homage to his own hometown in Illinois.



My 3 1/2-year search to find a Boattail Buick Riviera...or TWO

By Alan Ziglin - BCA#52492, BDE #572

(Previously published in the Buick Bugle and The Riview)



I bought my first collector car, a very original 1929 Studebaker which I still own, while I was in Graduate School in 1972. With only one or two exceptions, I have only had Studebaker and Pontiac collector cars. People say you collect what you grew up with, but during my formative years I never knew anyone who had Studebakers or Pontiacs.

About five years ago I started wondering why I didn't have any Buick collector cars. My father drove top-of-the-line Buicks. In addition, during the 1980s and 1990s there were years when I put over 30,000 miles on my car, and did it in full-size Buicks. I bought my first brand new Buick in 1983. I was 35 years old at the time and statistics said that the average age of a person who bought full size Buicks was 55. After I learned this, I said, "Why wait 20 years to be comfortable in a car?"

So, in 2018 I decided to find a Buick to add to my collection; quickly focusing on a 1971 or 1972 boat-tail Riviera.

I was surprised to learn that air conditioning was not standard equipment on Rivieras in the early 1970s. With the heat here in Atlanta and given the very large rear window (which intensify the heat from the sun), I needed to find a Riviera with factory air conditioning. I really wanted to hold out for bucket seats and the automatic transmission selector on a full-length console. Beyond these two items, I just wanted a car that was nicely equipped, looked nice and was reliable. I like my collector cars and enjoy driving them but have never been interested in points-judging.

Time went by and I was unable to find the Riviera I was looking for. I found a number of 1971 and 1972 Rivieras offered for sale but none seemed right for me.

In February 2022 two seemingly unrelated things happened:

First, I found yet another 1971 Riviera for sale. This one was located in Texas. I began the process of talking with the owner, learning about the car, seeing photos and finally having someone inspect the car for me.

Secondly, at about the same time, I wrote an article for the Pontiac Grand Prix publication. Over the years I've written many articles for collector car club publications. From 2015 to 2017, I had a series of operations that significantly limited my mobility and so, to keep my brain functioning during that time, I started writing articles again. In 2020 when the pandemic shut things down, I wrote even more articles. Now it is just kind of a habit and I continue writing...as you can see from this article.

The article I wrote for the Grand Prix publication regarded the four Grand Prixes I have owned over the years. I ended that article by saying I probably would not be buying another Grand Prix anytime soon, since I had been looking for over three years for a 1971 or 1972 boat-tail Buick Riviera. I submitted the article to the editor on February 11.

On March 1, 2022 I decided that the 1971 Riviera in Texas was what I was looking for. I sent payment for the car and had a transport company deliver it to me.



The Grand Prix publication, with my article included, was sent out on March 30.

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On April 15, I got a phone call from a man I did not know, who had read my Grand Prix article. He told me he enjoyed my article and read that I was looking for a boat-tail Riviera. He proceeded to tell me that he had a friend in Tulsa who had recently purchased a 1972 Riviera from an estate with the intention of holding the car until June when the Mecum Auction would be held in Tulsa.

I called and talked to his friend, the owner, at length. The car that was already in my garage really was a very nice car that I would have been happy with. However, based on the owner's description it sounded like the Oklahoma car was the better of the two. There were many phone calls back and forth and many pictures shared.

On May 16, 2022, Jerry Burge, a good friend of mine (who also keeps my collector cars in great running order) and I flew to Tulsa. After a couple of test drives and putting the car up on the lift, it became clear that the owner's description had been accurate and that this was an even better car and so I decided to buy it.

In advance of our trip to Tulsa, I had contacted a Pontiac club friend who, as it turned out, lived only 15 minutes from the seller's home. I asked, if I actually bought the car, could I store it at his house until I could get it transported. He of course agreed, even though it was not a Pontiac. :)

I wire transferred the funds to the owner of the '72 Riviera and in the early afternoon that same day, we took the Riviera to my Pontiac friend's home and Jerry and I flew back to Atlanta. As luck would have it, my older son had a contact that allowed me to get the car transported promptly and at a reasonable cost. I was delighted that they were able to pick the car up early Friday afternoon. That meant I only had to store the car in Tulsa for four days. The next day, Saturday, the car was at my home, just five days after I had purchased it.



So, after 3 1/2 years of unsuccessfully looking for my boat-tail Riviera, I bought one and immediately thereafter another, even better one, fell in my lap! I wound up buying two boat-tail Riviervas 11 weeks apart!

Believe it or not, I am really not one to flip cars. After enjoying having both cars for a short time, I gave the '71 to a consignment store here in Atlanta. When they found the next owner of the car, I had owned it only 184 days (6 months and 3 days)! This is by far the shortest time I have ever owned a car.

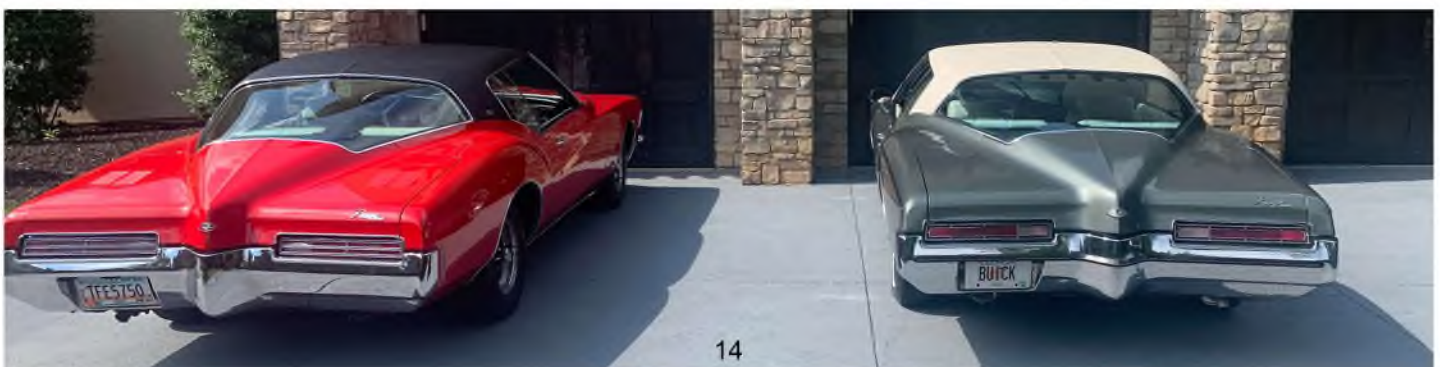
As an indicator of how good a car this one was and how popular these cars are, it only took 4 weeks for consignment folks to find a buyer.

To recap:

- Had the man, who I did not know, and I not both been members of the Grand Prix Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club, International; and
- if I had not written the article; and
- if the editor of the Grand Prix publication had not published my article in the issue he did; and
- if the friend of the man, who told me about the car, had not bought the Riviera and told him about it;
- I would've missed out on this great car.

***In 50 years of collecting cars, I've had some memorable occurrences.
However, this is by far the best story ever!***

The lesson here is that you just never know how you will find your next collector car...



Swap Space

Ads run free for BDE members for 3 issues.

Photos will be included as space permits.

Be sure to include contact information in your ad.

Ad may be edited due to space constraints.

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



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FOR SALE: "Ms. Eleanore" - 1950 Super Model 52R. Standard 3 Speed. Runs well, Great tour car if you don't need power steering and like to shift gears. \$18,000 includes fender skirts, California car cover plus a pick-up truck full or spare parts. Hersel Goff 540-553-5224. (Virginia) 5 24

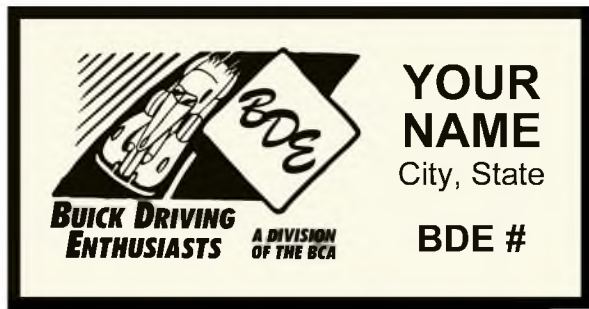


FOR SALE: "Lola Mae" - 1970 LeSabre Coupe. 350 4BBL automatic with cold air. PS, PB. 60,000 miles. Runs great. \$16,000 with spare parts. Hersel Goff - 540-553-5224. (Virginia) 5 24



FOR SALE: 1983 Buick LeSabre, right side dashboard trim plate (#25510942) and quartz analog clock that trim plate is designed to frame. This is the wood grained panel that is affixed to the dash in front of the front seat passenger. The clock is surrounded by this piece. On the back of the clock is printed "Borg Instruments" The clock has been bench tested and works as it should. Each item is as new. They were used for only a couple weeks in 1983. This panel and clock may fit other models and years. Panel approximate dimensions are 18.5" X 5.625" X 1". Clock is approximately 4" x 2.5". \$285 OBO **Alan Ziglin** 770-352-0801 or 19fury61@gmail.com (Georgia) 5 24

REMODELING MY GARAGE SALE: 1971 Skylark/GS Rear Bumper (excellent core quality). Parts: stainless rocker molding, new convertible rubber molding, window glass, bucket seat backs, gauges, lenses, emblems, misc. Sell as lot \$300/OBO. Also 1967-72 Chevy C10-C20 Truck - Rocker panels, new windshield, new in packaging trim. 1968-69/69-72/78-83 Corvette misc. Must be picked up in Central Florida. **Paula Liska** for details Kliska@cfl.rr.com (FL) 12



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Hello Fellow BDE'rs:

For those of you who were at the Georgia BDE tour in May, you heard me speak about the BDE Fall Tour to be held in the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania. For those of you who couldn't be there, here is a summary of what I have on the agenda for the Fall Tour 2024. Some of you may have attended the BDE National tour hosted by Ed and Isabel Lenny back in 2009. The area has added a lot of attractions, etc. since then.

The Lehigh Valley comprises the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton, again commonly referred to as the "Lehigh Valley". The name derives from the city's location on both sides of the Lehigh River, which meets up with the Delaware River in Easton, Pa.

The Lehigh Valley has a rich history in the role it has played in the development of our country. We are planning to show you a small snapshot of some of our local historical attractions.

Day One features a visit to a local historian/craftsman, who at one time hand built funeral caissons and did repairs to the caissons at Arlington Cemetery. More recently he has built a collection of antique machinery, including hit and miss engines, pioneer type of farm equipment, and more. He will give a demonstration of some of his equipment. Our next stop will be lunch and a tour of the Old Spokes Museum. A private collection of "Hudson Automobiles", around 82 of the, and the largest private collection of Hudson's in the world. There are around 82 Hudson's at this location. The last stop of the day will be to a local Creamery featuring really homemade ice cream and other sweets.

Day Two will be museum day, starting out with a brief tour and talk at a professional restoration facility, of automobiles, etc, the RB Collection in Allentown. Next stop is the America on Wheels Museum across the street from RB Collection. After a guided tour of the museum, there will be a hot buffet lunch and ice cream in the museum in an authentic 1954 café which was previously housed in Lyons, Indiana at a Rexall drugstore. Leaving the museum, we will travel a short distance for a guided tour of the NB Center, (private collection of world-renowned collector, Nicola Bulgari). Some of you may have been there for the Buick Nationals in 2015. We will see two buildings with some of the 182 cars at this facility as well as a tour of the mechanic, body, and upholstery shops. Golf carts will be available for those having walking issues, as each building is a good distance apart from one another.



Day Three takes us to the National Industrial Museum in Bethlehem, on the site of the Electrical Shop of the former Bethlehem Steel Company. This museum highlights the role the steel making industry, particularly Bethlehem Steel, played in the development of this country after the Industrial Revolution, and the role it played in winning World War II. We'll also be able to walk and view the mighty blast furnaces of Bethlehem Steel, up close and personal. Wednesday afternoon is yours visit downtown historic Bethlehem where you can shop, eat, and see some city landmarks which date back the mid-18th century. Bethlehem was the home to the first municipal water works in the United States, founded by the Moravians, the city was developed around a communal living system. The Liberty Bell was temporarily moved and hidden in Bethlehem by George Washington so the British wouldn't destroy it if Philadelphia fell during the revolution.

On our last day, we will take a driving tour of the countryside, driving over some of our remaining covered bridges before making our way down to Easton to visit the National Canal Museum. At the canal museum we will have a boxed lunch under a pavilion before boarding the barge pulled by two mules for a 45 minute ride on the canal, (barge is handicapped accessible). This canal system was developed to transport coal from the coal region down to the Delaware River and to the ports of Philadelphia.

We will conclude our tour with a Thursday night buffet style banquet and of course we will crown the new King and Queen of the BDE at our closing ceremony.

Hope you can join us for what I believe will be a very interesting tour covering a wide range of attractions.

Your hosts,
Dennis and Mary Ann Snell along with Ed and Isabel Lenny.



2024 BDE Fall Tour

“WILKUM LEHIGH VALLEY”

Sept 23 – 26, 2024

Host Hotel: \$92 Single or Double Occupancy includes hot breakfast. Call hotel directly and ask for Buick Club block rate. Maximum 35 Registrations/35 cars for the tour. Hotel details furnished upon receipt of registration forms.

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____ BDE # _____ BCA # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel. (Home) _____ (Cell): _____ Email: _____

Buick Planning to drive on Tour: Year _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____ Color _____

Note: THIS INFO IS FOR ARRANGEMENT OF THE TOUR GROUPS.

IF YOU CHANGE CARS, PLEASE NOTIFY US PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

Driving a Buick is mandatory on the tour, as is a CB radio and fire extinguisher.

If you don't have a Buick, we can put you in another Buick as passengers.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATON IS AUGUST 22, 2024

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 (BDE Member & Spouse/Guest)

1 Dash plaque/tour packet/Hospitality Room \$ _____

Single member \$20 for tour package, plaque, and Hospitality Room \$ _____

Additional Guests (Children/Grandchildren/Friends/etc. riding in member's car
_____ x \$10 = \$ _____

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: Arrival and Hospitality. Dinner on your own.

We will have a short meeting Sunday at 7:30 pm in the hospitality suite to discuss tour details.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: Tour collection of hit & miss engines, antique equipment; hot lunch at Old Spokes Car Museum, (largest Hudson Car collection in the world.) Optional side trip before returning to hotel will be Premise Maid Creamery for some delicious homemade ice cream, plus other treats.

Joe Tetz Collection (hit & miss engines, etc) # _____ x \$12 = \$ _____

Old Spokes Museum Tour (includes lunch: BBQ sandwich chips drink) # _____ x \$28 = \$ _____

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: Brief tour and presentation at RB Collection and Restoration Shop; guided tour of America on Wheels Museum (includes hot buffet lunch featuring chicken fingers mac & cheese, green beans, pork BBQ sliders, ice cream., beverage). After lunch, we will tour the NB Center private car collection, body shop, mechanical shop and upholstery shop of renowned collector Nicola Bulgari.

RB and America On Wheels Museum Tour including lunch # _____ X \$38 = \$ _____

Note: NB Center Tour is no charge

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: Tour of National Museum of Industrial History; walking tour of Hoover Maison trestle showing and telling the history of the Bethlehem Steel’s Blast Furnace operations. Lunch and afternoon on your own. Historic Bethlehem’s industrial center, and downtown area are a short driving (about 1.5 miles) distance from the industrial museum. There is plenty of **free** parking under the bridge. If you wish to park on Main Street, it is **metered parking only**. The Main Street area features shopping, restaurants, museums and more. (Ice cream shop in bottom of Hotel Bethlehem)

Guided tour of National Museum of Industrial History # _____ X \$18 = \$ _____

Hoover Trestle Walk no charge

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: We will take a leisurely driving tour of some of Pennsylvania’s oldest covered bridges before heading down to the National Canal Museum and barge ride on the canal pulled by mules. We will have a catered box lunch under a pavilion. (sandwich, fruit salad, chips, cookie, soft drinks)

Tour of National Canal Museum and Barge Boat Ride and Lunch # _____ X \$36 = \$ _____

Lunch choices (please choose one);

Italian sandwich	# _____
Roast Beef sandwich	# _____
Turkey sandwich	# _____

THURSDAY EVENING BANQUET DINNER: 5-6 pm HAPPY HOUR – 6 pm DINNER
Madeline’s Restaurant, 1250 Turnstone Dr., Fogelsville, Pa. 18051. Located just about 1.5 miles from hotel.
Buffet style dinner includes salad, choice of Braised Burgundy Fillet Tips with onions, Salmon Fillet topped with lemon-garlic aioli, starch and vegetable. Dessert of seasonal cobbler included in price, as is coffee and soft drinks. Alcoholic beverages on your own.

_____ X \$58 = \$ _____

Total Cost per couple doing all events and food in \$410 (includes car registration)

Total Cost per individual member doing all events and food is \$210 (includes car registration)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

PLEASE COMPLETE NEXT PAGE – PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION

OUR PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATIONS

I certify that the Buick I will drive on this tour is covered by at least the minimum bodily injury & property liability insurance required by the state or province in which the vehicle is registered.

I agree not to hold the Buick Club of America, the Buick Driving Enthusiasts and any of its officers, chairpersons, or members responsible for any bodily injury, property damage, lost or stolen property.

I further understand that if my Buick should become disabled during the tour, the tour hosts and/or other members will help secure a ride to remaining activities for myself and/or my passengers.

It is mandatory to have a working CB radio & BCA requires a fully charged, operable fire extinguisher in my tour Buick.

Signed: _____ Dated _____

Make Check Payable to: **Buick Driving Enthusiasts** & mail to:

Jerry Richstein 4798 Grants Way NE, Marietta, Ga. 30066

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NOTE: The amount of any refund for this event may depend on cancellation date by the venue or supplier & whether or not a deadline has passed to said supplier/venue.

Questions: Call Dennis Snell 610-392-1831; ddsnell@ptd.net

Or Ed Lenny 610-751-7700; lugnuts36@icloud.com