



## IN THIS ISSUE

### **Messages**

Pages 2, 3 and 19

### **BCA 2024 National Meet Recap**

Pages 4 - 6

### **BDE After Tour**

Pages 7-12

### **BDE Fall Tour**

Pages 13 -18

### **Another Message & Holiday Ornaments**

Page 19

### **New Member, Sunshine, Passings, Officers & Appointed Positions**

Page 20

### **DUES ARE DUE!**

Page 21

### **Swap & Sell**

Page 22

### **A Car Collecting Fairytale**

Page 23

### **Membership Application**

Page 24

### **BDE 2025 National Tour**

#### **Registration**

Page 17 - 20

## SAVE THE DATES

### **BDE 2025 NATIONAL TOUR**

### **NACHEZ, MISSISSIPPI**

**MAY 4-9, 2025**



## Another Blockbuster BDE tour!



Thank you Dennis and Mary Ann Snell and Ed and Isabel Lenny for a really great time!

## And Another Milestone Next Year!

In 2025 the Buick Driving Enthusiats will celebrate

**30**  
**YEARS OF**  
**TOURING**

In July of 1995, the 1st Annual BDE National Driving Tour was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Look where our club has gone from there. Be sure to join us for next year's tours and become a part of our history.

# Messages

## OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR - DARRELL BRUMBAUGH - BDE #143

Hello everyone! Thank you to Dennis and MaryAnn Snell for hosting the recent Fall Tour in Allentown, PA. Another great week of touring. It was good to be with all who participated and our thoughts and prayers are with those of you who had to cancel due to various health issues.



As your Sr. Director I do not have a tour planned for 2025. However our reliable Mid-Director Bruce will be hosting the 2025 National Tour. I will follow with my tour in April 2026. Not to confuse anyone, we switched years of hosting our tours. Plan to attend the National Tour in May which Bruce is hosting and mark your calendars for the Fall Tour, also hosted by the Kiles along with the Cooley's. In addition, the 2026 National Tour will be held the last week in April, location is Waynesboro, VA.

Coming up is the election of a Director in May. Please consider stepping up and helping the club stay active. Reach out to me if you are willing to serve. It's not a hard job, and there's always helpers willing to assist you when it's time to host your National Tour. Please get involved.

Stay safe and healthy over the winter months. Have those Buicks ready to travel come May! See you in Natchez.  
Darrell

---

## OUR MID BDE DIRECTOR - BRUCE KILE - BDE #11



### MESSAGE FROM THE "MIDDIE" (Mid-Director that is)

Hello to my fellow BDEers,

I've never been on a BDE tour I didn't like. Certainly our 2024 Fall Tour in Lehigh Valley was no exception. Despite the daily presence of "liquid sunshine" a good (make that a grand) time was had by all. Huge kudos & congratulations Dennis & MaryAnn, and

capably assisted by Ed & Isabel.

Next on the BDE calendar will be the National Tour, "Buicks Among the Magnolias" in beautiful Natchez, Mississippi May 4- 9, 2025. This will be a first for a BDE event in the Mississippi Delta, and we know you are sure to fall in love with it. Please check out the registration included in this issue of the Driving Force.

Peace & God Bless  
Ole BDE #11 Bruce

---

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON - ROBERTA VASILOW - BDE #17



Hey BDE Folks, what a bunch of wonderful tours this year, and the best fellowship, ever!

The BCA Nationals in Strongsville, was well attended by a lot of Buick friends and I took my GSX to it's first BCA National and won a Senior gold award in the judged class, 397 points, not bad for a restored 12 years ago, wannabe race car!

The after tour after the BCA Nats in Wooster, OH was a great success and fun. Not sure we will have another one next year, as being in Concord, NC is not an easy area to plan for, but maybe someone (NOT Paula or me) can plan something and maybe 2026 we can do one in the Hudson Valley of New York as the BCA National is scheduled for Albany, NY, August 19-22, 2026 and I have previously started to plan a tour in that part of the country, as we have never toured there, ever!

I've asked Paula to include the folks that will need to renew for 2025 in this newsletter, it's easier to do than sending individual messages. See pages 21 & 24. Please take a look at it, and forward your checks to me as soon as possible, remember you can pay for up to 2 years in advance.

Happy Holidays and see you next year.  
Roberta



# More Messages

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

Dear Friends

A short note from your Jr. Director. The fall 2024 tour is history. My wife, Tammy, and I drove 1,000 miles to Allentown, Pennsylvania for the BDE Fall Tour. We had a wonderful time touring private car collections and great museums. We were given free reign to wander around one of the worlds most incredible, complete antique. auto restoration complexes. The crowning moment for me was the ability to pick the brains of some of the best craftsmen in the business about my own old Buick questions. We didn't have a dependable Buick to drive on this tour, but we were offered a beautiful Buick to drive from two different members. Frank Cwikla, Tammi and I piled into Dennis Snell's beautiful 1985 Riviera for the week and floated with the pack.



There are still nagging questions that I may never get answered about my roadmaster. Among my inquisitions, are, how many synchromesh transmissions were produced in 1948 Roadmasters, the first option year of the Dynaflo? I'm at a loss on that one. Some of my questions I realize only I can answer. Such as, why-oh-why does my 48 heat up? A call out to several BDE members lead me down the road to cleaning and tuning and trying to cool my engine with different methods. My frustration ended when I received the advice to pour two gallons of vinegar into the radiator and drive and flush. The up side is that this is a cheap and effective fix. The down side is that the car looks and smells like a giant pickle. This was the last option before pulling freeze plugs, which I really didn't want to do. I'm so pleased with the results, I wrote an article for the Torque Tube II magazine to help others in this predicament. I hope they relish the results.

So, in conclusion, I'm trying to emphasize the other hidden perks of this club. Where else can you speak to friendly helpful people such as Buick engineers and tested, experienced mechanics? Where else can you see private collections and get the inside view of interesting areas from local Buick friends all over the country? The BDE!

Daniel Christensen  
641-203-4268



## SECRETARY - BELVA MEYER - BDE #023

We had a busy summer with many Buick events leading the way. Getting the Riviera out for the trip to beautiful Lexington, KY started things off in June. The Riviera was also a great way to get to the BCA National meet in Strongsville, OH.

Next, it was on to the Friends Tour based in Wooster, Ohio. We appreciate the efforts of Paula, Roberta, Shar and Bruce in putting this event together.

We then got a Reatta out for a trip to Michigan for the Buicks on the Bricks event. Rain kept a few people away but the Saturday afternoon programs by Kevin Kirbitz on David Buick's life and career, a real rag to riches story more than once. Keith Corby then presented information on the McLaughlin Buick history. The efforts of these gentlemen are appreciated.

Fall entered while we were in Lehigh Valley, PA. Dennis and Mary Ann planned a great tour including a collection of hit and miss engines, the steel mill industry in Bethlehem, ice cream stops and much more. We are looking forward to seeing our BDE friends on the Natchez, Mississippi tour. This is an area that we have not previously visited.

We have received word that our Florida home had only minor damage from Hurricane Milton. We are fortunate to have electric power so we will proceed with plans to winter in Florida. Our thoughts are with people still suffering loss from Hurricane Helene as well as those with damage from Milton.

Belva



## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 2

2024 kicked off with an amazing tour in Blue Ridge, Georgia in April, but that was just the beginning of a fun filled year with our favorite cars. After some major setbacks and a long wait, the 2024 Buick Club of America 51st National meet became reality.

Held in Strongsville, Ohio, south of Cleveland, this was the exact same site as where I attended my very first Buick Club of America National Meet in 1977. Having experienced many Buick events over the years, I didn't have high expectations for the facility. The Best Western was seriously understaffed for the event. Despite this and other challenges, Show Chairperson, Heather Banhidy, and her amazing crew, pulled off a successful event.

Almost 375 cars were there - from 1908 on. It was HOT, and even though it threatened, there was no rain on the show day. Buicks of all years were parked everywhere across the show field, but NEOBCA member Dale Hendricks and other volunteers did some rounds of "musical Buicks" and corraled them into their proper classes in time for judging on Saturday. Miraculously the hotel staffed managed to get it together for the Saturday evening banquet. No rubber chicken or dried up beef - the food was actually good and served in a timely manner.



*Mr. Obermeyer with the family's 1908 Model F Open Touring car. It has been in the family since new. Each year they give rides in the car while at the National Meet.*

I usually do. Roberta Vasilow opted to vend this year. This was something I'd not done in years. So I brought some Buick treasures and joined her. My garage ended up a couple of shelves lighter and interacting with more Buick folks was fun too.



*NEOBCA member Margus Swegard's collection of 1932-90 Series Buicks on the show field.*

The big plus of attending this meet was that I had the opportunity to reconnect with to many of the people I knew "back in the day" when I lived in Ohio and was a NEOBCA member. I really didn't get a chance to wander the show field as much as



*Above: Roberta and Dan manning the swap space.*



*Left: You can dress them up and take them out but . . . Roberta Vasilow, Jen and John Hannon at the closing banquet and awards ceremony.*

*(More on Page 5)*



## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 2 (continued from Page 4)

Of special note were the Buick Feature cars on display - The XP-300 and the Buick Blackhawk. Thanks to the Buick Heritage Association and Doug Seybold for sharing these treasures with the BCA membership.



(Continued on Page 6)





## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 3 - *Time to Drive those Buicks!*

Having washed, waxed, polished and sat in the sun waiting for the judges, it was time to move on and have FUN with our Buicks and our BDE friends!

**Sunday, July 14** saw us heading south towards Wooster, Ohio for the "With a Little Help from my Friends" BDE After Tour.

Since the "E" in BDE also stands for "eating", so our first stop was Medina, Ohio for a delicious BBQ buffet at the Medina Tavern. No trip to Medina is complete without the obligatory stop at Root Candles (where parking can be a challenge at times), before proceeding to the Best Western Plus in Wooster, our base for the next few days of touring.



On Monday, July 15 we headed to Canal Fulton, Ohio for a leisurely and educational trip down an original section of the historic Ohio and Erie Canal aboard the St. Helena III canal boat. When fully completed in 1832, the Ohio & Erie Canal travelled 308 miles through 146 lift locks on its path between Cleveland and Portsmouth, Ohio.

The St. Helena III is a replica of a freighter which voyaged along this canal more than 100 years ago. Laborers built her in 1989-1990 at the renovated McLaughlin Dry Dock, where original canal boats had been built and repaired.





## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 -

### Part 3 (continued from Page 7)

Some days you just need a day of fluffy charm and extreme cuteness! Fortunately, and thanks to “my friends”, Majestic Meadows Alpacas and Family Farm in Medina, Ohio came to the rescue on Tuesday, July 16.

Alpacas are the smallest members of the camelid family. They are timid but social and curious. The farm's alpacas are very gentle. Alpacas don't have front teeth, so they don't bite. They can spit if they feel threatened or irritated, but they generally only spit at each other.



With more than 70 alpacas on the farm, many babies (called crias) are born each spring. *(Editor's note: baby crias photos below were taken by Majestic Meadows, but I just had to share this overload of adorableness).*





## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 3 (continued from Page 8)



Tuesday afternoon took us to Doug Seybold Restorations in Elyria, Ohio. Reknowned primarily for his incredible restorations of '40 and '41 Buicks, Doug, a fellow BDE member, and his sons, have restored some equally incredible other marques. You've seen their restorations at BCA and AACA Nationals and most likely already know him. If not, just look for the guy in the white Stetson and say hello. Check out the link below for a great article

about Doug and his restoration business.

<https://www.hemmings.com/stories/doug-seybold/>



*Clockwise from left: Stairway to heaven?, there's that famous white Stetson, two more of Doug's collection, the 1932 Ford pickup - Doug's first build put together by piecing a \$5 frame and a \$10 body and by building most of the rest from scratch in the 1960's, Ronnie (Doug's wife) and the '32 Ford pickup.*





## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 3 (continued from Page 9)

The Buick Driving Enthusiasts tours always manage to include some very interesting places to visit - sometimes unheard of and in the middle of nowhere. Our Wednesday, July 17 journey to The Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum in Sugar Creek fit this description perfectly!



Our extremely knowledgeable docent led us on a 90 minute tour of this incredible museum. It features a fully operational 18-stall reconstructed brick roundhouse and an outside 115-foot turntable, and also restoration facilities for locomotives, railroad cars, tools, and machinery and more. The collection includes steam and diesel engines, plus freight and passenger cars, which are available to tour for an additional fee. Founded by



Jerry and Laura Jacobson, Jerry Joe Jacobsen was one of the world's largest steam engine collectors.

For info about the museum and more go to: <https://ageofsteamroundhouse.org/>  
Also interesting reading at: <https://www.markstrecker.com/age-of-steam-roundhouse.html>







## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 -

### Part 3 (continued from Page 10)

On Thursday, July 18, the final day of touring with the BDE, we drove to Akron, Ohio to tour Stan Hywet Hall. Constructed from 1912-1915 for F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, the mansion boasts 65 rooms. Unlike many other historic properties, Stan Hywet Hall's collections and furnishings are 95% original to the estate. Here's an interesting article "Outside Stan Hywet" <https://bigoldhouses.blogspot.com/2014/09/outside-stan-hywet.html> for more information.





**ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 -**  
**Part 3** (continued from Page 11)





## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 4 -

### Fall Tour - Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania

But wait . . . there's more! The Buick Driving Enthusiasts touring season isn't over until we have the Fall Tour!

*The Fall 2024 BDE tour in Lehigh Valley kicked off Sunday, September 22 in the hospitality room at the Comfort Inn in Allentown, PA. Participants were surprised and delighted to find crayons, scissors, Peeps, and in a hint to next year's tour - a small pack of potato chips in their goody bags.*

*Monday, September 23 began bright and early with an informative meeting held by Dennis Snell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a rousing group rendition of "God Bless America".*

*Then, it was ladies and gentlemen, start your engines! - av*

*Our hosts, Dennis and Mary Ann Snell, with the assistance of Ed and Isabel Lenny, did a fantastic job of creating this fun-filled and informative BDE Tour.*

*The first stop was an antique farm machinery and hit & miss collection. Owner Joe Tetz quipped that whenever an engine is for sale, "my Honey makes me buy it". - av*



Then it was on to the Old Spokes Museum/aka Bob's Auto Orphanage, for lunch and the world's largest collection of Hudson automobiles featuring more than 60 antique vehicles from the 1900's to the 1960's. Of special interest was the Terraplane, which was a built by the Hudson Motor Car Company of Detroit, Michigan, between 1932 and 1938.



*Ed note: Hey Fran Pasch - do you still have your Terraplane? For more further reading about Terraplanes go to:*



*<https://dannyclimo.com/the-story-of-the-terraplane/>*





## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 4 -

### Fall Tour - Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania (continued from Page 13)



Cars, cars and even more cars!

That's what Tuesday, September 24 was all about!

Located directly across the street from America On Wheels, the BDE'ers first took a guided-tour inside RB Collection's restoration center and see first-hand how the automobiles in the museum are preserved and restored.



Then it was onward to the America on Wheels Museum



America on Wheels, an over-the-road transportation museum, features cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles and more in over 23,000 square feet of exhibit space.

*Our hot buffet lunch, complete with ice cream, was served in the authentic 1954 Hub Cap Cafe. - av*



(Tuesday continued on Page 15)

Ever wonder how those museum cars are maintained?  
Check out:

<https://americaonwheels.org/what-goes-into-maintaining-a-museum-quality-vehicle/>





## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 4 - Fall Tour - Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania (continued from Page 14)

But wait! There's more! We're not done with Tuesday! As if the two previous venues weren't enough, our caravan of Buicks headed about two miles down the road to the NB Center for American Automotive Heritage. Welcomed by Keith Flickinger, curator and manager, Jed Rapoport, project ambassador, we embarked on an amazing and informative journey of this 27-acre facility. Twelve buildings are dedicated to storage, restoration and maintenance of nearly 200 cars, primarily Buicks, are kept in ready-to-drive condition.

*(Left: How would you like this view of some of your collection from your apartment?)*



So many Buicks, so many automobiles, so little time.

More NB Center info at: <https://www.hemmings.com/stories/allentown-pennsylvanias-nb-center-for-american-automotive-heritage-is-a-refugium-of-20th-century-skills-and-technology/>



## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 4 -

### Fall Tour - Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania (continued from Page 15)

Wednesday, September 25 featured the National Museum of Industrial History in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, housed in the former Electric Repair Shop of the Bethlehem Steel plant site. - av.

Tom, our docent, having worked in the steel industry, provided additional insight in to an already informative tour. The Bethlehem Steel Corporation was an American steelmaking company headquartered in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Until its closure in 2003, it was one of the world's largest steel-producing and shipbuilding companies

A section of the museum was dedicated to the silk mills, an industry that began in 1881 and thrived throughout the Second Industrial Revolution. By 1900, there were twenty-three silk establishments in the Lehigh Valley, making Pennsylvania the second largest producer of silk in the world.

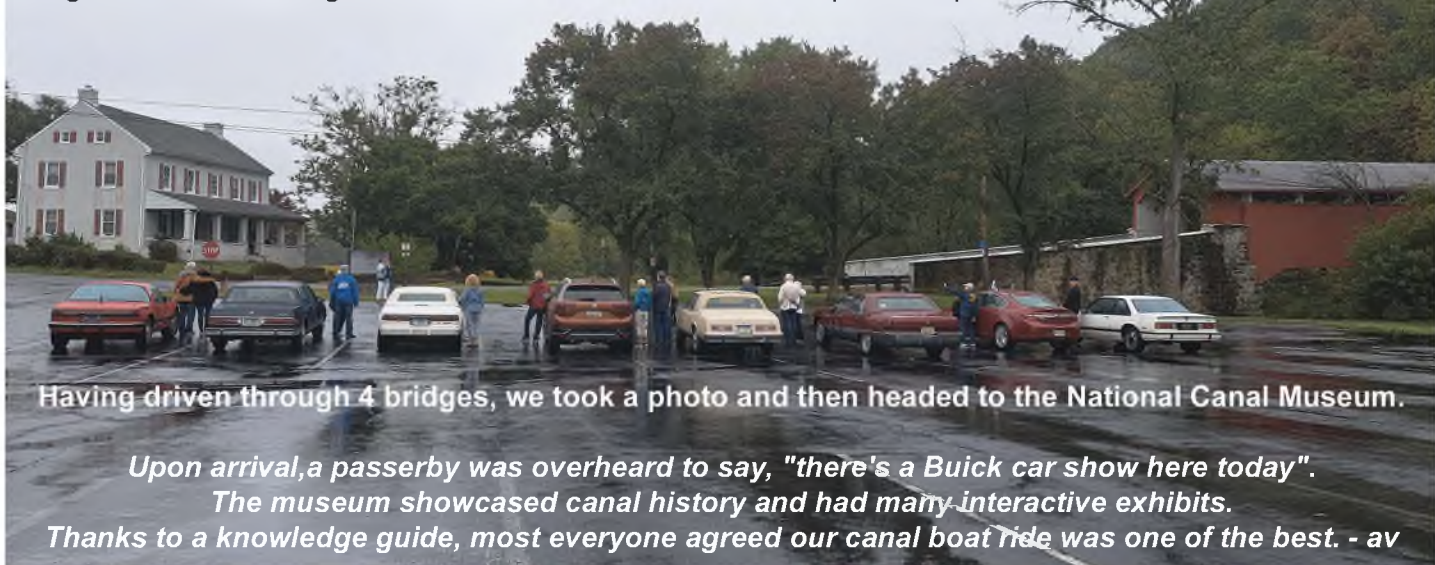




## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 4 -

### Fall Tour - Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania (continued from Page 16)

Who said you can't tour in the rain? Thursday, September 26 - we had places to go and covered bridges to see. And the weather didn't dampen our spirits!



Having driven through 4 bridges, we took a photo and then headed to the National Canal Museum.

*Upon arrival, a passerby was overheard to say, "there's a Buick car show here today".*

*The museum showcased canal history and had many interactive exhibits.*

*Thanks to a knowledge guide, most everyone agreed our canal boat ride was one of the best. - av*







## ADVENTURES IN BUICKLAND 2024 - Part 4 -- Fall Tour - Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania (continued from Page 17)

"All good things come to an end," but what an ending it was. After four days of touring, and visiting some amazing places, the BDE Fall Tour was celebrated with a banquet at Madeline's Restaurant on Thursday evening. Fantastic food, in fact, some of the best ever and a gorgeous venue topped off a fabulous experience. Thank you Dennis and Mary Ann for another great tour!



*Always a fun event at the banquet - the BDE Traveling Trophy. This has been a tradition for years. Jan and Frank Blizzard happily awarded it to the new King & Queen - Jerry and Jean Richstein.*

Scattered throughout the newsletter are photos of BDE members on the tour





*Oh No!  
Another Message?*

**EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2**

OMG! Did I do that much Buick stuff this year? Did I actually cover it in this edition of The Driving Force? What a "Buick" year it has been! Returning to Strongsville for the BCA National was quite a flashback for me. My very first National was at that very same hotel (which hasn't changed a bit - LOL). I decided to drag some Buick parts and stuff and join Roberta in the Swap Meet. It was so much fun to see people I'd not seen in decades. Heather Banhidy and her NEOBCA crew did an amazing job! It was also fun to go back to where I lived in the late 70's to mid 80's. Lots of good memories there.



Then it was on to Wooster, Ohio to "move south" to see the After Tour - 'With a Little Help from my Friends' come into fruition. Thanks to Roberta Vasilow and Bruce and Shar Kile for helping make this one happen. It was great to actually visit the destinations in person, as I only did the planning virtually. Hope those who attended enjoyed it as much as me.

Then it was onto Pennsylvania for another fabulous Fall Tour. How amazing was it to visit not just one, but four fantastic automotive venues, the crème de la crème being the NB Automotive Center for American Automotive Heritage. WOW! Our tour of National Museum of Industrial History including walking tour and the Hoover Maison trestle shared the history of the Bethlehem Steel's Blast Furnace operations. Kudos to Dennis and Mary Ann Snell for the planning of yet another top notch Fall BDE Tour.

More excitement is on the horizon with the 2025 BDE National in Natchez, Mississippi, May 4-7, 2025. We've not toured there before and Bruce and Shar Kile have an exciting agenda planned. Registration form is with this newsletter.

Thanks to the people who helped make this issue of The Driving Force possible photographic and content wise. Special thanks to Alicia Vasilow for her contribution. I can't begin to include everyone as so many people helped. Apologies to those who submitted material that I wasn't able to include in this edition. Thank you and I'll try for the next issue.

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!**

### **The Holidays are Just Around the Corner!**

**Original Keepsake  
Holiday Buick Ornaments!**

**Dated souvenirs. 24K gold finish brass,  
3-dimensional, laser cut  
Approximately 3" x 2 1/4".  
Individually boxed.  
Now Only \$5 each.**

### **BDE MEMBERS ONLY PRICE**

**Indicate which ornament (# and car)  
you want and quantity.**

**Send your name & address with  
check or money order**

**made payable to:**

**BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS**

**2492 Lorrie Drive**

**Marietta GA 30066-5720**



**#2**



**#5**



**#3**



**#6**



**#1**



**#4**



**#7**



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**We're Glad You Decided to Join us!**

**CALABRESE, DAVID & PATRICIA** - BDE #584 BCA #47620 40 Border Avenue Wakefield RI 02879 USA  
203-232-2750 dfac@gmail.com

## *Sunshine Needed*

Please consider sending a card or note to these members who are under the weather.

BOB & SANDY BUNTAINE - 1809 WOODVIEW DR ALVARADO TX 76009-5423

RICH GIBBS - 1150 NW SUNSET LN TOPEKA KS 66618-1148

MARTEL GIBSON - 11511 4595 OLD ALLENSVILLE RD ROXBORO NC 27574-9583

HERSEL & GLENNA GOFF - HERSEL & GLENNA 147 WAGENER ST NEW CASTLE VA 24127-7931

BILL SCHOENING - 542 N COUNTRY CLUB ROAD TUCSON AZ 85716

## *Passings*

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Evelyn Wilson, BDE #43, BCA #11158 on Thursday, August 22, 2024. Evelyn and her husband, Larry, were active members of the BDE for many years.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three children, Marilyn, Clifford, and Diane Wilson; and grandchildren, Tracy Wilson and Ryan Sears.

A memorial service for Evelyn was held at First United Methodist Church in Memphis, Michigan on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Cards and messages may be sent to: 81521 Belle River Road, Memphis, MI 48041.



### **BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS - ELECTED OFFICERS**

**Senior Director: Darrell Brumbaugh** 145 Oak Lane, Williamsburg, PA 16693 814.502.6987 broomie66@aol.com

**Co-Director: Bruce Kile** 2492 Lorrie Drive, Marietta, GA 30066 678.662.6072 sbkile58@aol.com

**Co-Director: Dan Christensen** 44751 250th Avenue, Chariton, IA 55049 641-203-4268 dctrooper268@gmail.com

**Secretary: Belva Meyer** 5422 County Road 11A, Auburn, IN 46706 260.927.4309 gsman4551@gmail.com

**Treasurer: Jerry Richstein** 4798 Grants Way, Marietta, GA 30066 404.769.6071 jerry.richstein@gmail.com

### **BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS - APPOINTED POSITIONS**

**Membership: Roberta Vasilow** 6186 Torrey Road, Flint, MI 48507 810.655.8277 buickracer@comcast.net

**Co-Chaplains: Judy Brushaber** 11315 Windy Ridge Trail, Fenton, MI 48430 810.629.4950 judybrush@hotmail.com  
**Pat Horvath** 2748 Peppermint Drive, Tucker, GA 30084 404.904.2376 jnphorvath@gmail.com

**Club Sales: Bruce & Shar Kile** 2492 Lorrie Lane, Marietta, GA 30066 770.977.7924 sbkile58@aol.com

**Editor: Paula Liska** 1424 Dogwood Court, Kissimmee, FL 34744 407.873.7262 kliska@cfl.rr.com

**Webmaster: Roberta Vasilow** 6186 Torrey Road, Flint, MI 48507 810.655.8277 buickracer@comcast.net



## DUES ARE DUE

Don't miss out on any of the fun! Please check to see if your name is on this list and forward your checks and registration renewal form (see Page 24 ) to Membership Chair

Roberta Vasilow - 6186  
Torrey Road Flint MI  
48507 as soon as  
possible, Remember you  
can pay for 2 years in  
advance.

**THANKS!**

ANDERSON	BDE # 235 BCA # 23279
BAKER	BDE #577 BCA #51835
BEATON	BDE # 003 BCA #22953
BELL	BDE # 009 BCA #25524
BLIZZARD	APRIL - OCTOBER
BODDEN	BDE # 063 BCA #01518
BRADLEY	BDE# 582 BCA #40338
BRUSHABER	BDE # 411 BCA # 30330
BUNTAINE	BDE # 351 BCA# 25572
CIVILS	BDE # 310 BCA #39823
Clark	BDE #131 BCA #20684
COVER	BDE # 402 BCA#30504
CWIKLA	BDE #302 BCA#25880
DODSON	BDE # 439 BCA #14958
EHRENFEUCHTER	BDE #561 BCA
FOREHAND	BDE #571 BCA#52513
GIBBS	BDE # 144 BCA #13352
GIBSON	BDE #573 BCA#11511
GOFF	BDE # 155 BCA # 13828
HALPIN III	BDE #495 BCA #17637
HAMILTON	BDE # 093 BCA #09417
HORSFALL	BDE # 080 BCA #21432
Hughes	BDE #574 BCA#40207

KELLY	BDE#570 BCA#15000
LANGDON	BDE # 136 BCA #02098
LAWRENCE	BDE#567 BCA#49243
LEDGER	BDE # 419 BCA # 4615
LENNY	BDE # 222 BCA # 07534
MARCOM	BDE# 576 BCA #48012
MANNER	BDE # 068 BCA #12350
McCARTHY	BDE #538 BCA #46404
McClure	BDE #581 BCA #48563
MILES	BDE #378 BCA # 8288
MINIS	BDE # 269 BCA # 38124
MOODY	BDE # 583 BCA #52257
MYERS	BDE #485 BCA #23533
O'NEIL	BDE #426 BCA #48249
PASCH	BDE # 257 BCA # 07850
Senkbeil	BDE #579 BCA # 53173
SHENKLE	BDE #258 BCA #6507
SNELL	BDE #424 BCA # 08605
SNYDER	BDE # 292 BCA #40337
SPLANE	BDE # 362 BCA #4806
STEFFY	BDE #374 BCA # 27089
SWEARINGTON	BDE #543 BCA # 37637
TATOM	BDE #575 BCA #52118
VASILOW	BDE #501 BCA #24889
VOLLING	BDE # 409 BCA #40788
WESTFALL	BDE #393 BCA #38264

WETTERSTEN	BDE # 249 BCA # 21071
WILLIAMS	BDE #210 BCA #36101
WILSON	BDE # 043 BCA #11158
WILSON	BDE # 038 BCA #18748
WINEBARGER	BDE #223 BCA #37041
WOODIN	BDE # 421 BCA # 17728
YOUNG	BDE # 367 BCA #29276



Just in case you were  
wondering . . .

"Here's a picture of the BDE  
"King & Queen" trophies  
prominently and proudly  
displayed in our home."

Love & Peace,  
"King" Jerry & "Queen" Jean





# 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](mailto:Kliska@cfl.rr.com)



**FOR SALE:** 1940 Buick Special Series 40 Sport Coupe. 102,000 miles, nice chrome, glass and paint. New wiring, ignition, brakes. Everything works except radio. 3,000 miles on rebuilt engine. Asking \$13,500 OBO. Located near Toronto, Canada, one hour from U.S. border. Phone **Bill Bressmer** 905-634-8780 for more photos. (Canada) 5 24



**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](mailto:19fury61@gmail.com) (Georgia) 5 24

**WANTED:** I am looking for a 64 Skylark for parts. I can be reached at 631-872-1488. Thank you, **Jack Ringold** (New York) 10 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, misc. Sell as lot \$300/OBO. Must be picked up in Central Florida. **Paula Liska** for details [Kliska@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Kliska@cfl.rr.com) (FL) 6 24



# A Car Collecting Fairytale

by Alan Ziglin BDE #572

In the Spring/Summer 2024 issue of The Driving Force, my article was published about how, after looking for years for the right boat tail Buick Riviera, I wound up buying two of them 11 weeks apart. This is the story of how a children's fairytale may, or may not, have helped me find my Riviervas.

In this follow-up story, I have to briefly refer to Studebakers and Pontiacs, but I promise this article is about two Buicks.

In 1976 I owned a 1929 Studebaker and a 1951 Studebaker Commander Starlight Coupe (both of which I still own.) One day I was roaming through a salvage yard (junkyard) for parts for my '51. While there, I came upon 1959 Pontiac Bonneville and recalled that back when I was 10 or 11 years old, I had seen a new 1959 Pontiac and I thought it was the best-looking car I had ever seen and wished I could have one...someday.

On that June day in 1976 at the salvage yard, I was at a point in my life where my wife and I had a 15-month-old baby and were seven months pregnant with our second child. In addition, I was very early in my career. For these reasons, it seemed to me that the chance I would ever own a '59 Pontiac was quite remote.

So, on a whim, I bought the horn ring off of the scrapped 1959 Pontiac. I had always thought that horn ring was very artistic. I went home and being limited on funds, I cut a piece of cardboard and mounted the horn ring on it to hang on the wall of my garage and wrote on it that it was my "glass slipper". This was a reference to the children's fairytale, Cinderella, in which they were trying to find the person whose foot fit into the slipper. In my case, I was hoping that one day I might own the car that the horn ring fit.

I noted the date I bought the horn ring on the back of the cardboard. It was June 5, 1976.

Years and decades went by. Finally in 2011, I was fortunate enough to find and purchased a 1959 Pontiac Bonneville convertible.

As I recounted in my article in The Driving Force, I looked for years to find the right boat tail Riviera with no success.

Eventually, I joined the Riviera Owners Association, hoping their magazine might lead me to the car I was looking for.

In the second issue of their magazine, "The Riview", that I received (January/February 2021), I found an ad from someone in Athens, Georgia who was offering a rear window for a boat tail Riviera for free. Since Athens is only about an hour away from our home, I emailed the person to see if the window was still available. He indicated it was and that I was welcome to come get it but he also asked what year Riviera I had.

I would not lie to the man and so I briefly recounted the story you are reading here. I thought he might think I was a kook and I might never hear back from him. However, he responded that it was a great story and that I was welcome to come get the window.

As with the horn ring for the Pontiac, I was hoping to find a 1971 or 1972 Riviera the rear glass would window fit.

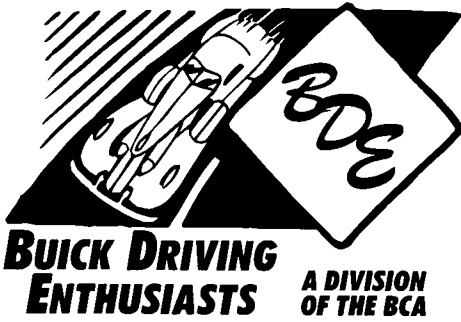
I retrieved the window in April, 2021. Once I got it home, I cleaned it up, printed a label "Glass Slipper Number 2" and hoped all this might bring me good luck in finding the Riviera I had been seeking for so many years.

Eleven months later, I had a 1971 Riviera in my garage and 11 weeks after that I had a second boat tail (1972) in my garage also.

Did the "Glass Slipper" help me find the Riviervas? The best answer I can provide is, maybe....







**WELCOME TO THE BDE!**

## 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 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.

DATE SUBMITTED \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ B.C.A. # \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.A. EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROV/COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_ +4 \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BUICKS OWNED (Year, Model- Example: 1953 Roadmaster Convertible, Model 76C). List additional Buicks on back

---

---

---

---

DUES FOR THE BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS ARE **\$15** PER CALENDAR YEAR FOR RESIDENTS OF NORTH AMERICA; DUES ARE **\$25** PER YEAR FOR RESIDENTS OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA.  
**MEMBERS OUTSIDE THE USA MUST PAY WITH A MONEY ORDER IN USA FUNDS**

MEMBERSHIPS MAY NOT BE RENEWED BEYOND A 2 YEAR LIMIT

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYING DUES

Please make checks payable to:

**BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS**

Return to:

Roberta Vasilow  
6186 Torrey Road  
Flint MI 48507  
Phone: 810-655-8277

**FOR CLUB USE ONLY**  
CK# \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_ '\_\_\_' \_\_\_

**WELCOME TO THE BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**





# BUICKS AMONG THE MAGNOLIAS

## BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS 2025 NATIONAL TOUR

### NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

(Hotel info will be sent upon receipt of this registration)



Overlooking the "Mighty Mississippi", our host hotel is conveniently located only 4 blocks from historic downtown with restaurants within walking distance. Amenities include hot breakfast buffet, cocktail lounge, unlimited wireless internet, guest laundry, fitness center, business center, large meeting/hospitality room, ballroom for closing night banquet, ample parking and more. Our BDE (negotiated) rates for May 4-9 are \$107+taxes (total \$139.90) for single or double occupancy, triple occupancy \$127+taxes, quad \$147+taxes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ BDE # \_\_\_\_\_ BCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.(Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

First BDE Tour? Yes ( ) No ( ) Is trailer parking needed? Yes ( ) No ( )

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 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Driving a Buick is mandatory on the tour.  
If you don't have a Buick, we can place you in another Buick as Passengers.

### DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS APRIL 4, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30. (BDE member & Spouse/Guest) - Tour packet/dash plaque/hospitality \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 (BDE Member ONLY)- Tour packet/dashplaque/hospitality \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest (Children, Grandchildren, Friends etc.) Riding in Member's Car # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SUNDAY, MAY 4TH** - Early Bird Tour @ 3:30 PM Trolley/Bus Tour of Natchez - # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### MONDAY, MAY 5TH - Mansion Tours:



Rosalie ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Longwood ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Melrose ..... # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch @ Roux 61 Restaurant (Order from menu - separate checks) # \_\_\_\_\_

(continued over)



**TUESDAY, MAY 6TH** - Frogmore Cotton Plantation Tour

#\_\_\_\_\_@ \$15 ea. \$\_\_\_\_\_

Delta Music Museum

#\_\_\_\_\_@ \$ 3 ea. \$\_\_\_\_\_

Lunch at Museum (Baked chicken, jambalaya, salad, yams, cobbler, water)

#\_\_\_\_\_@ \$16 ea. \$\_\_\_\_\_

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH** - Vicksburg National Military Park/Museum

\$20 per car at gate

"NO ADMISSION CHARGED" IF YOU HAVE A SENIOR NATIONAL PARK PASS

OR RIDE IN SAME CAR WITH A PARK PASS HOLDER

Lunch @ The Beechwood Hamburger Steak #\_\_\_\_\_ Charbroiled Chicken Breast #\_\_\_\_\_

Fried Catfish #\_\_\_\_\_@ \$26 ea. \$\_\_\_\_\_

(All include Salad, Baked Potato, Rolls, Beverage and Dessert)

**THURSDAY MAY 8TH** - Natchez Indian Museum/Burial Mounds

#\_\_\_\_\_NO CHARGE

**BANQUET:**

Buffet featuring: Salad, Roast Beef, Herb Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Rolls & Dessert #\_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Veggie Lasagna, incl. Salad, Potatoes, Veggies, Rolls & Dessert #\_\_\_\_\_

@ \$49 ea. \$\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST PER COUPLE FOR ALL EVENTS & PRE-PAID MEALS IS \$386**

**TOTAL COST FOR 1 PERSON FOR ALL EVENTS & PRE-PAID MEALS IS \$198**

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$\_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATIONS: (A BDE Requirement)

I certify that the Buick I will be driving on this tour is covered by (at least) the minimum bodily injury and property damage insurance required by the state or province in which the vehicle is registered.

All participating vehicles are to be properly licensed and insured.

I further agree not to hold the Buick Driving Enthusiasts, the Buick Club of America, any 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 BDE member will assist in securing a ride to any remaining activities for myself and/or my passengers.

I do also acknowledge the BDE requirement to have a working CB radio in my Buick while touring and the BCA requirement to have a fully charged, operable fire extinguisher in my Buick.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_Dated\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the BDE & mail to:

Shar Kile  
2492 Lorrie Drive  
Marietta, GA, 30066