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**REGISTER NOW!**  
**2020 BDE NATIONAL TOUR**  
**KEEPING IT CIVIL (WAR)**  
**Gettysburg, Pennsylvania**  
**June 1-4**

Another fantastic Buick Driving Enthusiasts Fall Tour has made it into the history books.

“Simply Southern” provided five days what of was ‘Simply Fabulous’!

The co-host team, Frank & Jan Blizzard, Jack & Pat Horvath, Bruce & Shar Kile, Jerry & Jean Richstein and JD Westfall, kept us entertained and educated with some laughs throw in.

Talk about great fellowship and fun!  
Check it out in this issue.



Above left to right: Jerry Richstein, Jean Richstein, Shar Kile, Bruce Kile, Jan Blizzard, Frank Blizzard, Pat Horvath, Jack Horvath

### ATTENTION MEMBERS

Dues of \$15.00 are payable by December 31, 2019.  
The renewal form is enclosed in this newsletter.

**\$5.00 Membership Campaign members,**  
your membership is valid until December 31, 2020.



# Messages

## FROM OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR - CHARLIE STEFFY - BDE #374

Greetings Fellow BDE'rs!

Wow! Where do I begin? This club is amazing! The people, the places, the cars...amazing! First, to everyone who pitched in and brought us record new members at the BCA national, Back to the Bricks, and the Midwest Regional, and some local Buick shows, Thank You! The word is out that the BDE is the club to belong to!



Another great big Thank You goes to the Richsteins, Kiles, Horvaths, Blizzards and JD Westfall for hosting another outstanding Fall Tour. Cartersville, GA is a beautiful town full of history and charm and great food! The weather was perfect. The roads were picturesque. The stops were interesting, varied and informative. I know for myself it was great to learn more about an area of our country that I had not been to before.

Our calendar is full...and that is a good thing! Next on the horizon is the 2020 National Tour in Gettysburg PA. June 1-4 (the week after Memorial Day). Our rate is \$99.99 a night and includes breakfast. The host hotel is:

### Comfort Suites

**945 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, PA 17325 - (717) 337-3344**

**Arrival Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020**

It will be a week full of fun, food, history and Buick shenanigans! The only thing we are NOT doing is a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield. When you send in your registrations I will be sending out an email with optional tours and information on various ways to tour the battlefield on your own.

And a final Thank You to our members who have stepped up to host Fall Tours in 2020 and 2021. John Cover will take us around Huntsville, AL next fall and Courtney and Elaine Shenkle will show us the beautiful Eastern Shore of MD in 2021. Coupled with National Tours in Flint, MI and then Roanoke, VA our Buicks will be taking us all over this great country!

See you down the road!

Charlie Steffy, Senior Director

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

Hi BDE folks, and welcome new members!!!



The Fall Tour in GA was very successful, thanks to all that planned and participated. Next up are plans for the rest of this year and then next year and beyond. In November, the BCA has had a presence the last few years at the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Rosemont, IL, this year it is November 23 and 24, the Chicagoland Chapter is out in force usually, both the BCA and GSCA groups, always a great show, and sometimes it's cold and snowy, well, not just sometimes a lot of times but the show is inside and cozy, with awesome cars and friends, find me if you are there! And there will be two great Buicks on special display. A 1969 Buick GS 400 Motion modified and a special ordered 1970 GS Stage 1

owned by Joe Guzek, is going to be revealed on Saturday not seen by any in many years. Denny Manner (BDE #68) and I saw it last year in the shop.

Which brings us to 2020, what a weird date, like our eyes are 20/20, for the National Tour next year, Charlie (Chuck) has got us set up for an awesome Buick Driving Enthusiast experience, which will be full of new and old friends and new and hopefully old Buicks. Can't wait, have you registered, made your hotel reservations, talked a new member/s into coming? No? Well, why not? Get on it. I think I have a new member coming with me, but not sure what Buick we will arrive in, as it may not be in my possession yet, then again may come in a trailer to be driven on the tour, oh the shame.

But wait, I jumped ahead, the BCA has entered an agreement with the Mecum Auctions to let us set up at the Club table, maybe you read about it in the Bugle, but the biggest auction is in Kissimmee, FL, January 2 -12, 2020 and if you want to help man the club table you can get a free bidders pass with a spectator entry go to <http://www.buickclub.org/mecum/> sign up it's free, but be aware there is a parking fee every day. And one day we may have a Buick Club luncheon or dinner nearby as Kissimmee has welcomed the BDE before, and that is in the works, so till later, be good, drive those Buicks and stay in touch on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Buickdrivingenthusiasts/>

Roberta, BDE Co-Director- 2018-2021,

BCA Board of Directors 2018-2021, BCA Chapter/Region/Division Coordinator 2019-2024

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

It was great seeing so many of you at the recent 2019 Fall Tour in Cartersville, GA. Although there were several of us that helped plan and lead the tour, it should come as no surprise to anyone that it was Bruce & Shar Kile that did the lion's share of the work. So a "Big Thank You" goes to Bruce & Shar.



I have started doing some VERY preliminary research and planning for the 2022 National Tour. It's "only" 2½ years away. As previously promised, it won't be in Georgia or any of the bordering states. It will be based in Roanoke, Virginia which is known as the "Star City of the South". There are lots of things to see and do in and around Roanoke, and some beautiful roads to drive. We will be driving on the Blue Ridge Parkway on at least 2 of the days of the tour; South of Roanoke 1 day, and North on another day.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Gettysburg at the National Tour.

Love & Peace,  
Jerry

## BDE SECRETARY - CONNIE BRUMBAUGH - BDE # 143

Hello everyone. It's great to welcome all the new members that have recently joined the Division. Get involved and see how much fun a BDE tour can be! Being a member is good but you need to participate and experience touring to truly understand how enthusiastic we are about this hobby. Plan to join us on tour as soon your schedule will allow. You won't be sorry! And only a few things that you need to remember, you must drive (or ride in) a Buick on tour, you must have a charged fire extinguisher and a working CB radio. Other than this, you just need to have fun. We're looking forward to meeting y'all. (practicing my southern words for the Alabama tour next fall, but I still sound like a Yankee) Seriously, the tours this year were good choices of locations and venues. And good food goes without saying as we are the "Eating" group. Thank you Rich Gibbs, past Sr Director and to the Dixie 5 + spouses for hosting the 2019 tours. Looking forward to June and Charlie's tour. Safe travels especially over the upcoming Christmas season.



Much love from us to y'all,  
Connie

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON - ISABEL LENNY - BDE #222



"The Fall Meet in Cartersville, GA was wonderful and we thank everyone who put this event together. It was evident that hard work and good planning were involved.

Our \$5.00 Membership Campaign to acquire new members has been a huge success. We have 115 new members. We welcome all the new members to the Buick Driving Enthusiasts and we hope you will join us on our Spring and Fall Meets as well as the "After Tour" immediately following the BCA National Meet.

**Just a reminder, your membership is valid until December 31, 2020.**

Dues of \$15.00 are payable by December 31, 2019 for the remainder of the membership. The renewal form is enclosed in this newsletter.

Ed and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing you at the BDE Spring Tour in Gettysburg PA hosted by Charlie Steffy.

Isabel Lenny  
Membership Chairperson  
**Isabel**



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*Looking forward to seeing you and your Buick on a BDE Tour!*



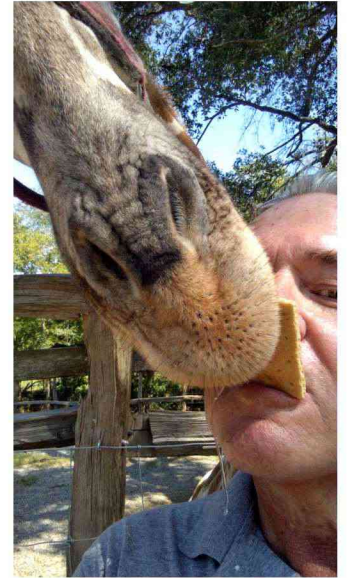
**SIMPLY SOUTHERN - 2019 BDE FALL TOUR  
CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA - SEPTEMBER 8 - 12**



**Early Bird Tour  
Pettit Farms - Cartersville  
Sunday, September 8**

This is a neat place, we walked our first corn maze, in 98F temps!  
The host, Scotty, is a character who loves animals. They have a 9 foot tall giraffe called George, who loves graham crackers, along with a petting zoo, camels, zebras & others.  
*Keith Horsfall, BDE #80 - On Trip Advisor*

*Right: Some people will do anything to have a selfie published in the BDE Newsletter.  
JD Westfall and George the Camel*



**Monday September 9**  
After the traditional pre-tour meeting, BDE tourers traveled a short distance to the **Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville.** The museum features galleries devoted to minerals, fossils, transportation technology, and hands-on science experiences.

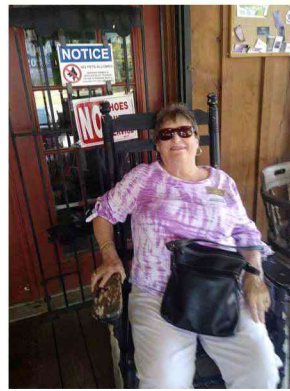


*From dinosaurs to land transportation to space travel and more, the Tellus offers something of interest to all*



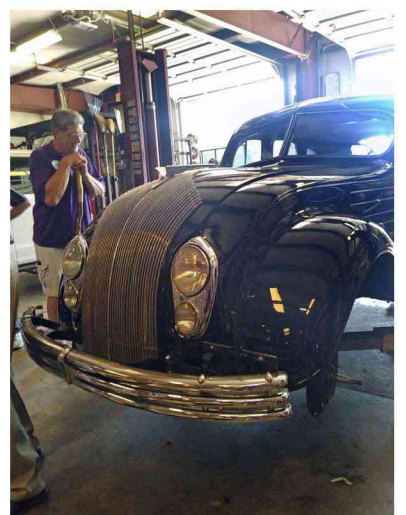
**And Monday's Fun Continues . . .**

No need to rush back to the hotel after the tour - there's usually something interesting to see nearby. The North Georgia Mercantile in White, Georgia is a throwback to simple times . . . carrying a little bit of everything. Buy a Coke in a glass bottle . . . get some ice cream . . . and sit on the porch and watch the cars drive by!



*Above center right and left:  
Charlie Steffy and Ann Bell take advantage of the ice cream and porch sitting!*

**And if that isn't enough - how about a visit to a private collection of antique cars?**



*Above: Bruce Kile and John Dale Williams taking in the sights of this awesome collection of cars*

*Right:  
Skip Petsch admiring a fantastic restoration of a 1934 Chrysler Airflow*

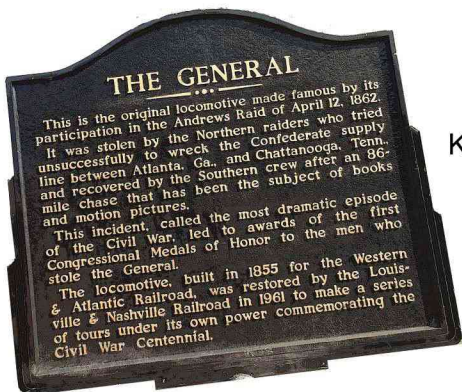


Tuesday, September 10

### The Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History

Tuesday had the groups traveling southeast to Kennesaw, home of the famous General (Western & Atlantic #3), the steam locomotive used in the Great Locomotive Chase in April 1862.

A collection of artifacts and relics from the American Civil War, plus those from railroads of Georgia and surrounding regions is featured.



Above: Upon arrival yellow shirted BDE members are welcomed with an informative introduction to the museum



Above: Known as the "40 & 8" for being able to carry 40 men or eight horses during World Wars I and II, this Merci Boxcar was part of the "Gratitude Train" that the people of France sent over upon completion of World War II to thank the United States for providing aid to their battered country.



Right: The famous General - Top, center and bottom

The Great Locomotive Chase was a 1956 Walt Disney Productions adventure film based on the real Great Locomotive Chase that occurred in 1862 during the American Civil War. The film stars Fess Parker as James J. Andrews, the leader of a group of Union soldiers from various Ohio regiments who volunteered to go behind Confederate lines in civilian clothes, steal a Confederate train north of Atlanta, and drive it back to Union lines in Tennessee, tearing up railroad tracks and destroying bridges and telegraph lines along the way.



Google Disney Great Locomotive Chase for trailers and more info.

Guy Greene and I really had a great time on our BDE trip to Cartersville and area a few weeks ago.

As many of you have experienced, I now have to cross that Lonesome Valley by my self . . . however, life must go on.



On Friday, when we left Cartersville, we stopped to see 'Wildman' in Kennesaw.

John Cavanaugh BDE #7 7

#### DON'T SAY YOU WEREN'T WARNED!

Confederate pride burns white hot in Wildman's Civil War Surplus. Run by octogenarian Dent "Wildman" Myers, it's been a fixture in downtown Kennesaw since it opened in 1971. The place is stacked to the ceiling on all sides with interesting memorabilia. Some of it novelty to some, some with deep historical merit and some of it offensive. Ask him about anything about the Civil War, the man is like an encyclopedia. With all due credit, owner Dent "Wildman" Myers is truly a one of kind character, and very polite.





**Wednesday, September 11  
Georgia Racing Hall of Fame**

Remember Awesome Bill from Dawsonville?

Wednesday's destination was to his hometown to tour the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame. Not only does the museum pay homage to Bill Elliott, but also to the variety of racers who have dominated NASCAR over the years.

Many other superstars of motor racing - sprints, supermodifieds, motorcycles and more are also honored.



*BDE vintage Buicks from a 1934 to 1999 on display in front of The Georgia Racing Hall of Fame*



*Considering moonshine and NASCAR's history, it's only appropriate that one can tour and taste at the Dawsonville Distillery adjacent to the museum!*







**Wednesday just keeps on going . . .**  
 so, if you are in an area, why not keep exploring?  
 At the suggestion of our hosts some BDE'ers continued to the  
 AristoCraft Boat Museum in Dawsonville.  
 Atlanta Boat Works began manufacturing AristoCraft boats in 1946  
 following Claude Turner's return from service during World War II.  
 Learn more about the history of this now 3rd generation business at  
<https://aristocraftboats.com>



Above left: Grandson Scott Turner, who works alongside his father, Bill, explains the history and manufacturing of their boats.



Bottom left: And yes, there are cars involved, too!



Driven by thirst, both for a sweet tea and history, the next stop was the Pool Room. Made famous by owner and local racing historian Gordon Pirkle, it offers an interesting collection of history and memorabilia on Bill Elliott's NASCAR career and early moonshine runners. It's also counter-serve Southern eatery offering burgers & franks on paper plates.

What a find for both racing history and greasy spoon fans!

The personable waitress suggested a visit to the Atlanta Motorsports Park - about 5 miles down the road on GA 53. What a surprise to see one of the Top Ten Tracks in North America. Arriving on a local track day in time to see drivers challenged by the 2-mile Formula 1 main circuit was the perfect way to experience yet another style of auto racing. It would have been interesting to see how a '67 Wildcat convertible handled the course!

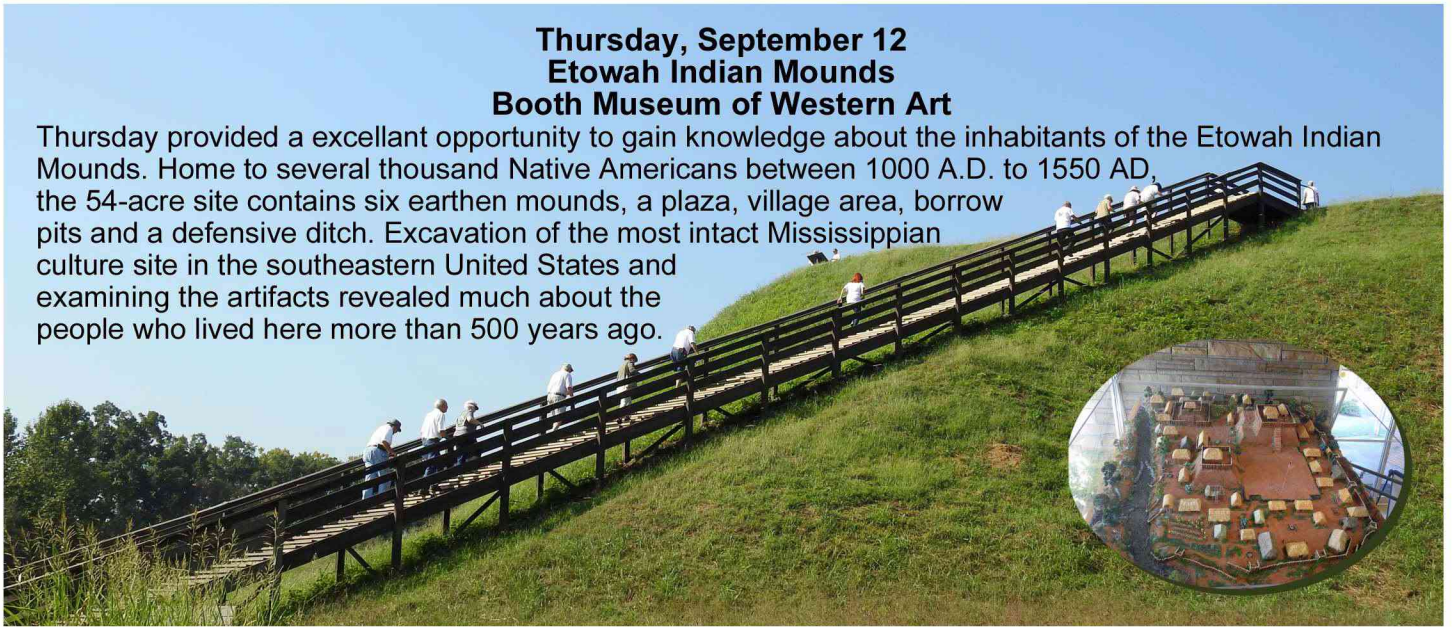
Check it out at: <https://atlantamotorsportspark.com>





**Thursday, September 12  
Etowah Indian Mounds  
Booth Museum of Western Art**

Thursday provided an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge about the inhabitants of the Etowah Indian Mounds. Home to several thousand Native Americans between 1000 A.D. to 1550 AD, the 54-acre site contains six earthen mounds, a plaza, village area, borrow pits and a defensive ditch. Excavation of the most intact Mississippian culture site in the southeastern United States and examining the artifacts revealed much about the people who lived here more than 500 years ago.



*Below: The world's largest permanent exhibition space for Western art is in Cartersville, Georgia at the Booth Western Art Museum. The Booth's permanent collection of Western art, Presidential portraits and letters, and Civil War art allows visitors to "See America's Story" – the land, people, struggles, dreams, and legends – in paintings, sculpture, photo and artifacts.*





**Thursday, September 12  
Simply Southern Banquet  
Cartersville, Georgia**

Alas, all good things must come to an end . . . but not without some final fun and friendship. Fellowship and a delicious meal precluded awards, announcements of future activities and, of course, the presentation of the coveted Buick Driving Enthusiasts Traveling Trophy. After more laughs and memories it was time to fond farewell to our fellow Buick tourers, and wish them safe travels.

A huge round of applause goes to our hosts, Frank & Jan Blizzard, Jack & Pat Horvath, Bruce & Shar Kile, Jerry & Jean Richstein and JD Westfall for all their hard work yet another fabulous BDE Fall Tour.



*Keeping with tradition, outgoing BDE trophy winners Sid & Belva Meyer happily award the Traveling Trophy to Jan & Frank Blizzard,*

*Memories in the Making  
Simply Southern 2019*



*A trip to a Mexican restaurant is a somewhat of a BDE tradition*



*So great to see Don Winebarger and his banjo back on tour*



*Navigators Ann Bell, Belva Meyer & Margaret Minis won't ask for directions*



*John Dale ties up Bruce's hands to see if it will help him stop talking*



*BDE'ers hamming it up for the camera*



*Court Shenkle and Charlie Steffy pause for moment amidst the art*



*Joyce Lukemeyer captures a favorite at the Booth Western Art Museum*



*What the guys do best . . . hang out in the parking lot*



*Bob & Sandy Buntane enjoy some ice cream at the Frozen Cow Creamery*



*There's something magical about a porch swing*



*A convertible - a surprise downpour - a convenient portico*



*Another BDE tradition . . . we all scream for Ice Cream*

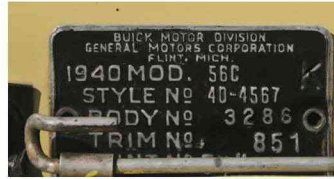




*If it weren't for Beautiful Buicks . . .  
There wouldn't be a Buick Driving Enthusiasts*







Congratulations to **Joe Taubitz, BDE #1**, who was presented with the coveted Harlow Curtis GM "Hometown" Memorial Trophy at Back to the Bricks 2019. It is awarded by the Mid-Michigan branch of the Society of Automotive Engineers and given to the car (and owner) that most represents the spirit of Harlow Curtice, the General Manager of AC Spark Plug. Curtice was transferred to Buick as General Manager and pulled Buick out of the recession with the highly successful 1934 40 series. This led Buick to regain its leadership position.

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Congratulations to **Keith and Wendy Horsfall, BDE #80** for being presented the prestigious Buick Heritage Alliance Award at Back to the Bricks. This award commemorates those who have made a significant contribution to the preservation of Buick heritage.



Members of the BCA and BDE, they have attended more than 50 meets, plus hosted two in Ontario. Their many accomplishments include, but are not limited to serving as editors of the BDE's 'The Driving Force', the Buick Modified Division's 'Buick Our Way' and McLaughlin Buick Club of Canada's 'The Accelerator' plus writing award winning articles for the Buick Club of America's Buick Bugle. Keith was the BCA's technical advisor for 1908-1942 McLaughlin-Buicks, and in 2012, he was the first Canadian to be elected to the BCA's board. They created the Buick Modified Division in 2003. Keith and Wendy have served on the board of the McLaughlin Buick Club of Canada almost continuously since 1994. Keith served as the McLaughlin Buick Club of Canada's capable curator of an extensive, highly significant McLaughlin-Buick literature collection, assisting members with research, questions, and historical information. In their continued service to Buick clubs and organizations, and their work on various Buick events and tours, Keith and Wendy have visited all 50 of the United States and all of the Canadian provinces and territories.

For outstanding support and service to Buick enthusiasts worldwide, and for more than 30 years of dedicated service in compiling, disseminating and preserving Buick and McLaughlin Buick history, this award is a fitting tribute to Keith and Wendy Horsfall.

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Speaking of Back to the Bricks, **Dennis Manner, BDE #68**, organized a Buick engine display and presentation at the General Motors - Durant Dort Factory One in 2018.



A racer at heart who loved to prove his engineering on the track, Dennis was Buick's official representative to the NHRA and several private race teams from 1965 to 1972. Father of the big block 400 and 455, as well as the 455 Stage 1 and Stage 2 engines, he was promoted to a senior manager with GM Powertrain in the 1970s. In that capacity, he oversaw the development of the Turbo V-6 base engines powering the Grand National series that was the fastest production car in 1987. Dennis retired in 1996 as Assistant Chief Engineer GM Powertrain







## Special Item Being Featured at BDE Silent Auction

A silent auction is held each year at the Buick Driving Enthusiasts National Tour as a fundraiser for the club.

The 2020 event,  
**KEEPING IT CIVIL (WAR)**,  
 held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania  
 June 1-4  
 features this special item.

This commemorative 100th Buick Anniversary quilt will be on the auction block.

Featuring Buick logos from 1908 to 2003, the quilt was designed and created by Maxine Bunker of the Mile High Chapter (Colorado).

This one of a kind quilt is approximately 2.5' x 4' and in excellent condition.

Colors may be different to those appearing here due to newsletter or computer printing issues.

Surely a treasure to both Buick and quilt aficionados, the BDE is offering the opportunity to submit a sealed bid if you are unable to attend the tour. Please note that packing and shipping charges will be added if you are the successful bidder.

Bids may be made via mail to:  
 Charlie Steffy

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## And Yet Another Message

### EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2

How do our BDE members manage to come up with all the fantastic tours? "Simply Southern", the 2019 BDE Fall Tour in Cartersville, Georgia was another winner. But, if you know the history of the Buick Driving Enthusiasts tours, all the tours are winners. The enthusiasm in this club is amazing, and so are the planners. Kudos to the Cartersville team!

While I really enjoyed all the varied places we visited, my personal favorite was the Booth Museum of Western Art. If the huge bronze sculptures (both inside and outside) and the varied range of art weren't enough to impress, the current exhibit, 'Warhol and the West', pushed it to the top of the list. Andy Warhol, leader of the Pop Art movement of the '60s and '70s, was well represented with his bold representations of Custer, Geronimo, Annie Oakley, and John Wayne and more. Thank you to the Cartersville Host Team for adding this stop to the itinerary.

It was great to have some new members and guests in attendance in Cartersville. The BDE encourages our new members to join us at the 2020 BDE National Tour in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, June 1-4. The registration form is on pages 19-20.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this issue of The Driving Force - **Ann Bell, Connie Brumbaugh, John Cavanaugh, Guy Greene, Keith Horsfall, Bruce Kile, Dave Langdon, Isabel Lenny, Jerry Richstein, Charlie Steffy, Roberta Vasilow** 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.

2019 has been an amazing year of touring and sharing fun and fellowship with our members. Thanks to everyone who has been a part of it. Go BDE!

Paula




*Outstanding in my Field . . . well actually standing out in a field at the Etowah Indian Mounds*

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What's the best excuse to come to Kissimmee, Florida in January? Well, the Mecum Auction at Osceola Heritage Park of course. Oh yeah, and there is the promise of warmth and sunshine too. The tents already up for the "World's Largest Collector Car Auction - January 2-12, 2020. This event features 3500 vehicles and never fails to impress. In 2019 the 2014 Ferrari LaFerrari Special-Order Rosso Fuoco with 418 Miles, sold for \$3,300,000! Okay, so that's a bit more than you wanted to spend, there are also affordable vehicles there and other cool stuff, too. Besides, it is so much fun to just see the cars. And at least it is warmer than Michigan!

This year the Buick Club of America is partnering with Mecum. Return to Page 2 and reread Roberta's Message. Then go to the Buick Club website - <http://www.buickclub.org/> - and click on the  logo and follow the directions. Be forewarned, there is a daily parking charge.



Above left: Look . . . it's Chicken George Bidders Assistant at Mecum!



Okay all you Buick enthusiasts - did you ever see this? I did, back in the day, and most likely at a Buick National. Thought it was the Buick version of the Amphicar - LOL!

*(Photos & excerpts from GM Authority, photos from Hemmings Motor News & Curbside Classics. More information can be found on those sites)*



This Unique 1962 Buick Motorhome Is Built From Four Buick Wagons  
by Michelle Marus - GM Authority - Feb 21, 2019

Here's something you don't find every day: an eight-wheeled Buick motorhome. Called the ShamRockAway, it was built in the 1960s by noted Buick enthusiast and RVer J. Dennis McGuire of Alma, Michigan.

The ShamRockAway was built from four 1962 Buick station wagons into one large functional motorhome that's definitely a sight for sore eyes. As explained by the late creator, he "kept one wagon whole in the middle, split another in half, and welded the front and back on the one in center." There are also pieces from two more Buick wagons to make the entire equation come together. The result is certainly remarkable and interesting, to say the least. In fact, McGuire seems to have coined a slogan in building the ShamRockAway: "Old Buicks never die - they just stack up."



"Dad's creation surely brought many smiles to people's faces. That was dad. An Irishman, with lots of sayings, he enjoyed making people smile," wrote McGuire's daughter, Colleen, who provided a brief history of the motorhome along with photos to ensure the build would get the recognition it deserves. She notes that her father passed away in 1990 and that he would probably love the attention that ShamRockAway is getting today.

Read more:

<http://gmauthority.com/blog/2019/02/this-unique-1962-buick-motorhome-is-built-from-four-buick-wagons/#ixzz64btIR5Gg>



## #14

By Roberta Vasilow, BDE #17

Well, our illustrious editor asked me to write about one of my Buicks. It's just a 1970 Buick GSX Stage 1 and the 14th one built out of 499 yellow ones. You may have read the a story last year that I wrote and was published in the Buick Bugle, this is not the same story, but newer, sort of.

I volunteered last year to help promote a GSX Reunion at the GS Nationals Meet in Bowling Green, KY in 2020 as the cars will be 50 years old, and it just happens that the event will be the 40th Buick GS Nationals. Might want to mark your calendars, this is "penciled in" in ink on the calendar at the track for May 13-15, 2020.

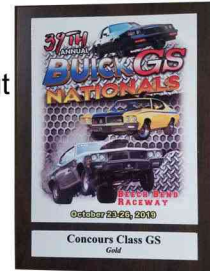
So back to #14. I bought it in 1995 and drove it to the first BDE National Tour in Hot Springs, Arkansas. If you were there, you might remember that rusty, crusty yellow GSX that I continued to work on to make run right, which I finally did, but that's another story.



Fast forward to this year. I drag race this car at the Pure Stock Muscle Car Drag Race in September in Michigan and have usually won best 2 out of three races the last few years, so much fun! This year I took it to the GS Nationals in Bowling Green, raced it in the time trials on Thursday and put in the Concours Class in the car show on Friday. Well, got a gold in concours and a special award from Pam Berger, long time member. She created a new award for her favorite 1970 GSX

Stage 1 in honor of her husband Jerry who passed away a few months ago.

She had told me, she was going to do this for the GSX Reunion next year, but I had no idea she would do it this year. And what a surprise that she picked my car, as it was the only one there too, as everyone must be planning to bring their cars next year. And I hope they do. There are 30 GSX owners who say they will show up. Hoping for lots more.



That's my story and I'm sticking to it! Oh, and BDE members Sid and Belva Meyer are the main folks in charge of the concours judging at the GS Nationals. Thanks to them for their dedication and support of the event.

## Display Them if You Have Them

By Bruce Kile, BDE #11

Rather than "collecting" those dash plaques in a drawer or 'storing them' in the glove box, why not 'display them' on the under side of the deck lid? If you are fortunate enough to own more than one collector car you



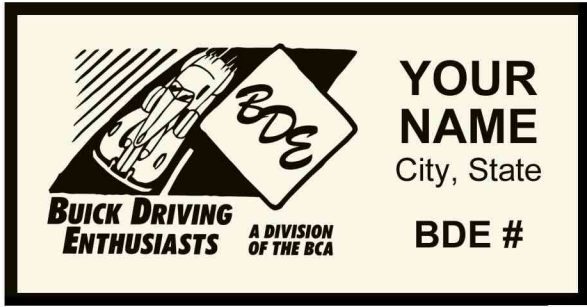
can show the plaque according to the event the car was at. Obviously the newer magnetic style plaques will adhere better than the old two sided tape ones. The temperature changes will eventually deteriorate the "stickiness", whereas the magnetic plaques seem to stay put forever.



*Editor's note:* Another option for those who want to keep their dash plaques inside . . . why not display on top of a trunk or coffee table (covered with glass or plexiglass. What a great way to share with friends! And there is always the age-old option to stick them up on the refrigerator or freezer. No matter what way - show them - don't hide them!







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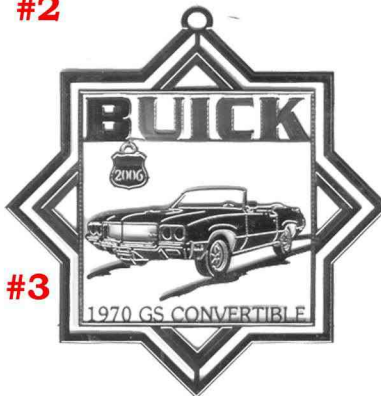
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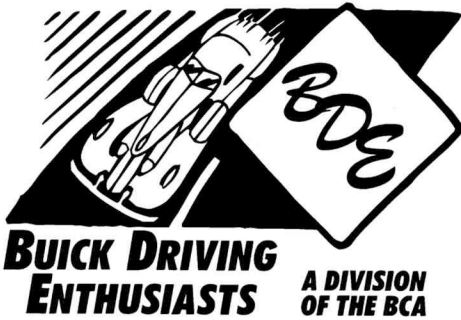
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