



**BUICK DRIVING
ENTHUSIASTS**

**A DIVISION
OF THE BCA**

*Our members up North
have probably put their
Buicks to bed for the
Winter, while those of us
in the South are enjoying
driving in cooler
temperatures!
Happy Holidays!*

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SAVE THE DATE

MAY 13 - 16, 2019

2019 BDE NATIONAL TOUR



**KANSAS CITY AREA
Registration & Info
to be sent soon!**



The Driving Force

Driving, Touring & Just Having Fun!

**The Buick Driving Enthusiasts Fall Event -
“The American Heritage Tour”
was beyond expectations.**

**Our co-hosts, Dennis & Mary Ann Snell and
Ed & Isabel Lenny provided BDE members
an experience to be remembered.**

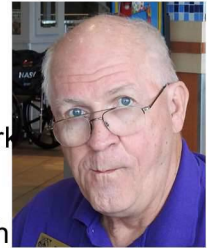
**From George Washington to
Civil War battlefields, to historic aircraft and
the Space Shuttle, then onward to
Quantico and the Marine Museum -
this tour encompassed so much of
our country’s rich history.**



Messages

FROM OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR - RICH GIBBS - BDE #144

Winter...I'm not ready. Two days of fall and right to the cold stuff. Now, time to think about next spring and the BDE National Tour.



"Goin' to Kansas City" May 13-16, 2019. Tours to Kansas City landmarks such as Steamboat Arabia Museum; World War One Museum and Liberty Memorial; Union Station; a fantastic private auto museum; TWA and Airline History museums, Historic Weston, MO (founded 1837) and Holladay Distillery (founded 1856), Historic Independence with Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum; mule-drawn - covered wagon tours of the Independence and much more.

Registrations will be mailed in January to all members. Let your other BCA member friends know they are able to attend one BDE tour without being a BDE member. Come one, Come All to Kansas City!

See you in May 2019!
Rich!

OUR MID DIRECTOR - CHARLIE STEFFY - BDE #374

Greetings from Florida!

I had the chance to see some members at some AACA meets and tours over the past few months. So glad to see our beautiful Buicks out and about more than twice a year on our BDE tours. Our 2019 schedule is looking great! More scenic, historic and fun places are on tap for the BDE National Tour. And we, the directors, actually have to choose from more than one possibility for the Fall Tour! That has not happened in a while! Looks like more fun down the road for us all. Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season and keep those beautiful Buicks purring!



Happy motoring!
Charlie Steffy
Middle Director

AND, OF COURSE, OUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR - ROBERTA VASILOW - BDE #17



Hi BDE Friends!

As we move to close out 2018 and work toward celebrating 2019, here's some updates on happenings with the Buick Club of America. As you may have heard the Office Managers, Mike and Nancy Book have decided to retire effective at the beginning of 2019. The BDE wishes them well in their retirement and thank them for the support over the years. So, with this unplanned event, the BOD of the BCA was charged with looking for a new office manager. A request for proposal (RFP) was approved by the BOD to go out to those interested, which at this time there are ten (10) interested parties so far. The proposals are to be delivered to the BOD by December 15th, so the process of relocating the office can begin soon after.

In the meantime, as most of you should know the BCA had been lacking in providing Financial Statements in the Bugle as required by good business practices and the By-laws for several years. The BCA BOD has sent out a request for quote and proposal for a financial audit, with request for both forensic and qualified audits. These requests were sent to three (3) highly rated financial firms with non-profit expertise, the quotes are due December 1st. Although this audit idea was very controversial with the BOD and some members, it leads into making sure there are no issues as we move to a new office manager and they can start with clean slate, hopefully.

Now, how time flies and it will be Spring before we know it and will be planning for the 2019 BDE National Tour, oh wait, we've been doing that for months! Already asked Rich which car of his can get its legs stretched on his tour, but the reaction was interesting to say the least, I think he's still thinking about it. Paula, Ann and I have been tossing ideas around for months, will nail it down after the first of the year it seems like, when things calm down.

So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Love to all and I'm always available for a phone call, email or knock on the door, but warn me first! LOL! See some of you in FL in January, as I invade Kissimmee for 10 days!

Roberta
BDE Co-Director- 2018-2020, BCA Vice President 2018-2019

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON - ISABEL LENNY - BDE #222

The weathermen goofed on a recent weather report and we were not prepared to receive over 8 inches of snow. The roads were not prepped for all that snow, so had roads blocked all over the area. Already, I am looking forward to spring.



Paula was nice enough to send the renewal forms for dues separately, since the newsletter was going to be delayed a bit. Since you are receiving these forms a little later than usual, please send your dues to me as soon as possible. Please don't forget to fill out the renewal form and include your check -\$15 for one year and \$30 for two years.

Please note the following changes to your roster:

Address change for Guy Greene - new address is 12711 Sand Holly, San Antonio, TX 78253

Email address change for Dave and Cyvia Snyder - atlbkfla@gmail.com

Email address change for Bill Bressmer and Carol Pierce -carolkodica@yahoo.ca

We also wish Glenna Goff a speedy recovery following surgery.

Ed and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year

Isabel

HISTORIAN - JOYCE LUKEMEYER - BDE #409

Hello All,

Thank you to Dennis and Mary Ann Snell and Ed and Isabel Lenny for hosting a wonderful Fall Tour in October. The American Heritage Tour truly gave us an appreciation for our country's proud history from the birth of our country with Mount Vernon through the Civil War with Fredericksburg to the present with the Udvar-Hazy Center and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. I know many people enjoyed the daily cookies at the hotel and we had many barbeque restaurants from which to choose.

Looking forward to the Spring 2019 Tour in Kansas City. Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Joyce Lukemeyer



EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2 - Please go to Page 15

What You Need to Know About Mounting Radial Tires on Classic Vehicle Rims

In this article, you will be educated on the facts - not the wives tales or just plain bad information - about how Bias and Radial tires differ in working with the rim to provide a safe ride.

Go to the internet to read it:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/34d29083101/ffcd2fbe-9ce3-4330-b317-8dce88c4b407.pdf>

BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS - ELECTED OFFICERS 2017-18

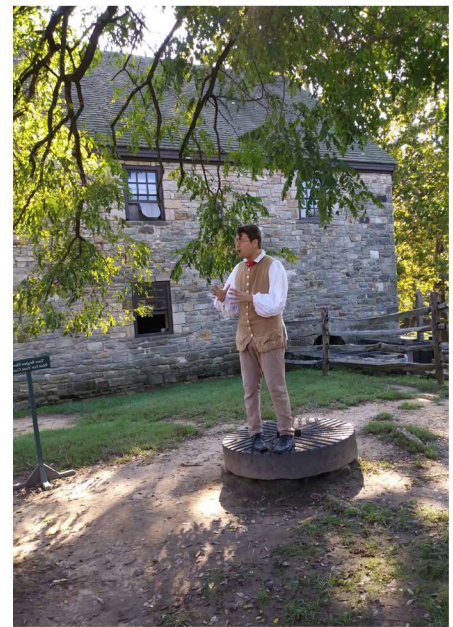
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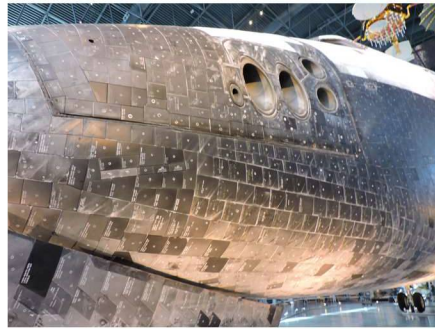
Monday, October 1 - George Washington's Home - Mt. Vernon, VA

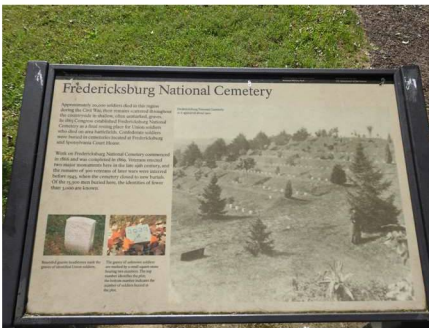
Touring the iconic estate of The Father of our Country. Exploring the gristmill - a highly profitable enterprise in the late 1700s and Washington's distillery. The 18th century process is still in use at the reconstructed distillery. Strolling through the gardens and paying respect at the tombs. And, of course, cherry pie for dessert, at the Mt. Vernon Inn.



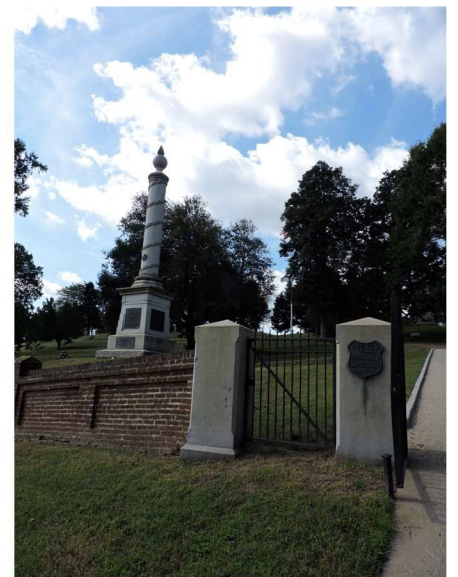


Tuesday, October 2
Stephen F. Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum - Chantilly, VA
 Imagine coming nose-to-nose with the B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay, which dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan, standing next to the Lockheed SR-71 SST Blackbird Jet and being close enough to see the tiles on the Space Shuttle Discovery!



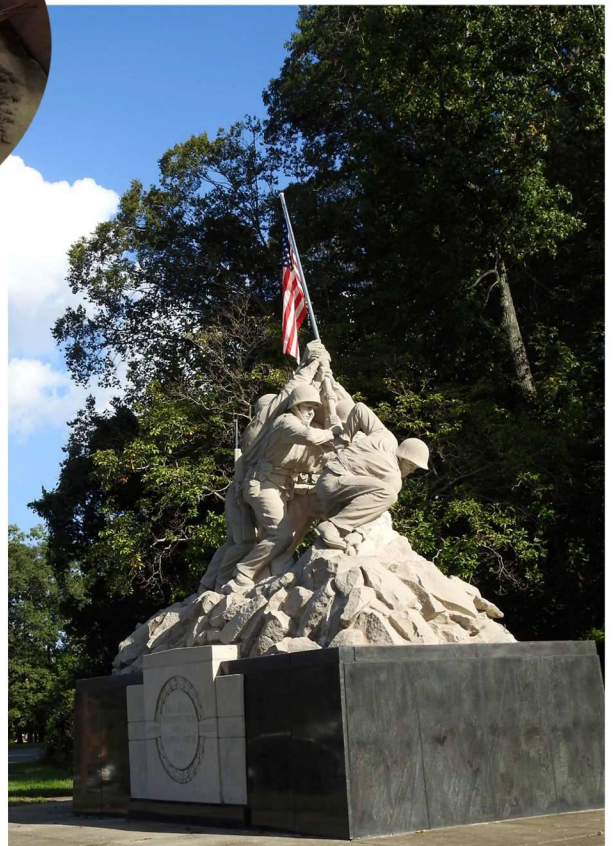
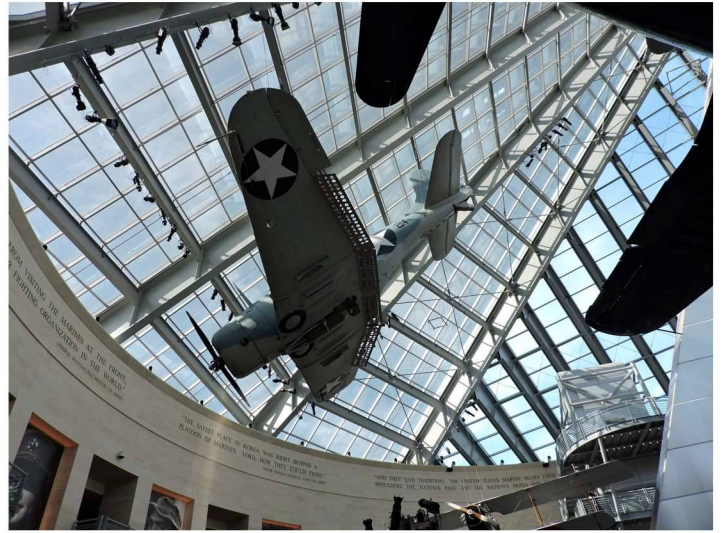


**Wednesday, October 3
Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania
National Military Park**
The site of four major battles in 1862.
The experience gave us a renewed
respect for this time in American
history. Civil War buffs were
truly in their glory.



**Thursday, October 4
National Museum of the Marine Corps
Quantico, VA**

Two centuries of the Marine Corp featuring history from the American Revolution, through the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and more.



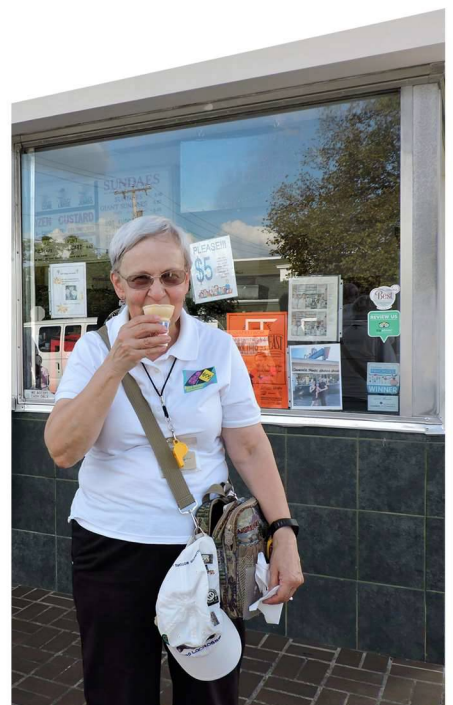
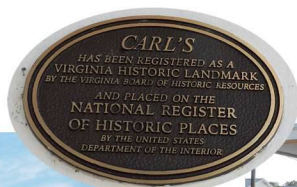
In addition to the planned BDE tours, attendees took the opportunity to visit other places in the area.



Some chose Arlington National Cemetery considered the most hallowed burial ground of our nation's fallen.



Ferry Farm, George Washington boyhood home, was also a destination for some.



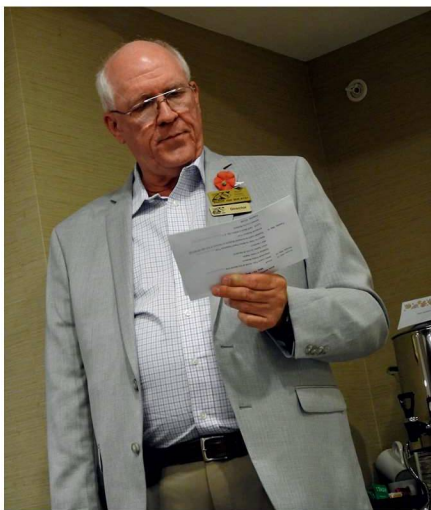
And because eating, especially ice cream, is a popular activity on the BDE tours, a visit to Carl's Ice Cream in Fredericksburg was in order. The frozen custard stand, on the National Register of Historic Places, was founded in 1947.

**Thursday, October 4
Closing Banquet
Woodbridge, VA**

This year's tour concluded with a banquet at the hotel. Fellowship and a delicious meal precluded awards, announcements of future activities and the opportunity to bid a fond farewell to our fellow Buick tourers.

A huge round of applause goes to our hosts, Dennis and Mary Ann Snell and Ed and Isabel Lenny for planning and hosting a fantastic tour which left us with fond memories and a deeper respect of our Country's history.

Right: Dennis & Mary Ann Snell welcome BDE'ers to the banquet



Left: Senior BDE Director Rich Gibbs gives details of the 2019 BDE National Meet he is planning.



Right: Charlie Steffy, Mid Director, shares some highlights of his 2020 tour.



Above Left: John Dale Williams sells 50/50 tickets at the Banquet



Above Center: JD Westfall presents a fun award to Bruce Kile



Above Right: Bruce Kile with his gas cap that won't be lost



Keeping with tradition, outgoing BDE winners Bob and Sandy Buntane happily award Sid and Belva Meyer the Buick Driving Enthusiats Traveling Trophy. Belva and Sid were obviously honored to receive all those coveted treasures.



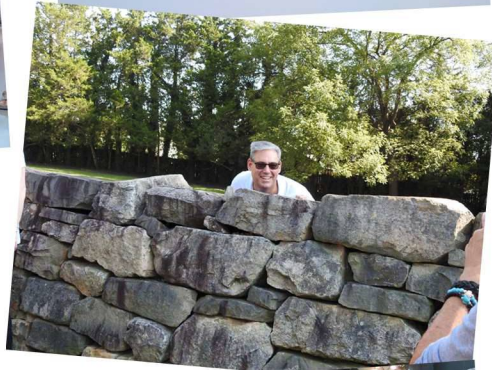
Without Buicks we wouldn't have a BDE!



Just some of the Buicks on Tour!



But it's about the people too, Friends Old & New!



Officers seem to just show up when John Dale is around . . . coincidence???



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON THE FALL 2018 BDE TOUR

The 2018 BDE fall tour, Our American Heritage Tour, led by Dennis and Mary Snell and Ed and Isabel Lenny was a wonderful experience! There were two events that were especially exciting for me. First, I was able to visit my cousin, Keith Grimm's, gravesite at Arlington Cemetery. Keith, a retired Navy careerman, passed six months ago, but the burial was not scheduled until early September. We were unable to attend the funeral, so I was very happy that an opportunity to visit Arlington was planned for Tuesday afternoon. The ANC app provided the number of the gravesite and a free shuttle took us directly to it. The grave was marked with a metal plate until the white stone can be installed. Of course, I had to have a picture.



The second special event was our son-in-law's cousin's Marine retirement ceremony. We knew that our daughter, her husband, and his mother were coming to Virginia for the Friday ceremony. They did not know where or when it would be scheduled until they arrived. Imagine our delight when we realized the ceremony would be held at our BDE Friday tour venue, the National Museum of the Marine Corps, and at the exact time we would be there! What a miraculous coincidence! We were all so thrilled to be able to attend and honor Jason Wysocki's career in the Marines.



(Left) Our daughter, Karen, and her husband, Patrick, with Jason

*(Right) Jason, his daughters, aunt, brother, cousin, and Dad
(Below) During the ceremony at the National Museum of the Marine Corps*



JOHN & ELLEN CAVANAUGH celebrated their 50th Anniversary while on tour. Congratulations!



Parking Lot Pictures
 Checking the fluids is normal activity in the parking lot while on tour. Hanging out in the parking lot is normal too - checking out the Buicks. And if a member has an issue with his car, BDE'ers are there too help. What a great group of people!



BDE Member and Avid Rail Fan, Dave Seidel, Celebrates 50 Years with National Railway Historical Society

ALTOONA, Pa. (WJAC) -- The local chapter of the National Railway Historical Society is celebrating its 50th year, and one man has been involved since day one.

Dave Seidel said he grew up as what some would call a rail fan. While serving in the military, Seidel said he frequented trains along the Northeast. After his service, he said he and a small group of others noticed Altoona's rich railroad history slipping away, and wanted to create a museum and an effort to preserve it.

"We started simply started by educating the local public about the need for it. We held exhibits in storefront windows and things like that downtown and promoted the cause," Seidel said. With the group's support at its back, the local marvel known as the Horseshoe Curve became a national landmark. "It's a tremendous thing. It allows anybody to visit there and experience the Horseshoe Curve, and it's something locally we all take for granted because it's always been there," Seidel said of the modern site. Seidel said his then-small group created a Horseshoe Curve chapter of the National Railway Historical Society in 1968, and he's been working with fellow rail fans ever since.



"From that group, almost twenty years later, came the Railroaders Memorial Museum. Today, the Railroaders Museum and the Horseshoe Curve Chapter coincide. This is where our volunteers come from, and this is how a lot of our projects are able to become accomplished is through the Horseshoe curve chapter and other community partners," Joe DeFrancesco, Railroaders Memorial Museum & Horseshoe Curve curator, said. The group restores historic rail cars that otherwise might waste away into ruin, and preserves their stories.

After 50 years of watching the group grow, Seidel said those he's met along the way have become his favorite memory.

"I kept a book of every member we ever had through the history of the museum and the society. They're not around anymore, but nonetheless participated. It's the people I remember the most," Seidel said.

Seidel wants to see the next generation of rail fans continue the group's effort. "We had to create an awareness of the issue of the history we were losing, and I think we've done that, but it's a job that's never done," he said.

In Memoriam
James "Roddy" Pearce BCA #21011, BDE #47
March 14, 1950 - October 5, 2018



The Dixie Chapter lost a good friend and active member when Roddy passed from this life in October. During his nearly 30 year membership in the BCA and the Dixie Chapter he rarely missed a meeting, outing or activity. This also included attendance at every Southeast Regional Meet and numerous BCA National Meets.

Roddy served as our chapter secretary in 1992 and 1993, as assistant director in 1994, and as director for two terms from 1995 to 1997 and 2005 to 2006. In recent years, most of us will recall Roddy volunteering to set up and run a club swap space at the Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. to the financial benefit of the chapter and those who cared to sell their parts.

On the National level, he served as the Southeast Region Director from 1999 to 2003 and the BCA National Tour Advisor from 2000 to 2005.

Outside of his involvement in the Buick Club, Roddy's other interest was collecting and restoring antique radios, phonographs and juke boxes. Anyone who had the opportunity to visit his beautiful home, that he restored himself, will attest to his wonderful "radio room". It was likely his technical (radio) ability that also endeared him to his fellow members of the Buick Driving Enthusiasts where he was, affectionately, known as the "CB Guru". Roddy was always available to fix, loan or sell CB radios for those on tour. There is no doubt about it, the BCA, the BDE and especially the Dixie Chapter are better off for having had him as a member.

Rest in Peace James "Roddy" Pearce, you have touched our lives and you will be missed.

Bruce Kile

(Photo of Roddy with Joan Bodden at a 2011 Buick Club event courtesy of Jerry Bodden)



In Memoriam
Glen Phillip Cantrell, Jr. - BDE #64
April 23, 1927 - October 10, 2018

Glen Philip Cantrell Jr., 91 of Anderson, SC passed away on the 10th of October, 2018. He was born April 23, 1927 in Wilmore, Kentucky. His parents were Reverend Glenn P. Cantrell, birth mother Alice Cantrell and mother Katherine H. Cantrell.

He lived throughout Georgia and Alabama in his childhood, graduated from the University of Alabama, and served in the United States Coast Guard from 1940 to 1942.

On June 07, 1953 he married Aretha Mae Ley of Clay City, Indiana. The Cantrells lived in Terre Haute, Indiana from 1953 to 1984 where they raised their three children. In 1984 they moved to South Carolina. Many winters were spent in Venice, Florida.

'Phil' is survived by his wife of 65 years, Aretha, their three children and spouses: son Paul (Georgia) of Bentonville, Arkansas, son Elton (Jay Peterson) of New York City and daughter Annette (Richard Martin) of Anderson, South Carolina. He also has six grandchildren: Michelle Garland, Kirsten Dinkins, Adam Epstein, Sawyer Cantrell, Baxter Cantrell and Parker Cantrell, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Phil retired from QSP division of Reader's Digest. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Anderson, Elks club, Golden Kiwanis, Toastmasters, Past National President of Buick Clubs of America. He enjoyed a lifelong passion for antique cars.

The Cantrell family thanks Paul and Georgia and their sons for countless hours of loving care they provided for Phil.

Please send any memorials to Alzheimer's Association or to Circle of Life Hospice, Bentonville, Arkansas.

Cards and remembrances may be sent to

Aretha Cantrell

11386 Pembroke Circle

Bentonville, Ar. 72712-9144

Something to Sell? Swap? Buy?

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

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



FOR SALE: 1993 Buick Riviera. Purchased from Sloan Museum with only 30 miles. Only 4555 made and this is the last model for 1993 with vehicle number ending in 4555. Shows names of factory workers on engine. White Diamond exterior, light beige interior. All options. Current mileage is 20,352 mostly on BDE tours. Never driven in winter. Asking \$12,900. Call **LARRY WILSON**, BDE #43 - 586.655.8152

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And Yet Another Message . . .

EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2

I must be on Santa's naughty list because I've been banished to Page 15 with my message! Our Fall Tour is history and how fabulous it was! I learned so much, and relearned what I had forgotten - all while having fun. Kudos to Dennis and Mary Ann Snell and Ed and Isabel Lenny for a fantastic time! And so great to see my fellow BDE members again.

Another year with the BDE is coming to a close. Can you believe it? Twenty four years of driving and having fun. Thank you for your support and loyalty to keep our club going.

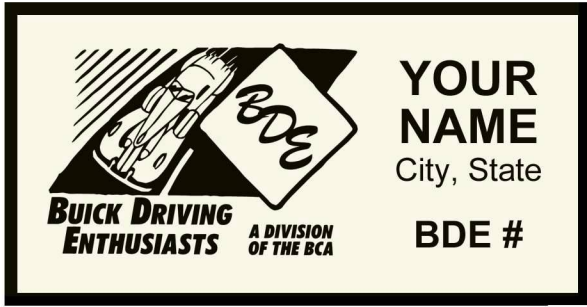
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Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones and may you have a Happy and Healthy New Year. My wishes for 2019 are peace, love and kindness towards all. Life is too short!

Paula

PS - Mecum is coming. Mecum is coming! Always too much fun. And too much temptation to buy something!





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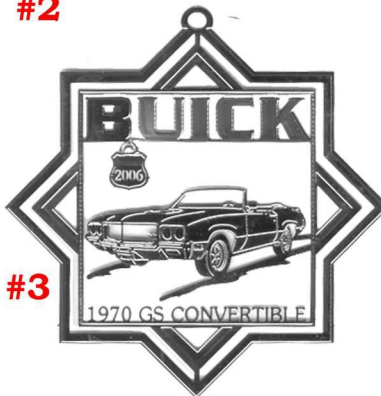
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