

Winter Doldrums Issue
2019 National Tour
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The Driving Force

Driving, Touring & Just Having Fun!

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ODE TO THE BUICK MAN (Dedicated to his wife)

By Evelyn Wilson - BDE #43 (Presented at the SEMBCA Christmas Party 1989)

- B** is for broke which is what we are, since he bought the old Buick car.
Our budget was soon bent and busted, to fix up the motor and the parts that were rusted.
When we complain what we hear from our honey, how its the best investment for our money.
Banks may fail and stock markets crash, but our old Buick "investment" soaks up our cash.
- U** is for an understanding spouse, when car parts are stashed all over the house.
In the attic and under the bed, down in the basement and out in the shed.
When asked to spend more of their time with you, they say with a pout, "There's worse I could do.
Instead of fooling around with old Buick cars, I could be out chasing women in bars."
- I** is for in the garage night and day, we think it is work, they see it as play.
The task may take them months or years, nothing can stop the, neither our pleadings nor tears.
They love to scrape, polish and shine, remove old parts and take off the grime.
Then they come in all sweaty and dirty, in the wink of an eye they want to get flirty.
Their body is all greasy and hot, an aphrodisiac it is not.
When they last lay down their heads, they plan the next sesion while still in their beds.
When the Buick is restored, all finished and done, they start reading Hemmings to find some more fun.
- C** is for cannot possibly do, when asked to fix up the house for you.
There is no time to wallpaper and paint, on their list of priority, chores are an ain't.
I ain't gonna do it, I ain't got the time, I've got to go work on this Buick of mine.
- K** is for kooky, otherwise called "nuts", we should have them committed but don't have the guts.
We could sent them to or take them fishin', but the sight of an old car would cause a remission.
I guess we will keep them just as they are, a man in love with his old Buick car.
For no matter how hard we may bitch and moan, there is not better way to keep him happy at home.

Authored by Evelyn Wilson - BDE #43



What A Fun Winter Activity ...
Attending the Mecum Auction - January 2019

The Buick Driving and Eating Club . . .

While on the awesome Fall Tour 2018 a few of us stopped at one of my old watering holes in Fredericksburg VA for lunch that day of the tour. Hard Times Café is a great little bar and restaurant known for their four kinds of chili as well as good no nonsense burgers, wings and sandwiches. Food and drinks are cheap, the staff is friendly and it is conveniently located on Route 1 at the edge of the historic downtown Fredericksburg area. And, as an added bonus, it is just around the corner from the famous Carl's frozen custard stand on Princess Anne Street!



For the snow birds in the club or those that might be venturing down to the Sunshine State, Orlando city has some outstanding restaurants. A few of my favorites are TooJay's Deli with locations all over the state. Started in Jupiter FL, this chain has great deli sandwiches, dinners, comfort food and breakfast is always fun. Very reasonable and good sized portions. If you like barbeque you have to check out 4 Rivers. Chef John Rivers opened his first location in Winter Park FL a few years ago and has expanded to 5 locations around Orlando. A very talented yet humble man, he makes sure the bar b q is top notch. And his desserts are amazing! He also opened one non-barbeque place just a few blocks from Park Ave in Winter Park, FL. The Coop is in an old garage and serves up some mighty fine Carolina low country cooking. Very casual and delicious. Bon appétit!

Charlie Steffy - BDE #374

Middle Director



My Dear Friends in the BDE,

Yes, this is very late, something that is happening more and more for me lately. I do hope you had a very Merry Christmas, and that your new year is so far a very Happy New Year.



I was so disappointed to have not made it all the way to the Virginia Tour. I wanted so badly to see all of you that were there, and go on what I hear were some very special day events. I got to Birmingham, Alabama pretty late for me, 8:30 PM on Friday the 28th, and needless to say was very tired. I pulled too close to the curb in front of the hotel I was staying at and when exiting the car, tripped on the curb and fell. I hit my head very hard on the driveway and probably laid there for over 30 minutes. When I realized the situation I was in, starting hollering for help. Of course, I could not get up.

Long story made as short as possible. The folks at the hotel were great. Got me into my room and in bed, brought in what I would need from the car, iced my cooler, and parked the car. They wanted me to go to the hospital, but I declined. Would you believe these good people (with my permission) came into my room and checked on me about every two hours? Saturday AM I really wasn't any better, so agreed to go to the VA Medical Center there in Birmingham. It was an all-day affair. The doctor asked where I was going, and where I came from. He advised me not to continue on to Virginia, and wait at least two days before returning home. He said, "don't push it, and take more time than what you normally would to get home". I think I finally got home to Texas on Thursday afternoon. I did have a small concussion, but apparently no brain bleed.

Lots of follow-ups here at the VA in San Antonio since. 2018, and 2017 for that matter were not good health years for me. So far, 2019 is going well, and I feel better than I have really felt since Barb passed away. Can you believe that has been 4 years ago this month? If the health holds up, I want to try and make it to the Kansas City area Tour.

Hope you are all well, and I hope to see you soon.

Guy Greene - BDE #386

I have seen the temperatures where some of our BDE members live. Like a high of -14 and low of -52! Brrrr! The Orlando Sentinel showed a 105 degree "feels like" difference between here and Minneapolis. The crazy weather and snow accumulation too! The windchill factors caused by the Polar Vortex are unreal. Stay safe and stay warm. I am so lucky to live in Florida. A -53 windchill and too much snow in Ohio were certainly factors to drive me to move here. Hoping that Ole Man Winter will leave soon and give those of you up North a break!



Special thanks to our contributors to this issue: **Rich Gibbs, Guy Greene, Isabel Lenny, Charlie Steffy, Roberta Vasilow, Evelyn Wilson** and anyone I may have missed. Let's keep the ball rolling and do a great newsletter together! Please keep those articles and photos coming - they are most appreciated! Send to - Kliska@cfl.rr.com or by mail to Paula Liska, 1424 Dogwood Court, Kissimmee, FL 34744

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Some Buicks sold at Mecum:
 1958 Limited Convertible - \$258,500
 1970 Stage II Race Car - Sold for \$115,00 (2018)
 No Sale at \$60,000 (2019)
 1947 Super Convertible Modified - \$37,000
 1957 Super Riviera - \$22,000



* The 'Village People' plus 2
 * Sale price unknown on the Buick neon, but a 42" Buick Authorized Service Porcelain sign sold for \$4,720
 * When is the last time you saw an Opel?
 * BDE friends relaxing after the auction.



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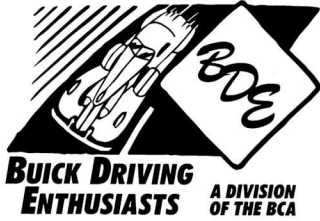
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Hey BDE Members - Know someone who has a Buick but isn't part of our club?
 Talking to a Buick owner at a car show or cruise-in?
 Tell them about the fun and adventures we have and give them an application to join!
 What a great opportunity to share our great club and help increase our membership at the same time!
 Make copies and share. Put your name here so we know who made the referral.



BDE Member & # _____

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
- 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

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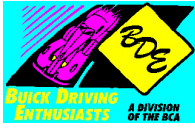
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WELCOME TO THE BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

2019 Buick Driving Enthusiasts National Tour



"Goin' to Kansas City"

Silver Anniversary Tour May 13th ~ May 16th



TODAY'S DATE: _____ BCA MEMBER # _____ REGISTRATION # _____

NAME: _____ BDE MEMBER # _____ CELL PHONE: _____
FOR EMERGENCY CONTACT DURING THE TOUR ↑

LIST ADDITIONAL GUESTS ON SEPARATE SHEET GUESTS MUST BE A BCA MEMBER OR MEMBER AT LARGE

SPOUSE/GUEST: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ POSTAL/ZIPCODE: _____

BUICK YOU ARE DRIVING: _____ YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST BDE TOUR? []YES []NO TRAILER PARKING []YES []NO

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF YOUR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 12, 2019

HOTEL INFORMATION WILL BE SENT WHEN WE RECEIVE COMPLETED TOUR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

REGISTRATIONS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 BUICKS

Registration Fee includes dash plaque and hospitality

Registration Fee Member & Spouse/Guest each car - 2 adults

Registration Fee Member Only per car

Additional adult passengers riding in vehicle & not separately registered

This covers hospitality

Number of Attendees		SUB TOTALS
_____	@ \$ 30.00 per car	_____
_____	@ \$ 20.00 per car	_____
_____	@ \$ 10.00 per person	_____

Sunday May 12 Arrival Day

Registration will start Sunday afternoon

Monday May 13 The Armacost Collection

Driving Tour Day * This is a donation to Mr. Don Armacost's preferred charity

Lunch at Foirella's Jack Stack Barbecue

"A Taste of KC BBQ" Jack's Stack Sandwich Buffet: Beef Brisket - Smoked Turkey - Hickory Pit Beans - Creamy Coleslaw - Cheesy Corn Bake - Tea - Coffee & Water

Johnson County Kansas Art & Heritage Center

Number of Attendees		
_____	@ \$ 10.00 per person *	_____
_____	@ \$ 24.00 per person	_____

Tuesday May 14 Motorcoach Transportation

Via Motorcoach Steamboat Arabia Museum
Streetcar ride to Union Station

Lunch at Union Station – Harvey's Restaurant

_____	@ \$ 5.00 Adult or \$ 4.00 Senior	_____
_____	@ \$ 40.00 per person	_____
_____	@ \$ 14.00 per person	_____
_____	N/C	N/C
_____	@ \$ 18.00 per person	_____

Menu choices →

Select one menu choice for each attendee. For multiples of the same menu choice, enter the number of choices in the boxes

[] **Harvey's Original Burger** - lettuce/ tomato/ red onion/ pickle
 [] **Add Cheese:** [] American [] Boulevard Pale Ale cheese sauce [] cheddar [] herb chevre [] pepper jack
 [] smoked cheddar [] swiss

[] **Mel's Spinach Salad** – baby spinach/ field greens/ strawberry/ pear/ dried cranberry/ candied pecan/ feta/ pear vinaigrette

[] **Southern Chicken** - [] Grilled or [] Fried Chicken
 romaine/ avocado/ bacon/ roasted corn/ bleu cheese/ tomato/ red cabbage/ chopped egg/ red onion/ glazed pecans/ ranch

[] **Chicken Tenders Platter** - buttermilk mashers/ bacon-shallot green beans/ honey mustard/ Brancato's BBQ sauce

The National World War One Museum and Memorial _____ @ \$ 14.00 per person _____

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		Number of Attendees		
Wed. May 15 Driving Tour Day	TWA Museum at Charles Wheeler Airport		@ \$ 7.00 per person	
	Airline History Museum at Charles Wheeler Airport		@ \$ 5.00 per person	
	Lunch at Upstairs Tea Room (Main St Galleria)		@ \$ 17.00 per person	
	Menu choices →	<input type="checkbox"/> Raspberry Chicken Salad Sandwich – White chicken breast with fresh chopped celery and sweet pickles. Blended with our house recipe raspberry dressing on house-made bread. <input type="checkbox"/> Egg Salad Sandwich – Just a good ol’ fashioned egg salad on our house-made bread. <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Deli Sandwich – Classic deli sandwich made on our house-made bread. Meat Choice: <input type="checkbox"/> Ham or <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Chose one of the cheeses: <input type="checkbox"/> Cheddar <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss <input type="checkbox"/> Provolone <input type="checkbox"/> Pepper Jack <input type="checkbox"/> Quiche – Our Quiche is ever changing from pie to pie. Served with a spiced muffin.		
Holladay Distillery			@ \$ 10.00 per person	

Thursday May 16 Driving Tour Day	“Independence” Day			
	The Bingham-Waggoner Estate		@ \$ 5.00 per person	
	National Frontier Trails Museum		@ \$ 5.00 per person	
	Pioneer Trails Mule-drawn covered wagon tour		@ \$ 25.00 per person	
Banquet			@ \$ 30.00 per person	
Beef Tenderloin – Boursin Chicken – Oven roasted potatoes & carrots – Seasoned green beans – Garden salad – Parker House rolls – Desserts: Brownies – Snickerdoodle Blondies – Lemon Bars – Tea – Coffee – Water				

GRAND TOTAL

Couple registering for the total tour is \$ 486.00 (Senior) Single registration for the total tour is \$ 248.00 (Senior)
 \$2.00 more for couple and \$1.00 more single if not senior citizen

TOUR PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION

I certify that the Buick I will use on this tour is covered by at least the minimum bodily and property liability insurance required by the state or province in which it is registered.

My Insurance Company is _____ **My Policy Number is** _____

Policy expiration date is _____

I also understand that if for any reason my Buick is unable to be driven on the tour, I will ride in another Buick. I understand that the tour hosts and/or another BDE member will help to secure a ride for myself and my passengers if necessary.

I agree not to hold the Buick Driving Enthusiasts and any of its officers, chairpersons, and members responsible for any lost or stolen property, bodily injury, or property damage. All participating vehicles are to be properly insured and licensed.

Signature of applicant _____ **Date** _____

A CB RADIO AND WORKING FIRE EXTINGUISHER ARE MANDATORY TO TOUR WITH BDE

Your Registration Must Be Received By April 12, 2019

Make checks payable to: **Buick Driving Enthusiasts**
Mail this completed form and payment to **Rich Gibbs - BDE Tour**
1150 NW Sunset Lane
Topeka, KS 66618-1148

Phone: (785) 230-6794 (evenings 7-10pm, please)
 E-mail: tripleturbine@cox.net

Refunds will depend on the date of cancellation.

All events are subject to change