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**DUES ARE DUE!
For All Members**

Fellow Buick Travelers,

It is with great disappointment that having a Fall BDE Tour in North Alabama will not be possible this fall. There are way too many unknowns for the venues and restaurants to commit to events and a refund if the events are cancelled that we have decided to stop the plans for this year.

Anne and I would like to thank everyone for their support and we are ready and willing to put this event on in the future as long as we are able. Just let us know when.

Sincerely,
John and Anne

Editor's Note:

We have all experienced many disappointments this year. Not only were our BDE National in Gettysburg and the Fall Tour in Alabama cancelled, but also the Buick Club of America Southeast Regional has been postponed until November 2021.

While we may not be happy with these decisions, they have been made to protect the health and safety of our members.

I encourage you to keep wearing those masks and practice social distancing. Even if a person thinks they can't contact it, one hopes they would wear the mask to prevent others from infection. Unfortunately I know/or know of at least 40 people who have been in quarantine, seven who have been diagnosed and 5 who have passed away.

Stay safe - and hope to see you in 2021.

Messages

FROM OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR - CHARLIE STEFFY - BDE #374

Greetings to the members of the BDE!



Well, here we are a full six months into this Covid-19 nightmare and still no place to go! I think the biggest waste of money this year was a 2020 Planner! Mine now weighs over a pound with all of the White-Out slathered on every page for all of the cancelled meets and tours! Ugh! Plus I got to feel what it is like to be the unwanted guest as I had to cancel my flights to Zurich Switzerland for the wedding of my dear Buick and Studebaker friends Rolf and Annie. I enjoyed the photos of the ceremony and the festivities that followed. But thanks to being an American the Swiss government would not let me in without total isolation for 10 days before being allowed to leave my room. Yes, that's right. No walks, no going out for dinner. No nothing. They would bring me food each day but I would have gone stir crazy. And then I would have had to self quarantine for another fourteen days upon my return. Can you say I've Had It??!!

I am sorry to say that the Fall Tour 2020 is the latest victim of the Covid pandemic. I want to thank John and Anne for all of their hard work to set up this tour. They had some great stops planned and it would have been such a fun week to finally see everyone together and enjoying our Buicks. But fear not! I know 2021 will be a whole new year and we WILL be back on the road having more fun and frivolity. Your incoming Directors are experienced and dedicated tourers and they have some great tours set up. And one of these years we will be re-visiting Gettysburg PA and Huntsville AL! So until our next outing, stay safe and I will see you Down the Road!

Charlie Steffy
Your Leftover Senior Director

OUR MID-DIRECTOR - ROBERTA VASILOW - BDE #17

So " See you in September" didn't work, so maybe "See you next year!" will work!



Some Buick stuff has happened this year that was eventual, like the loss of our members and friends, but we have to push past that and remember them in our pictures, and hearts and thoughts about how we enjoyed their company during our tours.

Some other good things happen, I heard several have acquired new Buicks (to them) and we may be surprised by what shows up next year at the events and tours.

In the meantime, we pray for our country, our friends on the West Coast and our friends in the Guif Coast and any others in the way of the five storms lining up in the Atlantic, that they can survive and maintain their surroundings, friends and 'stuph'.

But last of all, don't forget to vote, take the Buick to get some ice cream, and see you next year in 'Buicktown', Flint, for the best tour ever!
Stay safe, Director in waiting, Roberta

STAY SAFE, Love to All,
Your "Director-in-Waiting,
Roberta

AND OUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR - JERRY RICHSTEIN - BDE #398

I don't have much to say except for the obvious. I miss everyone, and hate that all of the clubs are canceling almost all car shows and tours. This includes the BDE National Tour in Gettysburg, PA, the BCA National & "after tour", and now the BDE Fall Tour in Huntsville, AL



I would like to thank John & Anne for all their work trying to make the Fall Tour a reality, but Covid-19, and the Alabama Governor, made it impossible. I hope that we have a vaccine soon so that they will be able to reschedule it for fall 2021.

Until we are all able to get together again, virtual hugs to everyone!

Love & Peace,
Jerry



Okay - It's 2020 so we have our UNOFFICIAL JUNIOR BDE DIRECTOR - JD WESTFALL - BDE #393

Hello Fellow Buick Driving Enthusiasts,

Well, I guess I am the unofficial Junior BDE Director. That's OK, I have been proud to be a Junior in the Westfall family and now a Junior BDE Director. It's been a tough summer without car shows and car tours. It's been doubly tough with all this rain and a 53 year old Buick rag-top!

But... Here are some ideas for each of your Buick Chapters:

1. Do a Virtual Car Show. Our Dixie Chapter did this by sending in pictures of our cars to our editor. I saw Buicks in my club that I never saw before!
2. Do an afternoon car tour. We met with masks on and drove 50-60 miles stopping at a park and a Sonic Drive In.
3. Have a chapter "Picnic" Picnic! We will meet in a park south of Atlanta with our Buicks and Picnic Baskets. Everyone brings their own food, masks, and Buicks and socially distances.

And we are doing monthly Zoom chapter meetings. We have members tuning in from Illinois and the Carolinas!

We still have on the calendar the October BOPC. Let's keep our fingers crossed and our Buicks Shined.

J D Westfall



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON - MARY ANN SNELL - BDE #424



Allow me to introduce myself. I am Mary Ann Snell and I accompany my husband Dennis on the adventures with the BDE. However, due to circumstances (COVID 19), the events scheduled for this year had to be canceled for everyone's safety. So we remain in the little town of Bethlehem (PA).

However, with the benefit of these electronic communications we will keep in touch.

As of this writing, the BDE membership is at 224. We acquired one new member and sadly one of our members, Dave Langdon, passed away. Let's remember him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

It is with the assistance of Isabel Lenny, Paula Liska and Shar Kile that I have gotten this far. So bear with me and we will continue to travel on.

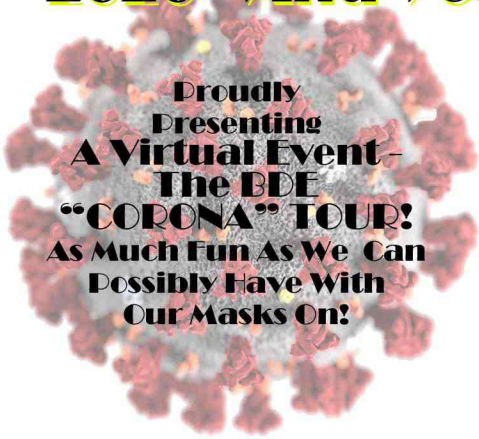
Mary Ann Snell

**Your BDE Dues are due.
Please see the Renewal Form in this newsletter.**

**SEE SECRETARY CONNIE BRUMBAUGH'S
MESSAGE ON PAGE 10
AND EDITOR PAULA LISKA'S ON PAGE 17**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:
Edward & Maryann Bernhardt
BDE #559
2824 Lincolnwood Drive
Racine, WI 53403
262-554-1554**

2020 - And Yet Another Unbelievable Event



Touring with the Buick Driving Enthusiasts? You bet!
 It's what we do best!
 What a great tour . . . so many cars . . . so many places . . . so much to see!
 Okay - maybe we weren't physically together,
 but we were all there in spirit.
 Here's another 2020 Virtual BDE event!

Be sure to read the description. Not only will you learn what the member's car is, you'll also see where they were.

Sit back, fasten your seat belt and enjoy until we can once again start Driving, Touring and Just Having Fun!



Bob and Sandy Buntaine in their 1947 Super, heading down the driveway Alvarado Texas to join the tour



Hershel Goff backing up his 1950 Super "Miss Eleanor" starting out in New Castle Virginia



Whoops! Which pedal stops this 1992 Roadmaster? Not a good way to begin a tour in Ohio.



Jerry and Jean Richstein's 1934 Model 91 Club Sedan RestoRod revving the engine and ready to roll



Paula Liska's 1971 GS Convertible wished it had actually gone on a tour from Kissimmee Florida



Jon Wessel's 1963 LeSabre Wagon all shined up and ready to go from Springfield Missouri



Chip Aeppli left Tallmadge Ohio to embark on his first tour in his 1971 Riviera

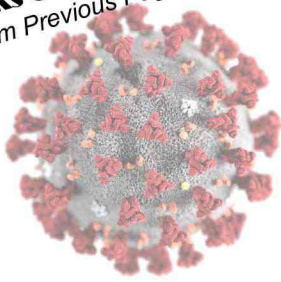


Joan DiBarry came from Chambersburg Pennsylvania in her 1925 Standard Touring



The Buck Driving Enthusiasts banner is always a welcome sight on all the BDE tours

**The BDE
"CORONA" TOUR!
As Much Fun As We Can
Possibly Have With Our
Masks On!**
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And who keeps us from getting lost while touring?
Our fabulous navigators!



It's always a good idea to check your oil and be sure your car is gassed up and ready to go

AND THE TOUR BEGINS. CHECK OUT ALL THE DESTINATIONS!



Bruce and Shar Kile on a country road somewhere near Deliverance. Good idea - a CB on his 1936 Special.



Melanie Mauser took in the sights in Holland Michigan in her 2001 Park Avenue



Larry and Pam Splane stopped by a retirement village in Clinton Township Michigan with their 1932 Buick Truck



Charlie Steffy took his 1919 H-45 Touring to Hershey. His father was the second owner.



Rick Schick visited a blueberry farm in Aurora Illinois in his 1970 LeSabre Custom Convertible



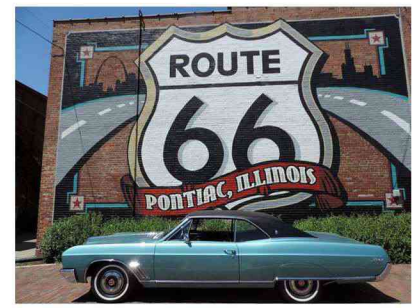
Auburn Indiana was a destination for Bonnie & Bob Starzyk in their 1990 Reatta Convertible



Jack and Pat Horvath's 1973 Riviera at a county park in Tucker Georgia



Ralph Colter had his 1940 at Grissom Air Base in Indiana



Ray and Kathy Vrablic got their kicks on Route 66 in their 1967 Skylark

Eating is the “E” in BDE & Ice Cream is Often the Option



Left: Charlie Steffy and friend Annie from Paris break out their cooler

Below: Shar Kile is the usual instigator of an ice cream stop



Right: Bob and Sandy Buntane indulging at a shop near Cartersville

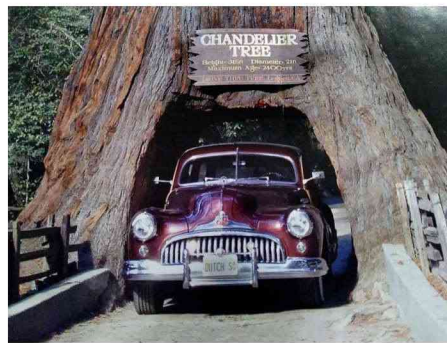
Below: Joyce Lukemeyer enjoys a cone while on a tour of a dairy



The BDE COVID-19 TOUR!
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John Cavanaugh made the choice to take his 1979 Electra Park Avenue to Sarasota Florida



John and Joyce Williams drove through a tree in California in their 1948 Roadmaster Estate Wagon



Speaking of ice cream, here is Larry DiBarry's 1937 Special at Valpo Velvet Ice Cream in Indiana



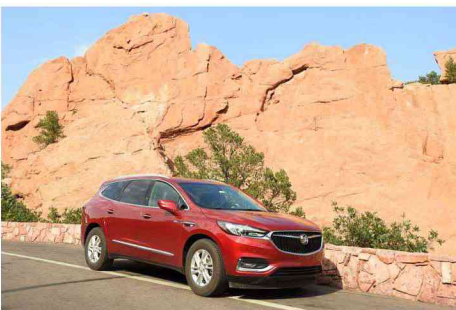
Frank and Jan Blizzard toured Cartersville Georgia in their 1940 Special Convertible



Dick Boswell took his 1949 Roadmaster to S. P. Dinsmore's Garden of Eden in Lucas Kansas



Newnam Air Field in Easton Maryland was visited by Courtney Schenkle in his 1967 California GS



The Garden of the Gods was a stop for Darrell and Connie Brumbaugh in their newly acquired 2019 Equinox



Jim Young drove his 1953 Convertible to Milwaukee Wisconsin



James Weinman snapped a photo of his 1972 GS Stage 1 Convertible at Lake Lavon Texas



Darrell and Connie Brumbaugh took a non BDE approved route to the Gateway Auto Museum in Colorado



Charlie Steffy's 1982 Riviera Convertible was seen at Flagler Beach in Florida



Rich Gibbs visited visited the Museum of Appalachia in Clinton Tennessee in his 1960 Electra 225 Riviera Sedan

**The BDE
"CORONA" TOUR!**
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The BDE Tour participants stopped for gas (full service no less) and sometimes to check a map before asking for directions or using their GPS



Mike Stemen's 1959 Invicta Convertible was spotted at the House on the Rock in Spring Green Wisconsin



Ronald Givler's 1976 Riviera at The Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum in Pennsylvania



Minnesota was the destination for Fred Syrdal in his 1941 Century



JD Westfall's 1971 Riviera rolled through the Hilton Head Concours as Best Buick



Steve Erdman's Gunmetal Gray 1990 Reatta Convertible at the Cambria Bar and Grill in Cambria Minnesota



Steve Ledger's 1985 Regal T-Type on a scenic back road in Island Lake, Illinois

**AS THE TOUR MOVES NORTH OF THE BORDER!
WELCOME CANADIAN TOURERS!**



Bill Bressmer was near Lake Ontario in Burlington Ontario with his 1940 Sports Coupe



Not one, but two Mclaughlins - 1916 and 1941 . . . compliments of Keith Corby in Delhi Ontario



Keith and Wendy Horsfall with their 1984 Riviera Convertible in Alliston Ontario

SOME MEMBERS WERE THERE IN SPIRIT . . .



Joe (BDE #1) and Chris Taubitz at the Durant Dort Offices in Flint Michigan in his 1940 Super Convertible



John Westfall and his 1947 Restorod in South Bend Indiana



Ken McClellan and his 1949 Sedanette at the Sloan AutoFair in Flint Michigan

WE HAD TO REST SOMETIMES



Top left: Al Eichelberger stopped at the Wigwam Motel in Holbrook Arizona with his 1965 Skylark Convertible



Bottom left: Keith Corby's 1990 Reatta outside lodging in Delhi Ontario



Above: How cool is this? Al Eichelberger's 1966 Riviera at the Riviera Roadside Motel in Joplin Missouri

AND THE TOUR CONTINUES . . .



Colleen McClellan and son David took her 1966 Buick Wildcat to Back to the Bricks in Flint Michigan



Who would have guessed that Roberta Vasilow took her 1970 GSX to US 131 Motorsports Park in Martin Michigan



Paula Liska drove a long distance in her 1987 Grand National to Gatorland in Kissimmee Florida



Al Eichelberger had two 1958 convertibles on tour in Phoenix Arizona - a '58 Roadmaster and a '58 Limited



Glenn and Debbie Novak included the Longwood Mansion in Natchez Mississippi in their touring



Susan and Evan Moore's 1933 Modified Delivery at the Dillon Museum in Sterling Illinois



Everyone was happy to see Larry and Pam Splane when they returned late in their 1932 Buick Convertible



Stormtroopers from the Galactic Empire and their Mandalorian Bounty Hunter Driver got the Longest Distance Driven Award when they arrived in a 1967 Wildcat Convertible



Right: Lamar Brown (Mr. Earl), who on his first BDE tour, was awarded the Hard Luck Trophy for 'driving the wheels off' his 1936 Buick



Thanks to all who participated in the Virtual 2020 BDE Corona Tour. Hopefully we will be able to actually tour again soon.

AND NOW A *Message* FROM BDE SECRETARY CONNIE BRUMBAUGH - BDE #143

Hello Buick Family!

It feels like forever since we were last together! Hopefully everyone has remained healthy, covid free, and that you've tried to enjoy summer to the best that your locale has permitted.

We're in that ballgame as well. I'm retired now but Darrell is still considered an essential worker with the cow job. So life went on, pretty much as normal, for us since March. One big change, no vacation over the border this year. But not to be dismissed as a wasted year of travel, we drove to California to visit my brother and family. We loaded up "Big Red", our recently purchased Enclave, and off we went. Long story short, we also did some checking on various locations for possible upcoming BDE Tours. And so the story goes . . .



The Road Less Traveled

After departing Menifee, California on August 1, we headed to Death Valley National Park. It's been 15 years since we last visited. I felt bad for Big Red as the temperature rose to 121* and 282' below sea level at Badwater Basin. Moving on through Nevada to Zion National Park, the temps cooled just a little but the air quality wasn't good due to the smoke from the fires in California. From Zion we traveled to Bryce Canyon. The second day the winds finally shifted and we had clear conditions. Temperatures were still rather hot. Continuing on we visited Arches National Park, Canyonlands NP, Dead Horse Pt State Park, all in the Moab, UT region. From Moab, the thrill began and the road less traveled.

We like to refrain from the interstates when possible so returning to I-70 was out of the picture.



Gateway, Colorado was just across the state line. So let's take the scenic route. We decided to save the Upper Colorado River Scenic Byway drive until we were headed out of town. After a short distance, we turned to visit Castle Valley. Instead of returning to Rt 128 which leads to I-70, we saw a sign for Gateway and decided why not. One good argument for why not . . . we were not ready to go 4-wheeling. Well, we got our scenic route! It was beautiful but I'm not sure Big Red was very happy. Let's just say all the luggage/cargo was settled in place after that ride. We did not need AWD but bounced the poor girl badly.



So, it's like ok, it's a gravel road. No problem. As we climbed from one mountain to another the road condition deteriorated. Gravel to dirt. Pot holes that you could not avoid and being so dry . . . dust even if you were to sneeze!

We stopped a few times early on so I could get better pictures. The GPS kept telling us we still had hours to go to our destination, the Gateway Auto Museum.



The road looks pretty good, so on to Gateway.

We went from the paved road, to the old pavement that was cracking and showing its age to a (what turned out to be nice) gravel road to dirt. The GPS telling us we had 24 miles to go and 1 hour 6 minutes of driving time.



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The Road Less Traveled *(Continued from Page 10)*

We passed 4 vehicles, 2 pickup trucks with cattle trailers and this herd. I do believe we were intruders.



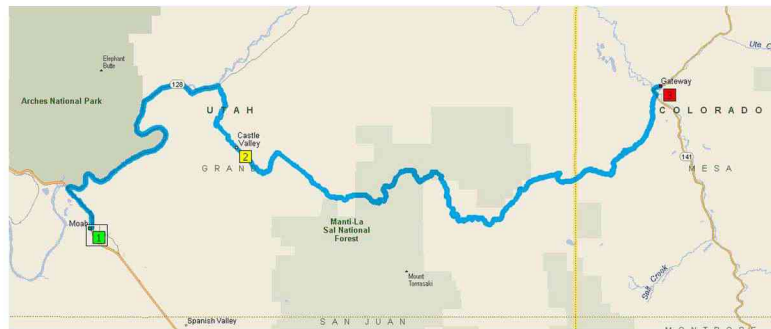
The road had shallow ruts that kept you on your toes. Reviews described "it's 3"-4" of loose sandstone in spots you need to maneuver through. Rough riding as it reminded me of someone who was learning to plow snow! The washboard feel along with the ruts. I guess you could call them speed bumps.

Finally at 12:30 we saw a road sign saying John Brown Rd and Gateway, but they pointed in opposite directions!

And GPS just wanted us to make a U turn. The road was so dusty that I didn't dare ask my driver to stop for a photo op. We would have been consumed by the cloud of dust. And looking back at my pics, I often take a snapshot of the GPS for reference with my photos and our top speed in the beginning was 18 mph. Following pics showed 12, 8, and 5 mph. That gives you an idea of the road condition!



I guess you can say we ruled out this road for a future BDE Tour. My mapping program shows 60 miles from Moab to Gateway with travel time of 3 hours 8 minutes. I believe it took all of that plus! My camera times show we departed at 9:00 am and arrived in Gateway at the Auto Museum at 1:00 pm. A local friend recommended we include this auto museum in our travels but as he commented on my Facebook post, he thought we'd take a more conventional route, like Route 141 instead of the John Brown Road. The canyons were beautiful but I'm not sure we'll ever get Big Red clean! The picture of her dirty and sitting at an auto museum somehow doesn't seem to go together! The door jambs and under the hood were filthy. I think we were even beginning to taste dust!



Big Red must have forgiven us as she later climbed Pikes Peak without any issues. She did wonderful on her 6946 mile non BDE tour. From 282' below sea level at 121* to a morning low of 43* in Colorado to climbing Pikes Peak to MM16. Five weeks of torture for which she gets a gold star!

From Ann Bell:

Thank you for the phone messages, emails, cards and your uplifting words of love and support shown to me and my family since the death of my daughter. Please know how much I appreciate your kind gestures. Hugs for you all.

Ann and Lyndsay

Daddy Had a Buick

By Robert Earl Keen

Daddy had a Buick and Mama loved to ride
Daddy like to drive it and Mama liked to glide
Four white walls constantly in motion
From the Great Smoky Mountains to the California ocean,
Two-tone, rag-top, holes in the side,
Daddy had a Buick and Mama loved to ride.
Daddy had a Buick, holes in the side,
Daddy had a Buick and Mama loved to ride
Daddy was talker and a son-of-a-gun
Mama was a looker and a barrel of fun
Daddy kept the car straight Mama read the road map
Flyin' down the interstate Mama's head in Daddy's lap.
Three blocks long and two lanes wide
Daddy had a Buick and Mama loved to ride
Daddy had a Buick two lanes wide
Daddy had a Buick and Mama loved to ride
From Atlantic to Pacific and everywhere between,
The lakes of Minnesota to the town of New Orleans,
Oklahoma, Arizona, any place that they would want to,
play around, run about, lay it down or blow it out.
Daddy at the wheel and Mama by his side
Daddy had a Buick and Mama loved to ride.
Daddy had a Buick, Mama by his side.
Daddy had a Buick and Mama loved to ride.
Daddy got the blue skies, Mama got the breeze
Me I got my Mama's eyes, my Daddy's Buick keys.
Gonna do things my way now I finally got one.
Flyin' down the highway my baby ridin' shotgun.
Two-tone, rag-top, holes in the side,
Me I got a Buick and baby loves to ride
Me I got a Buick, baby loves to ride
Me I got a Buick, my baby by my side
Daddy has a Buick, two lanes wide
Daddy has a Buick and Mama loves to ride

Robert Earl Keen "Daddy Had A Buick" (1993)

*This song was inspired by Robert Earl Keen's first
childhood memory of his parent's car.*

*To hear it google Daddy Had a Buick, then Videos and
check out those on YouTube*

The Jerry Berger Memorial Award

– by Pam Berger

While it is NEVER easy to lose one of our fellow Buick members, it hits home even harder when it's one that has been with the club for many years. But it's also EXTREMELY refreshing to know that their passion still lives on to benefit others! - Paul Ferry

The Jerry Berger award came from me (Pam Berger) personally. JJ and I went to the "GSX" area of the show last year and chose Roberta's car as the best GSX 455 Stage 1 car there. Jerry and I began this wonderful GS Nationals journey with our Saturn yellow Stage 1 GSX, back in 1986, our 1st year. We were working on restoring it still, so we did not bring it that year.



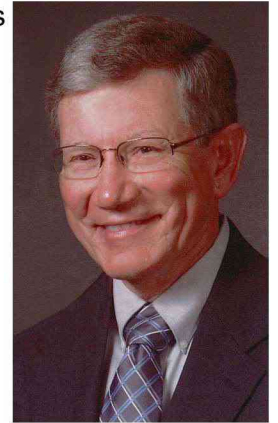
Pam Berger and Roberta Vasilow

We finished it in 1987, and drove it there that year. In 1988, we won 1st place in the show and he commented to me, and I'll never forget it... "I just love this car and this place." That was a pretty profound statement coming from Jerry Berger! So it all started with that GSX, and his love for the car.

So when Jerry passed away, I decided to honor him and award a Jerry Berger Memorial award to a GSX show car every year hereafter (that God shows fit to get me to BG). Jerry's passion was with the GSX, but in later years we sold it, and he bought a GN. The GSX has changed many hands but I KNOW it is still out there for another's enjoyment. No one could ever love that car as much as he did. I was very pleased to award Roberta with that honor. It is a beautiful car that she has. This award solely comes from the Berger family alone. There will be one this year, and a very "special" award for the overall Best GSX of the reunion. I will have that one on display for folks to see what might become theirs, if they have a GSX. The highlight of Jerry's year was plans to attend the Nats. A part of Jerry will forever be in BG. I threw a bit of his ashes last year at the end of the drag strip. He finally made it to the "end" of the track and he will always be there to watch his sons race.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of DAVE LANGDON - BDE #136

David Allen Langdon— of Goodrich, Michigan, age 77, passed away Sunday, August 30, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, September 4, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Davison, Michigan - Rev. Fr. Andrew A. Czajkowski celebrant. Interment followed the Mass in Sunset Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church – Building Fund, 404 North Dayton Street, Davison, MI 48423 in David's memory.



David was born in Flint, Michigan on September 8, 1942, son of the late Henry and Rose (Bachan) Langdon. He married Deloryes Garcia on August 14, 1965. David retired from Delco Electronics in 1998 after 37 years of service. He enjoyed driving and working on his many classic Buick cars. David was still active in Buick Club, Kettering University, Sloan Museum, Back to the Bricks and other Flint historical societies. He also spent his winters in Hawaii for the past 23 years.

David is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Deloryes Langdon; son, Robert Langdon; granddaughter, Natali Rose Langdon; many other loving family members and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Brian Langdon.

Please share your thoughts with the family at www.allenfuneralhomeinc.com

Cards and memorials may be sent to Mrs. Deloryes Langdon, 8246 Washburn Road, Goodrich MI 48438



Editor's note:

Dave had planned to join the 2020 BDE Corona Tour Virtual Event with his 1964 Riviera and 1941 Special Sedanette 46 SSE. We are featuring them here.

Another Buick member, JUDY LEETS has passed away

Judy M. Leets, 75, of Flint, Michigan, passed away on Monday, August 31, 2020 at Majestic Care of Sheridan, Indiana.



She was born on November 25, 1944 to Gerald Sumner and Jean (LaBell) Crocker in Flint, Michigan. Judy was a naturopathic doctor and owned her own business. She enjoyed collecting cars, attending car shows, and was a member of the Buick Club of America. Judy loved fishing and camping, and was an avid Michigan State fan. She is survived by her children, Tonya (David) Harper, Pam (Curt) Pully, Scott (Jackie) Leets, and Wendy (Andy) Kirkland; brother, Rick (Connie) Sumner; 8 grandchildren, Stephen Harper, Keira Harper, Morgan Senteney, TJ Senteney, Ryan (Keshia) Leets, Kaylee Leets, AJ Kirkland, and Kara Kirkland; and 5 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Leets. Services were held on Friday, September 4, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

Swap Space

Something to Sell? Swap? Buy?
Send your information and photos to
Paula Liska, Editor -
Kliska@cfl.rr.com

Ads run free for BDE members for 3 editions and photos will be included as space permits. Be sure to include contact information in your ad. Ad may be edited due to space constraints.

WANTED: 1970 Buick Electra Convertible. Red, red, white top. Contact **John Cavanaugh** at 941-350-2157 (cell) or cavanaugh7@comcast.net (FL) 9

WANTED: Looking for a rebuilt or NOS power antenna for my '76 Riviera if anyone knows of one or any good leads. **Ronald Givler** - 814-329-3533 (cell) or ragivler@hotmail.com (PA) 9

FREE: Transmission from a 1963 Riviera. It needs a little work but I would give it away if someone is interested. Pick up in Northfield MN. **Bob LeClair** - 651-253-6808 or rdrviera@gmail.com (MN) 9

FOR SALE: Beautiful set of original wire wheels, never used since refurbished by Dayton. 15 X 6 1/2 with stainless spokes. Includes plastic center caps. \$3500. **Bobby Minis** 912-484-1825 or rpminis@comcast.net (GA) 9

FOR SALE: 5 last generation Buick Riviera wheels. Very nice - no curb scratches \$350/obo. We can work on the shipping. **Steve Ledger** 312-316-0249. buickbullitt65@gmail.com (IL) 9



FOR SALE: 1975 LeSabre Convertible, 455 Engine 400 Turbo. Cruise, power 60/40 seats, Tilt, and Road Wheels. Original milage car. To many new parts to list. Show ready. \$18,750. **Frank Blizzard** - email frankblizz@aol.com (GA) 9



FOR SALE: 1941 Jr series complete dual carb setup..carbs, exhaust intake, air cleaner etc..show car detailed on a rolling pallet. Carbs look rebuilt but cannot document \$900. 1942 and 1946 Buick grills, show quality polished and complete on frames \$700 and \$650. 6 volt Delco Guide headlamps -pre 1950. Proper for judged cars in 30s-40s These are NOS but not in original boxes \$160 the pair. **Lewis Cohen** 58 North Racebrook Road, Woodbridge, Conn 06525 203-397-8723 (CT) 9

FOR SALE: 4 American Racing Torq Thrust Wheels. Style 505-7863 - 17x8, P.C.D. 5x4.75, Offset +8mm. Purchased for '67 GS. NEW! Never on car. Always stored inside. Asking \$800. Also '71 Skylark/GS bumper (excellent core quality), '71 Skylark/GS stainless sweep spears. Email **Paula Liska** for details Kliska@cfl.rr.com (FL) 9



FOR SALE: 1949/ 50 Buick gauges and speedometer. \$75. Email Frank Blizzard frankblizz@aol.com (GA) 9



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There's a nice article by Jon Wessel (BDE #550) in the September 2020 issue of the Buick Bugle about his 1963 LeSabre Wagon. Check it out!!!

FROM KANSAS TO THE SUWANNEE RIVER

My story begins in the Fall of 2010, when Shar and Bruce took us to Kansas, on The Little Tour on the Prairie. I don't remember the name of the little town that we visited, but I very much remember the little house made of cement, including cement furniture. While that is memorable in itself, what was more memorable, was the dead guy entombed out in the yard. (Could anyone ever forget that?!!!).

My story however is not about the cement house, the cement furniture or even the tomb in the yard. My story is about the red flowers growing in the yard.

I am a seed harvester. (Anytime that I see an attractive plant "going to seed", I harvest a few, put them in my pocket, take them home, and try to remember to plant them.) We took a few of the seeds from the pretty plants with the red flowers. I planted the seeds, first in pots, and then, transplanted the growing plants into the ground. I chose to place them on the North side of our house, knowing that if they could survive a Kansas Winter, they would be fine in a Florida Winter, but could they survive a Suwannee River flood?



We have probably had three floods since 2010, and my Kansas flowers are doing fine. Just as they did in Kansas, they die down to the ground every Winter, and send up new plants every Spring that bloom through the summer. I continue to harvest and share the seeds.

Lynn Crutchfield - BDE # 264

(Editor's Note: The "cement house" Lynn referred to was S P Dinsmore's Garden of Eden in Lucas, Kansas. Quite an eclectic town itself. Thanks to Bruce and Shar Kile and Rich Gibbs for the amazing venues we visited.)



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We All Need Some Fun Stuff!

1932 and 1942 Buicks Pulling House Trailers in 1981 Dealer Video

This was recently discovered, by Joe Taubitz' son. It was a Super 8 FILM and he had it digitized. Joe (BDE #1) is pulling the Covered Wagon trailer with his '32, and his brother-in-law Jerry Vavro (BDE #5) is pulling the Airstream with his '41

Check it out at

<https://youtu.be/Knt2q5nZJME>



Early Buick Tour in Georgia?



NEWS FLASH!!!

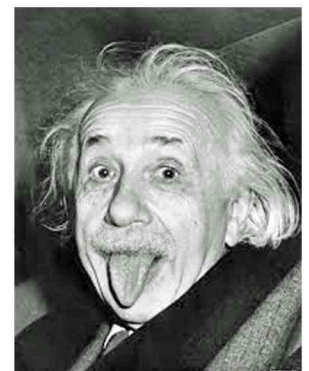
YOU JUST NEVER KNOW WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING DURING THE PANDEMIC!

My hair is so long now, and off course, gray, that I was offered the lead role in the Netflix film, "The Life of Albert Einstein". However, I just heard that I lost the part to a guy named Jerry from Georgia. - **ED LENNY**

Attached is the publicity shot from my screen trial for the Netflix film. Unfortunately I didn't get the part because my hair isn't "wild" enough. -

JERRY RICHSTEIN

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."
(Attributed to Albert Einstein BUT he didn't say it!)



Oh no! Not Another Message!

EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2



Good grief - is it still 2020? I was hoping that by now it would have moved on and things would have rebooted to what we knew as "normal". Visually 2020 is normal or perfect vision. So I googled 2020 and up came a site for angel numbers and read on. According to the site angel #2020 said to be prepared for what was coming your way, that changes were about to enter your life and you needed to be prepared both mentally and physically. Who knew? Hindsight is always 20/20. LOL!

I've been mostly doing the "stay at home" thing since the last week of March - venturing out occasionally to shop or whatever. The Zoom meetings and virtual socializing are helpful but I found myself ordering more and more on Amazon just so I could hear my doorbell ring. And then the opportunity presented itself. Mecum Auction!

This is not to be confused with the Annual Mecum Auction here in Kissimmee in January - "The World's Largest Collector Car Auction" - 10 days and 3500 cars. This was the Summer Special 2020 - 3 days and 1000 cars. **Who the heck would have a car auction in Florida in August???** Anyway I took advantage of the free bidder's pass (thank you BCA) and headed to the Mecum Auction on Friday. Crowds were down, cars were fewer and it was **HOT!** And I only spent about 2 1/2 hours and \$10! Happy to say safety and social distancing was actively being practiced.

There were a few Buicks and here are the results (including fees): 1990 Reatta Select 60 with 1000 miles - Bid goes on at \$23K. 1969 Sportwagon - Bid goes on at \$22K. 1971 GS Convertible (blue) - Sold \$39,600. 1953 Skylark Convertible - Sold \$71,500. 1970 GS Stage 1 Convertible (red) - Bid goes on at \$72K. 1951 Special - Sold \$7150. 1982 Electra with 8000 miles - Sold \$10,450. 1957 Century Custom - Sold \$57,200. Not pictured but sold - 1966 Riviera - Sold \$18,700 and 1970 Riviera - Bid goes on at \$10K.



Thank you to everyone who helped with this issue of The Driving Force - **Ann Bell, Connie Brumbaugh, John Cavanaugh, Lewis Cohen, Ronald Givler, Bruce Kile, Bob LeClair, Steve Ledger, Ed Lenny, Bobby Minis, Jerry Richstein, Mary Ann Snell, Charlie Steffy, Roberta Vasilow, JD Westfall, all the members who took their Buicks on the virtual tour** 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.

Go BDE!
Paula

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!

You gotta hear this!!

Ten years ago I got the urge for a new car! Well after a few excursions to the new car lot, here again the people (sales persons) don't represent the industry properly! So - - - we decided to build our own car. We knew the body style, color and power train we preferred - why not build your own?

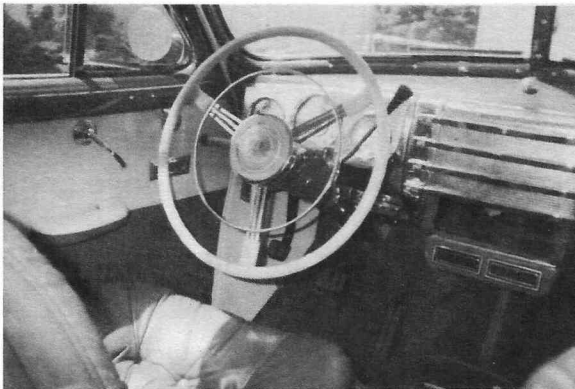
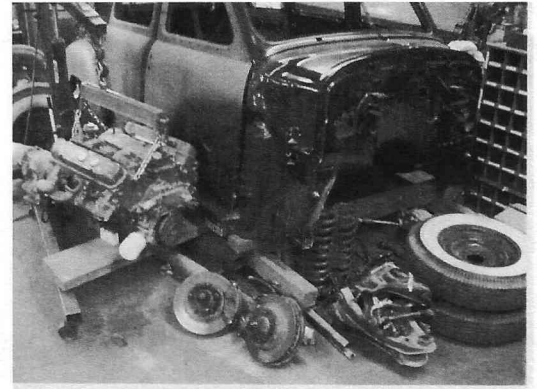
We found this ad in Hemmings for just the car we wanted, unfortunately it was in California!! After some negotiations, the car arrived on a semi with the worst weather ever! The semi could not get up the driveway because of the ice!!!

After we finally got the car home in our barn, the inspection began. The car was just as the owner described - no drivetrain, no paint BUT no RUST or DENTS. It cost more to transport this car than the cost of the car!!

Our first attempt to restore the car was a total disaster! A couple of local boys said they could do it - well, they did not have a clue as to what I wanted. Next I sent the car to a painter for a primer coat; two years later I went over and loaded my car heading for home! I was smart enough to hide my gun.

We went through a period of doing nothing, the car just sits. In conversation with my wife, whether to continue or junk it and take the loss, she immediately opened the door to continue. She said "just so it rides as well as my old Chrysler (1988 5th Avenue)!! Well - no problem, we went down to our lower barn and took the seats from the old 5th Avenue. They are leather, color matched to car and very comfortable.

Next, through a friends invitation, we went to the shop of Ken Mauger in Baltimore, Ohio. His shop was spotless, all the tools in place with two people working for him. A great decision was made to let him put the car together. First he put the body aside and then he cut the frame in two!! Whoa!!! Wait a minute!!!! Well I



Jacks "Seat Cover King" in Springfield, Ohio. He matched the color of the seats with vinyl for the door panels etc. He installed carpet and again a great color match.

This car is beautiful and drives better than it looks!! I keep telling my wife that "this is your car!!" With our four doors she has no problem getting in the back seat, it's not a convertible so her

hair does not blow and she doesn't have to fool with the clutch. The color of the car is like the sky, so why not call it "Sky Queen". I'll tell you one thing, I have already shown the back bumper to a couple of young squirts!! This is an old man's "Hot Rod" and I love it.

John Westfall, BDE #092, BMD #7, North Lewisburg, Ohio



Sliding back to an old newsletter article. This appeared in THE DRIVING FORCE sometime after John's "Old Man's Hot Rod" made its debut at the BCA National in 2013 in South Bend Indiana. RIP John - your spirit lives on in the BDE.

FROM OUR BDE MEMBERS "ACROSS THE BORDER"

To our wonderful Buick family:

In 1989 we joined the BCA and at our first meet in Batavia we won a bronze. We were hooked on the Buick life from then on. Our black 65 Riviera Gran Sport carried us many, many miles in those early days, followed by other Buicks. We attended 20 BCA National meets over the years.

In 1997 we joined the BDE. We are #80 and have seen a good part of the USA over the years on tours with this great group of people. We have formed many long-time friends over the years and enjoyed their hospitality at times, Denny and Lola, Bob and Katie, Doc and Donna, John and Alice, John and Ellen, Larry and Pam and Bruce and Shar to name a few who have invited us to visit.

We served as editors for the Driving Force for 14 years and enjoyed this job.

Thanks to the BCA and BDE and bus tours we have been privileged and proud to have visited all 50 states, from sea to sea and from sea-level to Monarch Pass and Pikes Peak, the Grand Canyon 3 times. We participated in 39 tours plus 15 After Tours. We have said our goodbyes to many wonderful people who passed way too early in life.

We were proud to have seen Keith elected to the BCA Board of Directors as the first and only non-American person to serve.

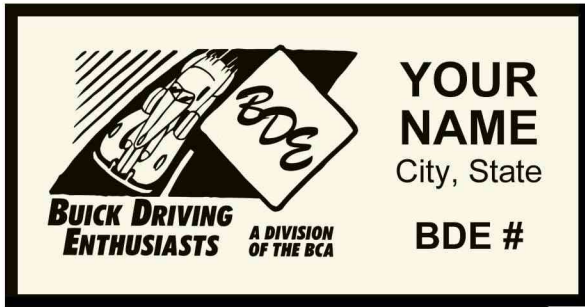
We are proud to have been given the opportunity to form and operate the Buick Modified Division (Buicks Our Way) for 15 years and thank all the BCA and BDE members who stepped up to help with the judging and tabulations.

Thank you all for becoming our friends.

With this pandemic, which has closed the longest unprotected international border in the world for who knows how long, we will not be able to join our friends on tours in the foreseeable future. Please take care of each other, wear your masks, and wash your hands. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Keith and Wendy Horsfall
BDE #80

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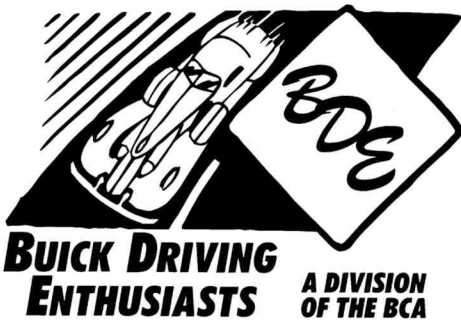
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