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THE BDE IS BACK AND TOURING



And a good time was had by all!
Thank you John & Anne for a great tour!

Details in this newsletter.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The BDE Board of Directors has created an official Sunshine position. The Junior Director will now be responsible for sending emails notifying members of an illness, death or other issues of a fellow member. They will also be sending cards. Thank you to Junior Director JD Westfall for making the motion to make this happen. Please send notifications of a these to: JD Westfall - pharmboyjd@gmail.com

Messages

OUR FINALLY SENIOR DIRECTOR - ROBERTA VASILOW - BDE #17

Hi BDEer's!! Finally get to be the new Senior Director and write my first 'blurb'. As I mentioned in my last message, the 2022 BDE National Tour will be June 26-July 1 near Flint, Michigan. The hotel and banquet location has been secured. The rest of the plans are "hurry up and wait" as it's too early to tell what will happen in June for the other planned venues, but don't worry it will work and happen as the best tour ever!!



Bruce and Shar will be planning a route to Michigan from the BCA National Meet, so make sure you contact them if you want to be included.

As an option to the BCA National, the 50th Annual Sloan Museum Auto Fair in Flint is June 24-25 and will be at the newly renovated museum, more info soon and the hotel has rooms available in our block for the weekend.

There's lots of other stuff to do in Michigan, so if you want to stay over to July 4, email or call me and we can talk about some of the available options, etc.

It was great to see many of you in Alabama, thanks to John and Anne for their awesome tour plans.

Some things we talked about at our Board of Directors Meeting included what to do with all the photo albums from previous tours. Well, I said I would investigate some ideas to scan the existing albums to digitize. Why I didn't think of this years ago, I don't know, but we should definitely find a way to store our history more efficiently. I have done a bit of investigation on this but nothing official yet, if you have any ideas please pass them on to me.

We also welcomed Belva Meyer as our new Secretary, she volunteered to take over as Connie wished to retire from the secretary position, and we thanked Connie for all her years of being a great secretary for us! And thanked Belva for volunteering, thank you!!

The only other thing that has come up is the sending of cards of compassion due to a member passing, or sickness, etc. The bylaws state the chaplain has that responsibility but since Darrell was the chaplain, Connie handled that for him. A suggestion was made that the Junior Director be the one to handle this, that way it's always handled, I think we need to have a membership vote on this, what do you think? Well, it's snowing in Michigan, I'm always open to anything so call or email. Thanks.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!
Love to all,
Roberta

OUR MID DIRECTOR - JERRY RICHSTEIN - BDE #398



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Charlie Steffy for his "extended" service to the BDE, until he was able to officially welcome J.D. Westfall to the Board at the Fall Tour in and to "retire" from the Board.

Jean & I had a great time at the Fall Tour in Huntsville, AL. Thanks again go to John and Anne for persevering and making the tour happen after all the frustrations of 2020. We also enjoyed seeing some BDE folks at the SE Regional Tour in Ft. Myers, FL

Next up on the agenda will be the 2022 BCA National in Lisle, IL, and then Roberta's BDE National Tour in Michigan right after the National. Talk about convenient timing. Jean & I will be at both!

Since my National Tour has been pushed back from Spring 2022 to Spring 2023, I've had more time to think about venues that I'd want to include. Those of you that were in Huntsville already know that I'm moving the 2022 National from Roanoke, VA to Mt. Airy, NC. I'm saving Roanoke for a possible future Fall Tour, when the trees on the Blue Ridge Parkway are more colorful.

I've started some preliminary planning for the tour in Mt. Airy, but if any of you are familiar with the area, please let me know if there are any venues that you would like to suggest for inclusion, or to avoid.



Love & Peace,
Jerry



OUR JUNIOR BDE DIRECTOR - JD WESTFALL - BDE #393

Hello fellow BDE'ers.

Well, it's the end of the year. I hope everyone had a Great Thanksgiving! Allison and I wish you a Merry Christmas.

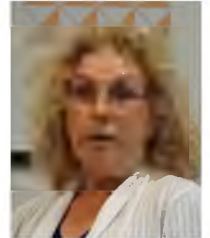
Well, I put the Wildcat to bed. Cleaned her up so she will be shiny in the Spring. Filled the gas tank and added Stabil. Topped the fluids and hooked the battery to a charge maintainer. Oh yeah, put a tray of moth balls behind the front seat to keep varmints out (my dad always had a pack of Doublemint gum in the ashtray or glove box, and the mice always found it!).

It is supposed to get to 71 degrees Friday, so I might get her out. If you do also, make sure you drive your Buick 20 minutes to lubricate the seals and burn the moisture out of the exhaust. But why am I mentioning this? BDE'ers are car maintenance experts!

Anyway, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
JD

AND OUR NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY - BELVA MEYER - BDE #023

For the first time in over twenty years we attended the AACA meet in Hershey. The weather was great, considering these meets have a history of some very wet and cold weather, and we felt very fortunate to be there on a good year. We had a good time meeting Buick owners at the BCA tent and seeing the many beautiful Buicks on the show field on Saturday.



After a short time at home in Indiana we packed up for our annual trip to Florida with a stop in the Huntsville, Alabama area for a BDE meet. Again we had great weather and enjoyed the time spent with friends. Thanks to John and Anne Cover for all their efforts in planning a great meet. We visited venues we would not have had the opportunity to see otherwise.

After getting settled in our Florida home (almost) we took off in our 1991 Reatta for the BCA SE regional meet in the Fort Myers and Naples area. The time spent with Buick owners and making friendship is very rewarding. Thanks to Len Berman and others for the planning of this meet.

We are members of a local car club and recently participated in a Saturday tour. I think we are setting a tradition of getting the Reatta out for a Thanksgiving Day drive. This year the weather was perfect for top down driving to the Tarpon Springs area. Hopefully we will have the Reatta out for more drives this winter. It is great to hear people say "Nice Car".

We hope you and your family stay safe and well. Enjoy the best of the holiday season and a wonderful New Year.
Belva

FROM OUR "IT SEEMED LIKE FOREVER" DIRECTOR - CHARLIE STEFFY - BDE #374

As my final message to the members of the Buick Driving Enthusiasts, I would like to thank each member that has helped to keep this club alive and well. There are too many to try to mention here but for all of you who have stepped up to serve as a director or officer, for those who have hosted tours, for those that promote our club at other events and to those that attend our tours and enjoy the fun that only comes from driving a Buick I want to say a sincere Thank You!



Serving as your Director has been an honor and I am proud that our club is alive and well, although a bit greyer and a bit slower. Like our Buicks, we were all built in a different time and we have gone through many miles, maybe even hitting a few bumps along the way. But we are still here and we are still able to enjoy life and cherish the friendships that have come from our participation in the BDE events.

May God continue to grant each of us many blessings and may we all look forward to many more miles of smiles behind the wheel of our Buicks!

Charlie Steffy
Your (finally retired) Senior Director!

And a Message from the Editor

EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2



WOW! Two fabulous tours in less than one month! When Buick folks come back, it's with a bang! and a lot of energy, enthusiasm and success. Kudos to **JOHN COVER** and **ANNE TUCKER** for toughing it out and delivering an incredible BDE Fall Tour. And less than two weeks later we were in Fort Myers for another over-the-top tour - the BCA Southeast Regional! Thank you to the Berman Brothers and their crew for those adventures! You just can't keep Buick people down!



Perhaps you didn't notice it when we were driving through Fayetteville, Tennessee, but this construction worker saw what he thought was a funeral procession because of our police escort and a hearse in our group. So very respectful and something you see in small Southern towns. This made my heart feel good.

A big round of applause for our outgoing officers - Senior Director **Charlie Steffy** and Secretary **Connie Brumbaugh**. Thank you for your dedication to the BDE and your years of service. Congratulations to **Belva Meyer**, our newly installed Secretary.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this issue of The Driving Force - **John Cavanaugh, Bruce & Shar Kile, Jerry Richstein, Charlie Steffy, Roberta Vasilow, JD Westfall, Joyce Williams** and those who accidentally slipped under my computer. Special photo credits to **Connie Brumbaugh, Wendy Cooley, Rich Gibbs, Bruce Kile and Sommer Sharp**. Without our members help we wouldn't have a newsletter. If you have something you would like to share just email me - Kliska@cfl.rr.com or via snail mail - 1424 Dogwood Court, Kissimmee FL 34744.

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!

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WE'RE BACK... AND WE'RE TOURING!
HORSES TO ROCKETS
BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS 2021 FALL TOUR
OCTOBER 17-21 MADISON, ALABAMA

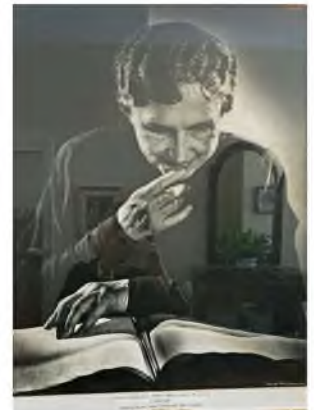




**HORSES TO ROCKETS
MONDAY OCTOBER 18
Helen Keller Birthplace - Tuscombia, AL**

Helen was born healthy on June 27, 1880 in Tuscombia, Alabama. When she was 19 months old she was stricken with a severe illness that left her both blind and deaf.

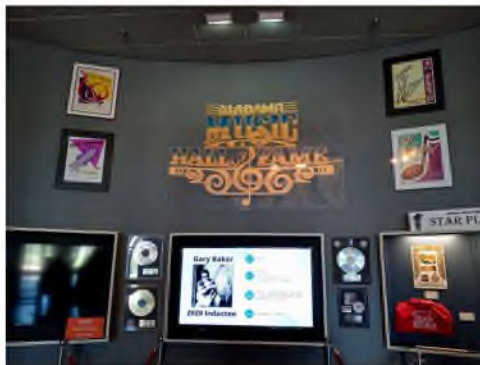
Her parents sought the advice of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell who introduced them to Anne Sullivan on March 3, 1887.



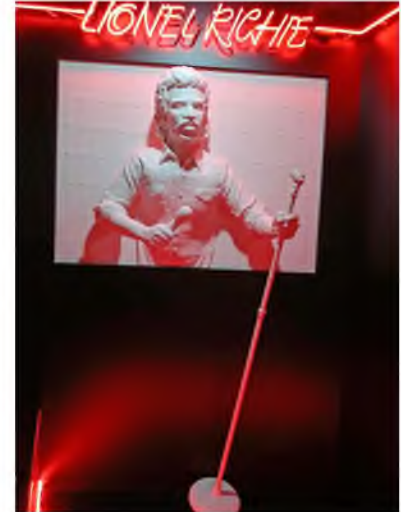
After her miraculous breakthrough at the well-pump where she learned the word "water" she soon knew the entire alphabet and learned over 600 words in six months. By age 10 she had mastered Braille and learned to use a typewriter. By 16, Helen could speak well enough to attend school. In 1904 she graduated "cum laude" from Radcliffe College.

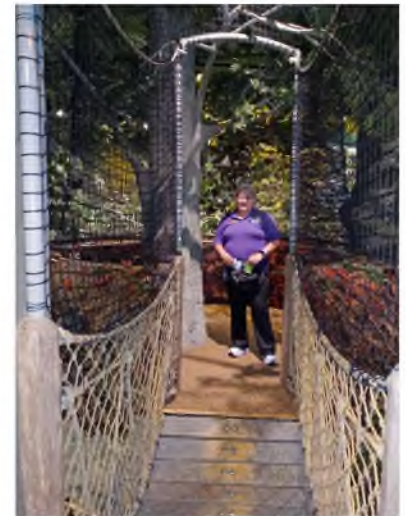
Her teacher, Anne Sullivan, stayed by her side as Helen dedicated her life to improving the conditions of blind and deaf-blind people around the world.





The Alabama Music Hall of Fame Honors all styles of music and is dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Alabama's musicians and the state's great musical heritage.



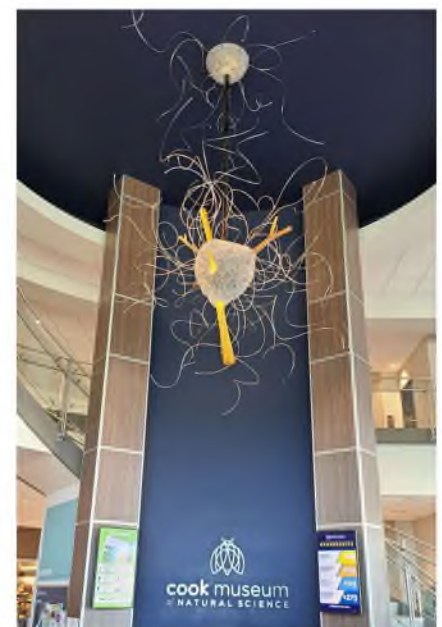


**HORSES TO ROCKETS
MONDAY OCTOBER 18**
Cook Museum of Natural History - Decatur, AL



The Cook Museum of Natural Science is a state-of-the-art natural science museum in downtown Decatur, Alabama. It provides a hands-on, immersive

experience where kids of all ages can explore, interact with, and learn about nature. One leaves the Cook Museum feeling inspired by the things you saw and learned. It truly is an amazing experience for all!



HORSES TO ROCKETS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19
Alabama Veteran's Museum - Athens, AL



The Alabama Veterans Museum & Archives collection contains an impressive display of artifacts from the Revolutionary War until present day. Visitors walk among the actual uniforms, medals, photos and weapons; hear stories and experiences about the nation's wars from men and women who were actually there. The museum plays a vital part in educating and teaching of the sacrifices it takes to keep our country free.



After a buffet lunch at the Mill Restaurant in David Crockett State Park, it was on to an Amish Welcome Center in N. Ethridge, TN



HORSES TO ROCKETS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Volunteer Park (Andrew Jackson Memorial - Camp Blount Historic Site) - Fayetteville, TN



ABOUT THE SCULPTURE
The First Volunteer soldier represents the specific individual. Instead, the sculpture embodies the volunteer spirit made synonymous with Tennessee during the War of 1812. To portray the typical citizen-soldier of the era, the sculptor collaborated with a team of historians and a frontier artist, and collectively performed intensive research of museum collections and documents. The work exhibited in this bronze piece, which exhibits the small details that capture the essence of the first Tennessee volunteer. While he enlisted into military duty here at Camp Blount, the First Volunteer stands poised for action at the 1814 Battle of Horseshoe Bend. His sense of movement and intense engagement commands the viewer's attention and pulls us into the action of America's second revolution.

This rendition of the volunteer soldier is outfitted with several items typical of the era, including his short-tipped stove and common shoes. He dons a hat fashioned to resemble those of felled beaver and a rounded wooden canteen. As a soldier on the move, he carries all his necessities, including the bedroll and haversack, as well as a working-type tomahawk, hunting pouch and powder horn of a common Southern style. The depicted soldier carries a rifle, modeled upon the original, earlier design, many volunteer soldiers carried weapons handed down from family members. With the artist's utmost attention to detail, *The First Volunteer* provides a realistic and historically accurate depiction of the citizen-soldier called to action by Governor Wm. Blount in 1813.

The statue's stone base was made possible by the generous fundraising efforts of the 2018-2019 University of Tennessee chapter. This statue is dedicated to and for Tennessee's early volunteers that led to the settlement that has since spread through the present time.



Camp Blount Historic Site Association - Preserving the mustering site of America's "First Volunteers".

While the War of 1812 has national significance, the event was exceptionally important to Tennessee. The conflict made Andrew Jackson a household name, gave rise to the state's moniker "The Volunteer State" and saw other Tennesseans like Sam Houston, David Crockett, Sequoyah, and Edmund Gaines become national leaders.

The bronze Volunteer Statue, unveiled October 16, 2020, represents Tennessee's volunteer spirit by embodying the 1812 soldier. For more information go to: www.CampBlount.com



**HORSES TO ROCKETS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20
Lincoln County Museum - Fayetteville TN**



The Lincoln County Museum & Event Center houses artifacts from the community's history. It includes the second largest agricultural display in Tennessee, military and veteran memorials, and local historical exhibits. The museum is located inside the Borden Milk Plant, constructed in 1927, and donated by the William R. Carter family to serve as a museum in 1987.

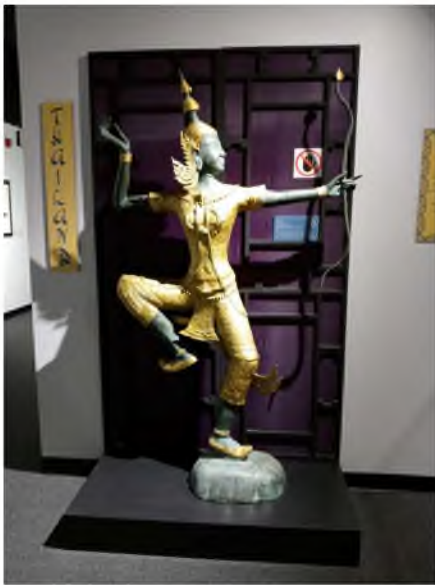


HORSES TO ROCKETS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
U.S. Space & Rocket Center - Huntsville, AL



The U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama is a museum operated by the government of Alabama, showcasing rockets, achievements, and artifacts of the U.S. space program. The U.S. Army donated land, and the U.S. Space & Rocket Center® opened its doors in 1970. Since then, nearly 17 million people have toured the Center. Home to Space Camp®, Aviation Challenge® Camp, Robotics Camp, and Cyber Camp the U.S. Space & Rocket Center (USSRC) is the largest spaceflight museum in the world.





With more than 6000+ artifacts, Berman Museum of World History offers ancient treasures and objects from around the world. The Museum features firearms and weapons from the Revolutionary war through Spanish American War; Remington bronze sculptures; examples of rare and exotic weapons, spy and combination weapons, medieval suits of armor, unique British cavalry and presentation swords, French weapons from the Royalist Period and unique artifacts which personally belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte.

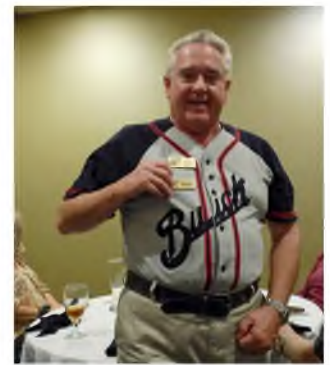
Of interest is the Persian Scimitar of Abbas I, encrusted with 1295 diamonds, 50 carats of rubies, a 10 carat emerald in the hilt and 3 pounds of gold; "Arts of Asia" features many examples of Chinese ceramics and furniture, household "gods," and beautiful, intricately carved jade sculptures. There are also artifacts from India, Nepal, Southeast and Southwest Asia, Japan, and Korea, plus items from the Qing Dynasty and Sung Dynasty of China; "World War I and II" has examples of weapons and uniforms from these periods of our nation's history -Adolf Hitler's personal silver tea service, parachute dummies, and a recreation of a WWI trench with a dugout.

The Berman Museum's works of art and historical exhibitions educate and inspire.

For more details about the history and origination go to: <http://encyclopediaofalabama.org/ARTICLE/h-4026>



HORSES TO ROCKETS - BANQUET AND MORE! - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22



Left to right: Fall Tour Host John Cover addresses the group, Outgoing Director Charlie Steffy, John Cover and Anne Tucker are presented with the Founders Award, Junior Director JD Westfall finally gets his badge.



Left to right: Ann Bell gives Rich Gibbs his Past Director Badge, Charlie Steffy thanks Ann for his, Charlie hands over a centerpiece (since the gavel was already packed) to new Senior Director Roberta Vasilow, Lynn Crutchfield discusses a possible Fall Tour.



Always a fun event at the banquet - the BDE Traveling Trophy. This has been a tradition for years. Jan and Frank Blizzard happily award it to Wendy and Steve Cooley.



HORSES TO ROCKETS
People



Glenn & Debbie Novak and John Dale & Joyce Williams on the horse drawn wagon



This sweet kitty came on tour with the Buntaines



Yoga class ? at the Berman Museum



Relaxing in the courtyard at the Lincoln County Museum



JD kissing the hand of royalty Friday morning



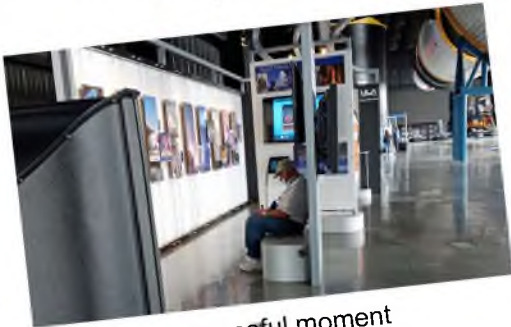
Rich Gibbs and John Cover discuss Buicks. What else?



Working on the puzzle in the Hospitality Room



Puzzle complete 10:52 pm Wednesday evening



A peaceful moment at the Space Center



Enjoying breakfast at the host hotel before the daily tour



Bruce checking out the latest sports stats in the Hospitality Room



BDE'ers gather in front of a A-12 Blackbird at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center

BUICKS & BOATS

By Joyce Williams - BDE #210

"Pearl", "Sassy" and "Cassie", three Cascadas gathered at the Ohio river for a weekend of fun and relaxation. There were a couple of other cars, too, but since they were not Buicks, we can't include them in our story. The "Vintage Thunder" hydroplane exhibition was Saturday and Sunday. We could see a little of the action from the deck of the hotel but, wanting to see more, we took our lawn chairs down to the center of the activity and set up.



The skill of the crane operator was as fascinating as the skill of the boat drivers. He lifted those boats from trailer to water and from water to trailer with great care and precision.



It was also a great location for "people watching", which is my favorite sport. There were lots of families out enjoying the festivities as the hydroplanes ran heat after heat of

competition. Actually, these were not real races, just exhibition. They were not "sanctioned races".



We found time during the weekend to enjoy our games of Mexican Train on the wonderful decks of the hotel, the Riverboat Inn, and, of course, a couple of good places to eat also. Madison, Indiana has many beautiful historic homes preserved for all to enjoy. We did a golf cart tour of the historic district before lunch at the Downtowner on Main Street.



We had tried without success to get pictures of the Cascadas with the boats down on the docks, and had given up the idea when "Miss U S" pulled in for the evening right at our hotel. We rushed down and got pictures just as the rain started to fall. Miss U S is a 1957 hydroplane, the largest one in the gathering this weekend.

It was a fun weekend and beautiful "top down weather". Good to get away after the trials and challenges of the last year. Good friends, good fun and fun cars.



I have included picture taken as John unpacked our "Cassie". Some of you questioned the amount of "stuff" we can pack. You can see here that she will carry a lot. This was actually a light load for only 4 days. We have packed much more in the past.

Great to drive those Buicks!



Editor's note: When Joyce says "Cassie" will carry a lot she means it.

The photo on the right was at the BDE Fall Tour in Alabama!



Swap Space

Ads run free for BDE members for 3 issues. Photos will be included as space permits. Be sure to include contact information in your ad.

Ad may be edited due to space constraints. Send your information and photos to Paula Liska, Editor - Kliska@cfl.rr.com

WANTED: 1970 Buick Electra Convertible. Red, red or white interior, white top. Contact **John Cavanaugh** at 941-350-2157 (cell) or cavanaugh7@comcast.net (FL) 12

FOR SALE: 1990 Reatta Coupe. 3 owner car. 165K miles, but always garaged and well maintained. \$5,000. Contact Jerry for more details and pictures. 404-769-6071 or jerry.richstein@gmail.com (GA) 12



FOR SALE: 1962 Buick LeSabre, 401, Auto, PS, PB, 35K miles. Very tight and sound. All original with owner's manual. Always garaged. Never wrecked. Original Marlin Blue paint. No rust. Runs like new. Ready for touring. Asking \$14,500. Call evenings 678-549-1447. (Submitted by JD Westfall) (GA) 12



FOR SALE: 1970-72 Skylark/GS. Bumper (excellent core quality) \$150. Parts: stainless rocker molding, new convertible rubber molding, window glass, bucket seat backs, gauges, lenses, emblems, misc. Prefer to sell as lot. Also 1967-72 Chevy C10-C20 Truck - Rocker panels, new windshield, new in packaging trim. 1968-60 Corvette misc. - State needs. Pick up in Central Florida. Email **Paula Liska** for details Kliska@cfl.rr.com (FL) 12

FOR SALE: Hand-built 1932 Buick Pick-up Truck. Buick did not build a truck in 1932. Most of the mechanical parts are 1932 Buick 60 Series. This is a standard shift vehicle. Fun car to drive or use for advertising. \$5,200. Located near Detroit, Michigan. Contact Larry Splane at 586-263-1146 or splane2me@wideopenwest.com (MI) 12



FOR SALE: 1985 Buick Riviera T-type, white with tan cloth interior, 60K miles, V6 Turbo, meticulously maintained, BCA Archival Award, great BDE Tour Car, \$13k OBO, email buickracer@comcast.net for more information, pictures, etc. (MI) 12

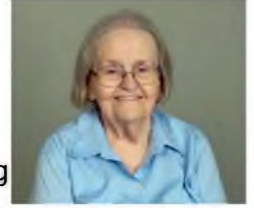


FOR SALE: BELL BUICK PARTS - GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE. Entire Buick parts inventory as a lot. NOS. USED. REPRODUCTION. 1926-1958. Contact Ann Bell at buickpts@comcast.net (FL) 12

It is with great sadness the we announce the passing of our BDE members

BETH GRIFFIN - BDE#15

Beth and her husband Bill were among the 20 original members who joined the BDE at the Founding Tour, "Hot Springs Heyday" in July 1995.



Elizabeth Alida Griffin, age 85 of Springboro and formerly of Union City, Indiana, passed away on Friday, September 10, 2021 at The Enclave of Springboro surrounded by her loving family. She was born on May 26, 1936 in Indianapolis, Indiana the daughter of the late John and Margaret Reed. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her loving husband, William Griffin; and sister, Esther Frank.

Elizabeth is survived by her five children, Wendy Griffin, William (Angela) Griffin Jr.; Marianne Plummer, Pamela Griffin, Suzanne (Thomas) Harmon; grandchildren, Eric, Jessica, Brad, Emily, and Nick; nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous family and friends.

She was laid to rest alongside her loving husband at David's Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Faith Presbyterian Church in Huber Heights, Ohio.

Condolences can be sent to Marianne Plummer at 5732 Whispering Way, Springboro, OH 45066 or marianneplummer@va.govale

**DALE CUNNINGHAM -
Partner of MARIE BEATON - BDE #003**

Dale Cunningham, 72, of Punta Gorda, FL passed away Monday, November 8, 2021. He was born in Seminole, Texas on January 27th 1949. Dale moved to Charlotte County in 1972. He was a member of The Marine Corp League Toys for Tots, Better Business Bureau and a volunteer for his boys baseball teams. Dale also enjoyed family, friends, boating and working on cars.

Dale is survived by his partner of 11 years Marie Beaton, two sons, Bryan and Brad (Janet) Cunningham, his brother Clay Cunningham, two granddaughters, Shayna and Christina Cunningham, and his nieces and nephews, Veronica, Tonia, Sonia, Tommy James, Rachael, and Joshua. A gathering was held this Saturday, November 13th at the Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home with a memorial service following.

Condolences can be sent to Marie Beaton at 5522 Swaying Palm Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33982 or beaton71@gmail.com

**AND PERHAPS SHARE A MESSAGE OF FRIENDSHIP AND CARING
WITH OUR MEMBERS WHO MIGHT NEED SOME CHEER AT THIS TIME**

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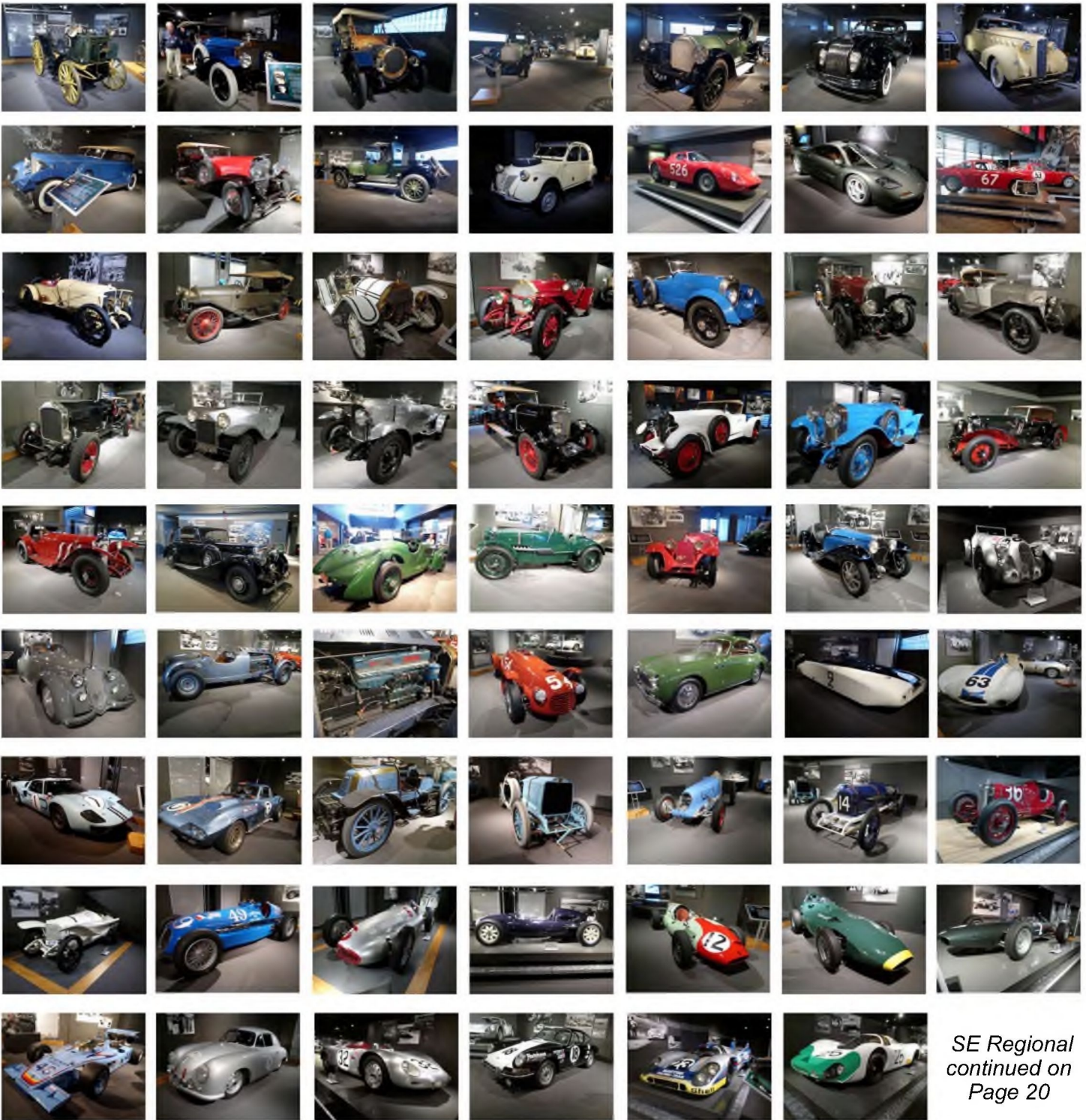
BRUCE NORGARD - 1510 Lake Santa Fe Drive, Metamor, IL 61548 akvavit@mtco.com

If you are aware of an illness, death or other issues of a fellow member who might need some sunshine:
Please contact: JD Westfall - pharmboyjd@gmail.com

BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TOUR
November 11-13, 2021 - Fort Myers, FL

It's not just BDE that knows how to tour. High fives to the Gulf Coast Chapter BCA for an awesome tour. BCA members from Florida, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin traveled to Fort Myers, Florida to join hosts Ben and Len Berman and their fellow chapter members.

Our first tour on Friday took us to the Revs Institute in Naples. The Revs Institute is housed in a three story, 80,000 square foot building. As stewards of some of the rarest automobiles and sports cars in the world, the Institute has taken extraordinary steps to ensure its collection remains viable for generations to come. Not only is the building pressurized but the air is twice filtered to minimize dust and other possibly harmful contaminants. For info on the collection and more go to: <https://revsinstitute.org/the-collection/>



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**BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TOUR
November 11- 13, 2021 - Fort Myers, FL**

Two hours with our informative docent was not enough for me. I could have spent many more hours exploring this amazing facility. Every has a favorite and the 1937 Delahaye Type 135MS Special Roadster was mine. Six-cylinder in-line pushrod engine, two valves per cylinder, 3557 cc, 160 hp at 4200 rpm. 116 inch wheelbase. 2840 pounds. Details and more photos at: <https://revsinstitute.org/the-collection/delahaye/>



What could possibly follow our fantastic experience at The Rev Institute? Well, we boarded the Murder Mystery Dinner Train that evening, for a one-of-a-kind theatrical and culinary experience! Imagine five-course dinner, prepared fresh onboard the train while a live murder mystery show is played out in the dining cars during a forty-mile round trip over 3 1/2 hours from Fort Myers. From the appetizer to dessert, the food was delicious.

And what a meal it was. Fine Cheese Selection with Crackers and Grapes, Creamy Potato Leek Soup, Caesar Salad with Hearts of Palm, Pretzel Rolls Imported from Germany, Prime Rib, Pouched Salmon or Chicken Francese, and Strawberry Dream Cake for dessert. Adult beverages were also available.

While dining a comical murder mystery was played out in the aisles of the dining cars. Everyone was given a playbill, clue sheet and more to become a Super Sleuth as you try to solve Who Dunit?
And at the end a prize was rewarded to the successful sleuth - Bruce Kile!



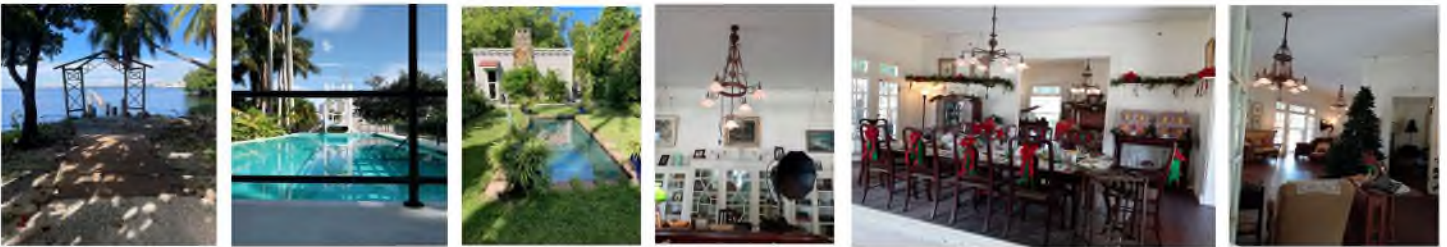


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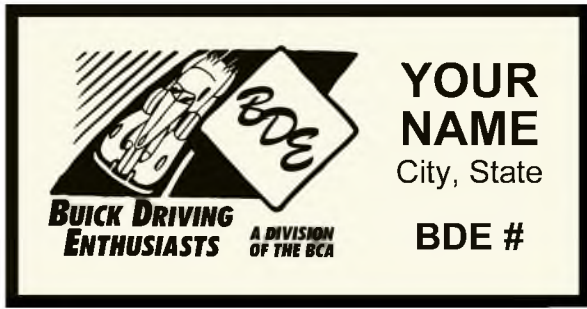
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Thursday took us to the Edison Ford Winter Estates
in Fort Myers.

The Edison and Ford Winter Estates date from 1885,
when Thomas Edison first visited Southwest Florida and
purchased the property to build a vacation home.
There is more than 20 acres of historical buildings,
museum and gardens including the
1928 Edison Botanical Research Laboratory.



The tour festivities commenced with a banquet - more good food, fun and friendship at K.J.'s Steakhouse in Fort Myers.
The next morning Buick folks were heading home - with fond memories of the 2021 Southeast Regional Tour.
Thanks again to the Gulf Coast Chapter BCA for a great time!



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CARAVANING TO THE SUNSHINE STATE - FOR TOURS AND MORE!

By BRUCE KILE - BDE #11

In early November my two sons and I made a "down and back" 24 hour trip to Florida. Three days later Shar and I headed back to the Sunshine state in a small four car caravan which included Frank & Jan Blizzard driving their 2019 Cascada plus BDE friends, Steve & Wendy Cooley (2017 Cascada) from Illinois & Frank Cwikla (2018 Enclave) from Wisconsin.

Our overnight stop was Ocala, where we met up with Glenn & Debbie Novak ('98 Park Avenue), and a couple other BDE friends, Bobby & Margaret Minis from Savannah ('34 Mod 66S) and from the Villages, Mike and Nancy Stemen ('68 Electra Convertible) for a tour of the National Parts Depot fantastic private car collection. Our seven car convoy then continued on to Fort Myers to participate in the S.E. Regional. We were joined there by fellow Dixie Chapter members, Jerry & Jean Richstein in their ('91 Reatta), Walt & Julie Ehrenfeuchter with their beautiful '59 Invicta, and Bill & Nancy Hansen driving their (2010 Enclave).



Although there were no scheduled events for that Thursday, we "early arrivals" formed our own activity and caravanned to Sanibel Island. Thus proving once more that "Buick folks don't need a pre-planned activity to have fun".

We can usually create a fun outing most anywhere in our Buicks.



When in Naples, Florida: Go to a seafood restaurant Pinchers, on the water, and have raw oysters! How were those, Frank Blizzard?



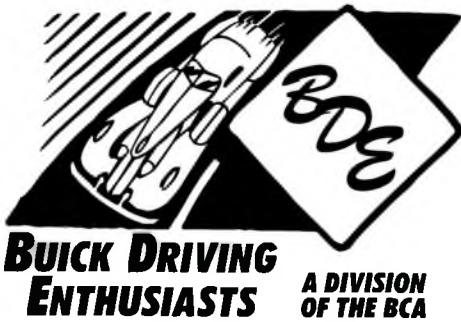
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