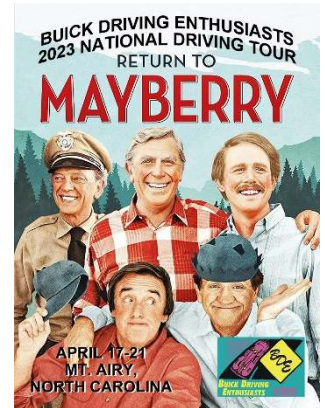




You are cordially invited to the  
**2023 BDE NATIONAL (SPRING) TOUR**  
*“Return to Mayberry”*  
“Hub Tour” Based in Historic Mt Airy, NC  
April 16<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>



Jean and I are excited to see all of you during the **2023 BDE National Tour** as we explore and enjoy all that is offered in and around Mt Airy, NC.

We have planned this tour so that all BDE members, including those in the “Order of the Cane”, can enjoy most, or perhaps all, of the planned activities.

There will be a guided tour of Mayberry in Andy’s Squad Car, the Mt Airy Regional History Museum, an automobile and auto memorabilia museum, guided tours of the Andy Griffith Museum and the Earle Theater, an optional winery tour and/or tasting, a guided tour of a Historical Farm, plenty of food, ice cream opportunities, and more. We think that this tour has something for everyone to enjoy.

Most of you know that Andy Griffith grew up in Mt Airy, and that much of the Andy Griffith show was based on his memories of growing up there, as well as his memories of Pilot Mtn and the surrounding area. We doubt, however, that many of you know that many of the old buildings in Mt Airy are supposedly haunted. That’s right, HAUNTED! One of the local experts on the subject occasionally does walking tours of downtown, but has agreed to join us for “Dessert and Ghost Stories” in the Mt Airy Regional Museum, after the Museum is closed. All the FUN, with NONE of the WALKING!

None of the days will have very long drives. The “Early Bird” Tour on Sunday will be 38 Miles round trip. Monday and Tuesday will be completely in Mt Airy and will be only about 15 miles total each day. Wednesday will be our longest drive; about 60 miles round trip to Galax, VA and back, plus an extra 40 miles for an optional drive up the Blue Ridge Parkway to Mabry Mill. Thursday will take us to Pinnacle, NC, and Mt Pilot for a round trip drive of about 65 miles. The closing banquet and business meeting will be in a beautiful event center that’s about 5 miles from the hotel.

Be sure to bring items for the Silent Auction, which will be held in the hospitality room Wednesday evening, and remember to “Bid early, and bid often!”

Please call if you have any questions. 404-769-6071

Love & Peace,  
J & J Richstein