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**30 YEARS OF TOURING - IMAGINE THAT!
STILL DRIVING & HAVING FUN!**

**BDE 2025 FALL TOUR
BUICKS IN THE BLUEGRASS**
SOMERSET, KENTUCKY
SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2, 2025
See what you missed in this issue.

**SAVE THE DATES!
BDE 2026 NATIONAL TOUR**
Waynesboro, Virginia
April 26 - April 30, 2026
Registration form in this issue



BDE 2026 FALL TOUR
Oaks, Pennsylvania
September 27 - October 1, 2026
More Info to Come

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We're Glad You Decided to Join us!

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BDE Treasurer, **Jerry Richstein**,
is receiving out-patient treatment for leukemia.
If you would like to send him sunshine
cards can be sent to him at his home
4798 Grants Way NE, Marietta GA 30066-1479

Pam Flegal, BDE #426, is undergoing treatment
for cancer. She could use some sunshine also.
Cards can be sent to her at
426 Robin Road, Waverly, OH 45690



**2026
BDE DUES
ARE DUE**

**ARE YOU
ON THE LIST?**

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**RENEWAL
FORM IN
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Messages

OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR - BRUCE KILE - BDE #11

Hello fellow BDEers,



Wow, another Holiday season is upon us, and a New Year too. Personally, I find it's also time to reflect & count my many blessings. Among those blessings we include all of you our "BDE family", especially those of you we get to tour with once or twice a year. Shar & I can't imagine life without BCA/BDE tours and events.

To that end, I must share a couple concerns, certainly declining attendance at our (2) touring events is near the top of that list. Yes, our (overall) membership has declined, but proportionately (total membership to "active" membership) has declined even more. I would define an "active member" as someone who has participated in (at least) 1 tour in the past 2 years. Do you think my definition is too restrictive or too loose? If you are a member of the BDE for more than 3 years & have never attended a tour (& there are many) don't you think it's time to come and "check us out" first hand to see for yourselves just what this division is all about?

My 2nd concern is the need for members willing to serve as officers, (especially directors) or maybe even "repeat" as a director. Duties of all elected and appointed officers can be found under article 4 of the BDE Bylaws. Everyone was sent the Bylaws & SOP's when they joined & additional copies can be obtained from Membership Chair, Roberta Vasilow. PLEASE, PLEASE, don't wait for the nominating committee to call you. Go ahead and call one of us - Darrell Brumbaugh, J.D. Westfall or me (Ole #11). Come on folks, lets keep our Division alive & active.

Your "Ole Senior" Director
Bruce

OUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR - JIM WOODALL - BDE #564



Hello Buick Enthusiasts,
We had another fine tour in Somerset, Kentucky, including the surrounding towns of Renfro Valley, Monticello, Stearns and Russell Springs. Our lineup of cars was spectacular. Thank you to all who prepared and drove your vintage cars to Somerset. I heard many compliments about your Buicks at the motel, at the venues and at the various restaurants. You do a magnificent job keeping

them in good shape. It's the blend of old and new Buicks on the road that is so attractive and that sets us apart from other clubs. Thank you Shar and Bruce for another great experience!

After touring the battery manufacturing plant, I now know all about car batteries and where to buy them. The tour of the battery factory offered an inside look as to how batteries are made. The tour got very interesting when Sid asked Wayne, our tour guide, which company specs out the best battery. Instead of a direct answer, Wayne broke out in a profuse sweat. I thought that was pretty funny. It should be noted that Wayne did not give up any secrets.

The question that I have is who would be so crazy enough to jump the fountain in the Somerset town square in a car???

Paula, we missed you!

Birmingham is just around the corner and don't forget Virginia. See you soon.

Jim Woodall

* Check out the insanity at https://www.youtube.com/shorts/VQAG_pQHn1U

OUR MID BDE DIRECTOR - DAN CHRISTENSEN - BDE #565

More Messages



Kentucky and Bust

I find that touring in an old car is an adventure in an adventure. I usually write about the stupid things I do as a chronicle of my travel logs, but this time, I have the misfortune to write about the stupid stuff my old cars do.

I had the occasion to pull Jezebel, my 38 Special, out of the garage the other day. I drove her for a quick trip to visit my Dad. Trusty Jezebel is vastly different from the "Pickle", my 48 roadmonster. Jezebel clicks happily along, blown about by wind and surface. The tranny is tight and the "car show forbidden radials" have a special whine. I have driven Jezebel thousands of miles. She has caught fire, lost a wheel, sprang oil leaks, toasted a coil, fried a voltage regulator and continues to flatten the spark plugs in cylinder number 2. In spite of these hiccups, Jez has always brings me home.

The Pickle on the other hand is a prissy, spoiled primadonna. She doesn't like water, your belt buckle will scratch the fender you lean on, you can't eat in her, the temp is hot or hotter and the back window is so small, it is like peeking through a PO box mail slot. Never less, I elected to drive her from Iowa to Kentucky on the last BDE tour. It was a great trip out across Illinois and Indiana. We stayed with the Hannons and caravanned with the Hannons and the Hodges to Kentucky the next day. The Pickle was cool as long as she ran about 60mph and the engine was running.

We had a great tour in Somerset and I waited until the last day to pester the wise older gentlemen about the Pickle's aches and pains. My good buddy, Frank Cwikla, was the first to go for a test ride with me. He was patient and kind. I am so glad to have good friends like him to tour with. On the last morning before everyone headed home, I was privileged to ride with Don Winebarger. I was concerned about a thump in second gear and I wanted his opinion.

I drove first and demonstrated the malfunction in an empty theatre parking lot across from the hotel. Don drove second. The clutch stuck to the floor and when it sprang back, we heard a loud bang, and the Pickle sounded like glass in a blender. The engine continued to idle fine. She was done.



A lonely Buick stranded in a movie theater parking lot!

Don and I walked back to the hotel. I held my droopy head and found my loving wife in the breakfast nook. I was really hoping Tammi liked Kentucky A LOT. I had snapped an axel. If I had not sheared the axel safely in the parking lot, once on the road with it would have been catastrophic!



This is what a broken axel looks like!

Jay Hodges heard my plight that morning in the hotel and offered his trailer back to Indiana if I would drive his beautiful phaeton following him. What an experience. Jay had trailered his 1940 from Indiana to Kentucky. With the Pickle safely nestled in Jay's trailer, the trip back through Louisville was an adventure by itself. I was trying my best not to wreck it as Tammi was keeping everything in her reach tidy.

The Pickle stayed in Indiana as we rented a car to continue home to Iowa. A week later I drove my truck and trailer back to Indiana to retrieve the Pickle. The Hannons graciously opened their home many times to help us.

A terrible experience is made fun with our BDE family!



Left: The Pickle hooked up and being loaded on Jay's trailer.

Right: The Pickle safely tucked away in Jay's trailer.

More pics on Page 5



More Messages

SECRETARY - BELVA MEYER - BDE #023

Hi All,



We were fortunate to keep our Buicks on the road this summer with visits to Bowling Green, KY, Independence, MO, Springfield, IL, Concord, NC, Flint, MI, Somerset, KY, and Hershey, PA. Each meet had something special to remember. In the midst of all that, our local AACA region hosted a National Spring Meet in Auburn, IN attended by several Buick friends. We added a new meet to our experiences this year by going to Auburn Hills, Michigan for a Chevrolet SSR meet. It was interesting to observe the traditions they have established and meet another group of car fanatics. With only limited colors available from the factory, the SSR seems to be an open canvas for creativity of color and design for some owners.

Thanks to Bruce and Shar as well as Jim and Norma for planning and hosting the Fall BDE meet in Somerset. Doors are always opened for new experiences and this tour was no exception. Sharing time with friends is what it is all about!

While in Hershey, I took time to walk some of the swap meet. Several of our BDE members had swap spaces and also helped at the BCA tent. I ventured over to Chocolate World and took the ride to see how chocolate and Hersey's candies are made as it had been many years since I took that tour. I didn't escape the store, stocked with everything Hershey, without purchasing some Reece's cups.

We are now raking leaves and making preparation for our trip to our Florida residence. We plan on attending the BCA SE Regional in Birmingham, AL on the way.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerry and Jean as he has treatment for Leukemia. May you each stay safe and blessed in the months ahead. See you Waynesboro, VA

Belva

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - ROBERTA VASILOW - BDE #17

Hey BDE Folks!

If you missed the Fall Tour in Kentucky, you missed a good one! Lots of cool tours, houseboats being built, a diesel train ride to a National Park (it was closed) but the choo-choo ride was cool, no it was hot (temp) but cool scenery. Car batteries being made by Bruce and Shar's relatives, who knew, way cool. Lots of good food, company and of course, Buick friends/family.



Now, we wait for the cold and snow for us, up north folks and dream about spring and the next BDE adventure in Virginia. Hang on to your hats and we'll see you in April. **Remember dues are due in December.**

And everyone loved my new old car, it's a 2018 Regal Tour X! Got over 30 MPG, made it home from Kentucky to Michigan on one tankful of premium. It's a 2.0L turbocharged 4 banger! And it's Red!!!

Happy Holidays, etc,

Go Fast and safe in your Buicks,
Roberta



KENTUCKY AND BUST! (Continued from Page 4)

Left: Jay didn't realize how grateful Dan was!!!



Right: Dan and Tammi rest on Jay Hodges' magnificent 1940 Buick Phaeton after driving it from Kentucky to Indiana.

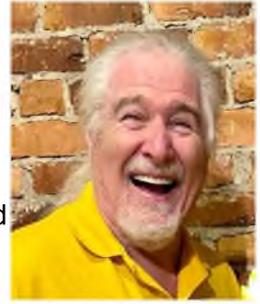
Editors's Note: It just goes to show you that if you are ever in a pickle, the BDE is there to help!



More Messages

OUR TREASURER - JERRY RICHSTEIN - BDE #398

It was great seeing so many BDE members at the 2025 Fall Tour in Somerset, KY. A big "thank you" to Bruce & Shar for putting on another great tour. Other than some car trouble Jean & I had a great time. Others had worse car problems, but I've heard that everyone got home safely, and that's what's really important.



Our next tour will be the 2026 National Tour in Waynesboro, VA. I'm sure that a Darrell and Connie Tour will be a great success. They have a lot of experience planning tours!

I need to give an update on what I've done since Natchez regarding the payment methods that we should (will) be using. Zelle is great for any member that doesn't want to mail a check, but wants to send money from their checking account. This is actually now my preferred method of getting payment for anything BDE that gets done without cash, which always works. Tours, dues etc. can all now be paid to email address BDEtreasurer@gmail.com with no fees for either the member or the BDE.

For those wanting to use a Credit or Debit Card, Square will now be our way to accept these payments. We will be able to do this in person, or on your phone or computer. In person it will be very easy. For phone, computer, tablet, etc. you will need to send an email to BDEtreasurer@gmail.com and tell me what the payment is for, and the amount. 4% will be added to all Credit Card payments to cover the estimated fees that we will be charged. I'll use Square to create an invoice which will be sent to you by Square, but will show From: BDE with Subject: You received a new invoice. This email will look like the type that many of us have gotten to pay other types of bills. When you click or tap "Pay Invoice" you will be sent to a secure Square checkout page to pay.

However you send me a payment I'll let you, along with anyone else that needs to know the amount and purpose, that I've received it.

One last item, which is of a more personal nature. Some of you may have heard that I am now facing a health issue since getting home from Somerset. I'm being treated and will be as "good as new" in a few months. I therefore will run for another term as Treasurer at the National Business Meeting in Waynesboro, and probably 4 or 5 more Terms in the years following.



Love & Peace,
Jerry

OUR EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2



Hello Buick Friends -

It's time of the year when I remind myself what a great idea it was to leave Cleveland and move to Florida. There are other good reasons, but we won't address those here.

Are we having fun yet? That's an absolute YES! In fact, 30 years of it and more to follow! If you haven't recently, or even never come on a BDE Tour, you really need to join us on one of our adventures. Not only will you have the opportunity to visit different locations across the US, and maybe experience places you never even imagined, you'll be meeting new friends with a common interest . . . Buicks! Our 2026 National Tour is April 26-30 in Waynesboro, Virginia and the BDE Fall Tour is September 27 thru October 1, 2026 in Oaks, Pennsylvania. Save the Dates!

I am so sorry and disappointed that I missed our Fall Tour in Somerset, Kentucky, but life just got in the way. Thanks to all for the "sunshine" shared. Big thanks to those who kept me in the loop with photos from each day and location. Without you this newsletter wouldn't have happened.

Happy Holidays to you and your family,
Paula

PS: Check out the Feature Article in the November 2025 issue of The Buick Bugle!

Editor's Note: Thanks to those who helped make this issue of The Driving Force possible photographic and content wise. Connie Brumbaugh, Dan Christensen, Bruce Kile, Belva Meyer, Inez Norgard, Dennis Snell, Jerry Richstein, Gene Roth, Mike Stemen, Roberta Vasilow and Jim Woodall. Thank you to Roberta Vasilow for proofreading. We wouldn't have a newsletter without our members help and contributions.

If you have something you would like to share please email me - Kliska@cfl.rr.com
or via snail mail - 1424 Dogwood Court, Kissimmee FL 34744.

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!



Sunday, September 28 - Early Bird Tour
The Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument was the location of the Battle of Mill Springs in January 1862. It is the site of the first major US victory during the American Civil War. The adjacent National Cemetery Park includes two cemeteries: the National Cemetery for Union soldiers and Zollicoffer Park for Confederate dead.
For more information check out:
<https://www.nps.gov/misp/index.htm>



Less than a mile down the road was Haney's Appledale Farm.
Who could resist crispy apples, fresh apple cider, various apple products and snacks???

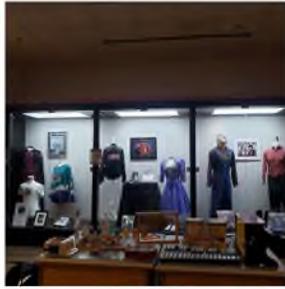




Monday, September 29 - Kentucky Music Hall of Fame

Celebrating the musical history of the state's artists, the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum features displays artifacts and music memorabilia from genres including bluegrass, country, rock, gospel and more.

To further enhance the visit, a barbecue buffet was served accompanied by entertainment.



Tuesday, September 30 - Trifecta Houseboats and More



Have you ever thought about living on a houseboat? Well, the BDE had the chance to check out construction!



Eating is an intragral part of the Buick Driving Enthusiasts. It's the E in BDE!
Lunch at the Black Stallion Steak House in Monticello, Kentucky
(Below)



Tuesday concluded with a visit to the Wayne County Historic Museum, located in a 150+ year-old hotel building, cooled from an underground cave. before motoring back to the host hotel for another evening of fun and friendship.



Traveling through the scenic mountains of Southern Kentucky, the Big Fork Scenic Railway descended 600 hundred feet during the 14-mile trip to the historic Blue Heron Mining Camp, to find the National Park closed due to the US Government shut-down! But there still was plenty to see and explore before chugging back up to the depot.



Keeping with tradition - the obligatory stop for ice cream!





Wednesday, October 1 - Evening
Unplanned and Spontaneous
"Barriga llena, corazón contento."





Ever wonder how and where car batteries are manufactured? Another learning experience brought to you by the Buick Driving Enthusiasts!

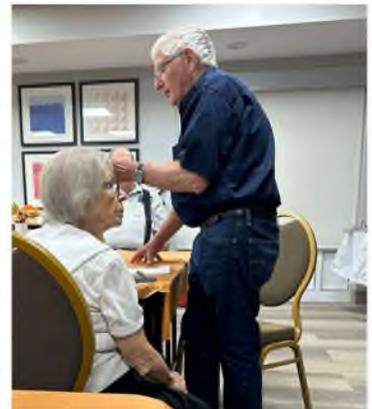
**Thursday, October 2 - But Wait . . . There's More!
The 100+ Car Collection of Terry Stephens in Russell Springs!!!**



Thursday, October 2 - Banquet and More

So long, good bye, Au'voir, auf Wiedersehen, Adieu! The tour book for the 2025 BDE Fall Tour is soon to be closed. But first a farewell banquet and the prestigious ceremony to honor the BDE King and Queen for 2025. 2024's recipient Jerry Richstein happily awarded the BDE Traveling Trophy to the lucky 2025 couple, Dennis and Mary Ann Snell!

Fond farewells and wishes for safe travels to all, as the Buicks are packed and ready to roll home knowing that more Buick Driving Enthusiasts events are on the horizon.











My Sky and I

Contributed by Eugene Roth - BDE #590, BCA #54058

First off I must admit that I am not what you would call an avid "Buick Guy". I don't own a stable of Buick cars, old and new, in various stages of repair and disrepair. I own but one Buick. But she is special. No, not special, as in Buick Special, but special in the connection she has to a very special person who is dear to my heart.



This is a story of a love triangle between a girl, a boy, and a car. It all began back in 1959. The girl, at the innocent age of 15, was Sandra Black, who would later become my wife. The boy, just slightly older at the age of 16 was me, Eugene Roth. And the car...well, I'll get to that shortly.

Sandra and I were high school sweethearts. Inseparable, I graduated in 1961 and she in 1962. Before graduation, we first "courted" in my 1959 Renault Dauphine. No, this was not "the car" in the love triangle.

My Dauphine died in a rollover accident with me inside. I was by myself and was unhurt. But I needed wheels to get to classes as a freshman in college. Money was tight and I wound up purchasing a 1958 Opel Rekord Olympia, a European cousin to Buick. It was badly in need of an Earl Sheib "I'll paint any car, any color, for \$29.95" paint job. But no, this was not "the car" in the love triangle either. We're getting to that, I promise. The Opel was just reliable, and sometimes unreliable transportation. To be sure, it was embarrassing to me to go out on dates with Sandra in that car.

When Sandra graduated from high school a year later in 1962, her parents and her aunt promised to buy her a new car. She was torn between a 1962 Corvette convertible and a 1962 Buick Skylark convertible. She decided on the Skylark because it had more chrome and because it was more practical.....seating four comfortably. (Who knew that this would later turn out to be a not so wise business decision?)



So, the 62 Skylark convertible, affectionately named "Sky", became "the car" in the love triangle between the girl, the boy and the car. She loved that car, as did I. Cruising together with her with the top down, I felt I had gone to heaven. But her parents had a different idea. "It just wasn't good manners for the girl to drive the boy on dates in her car," they said. So I didn't see Sky, the car that I had come to love, driven by the girl that I had come to love very often. The love triangle was broken.

Like the weather, things change. We became engaged in 1963 and we married in 1964. We drove Sky on our honeymoon to Atlantic City with the top down in the middle of June and we both got "big time" sunburns. It issaid that with marriage comes community property so I now had a legal link to "the car" that I loved, as well as legal link to the girl that I loved. The triangle was whole again.



We kept Sky for three years after we married. While we both loved her, it became time to think about letting her go. After all, she was now five years old with about 50,000 miles on her. In those days that was about theuseful life of a car.

We had our eyes this time on a 1967 Pontiac LeMans convertible with a 326 engine and a four barrel carburetor and a 1967 Pontiac GTO convertible with a 400 cubic inch engine with 3 deuces carbs. We ultimately settled on the LeMans which was about \$300 cheaper and "we liked the plushier interior." (This, of course, later became another bad business decision. But what did we know? Hindsight is 20/20.)

Years after we sold Sky, Sandra always had a soft spot in her heart for her very first love affair between her and her Sky.

After 45 years of marriage and 50 years of being my best friend, the love of my life passed away after a long debilitating illness. My heart was broken and I needed to do something to bring her memory close to me. What if I could find the Sky that she loved and make her "ours" again. But I realized that finding her Sky wouldbe like finding the proverbial "needle in a haystack" and it most likely had gone to the crusher.

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My Sky and I

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So I started looking for any 62 Buick Skylark convertible, and after a year of searching, I finally found one that was “born” in Southern California at the South Gate GM plant. She lived her life there with two owners in a rust-free environment for almost 50 years before she was purchased by someone who lived in a suburb of Chicago. According to the Chicago new owner, she was always garaged and seldom driven in the year that he had owned her. He told me that he was really a Mopar guy and was looking to replace her with something more “hot”. The nerve!

Could this Skylark become Sky #2? Well, her exterior and interior were just the opposite of our original Sky. While Sky’s exterior was Arctic White, this Skylark’s exterior was Cardinal Red. Sky’s interior was red vinyl; this Skylark had white vinyl. Sky had a black top; this Skylark had a white top. But I got over that quickly because the hearts of the two cars seemed so much alike.



I was energized and wanted to meet this Skylark in person. But the owner had it listed on an Ebay auction. I had to , or get off the pot and I wasn’t going to let it get away. I was the winning bidder and I bought it “sight unseen”. I flew to Chicago and when I first laid eyes on the Skylark, I immediately knew that it “cut the muster” to become Sky #2. I drove her home to Atlanta in a snow storm and she did not disappoint.



Sky #2 has a new life now with a good home and she is pampered by her new owner . . . one in real life and one in spiritual life. More importantly, she has connected me with my beloved wife Sandra’s spirit. When I drive her I can feel my wife’s presence sitting next to me and enjoying the ride. I only wish she could have met Sky#2 in real life.

What better way to piece together, again, the love triangle of the girl, the boy and the Buick. Sky #2 will remain with me for the rest of my days and will always keep me close to the love that I lost

Funny thing what a Buick can do!

Epilogue

Sky #2 is no concours d’elegance candidate and she is not 100% original (but close). That being said, she is a “looker” and she has garnered her share of trophies and plaques at local shows.



Passings



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of a long time BDE member Sharon Tyyska BDE #255. Sharon I. (Russell) - age 84, of Goodrich, Michigan passed away November 21, 2025. A funeral service held Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

Sharon was born December 15, 1940 in Snover, Michigan on the family farm, the daughter of the late Everett and Marie (Ronald) Russell and went on to receive her bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and her master's degree from the University of Michigan. Sharon married Roger Tyyska on November 23, 1963 in Marlette, Michigan and soon after began her career as a 2nd grade teacher for the Grand Blanc School System in addition to being a founder of the Children's Garden. Sharon was an accomplished Clarinetist, performing with the Flint Concert Band and the Flint Symphonic Wind Ensemble. She enjoyed volunteering at Henry Ford

Genesys Hospital and Sharon cherished the time that she spent with her family and friends.

She will be missed by her devoted husband of nearly 62 years, Roger. Daughters, Laura Ann (Lalu) Tyyska-Fahrudin and Susan Marie (Mitchell) Ebbs. Loving grandchildren, Joseph and Nicholas Ebbs. Brother, William (Sandy) Russell. Nieces, Jennie (Carter) Dunham, Becky (Scott) Trimmer and Debbie (Justin) Plourde.

Condolences may be sent to her husband,
Roger R Tyyska, 10120 Pine Meadows Ct, Goodrich, MI48438
For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Sharon
to the American Kidney Fund (www.kidneyfund.org)
Online condolences and tributes may be shared on
Sharon's obituary page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

Article 9 Amendments or Additions to these By Laws

Section 1

No amendments shall be made that nullify or alter any part of the National constitution or bylaws.

Section 2

Any BDE Board approved amendments to the bylaws, must be presented to the general membership at the next annual membership meeting. A simple majority vote by those members present is required to officially ratify any Board proposed amendments.

SOP #7

4. The secretary and the newsletter editor will publish a notice in the "Driving Force" when any revisions and/or updates are made to the Bylaws and/or Standard Operating Procedures. Any member in good standing may request a copy of these new documents from the BDE secretary.

At the May 8, 2025 BDE Meeting of Members, Jerry Richstein reviewed discussion from the BOD meeting to modify Standard Operating Procedure regarding expenses for planning a National and Fall Tour due to rising costs.

SOP Procedure Number 4:

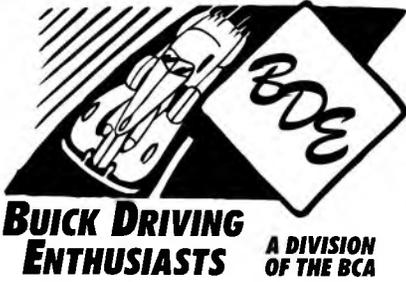
Subject: Expenses for planning a National or Fall Tour

A. Reimbursement of "Out-of-Pocket" Expenses

The stipend for members organizing a National or Fall Tour will be up to \$1,500 per couple and \$1,000 for helping couple with a maximum of \$2,500 for all helpers combined.

This action is retroactive to January 1, 2025.

Mike Stemen moved to accept this proposal. Sid Meyer seconded. Motion carried.



WELCOME TO THE BDE!

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
- RENEWAL: BDE# _____
- I AM NOT A BCA MEMBER. PLEASE SEND A BCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

DATE SUBMITTED ____/____/____ BCA# _____ BCA EXPIRATION DATE ____/____/____

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

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BUICKS OWNED (Year, Model- Example: 1953 Roadmaster Convertible, Model 76C). List additional Buicks on back

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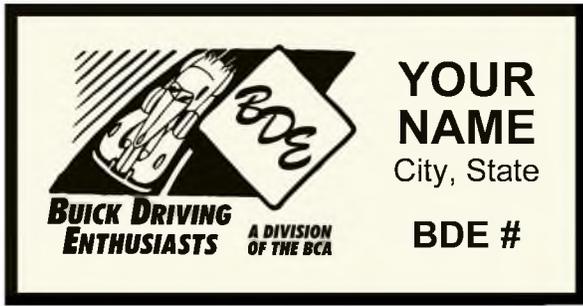
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Please make checks payable to: BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS FOR CLUB USE ONLY:

Return to: Roberta Vasilow CK # _____
 6186 Torrey Road
 Flint, MI 48507 DATE ____/____/____

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 Jerry Richstein - BDEtreasurer@gmail.com
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 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



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The Shenandoah Valley - Virginia & Buicks are for Lovers!
Requirement: a working fire extinguisher, cb radio, and a good sense of humor!
Reminder: bring an item for the silent auction!

If you plan to arrive a day early for the tour, the hotel has given us a reduced rate for Saturday night, although it's not the block rate. They have discounted that rate to \$134 + tax. Be sure to mention the BDE or Buicks. Once you register for the tour, we will send you confirmation and they will provide us a link so you can reserve online. Please do not cancel your hotel reservation should your plans change. Contact us first, we will take care of changing the name on the reservation, in case we have a waiting list that will need this room. If you come in early and wish to take in a side trip on your own, Walton's Mountain Museum is about 36 miles (50 min) drive to the south. April they are only open on weekends.

Take a look at what you'll do in the Valley in April:

Sunday 4/26: We will gather and settle in at the Best Western Waynesboro and renew old friendships and greet new members early afternoon in the pre-event hall, by the conference rooms. Registration will be open Sunday afternoon about 2pm. Plan to pick up your book and packet upon arrival. We will serve a light hot appetizer at 6:00 followed by a brief welcome and sharing of some information on the week's events, especially Monday morning as we need to run like a well-oiled machine (Buick). Please plan to attend, grab a bite to eat and hang around to hear what's happening. This will save some time in the AM.

Be sure to keep your gas tanks full as we have some long days of travel!

Monday 4/27: Bright and early we will meet and take care of morning business in 15 mins! Can we achieve this goal? Yes we can. Thanks to the update from Sunday evening's informal gathering. RT is 90 miles. First stop, Jefferson's Monticello. We'll be in 3 groups to tour the house. We have strict time guidelines laid out by the estate that we must adhere to. So apologies ahead of time that we need to leave early just to hurry up and wait. Rules are rules so bear with us. They require we arrive at the door 40 mins prior to our first group heading on tour. So please be prompt Monday morning. Following our visit here, we'll drive 1 mile to Michie's Tavern for a full course all you can eat buffet lunch, including 2 meats and desert! This Tavern, built in 1784 will seat us together beginning at 1:15. We must gather outside and our hostess will escort us in as a group. You will not go away hungry! Also located on the grounds is a gift shop and general store.

Tuesday 4/28: Civil War history day. First stop, VA Museum of the Civil War in New Market. We will arrive and take in some of the museum prior to seeing the 45 min film which begins promptly at 11 am. We'll check out the museum and you can take the short drive along the battlefield. We have reservations at Southern Kitchen, located in New Market at 1:15. This is a 2 mile drive. Lunch will be a full buffet, home style cooking. Don't hesitate to sign up as quickly as possible as (unfortunately) we are limited on the number of seats available. First come, first served as they say! Following lunch if you want more civil war history, please return to the New Market Battlefield Visitors Center and Museum. (The large building we passed earlier on our way to the VA Civil war museum this am) You are on your own to enjoy downtown New Market or head back toward the hotel and check out other venues of interest.

Silent Auction round one tonight 8:00.

Wednesday 4/29: Today we'll see a local potato chip processing center in operation. Views are from the big plate glass windows. Next we'll enjoy floats. No, we're not talking ice cream but rather parade floats. A box lunch which you pre-ordered will be provided here. Then a very short drive (or hefty walk) to the Shenandoah Caverns. Even if you don't wish to participate and tour the caverns, please go inside the building and visit the gift shop and don't miss the "Main Street of Yesteryear", with it's antique store window displays from the 1940's and 1950's. This display is located on the second floor of the caverns building and is free. Spend as much time as you like. If taking the Cavern Tour, it's almost an hour tour.

General Membership Meeting at 7:00 in the hospitality room. Silent auction round two follows at 8:00.

Thursday 4/30: A day of less driving the Valley! Today we'll stay local. A visit to Swannanoa Palace and learn some local history. Then we return to check out downtown Waynesboro. This is a small town with several unique museums. If you so desire, in your books you'll find a map of Staunton, about 10 miles west. There are several museums to visit as well as the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library/Museum. You are on your own as to how you spend the remainder of the day. There is a hugh antique mall located in Verona, about 13 miles and north of Staunton, (an old clothing factory converted to the so called largest antique mall in America, 150,000 sq ft) if you haven't found that just right item at the one in Waynesboro!

We will conclude the day with our farewell banquet with social hour (BYOB) at 5:45 and our bbq at 6:15. Entertainment begins at 7:30. We'll have some business following this before we turn the evening over to enjoying our time together!

We hope to see a lot of you in VA in April. Contact us if you have questions. Email Broomie66@aol.com, text Connie's cell 814-502-6987.

Safe travels to all, and we'll share a little of Virginia's love.
Darrell & Connie Brumbaugh

TUESDAY, APRIL 28: *VA MUSEUM OF THE CIVIL WAR # _____ X \$ 8 \$ _____
 *LUNCH @ SOUTHERN KITCHEN # _____ X \$25 \$ _____
 Full buffet meal - space is limited!
 *SILENT AUCTION NIGHT 1 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29: *RT 11 POTATO CHIPS # _____ X \$ 0 FREE
 *AMERICAN CELEBRATION ON PARADE# _____ X \$13 \$ _____
 *BOX LUNCH # _____ X \$11 \$ _____
 Choice of Bread; # _____ white # _____ wheat
 Choice of Sandwich; # _____ turkey # _____ ham # _____ roast beef
 *CAVERNS "MAIN STREET OF YESTERYEAR" FREE
 *SHENANDOAH CAVERNS # _____ X \$22 \$ _____
 *GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:00 pm
 *SILENT AUCTION NIGHT 2 8:00 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 30:
 *SWANNANOVA PALACE # _____ X \$25 \$ _____
 *ON YOUR OWN TO EXPLORE
 *SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS 5:45 BYOB
 *BANQUET BBQ STYLE BUFFET # _____ X \$ 45 \$ _____
 MEAL AT 6:15
 (INCLUDES, SLICED BEEF BRISKET, PULLED BBQ CHICKEN,
 MEAT LASAGNA, HOMEMADE COLESLAW, SMOKED BAKED
 BEANS, GARDEN SALAD, COOKIES, TEA, LEMONADE, WATER)
 ENTERTAINMENT AT 7:30

TOTAL FOR A COUPLE DOING EVERYTHING; \$ 462
 TOTAL FOR A SINGLE DOING EVERYTHING; \$ 236

TOUR PARTICIPANT 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. I also understand that if for any reason my Buick is unable to be driven on this tour, I will ride in another Buick. I understand that the tour hosts and/or another BDE member will help me 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.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please complete this mandatory form and return it with your tour registration

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BUICK DRIVING ENTUSUIASTS AND MAIL TO:
 JERRY RICHSTEIN, 4798 GRANTS WAY NE, MARIETTA, GA 30066

SEND JERRY AN EMAIL TO BDETREASURER@GMAIL.COM IF YOU WANT TO PAY WITH ZELLE OR A CREDIT CARD.

ONCE YOU HAVE SECURED A HOTEL ROOM, AND SHOULD YOUR PLANS CHANGE, PLEASE DO NOT CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION UNTIL YOU CONTACT US. WE MAY HAVE A WAITING LIST AND WE CAN TRACK ALL THE RESERVATIONS AND CHANGE NAMES.

You will receive written confirmation, text, or email confirmation upon receipt of your registration for the tour.

Make a copy of this form for your records before mailing! Cancellations will be addressed as to the timing on individual venues. Hotel cancellation is 48 hours.

Any questions, please contact Darrell & Connie Brumbaugh 814-502-6987 cell (call or text) or 814-832-2108 home. Email Broomie66@aol.com We look forward to seeing many of your beautiful Buicks in the Shenandoah Valley.