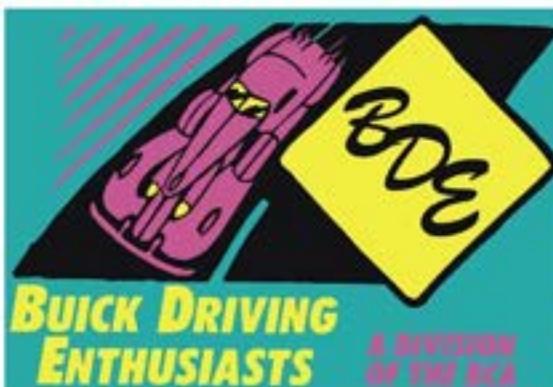




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**WOW! Chalk up yet another
fantastic BDE National Tour!**



Thank you Connie and Darrell Brumbaugh for taking
us to so many diverse and wonderful venues!

SAVE THE DATES!

Buick Club of America National Meet
August 19 - August 22, 2026
Albany, New York

2026 BCA Southeast Regional
Birmingham, AL - October 25 - 29, 2026

BDE 2026 FALL TOUR
America's 250 Anniversary Tour
Buick Driving Enthusiasts 2026 Fall Tour
September 27 - October 1, 2026

Oaks, Pa

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2027 BDE National Tour,
Highways to Holland
May 16 - 20, 2027
Pella, Iowa



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We're Glad You Decided to Join us!



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The Buick Driving Enthusiasts Board of Directors has appointed Shar Kile (BDE #11) to the position of BDE Treasurer. She will serve the remainder of the term of the previous Treasurer (Jerry Richstein). The permanent Treasurer will be elected at the 2027 BDE National Tour in Pella, Iowa in May. Prior to Jerry's election to this position, Shar served as Treasurer for more than 25 years.

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Messages

OUR SENIOR DIRECTOR - DAN CHRISTENSEN - BDE #565

We had an absolutely wonderful time in Virginia at the recent National Tour. Darrell and Connie Brumbaugh worked on their tour for years and it really paid off! I always love the collections and exploring the local mansions. The food was incredible and plentiful and so were the interactions with our fellow members.

My articles are usually inspired by dumb things I did or mean things my Buicks have done to me. This time, the only drama I had was missing a turn, stopping on a busy 4 lane interchange and being out bid at the Silent Auction. At one point, as I was going down a steep mountain my caravan informed me that I was blowing so much smoke out the tailpipe I should clean everyone's windshield!

There were a lot of changes at the Virginia tour. I became the Senior Director for a year, Jim Woodall moved up to Mid Director and Dennis Snell was unanimously voted in as Junior Director. We were all saddened to learn that Jerry Richstein passed away. Shar Kile has been appointed as the new Treasurer.

Tammi and I are deep into planning the 2027 National Tour, Highways to Holland, in Pella, Iowa May 16 - 20, 2027. We are also working on a guide to be used alongside the Standard Operating Procedures to help those who have never planned a tour. Our best information will probably be added after our tour, based on things we screw up!



We are looking forward to the Snell tour this fall in the Philadelphia area. I recently got a new truck, so I will probably trailer my '47 out there. I generally feel relieved to have my own support and backup plan. I can also offer support to fellow members as they may need it. In the past I have broken an axle, toasted a coil, lost a voltage regulator, blew a head gasket, broken a distributor cap, melted spark plugs, lost oil pressure, split a plug wire and caught fire. I think a trailer might be the wise way to go as I'm the one that builds the Buicks and I don't always know what I'm doing! It sure is fun though.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at America's 250 Anniversary Tour in Oaks, Pennsylvania!



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR & WEBMASTER - ROBERTA VASILOW - BDE #17

Hey, BDE Folks, sorry to miss you in VA, looks like a great time, but the GS Nationals got to over rule the BDE tour, for a few of us. Held for the 45th time, it's a great car show and race for all Buicks and even some Reattas and GMC Typhoons and Sycloones now attend. Watch for the 46st in 2027 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Attracted a few new BDE members, recently, see the list in this newsletter, always great to see new faces and fans.

Next up: Buicks on the Bricks in Flint on August 15th, always great to see everyone, free for all check it out at <https://backtothebricks.org/buicksonthebricks/>, then the BCA National Meet in Albany, NY, a venue never visited by the Buick Club, lots to see, and do too.

The BDE tour in Oaks, PA should be another great adventure, hope to figure out how to get there, as other opportunities seem to conflict a little bit.

Stay safe and have fun in your Buick/s and hope to see you down the road.
Roberta





OUR JUNIOR DIRECTOR - DENNIS SNELL - BDE #424

Junior Director Thoughts ... Thank you all for voting for me to be Junior Director. I thoroughly enjoy the Buick Driving Enthusiasts Club and I look forward to many more tours with the club. Really enjoyed the Virginia Tour hosted by Darrell and Connie Brumbaugh this past Spring. Monticello and the Swannanoa Mansion were just two of the spectacular sites we visited on this tour.

Please consider hosting a tour in the future, it takes hard work to put it altogether, but it's not a daunting job, plus help is always on hand from your fellow BDE'ers.

Hope you all can join us for the BDE Fall Tour coming up in September of this year. We have a variety of places for all to enjoy. Mary Ann and I are looking forward to Iowa next Spring with Dan and Tammi. Hope to see you there.



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OUR SECRETARY - BELVA MEYER - BDE #23

We were sorry we couldn't be with you at the meet in April but I haven't found a way to be two places at the same time so we followed our tradition of attending the Buick GS Nationals. The meet was well attended with car show and drag racing. An invitation was extended to Reatta owners to attend. Over three days 20 Reattas were displayed. We drove our 1991 white convertible and joined the display. We plan to enjoy the other Buick meets this summer including the Regionals in Ohio and Iowa, the Riviera show, Back to the Bricks in Flint Michigan, BCA National Meet in Albany and fall should find us in Pennsylvania at the BDE meet.



Hopefully we can keep the grass mowed at home. Our thoughts are with Jean. Jerry will be missed for all the records he kept straight and for his warm smile and laugh.



Thank you for your confidence to reelect me as your secretary



OUR TREASURER PRO-TEMP -SHAR KILE - BDE #11

Hello again,
Here I am, back as your Treasurer Pro-Temp, at least to complete Jerry's term of office. He had already asked me to fill in for him thru the next two tours. But certainly not what either one of us expected. We will miss him tremendously. Just so you know, some of the convenient ways that Jerry had introduced for paying dues or tour registrations, etc., have been put on hold for the time being, at least until a more knowledgeable person can be elected. However, ZELLE can still be used. I have used it myself and know how it works.

Hoping to see you all in Pennsylvania.
Shar



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**OUR MID DIRECTOR -
JIM WOODALL - BDE #564**

From the Driver's Seat: Why We Need to Drive Our Collector Cars

As members of the collector car community, we take great pride in preserving automotive history. We spend countless hours maintaining, restoring, and caring for our vehicles so they can be enjoyed for generations to come. But preserving these cars involves more than keeping them polished and protected means putting them on the road where people can see them.

One concern shared by many enthusiasts today is the future of our hobby. We often hear that younger generations are not interested in classic cars. While there may be some truth to that, I believe the bigger issue is that many young people simply have not had the opportunity to experience them.

Think back to what first sparked your interest in automobiles. Chances are it wasn't a picture in a magazine or a video on a screen. It was seeing, hearing, or riding in a special car. It may have belonged to a parent, grandparent, neighbor, or local car enthusiast. Someone took the time to share their passion, and that experience left a lasting impression.

The same opportunity exists today, but only if our cars are visible. When we drive our collector cars to local events, cruise-ins, restaurants, parades, or simply around town, people notice. Young people ask questions. Families stop to admire them. Future enthusiasts get a chance to see automotive history in motion rather than parked behind a garage door. A beautiful classic car sitting under a cover may be protected, but it cannot inspire anyone. A collector car on the road becomes a conversation starter. It creates curiosity. It builds appreciation for the craftsmanship, style, and mechanical simplicity of an earlier era.

Driving our cars also helps preserve the knowledge that goes along with them. Restoration skills, mechanical know-how, and automotive traditions are passed from one generation to the next through personal interaction. Every time we open a hood and explain how an engine works, we help keep those skills alive.

There is another benefit as well. Cars were designed to be driven. Regular use keeps mechanical components lubricated, batteries charged, and systems functioning properly. Many collector cars actually perform better when they are exercised regularly rather than stored indefinitely. Most importantly, driving our cars reminds us why we fell in love with them in the first place. The sound of the engine, the feel of the steering wheel, and the smiles they bring to others are part of the experience that no garage can provide.



The future of the collector car hobby depends on more than preserving vehicles—it depends on creating new enthusiasts. Every time we take our cars out for a drive, we have the opportunity to spark someone's interest and perhaps inspire the next great restoration project. So the next time the weather is good, pull back the garage door, start the engine, and hit the road! Your collector car may be more than a piece of history. It may be the inspiration that keeps our hobby alive for generations to come.

See you down the road!



Herb and Fran Pasch (BDE #257) thank all the BDE members who surprised them with cards for their Wedding Anniversary. They said they miss the BDE tours and all their friends. Herb inquired about the Fall Tour, its dates and location and mentioned they hope they are feeling well enough to attend.

"Fran an Herb - we miss you, too!"





OUR PREVIOUS DIRECTOR - DARRELL BRUMBAUGH - BDE #143

A Note From the 2026 National Tour Hosts
On behalf of Connie & myself, thank you to all who attended. We hope you had a good time driving the Shenandoah Valley. Without participants, these tours would not happen! We missed the handful or so that could not join us. Hopefully those who were unable due to health reasons are improving.

Our sympathy goes to Jean and family on the passing of Jerry. We were hopeful they could join us but the Lord had other plans. Rest in peace Jerry. You will be missed.

We also gained 2 new members during that week. Welcome to Ken and Barbara Talley and also Daniel Harmon. We hope to see you more in the near future.

Darrell
2025 Sr Director
2026 National Tour host



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A NOTE FROM KEITH AND WENDY HORSFALL - BDE #80 - OUR MEMBERS FROM NORTH OF THE BORDER

Dear fellow Buick family,

Wendy and I joined the BCA in 1988 and have enjoyed a lasting friendship with many members over the years. We joined the BDE (#80) at our first event in Niagara Falls, Ontario, 1997.

We have driven many miles in our Buick life. We have visited all 50 States, most in a Buick. We do not own a vintage Buick but enjoy our 2022 Envision. Our last big Trip in our 2014 Enclave was to Portland for our last BCA National meet and the After Tour. We visited a few large vintage car collections on our way including the Clive Cussler collection, Nethercutt, NHRA museum, George Barris Shop, Petersen Collection and Blackhawk.

We celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary in July with some friends we attended school with. We are in pretty good health; Wendy's cancer returned 20 years and settled in her bones. She is getting great care, which means she has a 50-kilometer drive frequently. I have Parkinsons, which requires some help to dress. We both passed our driving tests for people over 80.

We did not renew our BCA membership, so we did not renew our BDE membership. We do not cross the border anymore. We sold our 1984 Riviera to a close friend, so we see it often.

We miss our trips with the BDE, many great memories. It's so sad that the club must send death notices so often, so many good friends.

Keith and Wendy



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OUR OUTGOING DIRECTOR - BRUCE KILE - BDE #11

It was an honor & a privilege to have served as a director of our fantastic club for these past 3 years. I can honestly say "it was more play than work". As I leave office & join the ranks of past directors I'd like to make this appeal to all to more deeply consider getting involved beyond just participating in one or two tours a year. Obviously tour participation is vital for our events because. . . "that's what we do." But before the tour can happen it needs organizers and planners. It needs leadership and officers to keep the club going.



The future of the BDE depends on members who are willing to take on a more involved role. That includes bidding/hosting the fall tour. Of course the National Tour (aka "Spring Tour") is the responsibility of the Senior Director but bidding for and facilitating the Fall Tour can be done by any BDE member. The club SOPs (Procedure) provide the necessary guidelines for hosting and financial reimbursement to the hosts (usually 2 couples) once their bid has been approved. As of this newsletter, we have no bids for the Fall Tours in 2027 and beyond. Please, won't

you consider stepping up?

Hope to see everyone in Oaks, Pennsylvania and Pella, Iowa.

Bruce "Ole" #11

OUR EDITOR - PAULA LISKA - BDE #2

As summer approaches, my mind wanders back to the 1994 Buick Club of America National Meet, hosted by the Dixie Chapter in Atlanta, Georgia. That's when several BCA members who believed there had to be more to the BCA than merely having your car judged . . . so why not promote driving and having fun, too? Dressed in "No 400 - Bring Back the Fun" t-shirts they rallied support. "Buicks Are Meant to be Driven"! They gathered in Hot Springs, Arkansas for Hot Springs Heyday - the inaugural BDE Driving Tour - in June 1995. Some 31 years later we are still traversing the country and keeping the tradition of fun and friendship with our Buicks.



This year's adventure, another successful tour hosted by Darrell and Connie Brumbaugh, provided us with historical sites, lunch in a 1784 tavern, a Civil War museum and battlefield, a 23,000 mansion started in 1911 and undergoing restoration, and my personal favorite - all in the same place - a cavern, antique animated window displays and floats - not ice cream, but huge parade floats from Presidential celebrations, the Rose Bowl, Philadelphia Thanksgiving parades and more. This day was my personal favorite as I designed and helped build floats, a rare aspect of my local government days.

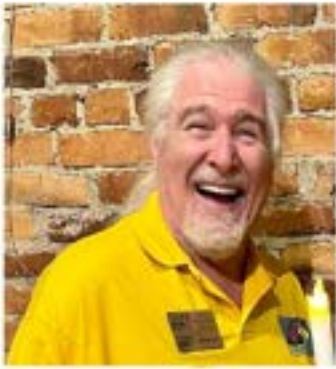
And speaking of good times, this year's closing banquet was one of the most entertaining yet. The Shenandoah Valley Historical Dancers, a prominent local historic dance group, provided a hands-on, feet-on performance. Leader Tom Mack and his period costumed dancers got BDE'ers up on their feet to participate. Best described as Virginia Reel meets American Bandstand, those watching had as much fun and laughter as our dancers. I'm hoping the spirit of this trend continues as the BDE continues forward.



Will I see you all at our Fall Tour in Oaks, Pennsylvania? Dennis and Mary Ann Snell have some great tours planned. Plan on being there for the Early Bird Tour - it will definitely bring a smile to your face.

Happy Summer,
Paula

Passings



Jerry "Gray Fox" Richstein, BDE #398, aged 74, passed away on May 14, 2026. Born April 6, 1952, to Jack and Helen Richstein in New Port, Rhode Island, Jerry enjoyed a happy childhood in Brooklyn and Long Island, New York.

Jerry was a beloved spouse and father. He was known for his upbeat and positive personality and his dedication to many organizations. Jerry was a very active leader in Scouting throughout his life. He was an active ASM (Assistant Scout Master), then Advancement Chair with Troop 714. He was also very active with the Foothills District Eagle Advancement Board Committee, and active at the Atlanta Council level. Jerry spent numerous years staffing NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) with multiple years as a Course Director. Jerry worked not

one, but two tickets to completion at Woodbadge courses 92-39 and 92-54. Jerry then staffed Woodbadge course 92-60.

He was also very active in multiple car clubs including AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Atlanta and Allatoona Chapters, HCCA (Horseless Carriage Club of America) Atlanta Chapter, the BCA (Buick Club of America) Dixie Chapter, Buick Reatta Club, **BDE (Buick Driving Enthusiasts)**, Creeper's car club, and ROMEO's (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Jerry served as either President, Vice President, or Treasurer over many years for many of these car clubs



Jerry was employed for 30 plus years as a Civil Engineer in the Bridge Department of the Norfolk Southern Railway. While at Norfolk Southern, Jerry was also a dedicated instructor for Operation Lifesaver, the national train safety organization. He traveled all over Atlanta to schools, teaching safety around trains.

Throughout his life, Jerry achieved many accomplishments in both the professional world and in many organizations. As a teenager Jerry achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was inducted into the OA (Order of the Arrow) scouting's National Honor Society. Jerry achieved his Master of Science in Civil Engineering degree, and was inducted into Chi Epsilon, The civil engineering Honor Society. As an adult in scouting Jerry was awarded both the Award of Merit, and the Foothills District Lifetime Achievement Award. Jerry's dedication to scouting and the car clubs touched the lives of countless individuals through his selfless giving and happy demeanor.

He will be deeply missed by his wife Jean, and son Russ, brothers Marty and Alan, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his loving parents Jack and Helen, and cousin Anita.

Per Jerry's wishes, there was no service, no memorial, and no shiva. His ashes will be interred by Jean and Russ at a family plot located in Roswell, Georgia.

Jerry's departure leaves a void in our hearts, but his legacy will forever be cherished.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Troop 714 in memory of Jerry.

To offer your condolences and share cherished memories, please visit www.roswellfuneralhome.com and click on Obituaries.

Personal messages and cards can be sent to:

Jean Richstein, 4798 Grants Way NE, Marietta, GA 30066-1479

Passings

With apologies, we share this information now as an update to 2025.

It is with great sadness that we share that Sandra K. Buntaine, BDE #351, 83, passed away peacefully at home with her loving family beside her, December 9, 2025. She was born April 21, 1942, to L. Howard Jadwin and Evelyn K. (Brown) Jadwin, and lived a full and beautiful life centered around family, service, and community. Sandra was an only child, a role that shaped the strong, steady, and independent woman she became.

Sandra was married for 64 years to the love of her life, Robert Buntaine. Together they built a life rooted in devotion, hard work, and shared passions. Robert often said the secret to their long and successful marriage was simple: "We were equal partners, and it worked."

After settling in Alvarado, Sandra became an integral part of the community. In 1986, she played a key role in establishing the Alvarado Public Library and the Alvarado Senior Citizen Center, working alongside dear friends Otis Percifield and Woolard Robertson. Her dedication to serving others left a legacy that continues to enrich the community today.

Sandra was also passionate about preserving local history. She assisted in organizing the cleaning, restoring, and helped reestablish Balch Cemetery along with her son Rob, and she located and documented graves in the adjacent Balch-Senterwood Cemetery, the historic African-American burial ground that originated after the tragic death of a young Black girl killed by a bear. Today, the cemetery is recognized by a Texas Historical Marker, in part due to preservation efforts like hers.

Her hobbies and interests reflected her spirit of adventure and her deep love for animals and tradition. Sandra raised, bread and judged English Mastiffs for 30 years. She trained and raced Arabian horses, and spent years involved in Arabian horse racing in Texas and on the East Coast. She and Robert were also deeply involved in the antique business, traveling all over the country to buy, collect, and treasure unique pieces for resale in Texas. Their love of classic and antique vehicles led them to participate in Buick Driving Enthusiasts, Buick Club of America and multiple antique car clubs, forming friendships nationwide.

Sandra is survived by her son, Robert Howard Buntaine of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and his wife Traci. Rob, like his mother, was an only child, and the bond they shared was one of profound closeness. She is also survived by her grandson, Lane Austin Sandlin, and his wife Madison, as well as her well as her great-grandson, Walker Sandlin, who brought immense joy to her later years.

Our sincere condolences to Bob and the family.



We have recently learned of our longtime members passing away.

Gloria M. "Peachy" Gaines, BDE #162, 86, formerly of Tipton, Pennsylvania died Saturday, May 16, 2026 at the home of her daughter in Bellwood, PA. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Chet in 2018.

Chet and Peachy were part of the so named "Pennsylvania Posse" a group of BDE members from that state who travelled together to attend the clubs's tours in various locations.

A funeral Mass was celebrated May 21, 2026, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bellwood, PA.

The family suggests that contributions in her memory be made to the Sunshine Approach Foundation c/o Foresight Business Solutions 10120 Valley Forge Circle, Suite 120, King of Prussia, PA 19406. For more information: <https://sunshineapproach.org/>



Chet & Peachy at the Haunted Hamburger in Jerome, Arizona during our 2005 BDE National Tour in Sedona, Arizona.



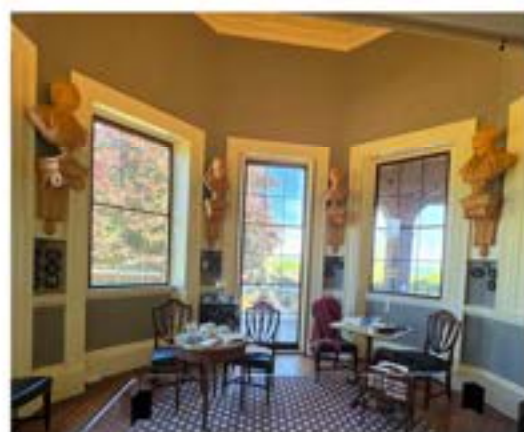
MONDAY, APRIL 26 - Having enjoyed our first evening of friendship and fun in the Hospitality Room, it was "up early and ready to roll" to Thomas Jefferson's Montecello. Home of the principal author of our Declaration of Independence, Montecello, was designed by Jefferson, the 3rd President of the United States. He oversaw the construction of his neoclassical estate, Monticello, but the physical labor was carried out over forty years (1770-1809) by a workforce of local white builders, European artisans, and generations of enslaved people.

Led by knowledgeable docents, we toured the historic Virginia estate, learning about Jefferson, his home and artifacts interests and inventions.

Jefferson founded the University of Virginia in 1819, designed the curriculum, recruited the first faculty. The famous Rotunda was his design.

For more information on Montecello visit: <https://montecello.org>

"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness"



After touring Montecello, we journeyed a few miles to the historic Michie Tavern ca. 1784 where we indulged in traditional 18th-century midday fare... fried chicken, smoked pork barbecue, classic homestyle sides, and freshly baked cornbread and biscuits plus peach cobbler, in a rustic historic setting.



Tuesday's tour provided us with the opportunity to learn more Civil War history. The Virginia Museum identifies the Battle of New Market which raged just outside on May 15, 1864. Students from the Virginia Military Institute as young as 15 years old fought in the battle. In addition to museum exhibit galleries, the site includes a 300-acre battlefield park preserving the core areas of the battlefield and historic Bushong Farm.



Want to read more? Consider *Field of Lost Shoes*. Based on a true story of the American Civil War, culminating at the Battle of New Market, May 1864. A group of teenage cadets sheltered from war at the Virginia Military Institute must confront the horrors of an adult world when they are called upon to defend the Shenandoah Valley.



One of the most popular and admired exhibits in the Virginia Museum of the Civil War is this 28-foot-long slab glass window, created by Israeli-born artist Ami Shamir. The window was the brainchild of Robert Blood, who designed the original museum exhibits for its opening in 1970. For this project, Shamir included such elements as flowing lines to suggest the Shenandoah Valley and the river of the same name, and flags and seals of Virginia Military Institute, the Confederacy, and the Union, to portray the conflict at New Market. The names of the ten cadets who were killed or mortally wounded in the battle are inscribed as the central feature.



What a fun adventure Wednesday, descending 220 feet below the surface to explore the Shenandoah Caverns. The cave featured illuminated stalagmites, stactites and bacon drapery formations.

For those who chose to remain above ground, Main Street of Yesteryear, animated vintage department store window displays, was just a short elevator ride away.



From there our Buicks rolled down the hill to a spectacular museum bringing smiles with larger-than-life displays of parade floats and more. Check it out at: info@americancelebrationonparade.com





Two gorgeous 40's era Buicks graced the site of our Thursday destination, Swannanoa Mansion in Afton, Virginia. Dan Christensen's 1948 76C (left) and Bobby Minis' 1941 71C. Swannanoa was built in 1912 by James Dooley for his wife, Sallie May. Upon entering you greeted by grand staircase features a 10' x 12' Tiffany stained glass window, the largest Tiffany window found in any private home in America. The home was sold in 1926 to the second owners who bankrupted in 1929 and fell victim to the Great Depression in 1929. It was completely abandoned for 12 years. In 1999 renovations were started by the current owners at that time. It is not fully restored, but gives visitors a chance to see the effects of time on a pre-restoration home.





Oh NO! Do we have to go home?

The Thursday night Farewell Banquet usually triggers this response. And this was again true for the 2026 Buick Driving Enthusiasts National Tour. Darrell and Connie Brumbaugh were given a huge round of applause for hosting yet another fantastic BDE National Tour. What a diverse collection of amazing amazing places we visited. Hey Charlie Steffy - "You dodged the proverbial bullet on this one! They took us to a cave!!" Kudos to the Brumbaughs and thanks to them for stepping up again so our tours can continue.

Changes to the By-Laws were presented to the general membership and approved. (See Page 19).

Our newly elected Junior Director Dennis Snell was introduced. Jim Woodall moved to the position of Mid-Director and Senior Director Bruce Kile passed the gavel to Dan Christensen.

Thanks to Bruce for his years of service on the board and his dedication to the Buick Driving Enthusiasts. Bruce and Shar are another example of hosting many tours - both Nationals and Fall tours. Members: It's time for some others to step up and plan a tour. Have we been to your state, city or favorite place yet? Even if so there is always something new or different to experience. Plus many of the previous locations haven't been visited by our newer members. There are always members, some with previous experience that are willing to help. Please think about it.



The 2026 Founders Award, which honors the member/s who exemplify the spirit originally brought by the founders of the BDE, was presented to Bobby and Margaret Minis at the banquet.

And look who won a door prize . . . Inez Norgard, one of our puzzle wizards. She and her colleagues could be found working diligently each and every night in the hospitality room on various challenges.

But the activities didn't stop there. See page 15 for more frivolity and some laughs too.





Who knew a Buick Driving Enthusiasts closing banquet could be this much fun? Connie and Darrell Brumbaugh hit a home run with this one. As Connie was casually perusing a local visitor guide, she spotted an ad for local entertainment which intrigued her. Not really knowing what to expect, the Shenandoah Valley Historic Dancers were booked for our event. The non-profit, all volunteer organization raises money for historic land preservation. Founder Tom Mack with two of his dance troupe arrived in period costumes, specifically Civil War era. While interesting historically, the night morphed into one of much fun, and sometimes bunches of outright laughter.

Audience participation was encouraged and some BDE'ers to immediately respond to the calling. Seeing all the fun, more people got off their chairs and joined the group. There were some very talented dancers in our group, but even better, some got up just to have a good time. Even those just observing were not just smiling, but laughing out loud at times because of folks enjoying themselves. One of the best descriptions of the night was "Virginia Reel meets American Bandstand". What a great way to close out a week of fun and friendship!



Note to our future hosts, I don't know how you can top this, but it would be great if you accept the challenge.



PEOPLE . . . the most important part of the BDE!



See what happens when you open your hood at a BDE Event! Dan's pitcrew springs into action!





An evening spent in the Hospitality Room is always an enjoyable time. Whether observing and/or participating in the Silent Auction or joining the nightly activity of the "puzzle people" or just hanging out and conversing with fellow BDE folks it's a pleasureable way to end the day!

A note from your BDE Editor:
Because we tour in different groups, sometimes I don't have photos of everyone. Would you consider taking a shot or two with your cell phone and sharing? I can't promise I will use them all, but it's nice to have a selection to work with. Thanks! And Buicks too -
I never seem to be able to catch them all.





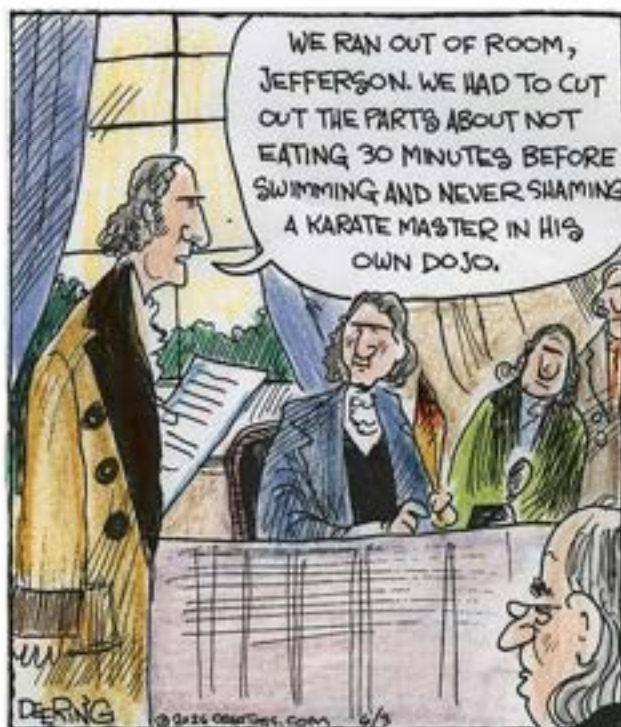
Flashbacks & Funnies



Who is this man, and why was he important to the BDE??



With a little help from AI (p/)



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AMENDMENTS TO THE BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS BYLAWS

The Buick Driving Enthusiasts Board of Directors presented an amendment to Article 2 Section 1 of the Buick Driving Enthusiasts bylaws, proposing that "The position of newsletter editor to join the executive board as a full member." Thereby Article 2 Section 1 of the bylaws shall consist of three co-directors, a secretary, a treasurer and a newsletter editor.

In accordance with Article 9, Section 2 of the bylaws, the proposed amendment was presented to the general membership at the annual membership meeting at the 2026 BDE National Tour in Waynesboro, Virginia. After discussion, the proposed amendment was voted on approved by the majority of members present.

As a member of the executive board, the office of editor will become an elected position, rather than appointed". The editor position will serve a term of two (2) years with no limit on the number of consecutive terms, in the same manner as the offices of secretary and treasurer.

The duties of the editor shall remain the same as described in Article 5, Section 5 of the bylaws.

In another matter, the Board of Directors found it necessary to make an addition to Article 8, Section 1 of the Bylaws in order to remain in full compliance with the requirements of the Buick Club of America for all divisions and chapters. In as much as the deadline for said compliance was March 1, 2026 the the board communicated electronically, unanimously approved the additional wording - "and upon ceasing to be a member in good standing of the BCA, membership in the BDE shall also terminate".

At the general membership meeting in Waynesboro, this action was presented to the members in attendance and why it was necessary to take this action prior to the next general membership meeting. Those in attendance unanimously agreed with the Board of Directors decision. The webmaster added the change to the posted bylaws. A letter was later received from the BCA Vice President acknowledging that the BDE was now in full compliance with all requirements of divisions and chapters. This letter was read at the general membership meeting followed by applause from the entire membership present.



In sadness we mourn the passing of longtime friend and BDE member, Hersel Goff BDE #155. Hersel, 88, passed peacefully in his sleep at home in New Castle, Virginia on June 30, a year following the death his beloved wife of 70 years, Glenna. He had just driven his 1970 LeSabre 100 miles alone to the recent BDE tour in Waynesboro, Virginia. Hersel signed up for all the daily events but only stayed for 2 days because he wasn't feeling well. He just wanted to see everyone and spend time in the hospitality room with his Buick friends. One of his most loved things was driving and touring in his Buicks, which included a '41 Super Coupe, '37 Century, '50 Super and '56 Special. Rest in Peace Hersel, you will be missed. We were truly fortunate to have you join us one last time.

Editor's Note: Special thanks to those who helped make this issue of The **Driving Force** possible with photographic and content contributions: Connie Brumbaugh, Darrell Brumbaugh, Dan Christensen, Tammi Christensen, Keith Horsfall, Bruce Kile, Shar Kile, Belva Meyer, Inez Norgard, Herb Pasch, Dennis Snell, Mike Stemen, Roberta Vasilow, Jim Woodall and others I may have overlooked.

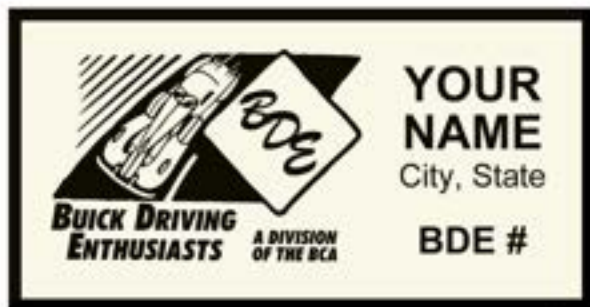
Thank you to Roberta Vasilow for proofreading.

We wouldn't have a newsletter without our members help and contributions.

If you have something you would like to share please email me - ffg605@gmail.com (BuickBDE2)
(note new email address)

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!



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America's 250 Anniversary BDE Fall Tour
Requirements: A working fire extinguisher,
CB radio, and your wonderful Buicks!
September 27 – October 1
Oaks, Pa



Held in Southeast Pennsylvania, just north of Philadelphia and 15 miles west of the New Jersey border, the tour will showcase some unique collections and sites to explore.

The optional Earlybird tour on Sunday September 27 is a truly unique private museum that features almost every type of collectible you can imagine – from automobiles to the world's largest slinky, to operating arena-scale organs, and more! During most of this tour, you'll ride on an electric tour trolley meandering through the former BFGoodrich tire plant which houses the collection. After the guided tour you are free to explore other fascinating collections of the museum on your own! The venue is only 5 minutes from the hotel!

Monday September 28 - We will tour a private collection of world class vehicles in Skippack, PA. The collection is housed in various garages throughout the town, all within walking distance of each other. We will have a lunch break from 12-1pm between viewing this collection. There are plenty of lunch spots within walking distance of where we park. After lunch we will continue the tour.

Tuesday September 29 - We will travel to Byers Ltd., world renowned for their making of Christmas items, mainly dolls, toy soldiers, etc. and then Asher Chocolate for a factory tour, with a lunch stop in between.

Our destination Wednesday September 29 is downtown Doylestown, PA and the Henry Mercer Museum. This poured-in-place concrete structure houses 5 stories of turn of the century artifacts, appropriate as we celebrate American's 250th Anniversary. Not to worry, climbing stairs is not necessary, as the building's elevator can take you to each floor to explore all the echoes of the past. The remainder of the day you are on your own for lunch and/or shopping downtown. Another option is the Mitchner Art Museum directly across the street from the Mercer Museum.

Thursday October 1 will be our longest driving day, going to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. You will explore the beauty and wonders of the conservatory, and other buildings on this magnificent estate. There you can do lunch on your own if you choose in their Cafeteria and then tour the gardens on your own for as long as you want. It's about 40 minutes back to the hotel afterwards.

Our Farewell Banquet, a catered self-serve buffet dinner, to be held that evening in the hospitality room at our hotel. Social hour is 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. Keeping with tradition, the new King and Queen will be crowned following dinner.

Planning to do a dessert night in the hospitality room either Monday or Tuesday night, details to follow.

The negotiated hotel rate is \$129 per night, plus tax for either 2 queens or a king. Hot buffet style breakfast included. Cutoff date for registering for the hotel is August 28, 2026 to get our rate.

Hope you can attend and help celebrate America's 250th Anniversary the way it was meant to be,
by Driving our Beautiful Buicks.

Dennis & Mary Ann Snell



America's 250 Anniversary Tour

Buick Driving Enthusiasts 2026 Fall Tour
September 27 – October 1
Oaks, Pa



Welcome to the Southeast corner of Pennsylvania and all its historic significance. Near to Philadelphia, the birthplace of our United States, close to the Brandywine area, home of several significant battles during the American Revolutionary War. Truly fitting as we celebrate our Nation's 250th Anniversary. Our host hotel is located in Oaks, Pa. just off Route 422. We have secured 35 rooms. Our rate will be \$129+ Tax for a King or 2 Queens with hot breakfast included. Hotel details will be sent upon receiving your registration form. We will have an optional pre-tour on Sunday September 27th, followed by opening of our Hospitality Room and brief meeting at 7pm.

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____ BDE# _____ BCA# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

First BDE Tour? Yes _____ No _____ Trailer Parking Needed? Yes _____ No _____

Buick you're driving on tour: Year _____ Model _____ Body Style _____ Color _____

NOTE: If you need to change your registered car, please notify us as soon as possible to that placement in your group is accurate. Don't have a Buick, we can place you as a passenger in another Buick. Just let us know _____ Yes I/WE need a ride.

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 28, 2026

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 (MEMBER & SPOUSE) COMPLETE PACKAGE \$ _____

\$20 (BDE MEMBER ONLY) COMPLETE PACKAGE \$ _____

Additional guests riding in your car: (friends, grands) # _____ @ \$10 each \$ _____

SUNDAY, SEPT 27: WELCOME – Hospitality Room Open at 1pm

* (Optional Tour) American Treasure Tour Museum 2 pm

\$15 per person x _____ \$ _____

Brief meeting in Hospitality Room at 7pm



MONDAY, SEPT 28:

Dave's Garage – World Class Collection of Rare and Unique Vehicles, Pedal Cars, etc.
– in Skippack, Pa.

_____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Lunch on your own, within walking distance

TUESDAY, SEPT 29:

FREE Tour of Byers' Ltd – Christmas Museum, and Gift Shop

_____ x \$ 0 = \$ 0.00

Poppy's Tavern – Buffet Lunch – BBQ Chicken, pulled pork, corn on the cob,
green beans – pasta salad and soft drinks

_____ x \$24 = \$ _____

Hatfield Auto Museum - Private collection of automobilia plus a few cars
(Directly across the street from our lunch spot) - FREE TOUR

_____ x \$ 0 = \$ 0.00

FREE Tour of Asher's Chocolate factory and Gift Shop # _____ x \$ 0 = \$ 0.00

TUESDAY NIGHT – Special Treats in Hospitality Room!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30:

Mercer Museum – Doylestown, Pa.

_____ x \$18 = \$ _____

Lunch – On your own, explore downtown Doylestown

THURSDAY, OCT 1:

Longwood Gardens

_____ x \$30 = _____

Lunch on Your Own – there is a on-site cafeteria at Longwood
(approx. 40 min back to hotel)

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**BUFFET STYLE BANQUET IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM
5:30 SOCIAL HOUR – 6:30 DINNER**

Chicken Pot Pie (Lancaster Farm Fresh Chicken-Portobello Mushroom), Bourbon Glazed Baked Ham, Mac & Cheese, Brussels Sprout Salad (pecans, cranberries, buckwheat), freshly baked Parker House Rolls, Peach Cobbler

_____ x \$56 = \$ _____

TOTAL FOR A COUPLE DOING EVERYTHING: \$366 \$ _____

TOTAL FOR A SINGLE DOING EVERYTHING : \$188 \$ _____

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 ENTHUSIASTS

MAIL YOUR CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM TO:

ED LENNY

1008 S. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, Pa. 18103-5440

Phone: 610-751-7000

Email: lugnuts36@icloud.com

Any questions, contact Tour Chairman: Dennis and Mary Ann Snell

Phone: 610 392-1831

Email: ddsnell@ptd.net

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

Help us Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary !!!!!