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For Photos and Upcoming Events: Check us out on Facebook, "Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America", and on the Web at www.dixie.buickclub.org



Hello Dixie BCA Members:

One moment to boast... My Ohio State Buckeyes are National Champs and my Kansas City Chiefs are again in the Super Bowl to try for an unprecedented third straight National Championship. I probably will never have such a Great football season again. OK, the boast is over.

Jerry Richstein is organizing a Dixie Chapter Zoom meeting on February 16th. Pay attention to Jerry's email which has this Valve Chatter Newsletter. Jerry has instructions on how to get into Zoom for the meeting. Please download the Zoom app as it has been updated recently.

March 9th is our annual Dixie Bowl-a-rama. Details in this newsletter. Mark the date. The 2025 BOPC will be April 26th. We are waiting for the Olds chapter to send us the signup sheet.

The BCA National Board is in the process of updating the national directory. This is important to make sure each BCA member has the current and correct information in the directory. Please read and follow the directions below from the Secretary of the Buick Club of America, John McCarthy. If you don't have use of a computer, please call me (913-638-7849) and I will walk you through the process.

Re: New Membership Directory and Handbook.

Currently the BCA Board of Directors have an appointed Committee, which is working on producing a new Membership Directory and Handbook. We intend having it published during 2025.

One of the biggest issues which we have is to provide up-to-date information and data for this publication. Therefore, we need your help and support here.

Please go online to the BCA Website, (www.buickclub.org) and up-date your contact information and Buick car ownership/guardianship. Please ensure that this includes:

- 1. Year of manufacture.*
- 2. Model number.*
- 3. If modified.*

Once on the Buick website, follow the following steps;

- a. Click on "Member Login" in the navigation bar.*
- b. Scroll down the page and click on "2 – Membership Management".*
- c. If you have not already registered login credentials, you will need to do this before proceeding further.*
- d. Once logged in, verify your mailing address and make any necessary updates. Be sure to click the "Update" button at the bottom of the page if you've made changes.*
- e. Click "My Vehicles" in the navigation bar.*
- f. This is where you can add, change, or update your vehicle information.*
- g. Model numbers can be found in your existing vehicle information or from your current membership directory and handbook. There is also a link on the vehicle "add" and "edit" pages where model numbers can be found.*
- h. Be sure to save your changes before leaving the website. We would also like to know about the following awards which your car(s) might have. Please include the year(s) that your car(s) obtained these awards, (if known). These include;*

- BCA Senior Cars*
- BCA Centennial Cars*
- BCA Archival Cars*
- BCA Modified Award Winners*

*If you are unable to go online or have limited ability to contact us, you can contact your local Chapter/Division Director. Or you can contact me and pass this information **before March 31st 2025**. Your co-operation and help are needed so that we can produce a new Membership Directory and Handbook, with up-to-date and current information. This will benefit all BCA members.*

Sincerely,

John McCarthy

BCA Secretary.

So, this is a good opportunity to go on the BCA website for the first time. If I can do it 😊, you can too. If you have any troubles, give me a call.

See you at the Zoom Meeting.

J D

Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Greetings all!

It has been an interesting January with two bouts of Winter weather. My grandchildren enjoyed the snow, but my enthusiasm for it has waned a bit. It had been too cold to work on the cars out in the garage, so I spent some time at my indoor workbench piecing together a scale model of a Wildcat coupe. Turned out alright, I guess. No skinned knuckles, anyway.

Just five months until Nationals. I think the final scheduling hurdles for Tammy and me to both attend have been cleared. I had no idea that retirement could be so busy! I will wake the Electra up from her Winter nap soon and begin our usual early Spring maintenance and clean up. Remember, the BOPC will be here before we know it, too.

In other activates, the February chapter meeting will be a Zoom conference. Jerry Richstein is coordinating the Zoom link and will email everyone with the appropriate sign on date, time, and log-in details. If all comes together, it actually may be in the cover letter of this email.

You will also find details on the annual Bowl-a-Rama within these pages. This year it will be in March, so maybe the weather will be conducive to roll out the Buicks for the event. It is always a lot of fun.

There is a lot going of this year and you want to be a part of it. Make sure your membership is up to date so that you do not miss any of the action. If you have any Buick appreciating friends or family who are not BCA and Dixie Chapter member, or perhaps BCA but not Dixie Chapter members please encourage them to join.

Enjoy these pages and I will look forward to seeing you all during the Zoom meeting.

Stay warm and treat your Valentine well!

Happy Buicking,

Tom Lynde

BCA 46614



Membership Renewal Time has PAST:

2025 Dixie Chapter dues were due by 12/31/24.

If you are one of the 7 that have not yet paid your 2025 Chapter dues, please send \$20 to Jerry Richstein A.S.A.P.



SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 26, 2025

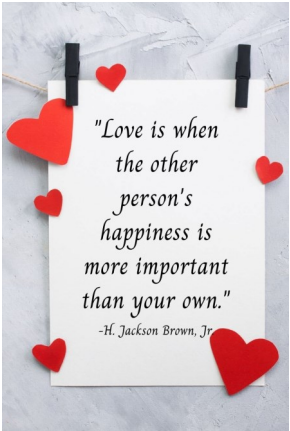
PEACH BLOSSOM BOPC

It is official. The 44th Peach Blossom BOPC show will be held Saturday, April 26, 2025 at the Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta. This years host club, Dixie Oldsmobile, will be releasing more information soon. Stay tuned!



Quotable Quotations

Grit in the Gearbox



Annual Roddy Pearce Memorial Bowl-A-Rama!

WHEN: Sunday March 9th

WHERE: AMF Woodstock Lanes 108 Woodpark Blvd.

Woodstock, GA 30188 770-926-2200

START BOWLING: Promptly at 12:30, so get there early!

LUNCH TIME: After Bowling, at about 2:30 p.m. with awards & monthly business meeting to follow.

The cost is \$20.00 and includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental & lunch, or \$10.00 for those having lunch only.

This is one of our most fun events. Remember, bowling skill is not required, in fact with the “handicap system” we have, higher average bowlers have more of a challenge than those who don't bowl too often. There will be awards & prizes.

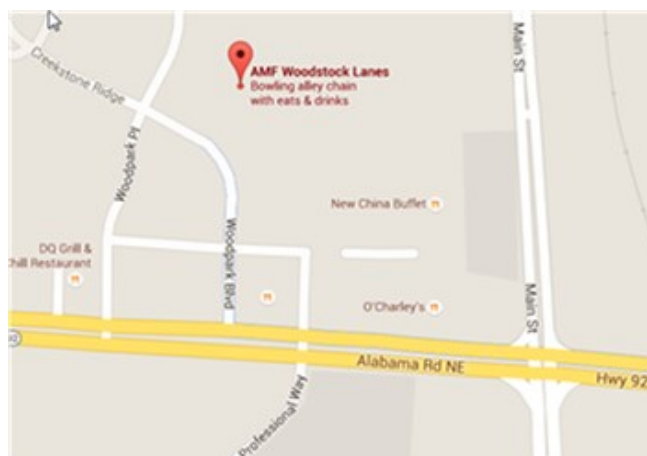
Guests invited!

Weather permitting, be sure to drive those Buicks, There will be ample parking in “car show” fashion.

Please RSVP by March 2nd by phone or email to Bruce or Shar. 770-977-7924, sbkile58@aol.com

Let's make this our best Bowl-A-Rama ever!

DIRECTIONS: I-75 the circle around to AMF Woodstock Lanes. For those coming from the North to I-575 / Phillip M Landrum Memorial Hwy North toward Canton. Exit 7 right, GA 92 toward Woodstock. Turn right onto GA 92. Go approximately 3/4 mile and turn left at the Dairy Queen onto Woodpark Place. Follow e East take GA 92 West. Cross Canton Hwy. Go approximately 1,000





MEMBER NEWS



NOTE: If you know of members winning awards or touring to interesting places, or have an idea for an article of interest to our members, please let **Tom Lynde** know at least two weeks before the end of the month to ensure inclusion in the next ***Dixie Valve Chatter***.

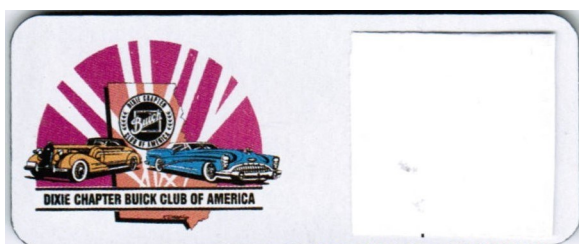
Buicks Among the Magnolias

May 4-9, 2025

Reprinted from the Buick Bugle

The Buick Driving Enthusiasts national tour with driving tours to Vicksburg Military Park Via the Natchez Trail, historic mansion tours, Frogmore cotton plantation, Delta Music Museum and much more. This event includes a silent auction, evening hospitality with optional games and refreshments, and daily free time to explore historic Natchez.

Any BCA member may participate in one BDE tour before joining. For registration information, contact Bruce or Shar Kile, BCA#3013 (678) 662-6078 or by email: sbk58@aol.com or the BDE website bde.buickclub.org.



Get your free Dixie Chapter name tag! It is what the best dressed DC/BCA members are wearing this year. Available with either magnetic or pin back, these stylish tags boast the attractive Dixie Chapter logo and your name and BCA number. To get yours you need to contact Shar Kile at 770-977-7924 or sbkile58@aol.com . There is no charge for your first name tag, if you receive it at a chapter meeting or

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS PARTY!

The annual Dixie Chapter After the Holidays Party took place at Ippolito's Italian Restaurant in Suwanee on January 11th. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful lunch with great food and service and enjoying each others' company. After the meal Bruce Kile moderated the traditional "Bad Santa" gift exchange. A great time was had and it was fun to see which gift was the "hot ticket" and was stolen the maximum amount of times. This year, that gift was a 1955 Chevy Cameo coin bank. Plans were laid out for future meetings and gatherings, the details of which you will find in the Timing Chain. Please make plans to attend next year's After the Holidays Party.



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AUTOMOTIVE TRIVIA

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What was the first mass-produced American brand car to have an engine with one horsepower per cubic inch of displacement?

- A. 1956 Chrysler 300 (354cid V8)
- B. 1957 Chevrolet Corvette (283cid V8)
- C. 1958 Ford Thunderbird (332cid V8)

February Chapter Meeting Via Zoom

A Chapter Meeting via Zoom will be held February 16th. Full details will be forwarded to you in an email by Jerry Richstein.

Watch your inboxes!

Are you changing your e-mail address?

If you have a **NEW** e-mail address, please notify Jerry Richstein at jerry.richstein@gmail.com, so you can continue to receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail

The Parts Authority Auto Parts Stores offer members of the Buick Club/Dixie Chapter a discount on all auto parts, not just A.C Delco items. There are 9 "full service" stores in metro Atlanta and 1 in Columbus and nationally in 22 states. Check the website <http://www.partsauthority.com> for the store nearest you. To take advantage of great savings simply phone the call center (770) 448-3896, and tell them you are a member of the Buick Club, account #47225. They will give you availability and price of the item you need and if the store of your choice has it in stock. Otherwise it will be sent immediately to that location. If you have any questions call Bruce Kile (770) 977-7924

Car of the Month



Lamar and Rita Brown's Buick Estate

Drive your Buick to chapter events and it may be Car of the Month!

From the Sunshine Committee

If you know of a member who is ill, injured, recovering, or just in need of a special thought and bit of hope sent their way, please let Jean Richstein know about them as soon as possible. She is making certain that cards and well wishes are sent from the Dixie Chapter BCA. To enable Jean to share the Club's thoughts and concerns in a timely manner, please be sure to keep her well informed.

You can buy these beautiful ornaments from the club store at the monthly chapter meetings.

Original Keepsake Buick Holiday Ornaments

	24K Gold Finish Brass. 3-Dimensional, Laser cut. Individually boxed.	
	Only \$9 each, 2 or more \$8 each! (U.S. Funds)	
	Send your name & address with check or money order made payable to: BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS 2492 Lorrie Drive Marietta GA 30066-5720	
	A limited number of previous editions are available. Write for details.	
	CHAPTERS: Write for discount case pricing.	
	<small>Pre-Production Image - Not-to-Size A Buick Driving Enthusiasts Division Project</small>	

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/10/85 Mike & Cindy Coggins
- 2/14/19 Don & Mary Ellen Winebarger



BIRTHDAYS

- 2/2/65 Steve Zigler
- 2/10 Charles Hunter
- 2/15 Bruce Kile
- 2/24 Gale Anderson
- 2/24/53 Mike Coggins
- 2/26 David Brani
- 2/28 Bob McNichols

Come join us on Facebook!

Do you need replacement wheels or hubcaps?

Bianca at Hubcaps.com and OriginalWheels.com offers car club members a discount on the factory hubcaps and wheels that they show on their websites. They currently have over one million hubcaps and rims in inventory so they may have what you need. You would need to call them at 800-826-5880 for the discount as they do not have the ability to discount online orders. Just tell them that you are from the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club.



The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 16, 2025

Chapter meeting
via Zoom

BCA and Chapter Events

May 4-9, 2025

Natchez, Mississippi:

BDE National Tour: *Buicks Among the Magnolias*. For registration information contact Bruce and Shar Kile 678-642-6672. sbkile58@aol.com.

March 9, 2025

The Dixie Chapter annual Bowl-a-rama. Time and details in this newsletter

FEBRUARY 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	1

Free Calendar Templates Dreamcalendars.com

July 23-26, 2025

Buick Club of America Annual Meet. Concord, North Carolina.

April 13, 2025

Chapter meeting and outing.
Details forthcoming!

August 19-22, 2026

Buick Club of America Annual Meet. Albany, New York

April 26, 2025

2025 Peach Blossom BOPC, sponsored by Dixie Olds. Registration and more information forthcoming,

Non-Chapter Events



Cruise In
EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9:00 AM TILL 12:00 NOON
Rods—Customs—Muscle Cars—Classics

CALL FOR DETAILS... 770-422-2566 OR 404-202-0070
PIEDMONT CHURCH
570 PIEDMONT ROAD, MARIETTA, GA 30066



Please send notices of upcoming events to DVC editor Tom Lynde
at lynde2375@charter.net

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Do you know some interesting trivia? Share it with *The Valve Chatter* !

Join the conversations! Participate in the forums on the Buick Club of America website. www.buickclub.org

Don't miss out! Make your hotel reservations and register for the Buick Club of America Nationals in Concord, North Carolina NOW!

July 23—26, 2025

[BCA Meet - Registration \(cornerstonereg.com\)](http://cornerstonereg.com) **On Line Registration**

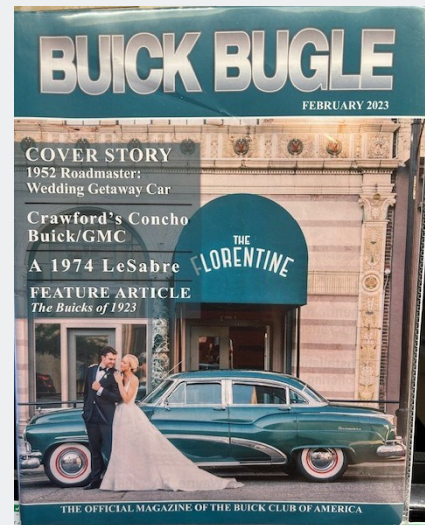
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Deals on Wheels

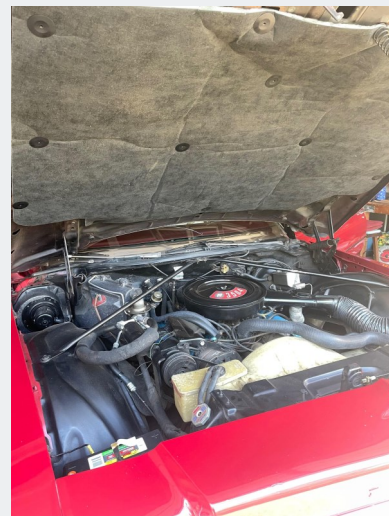


1952 Roadmaster 72R, Bugle Cover Car Feb 2023, Recent Rebuilt Dynaflo, new (correct) battery, new ignition parts, re-cored radiator, new belts/hoses, upgraded to front disc brakes, new (Diamond Back) tires. And much more. Asking \$13,000, Bill Cartus BCA #52152, (770) 624-3767 or bcartus@yahoo.com



FOR FREE to any Dixie Chapter member. 1 good (used) AC Delco Alternator. Fits all 2002-04 Buick Regal & Century, 2002-05 Chev Impala, Lumina & Monte Carlo & (quite likely) several other GMs. Also have super charger & A/C-water pump belt tensioners with under 2K miles on them, great for spare, also free to a Chapter member. Call Bruce (678) 662-6072 sbkile58@aol.com

Car for Sale: 1975 Lesabre Convertible. 5.7/350. Great runner. Rebuilt motor and transmission. Newer top, dual exhaust added. Very clean underside. New tires. Shows 15K miles. Insured 26K. \$19,500. Elise, BCA 8516. 706-216-4389. Photos: sincere-johnf@gmail.com.



Do you have a Buick or "Car Stuff" for sale?

All Dixie Chapter members can advertise for sale cars and car related stuff for up to six months, longer if requested. In addition, non members can advertise cars and parts for up to three months, space permitting. This is a courtesy to the sellers and a service to our members.

BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW FOR THE 2025 BCA NATIONALS IN CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA !!

This information was sent to us from the Tarheel Chapter BCA, the host chapter for the 2025 National meet.

The Embassy Suites Concord is open for booking for our 2025 Buick National Meet July 23rd-26th.

You can book using the link below or by calling 704 455 8200 and using "The Buick Club of America" room block.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/thebuickclubofamerica2025/>

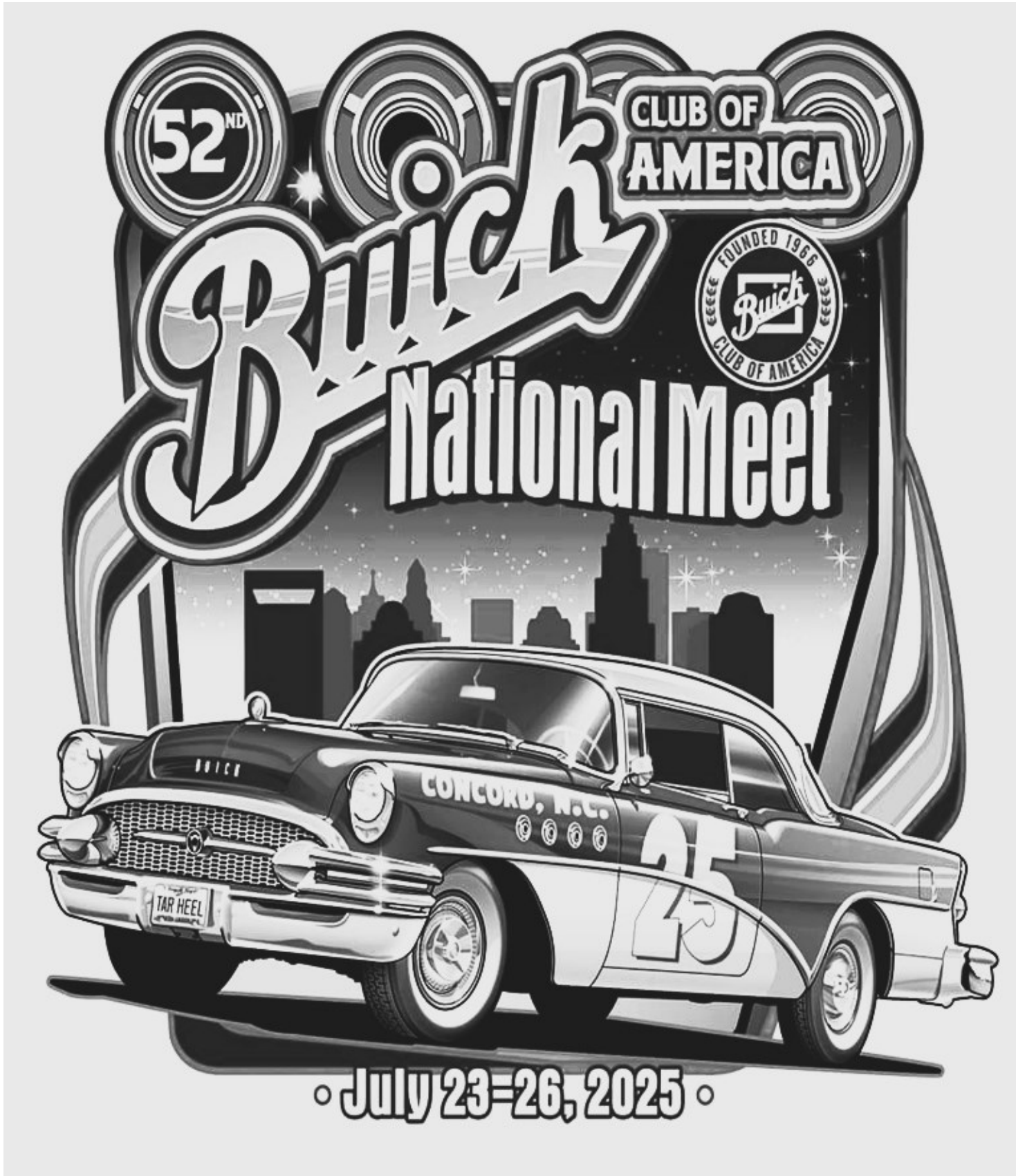
If not booking for the whole week, you can use the "Edit Stay" feature to change the dates to the desired dates.

One last thing I will add is that we do not have the entire hotel available to us for this meet, so if you want to be at the host hotel instead of one of the many near-by hotels, please book your room ASAP.

Nationals 2025 Hospitality Room

The Dixie Chapter BCA has been tapped to host the BCA National Meet Hospitality Room at the Host Hotel, the Embassy Inn and Suites in Concord, North Carolina. Our chapter will be monetarily compensated for our service in the room and all of the money from the BCA will go to us unless members from other chapters are required to help fill the shifts. In that case the money will be split with other participating chapters. This is a great opportunity of the DCBCA to earn some money and have a great time with other National's attendees.

If you are planning on attending the meet, please contact Bruce and Shar Kile (**sbkile58@aol.com**) or **(770)977-7924** to volunteer or for more information.



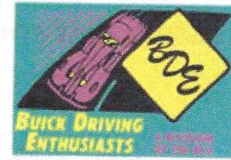


BUICKS AMONG THE MAGNOLIAS

BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS 2025 NATIONAL TOUR

NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI

(Hotel info will be sent upon receipt of this registration)



Overlooking the "Mighty Mississippi", our host hotel is conveniently located only 4 blocks from historic downtown with restaurants within walking distance. Amenities include hot breakfast buffet, cocktail lounge, unlimited wireless internet, guest laundry, fitness center, business center, large meeting/hospitality room, ballroom for closing night banquet, ample parking and more. Our BDE (negotiated) rates for May 4-9 are \$107+taxes (total \$139.90) for single or double occupancy, triple occupancy \$127+taxes, quad \$147+taxes.

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

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

Tel.(Home): _____ (Cell): _____ Email: _____

First BDE Tour? Yes () No () Is trailer parking needed? Yes () No ()

Buick Planning to drive on Tour: Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style : _____ Color: _____

Note: THIS INFO IS FOR ARRANGEMENT OF THE TOUR GROUPS. IF YOU CHANGE CARS, PLEASE NOTIFY US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Driving a Buick is mandatory on the tour. If you don't have a Buick, we can place you in another Buick as Passengers.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS APRIL 4, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30. (BDE member & Spouse/Guest) - Tour packet/dash plaque/hospitality \$ _____

\$20 (BDE Member ONLY)- Tour packet/dashplaque/hospitality \$ _____

Additional Guest (Children, Grandchildren, Friends etc.) Riding in Member's Car # _____ @ \$10 ea \$ _____

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH - Early Bird Tour @ 3:30 PM Trolley/Bus Tour of Natchez - # _____ @ \$24 ea. \$ _____

MONDAY, MAY 5TH - Mansion Tours:



Rosalie # _____ @ \$15 ea. \$ _____



Longwood # _____ @ \$20 ea \$ _____



Melrose # _____ @ \$10 ea. \$ _____

Lunch @ Roux 61 Restaurant (Order from menu - separate checks) # _____

(continued over)

TUESDAY, MAY 6TH - Frogmore Cotton Plantation Tour # _____ @ \$15 ea. \$ _____

Delta Music Museum # _____ @ \$ 3 ea. \$ _____

Lunch at Museum (Baked chicken, jambalaya, salad, yams, cobbler, water)
_____ @ \$16 ea. \$ _____

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH - Vicksburg National Military Park/Museum \$20 per car at gate
"NO ADMISSION CHARGED" IF YOU HAVE A SENIOR NATIONAL PARK PASS
OR RIDE IN SAME CAR WITH A PARK PASS HOLDER

Lunch @ The Beechwood Hamburger Steak # _____ Charbroiled Chicken Breast # _____

Fried Catfish # _____ @ \$26 ea. \$ _____

(All include Salad, Baked Potato, Rolls, Beverage and Dessert)

THURSDAY MAY 8TH - Natchez Indian Museum/Burial Mounds # _____ NO CHARGE

BANQUET:

Buffet featuring: Salad, Roast Beef, Herb Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Rolls & Dessert # _____

(Optional) Veggie Lasagna, incl. Salad, Potatoes, Veggies, Rolls & Dessert # _____

@ \$49 ea. \$ _____

TOTAL COST PER COUPLE FOR ALL EVENTS & PRE-PAID MEALS IS \$386
TOTAL COST FOR 1 PERSON FOR ALL EVENTS & PRE-PAID MEALS IS \$198

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATIONS: (A BDE Requirement)

I certify that the Buick I will be driving on this tour is covered by (at least) the minimum bodily injury and property damage insurance required by the state or province in which the vehicle is registered.

All participating vehicles are to be properly licensed and insured.

I further agree not to hold the Buick Driving Enthusiasts, the Buick Club of America, any officers, chairpersons or members responsible for any bodily injury, property damage, lost or stolen property.

I further understand that if my Buick should become disabled during the tour, the tour hosts and/or other BDE member will assist in securing a ride to any remaining activities for myself and/or my passengers.

I do also acknowledge the BDE requirement to have a working CB radio in my Buick while touring and the BCA requirement to have a fully charged, operable fire extinguisher in my Buick.

Signed: _____ Dated _____

Make checks payable to the BDE & mail to:

Shar Kile
2492 Lorrie Drive
Marietta, GA, 30066