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Hello Dixie BCA members:

On August 17, we have our next Dixie Chapter Meeting at the Big Chicken (Kentucky Fried Chicken) in Marietta GA. You may notice some new Blue BCA hats, Blue T-shirts or Blue polo shirts at this meeting. These are from the BCA National last week in Charlotte. Dixie Chapter was well represented with Basses, Bergerons, Berquists, Bird, Blizzards, Browns, Finkelstein, Greens, Hansons, Horvath, Kiles, Lees, Lyndes, Moodys, Richsteins, Thomases, Wilson and Westfalls. If I forgot someone, I apologize. Our chapter won several awards. Will everyone who won an award please bring them to the Big Chicken on the 17th.

One more thing on the National, the Dixie Chapter was recognized for running the Hospitality Suite. Many Thanks to every person in our chapter who made the Hospitality Suite enjoyable to all!!!

See you on August 17 at the Big Chicken.

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August Meeting Preview

The August chapter meeting will be August 17th at the Big Chicken in Marietta. We will meet at 1:30pm for lunch, and then we will caravan to the Marietta Fire Fighters' Museum. There is no charge to tour the museum. We should conclude around 3:30 in the afternoon.

Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hi, everyone ,

Life is getting back to normal after a great trip to the BCA National. Tammy and I were first time attendees and we had a wonderful time. Volunteering in the hospitality room ensured that we would meet a lot of people as well as be able to hang out with Dixie Chapter folk. Coming home with our first national show award was an unexpected bonus, too. Congratulations to all the chapter award winners. It is not too early to begin planning out next summer's journey to Albany, New York for the 2026 National.

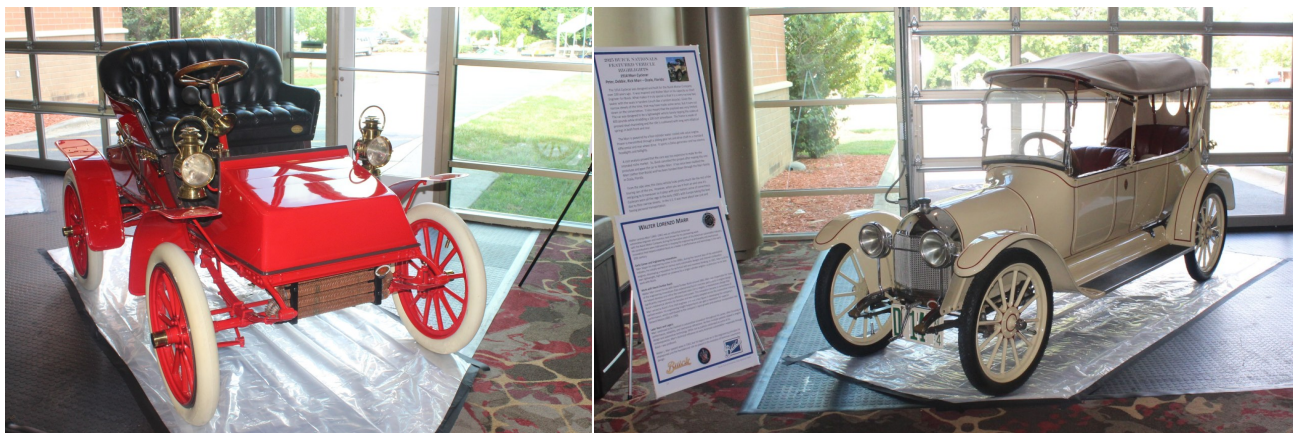
So, now we are enjoying the last few weeks of summer before we road trip to New England. Before we do that, there is the chapter meeting at the Big Chicken on August 17th and the chapter picnic in September. I am also hoping the weather cooperates to allow attendance at another local show or two. That reminds me, be sure to check out the flyer for the annual Jonquil Lions Club car show. DCBCA John Lula is one of the hosts.

Stay cool and enjoy those Buicks. See y'all in a couple of weeks at the Big Chicken!

Happy Buicking,

Tom Lynde

BCA 46614





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***.

Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!

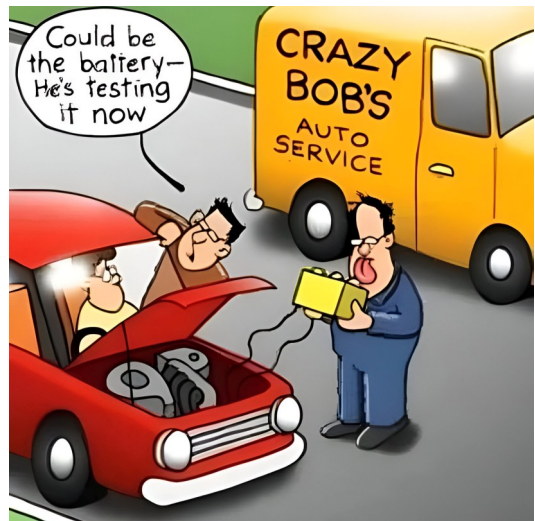
Quotable Quotations

You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So...get on your way!

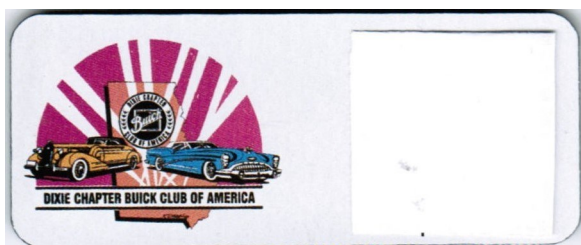
-Dr. Seuss

www.TheFitCookie.com

Grit in the Gearbox



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 event and only a nominal charge for a replacement



Trivia

Now a Kentucky Fried Chicken and an iconic landmark, when was the Big Chicken in Marietta built and what was its original restaurant?



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



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.

grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com

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!
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Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



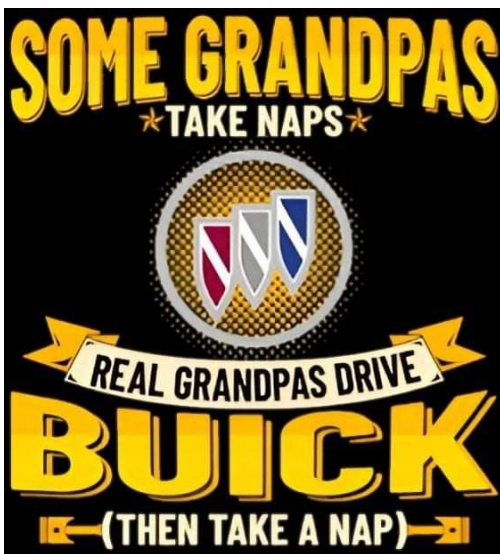
ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/3/80 Jerry & Jean Richstein
- 8/13 Frank & Lori Tatom
- 8/24 Howard & Sylvia Baker



BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Barbara Lee
- 8/6 Patty Brown
- 8/10 Shar Kile
- 8/11 Allison Westfall
- 8/20 Terry Bird
- 8/22/60 Jerry Wilson
- 8/23 Kathleen Miller Fink
- 7/31 Frank Tatom



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

BCA and Chapter Events

AUGUST 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	29	30
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www.Calendar20.com

September 28-October 2, 2025

Somerset, Kentucky

“Buicks in the Bluegrass” BDE Fall Tour. For registration information contact Bruce and Shar Kile 678-642-6672. sbkile58@aol.com.

August 19-22, 2026

Buick Club of America Annual Meet. Albany, New York

August 17, 2025

Chapter Meeting 1:30 PM at the Big Chicken in Marietta. After lunch we will tour the Marietta Fire Fighters’ Museum. There is no admission charge for the museum.

September 2025


Chapter Picnic at the home of Walt and Julie Ehrenfeuchter, 2340 Pendleton Place, Suwanee

ATTENTION "DIXIE BUICK FOLKS":

Especially in vicinity of Senoia, Kathleen, Gay, Forsyth or Bremen. We could consider having a meeting/outing in your area(s). We just need a phone call (or email) from one (or all) if you would like to see it happen? You need not do any of the planning, unless you want to. Call (or email) assist. director, Bruce (678) 662-6072, sbkile58@aol.com

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

Non-Chapter Events

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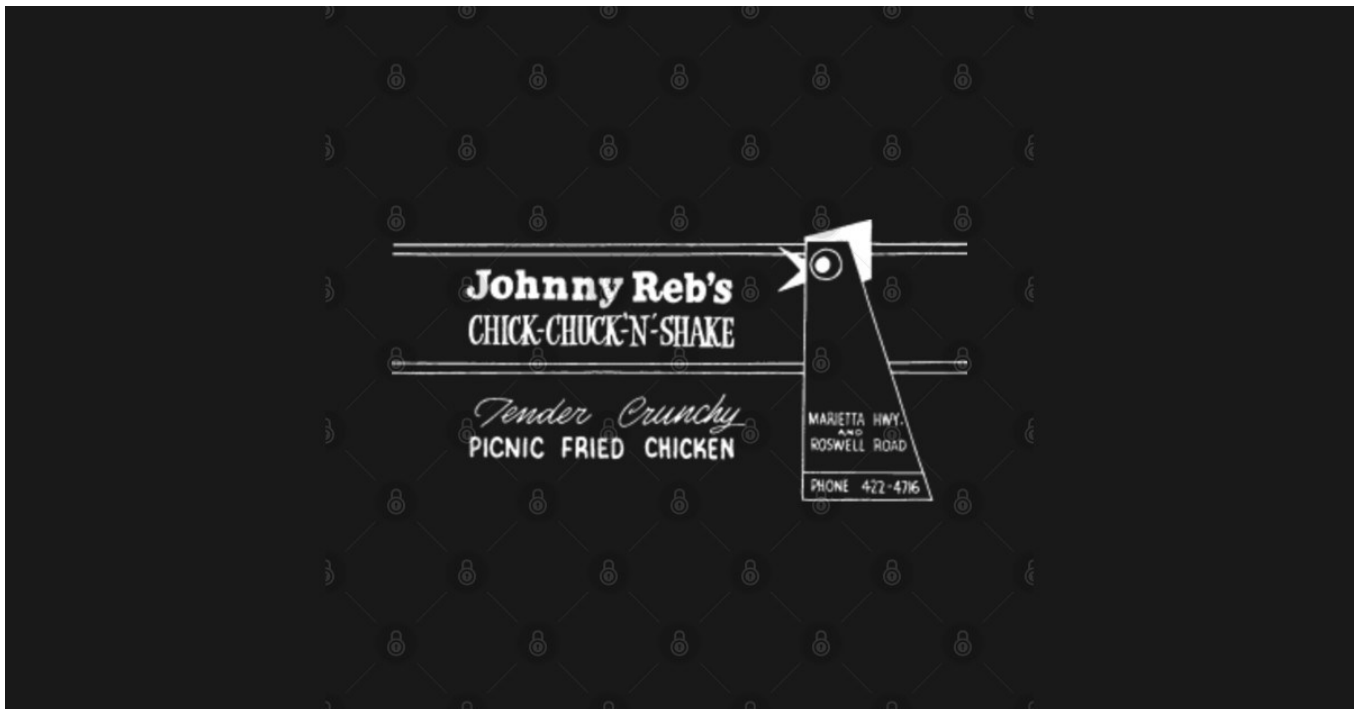


SEPT 13TH 9:00AM-12:00PM
Adventure Outdoors Parking Lot
2500 South Cobb Dr SE Smyrna GA
\$25 Car Registration 9:00-11:00am
TROPHIES, RAFFLES, PRIZES, DJ & FUN
Rain Date if needed 9/27/25

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

Trivia Answer

Built in 1963, The Big Chicken was originally the sign for Johnny Reb's Chick, Chuck, and Shake.



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

Join the conversations! Participate in the forums on the

BCA National 2025

Concord, North Carolina

The 52nd Annual Buick Club of America National Meet was held July 22-26, 2025 at the Embassy Suites in Concord, North Carolina. The Tarheel Chapter did an exceptional job in organizing the event, making hundreds of Buick owners from across the country feel welcome and showing them a good time. Tours to the North Carolina Transportation Museum, NASCAR Hall of Fame, Hendricks Auto Collection, and the Steele Rubber Company provided a good variety of fun and educational experiences.

The Transportation Museum was located at the former Spencer Yards of Southern Railroad, a steam engine maintenance and repair facility, with railroad, automotive, and aviation displays. After a brief train ride, guests were given tours of the different buildings, each housing museum exhibits. There were two Buicks in the collection, a 1910 and a 1923. One of the docents noted that she is a member of the Reatta division, and parked her white 1990 Reatta just outside the door.

The well laid-out show field was established on the hotel grounds and provided secure parking for some 216 show vehicles. Indoor and outdoor swap meets held a great variety of treasures for parts and automobilia seekers and several vehicles changed hands at the car corral.

The Dixie Chapter hosted the Hospitality Room, which was well stocked with snacks and cold beverages and offered show goers a pleasant retreat from the hot Carolina sun and a comfortable place to socialize, read a Buick Byggle, or work on a jigsaw puzzle. Many thanks to Shar and Bruce Kile for coordinating the room and for all of the Dixie Chapter folk who manned the room and made everyone feel welcomed.

Saturday morning brought the judged car show and the hottest weather of the week. A great variety of Buicks were on hand, including the new contemporary class, for judging and display. Many show goers retreated to the Hospitality room for the air conditioning and a cold beverage. The judges did a great job looking over some 216 registered vehicles.

Saturday evening was the annual awards ceremony, and Dixie Chapter members drove away with a number of awards. In the 400 point judging, James and Sarah Thomas received Gold Senior for their 1986 Regal, Roy Bass received Gold Senior for his 1966 Riviera, and J.D. Westfall received Senior Preservation 1st for his 1971 Riviera. Ron and Connie Bergeron received a Bronze Senior for their 1972 GS 360, Jerry Wilson received Senior Gold for his 1972 GS 455 Stage 1, Jack Moody received Gold Senior for his 1967 GS, Dave Berquist received an archival Elite for his 1963 Electra 225, and Tom and Tammy Lynde received an Archival Award for their 1989 Electra Park Avenue. In the newly created contemporary class Frank and Jan Blizzard received a Contemporary award for their 2019 Cascada and Shar Kile received a contemporary award for her 2014 Regal. Congratulations to the winners, and to all who came out and showed a Buick! In all, over 30 Dixie Chapter members and friends were present at the meet, and at least two individuals joined the chapter during the week. Their information will be presented when all of the paperwork has been completed.

The 53rd Buick Club of America Annual Meet will be held August 19—22, 2026 in Albany, New York. A crew from Albany was present in Charlotte bringing good will and inviting all to attend next year's event. Registration and hotel reservations are open now. Go to [Buick Club of North America - Start your reservation](#) to make your reservation, or unybca.com for more information

BCA Nationals 2025 Transportation Museum



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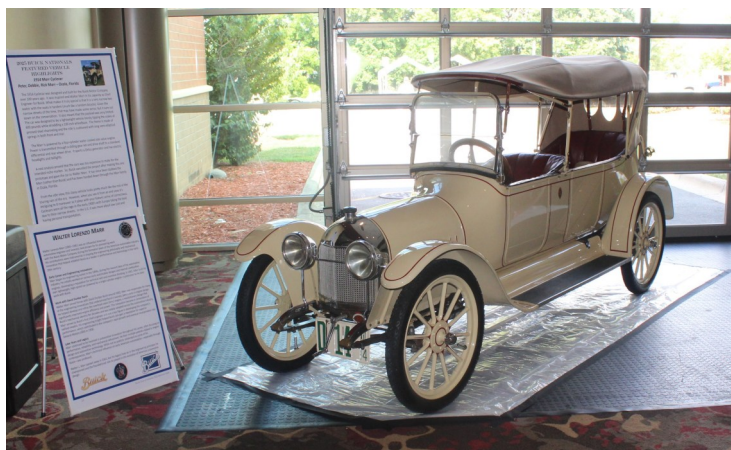
Attendees enjoying the Hospitality Room



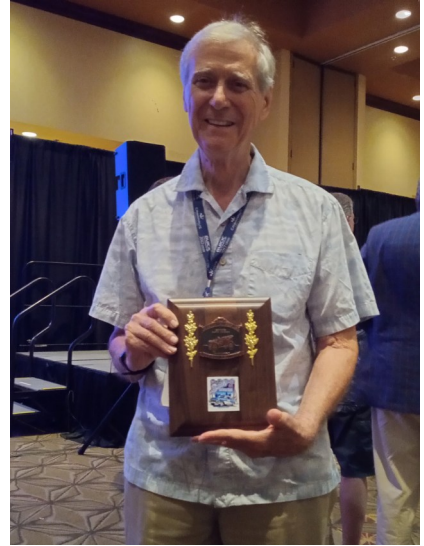
BCA Nationals 2025

A few of the DCBCA cars at Nationals





Awards Ceremony Pictures





Many thanks to Connie Bergeron and J.D. Westfall for National Photo contributions!





Deals on Wheels



Car for sale: 1972 GS 350. Rebuilt engine. FI Tech fuel injection (have original carburetor). Original interior. Have GM shop manuals and a good history of the car. Located in Forsyth, Monroe County, Georgia. Asking \$22,000. More pictures are available on request.

Tim Brown, BCA 51812. Phone (478) 318-3030.



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

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.

BUICKS IN THE BLUEGRASS

2025 BDE FALL TOUR - SOMERSET, KENTUCKY -- SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2, 2025

The host hotel for this event is located a couple of miles from historic downtown, one restaurant within walking distance & others within a mile. Amenities include breakfast buffet, guest laundry, fitness center, business center, unlimited wireless internet & a large meeting/hospitality/banquet room that easily accommodates us for all our needs, including the banquet.

Our BDE (negotiated) rates for 9/28/25-10/3/25 (check out) are \$129+tax for single or double.

Hotel info will be sent immediately upon receipt of registration. Our Hotel Block expires (midnight) Aug. 28th

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

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

First BDE Tour? Yes () No () Will Trailer Parking be needed? Yes () No ()

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

Note: This info is for the arrangement of the tour groups. If you need to change cars please notify us ASAP.
Buicks only on BDE Tours.

So If you don't have a Buick, we will place you in one as passengers. Will you need a ride? Yes ()

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 28, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE:

BDE Member-Spouse/Guest (Tour Packet/DashPlaque/Hospitality).....\$30 _____

BDE Member Only (Tour Packet/DashPlaque/Hospitality).....\$20 _____

Additional Guests (Family, Friends, etc.) Riding in Members Car.....# _____ @\$10 ea.= _____

SUNDAY, SEPT 28 - Early Bird Tour" Mill Creek Battle Field/Cemetery National Park.....
_____ Attending @ NO CHARGE

MONDAY, SEPT 29 - Kentucky Music Hall of Fame/Entertainment & BBQ Buffet.....
_____ @\$25 ea.= _____

TUESDAY, SEPT.30 - Factory Tour of Trifecta Houseboat Mfg.....
_____ Attending @ NO CHARGE

Lunch @ the Black Stallion Rest. (Order from menu/separate checks).....# _____ Dining

Super Interesting Wayne Co. Historical Museum.....# _____ @\$3 ea.= _____

WEDNESDAY, OCT 1 -Big South Fork Scenic RR to Blue Herron, Kentucky Coal Mining Camp.....
_____ Riding @\$18 ea.= _____

Box Lunch - Sandwich (choices tbd later), Fruit, Cookie & Drink).....# _____ @\$15 ea.= _____

THURSDAY, OCT 2 - Factory Tour of Superior Battery, Russell Springs.....# _____ Attending @ NO CHARGE

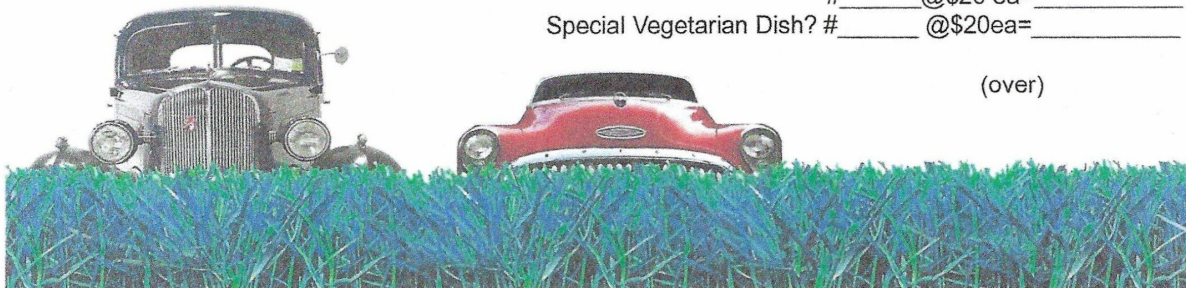
Lunch @ Coe's Steak House (Order from menu/separate checks).....# _____ Dining

Fabulous 100+Car Collection of Terry Stephens, Russell Springs.....# _____ Attending @ NO CHARGE

CLOSING BANQUET: Tasty Buffet featuring turkey, roast beef, veggies & Cobbler.....
_____ @\$20 ea.= _____

Special Vegetarian Dish? # _____ @\$20ea= _____

(over)



TOTAL COST PER COUPLE FOR ALL EVENTS & PRE-PAID MEALS IS \$192.....\$ _____

TOTAL COST FOR 1 PERSON FOR ALL EVENTS & PREPAID MEALS IS \$101.....\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED : \$ _____

REFUNDS: *Should it become necessary to cancel from this event every effort will be made to refund the full amount pre-paid unless the notice of cancellation is past having given a final (non-refundable) headcount to any venue, restaurant or caterer. Therefore that amount would not be refundable.*

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 & 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 &/or other BDE members will assist in securing a ride to any remaining activities for myself &/or my passengers.

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

SIGNED _____ **DATED** _____

Make checks payable to BDE & mail to:

**Shar Kile
2492 Lorrie Drive
Marietta, GA 30066**