

Portland Area Chapter – Buick Club of America January 2025

Hello everyone

I had the best of intentions to get this out in late December but then life got in the way & the holidays & travel (Brenda, Sparky & I are now in SoCal for the winter).

This is my attempt to bring you up to date with what has happened and will be happening in regard to all things Buick in our area.

Election – Chapter elections for 2025 officers were held:

Tom Reser – Director
Fred Rau – Vice-director
Tim O'Dore – Secretary
Duke Charpentier – Treasurer

Non-elected / appointed board members:

Bob Hadlow – Past director
Jack Gerstkemper – BCA NW Regional director
Dean Koehler – Membership chair

This is the full list of the 2025 board of directors. There are other positions open if you are interested in being more involved.

December Chapter Meeting

On December 7th a lunch meeting was held to discuss what members would like to see & do in 2025. Some of the discussion topics were:

- Attracting younger members – trying to get people with later model Buicks involved.
- Tech sessions – brakes, tune-ups, general maintenance were some of the suggested topics. 2 members with garages & lifts offered their facilities.
- Getting more members involved in suggesting destinations for drive and other activities.
- Adding electronic payment methods for chapter dues.
 - o Currently we accept payment by check / mail.
 - o Now you can make your dues payment online from your bank account directly to the chapter account at Chase Bank.

- Now you can make your dues payment online via ApplePay from your Apple iPhone or other Apple device.
 - Contact me for account numbers and assistance in setting these up.
- BCA National dues can presently be paid via check / mail or online with bank direct.
- Newer email & group email systems have been set up and instruction was presented. A previous message was sent to all members on how to get started. Let us know if you need to see it again.
- At the recent meeting it was decided to cancel our Post Office box in Portland and have all mail come to me moving forward. This will result in an annual saving of over \$200.00 for our chapter.

New mailing address:
 Portland Area Chapter – BCA
 510 W. 34th St.
 Vancouver, WA 98660

Dues

Chapter & National dues are now due. The 2025 chapter dues are \$15.00, while the National dues are \$50.00.

2025 Calendar

January 25 – Saturday 10:00 AM – PAC Zoom meeting – link details to follow (get online & catch up with other members)

February 22 - Saturday 10:00 AM – PCA Zoom meeting – link details to follow (get online & catch up with other members)

March 22 - Saturday 10:00 AM – PCA Zoom meeting – link details to follow (get online & catch up with other members)

April 26 – Saturday - In person gathering & lunch – details to follow. This will be a rain or shine event - Please suggest something you would like to lead, do or participate in.

May 31 - Saturday – Centralia, Washington - Pacific Northwest Region's annual Pot Luck Picnic. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Kitchen #1, Fort Borst Park. One block west of I-5 at Exit 82. Dry, heated indoor facility with tables, chairs, oven, stove, sinks, pots, pans, and plenty of parking. Bring a dish to share. Prepare it in the kitchen, warm it

In the oven or buy it at the Safeway supermarket next to the park.
No charge, no worries.
Contact Jack Gerstkemper for more information 360-606-2870 or
bgerst7@aol.com

June 14 – Saturday – Puyallup, WA – All Buick / BOP show in downtown
More details to follow including caravanning.

**GoodGuys Car show – Portland Buick Chapter is well represented.
July 26,27 & 28**

Record number of entries! At least 3,100 cars attended the GG show in Puyallup at the Washington State Fairgrounds. 3 of those attendees were Portland Buick Chapter members. Tim, Duke and Tom were amazed at the variety and number of nice cars, and about 35 to 40 Buicks overall. The bitchin Buick award went to “Chris” in a 1960 Electra 225 convertible. Beautiful car with modern drivetrain. We also cruised in Tim’s Buick to the Friday Night drags, always fun.

This is the largest car show in the PNW and one that everyone should attend at least once.

Having 3 white Buicks parked in a row sparked lots of interest and visitors stopping by to talk. It gave us a chance to promote Buick and the club.



If you look very closely you can see 3 beautiful white Buicks side by side. A close up is below.



Plan to attend this great car weekend event in July 2025 – Contact us for more details.

Duke