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Carole's Corner

Hello Fellow **BUICK** Owners and Enthusiasts!

Ya'll decided to let me take another shot at this Director position, so here goes.

The Bidness meeting at Hickory Hollow was very productive. Cliff Adams, Rod Seastream, John McGill, Perry Harden, Tom Cravey and I were reelected as your officers for another term. Everyone there participated in a lively discussion of upcoming events, how to increase our membership and activities, and how to get input from all of our members. After club bidness was finished, Lee Brown invited us to visit the warehouse near Hickory Hollow to view all the cars stored there. It was a chance to get a glimpse of some real auto and even motorcycle (an Indian) history. There was a 1910 all original Bianchi limousine (the oldest in Texas), a beautiful example of luxury (much better than today's automobiles), a rare Brewster, and many more.

The Old Car Picnic, hosted by the Fords of the 50's club, at the San Jacinto Battleground will be March 20, 2010, rain or shine. This event always provides an opportunity to get together after a cold winter to look at fine old cars. Everyone needs to get your Buicks on the road for this one, it's a great opportunity to get together and

represent our club. There is another show the same day, Saturday on the Strand sponsored by the Pontiac Club. This show has a rain date of March 27, 2010. So, if it rains on the 20th, then we can participate in the Pontiac Club show on the 27th.

The ever popular Buicks and Bluebonnets Tour in Salado, Texas, at the Stage Coach Inn will be the April 16th weekend. It's always great to see members from the North Texas, Alamo and our own Lone Star chapters there and it's a chance to meet other Buick crazy people. We will provide the "milk and cookies" in our Hospitality Room.

Our Memorial Day weekend get together at Bear Creek lets us shake the dust off the Buicks, share a meal (including your side dishes and desserts), talk some bidness, enjoy each other's company and check out the Oldsmobile club's car show. Maybe some of you would like to enter and let the public see what great cars Buick designed.

Be sure to read each issue of The Special and make note of our calendar of events throughout the year.

Meanwhile, Keep those Buicks shiny side up and on the road.

Carole

Meeting Notice

We've got TWO great get-togethers planned for this spring:

March 20th, Saturday. For those of you who are new to our Chapter, we hate to burst one of your bubbles, but the first harbinger of spring is not whatever birds you might have noticed ...it's the Olde Car Picnic at the San Jacinto Monument, sponsored by the Ford of the Fifties Club. The Ford Club invites all the other area clubs, and on a nice day, 30-40 clubs are represented with around 250-400 cars. Gates open at 9:00 am, and door prizes will be announced at 2:00 pm. Due to the theme of the event and limited parking, only pre-1980 cars will be allowed ...no late model drivers, campers or trailers. Ample parking for such mundane vehicles is an only a casual stroll away. Plan to get there at about opening time, so we can all park our olde BUICKS

April 16-18, Friday to Sunday. Our 23rd Buicks and Bluebonnets Tour will again be in Salado. We started this as an excuse to put Houston in our rear view mirrors, and over the years it's kinda grown. Most folks show up Friday afternoon ready to party and that night's hospitality room, complete with cookies and milk, has become a highlight. And, whether you're in the hot tub or the pool, you can still see all the big ol' BUICKS roll in, and if you're browsing among the many shops and eateries along Main Street (the old Chisholm Trail) you can give a wave when they go by. Saturday morning we'll have our Buicks on display, with countryside tours in the

together. If you're the first one there, you're in charge, and please get us a nice spot. And bring **MOSQUITO REPELLANT**. If it's a warm day, wear your Chapter shirt 'cause we get a lot of free advertising with them, plus you'll be in a lot of photos. This is one of our better attended meetings...it's a great way to meet your fellow members and other folks in the hobby, and an outing you really shouldn't miss. **THE GOV'MINT**, not us, but **THE GOV'MINT**, will charge us an admission. Bring your own refreshments, lawn chairs, games or whatever (and your olde BUICK, of course) but no alcohol. It's a **GOV'MINT** park. And did we tell you to bring **MOSQUITO REPELLANT**? (How's that for optimism?)

afternoon if there's any interest. We operate our Tour on a break-even basis; we guess at revenue and expense type stuff and spend the rest for door prizes; most years we're within a few bucks. So we can give you a refund until two weeks before the event. Most of us will caravan up on Friday, and if you want to join up, meet us at the Harris County Bar-b-q where HiWay 290 crosses over HiWay 6. Be there in time to eat and leave at **9:30** on the dot. And call Carole so we'll be lookin' for you. For those of you who can't make the trip, why not meet us for brunch? It'll be a fun chance to visit.

A Matter of Minutes

We always have a good crowd at our January meeting, and this year was no exception. This is partly due to the great location Webmaster Conrad booked us into. And since we lucked into a great day, we had plenty of big ol' buicks to enjoy. For bidness, we elected the bunch of folks, listed on the cover. We discussed agenda for the year, including our Bluebonnet Tour and the Autorama, for which we already have two takers. When Lee Brown comes around he

usually brings a special treat, and this year was no exception. He drove up in a '56 Nash Ambassador, complete with continental kit for us to play with. If that wasn't enough, he invited us to tour a couple of warehouses he shares with friends, so we could check out the good stuff. Thanx to everyone who joined us, thanx Lee for a great experience. Check out the photo pages to see what you missed.