

Buick Club NEWSLETTER

MEET ME AT THE DRIVE-IN

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Remember:

In order to be a member of the local club, you must also be a member of the national club, Buick Club of America.

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There was a time when weekend entertainment consisted of a carefree evening at the Drive-In Theater, where patrons could watch the latest and greatest that Hollywood had to offer from the comfort of their own automobile. The "golden age" of Drive-In Theaters is considered to be the late 1950s, more than twenty years after the first Drive-In opened up in New Jersey. Carside service, in-car speakers, and socializing were key to this car-centric entertainment. Car culture was really in its heyday. Do you recall the days when a carload of people could get in to see a double feature for \$5? Families often brought in their own snacks, teenagers brought dates (some coined the drive-in the "passion pit"), and America reveled in the somewhat brief era of the drive-in. Some say there's truly nothing like it in our culture today.

At one time there were more than 100 Drive

LOCAL DRIVE-IN THEATERS:

BROADWAY DRIVE-IN

3020 Highway 70 East
Dickson, TN 37055
615.446.2786

HIWAY 50 DRIVE-IN

1584 Fayetteville Highway
Lewisburg, TN 37091
931.270.6266
www.hiway50.com

PINK CADILLAC DRIVE-IN

2506 Highway 100
Centerville, TN 37033
931.729.2386
<https://www.facebook.com/PinkCadillacDriveInTheater/info?tab=overview>

MOONLITE DRIVE-IN

931 West Main Street
Woodbury, TN 37190
615.563.7900

Theaters in Tennessee alone. As of 2003 only 15 of those theaters still remained. Many of the existing drive-ins in Middle Tennessee have been revitalized, so that new generations can meet up at the drive-in and reclaim this beloved bit of Americana.



GOOD OLE FASHIONED FUN: (bottom) fa 1970s photo shows a Buick Convertible serving as seating for an unknown cowboy movie.

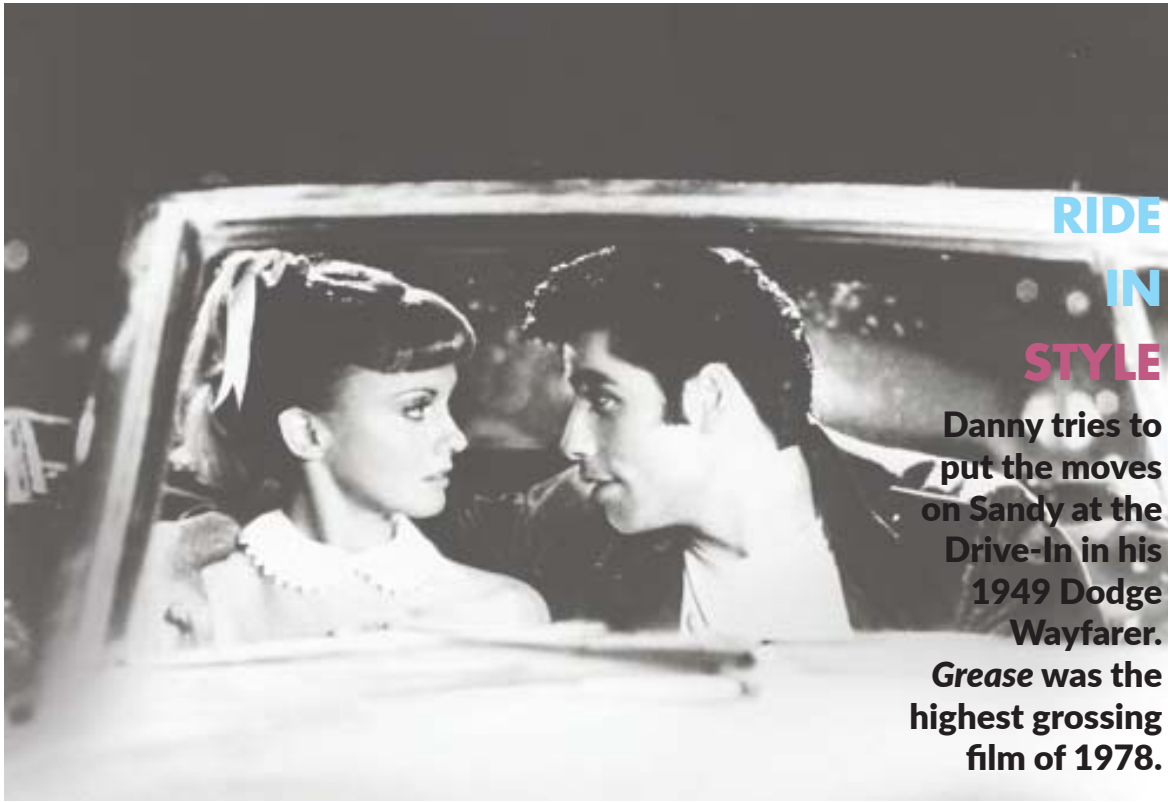


DRIVE IN SERVICE: Car hops pictured offer speakers & refreshments to movie-goers. (right) 1940s car hop in front of a Buick Special Convertible.

BUICK TRIVIA (answers on the last page)

1. What option available on all 1970 Buick models caused an additional fee to be added to the destination charge?
2. In 1970, which model came standard with power windows?
3. Did Buick offer the "Instrument Gauges and Rallye Clock" as an option on the Skylark 350 and the Skylark Custom?





**RIDE
IN
STYLE**

Danny tries to put the moves on Sandy at the Drive-In in his 1949 Dodge Wayfarer. Grease was the highest grossing film of 1978.

SOUND CHECK

An evening at the Drive In - doesn't that sound like the perfect way for a car collector to take his children out in style? That's what Club Director Ron Franks anticipated when he took his son Martin and daughter Britney to a local drive-in theater the mid-90s. They arrived in his new Cadillac, snacks in hand, anticipation high. The movie got rolling, but the sound was awful. What was the problem? Ron and the kids found themselves leaning out of the car windows to catch the faint sounds of the movie. "This isn't very fun, Dad" one of the kids mumbled. Midway through, Ron sought a solution. As he cased the joint, he saw a sign that read "Please tune into FM radio station 81.1 for movie sound." Mystery solved!



NO CARS ALLOWED!
Visiting Walt Disney World's Hollywood Studios? You might want to check out the **Sci-Fi DRIVE IN Theater**, where patrons can sit in class car-shaped booths under a "night sky". The restaurant also boasts a theater-style concession stand, and plays movies while you eat.

**JAN
18**

**FEB
15**
Paul & Barbara White

**MAR
15**
Paul Picelli

**APR
19**
Bob & Ellen Bell

**MAY
17**
Larry & Elaine Arrowood

JUN
NO MEETING

**JUL
19**
The Catfish House
Springfield, TN

**AUG
16**
Bob & Elaine Fritz

**SEP
20**
Picnic

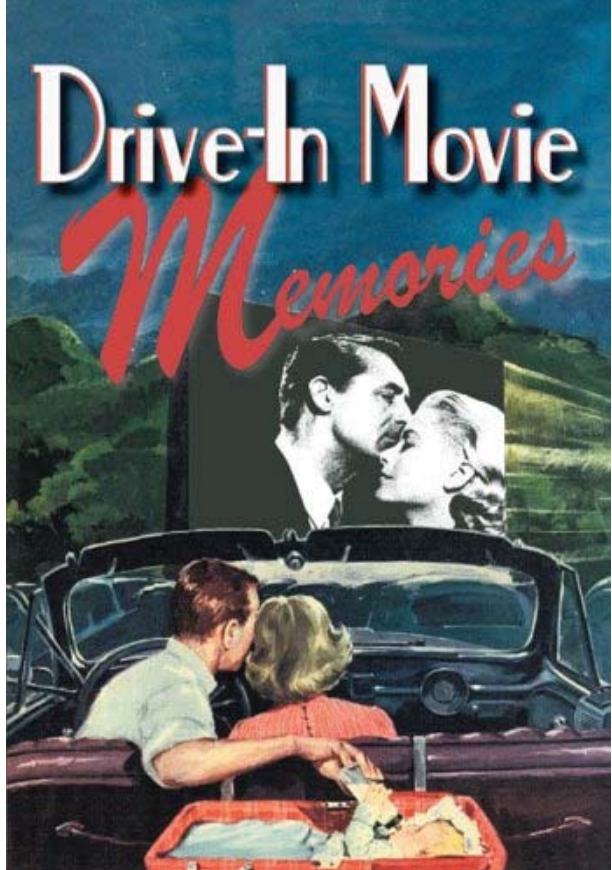
**OCT
18**
Greg & Tricia Marshall

NOV
NO MEETING

**DEC
TBD**
Ron & Maria Franks

ELVIS at the DRIVE IN

in 1958, before reporting to the military, Elvis Presley spent his last night as a free man at the Bellevue Drive-In in Memphis, TN. He watched the movie "Sing, Boy, Sing", a Tommy Sands that chronicled the rise and fall of a rock-n-roll star.



A steam train passes by a Drive-In Theater in Laeger, West Virginia in 1958.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday to **Elaine Fritz** on July 9!

Bob and Elaine celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on June 13. Congratulations!



Pinky, Larry Arrowood's newly restored car.



Trivia Answers (from the Front Page)

1. The answer is air conditioning.
2. The Electra 225 Custom Convertible Model #8467 came standard with power windows.
3. Buick offered a separate option code and labeled it "Instrument Gauges and Electric Clock" for more money at \$62.14 (in 1970).

Info found at www.v8buick.com.

The Dixie Chapter/BCA Announces:

The 2015

S.E. Regional Meet October 8th Thru 10th

A Touring Event Celebrating

The 25th Anniversary of the S.E. Region.

We will be based in historic Madison, Ga. With it's beautiful antebellum old south mansions, antique & specialty shops & great places to eat, Madison is designated by

Budget Travel as one of the "World's Top 16 Most Picturesque Villages"

Our three (full) days of *touring will include (but not limited to)

- The city of Madison
- "James Dream Cars" in Washington, Ga.
- Callaway Plantation in Washington, Ga.
- Historic Rutledge, Ga.

Of course there will be a well stocked hospitality room, games, prizes + a **bountiful** (reasonably priced) closing banquet (BYOB allowed) in a most unique country setting.

Registration forms available after Mar. 1st, 2015. Questions? Comments? Call Bruce or Shar @ (770) 977-7924 or email bkile58@aol.com **NOTE: THERE WILL BE A 40 CAR LIMIT**

**All Touring will be on beautiful middle Georgia state roads absolutely no interstate travel!*

To make your hotel reservations now call: (706) 342-9190 Currently the hotel is the "Wingate". It will become a Holiday Inn Express June 1st. Mention "The Buick Club" for special rate of \$84.99.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING:
The Catfish House*
Hwy 431
Springfield, TN
1:30pm

Following lunch, we will display our cars at the **Golden Living Nursing Home**. The nursing home is on Watson Road behind the Walmart.

*Go to I-24 West to exit 35. Go North approximately 10.5 miles. Walmart will be on your left, and the restaurant is also on the left, just past Walmart. It has a blue awning.

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