

Buick Club NEWSLETTER

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TRICK OR TREAT?

As many of you know, obtaining the perfect "project car" can be thrilling. But when it comes to repairs, renovations, and all of the manpower it's likely you'll encounter a few "wrenches" in the process. Below we've compiled a few before and after "treats" that may have felt more like a trick during the renovation process!



SEE WHAT BECAME OF THIS \$400 CLUNKER, 22,000+ HOURS LATER (next page)



A REAL FIXER-UPPER
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WAS THIS SALVAGEABLE? AN INTERIOR RENOVATION SPECIALIST FOUND OUT! (page 3)



FROM CLUNKER TO STUNNER (from page 1)

It took 22,000 hours of work and \$300,000, but 39 year old mechanic JF Launier from British Columbia achieved his dream car. He purchased the rusting shell of a 1964 Buick Riviera for just \$400. It was missing doors, the windscreen, and seats.

Launier had to completely replace the roof the Buick with that of a later model, modifying the original body with a rear sloping window. The rear end was also remodeled. He revved up the car with a 6.2litre twin-turbo Chevrolet V8 engine, which meant he had to move the front wheels forward to accommodate the larger engine. All in all, it took Mr. Launier six years to create his modified Buick, which he renamed Rivision.

"When I was 21 I had a 64 Riviera and sold it to start my first business but I always thought I was going to have another one one day - I just didn't know I was going to take it this far," says Launier. "It was always a battle to by parts and to find enough time in the week to work on it... The car is very polarizing. There are people that love it and hate it. There is no one in the middle."



A REAL FIXER-UPPER
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1953 BUICK ROADMASTER RESTORATION

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 19
Picnic

OCT 18
Greg & Tricia Marshall

NOV
NO MEETING

DEC TBD
Ron & Maria Franks





GREAT SAVE

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**1952 BUICK
ROADMASTER
INTERIOR
RESTORATION**

"I estimate the value of this fully restored 1952 Buick to be over \$70,000 USD says Rafael Abramyan of Car Classic Interiors in Los Angeles, CA, whose client chose this custom pumpkin orange interior shown.

This is the Buick that's pacing the race.

It's the official Buick Century pace car. A one-of-a-kind model designed and engineered to set the pace for those 33 racers at Indy.

There's a special turbocharged version of Buick's terrific, 3.8 litre V-6 under its hood. An extra-stiff, super-heavy-duty suspension to handle the

Brickyard's banking. Front and rear spoilers for reduced aerodynamic drag. And special GR 70 radial tires all around.

You can't buy this Buick. But don't be disappointed because you can get one similar to it. A replica. Just look on the next page.



1976 BUICK CENTURY PACE CAR

The excitement of the Buick Century being chosen to pace the Indy 500 in both 1975 and 1976 led to a replica of the 76' pace car finding its way onto showroom floors the following fall. The eagle theme seen here would become a standard graphic motif on sportier Buicks for much of the 70s and early 80s.

Less than 2,000 76' pace car replicas were made. It's anyone's guess how many may have survived today.





THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Governor's Restaurant
Henry Horton State Park
4209 Nashville Hwy (Hwy 31)
Chapel Hill, TN
October 18th | 1 pm

Please arrive no later than 1pm, as brunch is only served until 2pm. This is a buffet style brunch on Sundays so they usually have a variety of food. I haven't planned a formal color tour because just getting to the park will probably give you some colors to look at! The location of the park is pretty rural, so it's a nice ride whichever way you get there.

Thanks,
Greg Marshall

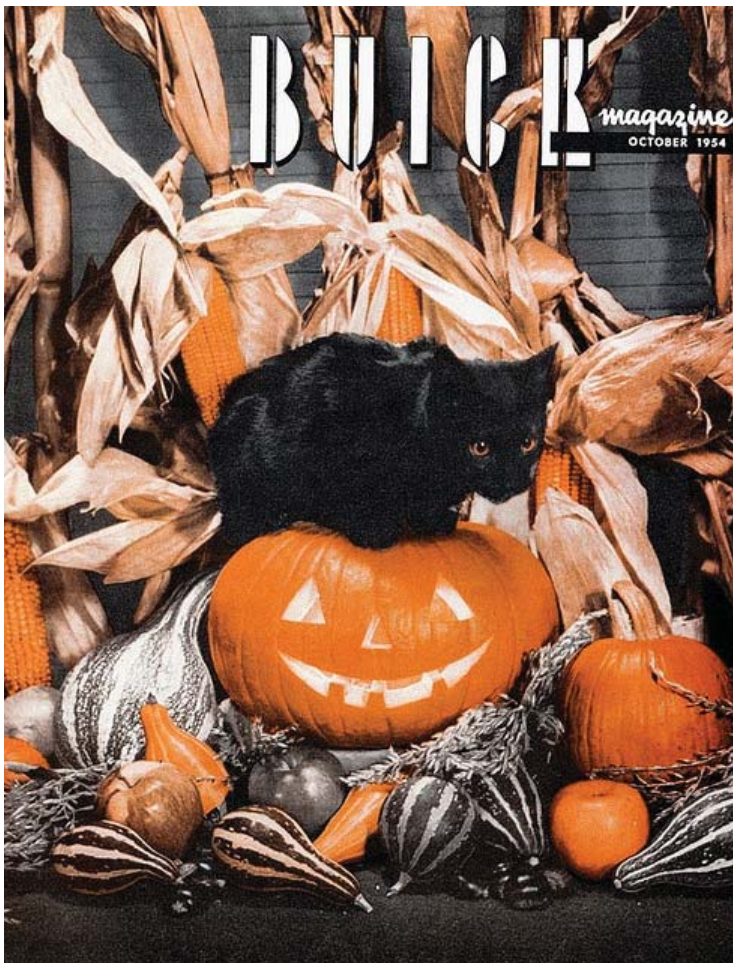
MEMBER BIRTHDAYS + ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to **BETTY BURGESS** on October 12!

Happy Birthday to **BOB FRITZ** on October 29!

Happy Anniversary to **Bob & Ellen Bell** on October 21!

If you'd like your Birthday or Anniversary recognized in our Monthly Buick Club Newsletter, please email it to efranks@hfrdesign.com!



September Picnic

