

The Roadmaster

Buick Club of America—Portland Area Chapter

January 2022

Next BCA Portland Area Chapter Zoom meeting:

January 22, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

We'll send you a link shortly before the meeting.

Random thoughts and musings

Hello Everyone:

Brenda and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you and your families are happy and safe. We are sure that you are like us and looking forward to 2022 to be a little calmer and saner than 2021.

Things have been very quiet for our Buick Club of America Portland Area Chapter through the fall and into the winter. We did hold our annual Board of Directors election with the following results for 2022:

Director – Duke Charpentier

Vice Director – Fred Rau

Secretary / Treasurer – Jack Wager

The board re-appointed newsletter editor—Robert Hadlow and annual show/picnic chair—Tim O'Dore to the board as voting members. Jack Gerstkemper—NW Regional BCA Director is automatically a voting board member because of his regional post.

We plan to start holding Zoom meetings again starting with Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. February and March Zoom meetings will be on Saturday the 26 in both months at 10:00 A.M. The links will be sent out the week prior. Hope you can participate.

January means it's time for your annual BCA and Portland Area Chapter dues. The national dues are \$50.00 and our chapter dues are still \$15.00. You must be a national member to be a member of our local chapter. Please be sure to write your national membership number on your check when you mail it in.

Dues **cannot** be paid together. You must send the national dues directly to:

Cornerstone Registration, LTD
PO Box 1715
Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715

Chapter dues can be sent to:

Portland Area Chapter BCA
PO Box 20301
Portland, OR 97294

I will also attach the national and local membership forms for your convenience.
I am also adding some pictures from our travels over the past year.

I have included a few photos from our recent travel. The first two are near Hatfield Buick in Redlands, CA. It is one of the oldest still active Buick dealerships in the country. The two Buicks we discovered on the streets while walking a few blocks from the dealership appear to be in very nice original condition and still being driven regularly. See below:



Here are a few photos from our recent trip to South Dakota showing photos of Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Monument both in South Dakota:



I am really hoping we can have the opportunity to get together as a club and a group of Buick friends multiple times in 2022. It has been way longer than anyone thought possible since we really have done this. Once we start to hear about upcoming events we will build a calendar of events.

Keep the faith, stay well, stay safe.

Best Regards,

Duke Charpentier—Director BCA/PAC



Here's a photo of the old Vancouver Public Library in the years before the creation of the Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries. Can you tell us what year and model Buick that is shown in the photo? Is it a 1928? 1929? 1930? Bonus, what is the car at the far left? Is it a Buick, too? If so, what year? Is the building still in existence today? (Source: *The Columbian* newspaper, Vancouver, WA, photo archive.)



Here's a great photo from 1952 showing snow removal along SW Sixth Avenue in downtown Portland. Note the late 1940s Buick sedan up against the curb, 1947 or 1948. The two snow removing machines are locally designed "Scoopmobiles."
(Source: Portland Archives and Records Center, A2001-007.576)