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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Happy Holidays to all!
Hope everyone has their BUICKS in some place safe and warm as old Man Winter is here! Great turn out at our last meetings at the Stadium. and at Champs Bar & Grill.; Let's keep up the momentum for the January Holiday Party. Chief Craig is sure to offer us some delicious food and the gift swap is always a hoot!

We just got back from the SE regional over in Alabama. Sure was a lot to see and eat over there. We managed to put some miles on our beloved BUICKS; traveling some of the most scenic two lanes in the heart of Dixie! I highly recommend this fall tour, to join members from other chapters in touring car collections and then some.

Well enough from me, must wrap gifts and find where Glenda hid the eggnog and popcorn balls, my diet can wait till after the January party! Hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday!

Happy Motoring!

Bob Stone, BCA#37843
Director, Dixie Chapter of the
BCA

SE Regional Tour: Fantastic



Although the drive to Birmingham on Wednesday was rainy and cold, the remainder of the weekend was sunny. Shown above is the beginning of the Buick caravan on the road to one of the exciting locations arranged by the hosting Bama Buick Club.

Office Election

Club officer for the years 2011, and 2012 were elected at the November meeting and are as follows:

Director, Bob Stone
Assist Director, Ron Bergeron
Secretary, Rich Fink
Treasurer, Jerry Richstein
Newsletter Ed., Cliff Dillingham

Installation will take place at the Annual Holiday Party in January.

Southeast Regional

One of the high spots of Dixie Chapter events is the Annual Southeast Regional. And this year the Bama Buick Club came through with another winning program. As Pat Horvath remarked, "It's nice being in the Buick Club. We see so many things we would not see, or even know about if we were not in the Buick club. It's always something interesting and different?" There were so many things to mention, but here are a few.

Our first site; for those arriving early on Wednesday was a private collection of about 60 assorted makes and

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The Timing Chain

December. No meeting in December, enjoy the Holidays.

January 15, 2011 (Saturday) Annual Holiday party. Held at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 571 Holt RD, Marietta, GA. 3:00PM Arrival and reception/networking. 4:00 PM Dinner, followed by opening presents. \$10.00 per person, the club pays remaining cost. Our Caterer will be the same. We will have our usual gift exchange; men bring a man's gift, and women bring a woman's gift. Please limit your purchase to \$15.00. Call Connie Bergeron no later than noon January 7th with the number of people in your party. 770-951-1411

Directions:

Take **I-75 North to 120 Loop** (Exit 263).

Take the **GA-120** ramp toward Roswell. Follow **Roswell Rd** for 0.7 mi.

Turn **right** on **Robinson Rd** for 0.4 mi. Turn **right** onto **Holt Rd.** for 0.4 mi.

571 Holt Rd is on the right.

February 13, 2011. Annual Bowl-A-Rama. Held at **AMF Woodstock Lanes**, 108 Woodpark Blvd. Woodstock, GA Be there, get your shoos, etc. and be ready to bowl at 12:30 The exact cost will be in the February Valve Chatter; which includes shoe rental & lunch. More specific details and directions will be in the February Valve Chatter.

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models of vehicles. Some there only because they hold fond memories for either the owner or for his wife; others are rare, meticulously restored, and with a history of their own. For several it was obvious the cost of restoration not limited, and were deserving of their many National awards.



V12 Packard. Private Collection

Having served in the Navy, and in Naval Aviation, a stop at the Southern Museum of Flight brought back proud memories. The Museum contained exhibits illustrating flight from the earliest attempts at flight up to some of the most current aircraft. Especially exhilarating to me was finding a plane on display (pictured below) that had belonged to the Air Group I was part of during my Navy years. With a unexpectedly large collection, the museum rivals those in much larger cities; an assembly of which Alabama should be proud.



Southern Museum of Flight

No Buick outing is complete without plenty of stops for food or ice cream. This time we lunched at the restaurant which made Fannie Flagg and Fried Green Tomatoes known world Wide. Not the one used in the movie, but the one in which she dined and gathered her material, the Irondale Caf . True to the story, while we were there a CSX Freight stopped in front and changed crews.

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Lunch at Irondale Cafe

December Birthdays

12/1	John Sincere
12/2	John Watkins
12/7	Glenda Stone
12/11	Roger Smith
12/13	Chip Wright
12/18	Janet Bass
12/18	Maynard Cash
12/23	Lisa Patrick
12/28	Ron Bergeron

December Anniversaries

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Mark & Wanda Reeves on the birth of their first grandchild. Lilly Jane Reeves arrived weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. and was 20" long. The proud parents are Chip & Tammy Reeves. If Mark & Wanda are smiling the next time you see them, you now know the reason.



Fannie Flagg Recognized



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As we have heard anything is collectable, and The Barber Vintage Motorcycle Museum verifies it. Finding that collecting cars proved expensive George Barber (a motorcycle racer) started collecting unusual motorcycles. His collection is rated now as the third best motorcycle museum in the world and houses over 1000 motorcycles. They date from the earliest bikes made to WWII Military bikes up to the most modern made today. A must see if ever in the Birmingham area.



Barber Motorcycle Museum

Birmingham was big in supplying iron for guns, and Iron Clad Ships during the Civil War. Three furnaces were restored at Tannehill Ironworks, and one produced a small amount of iron for the 1977 US Bicentennial. Vulcan Park, in downtown Birmingham, memorializes the contribution Birmingham made during the great iron and steel age. The center point is a colossal statue of Vulcan (god of Iron and steel), which was part of the 1904, St. Louis Worlds Fair. Having been cast in Birmingham it was brought back to Birmingham and is the world's largest cast iron statue and considered one of the most memorable works of civic art in the United States.



Vulcan Park. Part of the Dixie contingent in front of a sculpture depicting Birmingham's contribution to the production of Iron and Steel.

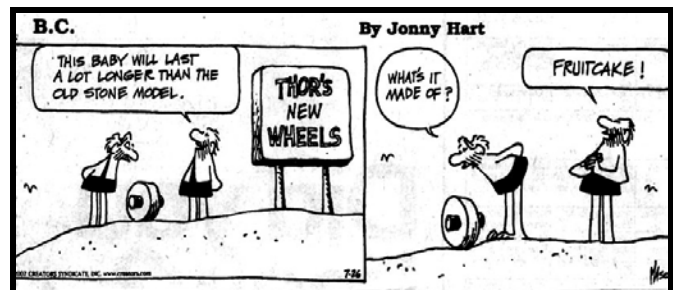
A highlight, however, for us "motor heads" was a visit to Hesco Inc. and talk with the owner, Mr. Lee Hurley. Mr. Hurley has been in auto mechanics for many years, and has a reputation far-and-wide. For almost four decades, he has been known as "Mr. Muscle Car" in Birmingham for his mastery in the auto shop. Prior to opening his own business he built racing engines for Bobby Allison, and also for Neil Bonnett that won two NASCAR championships. He is very personable and spent most of our visit answering individual questions, and offering suggestions for us Buick owners.

The 2011 Regional will be hosted by the Tarheel Chapter and from literature provided in Birmingham will be another winner. Watch for more information.



Mr. Lee Hurly with a cylinder head built in his shop. Below (center), answering questions, and offering suggestions for tour participants.

Grit In The Gearbox



Deals For Wheels

For Sale

CB radios, antennas, slide mounts, transmission hump mounts, extension speakers and accessories. New replacement microphones for many sets. Will test your CB for proper operation.

For all you tourers! In addition to my usual radios, I have several deluxe CB radios including:

- . **Cobra 40X** with chrome face and new deluxe mike. Like new!
- . **Kraco** with woodtone face. New in box!
- . **Midland 13-830** "top view". Like new!
- . **3 Midland "hide away"** radios. All controls on mike sized handset; main unit can be hidden under seat, under dash, or even in trunk with included optional extra long cord. New in box!

Have splitters so you can use your car antenna for your CB. Be ready for tours! Call or e-mail and I will be glad to talk and send you pictures of any or all radios. **Contact Roddy Pearce 404-371-1999 or roddypearce@mindspring.com**

For Sale

New Old Stock Monroe Max-Air Air Shocks. Fits 73-77 Century, 77-90 Estate Wagon, 73-77 Regal and 91-96 Roadmaster, as well as many other GM cars. A list is available at <http://www.oreillyauto.com/site/c/detail/MON3/MA717.oap?keyword=ma717> When you get to the O'Reilly web page, you are required to enter a zip code and select a store, it will then bring up a screen showing this set of shocks. Just click the "Compatibility" tab to see the complete list of cars that these will fit. The Max-Air Part Number is MA-717. \$25. **Contact Jerry Richstein 770-924-4779, or jerry.richstein@juno.com**

For Sale

Original Buick Owner's Manuals for 1949, 1952, 1956, 1973, and 1978. Also original Reference Book for 1926 Buick Standard Six and Master Six. **Contact Rich Fink, 770-459-4098 or richfink@gmail.com**

For Sale

Buick Reference, Specifications, adjustments and Shop manuals for 1924,1926,1927,1928 1929 & 1931. Contact Jene Van Arnam, Harrison, TN 423-344-4706.

Parts For Sale

1953-56 Buick V8, two NOS Delco-Remy Distributor Breaker Plate Assemblies - which include the plate, points, condenser and primary wire. They are part number 1923257 and are in opened Delco Remy boxes. \$15 each plus postage. **Contact Jay Friedman, jaysfriedman@yahoo.com**

For Sale

1959 Buick LeSabre Sedan. Silver Birch/Arctic white, green interior. 83k mi. It's all original and runs great. Asking \$9,000 firm. Prefer to sell to a local chapter member. **Contact Chip Wright 770-932-0178 or 59deltawingpilot@gmail.com**

For Sale (New Listing)

1989 LeSabre wagon. It has power everything and it all works. The motor was replaced about 40 K miles ago. All new brakes (around \$600), tuned it up, had the ac services, new alternator, new sound system with disc player, all new suspension all the way around, steering gear box rebuilt. - on and on and on. The car was repainted before I got it, but it has oxidized and some of the paneling is blown off. otherwise it is in good condition. This is not a show car, but a dependable daily driver. Asking \$1,700 **Contact Ken Hendrick 404 409 3423 klhendrick2002@yahoo.com**



Picture not Available

Club Store Items For Sale

Item	Price
BCA Logo Patch	\$2.00
BCA Logo Decal	\$0.75
Buick Trash Bag	\$0.50
Dixie Chapter Button/Pin	\$0.50
Large number of Dashboard Plaques from prior years - from 1984 to 2001.	

Contact Jack Horvath: 770-934-0127 or pjhorvath@bellsouth.net

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