



DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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A word from our Director:

Hello Dixie Buick Chapter:

Congratulations to the new slate of Dixie officers newly elected. We look forward to exciting new ideas and actions. I want to thank all who have helped me these last 4 years. I leaned on several chapter members for their suggestions and advice. I especially want to Thank Bruce and Shar as they have been my mentors these last 4 years.

I am reading in Hemmings Muscle Machines that Buick now offers a Regal GS AWD. That's right, All Wheel Drive. Not that we need AWD for snow in GA, but AWD improves acceleration and handling. Bob, time to trade in your Regal GS for a Regal GS AWD.

More news from the world of Buick Motor Division, or should I say Consumer Reports. Buick has become the first auto brand from Detroit's Big 3 automakers to place in the Top Three in Consumer Reports annual ranking of the most reliable automotive brands in three decades. [Chevrolet ranked 15th out of 29 brands.] One reason the Buick brand has been able to leap-frog others has been its limited vehicle lineup... with none of the pickups and truck based SUV's that have negatively impacted other brands. Wouldn't you really rather have a Buick?

See you at the Christmas Party on December 4th.

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A word from our Assistant Director:

This year's **Holiday Party** will be held on Sunday December 4th at **Ippolito's Italian Restaurant**.

Address: 350 Town Center
Suwanee, Georgia 30024
678-985-4377

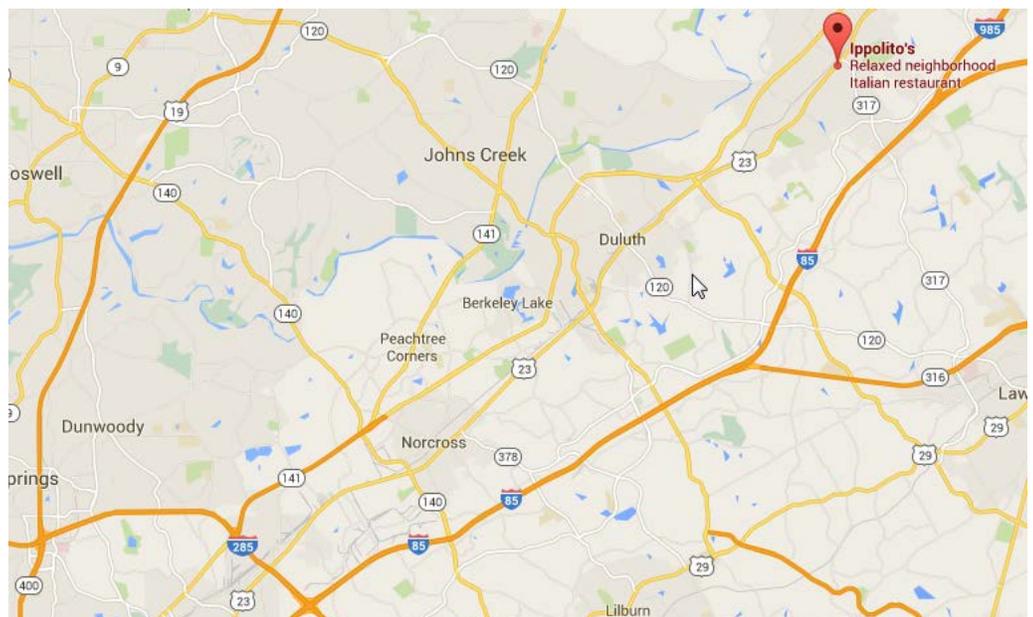
The party will start at
2:00 pm

Dinner will be served at
about 3:00 pm

Menu: Salad, Garlic Rolls,
Lasagna, Chicken
Parmesan, Dessert and
Non-alcoholic beverages.

Alcoholic beverages will be
available in the bar area for
those interested.

The club will absorb most of
the total cost of \$35.00 per
person. **Participants pay
ONLY \$10.00.**



We will also have our annual gift exchange with a cap of \$20.00 per gift.

Please RSVP to Dave Gareau, buickman7185@att.net, or 404-863-9768, by November 20th.

Editorial Comment:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have supported me during my tenure as Newsletter Editor by providing photos, articles, article ideas, member news, and other content for the *Dixie Valve Chatter*.

Please help ensure the continued success of the *Dixie Valve Chatter* by sending any content that you think will be of interest to our membership to **Mike Steger**, our new DVC Editor.

On behalf of the "Sunshine Committee" and myself I wish you all ("all y'all" or "youse guys") a "Happy Holiday Season", including "Merry Christmas", "Happy Kwanzaa", and anything else that reminds each of you how much we cherish your friendship.

Love & Peace,
Jerry



The Timing Chain:



December 4, 2016: Holiday Party at Ippolito's in Suwanee 2 pm.
Look for details in Dave's "Word from our Asst. Director" on page 1.

January 8, 2017: Regular monthly meeting. Details next month.

February 12, 2017: Annual Bowl-A-Rama followed by lunch & meeting.

July 5-8, 2017: The 2017 BCA National will be held in Brookfield, WI.

October 18-22, 2017: The 2017 BCA Southeastern Regional will be hosted by the Bama Chapter and will be based in Anniston, AL.
Details to follow as they become available.

2017-2018 Officer Elections: The Dixie Chapter election was held at the November meeting.

The Officers for the next two years are:

Director:	Don McClair
Asst. Director:	Bill McGowen
Secretary:	Jack Horvath
Treasurer:	Jerry Richstein
N. L. Editor:	Mike Steger

Membership Renewal Time: Membership Renewal Notices will be mailed out next week. Those that have prepaid for 2017 or beyond do not need to pay any additional dues at this time.

However, please return the Membership Form so we can verify that we have your correct address, phone number(s), email address, National BCA Number, etc.

Those that do owe dues at this time can pay for up to 3 years at \$20 per year.

Past winners of the Meritorious Award pay just \$10 per year, and current Elected Chapter Officers don't pay Chapter dues while in office.

**Membership
renewals
are due by Dec. 31st**

Cars of the Month:



Every month we will include at least a picture or two of member's cars, usually as seen at recent meetings, tours or events.

Try to be an active member, be sure to drive your "pride and joy", and then look for your picture in the next issue of the ***Dixie Valve Chatter!***

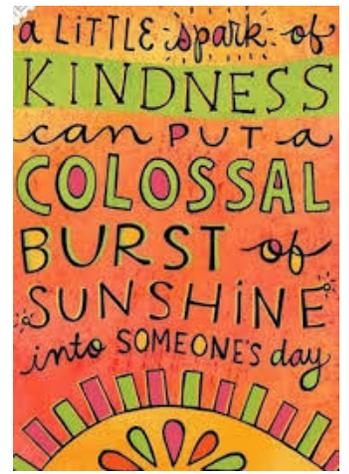
From the “Sunshine Committee”:

Kat Fink broke her ankle **again**, and is recovering at home.

Gus & Rita Valeri are “under the weather”.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

If you know of a member who is ill, injured, recovering, or just in need of a special thought and bit of hope sent their way, please let Jean Richstein know about them as soon as possible. She is making certain that cards and well wishes are sent from the Dixie Chapter BCA. To enable Jean to share the Club’s thoughts and concerns in a timely manner, please be sure to keep her well informed. grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com



Car Quiz:

What year and Model Buick did Santa drive?

Hint: This full-size luxury car was built by Buick from 1959 to 1990.



The answer is on page 5.

It happened in November:

On November 13th a small group of 18 Dixie Chapter members gathered at Mazzy’s Sports Bar & Grill in Norcross. We enjoyed having lunch together, and then had our business meeting. There was lots of interesting discussion on **several important topics. Chapter Elections were held.**

We also discussed our annual charitable contributions, and decided to donate \$750 to the **USO of GA**, and \$500 to **Simple Needs of GA.**

Come to the meetings to hear all the details first hand, and be part of the decision making process!

Member “News”: No “News” this month. ☹

NOTE: If you know of members winning awards or touring to interesting places, or have an idea for an article of interest to our members, please let Mike know at least one week before the end of the month to enable inclusion in the next **Dixie Valve Chatter.**



Online Only Content: There is another interesting “List” online; “The 20 fastest muscle cars ever”.



It’s no surprise that this 1970 GS Stage I is on the list. Buick has been at the vanguard of performance evolution, since the unveiling of the 1936 Century, so named due to its ability to accelerate to triple digits even in stock form. In the realm of muscle cars, Buick’s 455 is regarded as the most powerful engine in terms of torque output over the next 22 years.

You can see the entire list [HERE.](#)

Deals on Wheels:

Buick Wheels for Sale: 14" x 6" GM stock for 1964-1972 A bodies, 15" x 7" GM stock for 1998-2004 Century, 14" x 6" Buick chrome road wheels JK and JJ bead type, 1968-1982.

All wheels \$15.00 each.

Call Lee Hurdelbrink 404-702-3350 or email atlantaBLH@aol.com for specs or additional pictures.



1969 Electra Convertible: Full Power & Cold A/C, 92K (believed) original well maintained



miles, runs & drives like new. Health issues force the sale of this great tour or show car. It is being offered to Dixie Chapter members first for \$16,900



obo. Contact Don McClair (770)271-2759 ridge271@att.net or Bruce Kile (770)977-7924 sbkile58@aol.com for more pictures and information.

1986 Century Custom Sedan: This 1986 Century Custom has been immaculately maintained. Less than 35k miles! Originally owned by my uncle who purchased it brand-new and passed away a few months ago. This car looks and drives as if it came off the show room floor. Never been in an accident was garage kept. Looks & drives great, new tires, Non-smoker, one owner, until I brought it to Georgia, Seats like new, and Title in hand, very clean

interior. This car is in perfect condition and must be seen to truly appreciate the beauty! The only issue with the car at all is that it needs an air conditioner compressor clutch for the AC to work. Asking \$4,000 or best offer. Contact Barbara Price for more info. 678-508-2878 bprice4006@yahoo.com



Do you need replacement wheels or hubcaps?

Bianca at Hubcaps.com & OriginalWheels.com offers Car Club Members a discount on the Factory Hubcaps & Wheels that they show on their websites. They currently have over one million hubcaps & Rims in inventory so they may have what you need.

You would need to call them at 800-826-5880 for the discount as they do not have the ability to discount online orders. Just tell them that you are from the **Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club**, and they will figure out the best possible discount to give you.

Do you have a Buick or "car stuff" for sale?

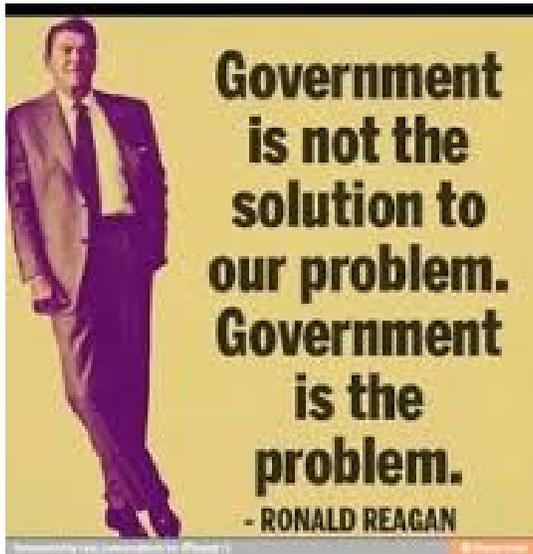
All Dixie Chapter members can advertise "For Sale" cars, parts, and car related "stuff" for up to 6 months, or longer if space permits.

In addition, non-members can advertise their cars and parts for up to 3 months, space permitting, if they have items that may be of interest to our members. This is as a courtesy to the sellers, and as a service for our members.

Please send your ads to Mike at least one week before the end of the month to ensure that your ad is included in the next **Dixie Valve Chatter**.



Quotable Quotes



Grit In The Gearbox



Car Quiz Answer:

Santa is driving a 1974 Electra 225.

The Buick Electra was a full-size luxury car that was built by Buick from 1959 to 1990. Harlow H. Curtice, former president of the Buick division and later president of General Motors, named the car after his sister-in-law, Electra Waggoner Biggs. You can read a lot more about the Electra on the "wiki"; simply click [HERE](#).



1959 Electra 225



Happy Birthday to:

- 12/1 John Sincere
- 12/18 Janet Bass
- 12/18 Maynard Cash
- 12/18 Dave Gareau
- 12/20 John-Paul Glenkey
- 12/27 Patricia Lisenby
- 12/28 Ron Bergeron

Happy Anniversary to:

- 12/18 Roy & Janet Bass
- 12/20 Paul & Penny VanNortwick
- 12/31 Skip & Jane Petsch



As important events in the lives of our members, birthdays and anniversaries are recognized in the *Dixie Valve Chatter*, but **with no mention of ages or years without the permission of the member**. If you will be reaching a milestone birthday or significant anniversary this year, please let **Mike Steger** know so we can all share in your special celebration.

The Dixie Chapter is one of over 60 Chapters of the Buick Club of America, "a non-profit membership corporation dedicated to the preservation and restoration of those vehicles built by the Buick Motor Division of General Motors Corporation".

The current (until 12-31-16) elected and appointed officers are:

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For Photos and Upcoming Events: Check us out on Facebook, "Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America", and on the Web at www.dixie.buickclub.org