



DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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A word from our Director:

Break out the bowling ball! Shine up the bowling shoes! It's time for the Dixie BCA Bowl-A-Rama! Good times to be had for one and all. February 21st is right around the corner. Whether you are in a bowling league, or a once a year person like me, Bruce and Shar have their "handicapping system" to make it fun for everyone. Let the Kiles know how many in your family are coming.

The Detroit Auto Show is the annual North America kickoff for what's new in cars. USA Today ranked the Buick Avista in the top 3 Best of Show. The Avista is still in concept, but may debut as a 2017 model. 400 HP, 3.0 Liter V-6 turbo-charged rear wheel drive coupe is the power train. Very slick lines inside and out. Check out this video link: <http://gmauthority.com> I've got to start saving my nickels and dimes for this one!

Happy Motoring,
J D

Editorial Comment:

The thing that I love most about the Buick Club, and the car hobby in general, is not the cars but the time that I get to spend with the many close friends that I have made over the years.

I'm looking forward to seeing "y'all" at the annual Bowl-A-Rama **so I can give you each a big hug!** ☺

I am always looking to all Dixie Chapter members for help by providing photos, article ideas, member news, cars & car "stuff" for sale and any other content that they think will be of interest to our membership. All submittals will be considered and I will use as much as possible. Please submit your ideas to me via e-mail to jerry.richstein@gmail.com or call me at 404-769-6071.

Love & Peace,
Jerry



Welcome NEW Members!

John & Ann Rebeck have joined the Dixie Chapter. They live in Eatonton, GA and have a 1973 Electra 225 2 Door. Please look for them and welcome them to our Chapter!

CLUB SALES: The club "store" is now open for business at all business meetings. Some of the items available are cloth BCA jacket patches, static cling BCA window decals, keepsake ornaments (featuring various **Buick** models), and **Buick** playing cards. Call **Bruce Kile** for pricing or questions (770) 977-7924

It Happened in January: On January 10th a small group of only 10 Dixie Chapter members gathered at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Roswell. We enjoyed having lunch together, and then had a short business meeting.

B O W L - A - R A M A

Happening in February

WHAT: Annual Dixie Chapter "Bowl-A-Rama"

WHEN: Sunday February 21st

WHERE: AMF Woodstock Lanes
108 Woodpark Blvd.
Woodstock, GA 30188
770-926-2200

START BOWLING: Promptly at 12:30, so get there early!

LUNCH TIME: After Bowling, at about 3 p.m. with a business meeting to follow.

The cost is the same as last year; \$12 adults (over 12), \$9 for 12 & under. The price includes 3 games bowling, shoe rental & lunch, or \$6 for those having lunch only.

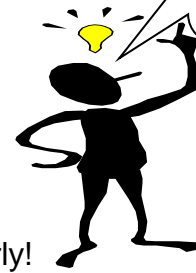
No price increase for the past 8 years, "what a deal"!!

This is one of our most fun events. Remember.....bowling skill is not required, in fact with the "handicap system" we have, higher average bowlers have more of a challenge than those who don't bowl too often. **There will be awards & prizes.**

Weather permitting, be sure to drive those Buicks, there will be ample secluded parking.

RSVP: Please RSVP by February 16th by phone or email to Bruce or Shar
770-977-7924, sbkile58@aol.com

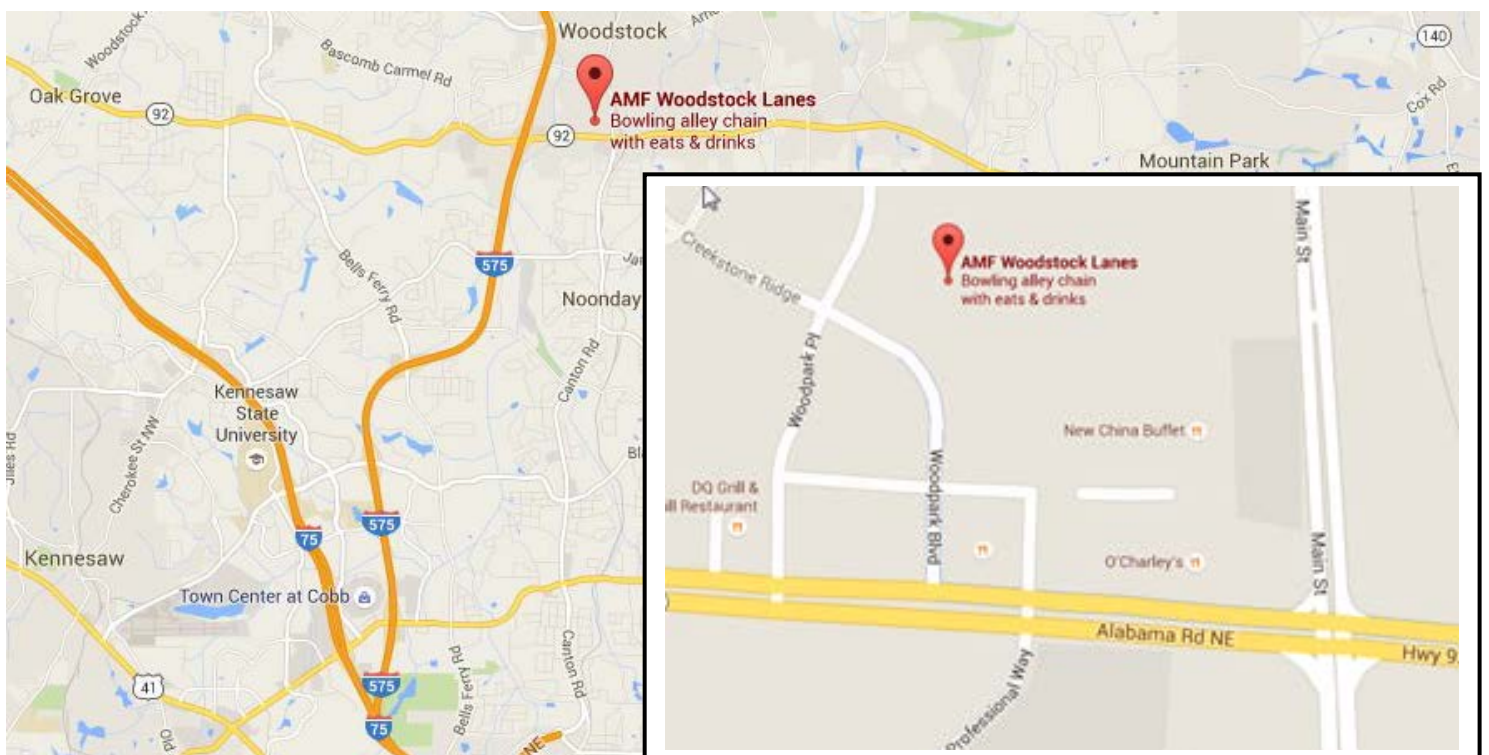
*Wear Your
Name Tag*



Let's make this our best Bowl-A-Rama ever!

DIRECTIONS: I-75 North to 1-575 / Phillip M Landrum Memorial Hwy North toward Canton. Exit 7 right, GA 92 toward Woodstock. Turn right onto GA 92. Go approximately 3/4 mile and turn left at the Dairy Queen onto Woodpark Place. Follow the circle around to AMF Woodstock Lanes.

For those coming from the East take GA 92 West. Cross Canton Hwy. Go approximately 1,000 feet and then turn right between McDonalds & Velox Insurance onto Woodpark Blvd. Follow the circle until you see AMF Woodstock Lanes.





Car Quiz:

If you thought that last month's quiz was hard trying to identify cars by just seeing their dashboards, try identifying these engines!

What Car Company & how many Cubic Inches?



Hint: They are both V-8, but only one is a Buick. The answer is on page 6.

Online Only Content:

The "Villa Riviera", one of the most elegant creations of the late George Barris recently sold at auction for \$176,000.

It was originally built for the Movie "For Those Who Think Young", and has had only two owners since new!

You can read all about the car on the Dragone Auctions website.

<http://www.dragoneauctions.com/#!1963-buick-villa-riviera--/t2q3g>



The Timing Chain:

February 13, 2016: Any of you that were at the January Meeting probably remember **Bruce Kile** mentioning the dinner & play that the men's club at his Church are hosting on Valentine's Day. The play is *The Cemetery Club* and tickets are \$25 each. www.transfiguration.com for more info, or ask **Bruce Kile** 770-977-7924 sbkile58@aol.com

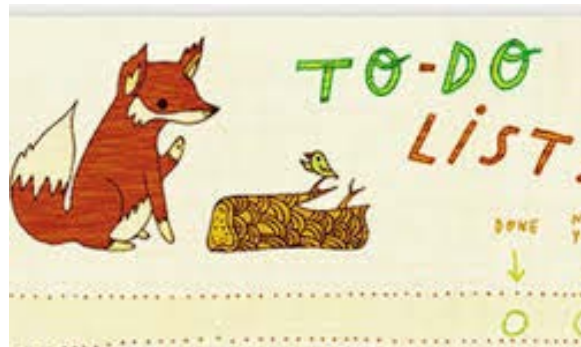
February 21, 2016: Annual Bowl-A-Rama. Start bowling at 12:30 with lunch and a business meeting to follow. Look for details on page 2.

April 30, 2016: BOP&C hosted by the Southeastern GTO Association (SEGTOA). The SEGTOA has requested that any Dixie Chapter BCA members that would like to volunteer to help with the 2016 BOPC to please contact Show Chairman Paul Sorrells at 404-702-3398.

May 15-19, 2016: The Buick Driving Enthusiasts (BDE) National Spring Tour will be hosted by DCBCA members **Skip & Jane Petsch** in nearby Pine Mountain, GA. The BDE is a division of the BCA and you can attend 1 BDE tour without being a member. After your "test drive" you can then decide whether or not to join the BDE. Ask **Skip** or **Bruce & Shar Kile** for additional details.

July 27-31, 2016: It's not too soon to register for the 2016 BCA National in Allentown, PA. The 2016 National will be an extra special event since the BCA will be celebrating **50 years!** Make your hotel reservations **soon**, as hotels will fill. Details available at <http://www.buickclub.org/2016anniversary/>

October 13-15, 2016: The 2016 BCA South East Regional will be hosted by the Music City Chapter and will be held somewhere in "middle TN".



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 Jerry know at least one week before the end of the month to enable inclusion in the next **Dixie Valve Chatter**.

From the “Sunshine Committee”:

Nothing to report this month; “**No News is GOOD news!**”

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



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.

This month the car is **NOT** from a recent meeting, but **LONG, LONG ago**.

I got this picture from **Don McClair**, along with the following note:



Reading **Tom Lynde's** article in the December *Dixie Valve Chatter* about George Barris, and more recently an article in the January issue of the *Buick Bugle* with pictures of the 1963 Riviera by George Barris, brought back some fond

memories of 1968 when I had a 1965 Ford Thunderbird that was customized by George Barris for Dean Martin. I have not been able to find on the web where Barris did this car but it is typical of something that he would do and Revel made a model kit of a 1966 T-Bird that was very similar except it was a solid color of Burgundy. This center panel on this car was sort of burgundy and the white was a pearl white. There was a small Sony TV in the center of the dash and there was a standard sized turntable in the right side of the dash. In the center of the console was a decanter with a pump handle and six shot glasses around it. The headlights were really weird in that each one would cast a distinctive “V” shaped pattern. They were halogen and supposed to have come from France. The door handles had been shaved and there was a small panel on the door that you would push up to open the doors. It also had a fiberglass tonneau cover the rear seat making a two seater out of it. The Polaroid picture was taken with me sitting the front seat at age 20 and is faded pretty bad. The Draft got after me and I enlisted in the Air Force and the choice was to sell this car or my 1967 442 Oldsmobile. This 442 won out because you could not lock the T-Bird and my mother was having a hissy fit because the Bird was taking up space in their one car garage and it was winter time in Pennsylvania. I am sure the lettering at the bottom of the front fenders was probably done by the person who was touring the country with it attending car shows because if George Barris did autograph a car it would not have been done as crude as this. I think back now of what this car would be worth today but hindsight is always 20/20.

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!***

USO Update!

You’ve heard of **Jay Leno**, and you’ve heard of the **USO**, but did you know that **Jay Leno** is a big supporter of the **USO**? Read the articles at <http://www.foxbusiness.com> and <http://usoonpatrol.org> to find out.



Photo by **Jensen Sutta**
& courtesy of **On Patrol** magazine.

Membership Renewal Time has PAST: 2016 Dixie Chapter dues are due by 12/31/15. If you are one of the 12 that have not yet paid your 2016 Chapter dues, please send \$20 A.S.A.P.

Deals on Wheels:

1960 Buick LeSabre: Debbie Brooks has decided to part with her award winning 1960 LeSabre.

My car is a 1960 Buick LeSabre with just under 43,000 original miles. Lots of new parts!

I won best GM car, best in class, plus a couple of plaques this year. She is a beautiful car and I hate to part with her. She has leaks and needs more gaskets replaced. She needs front brake shoes as the ones I purchased didn't fit and she needs a horn as the horn button fell down inside steering column when the new turn signal actuator was put in. I also had a guy who works on upholstery repair a couple of places where seam was coming apart. I just can't afford to pay out anymore. Although I love my car and everyone who sees her loves her too!



Asking \$15,000

Debbie Brooks

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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.



Need AC Delco parts? If you are in the need of genuine AC Delco parts such as batteries (including 6 volt) ignition parts etc., at discount pricing. We have established a "cash account" with Johnson Industries in Atlanta aka "J. I. Parts Express" <http://www.jipartsexpress.com/>. Simply phone the call center at (770) 448-3896 and tell them that you are with the Buick Club account #47225, and place your order. You will also need to tell them which of the 8 distribution warehouses you would like to pick it up & pay at. Distribution centers are in Woodstock, Marietta, Norcross, Emery, Snellville, Turner Field, Roswell, & Columbus. **A "cash account" does include Visa/MasterCard.** If you have any questions call **Bruce Kile (770) 977-7924.**

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 Jerry 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

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."

~ Thomas Aquinas

*Happy Valentine's Day,
my friend!*

Grit In The Gearbox



Car Quiz Answer: The engine on the left is a **Buick 455** and the other is in a **Mopar 340**.

If you liked this quiz you can try to identify 17 more engines from 1957-72 online at

<http://www.americantorque.com/game/60s-V8-engine-ID/>



Happy Birthday to:

2/2 Steve Zigler
2/12 Joe Brewer
2/15 Bruce Kile
2/18 Danny Bryant
2/24 Maureen Bryant
2/24 Gail Anderson
2/28 Bob McNichols

No Anniversaries to celebrate this month

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 **Jerry Richstein** know so we can all share in your special celebration. jerry.richstein@gmail.com

DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS or ARE YOU CHANGING YOUR E-MAIL?

If you have an e-mail address but haven't previously given it to Jerry, please send it to jerry.richstein@gmail.com, so you can receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail and get direct links to all of the online only content.

If you have a **NEW** e-mail address, please notify Jerry Richstein at jerry.richstein@gmail.com so you can continue to receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail.

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