



DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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March 2017

A word from our Director:

Everyone attending our 20th anniversary Bowl-a-Rama had a really great time. Also it was good to see **Ken and Lori Barrett** and **Charles and Jana Hunter** again.

With the Kile method of calculating scores and handicaps some of our bowlers had some really good scores that would almost qualify them to go on tour! There was a short meeting after the awards in which we covered some information regarding the upcoming BOP&C car show. More about the car show will follow in this newsletter.

Our March meeting will be at Mazzy's Sports Bar in Norcross so be sure to come out for some great fellowship and good food. Weather permitting drive your classic Buick and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Don

Editorial Comment:

Spring is right around the corner so start waxing up those Buicks and get ready for plenty of opportunities to get outside and have some fun with them.

There are cruise-ins almost every Friday and Saturday, plus several big car shows and tours coming up soon.

The Annual BOP&C is May 5-6, and the BCA will have the Buick National "Family Reunion" July 5-8 in Brookfield, WI.

The "After Tour" will be most of the week following the BCA National. Ask Bruce and Shar for more details about the "After Tour".

Get out, show off those shiny Buicks and have some fun!

Love & Peace,
Jerry Richstein



The Timing Chain:

March 12, 2017: Daylight saving time begins! ("Spring ahead")

Do it correctly so you're not late to the Dixie Chapter meeting!

March 12, 2017: Regular monthly meeting –1:00 PM at Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill, 7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross.

April 9, 2017: Regular monthly meeting – at McIntosh Performance Motors in Cumming. More details next month.

May 6, 2017: BOP&C. all the details can be found online [HERE](#). The flyer and registration form are also attached to this DVC.

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.



Car Quiz:

What year and model is this Buick?

“Extra Credit”: What fact made this a “Milestone” car?

Hint: It took Buick 20 years to reach this milestone.

The answer is on page 5.



Left to right is motor plant manager **William Beacraft**-research engineer **Eugene C. Richard**-superintendent **Colman J. Ross**-assistant chief engineer **Ferdinand A. (Dutch) Bower** and chief engineer **Enos DeWaters**.

It Happened in February: On February 12th 20 Dixie Chapter members gathered at the AMF Woodstock Lanes for the annual Bowl-A-Rama” for a friendly competition.

After bowling we enjoyed having lunch together, and then had a short business meeting.

Be sure to attend the next meeting on March 12th. 1:00 PM DST at Mazzy’s Sports Bar & Grill.



Online Only Content:

New 2018 Buick Enclave expected at the New York Auto Show

Roomier cabin and additional trim levels likely for next-gen three-row crossover.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the 2018 Enclave.



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 Steger** know at least two weeks before the end of the month to enable inclusion in the next **Dixie Valve Chatter**.

From the "Sunshine Committee":

Nothing to report this month, so as they say:
"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



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



Car 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!**



Need AC Delco parts? If you are in the need of genuine

ACDelco 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"

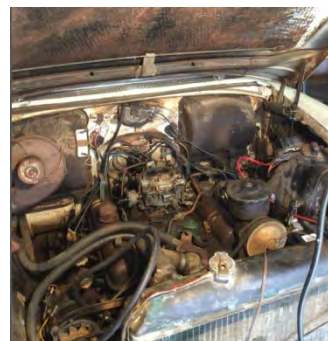
<https://www.teamji.com/home/prodServ.htm>. Simply phone the call center at (770) 448-3896 and tell them that you are with the Buick Club account #47225, and place your order. You will also

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.



Deals on Wheels:

1956 Century Riviera Sedan: Have all parts missing in picture. In family (1 owner) and kept under cover most of life. It's been off the street since 1979. Does run & move, 28000 miles. Asking \$10,000. Contact Bob Wilson for more pictures and info. 770-928-8885 or 404-580-6613.



MORE 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 \$15,000



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**.

ST. PATRICK DRIVES THE SNAKES OUT OF IRELAND



Quotable Quotes



Crabby Road

Crabby Road



Grit In
The
Gearbox

Car Quiz Answer:

This 1923 Model 55 Sport Touring Sedan was the 1 millionth Buick built, and it rolled off the assembly line in March 1923.

You can read a scan of a 1923 newspaper article discussing why many Buick dealers wanted this car by clicking [HERE](#).

**MILLIONTH CAR
MADE BY BUICK
WANTED BY MANY**



Sales manager Ed Strong.



Happy Birthday to:

- 3/4 Roddy Pearce
- 3/10 Tammy Lynde
- 3/11 Jean Richstein
- 3/14 Bill Eisenhardt
- 3/20 Penny VanNortwick
- 3/28 Tria Palmer
- 3/29 Hugh Hughes

Happy Anniversary to:

- 3/21 Charles & Jana Hunter



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. mg.steger52@gmail.com

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".

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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



36th ANNUAL PEACH BLOSSOM B.O.P.C.

Buick • Oldsmobile • Pontiac • Cadillac

Car Show, Swap Meet, & Car Corral

May 5 - 6, 2017

Friday, May 5, 2017 – Cruise In & Welcome Dinner at 7:00 PM

Twin Peaks Restaurant

2475 George Busbee Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA • (678) 348-1605

★ *Cash bar and dinner available at your cost* ★

Saturday, May 6, 2017 – Car Show & Swap Meet

Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Rd, Marietta, GA 30066

8:00 am to noon—Registration

Popular Vote Judging ends at 1:00 pm with Award Ceremony at 2:30 pm

Hosted by the Dixie Olds Club

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW: Take I-75 to Exit 269 (Barrett Parkway – Town Center Mall). Turn east, Barrett Parkway becomes Piedmont Road. The Church and Car Show are about two miles on the right. (Note: I-575 also crosses Barrett Parkway at Exit One and avoids much of the Town Center traffic. Getting off I-575 at that exit, and heading east, puts you a half mile closer to the show.)

FRIDAY WELCOME DINNER and HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: The Cruise In and Welcome Dinner will be held at Twin Peaks Restaurant, beginning at 7:00 pm. Admission is free but guests will pay for their own food and drinks. The Holiday Inn Express at 2485 Busbee Parkway, Kennesaw, GA 30144, 770-427-5210, has agreed to be our host hotel for anyone desiring overnight accommodations. Mention the car show for a special rate of \$109 per night. The hotel and restaurant are side by side and located 1.8 miles west of the show site, Piedmont Church.

JUDGING: At least 25 Classes, including separate “Survivor” & “In-Process” classes and “Peer Judging” (popular vote) will be used. Each car registered will receive one ballot, which will entitle you to vote in (up to) three (other) classes for First, Second or Third place. Clubs’ President’s Choice of: **Best Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac, Best of Show, Best In-Process, and Best Survivor.** Classes will be determined by the cars registered by April 21, 2017. So please register early. This not only helps us, but also helps your car to be properly classified. No pop-up tents on show field. Fire extinguisher mandatory. **Trailers not allowed on site until after 4:30 pm Friday and Friday night parking and security will be available at the church.**

For additional show information and to download a registration form, please go to www.DixieOldsClub.com or contact: Stefan Bartelski, oldsmobile@bartelski.com, or 321-947-4211.



BUICK • OLDSMOBILE • PONTIAC • CADILLAC

36th Annual Peach Blossom BOPC Show • May 6, 2017 at Piedmont Baptist Church

Dash Plaques for the first 100 registrations!

Presented by the Dixie Olds Club

Participant Registration (all fields required):

First Name(s) _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Car Registration (Car 1):

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Class _____ Convertible? (Y/N) _____

Club Affiliation _____

Car Registration (Car 2):

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Class _____ Convertible? (Y/N) _____

Club Affiliation _____

Note: Classes may be added, combined, or eliminated day of show. Cars will be parked by class.

If you cannot determine which class your car is in, it will be assigned at registration on day of show.

If no Club Affiliation, would you like more information on becoming a member of one of the clubs at this show?

Please check (✓) all that apply:

() Buick () Oldsmobile () Pontiac () Cadillac

Fees:

Registrations postmarked **by April 21, 2017** are \$25 for first car and _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

\$20 for each additional car _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Vendor spaces reserved **by April 21, 2017** are \$25 for 1st space and _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

\$20 for each additional space _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Car Corral spaces reserved **by April 21, 2017** are \$25 for 1st space and _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

\$20 for each additional space _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

All fees are \$5 additional day of show and postmarked after April 21, 2017

2017 BOPC Commemorative Tee Shirts are \$20 S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____

Total Tee Shirts _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Friday Night Welcome Dinner at Twin Peaks Restaurant, 7:00pm _____ @ N/C Admission

2475 George Busbee Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA • (678) 348-1605 ★ **Guests pay for drinks and dinner** ★

Total enclosed for the 2017 Peach Blossom BOPC Show: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Dixie Olds Club and mail to:
Vicki Mell, Dixie Olds Club, 120 Edgewater Trail, Canton, GA 30115

No pop-up tents allowed on show field. No alcoholic beverages permitted anywhere on property. No food/drinks allowed in Church buildings. Filling out and submitting this form does hereby unconditionally release and discharge the Dixie Olds Chapter, their officers, members, and representatives, and Piedmont Church and their agents from any and all known damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims from any cause whatsoever the applicant family/guests may suffer to his/her person or property. No refunds issued for show cancellation due to weather related acts of God or other catastrophic/unforeseen events. **A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS MANDATORY IN EVERY VEHICLE.**

Signed _____ Date _____

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BOPC 2017 Classes

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| A | Pre 1943 (Pre WW II) All (Non-modified) |
| B | 1946–1954 All |
| C | 1955–1958 All |
| D-1 | 1959–1963 Full Size All & Eldorado Thru 1966 |
| D-2 | 1964–1969 Full Size All |
| E | 1964+ Riviera & Toronado & 1967+ Eldorado |
| F | 1970–1979 Full Size All |
| G | 1978–1989 Non-Sport & Non-Performance All |
| H | 1978–1989 Sport & Performance All |
| I | 1980–2015 2 Seat Sport All |
| J | 1967–1974 Firebird & Trans Am |
| K | 1975–2015 Firebird & Trans Am |
| L | 1961–1967 A-Body Non-Performance All |
| M-1 | 1965 & Earlier All Modified |
| M-2 | 1966–1985 All Modified |
| M-3 | 1986–Current All Modified |
| N-1 | 1961–1964 A-Body Performance All |
| N-2 | 1965–1967 A-Body Performance All |
| O | 1968–1979 A-Body Non-Performance OPEN |
| P | 1968–1979 A-Body Non-Performance CLOSED |
| Q | 1968-1969 A-Body Performance OPEN |
| R | 1968–1969 A-Body Performance CLOSED |
| S | 1970–1979 A-Body Performance OPEN |
| T-1 | 1970–1974 A-Body Performance CLOSED |
| T-2 | 1975–1979 A-Body Performance CLOSED |
| U | 1990–2015 Non-Sport & Non-Performance All |
| V | 1990–2015 Sport & Performance All |
| W | All Years Professional Cars |
| X | Survivor (Pre-1986 Only) |
| Y | Work in Process (Pre-1986) |

Awards for Classes A-W are by Popular Vote, and awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Classes X & Y, Best Buick, Best Oldsmobile, Best Pontiac, Best Cadillac, and Best of Show are selected by BOP&C Club Presidents, 1 award each