



# DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

Official Publication of the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America

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**May 2016**

## A word from our Director:

Dear Dixie Members:

The Dixie Chapter is considering hosting the 2019 or 2020 National BCA Meet. I support the project for the Dixie Chapter. The Dixie Chapter members are the Kings of putting on excellent car shows. Last year we had 171 cars at the BOPC and in my opinion, it was the best BOPC that I have attended in my 5 years in GA. We had about 10 Dixie people that made that Saturday a success.

Bruce and Shar are masters at putting on a national meet. But they can't do it by themselves. I also have put in 3 days of work at the "Buicks are Fine in '99" meet. If we can have 15-20 members pledge to "work" the National meet, it will not be hard work, but pleasurable and rewarding. Rewarding in many ways:

1. We will get to enjoy 350-450 beautiful Buicks in our city.
2. We will get to see old friends and meet new friends that week.
3. We will be rewarded in giving back to the BCA Club... a week's worth of work for all the BCA events we have attended over the years.
4. You can think of other rewards we will experience.

Sure there will be a couple issues to overcome. But let's focus on solutions versus just beating to death the negatives.

- It will be hot in Atlanta in July. Folks, it is hot nationwide in July. I guarantee it won't be any hotter in Atlanta than in Charlotte or Rochester in previous years.
- We have to be concerned about the Atlanta Braves across the freeway. Bruce has done a lot of work on this issue. Personally, I don't care about the Braves. If we lock in a contract with a hotel like the Marriott now, the hotel will not know what the Braves schedule is, and cannot use that as leverage. I would lock in the week of the All-Star game.
- And someone will say... What if the All-Star Game is at the new Braves stadium? I would guess that if the new Braves stadium opens in 2017, they would be more apt to have the All Star Game in 2018. But if the BCA and All Star game do coincide, I say... use it. Have one of the Buick events going to the Home Run Derby. Have the Atlanta Braves showcase our Beautiful Buicks and maybe allow us to drive our cars onto the field. Think positively.

Unfortunately, I will still be working in 2019 or 2020. ☹ So, I plan on taking a week of vacation to put on the meet. If you are also working, you may consider the same. There will be several wintertime monthly meetings that will be needed, but we already spend this time together. **Importantly, we need about 20 Dixie members to make the commitment now so we can march as a troop into this project.** Here's an idea or two: Contact the Atlanta Riviera Club and see if they would like to be involved, or, how about the local GS/GN Club? They are not officially affiliated with BCA, but maybe there is a common thread to bring them into the BCA circle.

Lastly, on the Sunday morning when the National Meet is over, as I am shaking the hands of 500 people that are departing, there will be a tear in my eye. Yes, I will be saying Goodbye to many friends. I also will know that I helped to put a smile on hundreds of Buick owner's faces for a week. As Woody Hayes said 50 years ago... "Pay Ahead and you will reap the rewards for many years".

See you at the BOP&C this weekend, and at the next regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
J D

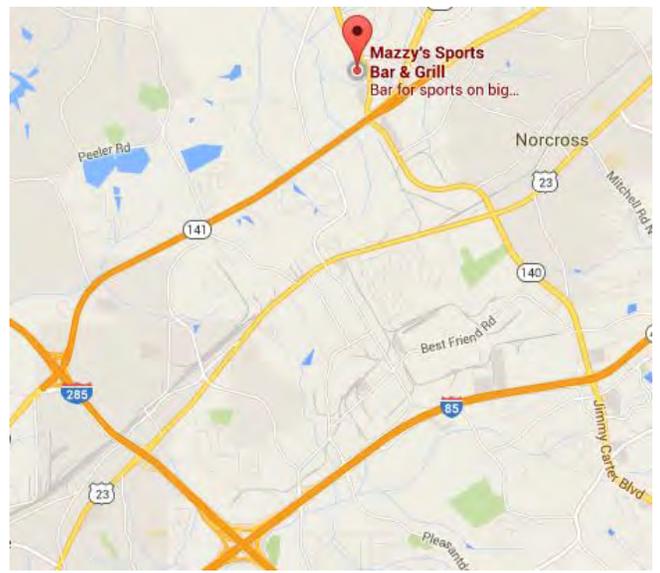
## A word from our Assistant Director:

May Meeting: Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00

Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill  
7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd.  
Norcross, GA 30092  
(678) 822-9888  
mazzys.com

We have a private room for our lunch and meeting.

This Bar & Grill is completely non-smoking and doesn't even allow e-cigs. All e-cig ("Vape") users and smokers go outside on the patio!



## Editorial Comment:

Spring is here and now is the time to get those Buicks all nice and shiny and get them out and drive them.

Jean and I will have our Reatta at the BOP&C on Saturday and hope to see all of you there.

**Happy Mother's Day to all of you Mothers and Grandmothers!** I hope that you all enjoy "your day".

If Jean reminds me when Mother's Day is I'll get her a card. Since our son Russ is working now I'll "suggest" to him that he to take Mom out to dinner, and invite me along, and have him pay for it! 😊

Love & Peace,  
Jerry



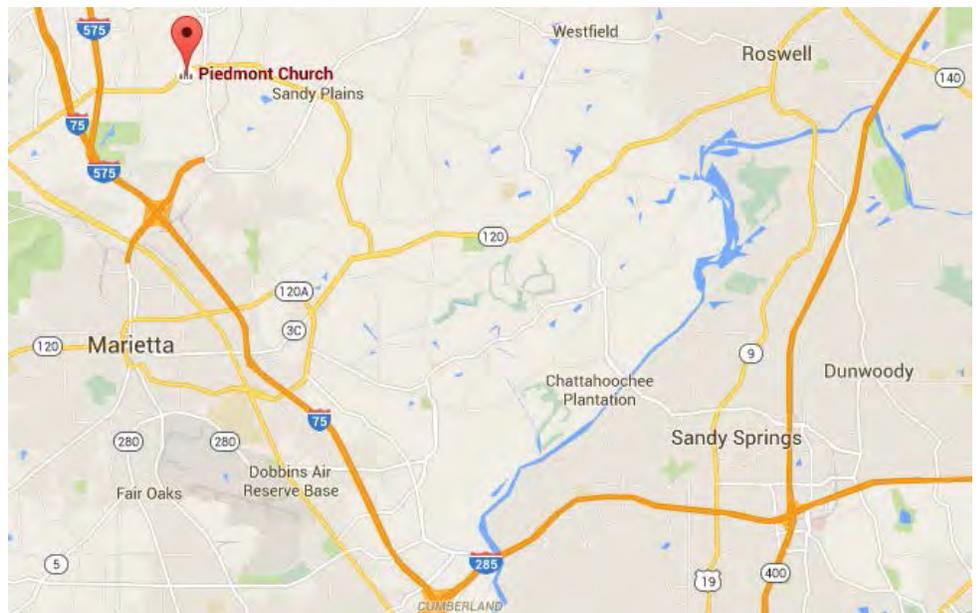
## The Annual BOP&C is THIS SATURDAY!

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Peach Blossom BOP&C is Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>. Yes, this is the "May DVC", but I'm sending it out a few days early to provide this final "reminder" about the BOP&C.

Although it is too late to pre-register, it is definitely not too late to show up Saturday morning and register at the show. If you print out the registration form, fill it out, and bring it with you to the show it will help expedite your check-in.

[2016 BOPC Registration Form](#)

We had over 50 Buicks at the 2015 BOP&C when we hosted it so let's have at least that many there this year to show the other clubs why the "B" is first! The other clubs supported us and it is our turn to show our support of the Southeastern GTO Association (SEGTOA).



## Atlanta Motorama, by Assistant Editor Tom Lynch:

On April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> the Summit Atlanta Motorama was held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton. Billed as "Georgia's Motoring Festival", the two-day event featured over one thousand show cars parked across the track's pit area, a swap meet and car corral, and a large vendor area filled with representatives of major aftermarket parts and services suppliers. For those who wanted to put their cars into action, there was an autocross event as well as the opportunity to drive the track at the close of each day.

After a near rain-out last year, the sun shined upon this year's event and car enthusiasts enjoyed a beautiful Georgia springtime weekend. The Million Dollar Salon boasted full classics like a 1931 Cadillac touring car, a 1928 Franklin, and a pair of Stevens Duryeas. Out in the show field there were several Buicks present, including a number of **Dixie Chapter** cars. Next year's Motorama will take place the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Make plans to attend.



## It happened in April

On April 10<sup>th</sup> 16 Dixie Chapter members gathered at Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill in Norcross. We enjoyed having lunch together, and then had a "very interesting" business meeting.

The most important topic of discussion was the "Serious Project" that JD mentioned in his "Word from the Director" message last month. The "Serious Project" that was discussed is that the Dixie Chapter is considering making a bid for holding a BCA National in Georgia in 2019 or 2020.

JD was out of town on business so he was unable to express his thoughts on the pros and cons of hosting a National. Bruce Kile presented some of the challenges that would be involved.

With only 16 members present at the meeting a decision couldn't be made so expect to hear more about this in the next few months.

All members are invited to express their thoughts to JD, or better yet are encouraged to attend the next Chapter Meeting and express their thoughts to the entire membership.

Charles Hunter won the drawing for a \$25 gift certificate.

**Car Quiz:** Do you recognize this 1950's Buick?  
**What model and year?**

**Hint:** This Buick was on the cover of the ***Buick Bugle*** last month. In addition, any longtime members of the Dixie Chapter will probably remember the owners of this car.

**The answer is on page 8.**



## The Timing Chain:

**April 29-30, 2016:** BOP&C hosted by the Southeastern GTO Association (SEGTOA).

**May 14, 2016:** Norcross Car Show. Flyer attached.

**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. Ask **Skip** or **Bruce & Shar Kile** for additional details.

**May 22, 2016:** Regular monthly meeting. Look for details in Dave's "Word from our Asst. Director" on page 1

**July 27-31, 2016:** The 2016 BCA National will be an extra special event since the BCA will be celebrating **50 years!** Make your hotel reservations **soon**, as hotels are filling up fast. 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".



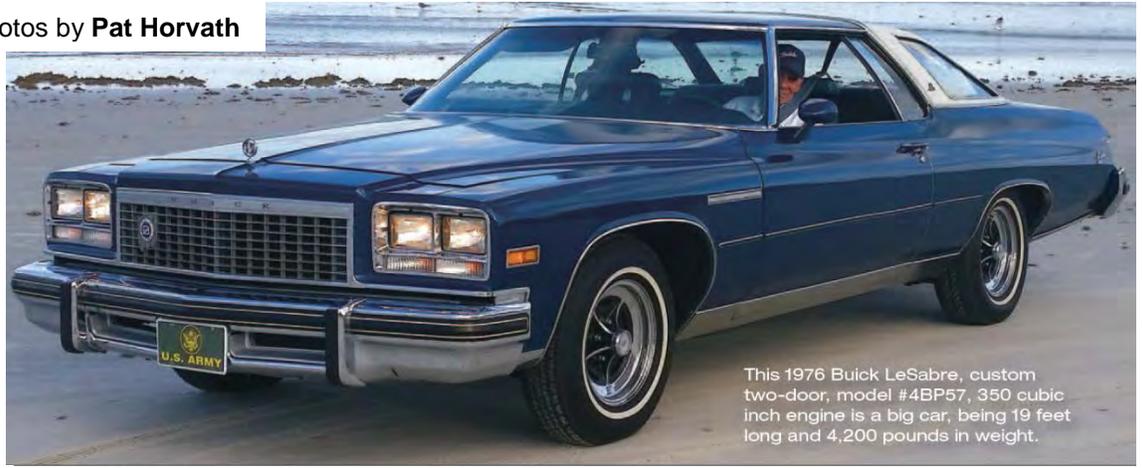
## From the "Sunshine Committee":

**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](mailto:grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com)



**Member "News":** Photos by Pat Horvath



This 1976 Buick LeSabre, custom two-door, model #4BP57, 350 cubic inch engine is a big car, being 19 feet long and 4,200 pounds in weight.

Jack Horvath & Chet Gaines

20 BUICK BUGLE May 2016

**Jack and Pat Horvath's** 1976 LeSabre is featured this month in the **Buick Bugle**. Pete Philips, the *Bugle* editor, says "It is probably the finest 1976 LeSabre coupe in the club, and is a Senior award winner".

The article is co-authored by Chet Gaines and **Jack Horvath**. Chet wrote the 1<sup>st</sup> section of the article and describes his ownership of the LeSabre from the fall of 1976 until the fall of 2014. Jack picks up the story from when he bought it from Chet. He lists some of the tours they have already taken with it as well as the 2015 BCA National in Springfield, MO where the LeSabre received another Senior Preservation Award.

The picture of Jack & Chet was taken on the day that **Jack & Pat** bought the LeSabre. The other picture is of Jack driving on Daytona Beach during the **Buick Driving Enthusiasts (BDE) Fall Tour** in Oct. 2015.



**Jack and Pat** were also honored by the USO last month at the Annual USO Airport Volunteers Awards Dinner.

The picture is of Major General Thomas Wessel presenting them with the leading USO award for their combined **600 USO volunteer hours** during the past year.

The Dixie Chapter has been supporting the USO with a donation every year for the last several years, and we are proud of **Jack & Pat's** volunteerism.

**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**.

**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!**



**Online Only Content:** Think you're a Buick expert? Test your Buick knowledge by taking this Buick quiz. <http://www.zeroto60times.com/quiz/buick-quiz/>

If you like reading newsletters from other BCA Chapters take a look at the Buicktown Crier. You can find a link to the Crier on the Buicktown webpage [Buicktown Chapter](#) or you can go directly to their newsletter page [Buicktown Crier](#)

## My Favorite Car, by “Guest Reporter” Don McClair:

I bought this 1966 Wildcat GS in 1987 from my brother for \$735 and he had bought it from the second owner's estate. The car has the original upholstery and about 95% original paint but I did replace the frame because it had serious rust issues. I have added an AM/FM stereo radio, rear seat speaker, four note horns and installed new carpeting and did a lot of cleaning. It has been driven to the 2000 Buick National in Richmond VA and then went on the “after” tour. It was on the cover of the January 2001 Bugle and was the centerfold article. It was also driven to Flint, MI for the 100th Anniversary of Buick and again went on the “after” tour. It has also been on several S.E. Regional tours and is always an attention getter and a lot of fun to drive.



## My Favorite Car, by Assistant Editor Tom Lynch:

You ought to be in pictures. That's the way the old song goes, anyway. About a year ago I listed my cars with Atlanta Picture cars to try my luck at breaking into Atlanta's thriving film industry with my vehicles.

Not long after my listing went active, I got the call that the Buick was hired. My 1989 Park Avenue recently made its TV debut in the HBO movie Confirmation. The car was assigned to actress Alison Wright who played Virginia Thomas. The Buick is seen in two quick scenes near the beginning of the movie, parked in the driveway of the Thomas' home. They kept the car for about a week and I was kept informed as to where the car was and how it was being used and stored when not on the set. In all it was a pleasant experience and I am looking forward to the prospect of my cars going Hollywood again.



**NOTE:** My thanks go to **Don & Tom** for submitting their “Favorite Car” articles.

I hope that you will all consider also sending me an article, and a picture of your favorite car.

Please help make the *Dixie Valve Chatter* interesting by providing photos, article ideas, and any other content that you 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](mailto:jerry.richstein@gmail.com) or call 404-769-6071

## Deals on Wheels:

### 1960 Buick LeSabre: Debbie

Brooks has decided to part with her award winning 1960 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. Asking \$15,000 810-845-8684

[dlbrooks1958@gmail.com](mailto:dlbrooks1958@gmail.com)



### 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](mailto:atlantaBLH@aol.com) for specs or additional pictures.



### 1971 Buick Riviera GS Coupe: 1971 Riviera

2 door HT GS coupe equipped with bucket seats, 455" factory engine, 350 transmission, and original running gear. 40 miles on engine since the mechanical rebuild was done 5 years ago, repainted original color 2 months ago. Car is 80% restored. Next thing

is new interior and tires needed, NEW carpet, grille in the boxes comes with the car. Car has power steering, power brakes, power windows, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cassette. This boattail coupe came from California to North Carolina 9 years ago. Car is near Reidsville, NC. \$8500. Contact Jerry Whitfield 336-765-8312 [wwhitfield@triad.rr.com](mailto:wwhitfield@triad.rr.com) See more pictures on [Craigslist](http://Craigslist)



### 1995 Roadmaster Limited and 1997 Riviera These 2 Buicks are being offered for sale by

Bill White, a member of the Riviera Owners Association. Both have new tires & batteries. Call Bill at 404-202-9131 for all the particulars if you are interested.

### WANTED: 1969 Riviera Rear Bumper John Link is looking for a rear bumper for his 1969 Riviera.

Contact John at [linkltrs@bellsouth.net](mailto:linkltrs@bellsouth.net) or (404) 578-8973 if you have one for sale, or know of one.

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

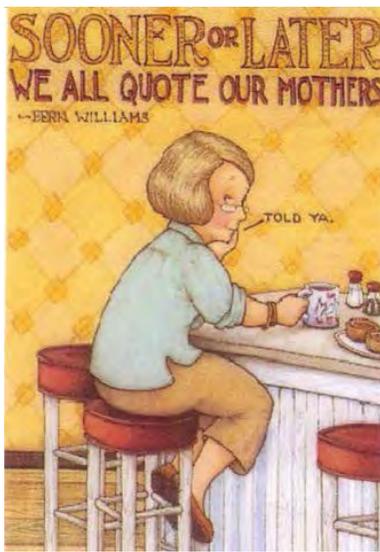
All Dixie Chapter members can advertise "For Sale" cars, parts, and car related "stuff" for up to 6 months, or longer if space permits.

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



## Grit In The Gearbox



**Car Quiz Answer:** The car is a **1955 Roadmaster** and is owned by **Glenn & Debbie Novak**.

Glenn and Debbie bought this car back in 1980 and were active members of the Dixie Chapter during the 1980's and 90's. They live in Carrollton, GA.

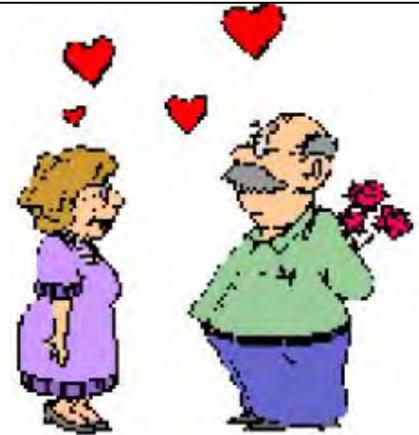


### Happy Birthday to:

- 5/1 Keith Bruno
- 5/3 Sharon Newby
- 5/4 Kip Meeboer
- 5/23 Roy Newby
- 5/23 Skip Petsch
- 5/24 Mark Reeves

### Happy Anniversary to:

- 5/25 Roy & Sharon Newby
- 5/28 Art & Gayle Haggett



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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jerry.richstein@gmail.com) so you can continue to receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail.

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# Norcross Car Show

*Rain or Shine-Downtown Main Street*

*May 14, 2016 8:00-2:00*

*All Proceeds to Charity*



*Cash Drawings Every Half Hour for Registered Participants from 10:00-2:00*

*Grand Prize Drawing @ 2:00 for Registered Participants and Raffle Winner. Must be Present to Win.*



*Entrance for Show Cars:  
Lawrenceville St. and Holcomb Bridge Rd at Main St.*

**CONTACTS:**

*JAMES FREEMAN 770-480-0494*

*DAVID LITTLE 770-440-4111 OR 678-231-7676 (CELL)*



**Registration & Pre-registration Forms:**

Before May 1, 2016 (\$20.00)/ Day of show (\$25.00) CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Norcross Car Show  
Mail Pre-Registration forms to: Norcross Car Show, 525 Dogwood Circle Norcross GA 30071

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

As a Participant of The Norcross Car Show, you agree to release and discharge the City of Norcross, The Norcross Car Show, their officers, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, and anyone else connected with the show from damages, losses, judgements, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by a participant to his/her property. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED.**