



DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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A word from our Director:

Hello Dixie BCA members:

Wow, what a picnic! We enjoyed lots of food, companionship, and 'car stories' at our annual Dixie Chapter picnic at the Grants. A big Thank You to Ernie and Susie for opening their home and hosting this picnic. At last count, we had 18 Buicks lined up along the driveway. Some old! Some New(er)! Some shiny and some with barely any paint. We even had one with no interior. It is always fun to see the improvements on these cars and to discuss "How To's" on some members' challenges. The food was fabulous! Ernie's beef hit the spot. I sure hope my wife got the recipe for the pumpkin crisp/cheesecake.

The Southeast Buick Region Tour is coming up the second week of October. Hey Dixie members... this is the best opportunity to enjoy 3 days of touring with our Buicks. Only about an hour east of Atlanta. You won't have to drive 300-500 miles just to get there. It's in our back yard. Come on and join us for 3 days of Buick fun.

Hope to see you in Madison GA for the regional.

Good Cruising,
J D

A word from our Assistant Director:

Rain! Rain! Rain! Hopefully it will be out of our system by next Thursday, the beginning of the Southeast Regional. I am looking forward to joining all those attending, meeting new Buick folks and some much needed R & R.

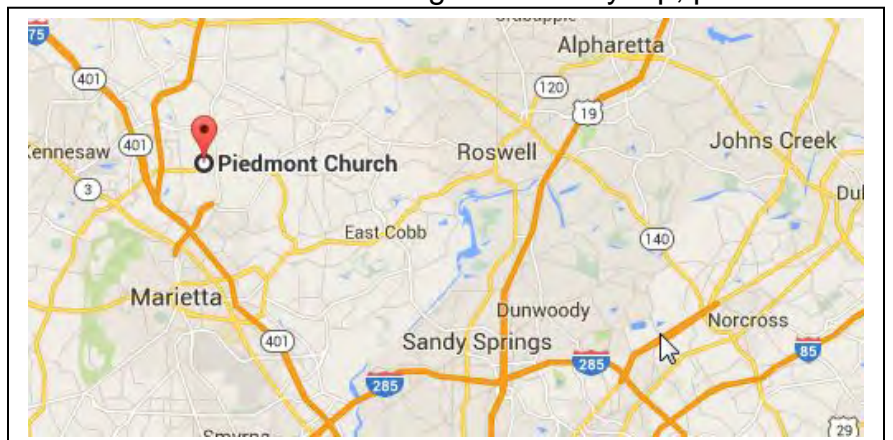
A Dixie Chapter Board Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday October 3rd at Piedmont Church. This will take place during their monthly Cruise-In at 9:00. This was scheduled because, the Southeast Regional dates are on the normally scheduled meeting weekend, and the Pontiac Club is planning to have the BOPC at this location. John Link requested we attend to give us a feel for what a show at this location would be like. All Dixie Chapter members are welcome to join us.

I am working on a road trip. The date will be Saturday November 7th. The destination will be the North Georgia Mountains. The leaves should be changing color, and the scenery should be awesome. If you have a place of special interest that would make a good one day trip, please let me know.

That's all for now,
Dave

Here is the **Piedmont Church** address:

570 Piedmont Rd
Marietta, Georgia 30066



Editorial Comment:

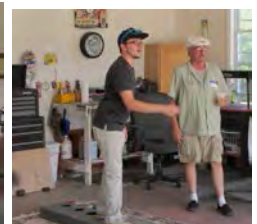
I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome **Tom Lynde** to the *Dixie Valve Chatter* "staff". Tom has agreed to be the Assistant Editor, and major content contributor. Tom will be writing articles and taking pictures. Thank you Tom!

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.

Jerry

It Happened in September, by Asst. Editor Tom Lynde: Photos by "Tom & Jerry"

This year's Dixie Chapter annual picnic was held in Conyers at the home of Ernie and Susie Grant. The turnout was wonderful, with sixteen beautiful Buicks parked on the front lawn for the neighbors to admire and a house full of Dixie Chapter members enjoying great food and good fellowship. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Ernie and Susie for opening their home to us once again and to the many master chefs who prepared all of the great food. Be sure to make plans to attend next year's event!



Car Quiz:

What are those cars loaded on the Nickel Plate "Multi-Level"?



Hint: Although they are not Buicks, they have become collectible. They first premiered at the 1964 World's Fair in New York. Jerry R. was 12, and was there! The answer is on page 5.

Photo courtesy of the Nickel Plate Road Historical & Technical Society

Online Only Content: Here is a very interesting video "Army Trucking in Vietnam" by an Army Transportation Captain. You will certainly recognize the MUCH younger **Capt. John "Jack" Horvath**.

[Two Million Miles of Bad Road](https://www.youtube.com/embed/W50xn1h4Tus) (<https://www.youtube.com/embed/W50xn1h4Tus>)

The Timing Chain:

October 3, 2015: 2016 BOP&C location preview. Look for details in Dave's Asst. Director Message on page 1.

October 8-10, 2015: BCA SE Regional. Hosted by the Dixie Chapter.

November 7, 2015: North Georgia Mountain Tour. More details next month.

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/>



From the "Sunshine Committee":

July 19th was a bad day for **Art Hagggett**. While inspecting his deck, he stepped onto a bad board & fell between the support beams getting trapped with his leg completely below the top of the deck. He is facing a possible 2-3 months of continued rehabbing.

We are glad that he didn't fall all the way through and get hurt even worse, and hope that he has a complete and speedy recovery.

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



Member "News": Last month we saw a picture of **Jack Horvath** at the Vietnam Reunion in Chattanooga. Jack's head was blocking a better view of what looked like a "duce and a half" personnel carrier. This month we get to see a couple of the "Gun Trucks" that were there.

Photos by **Pat Horvath**



NOTE: If you know of members winning awards, 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**.

Deals on Wheels:

We have a request from a brother of a past Valley of the Sun Buick Club member who passed away very suddenly. He had a **1962 Buick LeSabre 4 Door Model 4469**.

The car has been in the family since new originally and has resided the last 20 years in Arizona.

The car has 136,602 miles. The paint has been redone about four years ago as has the transmission seals and bearings. The tires are over 2 years old. The owner has complete maintenance records. The car was driven to various car shows and every monthly club meeting the last several years. The asking price is \$7,500 or best offer.

If interested, members that wish to see more pictures can please send requests to my attention.

Here is the link to the Craig listing. <https://phoenix.craigslist.org/nph/cto/5131307661.html>

If interested in getting more info or negotiating a price, please reply via craigslist.

Regards,

Tony Tricoci

Director #42560

Valley of the Sun Buick Club

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Please remember, if you use craigslist, it can be safe IF you use the proper precautions.

Please be careful!



Need A. C. 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" <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.

Wanted, NOT: As a direct result of his ad last month, JD got the 1971 GA License Plate that he needed.

Editor's Note: JD & I are Yankees, so we know what a License Plate is, but for the rest of you; JD needed a 1971 GA Tag, y'all.

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**.



"He says he wants to trade in his old jalopy for one of our new, driverless cars."

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

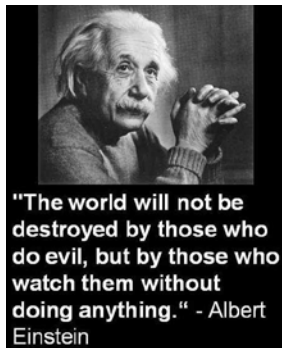
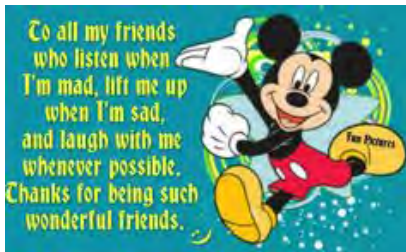
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Photos by Tom Lynde



Read all about THIS car in the Sept. **BUGLE**

Quotable Quotes



Grit In The Gearbox



Car Quiz Answer:

The 15 cars loaded on the on the Nickel Plate "Multi-Level" are all 1967 Ford Mustangs.

Happy Birthday to:



10/6	Danielle Maddox	10/18	Al Johnson
10/7	Gene Walsh	10/18	Wanda Reeves
10/11	Lori Barrett	10/24	Frank Blizzard
10/11	Pat Horvath	10/26	Bill McGowen
10/12	Jan Steger	10/26	J. D. Westfall
10/14	Bill Horlock	10/31	John Link
10/15	Brad Braswell		



Happy Anniversary to:

10/16	Frank & Janet Blizzard
10/19	Ernie & Susie Grant
10/24	Bob & Glenda Haggard
10/27	Ken & Lori Barrett
10/31	Philipè & Danielle Maddox

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** (jerry.richstein@gmail.com) 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 notify Jerry Richstein at 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.

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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