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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Happy Valentines' greetings!

As I write this, I have recovered from a very fun and eventful Dixie chapter Holliday party! All the planning and food was great! Big thank you to Roddy Pearce, Ron and Connie Bergeron and our own personal chef Craig Shaw.

Next grand chapter event is our annual "Bowl-A-Rama" on February 12th. Please RSVP to Bruce and Shar Kile if you have not. We always have a lot of fun, and only half way count gutter balls so skill does not matter. There are trophies involved so remember to bring yours back from last year so they can be "engraved".

The BOPC show is set for the first Saturday in May and is returning to the Marriott at Windy Hill in Marietta. Our friends in the GTO club are hosting it this year and have guaranteed no pollen this year!

See you at the Bowling lanes!

Bob Stone, Chapter Director
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2012 Holiday Party Another success



Hank Lewis, while wearing part of the gift wrapping as head-dress and encouraged by MC Bob Stone, opens his present during the lively gift exchange at the 2012 Holiday Party. If you did not make this year's gathering plan to do so next year. You can count on fun, great fellowship and lots of good food.

\$5.00 Riviera Steering Wheel Repair

By: John Link

I've been restoring my 1969 Riviera (with much help) and have finally gotten to my interior. The interior is in pretty good shape for a car with 100k but the steering wheel needed help. It seems that every '69 Buick that I've seen on the Internet either has a leather steering wheel cover over it or has been replaced by a non-stock steering wheel. The problem with the '69 steering wheel is the clear plastic (with chrome foil under it) that was used as a design element all the way around the wheel. The clear plastic deteriorates much faster

than the black wheel leaving an ugly mess.

I want to keep my Riviera as close to stock as possible (on my budget) and the leather steering wheel cover wasn't an option. I tried a couple of fixes but ended up with a \$5.00 repair that worked for me. Yes, it's not an original NOS steering wheel but only you Buick guys will notice the difference.

My fix: First I carefully removed all the clear plastic & foil from the wheel, being sure not to damage the original groove. Then I purchased 5' of speaker wire from Home Depot (they had 2 sizes, the larger size fit in the steering wheel groove -cost under \$5.00), the speaker wire has a
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The Timing Chain

February 12, 2012. Annual Bowl-A-Rama. Held at AMF Woodstock Lanes, 108 Woodpark Blvd. Woodstock, GA. Be there, get your shoes, etc. and be ready to bowl at 12:30 PM. \$12 adults (over 12 yrs), \$9 for under 12 yrs, price includes 3 games bowling (league style) shoe rental & lunch. \$6 for lunch only. Please RSVP by Feb 6th by phone or email to Bruce or Shar 770-977-7924, sbkile@juno.com This is another of our truly family fun events. Bowling ability is not required, as a matter of fact with our "handicap system" good bowling ability could be a detriment. Naturally there are awards & prizes. Weather permitting, be sure to drive those Buicks, there will be ample secluded parking. Directions will be provided later.

March 10, (Saturday) Monthly Meeting: Will be held at Jim Ellis Buick, GMC, 5862 Peachtree Industrial Blvd., Atlanta. Meeting starts at 1:30 PM in their conference room. Space is being made available in front of their showroom to display the cars, so be sure to drive your Buick.

Directions. Located one half mile inside I-285. Between Jim Ellis Kia, and Jim Ellis Toyota.

May 4—6, 2012. 31st Annual BOPC. Held at the Atlanta Marriott Northwest. The actual "car show" date will be May 5th. Details later.

May 19-20, 2012. 4th Dixie Chapter Overnighter. "Americus the Beautiful". Departure will be at a location TBA (south of Atlanta), traveling those beautiful rural roads of south central Ga. visiting a real antique mall, touring the Habitat for Humanity facilities, tour of a restored theatre/playhouse, food, games & awards (of course) and that is just Saturday. Saturday's lodging will be in another (similar to last year) beautifully restored stately hotel. Sunday we will be visiting the Air Force Museum in Warner Robbins. stop for lunch & ice cream (of course). Tour will be limited to the first 20 cars. Register by simply calling or emailing the Kile's (770) 977-7924, sbkile@juno.com Hotel info will be provided after you register.

Steering Wheel, From page 1

clear plastic coating with a silver and gold wire. I then modified a tube of 3M Plastic & Emblem Adhesive so I had a syringe like nozzle to apply the adhesive to the groove (Super Glue is too runny and may harm the steering wheel) I started at the bottom of the steering wheel, placing a very small amount of adhesive in the groove, then pressing the wire in the groove, silver side up, securing with a small



C clamps.

The entire process took only a few minutes and now I have a steering wheel that looks good and feels correct while driving.

New From Buick

There may be nothing worse for the enthusiast than returning from a trip to find rusty brake rotors peeking out from under fancy wheels after just a couple of days in the airport parking lot. General Motors has a solution, and has applied for patents for its Ferritic Nitro-Carburizing (FNC) process, first used on the 2008 Cadillac DTS.

FNC bakes the rotors at 560 degrees for 24 hours in a nitrogen-rich atmosphere, which applies a coating 10 microns thick, equal to one-tenth the thickness of a human hair. GM says this doubles rotor life from an average of 40,000 miles, to 80,000 miles and saves a customer up to \$400 over 10 years. Meanwhile, the iron brake rotors retain their steely color underneath those thin-spoked 20-inch wheels becoming increasingly common.

There will be no extra cost to consumers, GM says. The rotors are now used on the Buick LaCrosse and Regal,

February Birthdays

1/3	Gerald Hendrix
1/4	Gary O'Neill
1/14	Rita Valeri
1/17	Diana O'Neill
1/24	Kevin Link

February Anniversaries

2/5	Bob & Candace Grill
2/5	Jene & Virginia Van Arnam
2/12	Homer & Brenda Tittle

Wishes for Good Health

We received a message from Jene & Virginia Van Arnam (long time Dixie Chapter members) stating that due to their declining health, which prohibits them from attending chapter functions, they have decided to not continue their membership. We understand their decision and wish them both well.

If any of their many friends wish to contact them their address is 6419 Olde Ferry Landing, Harrison, TN 37341

Get Well Wishes

To Shar Kile who is recovering from surgery. It seems that during appendectomy surgery last year a tumor was discovered on one adrenal gland. The decision was recently made to remove the tumor and gland; thankfully the tumor was benign. Shar stated that she is doing fine, and we hope to see her back to her jolly self soon.

Chevrolet Malibu, Impala and Volt. The automaker expects to have the process applied to rotors on 80 percent of its cars and trucks built in the U.S. and Canada by 2016.

Source: motortrend.com



Rotors; half FNC treated and half not treated

2012 Holiday Party

Socializing and Gift Exchange





Photos: Kathleen Miller & Cliff Dillingham

Deals For Wheels

Wanted

1967 Georgia License Plate. Should be metallurgically intact so it can sanded and painted if needed. Reward up to \$15. Contact J D Westfall, 913-638-7849, or jdw52@comcast.net

Parts For Sale

- Double Pumper 4BBL Holley Carburetor – came off my '69 Riviera--not pretty but works fine \$35.00
- MSD Distributor and coil for 430 engine)

Contact John Link linkltrs@bellsouth.net or 404-578-8973

For Sale

Buick Engines For Sale.

455 – 1973. Includes block, heads, stock intake & exhaust manifolds & valve covers. \$400 or reasonable offer.

430 – 1968-69. Complete with intake & exhaust manifolds, distributor, fuel pump, air pump, starter, Rochester carb, valve covers and more. \$400 or reasonable offer.

Nailhead – Believed to be a 1953. Block, heads, valve covers, timing cover, flywheel. Make offer.

Turbo 400 Transmission. Make offer. All need to be rebuilt.

Contact Paula Liska (BC A #6396, BDE #2) at kliska@cfl.rr.com or call 407-873-7262. Located in Central Florida



For Sale

1960 Buick Trailer Hitch made by Draw-Tite (my family sold and installed this brand of hitches during the late 1950's to the early 1970's). It is a class I rated, chrome plated hitch. Asking \$150 plus sales tax (if sold to a Georgia resident), and shipping if wanted. Contact Joe Poole, Jr 770-597-5992 Cell or info@fergusonpoolemarine.com

For Sale



1994 Roadmaster Limited Sedan, the ultimate road car for touring or daily use, 133K (well maintained) miles, loaded with creature comforts including near perfect leather interior - asking \$3995. Selling for widow of Dixie Chapter member. Contact Bruce Kile for details &/or pictures. 770-977-7924 or email sbkile@juno.com

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