

# The Dixie Valve Chatter

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## Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Happy New Year!

I hope all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday. It is truly a New Year and one full of BUICK activities!

First up is our Annual gala Holiday party! It is at a new location this year and will be held on Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Second Activity we have is the Annual Dixie Chapter Bowl-A-Rama. It is on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>. We are developing other outings for the other spring months so keep your BUICK in tune so you are ready to Go!

April brings us the BOP&C Show. It is hosted by the Cadillac-LaSalle club this year at a new grand location, the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel and Conference Center. The dates are April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>. This should give us a beautiful show field and a new home for years to come.

May brings us the Second Annual Dixie Chapter Spring Tour! It is set for May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will tour several spots in north-west GA and stay in a restored 100-year-old hotel in Mentone Ala where the Innkeepers have several extras planned for us. All that attended the 2009 spring tour had a grand time in the Madison, GA area. Bruce and Shar Kile are  
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## Dixie Chapter 66 GS invited to Concourse d' Excellence



Photo: Cliff Dillingham

### Judges peruse the engine compartment of Don McClair's 1966 Skylark Gran Sport.

Don McClair was fortunate enough to have had his 66 Gran Sport invited to the 2009 Concourse d' Excellence this fall in Hilton Head, SC Although it did not win a trophy just being selected for entry along with rare, one of a kind, multi-million dollar automobiles is an award in itself; many from private as well as well-known national museums. This show, unlike a BCA National where authenticity counts, is geared to the restoration (or un-restored) quality, fit-and-finish and overall appearance—as can be understood when displayed with Rolls Royce, Mercedes and a one only in the world 1911 Penn built by a Pennsylvania company in business for only two years.

In addition to cars the show featured vintage boats, motorcycles and a 1929 Studebaker House Car. There was also an early thirties 5<sup>th</sup> wheel travel trailer built by the Curtis Aircraft Company that was being pulled by a specially built 1937 International truck. There were daily fly-over's by an 85 year old, WWII Ace in a 1911 Jenny, which he had personally restored.

One of the most unique cars was a drive thru in an authentic, running, reproduction of the first automobile ever made; an 1886 Benz. This vehicle was built from the original drawings made by Carl Benz, who is recognized as the father of the automobile.

Don said, "This show is one of the most unique shows to attend." For more information and photos go to [www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com)



## The Timing Chain

**January 9, 2010 (Saturday). Annual Holiday party.** Held at **St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 571 Holt RD, Marietta, GA.** (Location changed due to closing and pending sale of The Southern Center) 2 pm to 6 pm. \$10.00 per person, club pays other half. Caterer will be the same. We will have our usual gift exchange; men bring a man's gift, and women bring a woman's gift. Please limit your purchase to \$15.00. Call Roddy Pearce 404-371-1999 by Wednesday, January 6, with the number of people in your party.

**Directions:**

Take **I-75 North to 120 Loop** (Exit 263). Take the **GA-120** ramp toward Roswell. Follow **Roswell Rd** for 0.7 mi. Turn **right** on **Robinson Rd** for 0.4 mi. Turn **right** onto **Holt Rd.** for 0.4 mi. **571 Holt Rd** is on the right.

**February 21, 2010. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl-A-Rama & Monthly Meeting.**

**12:30PM. Held at AMF Woodstock Lanes, 108 Woodpark Blvd. Woodstock, GA** \$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 17<sup>th</sup> by phone or email to Bruce or Shar (770) 977-7924, [sbkile@juno.com](mailto: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**

- Take I-75 North
- From I-75 take I-575 / Phillip M Landrum Memorial Hwy North toward Canton
- At exit 7, take ramp right for GA-92 toward Woodstock
- Turn right onto SR-92
- Go approximately 3/4 mi.
- Turn left onto Woodpark Blvd (at the Dairy Queen and simply follow the circle around to the Bowling Lanes)

- **End: AMF Woodstock Lanes**  
108 Woodpark Blvd., Woodstock, GA 30188  
(770) 926-2200
- **For those coming from the East**
- **Take SR 92**
- Cross Canton Hwy.
- Go approximately 300 yards
- **Turn right between McDonalds & Mrs. Winners.**
- **Follow the circle** (Woodpark Blvd) around. The bowling lanes are hardly visible from Hwy 92, until after making the turn.

**April 23 & 24. 29<sup>th</sup> Annual BOP&C**  
Hosted by the Cadillac LaSalle club. Details and Registration Form will be provided next month.

**May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dixie Chapter Overnighter in NW Georgia.** More information later.

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leading this expedition and need your commitment by 4/1. Check the Timing Chain section of the Valve Chatter for more details on the above events!

If you know some one who has a BUICK or just likes old BUICKS, invite them to a meeting or an outing to see if they would like to join our chapter and the national club. If we get them to join the BCA, we will give them 2010 membership in our chapter for free!

Happy Motoring!  
Bob Stone, BCA#37843

*With Sympathy*  
*We would like to express our deepest sympathy do Don McClair whose mother passed away December 19th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and his family in this time of sorrow.*

## January Birthdays

1/3	Gerald Hendrix
1/4	Gary O'Neill
1/7	Joseph Wiggins
1/14	Rita Valeri
1/17	Diana O'Neill
1/19	Charlie Adams
1/20	Karen McCook
1/24	Kevin Link
1/29	Bettye Gillen

## Welcome New Members

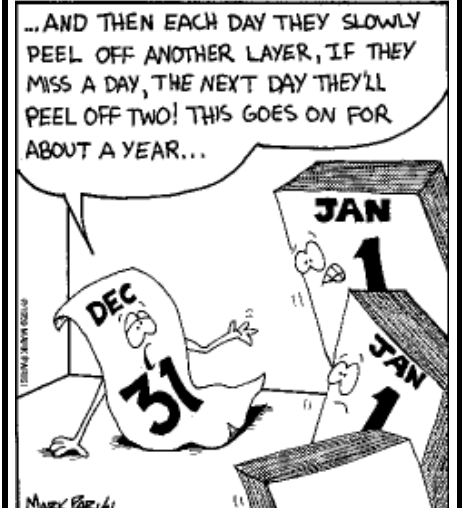
We would like to welcome Randy & Karen McCook to the Dixie Chapter. They live in Canton, GA and own a 1992 Riviera 2 Dr Cpe. Hope to see you at the Holiday Party.

## Shar's health update

We received a note from Bruce Kile reporting on the results of Shar's recent heart catheterization. He states that they installed a stint along with the catheterization and that "all that good Irish blood is flowing smoothly again". He expects that she should have more stamina than before. He said, "Thanks for your prayers & well wishes. Those prayers are definitely what opened that blockage."

## Grit In The Gearbox

**off the mark** by Mark Parisi  
[www.offthemark.com](http://www.offthemark.com)





# SE Regional Photos



Buicks at Stone River Battlefield



US Forest Ranger (center right) describes the decisive battle that took place at Stone River



The Garland King Museum - a bit of everything



Lane Motor Museum



1922 Buick Speedster Lane Motor Museum



Millie Gauchat with European Micro Car



Lane Motor Museum

Photos: *Cliff Dillingham*



1938 Citroen - modified during WWII to burn coal to create methane gas for combustion. Coal burner in front fenders

## Deals For Wheels

### For Sale (New Items)

CB radios, antennas, slide mounts, transmission hump mounts, extension speakers and accessories. New replacement microphones for many sets. Will test your CB for proper operation.

**For all you tourers!** In addition to my usual radios, I have several deluxe CB radios including:

- **Cobra 40X** with chrome face and new deluxe mike. Like new!
- **Kraco** with woodtone face. New in box!
- **Midland 13-830** "top view". Like new!
- **3 Midland "hide away"** radios. All controls on mike sized handset; main unit can be hidden under seat, under dash, or even in trunk with included optional extra long cord. New in box!

**Have splitters** so you can use your car antenna for your CB. Be ready for tours! Call or e-mail and I will be glad to talk and send you pictures of any or all radios. **Contact Roddy Pearce 404-371-1999 or roddypearce@mindspring.com**

### For Sale

**1993 Buick Roadmaster Station Wagon.** One owner, complete maintenance records. New a/c, alternator, radiator, water pump, universal joints. 5.7 Lt V8. Heavy duty trailer towing package. 172k miles. \$3,000 or best offer. **Contact Red Newhouser 404-683-2091 or rednewhouser@mindspring.com**

### For Sale

**1967 Dealer Showroom AM-FM Radio and Eight Track Display Console.** Excellent condition with working radio plus NOS eight track tape player and eight track tapes. \$600 for all. Operates off ac and has all wiring and instructions. Getting rid of all my Buick and other car line memorabilia. If interested come see what I have.

**Also Literature;** 3 file cabinets categorized by year beginning with 1924 with owners manuals, model catalogs, factory information and other literature, thru 1990. Most is Buick but there is some Chevrolet, Pontiac, Olds, Cadillac and GMC. **Contact Jene Van Arnam 423-344-4706 or jvva@bellsouth.net.**

### For Sale

**New Old Stock Monroe Max-Air Air Shocks.** Fits 73-77 Century, 77-90 Estate Wagon, 73-77 Regal and 91-96 Roadmaster, as well as many other GM cars. A list is available at <http://www.oreillyauto.com/site/c/detail/MON3/MA717.oap?keyword=ma717> When you get to the O'Reilly web page, you are required to enter a zip code and select a store, it will then bring up a screen showing this set of shocks. Just click the "Compatibility" tab to see the complete list of cars that these will fit. The Max-Air Part Number is MA-717. \$25. **Contact Jerry Richstein 770-924-4779, or jerry.richstein@juno.com**

### For Sale

**Five 66 & 67 Buicks. Wishes to sell as package. Asking \$5,000 or best offer for all, will negotiate on individual cars.**

**1966 Buick Skylark:** wrong engine – has 455, wrong interior, no bumpers, no radio

**1966 Buick Skylark GS:** no engine, auto trans, factory air car, bucket seats, console & shift, no tach., hood rust through, hood scoops, but pitted

**1967 Buick Skylark:** 340 2-brl carb, factory air, after market radio, split bench seats, tilt steering column

**1967 Buick GS 400:** no engine, factory air, no radio, no bumpers, grill broken

**1967 Special 4-door:** factory air, no hood, no bumpers, no right front fender, factory AM radio. **Contact: Robert Anderson, 256-422-3575, Cell 256-484-1604, or ramopar@tds.net Located in Alabama just across state line from Rome, GA.**

### For Sale

**Original Buick Owner's Manuals** for 1949, 1952, 1956, 1973, and 1978. Also original Reference Book for 1926 Buick Standard Six and Master Six. **Contact Rich Fink, 770-459-4098.**

### For Sale

**Collector Grill Badges from the 50's & 60's.** from Switzerland, Germany & Belgium. **Riviera Wire Wheel Covers (1978?)** Prices negotiable. **Contact Dorothy Brown 770-977-3881.**

### Club Store Items For Sale

Item	Price
BCA Logo Patch	\$2.00
BCA Logo Decal	\$0.75
Buick Trash Bag	\$0.50
Dixie Chapter Button/Pin	\$0.50
Large number of Dashboard Plaques from prior years - from 1984 to 2001.	
Several back copies of the Bugle, and about 10 past BOP&C T-shirts. Call Jack to see what is on hand.	
<b>Contact Jack Horvath: 770-934-0127 or pjhorvath@bellsouth.net</b>	

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