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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

I am scribing this the day after the fantastic 42nd annual Dixie Chapter Bowl-A-Rama. Boy, I sure had a great time and know all that attended did as well. We had a great turn out of bowlers and cheerleaders. I saw one chapter member (Don McClair) on crutches snapping photos, and a postoperative patient I know very well, (my wife Glenda) cheering in the stands. Thanks to the Kile's for producing another memorable gathering.

Speaking of memorable gatherings, we have another coming up in April with the 29th BOPC show on the 23rd and 24th at the Beautiful Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Conference center. Make sure to register and stay Friday night at the hotel as a Reception and kick off party is scheduled. It all sounds like a lot of fun with our GM cousins!

Our spring overnight tour "Mentone or Bust" is on for Saturday and Sunday May 1st and 2nd. look for details in the valve chatter and please call Bruce Kile to RSVP as rooms are going fast! See you at Norm's restaurant for the March meeting.

If you know some one who has a BUICK or just likes old Buicks, invite them to a meeting or an

Annual Bowl-A-Rama Winners



As always, a good number of members and guests came to enjoy the fun at the Dixie Chapter Annual Bowl-A-Rama. The winners are, (L-R) Roddy Pearce, for bowling the lucky number 79. Pat Horvath, women's high score. Russ Richstein, low score with a high handicap. Don McClair "Oops" (can't bowl on crutches). Rich Fink, drove a non Buick. Hersel Goff, and daughter Cindy (front) oldest car, longest distance. Don Winebarger for being a newcomer and driving his 54 Special from Monticello, GA. Also (in inset from 2005 photo), Noah Kile high score Jr. division, and Austin Kile high score adult men.

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

Come join us on our "overnighter"

Make plans now to join us the first weekend in May for our annual overnight trip of sight-seeing, shopping, and relaxing; this year in Mentone, AL. Right, savor a few words from the Mentone, AL Web. <http://www.town-of-mentone-alabama.com/>

Nestled atop Lookout Mountain, in DeKalb County, Alabama, rests a quaint little hamlet that beckons the weary and those seeking solitude from big city life. Mentone, it is called, penned for a French town whose name means 'musical mountain spring.' Once a thriving health resort, people came from all over the world to partake of the mineral springs that were believed to have healing powers. The springs are no more but the magic and appeal of Mentone remains.

Mentone creeps into your soul and bathes it with the gentle gift of the universe...



DeSoto Falls

The Timing Chain

March 14. Regular Monthly Meeting. Held at Norm's Steak & Seafood (sign outside says Olde Mill Steakhouse), 2089 Savoy Dr., Dunwoody, GA. Savoy Dr is an I-285 access road between N. Peachtree Rd., and N. Shallowford Rd. Lunch at 12:30, meeting at 1:30. 770-455-0900.

April 23 & 24. 29th Annual BOP&C Hosted by the Cadillac LaSalle club. Details, information and **Registration Form is attached.**

May 1st & 2nd. Second Annual Dixie Chapter Overnighter in NW Georgia "overnighter". Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual Chapter tour & overnight outing. This year we will be touring to Mentone, Ala. We have reserved a restored 100-year-old hotel for Saturday night. The outing will include (but not limited to) lunch stops, traveling the beautiful back roads of N.W. Ga. visits to historic places and plenty of opportunities for antique shopping. The outing is open to any BCA/Chapter member. No registration fee, but we must have your verbal or emailed reservation no later than April 1st. There are a limited number of rooms, so reserve your spot for this year's fun outing by calling Bruce or Shar (770) 977-7924 or email sbkile@juno.com Hotel info provided upon your registration.



The Mentone Inn, Mentone, AL
<http://www.mentoneinn.com/>

Joint gathering & cookout for the Riviera Owners Association of Georgia and the Dixie Chapter. Date and location will be provided after final selection is made.

Lost Shoe

By: John Link

For want of a shoe the horse was lost, for want of a horse the rider was lost, etc., etc. We all know the outcome of this poem but it applies to cars as well.

The safety experts will tell you most "accidents" are really a sequence of events that add up to the "accident". If you've worked on cars for any time you've seen this happen. Here's my story about my lost "shoe"

The passenger side door latch stopped working on Kevin's Reatta. The door would lock but wouldn't unlock (of course with me in the passenger seat). Could have used a metal rod and open the lock, but neither the power unlock or the manual handle would unlock the door. Won't go into all the details of removing the latch assembly on a '90 Reatta (same on 88-9 Regatta's and Rivera's), but it involves rivets as well as screws/bolts. When I finally got the latch assy. out of the car and started cleaning it a screw fell out. A screw that is only used in the door to hold a molding at the top of the door by the door window. My best guess at the sequence of events is: (1) Prior owner decided to put a used (1989's model) radio in the car (because he doesn't want to buy a radio???) and takes it to Best Buy for the install. (2) Best Buy installers break the passenger side window during installation. (3) Owner takes the Reatta to a GM Dealer for the window replacement. (4) Window not tinted so owner takes car to tinting place to have tinted. (5) Either the dealer or the tinting place dropped the aforementioned screw inside the door and can't find it, so they just used another screw. (6) Screw finds it's way into the door latch assembly.

Of course GM no longer makes the passenger side latch assy., (they have the driver's side), which means waiting for a used latch assy., etc. Yes, for those of you who would ask, I did retrieve the pop-rivet ends and all (I hope) other debris in the door. Thanks to Ed Bellair who helped me compare old and "new" latch assemblies to be sure I wouldn't have to do this again.

Hope all of you are retrieving all those dropped/missing pieces when you work on even the minor items on your cars.
 John Link # 45018

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome Roger & LEEANNE Smith to the Dixie Chapter. They live in Douglasville, Ga., and own a 1969 Electra 225 Convertible. We are glad to have you join us.

March Birthdays

3/1	Rita Brown
3/3	Deena Huber
3/4	Roddy Pearce
3/11	Jean Richstein
3/13	Melanie Reid
3/17	Donald Winebarger
3/18	Virginia Van Arnam
3/20	Penny VanNortwick
3/29	Hugh Hughes

Quotable Quote

I love to go to Washington - if only to be near my money.
Bob Hope

Grit In The Gearbox

LOOSE PARTS

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St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland

Bowl-A-Rama 2010



Deals For Wheels

For Sale

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

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

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.**

Club Store Items For Sale

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
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.	
Contact Jack Horvath: 770-934-0127 or pjhorvath@bellsouth.net	

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Cadillac



29th Annual Peach Blossom B.O.P.C.

**Buick * Oldsmobile * Pontiac * Cadillac
Car Show and Swap Meet**

Hosted by the Peach State Cadillac & LaSalle Club of Atlanta
Join us Friday Check-In and Saturday Car Show **April 23rd and 24th 2010**

Show Location and Host Hotel this year is the
Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center

Located at 500 Powder Springs Street, Marietta, GA, 30064 / 770-427-2500
We have set up a great rate of \$89 per night for all Club Members. Please call
the Hotel to make your Reservations no later than April 1st and use the **code**
BOPC to get the approved room rate.

Directions to the Hotel;

From the North: Take I-75 South to Exit #263, N. Marietta Parkway/120 Loop. Turn right on the 120 Loop, 2.5 miles to Power Springs Street and turn left (CVS Pharmacy on the corner). The entrance to the Hilton will be on the right about 1/4 mile.

From the South: Take I-75 North to Exit #263, N. Marietta Parkway/120 Loop. Follow straight ahead and merge on to the 120 Loop, 2.5 miles to Powder Springs Street and turn left (CVS Pharmacy on the corner). The entrance to the Hilton will be on the right about 1/4 mile.

For additional Show Information please contact;

Lewis Schwartz at 404-558-5139 / LHS36@aol.com
Martina Butler at 678-643-0187 / martina.butler@gmail.com

All Judging will begin at Noon on Saturday.
There will be 24 Trophies presented and 1 Best of Show at 2PM.

All cars need to have a **Fire Extinguisher** to gain admittance to the Show Field and be eligible for Judging. Please place behind the left rear wheel.



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Participant Registration:

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Car Registration:

Car 1: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Body Style _____ Class: _____ Car Club Affiliation: _____

Car 2: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Body Style _____ Class: _____ Car Club Affiliation: _____

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 1st are \$25 first car and \$20 each additional, after April 1st and at the Gate \$30 and \$25. @ \$25 _____ @ \$20 _____

2010 BOPC Commemorative Tee Shirts are \$20. XX _____ X _____ L _____ M _____ S _____ @ \$20 _____

Vendor Spaces are \$25 for the 1st space and \$15 for each additional if postmarked by April 1st. Fees after April 1st and at the Gate are \$30 and \$20.

Parts Spaces _____ Car Corral Spaces _____ @ \$25 _____

@ \$15 _____

Friday Night Reception & Kick Off Party w/Food & Cash Bar @ \$20 _____

Total sent for the 2010 BOPC \$ _____



Please make checks payable **Peach State CLC** and mail to:
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