

# The Dixie Valve Chatter

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### Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Greetings Buick Lovers!

You should be reading this a few short days before the 31st annual B.O.P.C car show at the ever-popular Marietta Marriott at Windy Hill Rd. We always have a great club turn out and this year will be no exception I am sure. Our friends at the South-eastern GTO club have quite an event planned. Hope to see you at the reception on Friday night.

There may still be room in the "Americus the Beautiful", Dixie chapter Overnighter to central Georgia. See Bruce or Share Kile to beg for a spot on the tour. It is always "a fun time to be had"!

The clock is ticking down to the Buick National just up the road in Concord, N.C. Make your lodging reservations at the overflow hotel ASAP. You still have a little time to get registered for the event. We will have a short meeting of volunteer workers at our regular meeting this month to finalize things. We will not have a regular meeting in June due to the National Meet.

See you at the May meeting!  
Bob Stone # 37843  
Chapter Director



## April Dixie Chapter Meeting



Following a big lunch and desert, Bob Stone, Director, opens the April 2012 Monthly meeting at The Georgia Rib Co. in Marietta, GA. Fine weather and plenty of sunshine meant close to thirty members in attendance. The May meeting will be held at the same locating: make plans now to attend. Among topics to discuss, we will be finalizing the Dixie Chapter's role in assisting at the 2012, BCA National, in Concord, NC.

### Buick GNX Story

From Hemmings Motor News Online

With a new year, we can now turn our attention to a new crop of vehicles celebrating 25 years of existence, the traditional delineation between plain old used cars and lower classic cars, as well as the cutoff for vehicles to be accepted into a number of collector car clubs, including the AACA and the VMCCA. So like many a 1980s car enthusiast, the very first Class of 1987 candidate we thought of was the Buick GNX.

With an eye toward the end of GM G-body production after the 1987 model year – and thus the end of the line for turbocharged rear-wheel-drive Buick fun – Buick's Chief Engineer, Dave Sharpe,



wanted to give the Grand National a proper send-off. Mike Doble, Buick's manager of advanced concepts and specialty vehicles, along with a team of several other Buick employees, ran with the idea, intending to create a latter-day counterpart of the GSX Stage 1 by maximizing every facet of the Grand National. They used a special Garrett T-3 turbocharger with ceramic impeller, larger intercooler, ceramic-coated pipe

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## The Timing Chain

**May 4—5, 2012. 31st Annual BOPC. Held at the Atlanta Marriott North-west.** The actual “car show” date will be May 5th. See details and registration form attached.

**May 6, Regular Monthly Meeting. Held at Georgia Rib Company 4930 Davidson Road, Marietta, GA. 30068.**

**1:00 pm for lunch with the meeting following** Georgia Rib Company (formerly All American Tavern) is located off of Lower Roswell Road just past Johnson Ferry Road, behind Kroger in Parkaire Landing Mall, and next to Gold's Gym. 770-973-7427. Buffet Lunch Menu: chicken, sliced pork, brisket, slaw, beans, potatoes, and salad. Price per person: \$12.00 inclusive of soft drinks or iced tea. Does not include desert. We have a private room, and there is plenty of parking available so drive your Buick. Check their Web at: [www.georgiaribcompany.com](http://www.georgiaribcompany.com)

### Directions

**From I-285** take Roswell Rd. NE, **Exit 25** north. Go 0.9 miles.

**Turn left** onto **Johnson Ferry Rd.** go 3.8 mi.

**Turn right** onto **Lower Roswell Rd.** go 0.2 mi.

**Turn slight right** onto **Davidson Rd.** go 0.2 mi. Destination will be on the right. **4930 Davidson Rd.**

**May 19-20, 2012. 4th Dixie Chapter Overnighter. "Americus the Beautiful".** Departure will be at I-85 south, Exit 218, traveling those beautiful rural roads of south central Ga. We will be visiting a real antique mall, touring the Habitat for Humanity facilities, tour of a restored theater/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. Of course there will be stop for lunch & ice cream. Bruce will

be sending detailed meeting information to those who signed up for the excursion. You can contact Bruce at (770) 977-7924, [sbkile@juno.com](mailto:sbkile@juno.com)

**June 27—30, 2012. BCA National Meet, Concord, NC.** See the *Buick Bugle* for information and registration.

**November 1—3, 2012. Southeast Regional. Hosted by the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.** More informa-

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after the intercooler, recalibrated computer to allow up to 15 PSI of boost, and a larger dual exhaust system to add a conservative 30hp over the basic Grand National's 245. They replaced the rear suspension with a ladder bar/panhard bar setup and specified special black 16x8-inch wheels wearing Corvette-sized tires in the name of traction. And to distinguish it visually from the Grand National, they added fender flares, functional fender vents, and Stewart-Warner gauges.

It all added up to much improved 0-60 and quarter-mile times – 5.3 seconds for the former and 13.3 seconds at 104 MPH for the latter – enough to earn it a reputation as the fastest GM product of its day. Buick didn't actually build the cars itself, however. Instead, the division sent completed Grand Nationals over to ASC/McLaren for conversion and limited the number built to 547, including a commemorative book and jacket with each GNX. Many a GNX went directly into a climate-controlled bubble, never to set rubber to asphalt again, but many hit the streets and the dragstrips, thus securing the GNX legend.

Naturally, the GNX is a shoo-in for anybody's list of the top cars from the Eighties. Here was an instant collectible that really did instantly become collectible, thanks to the fact that it had a bite to match its bark. But you tell us: Is there any reason why the GNX shouldn't make the list of top collectible cars from the 1987 model year?

## May Birthdays

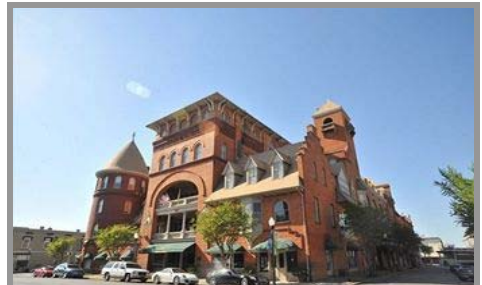
5/3 Sharon Newby  
 5/4 Kip Meeboer  
 5/12 B. J. Publicover  
 5/19 John Roudebush  
 5/23 Roy Newby  
 5/24 Mark Reeves  
 5/31 Mike Steger

## May Anniversaries

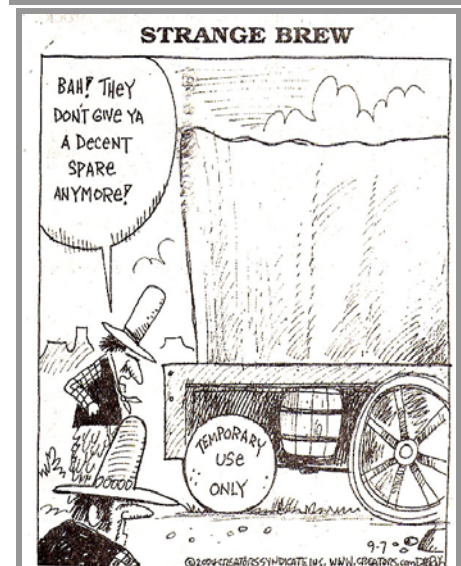
5/2 Hersel & Glenna Goff  
 5/5 Hank & Margie Lewis  
 5/20 Richard & Joan Rose  
 5/22 John & Jan Roudebush  
 5/25 Roy & Sharon Newby

## Welcome New Member

We want to welcome Raymond Dickover to the Dixie Chapter. Raymond lives in Villa Rica, GA and owns three Buicks :  
 1958 Special (41) 4 Door  
 1958 Riviera (46R) 2 Door  
 1967 Skylark (44467) Conv



**Windsor Hotel, Americus, GA. Over-nighters lodging destination.**



## My Favorite Car Picture

*Jerry Richstein*

I like my “favorite car picture” so much that I added a caption and had it put on a coffee mug many years ago. Although there is not enough of the car in the picture for many people to identify, it is still my favorite.



It is obviously my favorite because of the little guy sitting on the fender, and I would hazard a guess that many people in the club can guess that he is Russ when he was still little and cute. The caption says **“Look daddy, it’s a BUICK STRAIGHT EIGHT”**

Russ was about 1½ when I took the picture, and you may be wondering how I managed to get him to point into the engine compartment. The hood was a split hood that opened on both sides of the car, and Jean was on the other side calling to him. It took a while for her to get his attention, but when she did I was ready to snap the picture.

By the way, the car is the 1939 Buick that I had for many years. Although the car is gone, and Russ is all grown, I still like the picture to remember when he was young. He has changed so much over the years, and although I hardly ever tell him so, I am so proud of the young man that he has become.

*Jerry BCA #19892*

## Deals For Wheels

### 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](mailto:linkltrs@bellsouth.net) or 404-578-8973

### For Sale



Selling late husband's (Dixie Chapter member) collection of Buicks and Buick related parts. **1959 LeSabre 4 Dr Sedan, 1959 LeSabre Estate Wagon, and a 1959 LeSabre Estate Wagon parts car.** Lots of spare parts; tale gate, doors, door panels, headlight bezels, radiator, front & rear bumpers, seats, lots of chrome trim parts, and many others. Please contact for more information and pricing. Contact Kimberly Wright 770-932-0178 or [wordwrightshop@mindspring.com](mailto:wordwrightshop@mindspring.com)

### Parts Wanted (New Listing)

**1955 Buick Roadmaster 2DR HT:** part that fits on the rear portion if the car as a gravel (stone, splash, spoiler) guard. It is made of pot metal and fits from the end of the rear bumper to the top curve of the rear wheel opening. I need both sides. My re-chrome person left mine in the solution too long and it ate it. A four door will not work--it has to be off of a 2dr or a convertible. Will give a finder's fee, and if necessary, will buy an entire car, within reason. Contact Richard Kogon 803-637-3005 - home, 866-509-2092 - cell or [dkogon@yahoo.com](mailto:dkogon@yahoo.com)

### For Sale



Etched glass, Buick steins. From Dixie Chapter Club Sales. \$15 each.

Contact: Jack Horvath 770-934-0127, or  
[pjhorvath@bellsouth.net](mailto:pjhorvath@bellsouth.net)

The Dixie Chapter is one of over 60 chapters of the Buick Club of America; a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of automobiles built by the Buick Motor Division of the General Motors Corporation. The Dixie Valve Chatter, DVC is the official publication of the Dixie Chapter.

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*Cadillac*



## **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Peach Blossom B.O.P.C.**

**Buick \* Oldsmobile \* Pontiac \* Cadillac  
Car Show and Swap Meet  
May 4 – 5, 2012**

*Hosted by the Southeastern GTO Association*

**Please join us for the 6:30 PM Friday night Reception, May 4<sup>th</sup>  
and Car Show, Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM**

Show Location and Host Hotel this year is the:

**Marriott Atlanta Northwest**

200 Interstate North Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339  
770-952-7900

We have set up a great rate of \$82 per night for all participants. Please call the hotel and mention "The B.O.P.C. Car Show" no later than April 20<sup>th</sup> to receive the show room rate.

Directions to the Hotel: Take I-75 to Exit 260 (Windy Hill). Turn East to the first light and make a right onto Interstate North Parkway. The hotel and Car Show are about ½ mile on the left.

For additional information contact:

**Show information—Ed Bellair 770-428-4934 / [ebellair@segtoa.org](mailto:ebellair@segtoa.org)**

**Registration information—Kenny Simpson: (h) 770-277-1626; (c) 404-456-5499;  
[ksimpson@mdshvac.com](mailto:ksimpson@mdshvac.com)**

**JUDGING on Saturday:** (At least 27 Classes) "Peer Judging" (popular vote) will be used. Each car registered will receive one ballot, which will entitle you to vote in (up to) three (other) classes for a First, Second or Third place. Clubs' Presidents choice of **Best Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac, Best of Show and Survivor**. Classes will be determined by the cars registered by April 20, 2012. So please register early. This not only helps us, but also helps your car to be properly classified. Security will be provided for Friday night cars only.

**PLEASE: No "For Sale" signs on cars except in the "Car Corral"**

**All cars must have a Fire Extinguisher to be eligible for judging**

**DASH PLAQUES FOR THE FIRST 150 CARS REGISTERED**

**DOOR PRIZE TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED WHEN VOTING BALLOT IS SUBMITTED!**

**[www.segtoa.org](http://www.segtoa.org)**



**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 20<sup>th</sup> are \$25 first car and \$20 each additional, after April 20<sup>th</sup> and at the Gate \$30 and \$25. @\$25 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20 \_\_\_\_\_

2012 BOPC Commemorative Tee Shirts are \$20: XX \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

@\$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night 6:30 PM Reception & Kick-off Party w/Food & Cash Bar @\$20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total sent for the 2012 BOPC** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please make checks payable to SEGTOA and mail to:  
Kenny Simpson  
294 Mt. Moriah Road, Auburn, GA 30011**

## 2012 B.O.P.C. Classes

A	Pre 1943 (Pre WW II)
B	1946 – 1953
C	1954 – 1958
D-1	1959 – 1969 Full Size including Eldorado thru 1966 OPEN
D-2	1959 – 1969 Full Size including Eldorado thru 1966 CLOSED
E	1962 – 1972 Grand Prix, 1963 – up Riviera, Toronado, & 1967 – up Eldorado
F	1970 – 1979 Full Size
G	1980 – 1989 Non-Sport & Non-Performance
H	1980 – 1989 Sport & Performance
I	1980 – Current 2 Seater Sport
J	1967 – 1974 Firebird & Trans Am
K	1975 – Current Firebird & Trans Am
L	1961 – 1967 A-Body Non Performance
M-1	Pre 1960 Modified
M-2	1960 – 1969 Modified
M-3	1970 – Current Modified
N-1	1961 – 1967 A-Body Performance OPEN
N-2	1961 – 1967 A-Body Performance CLOSED
O	1968 – 1979 A-Body Non-Performance OPEN
P	1968 – 1979 A-Body Non-Performance CLOSED
Q	1968 – 1969 A-Body Performance OPEN
R	1968 – 1969 A-Body Performance CLOSED
S	1970 – 1979 A-Body Performance OPEN
T	1970 – 1979 A-Body Performance CLOSED
U	1990 – Current Non-Sport & Non-Performance
V	1990 – Current Sport & Performance (incl. GTO)
W	All Years Professional Cars – Hearses, Panel Delivery, etc.
X	Pre 1982 – Survivor – Original - Unmolested

**Final Show Day Class designation may require combining, or splitting classes to better reflect actual cars attending the show.**