

The Dixie Valve Chatter

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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Happy Thanksgiving.

You may be reading this as several Dixie Chapter members are sunning in central Florida. We are on the SE regional tour, and will have a full report in the December Valve Chatter.

Make sure you attend the November meeting on the 18th, as we will be voting on the slate of officers for the up-coming term. We moved the meeting date out a week, as there is a special event on the 11th, which is when Rich, and Kathleen formally become Mr. & Mrs. Fink. In honor of the newlyweds we changed the meeting date. See you on the 18th.

Happy Motoring!

Bob Stone, Chapter Director

Important

All Dixie Chapter members who attended the BCA National in Concord and worked in the hospitality suite be sure to wear your white Show Work Shirt to the November meeting.

Quotable Quote

An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.

Irv Kupcinet, Gossip Columnist, Chicago Sun-Times.

Beautiful day and a fun gathering



Photo: Cliff Dillingham

Don McClair and I attended the Riviera Owners Association picnic at Lake Lanier Park last month. It is always fun to see beautiful cars, to kick tires, chat with other Buick owners, and enjoy a nice picnic on a gorgeous early-fall day on the lake. A couple of Dixie Chapter members who also belong to the ROA were in attendance. Ed.

Election 2013—2014 Officers

The election of Dixie Chapters Officers for the years 2013 & 2014 will be held at the November meeting. The nominating committee consisting of Jack Horvath, Mike Steger and Roddy Pearce have submitted the following names for your consideration. They are:

Director; Rich Fink
Assistant Director; Mike Steger
Secretary; Bob Stone
Treasurer; JD Westfall
Newsletter Editor; Open.

If you are willing to be considered for Newsletter Editor, or you know someone who you think will accept this position please let the nominating committee know.

Since there is only one candidate for each position, and according to our bylaws, the floor will be open for nominations at the election meeting.

A Buick Convertible Coming?

There has been recent speculation regarding a Buick convertible of sorts. The strongest endorsement comes from General Motors Europe, as the new Opel Cascada was debuted on the Web. The Cascada features a cloth convertible top that retracts in 17 seconds and at speeds up to 50 km/h (31 mph)

According to GM, the Cascada will also come with luxury and tech features. In addition to adaptive forward lighting and ergonomic heated front seats, the convertible will feature "Opel Eye", which is a front camera that can recognize traffic signs and incorporates lane departure warning and forward collision alert.

Given GM's tendency for re-badging Opels as Buicks, it's not far out of the realm of possibility that we could see this vehicle Stateside wearing a Buick badge. Though the Cascada's design takes some cues from the US Regal, it shares Buick Verano platform.

Source: <http://www.autoblog.com/>

The Timing Chain

November 18, 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. Choose from a new, large buffet; price per person: \$12.00 inclusive of soft drinks or iced tea. We have a private meeting room. Check their Web at: 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.**

December; There will be no December meeting.

January Holliday Party. Date to be announced later

February 10, 2013 Annual Bowl-A-Rama, and Monthly Meeting. 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 4th 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.

Ten Commandments for Buick Owners

1. Thou shalt not store thy Buick out of doors, this space has been reserved for thy wife's old car.
2. Thou shalt not love thy car more than thy wife or children, as much, but not more.
3. Thou shalt not read Hemmings on company time, lest thy boss make it impossible to continue making thy Buick payments.
4. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbors Edsel, nor AMC, nor his Mopar.
5. Thou shalt not let thy sons or daughters marry during the holy days of Buick Nationals.
6. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her on a romantic Sunday drive, when indeed, thou art going to look at another Buick.
7. Thou shalt not tell thy wife the entire cost of thy latest restoration.
8. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition to the house and then use it to store more Buicks in.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors Buick, his Garage, nor his battery charger.
10. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas or birthdays.

From v8buick.com Posted by Mark Lob
BCA 26601

Statue to honor David Buick

Several members forwarded information to me of a recent news article in *Hemmings Motor News* regarding a statue being cast in bronze of Buick Motor Co founder, David Buick. A local sculptor in



Photo: *Ryan Garza Michigan Live mlive.com*

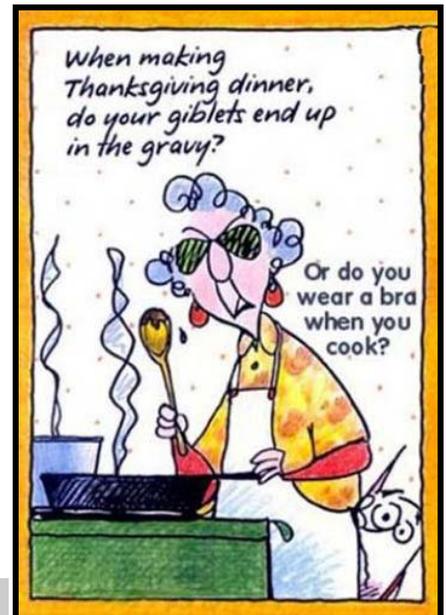
Clio, Michigan, Joe Rundell, is doing the work. Once done, it will be a permanent

November Birthdays

11/9	Susie Grant
11/9	Lee Hurdelbrink
11/13	James Thomas, Jr.
11/26	Stephanie Meeboer

November Anniversaries

11/8	Gus & Rita Valeri
11/10	Rich Fink & Kathleen Miller Wedding
11/11	John & Kevin Link



memorial and will stand in downtown Flint alongside fellow automotive founder Louis Chevrolet, also done by the same sculpted. About a dozen members of the "Back to the Bricks" organization, which has spearheaded the production of the statues, were on hand to see the clay model of Buick off. Some accompanied him to the Foundry in Clarkston, MI.

The article stated, "right now, in the small park-like area on downtown Saginaw Street in Flint, between First Street and Kearsley Street, Chevrolet stands alone on a stand wrapped in marble. A cement block a few yards away is waiting for Buick" Ed.

Sources: Article by Scott Atkinson, *Hemmings Motor News*

Pull-A-Part

During general chitchat at one of our recent chapter meetings, it became obvious than many of our members are unaware of a great source for parts for our collector cars. Many times new parts are no longer available so the only alternative is to find previously used.

Pull-A-Part, as the name implies, will allow you to go through their yard, find the car, and remove parts yourself (just bring your own tools). Don't misunderstand - this is not the traditional "junk yard"; the grounds are clean, stone covered (no oil puddles or grease everywhere), and the cars are elevated for accessibility.

Pull-A-Part has won several National EPA awards. When a car is brought to the yard all liquids and hazardous materials – gasoline, oil, antifreeze, and the mercury in switches are removed and are recycled – they even sell used antifreeze. The car is then

moved to the yard and information is posted on their Website giving the make, model, year, date of arrival and location on the lot. After a few months, or when most useable parts have been removed the carcass is crushed and sent to a recycler.

They have locations thro-ought the southeast and some as far north as Indiana and Ohio. We, in the Atlanta area are fortunate to have three in the Metro area. They are:

Atlanta North, located in Norcross; Atlanta East, in Lithonia, and Atlanta South situated just below the Atlanta Airport. Prices are very reasonable and are listed on their Web. They even provide a notification service so that when you make a request they will send you an e-mail notifying you that the car you are looking for is in the

yard. Go their web and look around. Search to see if one currently on their lots is one compatible with your car. Though most cars are late models you may just find what you need. It is best to get there soon after a car arrives, picking goes fast . Find their Web at: <http://www.pullapart.com/>



GM Section, Pull-A-Part, Atlanta North



1967 Special, Atlanta South



1950 Roadmaster, Atlanta South.

Deals For Wheels



For Sale

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



For Sale

1990 Buick Riviera 3.8 V-6 Have owned since 1996. Wife has been principle driver. Had 81K in 1996. Has 244K now, but only 56K on completely rebuilt engine. Lot of new electronics including new EMC and climate control module. New AC compressor new front struts, and front wheel bearings. Radio upgrade to Pioneer CD player AM/FM unit. Asking \$4500. More pics available. Car located in Murphy, NC. **Contact Paul VanNortwick @ 828 644 9342** or paul_v@venturecommoditiesinc.com



For Sale

1964 Electra 225. 401 Nailhead just rebuilt, aftermarket carb, some wiring in engine compartment redone. Paint peeling. Bench seats need recovering. Solid body Everything else seems original. 90k miles. Asking \$5800. **Contact JD Westfall, who's advertising for a friend. 13127 Overlook Pass, Roswell, GA 30075. Cell 913-638-7849, or jdw52@comcast.net**

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