



The Dixie Valve Chatter

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Director's Message

It's starting to cool off a little out there, but so far it's been a beautiful Fall for enjoying our Buicks. We had a nice turnout at the Ellijay Apple Festival last month. There were about 150 cars at the AACA show portion, including 8 from our chapter, and after the festival we all enjoyed lunch at Biguns BBQ. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold a business meeting, as we did not have a quorum of officers present. As the saying goes, try, try again!

This month we have the 5th annual Dixie Chapter Overnighter, "Trains, Trucks, Turntables & Things", then a quick business meeting on Sunday, November 17th. We'll need to determine our annual Christmas donations, so give them some thought and please plan to attend if possible. Also, please note that the meeting will be on the 17th, which is the THIRD Sunday of the month. The second Sunday is your humble Director's first wedding anniversary, and I've already been instructed by Mrs. Director that I have plans that day. Yes, Dear.

See y'all soon!

"The thrill of the year is Buick!"

-Rich Fink BCA #43841

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S.E. Regional at BBQ King. More pix pg. 3

Justification For Having a Fire Extinguisher

A sad picture for sure, but this beautiful 1956 Ford Thunderbird was part of a club caravan on the way to Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. The owner did not notice the rear brake starting to "hang up" and before he knew it, a major fire started in the back wheel and in less than 20 minutes the T-Bird was reduced to a total loss.

The question isn't so much a discussion on whether a fire extinguisher would have made the difference but rather where the extinguisher should be located in the car.

Most owners of classic cars carry an extinguisher but it is usually in the trunk. In this case it would have not been accessible as the fire started in the rear of the T-Bird and quickly consumed the vehicle.

It is probably best to carry the correct kind of extinguisher inside the car, behind the driver seat for faster access. In this case, however, it is doubtful if it would have made any difference.

A great loss for the owner but a helpful tip for all of us.



The Timing Chain



November 17, 2013 Note price change!

Georgia Rib Company 4930

Davidson Road, Marietta, GA. 30068.

12:30 pm for lunch with the meeting to follow.

The Georgia Rib Company is located off of Lower Roswell Road just past Johnson Ferry Road, behind Kroger in Parkaire Landing Mall. 770-973-7427. Choose from a large buffet. Price per person: **\$15.00**. This price includes tax but not soft drinks or iced tea. We will have a private meeting room.

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.

Riviera Owners Picnic Recap

Cliff Dillingham and I were unable to attend the Apple Festival with the chapter on October 12th because I had made a commitment to attend the Riviera Owners Picnic. We had a great time with other Riviera owners and their cars which included my 1965, another 1965 which is in the process of being modified, another modified 1967, and two very low mileage Rivieras; one being a 1971 and the other a 1972. The first generation of front wheel drive Rivieras was represented by two convertibles and one hard top. This group's enthusiasm made up for it's somewhat small size, however a great time was had by all.

Don McClair

Winter Storage Tips

1. Place baking soda refrigerator packages or other moisture absorbing material in the interior and trunk to help prevent mold and/or mildew from occurring.
2. Cover open air cleaners and tail pipes. Place mothballs under the car to keep vermin away.
3. If you can, place car on jack stands. This takes the weight off the suspension and prevents flat spots on the tires.
4. Disconnect the battery (negative cable) and put a battery tender on it. This keeps a trickle charge on the battery, so it won't be dead when you start the car in the spring.
5. Close all windows.
6. If you occasionally start you car, it is best to let it warm up to normal operating temperature for at least 10 minutes so as to burn off water vapor that initially develops at startup-cold operation. Otherwise, starting is not a good idea. Anything less than 10 minutes will leave water in the combustion chamber and all exhaust components.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

JANUARY 11, 2014

Dixie Chapter Annual Holiday Party
Details coming soon!

FEBRUARY 2014

Annual Dixie Chapter BOWL-A-RAMA!
You now have three months to sharpen your bowling skills!

And for who like to plan ahead:

BCA Nat'l - July 23-26th, 2014 Portland, OR.

BCA Nat'l - June 10th-13th 2015 Springfield, MO.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/08 Gus and Rita Valeri

11/10 Rich and Kat Fink

11/11 John and Kevin Link

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/9 Susie Grant 11/9 Lee Hurdelbrink

11/13 James Thomas Jr. 11/26 Stephanie Meeboer

11/28 Janet Blizzard

To succeed in life you need three things.
A wishbone, a funnybone and a backbone.

Reba McEntire

Southeast Regional Meet



BUICKS AT BAR B QUE KING



BUICK BEAUTIES AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS



**US AIRWAYS FLIGHT 1549
"THE MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON"**



THE MEMORY LANE MUSEUM



1922 BUICK SIX

USED IN THE MOVIE "THE COLOR PURPLE"



STEELE RUBBER PRODUCTS

OPEN HOUSE



"DEALS ON WHEELS"



**NO DEALS THIS MONTH.
CHECK FUTURE ISSUES
OF THE "VALVE CHATTER"
FOR GREAT DEALS ON
BEAUTIFUL
BUICKS!**

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