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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

So it's fall, is it? Time to get the BUICK ready for the Southern Regional Tour in Alabama. We have our room reserved and have sent in the registration form with all the fun activities checked off. Hope to see a great DIXIE turn out!

Sure was fun at the annual picnic this year. Our hats off to Mike and Jan Steger for hosting the event. We sincerely thank you for what you do for the club!

Sounds like we have a fun place for our October meeting; see details in the Timing Chain. Lets see how many BUICKS we can get in their big parking lot! See you at the Races

Bob Stone, BCA #37843
Director, Dixie Chapter of the BCA

2010 Picnic

By: Jan Steger

Wow, what a great day and great company we had for our annual picnic this year. We had 20 Buicks and my yard has never looked so good! Thanks to everyone for bringing good food, I believe everyone (all 44 of us) had enough to eat. We had new members and some guests attend, including the couple driving the Skylark convertible that Don

pulled over on Saturday to invite. Even the weather was on our side this year, sunny and not boiling hot. Mike and I really enjoyed the day and we are sending out a special thank you to Cliff and Don for coming over Saturday to help us get ready. I loved all of the cars, even that off brand that Bill and Nancy came in. My favorite Buick was the 67 Wildcat convertible that J.D. Westfall drove. What a beautiful cruiser, just

made you want to put on your sunglasses and go! I appreciate all of you coming and once again making my yard the envy of the neighborhood.

Jan # 35746

Quotable Quote

My theory on housework is, if the item doesn't multiply, smell, catch fire, or block the refrigerator door, let it be. No one else cares.

Erma Bombeck

Dixie Chapter Picnic 2010



What a beautiful site to see the collection of Buicks overflow the Steger's lawn for the annual club picnic. It was also great to see one of the largest number of members in attendance; in fact it may have set a record. Read more in Jan's article on this page and the accompanying pictures on page 3.

The Timing Chain

October 10, Sunday. Regular Monthly Meeting. Held at Stadium Bar & Grill, 2550 Sandy Plains Rd. Suite 300, Marietta, GA. Lunch 12:30 with the meeting following. There is an area they will reserve for us way in the back where we can have our meeting. We will be able to order off the menu. Hopefully we can get everyone who wants to eat to plan on being there by 12:30. There is plenty of parking, so (weather permitting) drive your Buick.

Directions

Take I-75N toward Marietta/Chattanooga

Take exit 267A toward GA-5 N/Canton Rd

Merge onto Canton Rd Conn. NE. Go 0.9 mi.

Take slight right at Sandy Plains RD. Go 3.1 mi.

Make U-turn at Post Oak Tritt rd. Go 223 ft. destination will be on the right.

Phone: (770) 509-2899

November 3 - 6. SE Regional. Hosted by the Bama Chapter BCA. See attached Welcome Letter and Registration Form.

January 15, 2011 (Saturday) Annual Holliday Party. Held at the St. Catherine's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. More details later.

Honey Before You Go

By John Link

I had considered naming this article DON'T DO THIS TO YOUR WIFE! or WHAT WERE YOU THINKING??? But my wife thought the above title was more appropriate. I received a call last week from one of my home repairs customers, asking me if I could get her husband's 2 VW Beetles running so she could get them ready to sell. She knew that I had refurbished VWs in the past and was a car guy.

Her husband died 2 years ago and left her with his 5 cars, a collection of bicycles (that took 2 28ft. rental trucks to carry away), a toy collection, a Boy Scout memorabilia collection, and

various other "Stuff". She is disabled and can barely walk so doing daily functions is a chore, and dealing with classic cars and other collections is quite a hardship for her.

Her beautiful refurbished '74 VW Super Beetle had sat (for who knows how long) with the emergency brake on and, whoever changed the battery didn't know how to correctly connect the extra power wires. That, plus other miscellaneous problems meant that the Bug wouldn't turn over or move. With the assistance of my buddy Ed Bellair, we were able to get the seized brake drums off, replace the rear brakes, repair the battery electrical, and test drive the Bug. With a good detailing, it will be ready to put up for sale. Her '68 VW is my next project.

We car guys think that we're going to be around forever, but chances are that the cars we've refurbished will be here long after we're gone. Jay Leno says that he's just the current caretaker for his collection and I'm sure he has made plans for its future. But what about the Regular Car Guy who has a few cars, or maybe a collection of valuable parts. Has he made plans for the sale or disposal of his collection? I bet even the Car Gals don't want the job of selling/moving/ disposing of items when they haven't a clue as to the value.

What should car collectors do? We need to plan ahead. We have Life Insurance, Wills, Living Wills, Etc.. We should also have a plan for our collection. Do our spouses/next of kin know what our cars (or collections) are worth? Do they know the best way of handling them upon our demise? If you're in a car club, have you discussed what you want to do with your cars or other collectibles? Have you asked another car guy to help your spouse when you're gone or are unable to assist your spouse? Have you discussed the plan with your spouse?

We've all seen what were once really nice cars rotting away in a driveway because the deceased owner didn't have a plan or didn't communicate what his plan was. Don't leave your spouse with the added responsibility of taking care of your toys after you're gone. Have a plan!

John Link BCA #45018

October Birthdays

10/1	John Reid
10/7	Gene Walsh
10/10	Bernice Page
10/11	Lori Barrett
10/11	Pat Horvath
10/12	Jan Steger
10/17	Lamar Brown
10/18	Al Johnson
10/18	Wanda Reeves
10/15	Glenna Goff
10/31	John Link

October Anniversaries

10/11	Gary & Diana O'Neill
10/19	Ernie & Susie Grant
10/20	Red & Cathy Newhouser
10/27	Ken & Lori Barrett

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome Doug Johnson to the Dixie Chapter. Doug lives in Tucker, GA and owns a 1955 Buick Special.

And

Lisa Patrick of Atlanta, GA. who owns a 1971 Skylark Convertible.

Also

JD & Roxanne Westfall of Roswell, GA who own a 1967 Wildcat convertible.

We are happy to have you join us. It was a pleasure to meet each of you at the picnic



Dixie Chapter member, Jack Horvath, recently won the 50-50 raffle at a Galaxy Diner Cruise-In in Tucker, GA. Jack stated that the other half went to Operation Sunscreen to buy sunscreen for troops in Iraq.

Dixie Chapter Picnic 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

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 or richfink@gmail.com**

For Sale

Buick Reference, Specifications, adjustments and Shop manuals for 1924,1926,1927,1928 1929 & 1931. Contact Jene Van Arnam, Harrison, TN 423-344-4706.

For Sale



1979 Buick Riviera 350 4bbl ps. pwr 4 wheel disc brakes, air am/fm radio pw, pdl, runs good, high miles, great tires, asking \$2,100 **Contact Bruce Publicover, 770/926-0467 or 770/591-9200 or bj79riv@comcast.net**

For Sale



1959 Buick LeSabre Sedan. Silver Birch/Arctic white, green interior. 83k mi. It's all original and runs great. Asking \$9,000 firm. Prefer to sell to a local chapter member. **Contact Chip Wright 770-932-0178 or 59deltawingpilot@gmail.com**

Sales Lead (New Listing)

1978 Buick Riviera. My wife has owned it since new and she can no longer drive ...Runs great and in great shape...only 65,000 miles and all original. It's a 75th anniversary model - just normal wear and tare- for 32 years - always garaged. She said she would take \$5,500 for it. It has new tires/radiator and fuel pump and an 8 track. Any help or advice, I hate to sell it to anyone who would not take care of it.

Contact Kenneth Roquet - Peachtree City, GA, 770-487-4000.

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.	

Contact Jack Horvath: 770-934-0127 or pjhorvath@bellsouth.net

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Bama Buick Chapter
2010 Southeastern Regional Tour
November 3-6, 2010

As Tour Director for the 2010 Southeastern Regional Tour, I would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy the fun, sites and social interaction we have planned in Birmingham, AL. This will be our first time as host and we want to make this a very memorable occasion that is packed with the sights and sounds of the area.

We will start the Tour on Wednesday with an “early bird” trip through a private collection of high end cars. These include several V16 Cadillac’s, V12 Lincoln’s, and V12 Packard’s along with approximately 60 other cars. Once you have seen these vehicles and met with the owner, you will not forget this stop.

Our Host Hotel, Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park, (www.hiltonbirmingham.com) is situated in an area of several interesting and different cuisines within walking distance. It will not be difficult to pick a different restaurant every night. We will also have an area for our cars to park behind the Hotel (separate from regular parking). There will be a wash area for those who want to keep their cars impeccably clean.

On Thursday we will caravan to the Southern Museum of Flight (www.southernmuseumofflight.org) and enjoy viewing the planes from as early as a Wright Flyer to as modern as a SR71. This museum also has the B-25 Bomber that went down in South Carolina in 1943 and was recently featured on the History Channel as it was being recovered. This plane is displayed in an area that depicts the plane’s resting place for 50 some years and is quite unique.

We will then travel to the Irondale Café (www.irondalecafe.com) that was featured in the movie Fried Green Tomatoes. We are also planning on a speaker from the AARP (Alabama Antique Racing Professionals) that will tell stories of the earlier racers and some of the tricks they played to win races.

Our next stop will be Barber Motorsports (www.barbermuseum.org). This facility is ranked the third best motorcycle museum in the world and houses over 1000 motorcycles. These bikes date back to the early board track racers and WWI Military bikes. In addition this museum houses the world largest collection of Lotus race cars and many other specialty vehicles.

We will then return to our Host Hotel for an evening of hospitality, friendship and good restaurants. A member of the Mercedes Club plans to speak to us on what we will be seeing the next day at the Mercedes plant in Vance, Alabama.

On Friday we will caravan to Vance Alabama to tour the Mercedes Museum and assembly plant (www.mbusi.com). This facility has a Museum of special interest cars going back to the 1896 Benz. You can also look forward to a tour of a facility that is quite different from American car production lines.

Lunch will be at the Cypress Inn (www.cypressinnrestaurant.com) located on the Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa. This is a beautiful area with great scenery and great food.

Our next stop will be the Jack Warner Museum (www.warnermuseum.org). Mr. Warner has collected many different art works that depict American History. He has a very interesting collection of art that will make a definite impression on our guests.

We will again return to the Host Hotel for an evening of good conversation, meeting new people and good food.

Saturday we have arranged two tours to start the day.

For the ladies and gentlemen that enjoy horticulture, a visit to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens (www.bbgardens.org). This area is a restored coal mine that will dazzle your mind with flowers and fauna. We have arranged for a Docent to lead a tour through some of the spectacular areas of the park.

The more mechanically minded are invited to tour the Hesco facility with Lee Hurly. Lee has been involved with racing and auto mechanics for many years and currently hosts a radio talk show about auto mechanics. We never know what vehicles he may have in the shop ranging from the Queen Mother 1923 Rolls Royce, a 1930 V16 Cadillac or a modern race car or boat. We will tour the dynamometer, machine shop, engine test area and have time for any questions you would like to ask Lee. He has many stories and we believe you will fully enjoy listening to him.

The two groups will travel to Vulcan (www.vulcanpark.org) for lunch and a tour. We have arranged for a catered lunch at Vulcan in order to reduce the time necessary to load and unload our vehicles. The Vulcan Statue was created for the 1904 Worlds Fair as the Iron God and came to Birmingham during the great iron and steel age. You will be able to ride the elevator to the top and see into the four counties surrounding Birmingham on a clear day. At the base of the statue is a great museum covering the history of the area and events that happened in Birmingham.

We will then return to the Host Hotel for some time to relax with friends before the Banquet. We have arranged a little something special after our business meeting and dinner. Vic Zannis will speak on the recreation of the 1907 Great Race that took place in 1997. Vic helped prepare two 1950 Fords (we had no choice in selecting the cars) and participated in the entire race. He has many great experiences from this trip both mechanically and emotionally. He is also quite experienced in preparing cars for antique racing. This will be an experience you will remember for a long time.

We hope you will be able to attend our tour and promise to do everything we can to make it a fun, enjoyable and a memorable experience.

John Cover
Tour Director.
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2010 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TOUR

November 3-6, 2010



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Room rate \$99 + tax/nt
Mention B'ham BCA Tour

A block of rooms is reserved until September 1, 2010.
Price will be honored until Oct 1, 2010 if rooms available

2010 SOUTHEASTERN TOUR REGISTRATION

NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
 YOUR CAR YEAR _____ MODEL _____
 Will you need trailer parking? _____

Registration Fee..... \$25.00

Wednesday Nov 3, 2010

Private car collection No Charge

Thursday Nov 4, 2010

Southern Museum of Flight _____ # persons X \$6 ea \$ _____
 Whistle Stop Café _____ # persons X \$13 ea \$ _____
 Barbers Motorcycle Museum _____ # persons X \$10 ea \$ _____
 Dinner on your own, a list of suggestions will be in registration packet

Friday Nov 5, 2010

Mercedes-Benz Tour _____ # persons X \$5 ea \$ _____
 Lunch at Cypress Inn _____ # persons X \$16 ea \$ _____
 Jack Warner Museum _____ # persons X \$10 ea \$ _____
 Dinner on your own, a list of suggestions will be in registration packet

Saturday Nov 6, 2010

HESCO (Lee Hurly speaking) **OR** Birmingham Botanical Gardens No Charge
 Lunch _____ # persons X \$16 ea \$ _____
 Vulcan Tour _____ # persons X \$5 ea \$ _____
 Banquet _____ X \$35 ea \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Registration is requested by October 5, 2010. Please make checks payable to: Bama Buick Chapter BCA. Mail registration and check to John E. Cover, 5425 Caldwell Mill Rd., Birmingham, AL 35242-4516.