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Director's Message

By: Jan Steger

Well, we survived another year. I hope your holidays were as happy and memorable as mine. As I look back, my friends in the Buick Club created so many bright spots and I truly enjoyed serving these last two years as your Director. I appreciate your having allowed me this leadership position. I hope to see all of you at the Holiday Party where I will pass the baton to Bob Stone, your incoming director

Jan # 35746

Assistant Director's Message

By: Don McClair

2008 has been an interesting year and I hope that this newsletter finds you happy, healthy and prosperous. I feel fortunate to have been assistant director under the leadership of Jan Steger, and I will speak for myself, and Jan, saying that we will continue to be supportive of the club activities but are going to let the new officers take the helm. We will be installing the new slate of officers at our annual Holiday Party in January and I know that you will encourage them with your support. I look forward to seeing you and your Classic Buick at the Holiday Party.

Don # 26502

The Southern Center For International Studies Site of the Annual Holliday Party



Photo: Cliff Dillingham

The Southern Center for International Studies is located in the Goodrum House on nearly four acres in the heart of the Buckhead district of Atlanta, Georgia. This exceptional home in its park-like setting provides a unique, intimate backdrop for hosting corporate and private events

The Goodrum House, designed by Philip Shutze in 1929, is considered one of the finest examples of English Regency architecture in the United States. Built by the same architect, artists and artisans as Atlanta's Swan House, the Goodrum House has extraordinary original carved woodwork, chinoiserie murals and decorative painting

The Southern Center has carefully preserved and maintained the house, keeping the ground floor much as it was in 1929.

From Southern Center Publication

Membership Renewal Time

By Jerry Richstein

Membership Renewal Notices have been mailed and this is a reminder to return the Membership Form if you have not done so.

Those that have prepaid for 2009 or beyond do not need to pay any additional dues at this time, but should please return the Membership Form so we can verify that we have your correct address, phone number, email address, National BCA Number, etc.

Those that do owe dues at this time can pay for up to 3 years at \$12 per year.

Quotable Quote

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average. Which means you've met your New Year's resolution.

Jay Leno

The Timing Chain

January 11, 2009. Annual Holiday Party. Held at The Southern Center for International Studies at 320 West Paces Ferry Road, NW. The party will start at 2 PM, with the meal being served around 4 PM. We will have our usual gift exchange - men bring a man's gift, and women bring a woman's gift. Please limit your purchase to \$15.00.

There will be a \$10 charge for each person attending to help cover the cost of the food, the caterer, and rental of the facility. Please notify Roddy Pearce, 404-371-1999 by January 9th the number attending in order for the caterer to order and prepare the food, and to have adequate seating. Soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided, otherwise BYOB.

DIRECTIONS

From the North, take I-75 south, exit at West Paces Ferry Road, then left. Go exactly 2 miles, turn right on Arden Road, and turn left into the parking lot.

From the South and Downtown take I-75 north, exit at West Paces Ferry Road, turn left at the light, go one block. Turn right onto West Paces Ferry Road, go exactly 2 miles, turn right on Arden Road, and turn left into the parking Lot. Older Buicks may park in front of the mansion; others please park in the lot at the entrance.

February 8, 2009. 1:00 PM Annual Bowl-A-Rama. Held at AMF Woodstock Lanes, 108 Woodpark Blvd. Woodstock, GA (New Location) Bowling **will start at 1:00**, which means bowlers should be there by 12:30 in order to get their shoes and lane assignments etc. The parking is ample & (reasonably) secluded for parking our old Buicks. The exact cost will be in the Feb. Valve Chatter, although it should be approximately \$12 per adult which includes shoe rental & lunch. More specific details will be in the Feb. "DVC". The RSVP for bowlers or lunch only will be Feb 4th. We will have a "sign up sheet" at the Jan party too.

DIRECTIONS

- Take I-75 North
- From I-75 take I-575 / Phillip M Landrum Memorial Hwy North toward Canton
- At exit 7, take ramp right for GA-92 toward Woodstock
- Turn right onto SR-92

- Go approximately 3/4 mi.
- Turn left onto Woodpark Blvd (at the Dairy Queen and simply follow the circle around to the Bowling Lanes)
- End: AMF Woodstock Lanes
108 Woodpark Blvd., Woodstock, GA 30188
(770) 926-2200

For those coming from the East

- Take SR 92
- Cross Canton Hwy.
- Go approximately 300 yards
- Turn right between McDonalds & Mrs. Winners.
- Follow the circle (Woodpark Blvd) around. The bowling lanes are hardly visible from Hwy 92, until after making the turn.

January Birthdays

1/3	Gerald Hendrix
1/7	Joseph Wiggins
1/14	Rita Valeri
1/19	Charlie Adams
1/29	Bettye Gillen

Welcome New Member

We would like to welcome Max Burmeister to the Dixie Chapter. Max lives in Marietta, GA and owns a 1934 Club Sedan (91) 4 Door.

Max is a friend of Jerry Richstein, and we hope he becomes actively involved in club activities.

Grit In The Gearbox



Buick's Focus; Mid-sized

Source: *Automotive News*
December 22, 2008

Buick, identified by GM as one of its four core brands (along with Cadillac, Chevrolet and GMC), will focus on its future "sweet spot"-the mid-sized sedan segment. The 2010 Buick LaCrosse, which debuts at the 2009 North American International Auto Show in January, will occupy this segment for Buick.

GM has been eager to talk up design of the all-new 2010 Buick LaCrosse, which is based on the Buick Invicta concept. The new Buick was designed with both the North American and Chinese markets in mind. Buick does very well in China, where it sells three market-exclusive vehicles: the Buick GL8, Buick HRV, and Buick Park Avenue.

Buick currently sells three vehicles in the North American market: the extremely successful Enclave crossover, the mid-size LaCrosse sedan, and the large Lucerne sedan. According to Buick-Pontiac-GMC vice president Susan Docherty, there are no plans to replace or redesign the Lucerne. The full-sized car segment "has declined 35 percent this calendar year. Bringing more entries into a declining segment wouldn't necessarily be smart," she said.

Sales of the Lucerne were less than 51,000 units through the first 11 months of 2008, down over 34 percent compared with 2007. The Lucerne replaced the LeSabre, which reached sales upwards of 150,000 during its best year, in 2005. The Lucerne's most successful year was 2006, with 96,515 units sold.



Buick Invicta Concept

Cars Of The Month

The Cars Of The Month for January are three Buicks owned by Dixie Chapter members that are currently on display in the show room at Year One Inc., In Braselton, GA. The highly customized 1971 Skylark Convertible is owned, and was built by Mark Reeves of Then & Now Auto Restorations in Marietta, GA. The 1966 Skylark, and the 1966 Skylark GS were restored by Don McClair and Cliff Dillingham -with the paint and body work by Mark Reeves at Then & Now Auto Restorations.



Photos: Don McClair

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!
- . **Johnson 123** with GM logo. Mint!
- . **Kraco** with woodtone face. New in box!
- . **Midland 13-830** "top view". Like new!
- . **Cobra** with instant weather channels. Like new!
- . **4 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

1979 Buick Riviera 350 4bbl loaded with options and runs good. Need to sell quickly. Asking \$2,400. **Contact Bruce C. Publicover 770-926-0467, or bj79riv@comcast.net**

For Sale

1969 LeSabre 4 door parts car. Good running gear \$400.00. Selling for non member. **Contact Roddy Pearce 404-371-1999 or email roddy-pearce@mindspring.com.**

For Sale

1956 Ford Thunderbird Black with black and white interior. Both hardtop and convertible top, both black. Thunderbird 292 V8 engine with three-speed transmission. Power seats and power brakes. Incomplete restoration (some assembly required) with all body work complete. Front end rebuilt, new correct Firestone tires. Asking \$20,000 obo. **Contact Doug Huber at 404-252-2433, or DHuber4853@aol.com**

For Sale

1991 Buick Reatta, Red. Last year new a/c, brakes, tires & water pump. 85K miles. Asking \$2500 **Contact Red Newhouser 404-683-2091 or, rednewhouser@mindspring.com**

For Sale

1967 Dealer Showroom AM-FM Radio and Eight Track Display Console. Excellent condition with working radio plus NOS eight track tape player and eight track tapes. \$600 for all. Operates off ac and has all wiring and instructions. Getting rid of all my Buick and other car line memorabilia. If interested come see what I have.

Also Literature; 3 file cabinets categorized by year beginning with 1924 with owners manuals, model catalogs, factory information and other literature, thru 1990. Most is Buick but there is some Chevrolet, Pontiac, Olds, Cadillac and GMC. **Contact Jene Van Arnam 423-344-4706 or jvva@bellsouth.net.**

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