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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Happy March !

I hope every one had a blast at the Bowl A Rama last month. It was fun seeing everyone and checking out our new bowling home. We had several new trophy winners, and one trophy now won by a son (Russ) who's dad (Jerry) had won it in the past. The food at the awards banquet was a great and special shout out to Shar Kile and her home made bowling cake!

I have been fasting in preparation for our March meeting at the Spaghetti Warehouse on 3/8. Hope to see a big turnout, as we will discuss the APRIL BOP&C hosted by the Dixie Olds club on April 25th. Also on the plans is a May 9/10 Tour to the Madison, GA. with a possible overnight stay in the area.

I can't imagine a more beautiful area to explore with all the spring flowers, cool temperatures and shiny Buicks.

Happy Motoring !

Bob #37843

Bowl-A-Rama Winners



Photo: Don McClair

Shown above are the winners in the 2009 Annual Bowl-A-Rama. Left to right: Ashley Stone, Women's High Score; Jerry Richstein, "Oops Award" for taking a tumble on delivery; Cody Fink, for bowling the lucky Number "80"; Russ Richstein, Men's High Score; and Cliff Dillingham, Low Score with High Handicap - translated to mean "appalling bowling".



Jerry Richstein sent in this picture of his, and son Russ' Bowling trophies proudly displayed in their home; among what appears to be their Boy Scout trophies. See related picture above.

The Timing Chain

March 8, 2009. Regular Monthly Meeting.
Held at The Spaghetti Warehouse, 2475 Delk Rd, Marietta, GA. Lunch at 1:30 PM, meeting starts at 2:30.

Directions

- **Take I-75 N** toward Marietta
- **Take exit 261** for Delk Rd
- **Merge** onto Delk Rd SE
- **Turn left** at Northchase Pkwy SE
- **Travel 0.2 mi**
- **Destination** will be on the right
- **Spaghetti Warehouse Italian Grill**
2475 Delk Rd SE, Marietta, GA (770) 953-1175

April 25, 2009. BOP&C. Hosted by Dixie Olds Club. Held at **Joe's Crab Shack, 4300 Stone Mountain Hwy, (Hwy 78) Lilburn, GA.** Information and registration will be provided when available.

March Birthdays

- 3/1 Rita Brown
- 3/3 Deena Huber
- 3/4 Roddy Pearce
- 3/11 Jean Richstein
- 3/13 Melanie Reid
- 3/18 Virginia Van Arnam
- 3/20 Penny VanNortwick
- 3/23 Laura Stooksbury
- 3/29 Hugh Hughes

Welcome New Member

We would like to welcome Dave Gareau to the Dixie Chapter. Dave lives in Atlanta, and owns a 1971 Gran Sport, and a 1985 Grand National. Welcome Dave.

Employment Wanted

We found out recently that Joe Wiggins is a victim of the economic down-turn. Joe had been with J. M. Huber Co., in Fairmount, GA., for twenty three years as a Chemical Engineer, but as a result of down-sizing, he is now looking for work. He stated that "he can do almost anything". He said that he had built two houses so can do carpentry; electrical, mechanical, as well as general maintenance and repair. He asks that anyone knowing of any work available, either permanent or temporary to let him know. He can be reached only on his cell phone at 678-986-1989.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bruce, and Shar Kile on the birth of their first Great Grandchild.

Emma Elise Riddick arrived, Friday, Feb. 20, 7:04 pm. weighing in at 6 pounds 14 oz., 21-1/2" long. The proud Grandmother is Bruce, and Shar's daughter Dori.



Photos: Cliff Dillingham

Grit In The Gearbox



Perfect weather in February is reason enough to back the Buick out of the garage for pleasant drive. Above are the Buicks driven in bright sunshine to the Bowl-A-Rama on February, 8.

Top photo (L-R) 1970 Skylark, Bruce and Shar Kile; 1979 Riviera, Bruce & BJ Publicover; 1955 Special, Ron Bergeron; 1948 Super, Gus & Rita Valeri; 1970 Skylark, Jan Steger.

Bottom Photo; 1971 Skylark, Kip & Stephanie Meeboer; 1973 Centurion, Bob & Ashley Stone.

Cars Of The Month

The Cars Of The Month for March is owned by Don McClair and was recently restored by he and Cliff Dillingham. Here is Don's story of this beautiful Buick.



1966 Buick, Skylark, Gran Sport

In 2000, I drove my 1966 Wildcat GS to the BCA National in Richmond, Virginia. While there I met Mr. Dave Young, from Boaz, Alabama. During conversation he stated that he had a 66 Wildcat that he was interested in parting-out. In 2001, I contacted Mr. Young and made an appointment to see the car. That weekend Cliff Dillingham, Roddy Pearce and I drove over to Boaz to look it over. I was interested in it as a potential donor-car for both my Wildcat GS, and my brother's 66 Wildcat, but after seeing the car I realized it was too far gone to consider. However, Mr. Young had about 125 other cars in various buildings that he wanted us to see. One happened to be a very tired looking 66 Skylark GS. While driving back, I called my brother and told him that the Wildcat was out but told him about the Skylark GS. A few days later he called me and said that he wanted to buy the Skylark GS. Again, Cliff, Roddy, and I drove back to Alabama with a tow dolly and brought the GS to Georgia. My brother and dad then came down from Pennsylvania with a borrowed roll-back and took possession.



Photos: Cliff Dillingham

Fast forward a few years. My brother started the restoration, but had several other cars also in various stages of completion so work on the GS stopped with no restart date in view. He had had the seats professionally covered and had purchased most of the interior for the car. In conversation one day he asked if I wanted to buy the GS – I said definitely, so off to Pennsylvania with a trailer, and Cliff and I brought the GS back to Georgia.

*We began disassembling the car in September of 2006. The body was lifted off of the chassis and placed on a wooden dolly we constructed. Ever heard the story about a friend of a friend who does great body and paint work? Well, I fell for that one and four months and \$4,800 later I got the body back with horrible, unacceptable work. I then took the body to fellow Dixie Chapter member, Mark Reeves who owns **Then & Now Auto Restorations** (should have done that to begin with). Mark sent the body off and had it media blasted, then his people began to work their magic. When the body work was completed they set the body back on the chassis and applied the dark blue metallic paint.*

*Cliff Dillingham and I brought the GS back home in July of 2008 and began reassembly. In less than two months it was cruising down the road drawing a lot of attention. It was pictured along with a short article in the March, 2009, Issue of **Hemmings Classic Car** magazine. There are also more pictures, and a write-up on the Year One Web site. To see it, go to www.yearone.com and click on "Project Cars" and then click on "Employee Projects". Shown there are pictures of the finished car along with several pictures made during restoration.. It has turned into a beautiful car, and is a joy to drive.*

Don # 26502

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 (REDUCED)

1979 Buick Riviera 350 v8 automatic ps, pwr 4-wheels disc brakes, air, pw, pdl, runs good, need to sell immediately \$2,200. Want 70 Buick skylark. **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 roddypearce@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 Arnem 423-344-4706 or jvva@bellsouth.net.**

For Sale

1938 Model 41... Style#384419... Body#32040... Trim#400... Paint#515. The car is a 1938 Model-41 4 door trunkback. The metal is straight, no dents. The windows were bad so I have bought new glass all around. I dismantled it to do a frame off restoration. Right now it sits with the coach and motor on the frame covered with tarps. The body of the car has been media blasted and a coat of primer is on it. This car has all the parts with it. I started the motor before dismantling and it ran great. Also I have been cleaning, sanding and priming some of the smaller parts. I have sent all chrome to a plating place here in Nashville but he hasn't started on it yet. It has new tires also. This will be an easy project for someone to reassemble. I bought this Buick when I lived in KY and about a year and a half ago we moved to TN. I have no garage and no place to work on this car so that is the reason I am selling it. I know there are other details that I am missing so feel free to call if you're interested. **Contact Keith Reynolds (BCA # 43347) 2805 W. Linden Ave., Nashville. TN 37212 Home: 615-712-8783 Cell: 606-224-3552, or kathiehreynolds@comcast.net**

For Sale (Re-listing)

1966 Buick Special 2 dr. post. 340 nail head engine Automatic Transmission Newly restored, paint, interior, tires and mags Bucket seats Radio/CD. White w/ black interior. Like new. Only 1883 of these were made. \$15,500 **Contact Pat Garrett 864-220-6680 , or gmapatches@hotmail.com Pictures available on request.**

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