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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

I enjoyed our last meeting at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Marietta. The food was good and such large portions! We talked about a road trip to Madison GA area on May 16 with an overnight stay and then some more touring led by Bruce and Shar Kile.

I am looking forward to this months meeting in the Tucker area at the Galaxy Diner. I understand it is very popular with some of the other car clubs. I drove by the other day and saw plenty of good parking for our cars so come on down and see your fellow members and have a bite to eat.

Please register for the BOP&C as it is being held April 25th and the Dixie Olds club need our support and it should be a fun car show.

Hope to see every one at the Galaxy on the 16th.

Happy Motoring !

Bob #37843

J.D. Powers: Buick Ties for Highest Vehicle Dependability

Buick ties with Lexus to rank highest among nameplates in vehicle dependability—marking the first time in 12 years that another brand ties with Lexus for

Meritorious Award Recipient



Photo: Connie Bergeron

Ron Bergeron was the honored recipient of the Dixie Chapter Meritorious Award in 2007. He was recognized at that time, however, the delivery of the plaque did not take place until recently. This award is presented as candidates are identified for their contribution to the club. Some of the qualifications are: a current member in good standing for the past five consecutive years; must have attended a minimum of 70% of the regular meetings; and must have held an elected or appointed office a minimum of two years. Our thanks to Ron for his service and dedication to the Dixie Chapter. Behind Ron is "Daisy", the Bergeron's 1955 Special.

the highest-ranking position, according to J.D. Powers and Associates 2007 Vehicle Dependability Study^(SM). The study, which measures problems experienced by original owners of 3-year-old (2004 model year) vehicles, finds that Buick and Lexus tie for the top rank position with a score of 145 problems per 100 vehicles.

Source: www.theautochannel.com

Shown at right, the 2010 Buick LaCrosse, photographed at the 2009 Atlanta Journal Constitution, World of Wheels, held in March at the Atlanta World Conference Center.



Photo: "BJ" Publicover

The Timing Chain

April 5, 2009. Carolina Buick Chapter Autofair Show. Held at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC. Space is limited so if interested contact Jerry Bodden, 336-627-9708 or jb_riviera@netzero.net

April 19, 2009. Regular monthly meeting. Lunch 12:30 pm, meeting 1:30 pm. Held at Galaxy Diner, 3320 Henderson Mill Road, Chamblee, GA., off I-285 near I-85 interchange. **Directions:**

Traveling south on I-285.

Exit on Chamblee-Tucker Rd (Exit 34). Cross over I-285, travel .5 mi to Henderson Mill Rd. Destination on right 236 ft.

For those going north on I-285, exit on Chamblee-Tucker Rd. and go right to destination on Henderson Mill Rd. Telephone 770-723-9555 www.galaxydineratlanta.com/

April 25, 2009. BOP&C. Hosted by Dixie Olds Club. Held at **Joe's Crab Shack, 4300 Stone Mountain Hwy, (Hwy 78) Lilburn, GA.** Registration form with information is attached.

May 16, 2009. Road Trip to Madison, GA. Details later.

April Birthdays

4/3 Shelby Hendrix
 4/6 Jerry Richstein
 4/6 Kimberly Wright
 4/7 Richard Cope
 4/27 Jack Horvath

April Anniversaries

4/5 Bill & Nancy Hansen
 4/7 Gene & Andrea Walsh
 4/25 Steve & Suzanne Zigler
 4/26 Bruce & Shar Kile

Quotable Quote

A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

George Bernard Shaw

Get Well Soon

Get Well wishes are extended to Mike Steger who is at home recovering from rotator cuff surgery. He is starting therapy but his Dr. has advised that he put no pressure on his shoulder for at least two more months. This has greatly limited his activity and prohibits his ability to drive. He does have assistance at home while Jan is working.

AND TO

Beth Watkins who is now at home from the hospital after experiencing breathing difficulties. John reports: "she is now using Oxygen at home and it has given her much more energy. We think she has had reduced breathing capacity for a while and didn't realize she was starved for oxygen. We will be doing out patient visits and tests as part of an effort to determine root cause of breathing issues and to identify possible solutions / treatments. Both Beth and I feel they can identify things she can do differently that will help her reduce use of oxygen".

We wish them both a speedy and full recovery.

Membership News

By: Jerry Richstein, Membership Chairman

The Dixie Chapter membership recently voted on changes that will affect all current and new members of the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America.

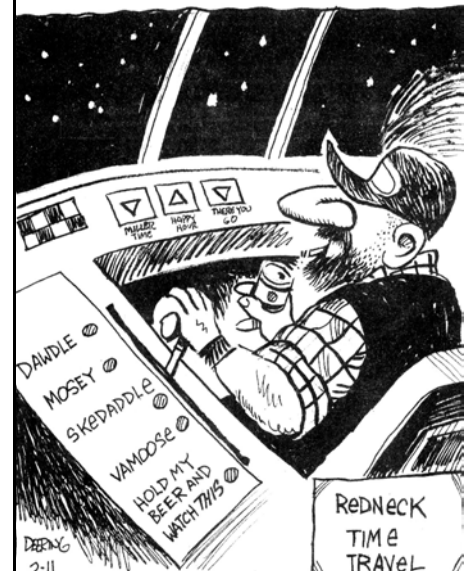
1. Effective January 1, 2010 the standard Dues will go up from the old rate of \$12/year to the new rate of \$20/year.
2. Effective January 1, 2010 all previous Meritorious Award Winners that currently pay no dues will start paying 50% of the standard Dues.
3. Any new Meritorious Award Winner will get one year free dues and then start paying 50%.
4. Any new Member that joins during 2009 will have the option of paying up to three years at the current rate of \$12.

In addition to the 4 changes listed above, it was also decided that any existing member can pay for up to 3 additional years at the old rate of \$12 regardless of whether or not they have already paid for future years. Current Meritorious Award Winners that start paying 50% next year can also pay for up to 3 years now at the rate of \$6/year (50% of \$12) rather than \$10/year (50% of \$20).

This offer will be in effect ONLY until April 15th, so any Regular Member or Meritorious Award Winner that wants to take advantage of this limited time offer should send a check to Membership Chair Jerry Richstein now. Look in the current 2009 Roster to see what year you are paid through, or call Jerry at 770-924-4779.

Grit In The Gearbox

STRANGE BREW



Cars Of The Month

This month we are doing an oblique on Car Of The Month. It is not a Buick, but after all, car lovers love and appreciate all cars no matter what badge they wear. This beautifully restored, National award winning 1930, Model-A Ford, is owned by Charlie, and Jeanene Adams of Cleveland, GA., and received the “Ford” award at the National AACA held in Philadelphia, PA in February, 2009, for the Best Restored Model-A. It certainly is a worthy stable-mate for their classy 1968, Buick Electra 225 Limited. Here are Charlie's comments about this award winner.



Photos provided by Charlie Adams

In 1957 I bought a 1930 Ford coupe and did what I thought was a complete restoration , in other words I wire brushed and painted the chassis using very few new parts and did a low budget job on the rest of the car. Jeanene and I drove it to the Model A Club national meet in Dearborn Michigan in 1959 sporting a pair of 1930 license plates. I sold this car a couple of years later, but I sort of missed my little coupe. Fast forward to 2003 when I bought a late 1931 Ford deluxe coupe from a fellow AACA member, Harlan Dahl. I was going to do a few repairs and drive it. Well, you know what happened. It turned into a full restoration. I finished it in time for the 2008 AACA national meet in Cleveland Tennessee where It was awarded a First Junior trophy and nominated for a national award. In February 2009 we received the Ford award given by the AACA for the best restoration of a Model A Ford. It was a far cry from my original coupe but maybe we will enjoy a few trips in it. It sure isn't as comfortable to ride in or drive as that big '68 Buick Electra 225 that we are now enjoying driving on tours.

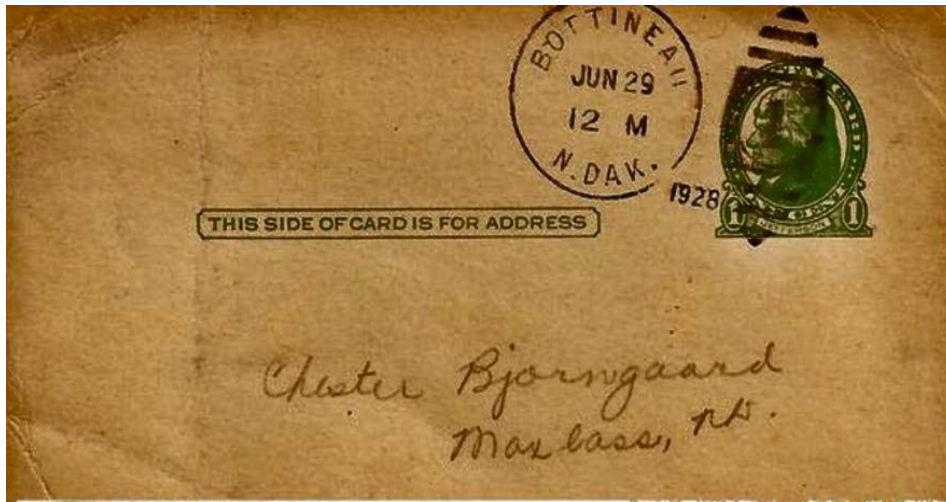
Charlie #25890



Charlie, and Jeanene in Philadelphia, PA, February, 2009, accepting the “Ford Award”, for best Model-A restoration; presented by Sharon Lee (center), president of AACA.

Continuing the theme of an Model-A as the Car Of The Month, shown below is a post card, used much as a sales brochure today, advertising C. R. Gleason Company's prices for service and parts on a Model-T in 1928.

A tip of the hat to members Warren Williams, and Bruce Kile for the card photo.



Dear Sir:—
 We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.
 It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.
 The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.
 Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.
 New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.
 The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.
 A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

Very truly yours,
 C. R. GLEASON CO.

Bottineau, N. Dak.

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 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

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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Club Sales						

**28th Anniversary of the Peach Blossom B-O-P
Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac**

**Hosted by the Dixie Oldsmobile Club
April 25th, 2009**

Show Location: Joe's Crab Shack Lilburn, GA (770)736-2900

**Direction to show location: I-285 E/ Merge onto US-78 E via EXIT 39B toward SNELLVILLE/ ATHENS.
4300 Hwy 78 Lilburn, GA 30047**

General Information: Call: Didrik & Anne Wallis @ (678) 339-9744 or Jill & Peter Berusch @ (404) 667-9501

Each car registered will receive one ballot, which will entitle you to vote in (up to) three (3) classes for **First, Second, or Third place** as well as **Best Buick, Olds, Pontiac** and **Best of Show**. Classes will be determined by cars registered by **April 05th, 2009**. This not only helps us, but also helps your car be properly classified. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY. FIRST 150 CARS GET A SPOT.

Registration is from 9:00am until 12 noon, Voting 12-2pm, Awards at 4pm

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number () _____ Email address: _____

Car Registration:

Show Car #1: Year _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Class _____
Body Style _____ Car Club, if applicable _____
Show Car #2: Year _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Class _____
Body Style _____ Car Club, if applicable _____

FEES:

Registration received by April 05th, 2009 (includes 1(one) free T-shirt) \$25.00
Indicate size of free t-shirt: __S__M__L__XL__XXL

Additional Car (s)-----@ \$15.00 each car \$ _____

Additional T-Shirts @ \$10.00 each \$ _____
Indicate size of t-shirt: __S__M__L__XL__XXL

Vending Registration: (each space approx. 8x16)-----@ \$25.00 per-slot \$ _____
Vendor's will also receives 1 free T-shirt if received by April 05th.
Indicate size of t-shirt: __S__M__L__XL__XXL

Total enclosed----- \$ _____

ALL REMITTANCE MUST BE IN U.S. FUNDS

Please make all checks payable to: **Dixie Olds Chapter** and mail completed forms to:
2009 B.O.P.c/o Didrik Wallis
5420 Heathridge Terrace
Duluth, GA 30097

Advance Registration Deadline for FREE T-Shirt---April 05th, 2009
Day-of-show registration **will not** include free T-shirt

Entrants or participants by execution of this form, release the Dixie Olds Club from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, claims or judgments from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant or participant to his/hers person/family or property.

Classes for 2009 B.O.P. Car Show

- A. Pre 1953 – All
- B. (1954-1957) All
- C. (1958-1964) All Full Size
- D. (1965-1970) All Full Size
- E. (1971-1973) All Full Size Closed
- F. (1961-1967) All Non-Performance A Bodies
- G. (1968-1974) A-Body Non-Performance Closed
- H. (1968-1974) A-Body Non-Performance Open
- I. (1969-1973) All Full Size Open
- J. (1961-1965) A-Body Performance Closed
- K. (1961-1965) A-Body Performance Open
- L. (1966-1967) A-Body Performance Closed
- M. (1966-1967) A-Body Performance Open
 - M-1. (1959 & Older) Modified
 - M-2. (1960-1969) Modified
 - M-3. (1970 to Current) Modified
- N. (1968-1969) A-Body Performance Closed
- O. (1968-1969) A-Body Performance Open
- P. (1970) Only A-Body Performance Closed
- Q. (1970) Only A-Body Performance Open
- R. (1971-1974) A-Body Performance Closed
- S. (1971-1974) A-Body Performance Open
- T. (1963-1970) All Riviera's, Toronados, Grand Prix & Eldorado
- U. Cadillac – All except 1963-1970 Eldorado
- V. (1967-1974) Firebird & Trans Am – All
- W. (1975-1987) Sports & Performance – All
- X. (1974-1987) Non-Sports & Performance – All
- Y. (1988-2008) All (Including GTO's)

Awards

1. Best Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac & Cadillac
2. Top Three in Each Class (Above)
3. Best of Show

Rules

1. Must have a Fire Extinguisher to be judged.
2. Must be at least 3 cars in class. Classes may be combined day of show.

Description of Modified

1. A Non-Original GM engine either "high-performance" or an increase of 50 cu. Inches
2. Major body modifications.
3. Chromed or de-chromed 30% or more. Engine compartment chromed more than original.
4. Any major change to ride height.
5. Custom Paint.
6. Non-original hood scoops.
7. Vehicle set up for racing.
8. Non-stock suspension, except shocks.
9. Differential other than year of manufacture.

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