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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

I hope every one had a nice time at the June meeting at Norm's in Dunwoody. We had the privilege of viewing a 58 Limited Coupe driven by a prospective member. It was a great restoration, and we even got a jump-start demonstration given by Rick and Jerry.

Our next meeting, in August will again be at Norm's in Dunwoody.

Look for an e-mail notice of a spontaneous outing in July to someplace cool, like an ice cream parlor.

Don't forget about the cruise-in at the Galaxy Diner on Saturday August 1st from 4 to 7 pm.

Keep your Buicks running cool!

Bob # 37843

CHVA Report

By: Jan Steger

I am usually at the beach with my family when they have the CHVA, but with Mike not fully recovered from his surgery, we did not go. Instead I cleaned up the Skylark and followed Don and Cliff over to Cartersville. I had a great time. A parking lot full of great cars, vendors selling things I had to have, sunshine and friends, what more could

Three Dixie Chapters Buicks winners at the 2009 CHVA



Two Dixie chapter Buicks took top honors at the 34th Annual Southeastern National CHVA. Left, Don McClair accepts "Best Of Show Award" - Authentic Vehicles - for his 1966 Skylark GS, which also won "Best In Class" for 1959 thru 1967 vehicles.



Ken Barrett accepts "Best in Class Award" for 1959 thru 1967 vehicles - CHVA Members - for his 67 Skylark GS. It also won "Best of Show" for CHVA Members.

Ron and Connie Bergeron's 1955 Special took "Second Place Award" for Authentic vehicles 1947 thru 1958. No photo available.

Photos: CHVA

you ask for! They had three classes, Original/Authentic, Modified, and CHVA Members. (They also had Motorcycle classes and awards.) The best news was the awards won by Buicks. Don took 1st place in his class (66 GS), Ken Barrett took 1st place in his class (67 GS) and Ron & Connie took 2nd place in their class (55 Special). Finally they awarded Best in Show trophies.

Don won Best in Show for Original/Authentic cars, and Ken won Best in Show for CHVA Member cars. Two of three Best in Show trophies went home with BUICKS! (The third (Best in Show - Modified) went to a Camaro if you are interested). It was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday

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The Timing Chain

July—No meeting. Celebrate the Fourth.

August 1, Saturday, A Cruise-In. Sponsored by and held at Galaxy Diner, 3320 Henderson Mill Road, Chamblee, GA 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Open to all Makes & Model cars. Door Prizes & Awards. No entry fee. The club voted to make this a club event.

August 9. Regular Monthly Meeting. Held at Norm's Steak & Seafood (sign outside says Olde Mill Steakhouse), 2089 Savoy Dr., Dunwoody, GA. Savoy Dr. is an I-285 access road between N. Peachtree Rd., and N. Shallowford Rd. Lunch at 12:30, meeting at 1:30. 770-455-0900.

September 20, Sunday. Annual Dixie Chapter Picnic. At the home of Mike & Jan Steger. Details and directions will be provided later.

October 11 (tentative). Regular Monthly Meeting. Held at *Then & Now Auto Restorations* in Marietta, GA. Details will be provided later.

Other Local Events

August 14 - 16 2009. 32nd Annual Northeast Georgia Antique Auto Region Car & Truck Show - with Large Swap Meet and Arts & Crafts. Held at Habersham County Fairgrounds, Clarksville, GA All Day Cruise-in Saturday only. Large for Sale Car Corral. For information call Hillard Garrett 706-754-9277; Cleve McAfee 706-865-7777; Bernie Blakney 706-865-4889.

July Birthdays

7/2 Ernest Garrett
 7/2 Paul VanNortwick
 7/7 Cathy Newhouser
 7/12 Jan Roudebush
 7/17 Andrea Walsh
 7/20 June Benson
 7/21 John Huffman
 7/22 Connie Bergeron
 7/25 Jeanene Adams

July Anniversaries

7/16 Mike & Jan Steger
 7/26 Mark & Wanda Reeves
 7/29 Larry & Bettye Gillen

Quotable Quote

Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but the democrats believe every day is April 15.

Ronald Reagan



Buick News Update

Since 2006, GM has been developing a front-wheel drive 2-mode plugin hybrid (PHEV) vehicle. The 2-mode plugin Saturn VUE was to be that car but bankruptcy and divestment of the Saturn brand has ended that plan.

GM's contract negotiations with Penske could in theory enable that car to still be built and sourced, however that is highly unlikely.

Yet GM has said it still plans to put the plug-in 2-mode powertrain into a production vehicle but hasn't said which one. Development work is ongoing.

Writers have speculated the new Chevrolet Equinox which gets 32-mpg highway using a direct injection 4-cylinder engine would be the likely host for the powertrain. Other speculation includes the new GMC Terrain or Cadillac SRX.

These ideas may be wrong. GM-Volt.com has learned the new vehicle will be a Buick. GM has designed a new small crossover (CUV) Buick which has yet to be named or unveiled. Footage of a clay model of the vehicle was leaked when CBS news filmed an interview with GM VP of Design Ed Welburn.



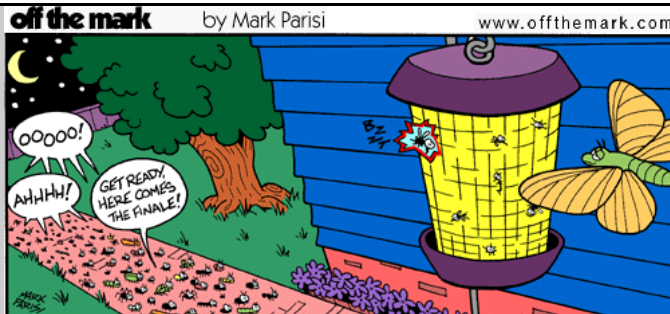
This new car shares the same platform the Saturn VUE uses and therefore is properly configured for the 2-mode hybrid and plug-in 2-mode hybrid drivetrain. The body design will be unique.

It is expected the car will make its appearance in 2011.

GM has not officially confirmed this information, so should be taken as rumor at this point.

Source: GM-Volt.com

Grit In The Gearbox



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by Mark Parisi

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Dixie Chapter Buicks at CHVA



1955 Special, Ron & Connie Bergeron



1966 Skylark GS, Don McClair



1967 Skylark GS, Ken & Lori Barrett



1970 Skylark, Mike & Jan Steger



1973 Centurion, Bob & Glenda Stone

Photos: *Cliff Dillingham*



"Bacon", a Vietnamese Pot-belly pig enjoyed the day riding in a "Roadmaster", having his head robbed, and munching on handouts from show participants.

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

1993 Buick Roadmaster Station Wagon. One owner, complete maintenance records. New a/c, alternator, radiator, water pump, universal joints. 5.7 Lt V8. Heavy duty trailer towing package. 172k miles. \$3,000 or best offer. **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.**

Club Store Items For Sale

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
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.	

To purchase contact Jack Horvath: 770-934-0127 or pjhorvath@bellsouth.net

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