

# The Dixie Valve Chatter

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## Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Is Summer Over? I don't think so!

Hi every one. We had a small but productive showing at the Galaxy Diner's last Cruise-In on 8/1. Two beautiful BUICKS were there and both won for their classes. See the details in the edition. Double check your calendar for Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> for the Dixie chapter summer picnic at the Steger's. We will have plenty of fun and food for young and old a like.

Our next meeting is in October and is a double header. First meet and eat at a restaurant and the drive to *Then & Now Auto Restorations* for a tour and club meeting. All dates and locations are in this newsletter.

If you know some one who has a BUICK or just likes old BUICKS, invite them to a meeting or an outing to see if they would like to join our chapter and the National Club. If we get them to join the BCA, we will give them 2010 membership in our chapter for free!

Stay Cool! Bob # 37843

## Quotable Quote

If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves.

Thomas A. Edison

## Two Dixie Buicks in Top 5 at Cruise-In



Photo: Jan Steger

Two Dixie Chapter Buicks placed in the top five cars at the Galaxy Diner Cruise-In held August 1<sup>st</sup>, in Tucker, GA. Above, with their plaque is Connie & Ron Bergeron with their 55 Special convertible. To their right, Mike & Jan Steger proudly display their plaque and their 70 Skylark convertible. All members who attended state that it was a "good, fun", show. See photos page 3.

## 2009 Southeast Regional November 12-14

A tour of the Lane Auto Museum has been scheduled for those who arrive on Friday at the up-coming Southeast Regional.

Lane Motor Museum features 150 unique cars and motorcycles and is home of the largest European collection in the U.S. The vehicles date from the 1920s all the way up to modern day and feature a varied collection of microcars, amphibious vehicles, military vehicles, alternative fuel vehicles, prototypes, one-of-a-kind vehicles and motorcycles.

Visitors can see a broad variety of vehicles from Europe,



1922 Buick Speedster

Asia, and North and South America. Engineering, politics, geography, and economics are a few of the factors which have shaped vehicles throughout history. This is a working museum with the goal being to maintain all vehicles in running order.

Source: /www.lanemotormuseum.org

## The Timing Chain

**September 20, Sunday. 1:00PM Annual Dixie Chapter Picnic. Held at the home of Mike & Jan Steger.** Bringing a dish, the meat will be provided. We split the dishes by your last initial. If your last name starts with:

A – D bring dessert/sweet  
 E – H bring bread/rolls/biscuits  
 I – L bring vegetable  
 M – P bring vegetable  
 Q – S bring ice tea (sweet and un-sweet)  
 T – Z bring paper products (plates, napkins, drink cups, forks/knives/spoons). **Directions:**

**I-85 North of Perimeter** go north to Suwanee exit. Turn left. You are on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road heading west. Lawrenceville-Suwanee will turn in to Suwanee Dam. After you cross over Peachtree Industrial Blvd, you will pass 1 traffic light (Settles Bridge Road) and take next left on to Settles Point Road. Follow it until it dead ends. Our house is the two story brick on the right with a 1970 green Skylark convertible on the front lawn.

**Highway 20 from GA-400.** Head east on Hwy 20 until you reach Suwanee Dam. Take a right on Suwanee Dam and drive until you see Settles Point Road on your right. *(If you arrive at Peachtree Industrial Blvd you missed it, turn around)* Follow Settles Point Road until it dead ends. Our house is the two story brick on the right with a 1970 green Skylark convertible on the front lawn. If you get turned around or lost, please call **(770) 831-5943** and we will help.

**October 11. Lunch & Regular Monthly Meeting. Lunch at 12:30PM at Folks Southern Kitchen, 180 Parkway 575, Woodstock, GA.** Take I-575 N. to Exit 7 (GA 92). Go east on GA 92 for 500 yards and go left to Parkway 575 and to restaurant. **After lunch, meeting at Then & Now Auto Restorations 2:00PM** From Folks, follow GA 92 east for approximately 1 mile. Turn right on Canton Hwy (SR 5). Go approximately 1 mile to Georgia Masonry Supply (formerly La Farge) Concrete Plant on left. Cross the railroads tracks

and bear left. Follow road to end. You will see the sign. **Bring your chairs, and a desert.**

**November 12 - 14. Southeast Regional. Hosted by the Music City Chapter and held in Murfreesboro, TN.** Registration form and descriptive flier is attached.

## September Birthdays

9/6 Don McClair  
 9/15 Bill Hansen  
 9/16 Homer Tittle  
 9/22 John Fair  
 9/24 Jene Van Arnam  
 9/26 Robert Brubaker  
 9/26 Rich Fink  
 9/26 Beth Watkins

## September Anniversaries

9/23 Kip & Stephanie Meeboer  
 9/25 Ron & Connie Bergeron  
 9/25 Donald & Florence Winebarger

## Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome Donald & Florence Winebarger to the Dixie Chapter. They live in Monticello, GA and own three Buicks:  
 1940 Super (56S) Coupe  
 1947 Roadmaster (76S) Sedanet  
 1954 Special (48D) 2Door.

We are pleased to have you join us and hope to see you at a meeting or outing soon.

## Recent Buick News

The 2011 Buick Regal has been spied in the U.S. showing it's Opel Insignia DNA. The 2011 Buick Regal is the same as the one build in China and various sources say it will be sold in the U.S. together with the LaCrosse.

Being built on the same platform as the Opel Insignia, the 2011 Buick Regal is a comfortable four-door sedan with an engine mounted at the front which is full of technology.

The main differences be-



tween the 2011 Buick Regal will come at the front, to express the brand's identity, but the rest of the lines will remain the same.

The 2011 Buick Regal will be an economical class model powered by a range of four-cylinder engines.

Source: /www.carmagazine.co.uk

## Grit In The Gearbox

### STRANGE BREW



**DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW OUT SO FAR IT MAY GO HOME IN ANOTHER CAR.**  
*Burma Shave*



# Galaxy Diner Cruise-in

Shown are few of the cars displayed at the August 1<sup>st</sup> Galaxy Diner Cruise-In. Dixie Chapter Members Ron & Connie Bergeron's 55 Special, and Mike & Jan Steger's 70 Skylark are shown in the two bottom photos.



Photos: Jan Steger

## 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 Arnam 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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## **2009 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL**

### **November 12 – 14, 2009**

Murfreesboro, Tennessee is the location for the 2009 Southeast Regional. Murfreesboro is located in middle Tennessee, approximately 30 miles east of Nashville. This is a TOUR, not a car show. The host hotel is the Doubletree Hotel, 1850 Old Fort Parkway, located off I-24 at Exit 78. Phone: (615) 895-5555. A limited block of rooms at a special rate of \$92.00 + Tax(es) have been established for the “Buick Regional”. ASK ! This rate will be in effect until October 10, 2009.

#### **Thursday, November 12**

**Early Arrivals:** A tour to the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville will depart the Doubletree Hotel at 12:00 noon. The driving distance is approximately 28 miles. Lane Motor Museum specializes in European cars. There are approximately 150 on display representing over 45 marques. Admission: \$7.00, Age 65 & over \$5.00. This is an amazing display. You will return at your leisure.

#### **Friday, November 13**

Early morning departure to Shelbyville, TN for a tour of Garland King’s Museum. This is an eclectic accumulation of historic artifacts and memorabilia. There is no charge. Distance is approximately 25 miles. For lunch, we will travel back roads to Bell Buckle, TN. (Approx. 15 miles) We will dine at the Bell Buckle Café. Advance cost is \$12.50, (incl. tax and gratuity) per person. You will order a selection of meat and two side items, dessert and drink from their menu.

Following lunch we will travel to Waterfall Farms. Tennessee walking horses are bred and trained at this farm. There is no charge. This is a working farm and the tour is contingent upon their work schedule. After the farm tour, we will return to Murfreesboro.

#### **Saturday, November 14**

In the A.M. we will tour to the Stones River Battlefield. One of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War was fought on this site. There is no charge. Lunch will be at the local Logan’s Roadhouse. You will order from the menu and pay individually.

After lunch, we will tour to Smyrna, TN. (Approx. 12 miles) to visit the Sam Davis home and grounds. The cost is \$6.00 per person. As an alternative, attendees may wish to shop at The Avenue Mall.

The evening banquet will be held in Salon A at the Doubletree Hotel. The theme of the buffet is HOUSE OF BLUES. Your choices: Blackened catfish with herb Remo Lade Sauce, “Memphis Style” BBQ slab of ribs, fresh garden salad, southern style potato salad, red beans and rice, fried okra, green beans, cornbread muffins, assorted hot cobbler, and regular/decaf coffee or iced tea. The cost is \$35.00 per person.

**NOTE: The registration form contains web site information for the various destinations of tours.**



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November 12 - 14, 2009

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ BCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Buick Driven: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ Cars @ \$25.00 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday:

Early arrivals: Lane Auto Museum, Nashville

Adm. \$7.00, Seniors \$5.00. Pay at entrance

[www.lanemotormuseum.org/audio-video](http://www.lanemotormuseum.org/audio-video)

### Friday:

Garland Kings Museum

[www.imagesbedfordcounty.com](http://www.imagesbedfordcounty.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ N/C

N/C

(Culture, Fire chief)

Lunch: Bell Buckle Café

[www.bellbucklechamber.com/history](http://www.bellbucklechamber.com/history)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.50 ea.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Waterfall Farms (TN Walking Horse)

[www.waterfallfarms.com](http://www.waterfallfarms.com)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ N/C

N/C

### Saturday:

Tour Stones River Battlefield

[www.nps.gov/stri](http://www.nps.gov/stri)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ N/C

N/C

Lunch: Logans Roadhouse (Menu, Individual Tab)

Tour Sam Davis Home

[www.samdavishome.org/history.html](http://www.samdavishome.org/history.html)

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 6.00 ea.

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(Alternative: Shopping @ The Avenue Mall)

Banquet @ Doubletree Hotel

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 35.00 ea.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is requested by October 10, 2009. Checks Payable to: MUSIC CITY CHAPTER BCA . Mail completed registration and checks to: LARRY ARROWOOD, 6300 MURRAY LANE, BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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