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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Holiday Greetings!

As I write this we are preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday, hope you did not eat too much and still can fit behind the wheel of your BUICK!

Glenda had back surgery on 11/9 and was back home on the 12th. All went well and she should be back 100% by the January party. We both thank you for the calls and letters with your well wishes. We had a great meeting and lunch at Norms in November and next will get together at our new location for the Holiday party. Hope to see each and every one at the party and remember to warm up for the Dixie Chapter Bowl-A-Rama in February.

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!

Hope every one has a Merry Christmas and A Happy Holiday! Happy Motoring!

Bob Stone, BCA#37843

Director, Dixie Chapter of the BCA

13 Dixie Chapters members attend 2009 SE Regional



Left, Woodie Woodside, Meet Host, presenting the award for having the most club members at the recent Southeast Regional. Those attending: Cliff Dillingham, Bruce & Shar Kile, Don McClair, Hersel & Glenna Goff, Jack & Pat Horvath, Bill & Nancy Hansen, Roddy Pearce, and Roy & Sharon Newby.

Shown right, Cliff Dillingham with the club award, and Hersel & Glenna Goff with their award for the best pre-1959 Buick at the meet.



Membership Renewal Time

By Jerry Richstein
Membership Chairman

Membership Renewal Notices will be mailed out next week. Those that have prepaid for 2010 or beyond do not have 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, and email address. National BCA Number, etc.

Those that do owe dues at this time can pay for up to 3 years at \$20 per year.

Past winners of the Meritorious Award pay just \$10 per year, and current Chapter Officers don't pay Chapter dues while in office.

The Timing Chain

December. No club meeting in December, enjoy the holidays.

January 9, 2010 (Saturday). Annual Holiday party. Held at St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, 571 Holt RD, Marietta, GA. (Location changed due to closing and pending sale of The Southern Center) 2 pm to 6 pm. \$10.00 per person, club pays other half. Caterer will be the same. 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. Call Roddy Pearce by Wednesday, January 9, with the number of people in your party.

Directions:

Take **I-75 North to 120 Loop** (Exit 263).

Take the **GA-120** ramp toward Roswell. Follow **Roswell Rd** for 0.7 mi.

Turn **right** on **Robinson Rd** for 0.4 mi. Turn **right** onto **Holt Rd.** for 0.4 mi.

571 Holt Rd is on the right.

February 21, 2010. Annual Bowl-A-Rama. Held at **AMF Woodstock Lanes**, 108 Woodpark Blvd. Woodstock, GA Start time, cost and other details will be provided later.

Other Local events

December 6th - Have A Heart Against Cancer Cruise-In. Time 1:00 PM till 5:00 PM Hosted by Wing Ranch & Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta. A cousin of one of our members is under going a long and costly treatment for her Cancer. These costs have placed a tremendous financial burden on their family. We are asking that you Have a Heart and help us help them have a nice Christmas. **Location Wing Ranch - 1154 Lawrenceville Hwy Suite 212.** Entry Fee \$10.00 - Dash Plaques for The First 50 Entrants
Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles - All Makes Are Welcome. A Fun Time for All. 50/50 Cash Drawing.

December Birthdays

12/1	John Sincere
12/2	John Watkins
12/7	Glenda Stone
12/8	Jan Leysath
12/13	Chip Wright
12/18	Janet Bass
12/18	Maynard Cash
12/18	Dave Gareau
12/28	Ron Bergeron

December Anniversaries

12/3	Ed & Jan Leysath
12/18	Roy & Janet Bass
12/20	Paul & Penny VanNortwick
12/29	John & Beth Watkins

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome three new families to the Dixie Chapter. They are:

John & Kevin Link of Marietta, GA. They own a 1990 Reatta Convertible.

And

Richard & Joan Rose of Atlanta, GA., with a 1960 Electra 225 Convertible.

Also

Terry & Bernice Page of Conyers, GA., with a 1964 Wildcat 2 Door HT, and a 2000 LeSabre 4 Dr. Sedan.

We hope to see you at our next club function, the Holiday Party.

Information wanted

Terry Page, one of our newest members, has been trying to find a copy of a series of articles that Doc Fromader had in the *Street Rodder Magazine* about the Buick Nailhead Engine. He has searched online without success, including the *Street Rodder Magazine* website. If anyone is familiar with this series of articles and might have back issues of the *Street*

Grit In The Gearbox



Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes go to Cody Fink, son of Rich Fink who recently underwent gallbladder surgery. Rich reports that he is doing better each day. He still has a lot of abdominal pain, but his appetite is back and is enjoying being able to eat again

And to;

Glenda Stone who is recovering from back surgery.

Bob states that she is doing well considering the surgery. She can get around and expects to be at the Holiday party.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they mend.

Rodder Magazine that included these articles, or if you know where they might be available Terry would like to get a copy if possible. Please contact Terry at twpage@comcast.net or 770-483-2541.



A conclusion to the continuing chronicle of the 1950 “Burgundy Bomber”

When we left the story in July, our Nifty Fifty had returned, with Bruce Kile as escort service, to Tucker from Flint, and from Charleston, Illinois. That awful grinding noise which you heard when I finally pulled into the garage at home was the rings in the cylinders crying out to have the engine rebuilt. Engine re-builder, Don Dixon and mechanic, Nick Tassan then became exquisitely familiar with the huge historic Buick Straight Eight.

Over the first weekend in August, Pat and I settled in for a ride through the Great Smoky Mountains to our Army Vietnam Truckers Reunion in Pigeon Forge,

TN. So far, so good, but, we are not there just yet. That Buick straight eight is not quite right just yet. She loses power on the hills, backfires through the carburetor, and overheats in the summer temperatures to blow steam at low idle. Getting to Pigeon Forge was a trial,

but we sweated it out and arrived at the Reunion without the use of a wrecker flatbed. We had a great time with our friends, the hundred trucker veterans and their families. We then managed to limp home to Atlanta via the open interstates through Knoxville and Chattanooga to seek out a mechanic who is more experienced with our venerable vehicles. When we were

fueling up along the way, we realized again that wherever this Big Buick stops she is an instant car show. A mature lady came up to us and she said that she well remembered a similar beautiful Buick; that these Buicks were always “Babe Magnets, and that this Buick is still a Babe Magnet, only the Babes are much older now”!

In September we were pleased to find our more experienced historic vehicle mechanic, he is located right here in Tucker. He reinstalled the timing chain, corrected the carburetor, installed a six bladed fan blade, and installed a high volume thermostat from

Bob’s Automobilia, (we already have a high performance radiator from Sim’s Radiator). We were smiling broadly and under full Dynafash Eight power when we charged up Interstates 285 and 75 and 575 on Sunday Oct 11 to our Dixie Buick Club lunch at Bub-Ba-Q and to *Then & Now Auto*



Jack & Pat Horvath’s 1950 Buick Jetback, the Burgundy Bomber on display among personally owned, and restored Army vehicles at the Army Vietnam Truckers Reunion in Pigeon Forge, TN. Goes to prove that car enthusiasts will collect and restore anything with an engine and wheels; a unique gathering.

Restorations for the meeting.

We just attended the Southeast Regional meet in Murfreesboro, TN in November. We had heard a great deal about the Lane Auto Museum, and we enjoyed driving the 700 mile round trip and touring the great historic sites in Tennessee.

Jack & Pat Horvath #42276

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

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.**

For Sale

New Old Stock Monroe Max-Air Air Shocks. Fits 73-77 Century, 77-90 Estate Wagon, 73-77 Regal and 91-96 Roadmaster, as well as many other GM cars. A list is available at <http://www.oreillyauto.com/site/c/detail/MON3/MA717.oap?keyword=ma717> When you get to the O'Reilly web page, you are required to enter a zip code and select a store, it will then bring up a screen showing this set of shocks. Just click the "Compatibility" tab to see the complete list of cars that these will fit. The Max-Air Part Number is MA-717. \$25. **Contact Jerry Richstein 770-924-4779, or jerry.richstein@juno.com**

For Sale (New listing)

Five 66 & 67 Buicks. Wishes to sell as package. Asking \$5,000 or best offer for all, will negotiate on individual cars.

1966 Buick Skylark: wrong engine – has 455, wrong Interior, no bumpers, no radio

1966 Buick Skylark GS: no engine, auto trans, factory air car, bucket seats, console & shift, no tach., hood rust through, hood scoops, but pitted

1967 Buick Skylark: 340 2-brl carb, factory air, after market radio, split bench seats, tilt steering column

1967 Buick GS 400: no engine, factory air, no radio, no bumpers, grill broken

1967 Special 4-door: factory air, no hood, no bumpers, no right front fender, factory AM radio. **Contact: Robert Anderson, 256-422-3575, Cell 256-484-1604, or ramopar@tds.net Located in Alabama just across state line from Rome, GA.**

For Sale (New listing)

Original Buick Owner's Manuals for 1949, 1952, 1956, 1973, and 1978. Also original Reference Book for 1926 Buick Standard Six and Master Six. **Contact Rich Fink, 770-459-4098.**

For Sale (New listing)

Collector Grill Badges from the 50's & 60's. 1 from Switzerland, 2 Germany & 3 Belgium. **Riviera Wire Wheel Covers** (1978?) Prices negotiable. **Contact Dorothy Brown 770-977-3811.**

Club Store Items For Sale

Item	Price
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.	
Several back copies of the Bugle, and about 10 past BOP&C T-shirts. Call Jack to see what is on hand.	
Contact Jack Horvath: 770-934-0127 or pjhorvath@bellsouth.net	

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