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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Greetings Buick fan's

I am really looking forward to this months picnic at the Steger's! With all the fine food, fellowship and Beautiful BUICK'S, what a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Start your planning for the South East Regional tour, hosted by the Bama chapter on November 3-6. Always a lot of fun to drive the BUICK over the country roads, see car collections, historical sites, and sample the regions food offerings!

See you at the Picnic.

Oh I love to drive my BUICK.
Bob Stone, BCA #37843

Director, Dixie Chapter of the BCA

SE Regional

By: John Cover

Fellow Buick Enthusiast.

Birmingham, AL has been chosen as the site for the South-eastern Buick Tour. Bama Buick members look forward to again seeing our Buick friends and hope many of you are able to attend. We have worked to make this a diverse and fun event that will appeal to a wide range of interests.

Galaxy Diner Cruise-In Saturday August 7



Photo: Connie Bergeron

Several Dixie Chapter members attended the August Galaxy Diner Cruise-In. This show, held during the summer months, is open to all makes, models and classes of cars. This is the second year that the club has chosen to attend as a club event, and as before proved to be very enjoyable -although hot. There are always plenty of prizes, good food and fun. Several members have fortunately had their car pictured in the Galaxy Diner's annual calendar. See page 3 for photos of some Buicks in attendance.

The Host Hotel has reserved a block of rooms until September 1. Please mention "Birmingham BCA Tour" when making reservations. After September 1 the Hilton will honor our special rate as long as rooms are available. If you think you would like to come and are not sure by September 1, we recommend you make a reservation. There will not be any cancellation fee for the room if canceled by October 20, 2010.

We hope many of our Buick Friends will be able to attend and

view the many sites of the Birmingham culture. We think many people that have not been to Birmingham will be pleasantly surprised as to the natural beauty of the area and what treasures our community holds. Smooth Motoring.

John Cover Tour Director.



Irondale Café Birmingham, AL

The Timing Chain

September 12, 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.

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. If you get turned around or lost, please call (770) 831-5943 and we will help.

November 3 - 6. SE Regional. Hosted by the Bama Chapter BCA. See article on front page, and attached Welcome Letter and Registration Form.

January 15, 2011 (Saturday) Annual Holliday Party. Held at the St. Catherine's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. More details later.

Other Area Events

Saturday September 11th - Lenoir, NC. 6th Annual Gathering of the Buicks, Olds, Pontiac and Caddys. Hosted by the Carolina Chapter BCA. Will once again be hosted at Rooster Bush Buick on Hwy 321 in Lenoir. \$5 Registration fee. Day of show registration welcome. For more information contact John Herold 828-754-9651, linherold@charter.net



Bob Stone has reached a big milestone in his life. That point at which he will receive constant mailings from Retirement Communities, and AARP Application Forms. Happy Fiftieth Bob.



September Birthdays

9/4	Joan Rose
9/4	Richard Rose
9/6	Don McClair
9/15	Bill Hansen
9/16	Homer Tittle
9/17	Hank Lewis
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	Roger & Leanne Smith
9/25	Donald & Florence Winebarger

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mike & Jan Steger on the birth of a new grandson. Oliver Benjamin Steger was born Sunday, August 6, to Matt & Kat Steger. Oliver weighed in at 5 lb 13 oz, and was 20 inches long.

Matt, Kat, Oliver, and brother Zander are doing fine. However, Mike and Jan are still orbiting on cloud nine after the new grandson, and Matt's miraculous recovery.



Oliver Benjamin Steger on his way home from the hospital

Quotable Quote

September 11 awoke us to the threat of terrorism. It was forever bookmarked in our history as the day when life as Americans knew it, changed forever.

Randy Forbes, Congressman

A glimpse of Cars and Cruisers at the Galaxy Diner Cruise-In



Photos: Connie Bergeron

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!
- **Kraco** with woodtone face. New in box!
- **Midland 13-830** "top view". Like new!
- **3 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

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

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 or richfink@gmail.com**

For Sale

Buick Reference, Specifications, adjustments and Shop manuals for 1924,1926,1927,1928 1929 & 1931. Contact Jene Van Arnam, Harrison, TN 423-344-4706.

For Sale



1979 Buick Riviera 350 4bbl ps. pwr 4 wheel disc brakes, air am/fm radio pw, pdl, runs good, high miles, great tires, asking \$2,100 **Contact Bruce Publicover, 770/926-0467 or 770/591-9200 or bj79riv@comcast.net**



For Sale 1985 Buick Riviera Convertible, Original Owner.

Looks and runs excellent. Garage stored. Fully equipped with air conditioning and original radio. Excellent top. 106,000 miles. Recently inspected and judged by a Certified Buick Club of America Judge (contact information available upon request) as Bronze condition. (High end of very good condition.) Resides in Atlanta, GA. Asking \$12,000. Photos available on request. **Contact Bill Mills at 678-781-7120 or bill@williammills.com**



For Sale 1959 Buick LeSabre Sedan. Silver Birch/Arctic white, green interior. 83k mi. It's all original and runs great. Asking \$9,000 firm. Prefer to sell to a local chapter member. **Contact Chip Wright 770-932-0178 or 59deltawingpi@att.net**

Wanted

A friend is looking for a **1955 Buick 4 door hardtop** reasonably priced. Looking for a nice driver that he can drive and enjoy. Would consider a 1956 or even a 2 door hardtop. No sedans. **Contact Cliff Dillingham 770-271-2759 or cliffdillingham@att.net**

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.	

Contact Jack Horvath: 770-934-0127 or pjhorvath@bellsouth.net

The Dixie Chapter is one of over 60 chapters of the Buick Club of America; a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of automobiles built by the Buick Motor Division of the General Motors Corporation.

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Bama Buick Chapter
2010 Southeastern Regional Tour
November 3-6, 2010

As Tour Director for the 2010 Southeastern Regional Tour, I would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy the fun, sites and social interaction we have planned in Birmingham, AL. This will be our first time as host and we want to make this a very memorable occasion that is packed with the sights and sounds of the area.

We will start the Tour on Wednesday with an “early bird” trip through a private collection of high end cars. These include several V16 Cadillac’s, V12 Lincoln’s, and V12 Packard’s along with approximately 60 other cars. Once you have seen these vehicles and met with the owner, you will not forget this stop.

Our Host Hotel, Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park, (www.hiltonbirmingham.com) is situated in an area of several interesting and different cuisines within walking distance. It will not be difficult to pick a different restaurant every night. We will also have an area for our cars to park behind the Hotel (separate from regular parking). There will be a wash area for those who want to keep their cars impeccably clean.

On Thursday we will caravan to the Southern Museum of Flight (www.southernmuseumofflight.org) and enjoy viewing the planes from as early as a Wright Flyer to as modern as a SR71. This museum also has the B-25 Bomber that went down in South Carolina in 1943 and was recently featured on the History Channel as it was being recovered. This plane is displayed in an area that depicts the plane’s resting place for 50 some years and is quite unique.

We will then travel to the Irondale Café (www.irondalecafe.com) that was featured in the movie Fried Green Tomatoes. We are also planning on a speaker from the AARP (Alabama Antique Racing Professionals) that will tell stories of the earlier racers and some of the tricks they played to win races.

Our next stop will be Barber Motorsports (www.barbermuseum.org). This facility is ranked the third best motorcycle museum in the world and houses over 1000 motorcycles. These bikes date back to the early board track racers and WWI Military bikes. In addition this museum houses the world largest collection of Lotus race cars and many other specialty vehicles.

We will then return to our Host Hotel for an evening of hospitality, friendship and good restaurants. A member of the Mercedes Club plans to speak to us on what we will be seeing the next day at the Mercedes plant in Vance, Alabama.

On Friday we will caravan to Vance Alabama to tour the Mercedes Museum and assembly plant (www.mbusi.com). This facility has a Museum of special interest cars going back to the 1896 Benz. You can also look forward to a tour of a facility that is quite different from American car production lines.

Lunch will be at the Cypress Inn (www.cypressinnrestaurant.com) located on the Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa. This is a beautiful area with great scenery and great food.

Our next stop will be the Jack Warner Museum (www.warnermuseum.org). Mr. Warner has collected many different art works that depict American History. He has a very interesting collection of art that will make a definite impression on our guests.

We will again return to the Host Hotel for an evening of good conversation, meeting new people and good food.

Saturday we have arranged two tours to start the day.

For the ladies and gentlemen that enjoy horticulture, a visit to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens (www.bbgardens.org). This area is a restored coal mine that will dazzle your mind with flowers and fauna. We have arranged for a Docent to lead a tour through some of the spectacular areas of the park.

The more mechanically minded are invited to tour the Hesco facility with Lee Hurly. Lee has been involved with racing and auto mechanics for many years and currently hosts a radio talk show about auto mechanics. We never know what vehicles he may have in the shop ranging from the Queen Mother 1923 Rolls Royce, a 1930 V16 Cadillac or a modern race car or boat. We will tour the dynamometer, machine shop, engine test area and have time for any questions you would like to ask Lee. He has many stories and we believe you will fully enjoy listening to him.

The two groups will travel to Vulcan (www.vulcanpark.org) for lunch and a tour. We have arranged for a catered lunch at Vulcan in order to reduce the time necessary to load and unload our vehicles. The Vulcan Statue was created for the 1904 Worlds Fair as the Iron God and came to Birmingham during the great iron and steel age. You will be able to ride the elevator to the top and see into the four counties surrounding Birmingham on a clear day. At the base of the statue is a great museum covering the history of the area and events that happened in Birmingham.

We will then return to the Host Hotel for some time to relax with friends before the Banquet. We have arranged a little something special after our business meeting and dinner. Vic Zannis will speak on the recreation of the 1907 Great Race that took place in 1997. Vic helped prepare two 1950 Fords (we had no choice in selecting the cars) and participated in the entire race. He has many great experiences from this trip both mechanically and emotionally. He is also quite experienced in preparing cars for antique racing. This will be an experience you will remember for a long time.

We hope you will be able to attend our tour and promise to do everything we can to make it a fun, enjoyable and a memorable experience.

John Cover
Tour Director.
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2010 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TOUR

November 3-6, 2010



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Room rate \$99 + tax/nt
Mention B'ham BCA Tour

A block of rooms is reserved until September 1, 2010.
Price will be honored until Oct 1, 2010 if rooms available

2010 SOUTHEASTERN TOUR REGISTRATION

NAME(S) _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
 YOUR CAR YEAR _____ MODEL _____
 Will you need trailer parking? _____

Registration Fee..... \$25.00

Wednesday Nov 3, 2010

Private car collection No Charge

Thursday Nov 4, 2010

Southern Museum of Flight _____ # persons X \$6 ea \$ _____
 Whistle Stop Café _____ # persons X \$13 ea \$ _____
 Barbers Motorcycle Museum _____ # persons X \$10 ea \$ _____
 Dinner on your own, a list of suggestions will be in registration packet

Friday Nov 5, 2010

Mercedes-Benz Tour _____ # persons X \$5 ea \$ _____
 Lunch at Cypress Inn _____ # persons X \$16 ea \$ _____
 Jack Warner Museum _____ # persons X \$10 ea \$ _____
 Dinner on your own, a list of suggestions will be in registration packet

Saturday Nov 6, 2010

HESCO (Lee Hurly speaking) **OR** Birmingham Botanical Gardens No Charge
 Lunch _____ # persons X \$16 ea \$ _____
 Vulcan Tour _____ # persons X \$5 ea \$ _____
 Banquet _____ X \$35 ea \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Registration is requested by October 5, 2010. Please make checks payable to: Bama Buick Chapter BCA. Mail registration and check to John E. Cover, 5425 Caldwell Mill Rd., Birmingham, AL 35242-4516.