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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Happy September!

We're real close to attending our Chapter Picnic at the Steger's home! We always have a great time there, and rumor has it we will have BBQ pork and Banana pudding this time! This will be the only meeting we have this month.

Look for details in this edition for a fall visit to Truitt Cathy's Car collection and farm in Lovejoy, Ga. on September, 17th.

Make sure to get in your registration in for the Southeast Regional Fall Tour in Danville, Va. See the attached registration form for details. There is a lot of fun to be had on these events so don't miss out!

Happy Motoring!

Bob Stone, BCA#37843



Remember the picnic on the 11th.
See details on page 2.

Br'er Rabbit Stolen



Dixie Chapter members gather around the statue of Br'er Rabbit during the 2009 "Overnighter".

Br'er Rabbit Stolen

Br'er Rabbit, the Iconic figure of the 1870s, Joel Chandler Harris children's stories, Uncle Remus, was stolen from the grounds of the Uncle Remus Museum in Eatonton, GA the night of Sunday, August 7. The three foot statue, made of iron weighed over 250 pounds. The granite base remained.

We are happy to report, however, that the statue has been found and recovered. The August 15th, *Atlanta Journal Constitution* reported the statue was recovered in a wooded area about 5 miles from Eatonton. The pipe that the rabbit was holding was broken off, as well as an ear. At that time no arrests had been made, however four suspects were being sought. Putnam County Sheriff Howard R. Sills said "It appears the incident started as a prank, but went awry after the statue was damaged," According to the *AJC*, the Uncle Remus Museum

staff in Eatonton has found an "iron veterinarian" and the statue will be taken for repairs. (One wonders if Br'er Rabbit was found in a "Briar Patch". ed.)

Congratulations to Mark Reeves

Congratulations again to Mark Reeves. We were told after the last newsletter was released that *Then & Now* had two top winners at the recent BCA National in Danvers, Mass. In addition to the Gold-Senior award given to Gene Walsh for his 1969 Skylark convertible, a Florida customer of Mark's was awarded a Gold-Senior for his 1970 GSX which Mark had recently finished. In addition, the GSX was also given the Niagara Award. This is an award presented each year by the Niagara Chapter for the best "A" body car at the show. Again, congratulations Mark, and *Then & Now*.

The Timing Chain

Sunday, September 11. Annual Dixie Chapter Picnic. 1:00 PM until...

Jan Says— Once again it's that time of year to get together and picnic and let my neighbors admire my "yard art". What to bring...

Last name beginning with:

A - F: Dessert or sweets

G - H: Green Vegetable (Broccoli, salad, slaw, etc.)

J: ICE (3 bags)

K - L: Other Vegetable (baked beans, corn, etc.)

M: Raw veggies

P: Sweet Tea

R: Unsweet Tea

S: Lemonade

V: Anything chocolate

Wa: Chips & Dip

We: Lemonade

Wi: Bread (rolls/biscuits)

We have redone our pool and installed a heater. If you would like to swim, bring your suit and come on in, the water will be perfect.

If you want to use your GPS, our address is: 4895 Settles Point Road, Suwanee, GA 30024.

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.

Saturday, September 17 The Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association (CHVA) Regional Meet. Held at Red Top Auto Auction, 444 Joe Frank Harris Parkway, Cartersville, GA **(Note new location)** For details and registration visit their Web: <http://www.chvaga.com/>

Saturday, September 17. Annual Year One Braselton Bash with Chip Foose. A fund raiser to benefit the Progeria Research Foundation. Details on their Web: <http://www.yearone.com/>

Saturday, September 17. Fall tour to the Truett Cathy car collection and farm. Details are not yet available. We will notify you by email if this event happens.

September 30—Oct 2. Buick Street Rod Nationals. Held in Chattanooga, TN. For details, reservations, and hotel suggestions visit their Web: <http://www.buickrods.org/>

October 20-22, Southeast Regional. Hosted by the Tarheel chapter BCA, and held in Danville, VA. A registration form is attached. Also, you may view a Power Point presentation on the Dixie Chapter Web at www.buickclub.org/dixie Look under "Coming Events".

September Birthdays

- 9/4 Joan Rose
- 9/4 Richard Rose
- 9/6 Don McClair
- 9/12 Candace Grill
- 9/12 Letinna Wilson
- 9/15 Bill Hansen
- 9/16 Homer Tittle
- 9/17 Hank Lewis
- 9/24 Jene Van Arnam
- 9/25 Bob Grill
- 9/26 Robert Brubaker
- 9/26 Rich Fink
- 9/26 Beth Watkins
- 9/26 Roxanne Westfall

September Anniversaries

- 9/23 Kip & Stephanie Meeboer
- 9/25 Ron & Connie Bergeron

Welcome New Member

We are happy to welcome Jack Westfall to the Dixie Chapter. Jack is the son of J. D. and Roxanne Westfall and lives in Roswell, GA. Glad to have you with us Jack.

Quotable Quote

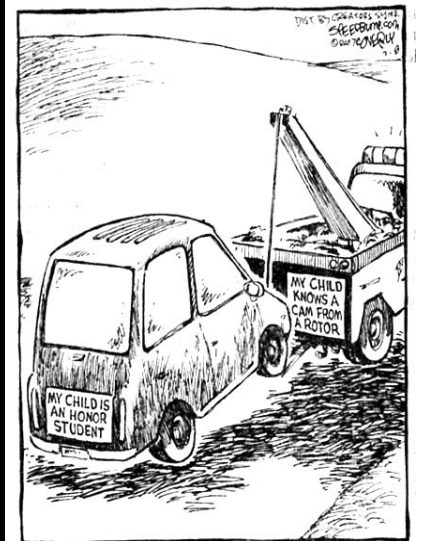
Kissing a man with a beard is a lot like going to a picnic. You don't mind going through a little bush to get there!
Minnie Pearl Singer, Comedian



Image from the past

Grit In The Gearbox

SPEED BUMP



A Buick Bobtail

An out of the ordinary, little know Automobile

Buick Builds a "Bobtail" for the Chief Engineer

In 1939, three years into his 15-year term as chief engineer for Buick, Charlie Chayne was tooling around Flint, Michigan, in what was perhaps the most unique Buick short of the full-out-custom Y-Job. It was a shortened convertible with a sedanlike "bustle" trunk (1).

Nancy Chayne Martin remembers her father's car being called "The Bobtail." The short-wheelbase five-passenger cabriolet had a vaguely European look, but sheetmetal was from standard-issue 1939 Buick stampings.

Chayne's special was based on the '39 Buick Century convertible coupe (2). The distinctive body for his cabriolet was created by grafting a 1939 two-door sedan luggage compartment to the truncated convertible body (3). Original quarter-scale blueprints for the car indicate its wheelbase was 112 inches long—14 inches less than the standard 126-inch Century wheelbase.

A Century convertible top assembly was used on Chayne's car. Bright-metal combination rocker panel/running boards were the only fully custom exterior components (4, 5).

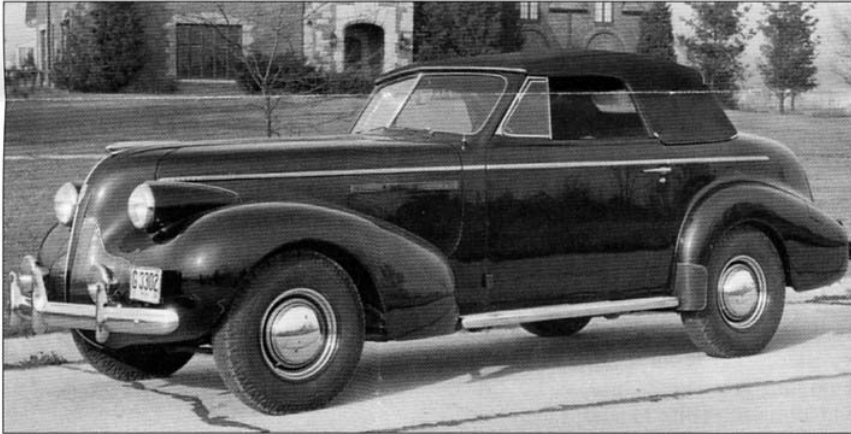
Interior trim was fully custom, with lightweight adjustable front bucket

seats, a full-width rear seat in place of the production 1939 convertible's fold-down jump seats, and wood door-window garnishes. A steering-column gearshift, a new standard feature on all '39 Buicks, was included.

Chayne used the car for engineering trials. Presumably the big "Dynaflash" ohv straight-eight underhood was souped up—the car was probably the fastest Buick on the road in its time.

Martin recalls that another special "bobtail" Buick was built for her father later. The fates of both cars is unknown.

Terry V. Boyce



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Clipped from *Automotive Customs Magazine*,

Deals For Wheels

Parts For Sale

Extra parts from the restoration of a 1972 GS. Too numerous to list. If interested Contact Chris Crocker NAPA Merchandise Center, 3100 Windy Hill Road, Atlanta, Ga. 30339. Office: 770-850-2496 or chris_Crocker@genpt.com If you are interested in seeing a very fuzzy video of the parts (no audio), contact Cliff Dillingham cliffdillingham@att.net

Place Your Ad Here

Send to cliffdillingham@att.net

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**2011 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TOUR
OCTOBER 20-22, 2011
DANVILLE, VA**



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Rates: \$75 + tax/night
Request **Buick Tour** rate

NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
EMAIL _____
YOUR CAR YEAR _____ MODEL _____

Registration Fee----- \$ 25.00

Thursday, Oct. 20

Sutherlin Museum (Last Capital of the Confederacy)
and Langhorne House Tour _____ X \$ 7.00 each \$ _____
Lunch-Mary's Diner _____ X \$12.00 each \$ _____
AFF Tank Museum _____ X \$ 8.00 each \$ _____
Dinner on your own: suggestions will be supplied.

Friday, Oct. 21

Caravan to Blue Ridge Parkway stopping in the village of Meadows of Dan
Lunch-Mountain House Restaurant _____ X \$ 8.00 each \$ _____
Continue to Mabry's Mill and Parkway
Dinner on your own: suggestions will be supplied.

Saturday, Oct. 22

Tour of VIR (Virginia International Raceway) _____ X \$10.00 each \$ _____
Lunch-Raceway _____ X \$14.00 each \$ _____
Tour Tivvy Autocraft (restores & maintains vintage race cars) \$no charge
Banquet @ Hotel _____ X \$35.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Registration requested by **September 30, 2011**. Please make checks payable to: **Tarheel Chapter-BCA**. Mail registration and checks to:
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