

The Dixie Valve Chatter

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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Happy June Everyone!

Just got back from the 4th fun Dixie Chapter "Overnighter" Tour! Bruce and Shar Kile outdid themselves with this trip. We stayed in the beautifully restored Windsor Hotel in downtown Americus, Georgia. On our way down we stopped for a tour of the Habitat for Humanity "Global Village" with models of homes like those they build in poorer countries around the world. We toured the historic, regal, Rylander Theater down the street from the hotel, and had dinner at the Station Restaurant. Later we had a live concert featuring our very own Don Winebarger, on banjo, at the Roof Top lounge at the hotel. Sorry I had to get back on Sunday but understand the Aviation Museum in Warner Robins was a sight to see!

Getting packed up for the trip to Concord and the BCA National - hope to see you all at the show.

We do not have a meeting in June due to our participation in the national, but I hope we have something fun planned for the July meeting. Stay tuned! Happy Motoring!

Bob Stone, Chapter Director
BCA# 37843



Photo: Doug Johnson

2012 BOPC Show



Buick



Oldsmobile



Pontiac



Cadillac

Perfect Spring weather with plenty of sunshine brought close to one hundred sixty cars out for the 31st Annual Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. held at the Northwest Marriott Hotel, and hosted by the Southeastern GTO Association. Dixie Chapter trophy winning members are: Doug Johnson, JD & Roxanne Westfall, Ron & Connie Bergeron, Jack & Pat Horvath, Bob & Glenda Haggard, Mark & Wanda Reeves, Gene & Andrea Walsh, Danny Finkelstein, and Bruce & Shar Kile. See photos on pages 3&4.

Personal Dedication

Those in the club who attend the meetings regularly know how faithfully, and earnestly Jack, and Pat Horvath work with, and support the USO; greeting and feeding our service men and women as they travel through Atlanta as well as always involved in fund raising efforts. They did it again. Following the BOPC, they drove to the Galaxy Diner in Tucker to attend a car show - fundraiser welcoming home our One Hundred Thousandth Hero. They are shown right accepting a check for \$5,000 on behalf of the USO Georgia. They are to be commended for their tireless work and dedication.



Photo: Jack & Pat Horvath

The Timing Chain

June, no chapter meeting. We will not have a meeting in June due to the BCA National being held in Concord, NC and a number of club member participation in that event.

June 27—30, 2012. BCA National Meet, Concord, NC. See the *Buick Bugle* for information and registration.

July Meeting. To be announced.

November 1—3, 2012. Southeast Regional. Hosted by the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter. More information later.

July 13, Car Collector Day

Lawmakers acknowledge the importance of the Collection and Restoration of Collector Cars.

The U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 452 (S. Res. 452) at the request of the SEMA Action Network (SAN) designating July 13, 2012 as "Collector Car Appreciation Day." The date marks the third commemoration in what has become an annual event to celebrate and raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

States, cities and two Canadian provinces joined the U.S. Senate last year by passing their own proclamations and resolutions. This year, the Hawaii State Legislature has already passed two resolutions and several other states are pursuing similar initiatives.

Received via e-mail from SEMA

Unfortunately Georgia does not recognize this event. ED

Brighten Up Your World

If you are driving around in an early model Buick with head and tail lights that give slightly more light than a taper, you might want to take a look in "Deals For Wheels" at a new item available which may shed more light on your path - no pun intended. These new products were brought to my attention by JD Westfall whose father gives these new bulbs "glowing reports".

Buick Riviera Rumored

Buick is the latest brand to leave a breadcrumb trail for its future products by filing for a trademark on May 3 to cover its Riviera moniker. While that doesn't prove anything on its own, the company isn't known for flippantly filing for trademarks on the off chance they might one day come true.

Instead, it seems more in line with the General Motors methodology to file when there's a likely chance something might actually be produced (think "SS Performance").

That's why we're left wondering what might be sitting up the secretive sleeves in the Buick offices. Winding back to 2007, Buick unveiled a Riviera concept at the Shanghai Motor Show, though it wasn't ever green lit. It made an appearance again in 2008 at the Detroit Auto Show, but has since slipped into the depths of concept car limbo.



Buick Riviera Concept

Our associates at GM Inside News learned last year that the company was considering a sporty coupe built on the rear-wheel drive Alpha platform, though such a car is unlikely until after 2015. It also possible that the front-drive Lambda platform could spawn something before that, but there isn't any official word.

One way or another we'll be keeping an eye out for further news on what could be another GM entrant to the sports coupe market in the next few years.

Source: By Luke Vandezande, <http://www.autoguide.com/auto-news>

Coming up. See the June *Dixie Valve Chatter* for photos of the 2012 Dixie Chapter Overnighter.

June Birthdays

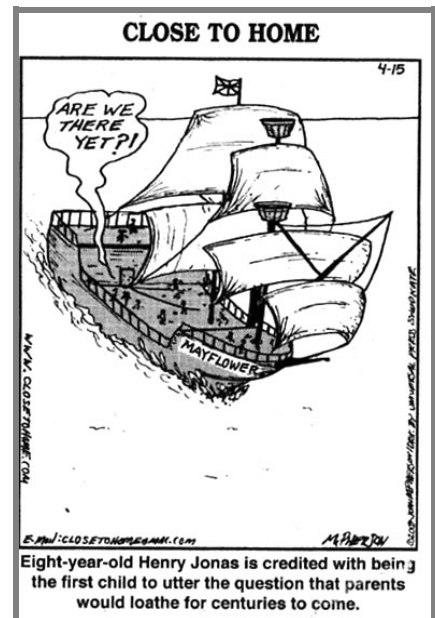
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| 6/1 | Janet Bass |
| 6/1 | Warren Wells |
| 6/2 | Ken Barrett |
| 6/3 | Roy Bass |
| 6/3 | Julie C. Ehrenfeuchter |
| 6/3 | Warren Williams |
| 6/6 | Gus Valeri |
| 6/7 | LeeAnne Smith |
| 6/16 | Suzanne Zigler |
| 6/19 | Hersel Goff |
| 6/21 | Nancy Hansen |

June Anniversaries

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|------|----------------------------|
| 6/1 | Roy & Janet Bass |
| 6/14 | J. D. & Roxanne Westfall |
| 6/15 | Jack & Pat Horvath |
| 6/19 | Walt & Julie Ehrenfeuchter |
| 6/19 | Gerald & Shelby Hendrix |
| 6/26 | Keith & Chrys Bruno |

Welcome New Member

We want to welcome Keith & Chrys Bruno to the Dixie Chapter. The Bruno's live in Sandy Springs, GA and own a 1960 Invicta (4667) Conv. Welcome to the Dixie chapter.



2012 B.O.P.C

Photos: Doug Johnson, Danny Finkelstein & Cliff Dillingham





Deals For Wheels

Parts For Sale

- Double Pumper 4BBL Holley Carburetor – came off my '69 Riviera--not pretty but works fine \$35.00
- MSD Distributor and coil for 430 engine)

Contact John Link linkltrs@bellsouth.net or 404-578-8973



For Sale

Selling late husband's (Dixie Chapter member) collection of Buicks and Buick related parts. **1959 LeSabre 4 Dr Sedan, 1959 LeSabre Estate Wagon, and a 1959 LeSabre Estate Wagon parts car.** Lots of spare parts; tale gate, doors, door panels, headlight bezels, radiator, front & rear bumpers, seats, lots of chrome trim parts, and many others. Please contact for more information and pricing. Contact Kimberly Wright 770-932-0178 or wordwrightshop@mindspring.com

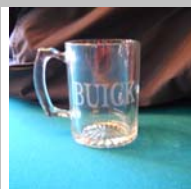
Parts Wanted

1955 Buick Roadmaster 2DR HT: part that fits on the rear portion if the car as a gravel (stone, splash, spoiler) guard. It is made of pot metal and fits from the end of the rear bumper to the top curve of the rear wheel opening. I need both sides. My re-chrome person left mine in the solution too long and it ate it. A four door will not work--it has to be off of a 2dr or a convertible. Will give a finder's fee, and if necessary, will buy an entire car, within reason. Contact Richard Kogon 803-637-3005 - home, 866-509-2092 - cell or dkogon@yahoo.com

New Item Available

JD Westfall gave me a "heads up" that halogen bulbs are now available for our older cars. He said his father replaced the tail light bubs in his car and said there is a "day and night difference". Here is the advertising information as it appears in *Hemmings Motor News*.

HALOGEN bulbs & sealed beams for most American cars, 6- & 12-volt, double the light of your old bulbs, nothing to change, a must if you use your car at night. Bill Hirsch, 800-828-2061, NJ.



For Sale

Etched glass, Buick steins. From Dixie Chapter Club Sales. \$15 each.

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

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