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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

July Greetings!

Hope you have a Grand 4th of July Holiday and are keeping that Buick running cool! Most of us are preparing for the Buick National in Concord where I think I can safely say we all will have a great time and meet many new Buick friends in the process.

Try to check out the cruise in at the Galaxy Diner at Chamblee-Tucker and I-285 on July 7. They have a great Cruise-in from 4-7 PM and the food is great. <http://www.galaxydiner.com/> and look under "Galaxy Diner Cruise-In 2012 Calendar"

See coming events on our calendar on page 2 of this issue for the location of our meeting on July 8th. We have not had a meeting since May so there is much to discuss and tires to kick!

Hope to see you at one or all of the events this month!

Happy Motoring!

Bob Stone, Chapter Director
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Foretelling Quote

The automobile engine will come, and then I will consider my life's work complete.

Rudolf Diesel

2012 Overnighters



The 2012 Overnighters line up for a "Photo Op" at the side entrance to the Great Western Plus, Windsor Hotel as they prepare for the second day of the Fourth Annual Overnight Excursion. More pictures can be seen on pages 3 & 4.

Buicks Hot Collector Car

Believe it or not, one of the hottest collector cars of the 1980s is a Buick. The GNX was, at its core, a Regal Grand National coupe with one mean engine. Because the regular production Grand National was both fast and popular, Buick decided to build an even more potent version and limit production to just 547. A hotter turbo, new intercooler and other tweaks brought the horsepower up to 276 and torque to 380 lb-ft.

The GNX was supercar-quick by the standards of the '80s, hitting 60 mph in less than 5 seconds. And though the cars cost a whopping \$29,290 back then, speculators accurately predicted their values would rise and squirreled them away. Today, according to National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) guides, the GNX is worth at least \$47,800 and up to \$88,400 if it's in great condition. We've seen some extremely low-mileage examples offered on eBay for around \$100,000.

From:

www.popularmechanics.com/cars

By: Ben Stewart

The Timing Chain

July 8, Regular Monthly Meeting. Held at Georgia Rib Company 4930 Davidson Road, Marietta, GA. 30068. 1:00 pm for lunch with the meeting following Georgia Rib Company (formerly All American Tavern) is located off of Lower Roswell Road just past Johnson Ferry Road, behind Kroger in Parkaire Landing Mall, and next to Gold's Gym. 770-973-7427. Buffet Lunch Menu: chicken, sliced pork, brisket, slaw, beans, potatoes, and salad. Price per person: \$12.00 inclusive of soft drinks or iced tea. Does not include desert. We have a private room, and there is plenty of parking available so drive your Buick. Check their Web at: www.georgiaribcompany.com

Directions

From I-285 take Roswell Rd. NE, **Exit 25** north. Go 0.9 miles.

Turn left onto **Johnson Ferry Rd.** go 3.8 mi.

Turn right onto **Lower Roswell Rd.** go 0.2 mi.

Turn slight right onto **Davidson Rd.** go 0.2 mi. Destination will be on the right. **4930 Davidson Rd.**

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

Could a new Buick help raise the marquee's profile among collectors?

Each year, Hagerty Insurance releases their annual "Hot List," consisting of vehicles manufactured today that are projected to become collectible classics in the future. To qualify for consideration, the parameters are rather simple: mass-market production with a sticker price below \$100,000. Making the grade this year is the 2012 Buick Regal GS.

For those who have not looked at anything from the Flint automaker for some time, the new sport sedan tapped into the company's performance past by reintroducing two obvious and widely recognized badges: Regal and GS.

What's more, the Buick offers a real, three-pedal (manual transmission) configuration – care to guess when a Buick owner could last exercise some spirited heel/toe shifting? According to General Motors North America President Mark Reuss,

"The Regal GS is a unique and thrilling vehicle for the Buick brand. As someone who drove a classic Skylark to the prom and owned other incredible Buicks like an '87 GNX, I can say it deserves to be viewed among the best Buick has built."

Hagerty also collaborated with Buick to produce a second top 10 list of the most collectible models from said automaker. In addition to the 2012 Regal GS, the list includes: 1932 Model 90 Sport Phaeton; 1937 Century (Model 66C) convertible coupe; 1940 Super (Model 59) Estate Wagon; 1947 Roadmaster (Model 79) Estate Wagon; 1949 Roadmaster (Model 76C) convertible; 1953 Skylark (Model 76X); 1963 Riviera; 1970 GSX Stage 1 hardtop; 1987 Regal GNX.

This new performance spark could be just the thing to help further revitalize the Buick brand as a whole, and help lower the automaker's average purchase age. The new Regal GS could have ramifications beyond the showroom floor and boardroom sales charts.

In recent years, the Buick Club of America has seen a decline in membership. While there is some debate as to the reason, Jeffrey Brashares – president of the Buick Heritage Alliance – sees a silver lining in Hagerty's announcement. Brashares stated: *"When the "mock-up" of the Tiger Woods convertible came out from Buick, I thought it would have been a cool car to build. They didn't. They were very late into the 4 x 4 production and lost sales to all other automakers, and, of course Ford led the pack. Clubs like Porsche continue to grow, because their cars appeal to all ages. Our club, the Buick Club of America, continues to decline. I am excited to see a performance sedan being built that has the "opportunity" o appeal to a younger audience, so I like the list!"* From

www.hemmings.com

By: Matt Litwin

July Birthdays

7/2	Ernest Garrett
7/2	Paul VanNortwick
7/7	Yvonne McGowen
7/7	Cathy Newhouser
7/8	Sarah Thomas
7/12	Jan Roudebush
7/17	Andrea Walsh
7/20	June Benson
7/21	John Huffman
7/22	Connie Bergeron
7/22	Danny Finkelstein
7/23	Raymond Dickover
7/25	Jeanene Adams
7/29	Bob Haggard

July Anniversaries

7/16	Mike & Jan Steger
7/26	Mark & Wanda Reeves



Buick Regal GS

2012 Dixie Chapter Overnighter

See more photos of the overnight trip on our Web at www.buickclub.org/dixie



Antique shopping in Thomaston, GA



Toured Habitat for Humanity Global Village



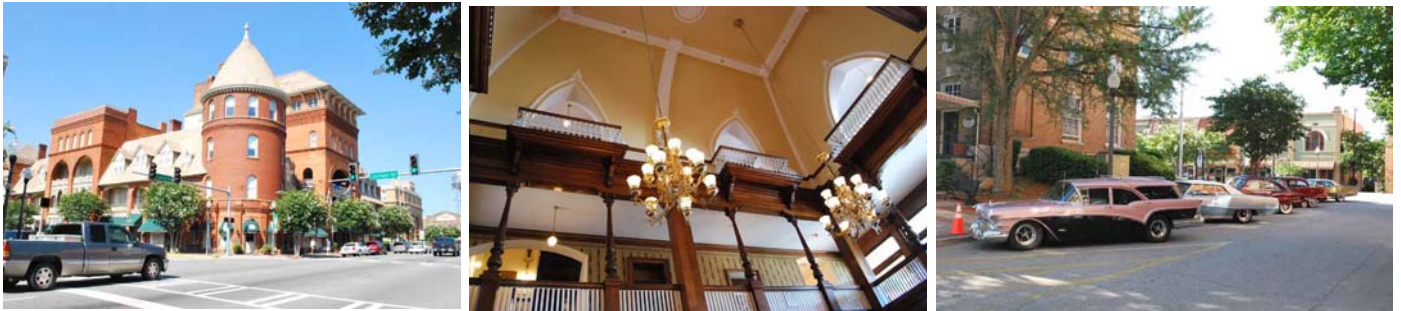
In Global Village, models of slum villages found in poorer countries throughout the world.



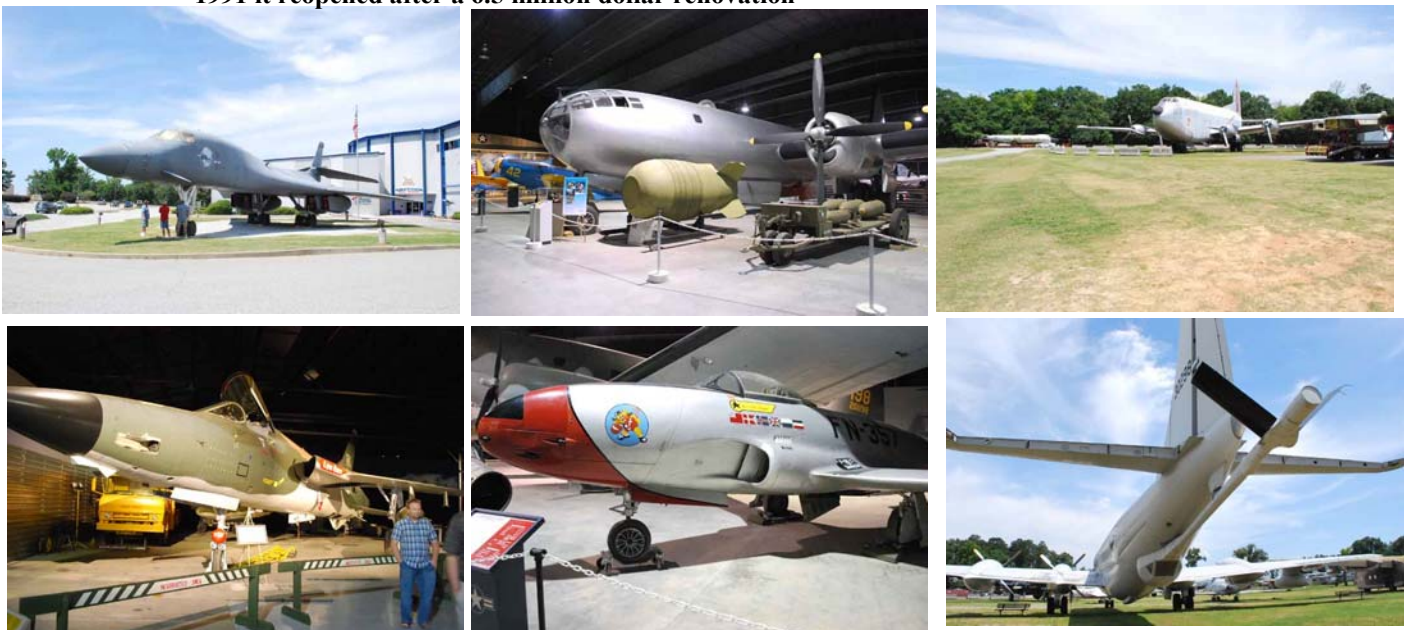
Models of homes being built by Humanity in poorer countries



Historic Rylander Theatre. Built in 1921 and served the community well until it closed in 1950. It has recently had a complete restoration and renewal to it's former glory.



Overnight lodging at the Best Western Plus Windsor Hotel; built in 1892 and closed in 1972. In 1991 it reopened after a 6.5 million dollar renovation



Last stop—US Air Force Museum, Warner Robbins, GA

Deals For Wheels



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.

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