

The Dixie Valve Chatter

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Director's Message

By: Bob Stone

Feels like Fall!

I'm looking forward to our annual Summer Picnic at the Steger's on Sunday the 9th! It's a good thing Mike "sprung" for the pool heater just for this party! I think I will be enjoying the BBQ and all the great side dishes by poolside. Can we get some of the small Buicks down by the pool? I bet a few members could lift a Reatta over the fence!

Don't forget to sign up for the Southeastern Regional Tour in Ocala, FL on November 1st - 3rd. It is always a lot of fun, and central Florida should be pleasantly warm. A lot of fun activities are listed and I am sure there will be an ice cream stop or two.

Sorry to miss the last meeting but had to make a family trip to Pennsylvania and Ohio. I drove the - new to me - 98 Riviera and motored in style and comfort. Got 26 MPG in the Big Buick!

Well, will see you at the Picnic!

Happy Motoring!

Bob Stone, Chapter Director
BCA# 37843

Quotable Quote

Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.

Mark Twain

Annual Dixie Chapter Picnic



Archives Photo

Make plans now to attend the 2012 Dixie Chapter picnic being held at the home of Mike, and Jan Steger. You can count on having a good time socializing with fellow Buick owners, and enjoying an abundance of good food. See details, directions, and the suggested covered dish to bring in The Timing Chain, page 2. It is recommended that you give them a call to let them know you plan to attend, with the number in your party 770-831-5943.

Court's Ethanol Decision Jeopardizes Historic Vehicles

The U.S. Court of Appeals dismissed a lawsuit, which challenged the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) authority to permit 15% ethanol (E15) content in gasoline for 2001 and newer model year cars and light trucks. Over a year ago, the EPA raised the amount of ethanol permitted in gasoline from 10% (E10) to 15% (E15). The agency has approved applications to sell the fuel and it may soon appear at a gas station near you. The SEMA Action Network (SAN) opposes E15 based on scientific evidence that it causes corrosion with incompatible parts. In light of

the court's decision, the SAN is now seeking passage of congressional legislation (H.R. 3199) that would prevent the EPA from permitting E15 sales until the National Academies has conducted a study on how E15 may impact gas-powered vehicles. The bill has been approved by the U.S. House Science Committee and is pending on the House floor. With little time to address the bill before the fall elections, it is important that lawmakers hear from you on this important issue.

This brief message came via Email in hopes that car collectors and hobbyists will speedily responding to their congressman. The complete message can be seen at :

<http://www.sema.org/news/2012/08/17/courts-ethanol-decision-jeopardizes-historic-vehicles-specialty-parts>

The Timing Chain

Sunday, September 9. 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 - D: Dessert or sweets

F: Plastic plates, cups, napkins (we have flatware)

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, the 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.

November 1—3, 2012. Southeast Regional. Hosted by the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter. See information and Registration Form attached.

Other Local Events

September 8, Cool Cars for Christ

Car Show. Hosted by Peachtree Presbyterian Church. 3434 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta, GA. Show 9:00am—2:30pm. Registration 9:00am—11:45am. Top 10 Awards in Four Classes for Vehicles up to 1992. DJ Spinning Music; and Food. For information contact Glenn Bell at glennbell@bellsouth.net or Lee Hurdelbrink at atlantaBHL@aol.com Proceeds to benefit Atlanta Ministries Serving the Poor. Visit their Web at: www.peachtreepres.org/coolcarsforchrist

Aging tires can pose hidden, and deadly danger

The structural integrity of a tire can degrade over an extended period of time. When that occurs, tires are more prone to catastrophic failure, which could, at best, cause an inconvenience, or, at worst, lead to a crash. The degradation of a tire occurs over time, mostly the result of a chemical reaction within the rubber components. That aging process can be accelerated by heat and sunlight.

Tire aging is generally not an issue with vehicles that are driven regularly. Tires will wear out and need to be replaced before aging becomes a safety concern. But those with occasional use - like recreational vehicles or collector cars, for example - could be susceptible. The spares on all vehicles also are prone to aging problems because they seldom get used or replaced. In those instances, the structural integrity of the tire may be weakened - and potentially hazardous - even though the tire still has a great deal of remaining tread. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend that tires be replaced every six years regardless of use. In addition, a number of tire manufacturers cite 10 years as the maximum service life for tires.

Few consumers are aware that tires already are stamped with the week and year they were made, and motorists should check their tires and replace any that are older than six years. The code, mandated by the U. S. Department of Transportation, is printed on each tire's sidewall. Usu-

September Birthdays

9/2	Walt Ehrenfeuchter
9/4	Joan Rose
9/4	Richard Rose
9/5/	Tom Lynde
9/6	Don McClair
9/6	Homer Tittle
9/12	Candace Grill
9/12	Letinna Wilson
9/15	Bill Hansen
9/17	Hank Lewis
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
9/25	Roger & LeeAnne Smith
9/30	Wayne & Carol Whittenburg

Welcome New Member

We want to welcome several new members to the Dixie Chapter. They are:

Tom & Tammy Lynde of Hampton, GA. They own a 1989 Park Avenue 4 Door.

Bob McNichols of Stockbridge, GA who owns a 1938 Special 4 Door.

Reggie & Lee Martin of Alpharetta, GA, who own a 1954 Special Conv., and a 1993 Roadmaster Wagon.

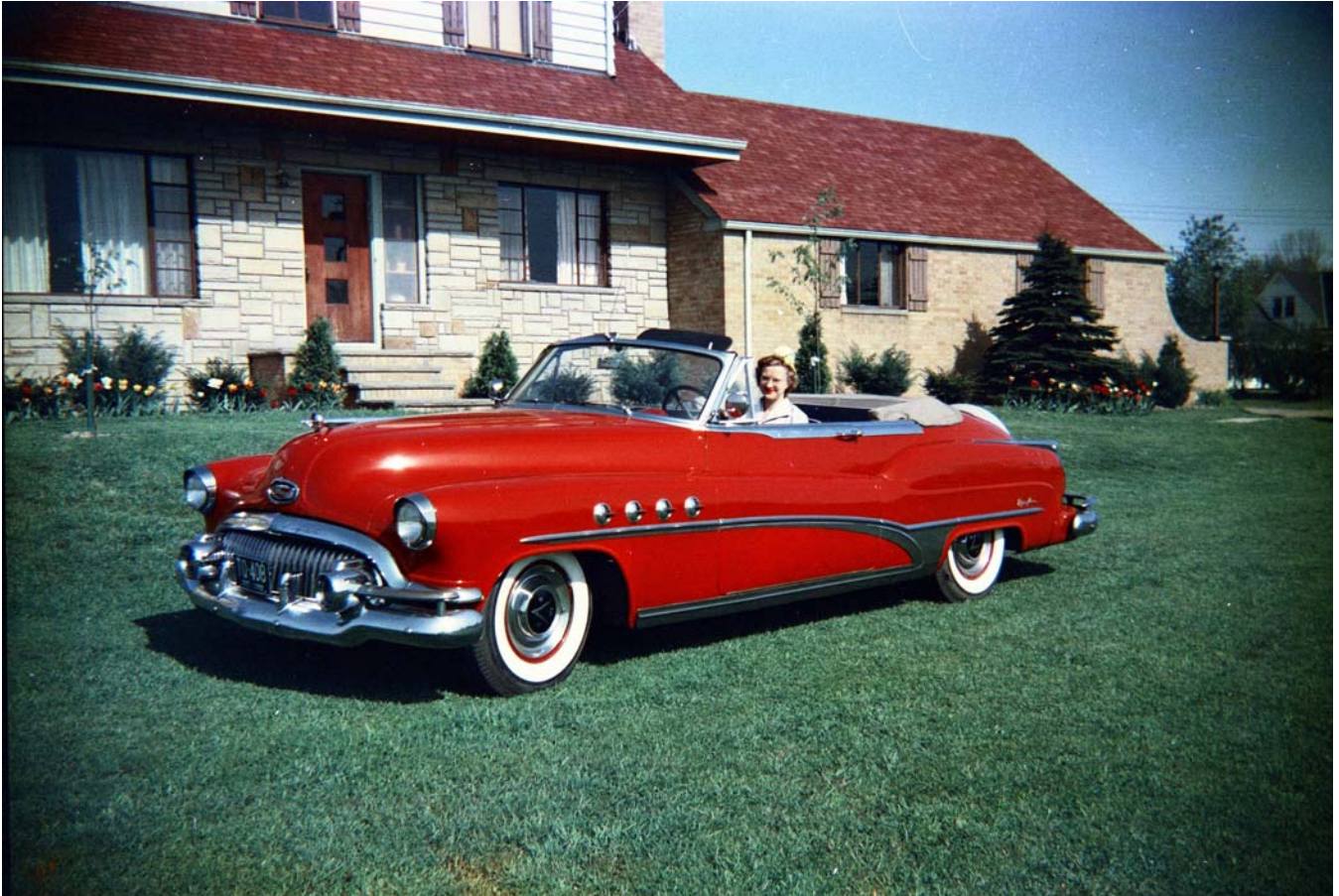
We hope to see all of you at the Picnic on the 9th.

ally it's on the outside of the tire, but it may be on the inner sidewall.

The code will end in either three or four numbers. The first two digits tell the week the tire was made; the last two tell the year of manufacture. So the four-digit number "5005" means the tire was made in the 50th week of 2005. Four-digit numbers have been used since the year 2000. In the 1990s, three-digit numbers were used, with the first two indicating the week and the last digit indicating the year. So the three-digit number "156" means the tire was made in the 15th week of 1996. Before the 1990s, the codes weren't required.

Avoid a potential accident, make it a point to check all your tires soon. ED.
Source: Various Internet sites, primarily: <http://www.safercar.gov>

It Should have been in Print



When I first opened this picture, I thought “Wow! What a great 50’s magazine advertisement for Buick. I wondered what magazine it was in. Then I read the message Rich Fink sent accompanying the photo.

It turns out not to be an advertisement. That is Rich’s mom, Virginia, in their 1951 Roadmaster Convertible. After questioning further, Rich explained that the photo was made at their home in Gates Mill, Ohio. He went on to say that his father and brothers built the house in the late 40’s; his uncle Joe did all the brick and stone work. He pointed out that where you can see trees to the right of the house his father later built a 5-car garage. About the car. He said that you will notice some 1952 trim on the rear of the car. He stated that his father, Albert (a long time BCA member 3320), liked to “dress up” his cars so added the embellishments “because he liked the styling”

Rich said his was not around when this picture was made, around 1955, he came along eight years later. His parents lived in the house for 53 years—until they sold it in 2001 and retired permanently to Florida (after having been “snowbirds” for over 30 years).

I still feel it would have made a great Buick advertisement. If Post, Life, or one of the large format magazines are still in existence it would make a great Nostalgia Page, one for some of us who remember that era to look at and recall a time when great styling was vogue.

Thanks Rich for sharing this with us.

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**



For Sale

1990 Buick Riviera 3.8 V-6 Have owned since 1996. Wife has been principle driver. Had 81K in 1996. Has 244K now, but only 56K on completely rebuilt engine. Lot of new electronics including new EMC and climate control module. New AC compressor new front struts, and front wheel bearings. Radio upgrade to Pioneer CD player AM/FM unit. Asking \$4500. More pics available. Car located in Murphy, NC. **Contact Paul VanNortwick @ 828 644 9342 or paul_v@venturecommoditiesinc.com**

For Sale

1973 Riviera Parts Car for sale—Make Offer—located in Charlotte, NC **Contact David Link 704-333-1083, Cell 704-534-2017**



For Sale (New listing)

1973 Regal. It's located at a local pawn shop/used car dealer. It's purported to be a one owner car (belonged to the mother of one of the shop owners), and has 51,000 miles on it. There's a small rust-through hole on the RR fender, and a small tear on the back of the driver's seat. It started and it seemed to run fine. It needs a little work, but overall it seems to be in great condition for being almost 40 years old; They are asking \$3500, but might be talked down if you walked in the door with cash. **Contact Scott, C&C Pawn Shop, 205 North Park Street, Carrollton, GA 30117 770-834-9628**

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.

The Dixie Valve Chatter, DVC is the official publication of the Dixie Chapter.

The year 2011 Dixie Chapter Officers are:

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**2012 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
HORSEING AROUND WITH BUICK'S
NOVEMBER 1-3, 2012
OCALA, FL.**

ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

HOT DOG ROAST DINNER.....HOSPITALITY ROOM RAMADA INN

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

PLEASE BUDDY-UP IN CARS TODAY...THERE IS LIMITED PARKING AT THE UNIVERSITY

MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS HOUSE TOUR..... AUTHOR OF "THE YEARLING"

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AND BUTTERFLY MUSEUM ON THE GROUND OF UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CAMPUS. GAINSVILLE.

The Florida Museum of Natural History, chartered by the Florida Legislature in 1917 as the state's official natural history museum. With more than 30 million specimens of amphibians, birds, butterflies, fish, mammals, mollusks, reptiles, vertebrate and invertebrate fossils, recent and fossil plants and associated databases and libraries, the Florida Museum is the largest natural history museum in the Southeast. The 6400 S.F. screened outdoor butterfly enclosure has hundreds of tropical plant and living butterflies. Learn about butterfly and moth biology and see scientists working in the rear lab.

DISCOVER MICANOPY:

As Florida's oldest inland settlement, Micanopy (pronounced Mick-can-oh'-pee) has a well-established tradition of charm and Southern hospitality. Micanopy sometimes called "the little town that time forgot" possesses warmth and charm as well as eclectic shopping. Here you'll find unique historic sites, friendly people.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

A Thoroughbred Horse Farm Tour will give you a great introduction to the breeding and foaling and training operation of a race horse farm . You will also see a horse in training at the track.

After lunch at Stumpknockers, on the Withlacoochee River, an optional tour, on your own, to Don Garlits Drag Race Museum, exit 341 off I-75, 13700 SW 16th Ave. Admission for Seniors is \$13.00.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

FLORIDA CARRIAGE MUSEUM

An amazing collection of over 160 of the finest horse-drawn carriages in the world. There is everything from an Austrian Emperor Chariot to a WWI John Deere Supply Wagon. Lunch will be on the grounds and we are told that there will be a Civil War Reenactment on the grounds in the afternoon.

There will be a MOPAR Show on the Don Garlits Museum grounds on Saturday for anyone interested in stopping on their way back to the hotel.

BANQUET:

HORSE AND HOUND RESTAURANT: 6998 N US 27, OCALA

Cocktails: 5:30

Dinner: 6:30

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN YOUR CAR AND HAVE A WORKING CB RADIO.

BUICK IS THE OFFICIAL TOUR CAR.... IF YOU DID NOT BRING A BUICK, PLEASE ARRANGE TO RIDE WITH SOMEONE WHO DOES HAVE A BUICK.

2012 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TOUR

**HORSING AROUND WITH BUICK'S
NOVEMBER 1-3, 2012
OCALA, FL.**

HOSTS: GULF COAST CHAPTER
BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA
FLORIDA

QUESTIONS: MARIE BEATON
PHONE: 941.456.0033
EMAIL: beatonme@embarqmail.com

HOTEL: RAMADA INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER

3810 NW BLITCHTON ROAD (US 27)
OCALA, FL. 34482

PHONE: 352.732.3131

RATES: \$59 + tax/night

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____

BUICK YEAR _____ MODEL _____

REGISTRATION FEE \$ 25.00

WEDNESDAY EVENING: OCTOBER 31
HOT DOG ROAST...HOSPITALITY ROOM

NC

THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 1

MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS HOUSE TOUR # _____ @ \$ 3.00 = \$ _____
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY/BUTTERFLY MUSEUM # _____ @ \$ 7.50 = \$ _____

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN ON GROUNDS
DISCOVER MICANOPY
DINNER ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

THOROUGHBRED HORSE FARM TOUR # _____ @ \$ 12.00 = \$ _____
LUNCH. STUMPKNOCKERS

ON THE RIVER ...DUNNELLON # _____ @ \$ 18.00 = \$ _____
FRIED CATFISH DINNER # _____ GRILLED CHICKEN DINNER # _____

AFTERNOON OPTION:
DON GARTLITS DRAG RACING MUSEUM
DINNER ON YOUR OWN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

FLORIDA CARRIAGE MUSEUM.....WEIRSDALE
INCLUDES LUNCH ON THE PREMISES # _____ @ \$ 30.00= _____
CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT.....ON YOUR OWN

BANQUET: HORSE & HOUNDS
6998 N. US 27
OCALA, FL.

CASH BAR COCKTAILS.....5:30 PM
DINNER6:30 PM

8 OZ. PRIME RIB # _____ PECAN CRUSTED CHICKEN # _____

HONEY BOURBON SALMON # _____ @ \$ 30.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2012. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO: GULF COAST CHAPTER-BCA. MAIL REGISTRATION AND CHECK TO:
MARIE BEATON, 5601 DUNCAN ROAD, LOT #71, PUNTA GORDA, FL. 33982**