



The Dixie Valve Chatter



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Director's Message

Well here we are in Februweary, and oh boy, is it ever reminding us that Winter's not over yet! Hopefully our Buicks are all parked in warm, heated garages – but if not, be sure to check your antifreeze so you don't have any unpleasant surprises.

I hope everyone had as much fun at the Holiday party as we did. We had a great turnout, and as always, excellent food prepared by our master chef, Craig Shaw. If you weren't there, you missed seeing Bruce get his new 'helmet trophy', commemorating the Alarm Tours of 2013. It was quite a sight, indeed.

Hopefully everyone's signed up and planning to attend this year's annual Bowl-A-Rama on February 9th. We'll hold our first meeting of 2014 afterwards, so plan on attending if possible.

Speaking of the February meeting, this will be my last month as Director of the Dixie Chapter - JD Westfall will be taking over as Director for the rest of the term. The Finks are moving to Cleveland, Ohio, because it's apparently not cold and snowy enough here. Please look us up if you're ever in the area – we love to have guests!

Until then, "So long, and thanks for all the fish."

Rich Fink BCA #43841



Congratulations to Jack Horvath on receiving the 2013 Meritorious Service Award!

The Dixie Chapter BCA would like to take this time to offer a big "Thank You" to Rich and Kat Fink. Over the years, the both of you have become great friends to all of us in the Dixie Chapter. You have also been an asset to the chapter with your leadership, devotion and dedication to the classic car hobby. We wish

you both the best of luck with your move to your new home, If you are ever back in the area on a month's second Sunday, please join us at our chapter meeting. Bon Voyage!



The Dixie Chapter, Buick Club of America

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The Timing Chain



FEBRUARY 9, 2014

Annual Dixie Chapter BOWL-A-RAMA!

**AMF Woodstock Lanes, 108 Woodpark Blvd.
Woodstock, GA. (770)926-2200**

You now have only eight days to sharpen your bowling skills. Bowling will start promptly at 12:30 PM. So get there early. Cost is the same as last year: \$12 adults (over 12 yrs), \$9 for under 12 yrs, The price includes 3 games bowling, shoe rental & lunch. \$6 for lunch only. Please RSVP by Feb 3rd by phone or email to Bruce or Shar 770-977-7924, sbkile@juno.com This is one of our most fun events. Bowling expertise is not required, as a matter of fact with our "handicap system" good bowling ability could be a detriment. There will be awards & prizes. Weather permitting, be sure to drive those Buicks, there will be ample secluded parking.

DIRECTIONS

**I-75 North to I-575 / Phillip M Landrum
Memorial Hwy**

**North toward Canton. Exit 7 right, GA 92 toward
Woodstock**

**Turn right onto GA 92. Go approximately 3/4 mi.
then Turn left onto Woodpark Blvd (at the Dairy
Queen and simply follow the circle around to AMF
Woodstock Lanes.**

For those coming from the East take GA 92 West.
Cross Canton Hwy. Go approximately 300 yards
then turn right between McDonalds & Mrs.
**Winners. Follow the circle (Woodpark Blvd) until
you see AMF Woodstock Lanes.**

MARCH 9, 2014

Georgia Rib Company

**4930 Davidson Road, Marietta, GA.
30068.**

**12:30 pm for lunch with meeting to follow.
The Georgia Rib Company is located off of
Lower Roswell Road just past Johnson Ferry
Road, behind Kroger in Parkaire Landing
Mall. 770-973-7427.**

Directions in next column!

**\$15.00 per person, Soft drinks/tea and tip included.
We have a private meeting room. 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.**

MAY 2 - 3, 2014

33rd Annual Peach Blossom BOPC Show

This is the premier kickoff to the spring car show season for GM collector car owners in the metro Atlanta area. You are in for a treat! The Peach State Cadillac & LaSalle Club is hosting, and we are amping up the volume:

Friday's BBQ & Bluegrass at 6:30 PM: To kick off a terrific weekend, we have an outdoor BBQ with live bluegrass and a display of new Cadillacs courtesy of Cadillac of Lake Lanier. Invited: Johnny O'Connell, Cadillac's CTS-V racing wizard. Cost is \$25 per person. Spend the night and forget trying to get here early on Saturday!

Saturday at 8:00 AM: We're planning for 200 beautiful Buicks, Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs, and Cadillacs. Judging will be by your fellow registered car owners in 25 classes by make, body, and decade. The Survivor Class returns for 2014! Trophies, drawings, 50-50 raffle, t-shirts, and more. \$25 per car, \$20 for a second car if you register by April 15th.

The Marketplace: If you have parts or a car you want to sell, or car-related products to display – this is your place. We are setting aside primo spots for those who want more space or a spot closer to the action. \$30 per space by the deadline, April 15th.

Host hotel: Once again, the Marriott Northwest in Marietta will host. It's conveniently close to I-75 off Windy Hill Road, and the staff knows us well after hosting the last two BOPCs. We have a sweet room rate of **\$86/night if you register before April 21, 2014.** Stay with the host team Saturday night too, to enjoy an after-action get-together.

To get the best deals REGISTER EARLY! Car registration fees and vendor registrations go up after the deadline. Contact Us if you have a question, suggestion or a comment.

DETAILS: Go to WWW.BOPCSHOW.COM

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Steve Zigler	2/8 Max Burmeister
2/15 Bruce Kile	2/18 Danny Bryant
2/24 Maureen Bryant	2/24 Gail Anderson
2/28 Bob McNichols	

"DEALS ON WHEELS"



1967 Riviera: Senior Gold Award BCA Nationals. Verde Green w/ white bench interior. Excellent condition and ready to get a BCA Preservation Award (again). Engine blueprinted and rebuilt with 100 miles on it. Cold A/C. **\$19,000.** Selling for John Westfall due to poor health. **Contact JD Westfall, cell 913-638-7849 or jdw52@comcast.net.**



1931 Buick Phaeton Model 55. Convertible Top replaced. Side curtains. Green w/ black fenders. New wiring harness. First year for Straight 8. Electric fuel pump added. Wood Spoke wheels. Runs great. Participates in several parades every year. **\$28,500.** Selling for John Westfall due to poor health. **Contact JD Westfall, cell 913-638-7849 or jdw52@comcast.net.**

For Sale Car Cover

Covercraft Evolution car cover for 1964 thru 1967 GM "A" Body which includes Skylark, Cutlass, LeMans, Chevelle. This is a great all-weather car cover. The tan material is the most water-repellent, "breathable" fabric ever used for a car cover. It repels water in all but the worst rainstorms, and later breathes, preventing moisture build up. This cover retails for \$270. A great way to protect your classic! **\$150.00 Contact Don McClair at 770-271-2759**

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HOLIDAY PARTY 2014



GIFTS JUST WAITING TO BE CHOSEN



***JAN STEGER WITH GREAT KNIFE SET.
LOOK OUT MIKE!!!***



***DAVE DIDN'T KEEP THIS BOTTLE OF
WINE VERY LONG***



***BOB, THINKING ABOUT STEALING
WANDA'S GIFT?***



***BRUCE EXPLAINING HOW HE
STOPPED THE ALARMS!***



***RELAX JACK! YOU JUST RECEIVED
THE MERITORIOUS AWARD!!***

The following was sent out to the BCA Pre-War Division by Mark Shaw, as well as being posted on the 1937-1938 Buicks Yahoo group. Please read and if you have any thoughts or opinions, please relay them to the BCA Board of Directors.

Article I of the BCA Bylaws states: "The purposes for which the BCA is founded are: For the development, publication and exchange of technical, historical and other information for and among members and other persons who are interested in Buick automobiles, and to promote social intercourse and fellowship among its members;"

BCA National Meets should be a place where like cars are parked ALL TOGETHER BY ERA so their owners can share their cars and common interests. Everyone should be able to see and compare Judged, Archival, Modified, Driven and Display-only Buicks side-by-side on the same show field. I think this is a serious issue, so I intentionally delayed posting this newsletter to wait for the January issue of The Buick Bugle to be mailed to BCA members. Please read my letter to the editor as well as Jerry Courson's letter to the editor in the January 2014 issue pgs. 6-7. I also ask that you take time to follow the link below to the AACA Buick forum and read the comments made by other Buick owners who posted their thoughts about BCA parking arrangements for South Bend. And note that these posts started over two months before the South Bend meet in plenty of time to avoid these issues (Parking posts begin with Post 69 from Bill McLaughlin on page 3).

<http://forums.aaca.org/f115/2013-bca-national-meet-south-bend-336752-3.html>

I hauled Derek Thille's 1923 Buick Depot Hack over four days and 2,200 miles from Vancouver WA to attend the 2013 BCA National Meet in South Bend IN. But because Derek's Buick was entered as "Display Only", it had to be parked in a remote lot about a block away and inaccessible by walking directly from the show field. Many more modern cars were parked in that lot than Buicks because no volunteers were assigned to control parking in the remote lot. The Meet Chairman, Mike Book, advised me that the Chief Judge was responsible for parking arrangements. So, I asked the Chief Judge, Alan Oldfield, why the show field did not seem to include other than 400 point judged cars. He advised me that there were more reasons than we had time to go into (or something to that effect). I advised him how disappointed I was and that if the parking arrangements were not changed for the upcoming Portland meet, I guaranteed him that I would not bother to bring my Buicks only eight miles from my home to the 2014 BCA National Meet. I have since had many email conversations with Alan Oldfield, members of the National Meet Committee and several BCA board members. I felt compelled to remind them that there are more reasons to bring and display a car at a National Meet other than to have it judged. I believe most members want to display their car with other similar cars and socialize with other members who have similar interests. Therefore, I am simply requesting other BCA members to provide their input on this issue via emails and letters to the BCA BOD to verify this. Although Alan Oldfield did issue a statement to include: "As a one year trial, Buicks entered for Display and those in the Driven class will be parked together with the traditional 400 point judged classes." And, "The decision for 2014 in no way impacts how the show field will be laid out in future meets". In my opinion, "All Together Parking By Era" needs to be a board decision and made part of the BCA Standard Operating Procedures for all future meets. It simply does not make sense for the BCA Chief Judge to segregate cars that are not subject to his judging. Jerry Courson's letter to the editor did not indicate the board planned to take action on this issue. Although I have been a strong supporter of the BCA, I assure you that if the BCA Board refuses to act or does not publically state the BCA official position on this proposed policy change, I will have to re-consider my membership in a club that holds judged cars as more important than all others at their national meets. I encourage all BCA members to discuss this at your local meetings, communicate with others via social media and make your own opinion known to the BCA Board.