



The Dixie Valve Chatter



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Director's Message

Most of us are familiar with the term GM. Well, here's a different meaning. We had a great Bowl-a-Rama Party a couple weekends ago. I don't know who enjoyed it more, the bowlers or non-bowlers. Great fun! The next day I had a flight to California. Pretty boring sitting on a plane for 5 hours. Upon landing, I could barely stand up! Both of my Gluteus Maximus' had tightened up from the Bowl-A-Rama exertion. Thanks Bruce.

Proud to be a Buick owner... J D Power's annual Vehicle Dependability Study is out showing the most reliable 3 year old vehicles. Buick and Cadillac were in the top 5!!! Honda, Toyota, BMW and 26 other brands all below Buick!
"Wouldn't you really rather have a Buick?"

In becoming the Director of the Dixie Chapter BCA... I have been associated with a couple Buick clubs, but this one is special. This is truly a group of friends with a common cause that know how to have fun. I am proud to be part of this group and will strive to Promote and Preserve the Dixie member needs for the betterment of the club. With that said, let's get the covers off our Buicks, get the oil changed, and wash and wax them. Spring is here.

JDW

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Rich Fink, left, passes the gavel to the new Dixie Chapter Director, J D Westfall at last month's Bowl-A-Rama. A big thanks to Rich and congratulations to J D.

20th Annual Bowl-A-Rama Winners

- Debbie Brooks** - Rookie Best Score Bowling with Wrong Hand!
- Carol Whittenburg** - Top Female Handicap Score 691
- Jack Horvath** - Top Male Handicap Score - 667
- J D Westfall** - High Handicap (lowest score) 478
- Jerry Richstein** - "OOPS Award", Hurt Hand, Did Not Bowl!
- Ron & Connie Bergeron** - Oldest Buick Driven, 1955 Special Convertible

Picture of Winners on Page 4!!

The Timing Chain



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 they are
amping up the volume.

Friday's BBQ & Bluegrass at 6:30 PM:

To kick off a terrific weekend, they 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 there early on Saturday!
See next column for more details!

Saturday at 8:00 AM: They're planning for 200 beautiful
Buicks, Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs, and Cadillacs. Judging will be by
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. **Registration is \$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. They 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.
They 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.

DETAILS: Go to www.bopcshow.com

MARCH 15, 2014 - 9th Annual Memories In Monroe Classic
Car Show, Monroe, GA. 9am-4pm. Contact Laura Peters at 770
267 7546 or 770 601 0946.

March 22, 2014 - 2nd Annual Camp Jackie Car Show
Union Grove Camp Ground, 301 Amen Drive, Cleveland GA.
Contact: Amanda Bridges at 678 943 9764 or Jerry Shook at
1 706 968 8192

March 26th thru 30th, 2014 - 32nd Annual Atlanta
International Auto Show
Georgia World Congress Center, "C" Building, 235 Northside
Drive (next to Georgia Dome), Atlanta, GA 30313
TICKETS: ADULTS \$10, CHILDREN 6-12 - \$5,
CHILDREN UNDER 6 - FREE
For more info call 770 916 1741 or go to www.goautoshow.com

Problems are not stop signs. They are
guidelines.

Robert H. Schuller

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/4 Roddy Pearce 3/8 Margie Lewis
3/10 Tammy Lynde 3/11 Jean Richstein
3/17 Don Winebarger 3/20 Penny VanNortwick
3/29 Hugh Hughes

"DEALS ON WHEELS"



For Sale

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.



For Sale

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



For Sale - 1970 Riviera

Original 455 cid engine with 400 Turbo transmission. Modified tail lights and grille. Color - Kandy Brandywine base coat/clear coat.

\$16,000

Contact Tom or Maria Sanders at 770 967 9881.

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20TH ANNUAL BOWL-A-RAMA



2014 BOWL-A-RAMA WINNERS



WAIT! HOW MANY GUTTER BALLS?



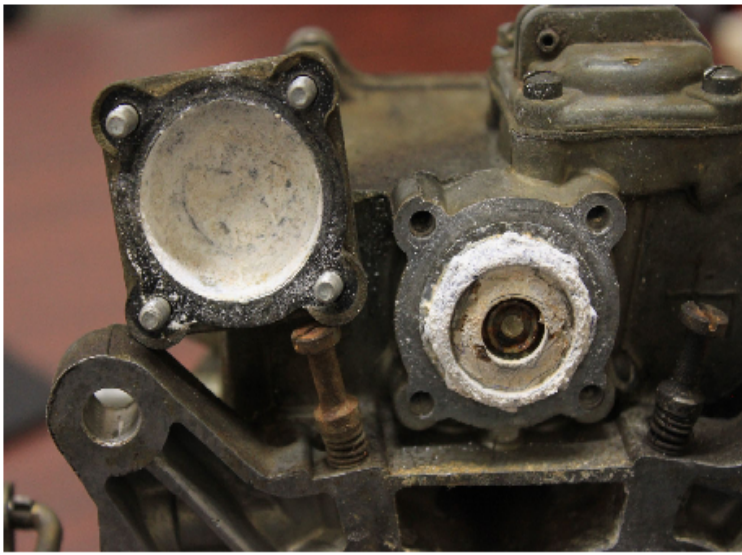
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***OUR GRATIOUS
MASTER OF CEREMONIES***



***BOB "PHOTO BOMBS" THE PAST AND
PRESENT DIRECTORS!***



Ethanol damage to a carburetor.

Photo by Tom Shaw, courtesy SEMA

While E15 availability has slowly spread across the Midwest over the last couple of years, a handful of provisions included in the federal farm bill passed earlier this month will effectively make the continued roll-out of the ethanol-blended fuel more difficult, if not stop it in its tracks entirely.

The Agricultural Act of 2014, which passed into law February 7, primarily set the federal government's food and agricultural policies for the next several years. Perhaps the provision most crippling to the push for widespread E15 adoption, however, was the one cutting a Rural Energy for America Program subsidy that would help gas stations install as many as 10,000 E15 blender pumps over the next two to five years. Rather than dispense pre-blended E15, the blender pumps would instead mix the gasoline and ethanol in the specified blend, whether that be E10, E15, E85, or other discussed but yet-to-be-approved blends. The ethanol industry has long seen blender pumps as key to increasing demand for E15.

Reuters credited the subsidy cut in the farm bill to lobbying by the American Motorcyclist Association, which noted in a press release that it "has repeatedly expressed concerns about potential E15 misfueling and the subsequent damage that the fuel can have on motorcycle and ATV engines and fuel systems. The AMA believes that blender pumps dispensing E15 at service stations will create a high potential for inadvertent E15 misfueling by consumers."

While the Environmental Protection Agency in 2011 approved E15 use in 2001 and newer passenger and light-duty vehicles, it has not approved it for use in motorcycles, ATVs, small engines, or in vehicles older than the 2001 model year. According to a list published by the Renewable Fuels Association, E15 is now available in 59 gas stations across 12 states, up from about a couple dozen about a year ago.

The farm bill also cut mandatory funding for advanced biofuels from \$60 million per year to \$15 million per year. At the same time, it eliminated the \$5 billion in direct payments to farmers growing corn for ethanol.

Though the cuts don't prevent gas stations from installing the blender pumps themselves, the ethanol industry responded critically to the cuts. "There is irony in the fact that EPA has proposed cutting back on the RFS because of their concern about the availability of infrastructure to satisfy higher blends of ethanol while the Congress eliminates funding for blender pumps," Bob Dinneen, head of the Renewable Fuels Association, told Reuters.

Late last year, the EPA proposed to reduce the amount of ethanol it expects refiners to add to the U.S. fuel supply, from 16.55 billion gallons in 2013 to 15.21 billion gallons in 2014, in response to shrinking demand in the United States for fuel overall and the resulting "blend wall." The Renewable Fuels Standard, passed in 2007, called for gradually increasing the amount of ethanol added to the fuel supply, eventually reaching 36 billion gallons in 2022. At a trade conference earlier this month, Dinneen – who criticized the EPA's proposal as "monumentally stupid," called on the EPA not to renege on the Renewable Fuel Standard and claimed that any progress the ethanol industry has made over the last several years could be reversed if the EPA's proposal stands.

The RFA maintains that E10 remains safe for all passenger and light-duty vehicles, including classic cars. The Specialty Equipment Market Association begs to differ. Meanwhile, a number of bills have been proposed both on the federal and state level to curtail the spread of E15, including at least one (House Bill 1461, which remains in committee) to eliminate the Renewable Fuels Standard altogether. Two other federal bills – House Bill 875 and Senate Bill 344 – asked the EPA to suspend the sale of E15 until the fuel could be studied further, but no action has been taken on either bill since last spring. At the state level, Missouri is debating on blocking E15 sales, as is New Hampshire.