



# The Dixie Valve Chatter



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## Director's Message

*"April brings us Blooming Flowers in the Fields,  
& the motive to polish our Beautiful Tri-Shields."*

Man, did I luck out! I travel a lot for my job. I have rented every kind of car or SUV imaginable. In January, I arrived in LA the day of the BCS Championship game. Cars were scarce and I was upgraded to a Cadillac SUV. It had every bell and whistle. My boss and his wife both drive Lexus' and they were impressed with the Cadillac. This week I was upgraded to a Lacrosse. It has every Bell and Whistle of the Cadillac and costs about \$20K less. This is some car. Much more comfortable than the Cadillac. The Lacrosse is going on my Christmas List!

The BOPC Show is about a month away. On April 12th, there will be a BOPC meeting at the Marietta Marriott. If you have any questions, come on down. We will be walking the field to decide how to set out the classes. I recommend the 4 Dixie people that volunteered to help get cars in the right classes on show day, attend this April 12th meeting at 10 AM. Check out [www.bopcshow.com](http://www.bopcshow.com). Mark your calendar for May 2-3rd. I have a bet that we will have more Buicks at the show than any other badge. Don't forget, you save \$5.00 on the registration fee if you register by April 15th.

I've been stockpiling parts, tools, and filters to dig into that big Ol' Buick. And I think she is anxious for me to tune her up so she can strut down the road turning peoples' heads. The smell of gasoline, the feel of anti-freeze on your fingers... Oh the heck with this message, I'm going to the garage!

JDW

## Fun Facts About License Plates

Pennsylvania was the first state to issue vanity plates in 1931, consisting of just three or four letters. Early states with personalized plates doled them out on a reward system: A driver had to maintain a clean driving record for at least five years to be awarded the vanity plate. Certain four letter words still weren't allowed. Delaware still allows the use of porcelain plates, and companies still make them for collectors. On April 25, 1901, New York became the first state to mandate license plates on cars as a way to rein in the speeders and reckless drivers who were scaring horses. Two years later, Massachusetts became the first state to issue its license plates. In Wisconsin, the oldest surviving plate dates back to 1905, which reads "32-W": the 32nd plate ever issued in the state. Tennessee and Kansas fashioned plates in the shape of their respective states, though Wyoming and Colorado residents love to brag that every plate is shaped like their state. In Nunavut, Canada, and the Northwest Territories, the license plates are shaped like polar bears. But the province of Ontario beats that: You can buy a plate that reflects your love of "Star Trek" and your allegiance to the Federation. Arizona stamped a steer head on its plate, in reference to its beef industry, and it became the first state to give its plates some statewide symbolism. South Carolina followed with "The Iodine State". Naturally, Idaho referenced potatoes on its plates. Kansas settled for wheat. Florida and New Mexico both claimed "The Sunshine State," and the former won out. Ohio (where the Wright Brothers were born) and North Carolina (where the Wright Brothers first flew) both claimed the slogan "First in Flight." Ultimately, North Carolina won the right to use the phrase. Ohio had to settle for "Birthplace of Aviation," but it did end up with a consolation prize: a Superman-themed license plate.

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# The Timing Chain



**APRIL 13, 2014, 12:30pm Sharp!**

## **Olive Garden Restaurant**

905 Holcomb Bridge Road (Hwy 140)

Roswell, GA 30076

Phone: 770-642-0395

We will be ordering from the "Primo Menu" which has 5 delicious meals to choose from (menu is attached to this newsletter). Included with the selected meal is bread sticks, soup or salad, fountain drink/coffee, and ice cream. Tax, and tip inclusive for a total of **\$15.30**. Or, for the lighter fare...Soup, Salad, bread sticks and fountain drink for **\$6.95** (plus tax and tip).

### **DIRECTIONS:**

**Coming from the East or South:** Take GA 140 (Holcomb Bridge Road) west from GA 400 at Exit 7B. Olive Garden will be 1 mile on your left, south side. You can turn south at the intersection on Warsaw Road and get into the back side of the Olive Garden.

**Coming from the West:** Take take GA 92 east. At Alpharetta Highway (GA 9) in Roswell, continue east on GA 140 (Holcomb Bridge) one mile and Olive Garden is on the right (southside).

**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 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, 2014.**

**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, 2014.**

**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](http://www.bopcshow.com)**

**April 26, 2004 8am to 3pm**

## **Georgia Classic Rides 25th Annual Car Show/Swap**

**Meet.** For more info call: Carolyn Churchill 770 975

7690 or Evelyn Waters 404 513 3847. Email:

[carolynchurchill@comcast.net](mailto:carolynchurchill@comcast.net)

Registration form at [www.georgiaclassicrides.com](http://www.georgiaclassicrides.com)

**May 17, 2014 7am to 2pm**

## **SMI Charity Car Show**

**Benefiting The Alzheimer's Assoc.**

**West GA Shopping Center, Carrollton, GA**

For more details see the registration form attached to this Valve Chatter

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

4/3 Shelby Hendrix    4/6 Jerry Richstein  
4/7 Richard Cope    4/9 Wayne Whittenburg  
4/10 Bob Whitehurst    4/27 Jack Horvath

## **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

4/5 Bill & Nancy Hansen    4/7 Gene & Andrea Walsh  
4/24 James & Sarah Thomas  
4/25 Steve & Suzanne Zigler  
4/26 Bruce & Shar Kile

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

Oscar Wilde

# "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](mailto: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](mailto:jdw52@comcast.net)."

**FOR SALE:** Motor from 1940 Buick. Bought for spare parts for '38 Special. In the process of moving from Georgia to Ohio and can't take it with me. It's the 248 c.i. (small) engine. Does not turn. Head or plugs not pulled, no testing or troubleshooting done. Block and head look pretty solid. No visible cracks. Based on the amount of external grease, I'm guessing some light rust has formed due to the manifolds being off, etc. Engine comes with the transmission (not currently attached), clutch, etc. I've kept a few parts such as the generator and manifolds, but the rest has got to go. You have to pick it up, no way of moving it. I don't want to scrap it, but it has to go before I move! **\$250 . . Cash only!!**

Contact Rich Fin k ASAP @ 770 459 4098 for info and pictures!



## 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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