



DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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A word from our Director:

Hello Dixie Chapter Buick Owners,

Boy do we have an exciting Fall for you. A Buick Picnic to Ernie and Susie's beautiful home, a tour through majestic Georgia countryside, and more to come. Check below for all the details.

Hey, I have a great idea for a super date with your significant other. On Friday, go to your local Buick dealer and ask for a 24 hour test drive in your favorite New Buick. Then pick up your sweetie and take her/him for a cruise and dinner. Maybe get 2-3 Dixie members together and cruise together. Good idea, huh?

Yup, I had that drip, drip, drip of pink on my driveway. I had the tranny rebuilt a couple years ago by Cherokee Transmission in Canton and the tranny has been dry until now. When we got underneath the Wildcat, we could see it was dripping where the transmission line comes out of the transmission. The connection was tight. Hmmmm? I pulled the line off and put some Teflon tape on the treads, re-tightened, and No Leak. For what it's worth. Anybody got an old Buick that leaks?

Good Cruising,
J D

Editorial Comment:

As many of you already know, Tria has recently resigned as Newsletter Editor effective immediately. It is my understanding that the primary reason is that she works a lot of hours every week and has very little time left for other interests, including publishing the *Dixie Valve Chatter*.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tria for the work that she has done over the last 7 months publishing the *Dixie Valve Chatter*. I think that she was hesitant to take on the job but succumbed to pressure to do so, and tried her best with the limited support and help that she received.

I hope that a time comes when she can cut back on the number of hours that she works so that she and Dave can have more time to enjoy life, including attending Dixie Chapter meetings and events.

Looking forward, I hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Dixie Valve Chatter*. I think that I have a member that will be the "Assistant Editor", and will make that announcement next month after I have confirmed that he has officially agreed to be the Assistant DVC Editor.

In addition to having an Assistant Editor to help me, I am looking to all Dixie Chapter members for help by providing photos, article ideas, member news, cars & car "stuff" for sale and any other content that they think will be of interest to our membership. All submittals will be considered and I will use as much as possible. Please submit your ideas to me via e-mail to jerry.richstein@gmail.com or call me at 404-769-6071.

Jerry

It Happened in August, by “guest reporter” Don McClair:

August 8th was a great day for the Dixie chapter and Jim Ellis Buick GMC in Buford Georgia.

We held our monthly meeting in their conference room and after our meeting we were treated by the dealership to hotdogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings.

We also had a mini car show with fourteen member cars in attendance. We invited the Riviera Owners Association to join us and five members brought four Riviera's. We had two additional guests who brought their cars, a 1935 Buick Street Rod and a 1954 Chevrolet convertible. The Jim Ellis customers also liked seeing the classic Buicks. The Riviera Owners really enjoyed the camaraderie and several of them vowed to join the BCA and the Dixie Chapter and took membership applications with them.

With ample shade and a couple of pop up tents the warm temperature did little to dampen the enthusiasm that was enjoyed by all.

Photos by **Heather Griffin**, daughter of Bill & Yvonne McGowen



Car Quiz:

Where was this picture of a 1960 Buick LeSabre taken?

Hint: Do you recognize the monument in the background?

The photo is courtesy of TripAdvisor, but could have been taken many years ago, or very recently.

The answer is on page 6.

Photo courtesy of TripAdvisor →



F O O D & F U N

Happening in September

WHAT: Annual Dixie Chapter Picnic

WHEN: Sunday September 20th

WHERE: Ernie & Susie Grant's home
1211 Dover Place SE
Conyers, GA 30013
404-263-7022

ASSEMBLY TIME: Noon

LUNCH TIME: 2:00

PLEASE BRING: Last names A-M please bring a Dessert or Appetizer.
Last names N-Z please bring a Salad or Veggie.

The club will supply beverages such as Sweet Tea, Unsweet "Yankee" Tea & Lemonade, as well as all the plates and other necessities.

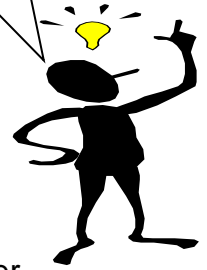
YARD GAMES: *There will be fun games for everyone.*

Word is that Bruce has shiny new washers to toss!

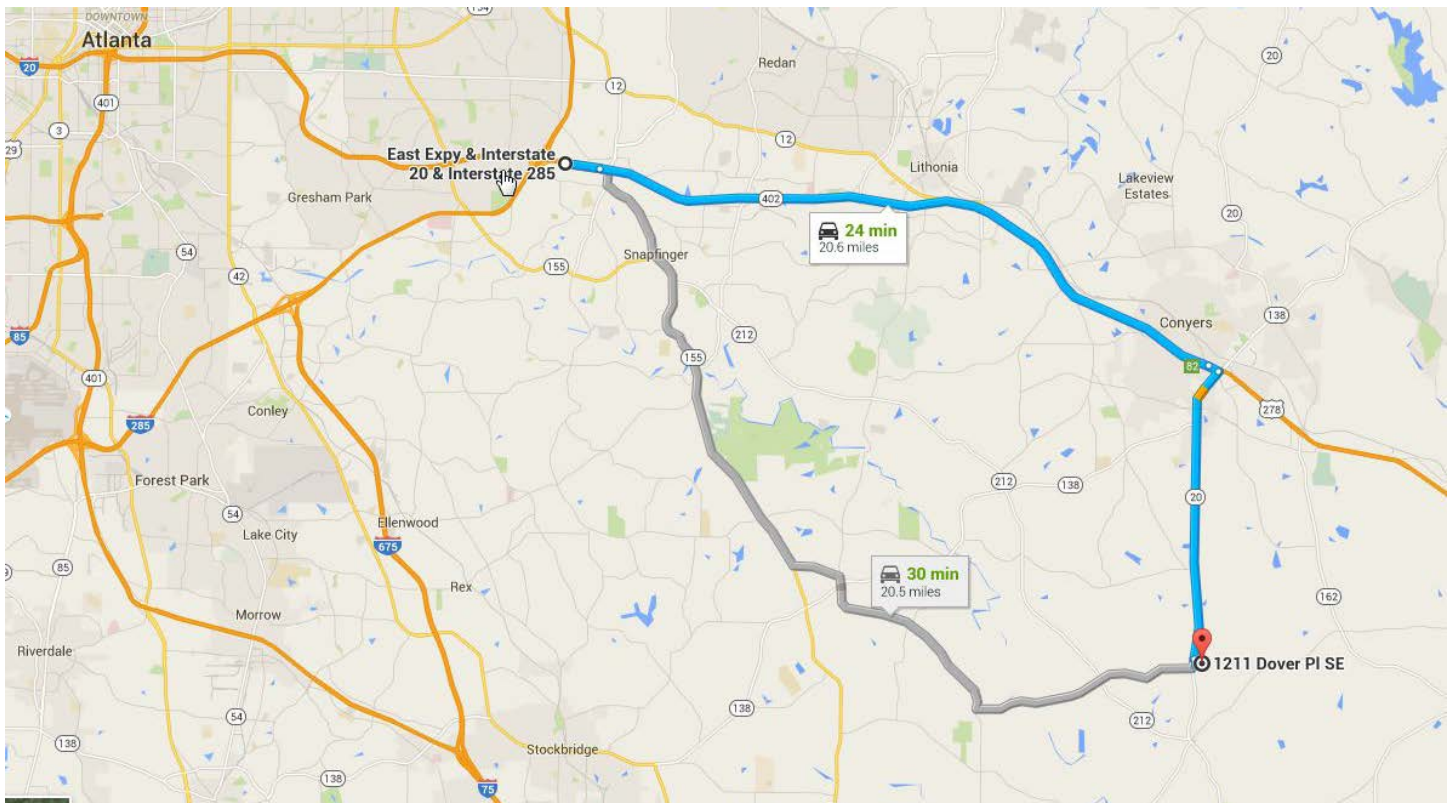
RSVP: Please RSVP by 9/18 so our Master Chefs know how much food to get.
Either call or e-mail to Roxanne Westfall; 913-530-8782 or rww1496@gmail.com

Let's make this our best picnic ever!

*Wear Your
Name Tag*



Take I-20 East to Exit 82 for GA-20. Turn right and take GA-20W/138W for 5.9 miles. Turn left onto Brookfield Drive into the Brookfield Station Subdivision. Take 1st right onto Haverhill Way and then left onto Dover Place. Look for the BUICKS parked near the 4th house on the left.



Online Only Content: Here is a funny 1951 MGM animated short called "Car of Tomorrow".

<http://www.macsmotorcitygarage.com/2015/08/22/saturday-morning-cartune-tex-averys-car-of-tomorrow/>

The Timing Chain:

September 20, 2015: Annual Club Picnic will be at the home of Ernie & Susie Grant. All the details are on the next page.

October 3, 2015: Chapter Meeting. Look for details next month.

October 8-10, 2015: BCA SE Regional. Hosted by the Dixie Chapter, this touring event will be based in Historic Madison, GA. **It's not too late to register, and you don't want to miss out on this exciting event.** If you get the DVC via email, you can see the flier [HERE](#) and all the details and registration form [HERE](#). If you get the DVC via "snail mail", they are attached to this issue.

Also, check out the website www.buickclub.org/dixie for a pictorial preview of the S.E. Regional

July 27-31, 2016: It's not too soon to register for the 2016 BCA National in Allentown, PA. The 2016 National will be an extra special event since the BCA will be celebrating **50 years!** Make your hotel reservations **soon**, as hotels will fill. Details available at <http://www.buickclub.org/2016anniversary/>



From the "Sunshine Committee":

Looking at **Tom Lynde** at the August Meeting you would never have guessed that it was only a week since he had emergency surgery to remove his Gallbladder. We are thrilled that he recovered so quickly and completely!

If you know of a member who is ill, injured, recovering, or just in need of a special thought and bit of hope sent their way, please let **Jean Richstein** know about them as soon as possible. She is making certain that cards and well wishes are sent from the **Dixie Chapter BCA**. To enable Jean to share the Club's thoughts and concerns in a timely manner, please be sure to keep her well informed. grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com



Member "News": Former Dixie Chapter member **Debbie Brooks** moved to Flint last year and has been active in the Buicktown Chapter there. She recently attended 2 car shows where she won the trophy for the best GM and the best in class, and then attended the first "Back to the Bricks" Buick Reunion" car show where she not only made the ABC evening news, but got to teach a reporter how to start her 1960 LeSabre! Those of you that get the *DVC* via e-mail can click [HERE](#) to see the clip from the evening news. (NOTE: Those few of you that still get the *DVC* via "snail mail" should consider changing to e-mail delivery to get full access to online only content.)



Jack Horvath recently attended the Vietnam Reunion in Chattanooga. There was a nice selection of "Gun Trucks" on hand. (If only Jack would have stood about a foot to the left we would have gotten a better view of what looks like a "duce and a half" personnel carrier).

←Photo by Pat Horvath

MORE Member "News": The Dixie Chapter was well represented at the BCA National in Springfield, MO and 7 members received awards. All photos by **Pat Horvath**.



Bill McGowen & Brian DePouli



Danny Finkelstein & Brian



Jack Horvath & Brian



Shar Kile & Brian



Sharon & Roy Newby



Left to right: James & Sarah Thomas, Sharon & Roy Newby, Shar Kile, Jack Horvath, Danny Finkelstein, Bill & Yvonne McGowen

The following report by "**guest reporter**" **Bruce Kile** is reprinted from the July 2015 *DVC*:

With our Chapter banner prominently displayed along with some 20 or so others in the huge convention center auditorium, 18 folks from the Dixie Chapter were in attendance, representing 10 of our member families in Springfield, MO for the annual "Buick Reunion", aka the BCA NATIONAL. For our club historian **John Sincere**, it was 2 reunions in 1; he was able to attend his (actual) family reunion and a couple of days attending the BUICK one. He brought along a couple of his brothers to enjoy the "sights & sounds" of the Beautiful Buicks that have taken over Springfield Mo. Because of time constraints, John chose air travel, while the other 9 of us drove our Buicks. 7 of us managed to win national awards. The only reason it was not a clean sweep (9 for 9) was because **Jerry & Jean Richstein's** 2010 Enclave & the 2013 Lacrosse of **Frank & Jan Blizzard** were not eligible for judging until the reach 12 years of age. They were both entered in the "display class".

The remaining 7 "Dixiettes" & their awards were: **Danny Finkelstein**, 1969 GS 400 Convertible; Silver award, **Art & (son) Doug Gaynor**, 1958 Special; Archival Award (for unrestored original), **Jack & Pat Horvath**, 1976 LeSabre; Senior Preservation award, **Shar Kile**, 2003 Regal GS; Gold/Senior award, **Bill & Yvonne McGowen**, 1975 LeSabre; Silver Award, **Roy & Sharon Newby**, 1998 Riviera; Senior Preservation, and **James & Sarah Thomas**, 1986 Regal; Gold Award.

The total number of registrations in Springfield this year was just over 400, with a little less than 300 total cars, less than half of which were judged in the 400 point system, about 50 were "display only" and about 40 were entered in the Archival class. Total number of people on hand for the event was over 700. Next year's (really) big event will be celebrating the BCA 50th anniversary in Allentown, PA.

NOTE: If you know of members winning awards, or have an idea for an article of interest to our members, please let Jerry know at least one week before the end of the month to enable inclusion in the next ***Dixie Valve Chatter***.

Deals on Wheels:

We have a request from a brother of a past Valley of the Sun Buick Club member who passed away very suddenly. He had a **1962 Buick LeSabre 4 Door Model 4469**.

The car has been in the family since new originally and has resided the last 20 years in Arizona.

The car has 136,602 miles. The paint has been redone about four years ago as has the transmission seals and bearings. The tires are over 2 years old. The owner has complete maintenance records. The car was driven to various car shows and every monthly club meeting the last several years. The asking price is \$7,500 or best offer.

If interested, members that wish to see more pictures can please send requests to my attention.

Here is the link to the Craig listing. <https://phoenix.craigslist.org/nph/cto/5131307661.html>

If interested in getting more info or negotiating a price, please reply via craigslist.

Regards,

Tony Tricoci

Director #42560

Valley of the Sun Buick Club

Tx12@cox.net

Please remember, if you use craigslist, it can be safe IF you use the proper precautions. Please be careful.



Need A. C. Delco parts? If you are in the need of genuine ACDelco parts such as batteries (including 6 volt) ignition parts etc., at discount pricing. We have established a "cash account" with Johnson Industries in Atlanta aka "J. I. Parts Express" <http://www.jipartsexpress.com/>. Simply phone the call center at (770) 448-3896 and tell them that you are with the Buick Club account #47225, and place your order. You will also need to tell them which of the 8 distribution warehouses you would like to pick it up & pay at. Distribution centers are in Woodstock, Marietta, Norcross, Emery, Snellville, Turner Field, Roswell, & Columbus. **A "cash account" does include Visa/Mastercard.** If you have any questions call **Bruce Kile** (770) 977-7924.

Wanted: 1971 GA License Plate. Willing to trade a slab of ribs KC Style or whatever to get. See JD **Editor's Note:** You Yankees know what a License Plate is, but for the rest of you; JD needs a 1971 GA Tag, y'all.

Do you have a car or "car stuff" for sale?

All Dixie Chapter members can advertise "For Sale" cars, parts, and car related "stuff" for up to 6 months, or longer if space permits.

In addition, non-members can advertise their cars and parts for up to 3 months, space permitting, if they have items that may be of interest to our members. This is as a courtesy to the sellers, and as a service for our members.

Please send your ads to Jerry at least one week before the end of the month to ensure that your ad is included in the next **Dixie Valve Chatter**.



Cars of the Month: Every month we will include at least a picture or two of member's cars, usually as seen at recent meetings, tours or events.



Try to be an active member, be sure to drive your "pride and joy", and then look for your picture in the next issue of the **Dixie Valve Chatter!**

←Photo by Jean Richstein

Photo by Cliff Dillingham→



Quotable Quotes



Grit In The Gearbox



Car Quiz Answer:

The picture of the 1960 LeSabre was taken approaching "Revolution Square" in Havana, Cuba.



Happy Birthday to:

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| 9/2 | Walt Ehrenfeuchter | 9/14 | Philipè Maddox |
| 9/5 | Tom Lynde | 9/15 | Bill Hansen |
| 9/6 | Don McClair | 9/26 | Rich Fink |
| 9/7 | Alan Lisenby | 9/26 | Roxanne Westfall |
| 9/8 | Maria Gaynor | | |

Happy Anniversary to:

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|------|---------------------------|
| 9/23 | Kip & Stephanie Meeboer |
| 9/25 | Ron & Connie Bergeron |
| 9/25 | Roger & LeeAnne Smith |
| 9/30 | Wayne & Carol Whittenburg |



As important events in the lives of our members, birthdays and anniversaries are recognized in the *Dixie Valve Chatter*, but **with no mention of ages or years without the permission of the member**. If you will be reaching a milestone birthday or significant anniversary this year, please let **Jerry Richstein** (jerry.richstein@gmail.com) know so we can all share in your special celebration.

ARE YOU CHANGING YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS? If you have a **NEW** e-mail address, please notify Jerry Richstein at jerry.richstein@gmail.com so you can continue to receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail.

The Dixie Chapter is one of over 60 Chapters of the Buick Club of America, "a non-profit membership corporation dedicated to the preservation and restoration of those vehicles built by the Buick Motor Division of General Motors Corporation".

The current elected and appointed officers are:

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For Photos and Upcoming Events: Check us out on Facebook, "Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America", and on the Web at www.dixie.buickclub.org

The Dixie Chapter/BCA Announces:
The 2015

S.E. Regional Meet
October 8th Thru 10th

A Touring Event Celebrating
The 25th Anniversary of the S.E. Region.

We will be based in historic Madison, Ga.

**With it's beautiful antebellum old south mansions, antique
& specialty shops & great places to eat, Madison is
designated by**

***Budget Travel* as one of the
“World's Top 16 Most Picturesque Villages”**

**Our three days of *touring will include
(but not limited to)**

**The city of Madison
“James Dream Cars” in Washington, Ga.
Callaway Plantation in Washington, Ga.
Historic Rutledge, Ga.**

**Of course there will be a well stocked hospitality room, games, prizes + a bountiful
(reasonably priced) closing banquet (BYOB allowed) in a most unique country setting.**

**Registration forms available after Jan 1st, 2015. Questions? Comments? Call Bruce or Shar
@ (770) 977-7924 or email sbkile58@aol.com NOTE: THERE WILL BE A 40 CAR LIMIT**

****All Touring will be on beautiful middle Georgia state roads absolutely no interstate travel!***

25th Anniversary

S.E. Regional Meet

Hosted by the Dixie Chapter/Buick Club of America

Oct. 8, 9, & 10, 2015

Three Days of Touring based out of

Madison, Ga.

Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express

(formally-Wingate by Wyndham)

1041 Ramada Way, Madison, Ga.

(706) 342-9190 Mention Buick Club for special rate of \$84.99

REGISTER EARLY BECAUSE THERE IS A 40 CAR LIMIT

REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Ph#: _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____

BCA # _____ Chapter member? _____ Chapter Name: _____ 1st BCA Event? _____

Buick you plan to bring? Yr. _____ Model _____ Will it be trailered to the meet _____

Registration Fee \$25 (Includes 1 dash plaque, tour packet & 3 days of hospitality room)>=\$ _____

Additional Guest (beyond member & 1 guest) @\$5 ea. (for hospitality only) # Guests? _____ x\$5 ea.....>= \$ _____

Thursday, Oct. 8th: 10:00 AM driving tour into historic (downtown) Madison, Ga. To visit the Historic Madison/Morgan Cultural Center, then meet for lunch at "Ricky D's" & enjoy a "classic oldies movie" (order from menu individually) After lunch & movie you will be on your own to explore the area, & browse the numerous antique shops & boutiques around the "square".

Admission to Cultural Center \$3 ea.# Attending _____ x\$3ea.....>=\$ _____

Friday, Oct. 9th: Driving tour to historic Washington, Ga. To visit Callaway Plantation, lunch hosted by Washington Women's Club & then visit the (3) locations of "James Dream Cars". (no charge to see this collection)

Admission to Callaway Plantation \$4 ea.# Visiting _____ x\$4 ea.....>=\$ _____

Buffet lunch by Wash. Women's Club @\$12 ea.# Dining _____ x\$12>=\$ _____

Sat. Oct. 10th: A 20 mile drive south to Eatonton, Ga. To visit the famous Uncle Remus Museum followed by a delightful "drive in the country" to historic Rutledge, Ga. for lunch (individual checks) at "Yesterday's Café". Following lunch you will be "on your own" to browse the shops, or return to Madison (8 miles) & get ready for our closing banquet, just a short drive to "The Southern Cross Ranch", a unique country setting including horses & everything. Dinner will be a fabulous buffet including salad bar & dessert, BYOB too.

Admission to Uncle Remus Museum \$3 ea.....#Visiting _____ x\$3 ea.....>=\$ _____

Buffet Banquet (BYOB) \$20 ea.....#Dining _____ x\$20 ea.....>=\$ _____

TOTAL REMITED>\$ _____

NOTE: For (2) people attending all events, the pre-paid lunch & closing banquet the total is \$109, for 1 person \$67

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Dixie Chapter-BCA & Mail to Shar Kile 2492 Lorrie Dr. Marietta, Ga. 30066

Questions? Call Shar or Bruce @ (770) 977-7924 (H) or (678) 662-6072 ©

NOTE: Since this is a BCA sanctioned event fire extinguishers are required in each vehicle. CB radios are suggested for tour events.