



# DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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**November 2015**

## A word from our Director:

Hello Dixie BCA Members:

Salt and pepper...Black and white...exciting and dull. On the exciting side, a couple weeks ago, Shar and Bruce lead us on a beautiful 3 day Southeast Regional Buick Tour. Loads of fun, great weather, and majestic Georgia countryside was the theme. We had 27 cars on the tour, and if you weren't along, you really missed a good time. One teaser...What does the phrase "The good Lord willing and the Creek don't rise" mean and who said it? Thank you Shar and Bruce.

Now the 'Dull': In Consumer Reports, Chevy has 2-3 new 2016 models as does Cadillac. What does Buick have for 2016... A small 4 cylinder ragtop. Give me a break. We need a write-in campaign to express our frustration. Sorry for the negative.

See you next month,  
J D

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## A word from our Assistant Director:

Dixie Chapter,

A one day trip has been planned to the North Georgia Mountains on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

All members are welcome to participate, and I also encourage bringing guests.

This is a one day, one tank trip.

We will meet at The Ace Hardware at 4300 Buford Drive, Buford, Ga 30518 770-932-1458.

Lets meet at 9:00 AM and leave promptly at 9:30 AM. There is a Mc Donald's in the parking lot for those of you who want breakfast.

We will head North on I-985 and proceed to Cleveland, Georgia where we will visit the Cabbage Patch Hospital. Our next stop will be Helen, Georgia. This is a quaint little town with a German Swiss Alps vibe. There are a lot of restaurants reasonable priced, a civil war re-enactment in the park, plenty of shopping lots to see and do!!!! Please wear comfortable shoes, and parking will cost \$5.00 per vehicle.

Helen, Georgia is home of the Anna Ruby Falls, minutes from town; for those who wish to visit. It is a ½ mile hike to the twin falls, but the hike is flat and walkable. There is a \$3.00 entrance fee to the park.

We plan to regroup around 3:00 PM for our return.

For those of us who would like to visit the Habersham Vineyards & Winery, and antique store, on our return, it is open until 5.

If you wish to join the group, please RSVP by Wednesday November 4th. At the gathering we will provide maps and tourist attraction info for Helen so **please RSVP to 404-371-9121** so we can have enough information for everyone and the car count so we can notify the city of Helen.

Happy Motoring,  
Dave Gareau

## Editorial Comment:

October was a great month for touring. First there was the South East Regional Tour that we hosted in nearby Madison, GA, and then the BDE Fall Tour in Altamonte Springs, FL.

Look below for a report on the Madison Tour by "guest reporter" Bruce Kile, and a report on the BDE Fall Tour in the "Member News" section.

I am always 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](mailto:jerry.richstein@gmail.com) or call me at 404-769-6071.

Jerry



## It Happened in October, by "Guest Reporter" Bruce Kile: Photos by Cliff Dillingham, unless otherwise noted.

BCA members from as far as Wisconsin & Texas were part of the 30 registrations in attendance at the **25th Anniversary South East Regional Meet** hosted by the **Dixie Chapter** in Madison, GA, October 8th-10th. The tradition of being the only "touring region" in the BCA provided the focal points for the fun filled three days of touring in beautiful central Georgia. The 26 Buicks on tour were divided into (2) groups & ranged in age from 1934 through 2011.

The first day was a short drive into historic downtown Madison where we (first) visited the Madison Cultural Center to become more informed about the history & traditions of the area & marvel at the architecture & construction of the 120+ year old brick school building which now serves as the home for the cultural center. Following lunch at the "Madison Drug Co. & Grill", the remainder of the day was "on your own". Several of us were content to simply "walk the streets of downtown Madison", browsing & shopping the many antique shops, while a few seized the opportunity to tour some of the (many) historic antebellum homes all within walking distance. It would probably be safe to say that about 90% of the participants did make a stop at "Scoops" for their daily ration of ice cream.

Friday was regarded as the "longest day" as we traveled approximately 140 miles roundtrip to Washington, GA. Although there were some patches of "morning fog", during the first 15-20 miles, the drive "over to" Washington was (as always) a pleasant one amid the changing fall colors & fertile farm lands. Of course there were also the (very)

interesting & educational comments being offered over the "airwaves" (CB radio) to enhance the rural drive. The first stop was at the Callaway Plantation, which is always a favorite, especially with history buffs & old car tours. From there it was just a short drive into downtown Washington where we were treated to a DELICIOUS lunch provided by the Washington Women's Club. (A meal provided by ladies' church groups or women's club, especially in "small town USA", is always far superior to restaurant meals & the Washington Women's Club certainly lived up to that reputation). Following lunch we visited the (3) locations of "James Dream Cars", a private collection of everything from "barn finds" & street rods to current "non-street legal muscle cars". The remainder of the afternoon was again "on your own".



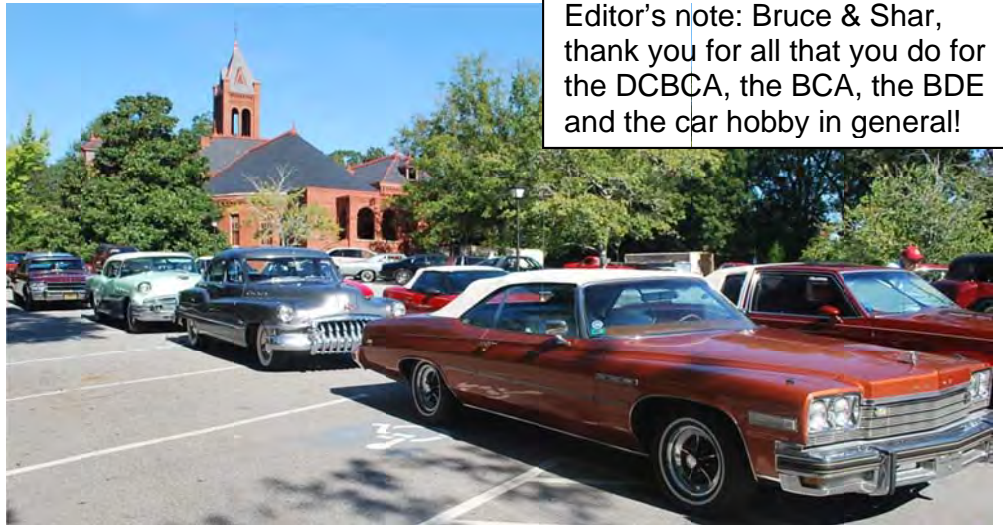
Bruce & Shar presenting a "thank you plaque" to Wynter Kelsey (next to Shar) the sales manager & Alpa Bhatwala the co-owner of the Holiday Inn Express.

Photo by John Cover (Bama Chapter)

Needless to say, the antique shops in Washington & nearby Greensboro were very pleased to see Buick folks drive in.

Like all of these events there is a well-stocked hospitality room which opens as soon as we return each day & remains open as long as there are puzzle builders, trivia players or simply "tire kicking" to engage in.

The Saturday tour was a "short hop" down to Eatonton to visit the Uncle Remus Museum and then up to historic Rutledge, Ga. for lunch at "Yesterday's Café". The afternoon was (once again) "free time" until time to carpool to the "Southern Cross Ranch" for our farewell banquet. In addition to the usual tour packets/dash plaques given to each registration at the beginning of the meet, there was a special personalized plaque presented to each registration commemorating the "25th Anniversary of the S.E. Regional". Shar & I would like to thank all those who supported, by their attendance, the 25th Anniversary S.E. Regional Meet. Shar & I would also like to thank everyone for the nice gift that we were presented with at the banquet. We were truly humbled by the thoughtfulness.



Editor's note: Bruce & Shar, thank you for all that you do for the DCBCA, the BCA, the BDE and the car hobby in general!



Photos by Cliff Dillingham



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**Editor's notes:**

The South East Regional next year will be will be hosted by the **Music City Chapter** and will be held somewhere in "middle TN". Further details will be in the DVC when available.

If you like these pictures, be sure to check out the Dixie Chapter Photo Album on the **Dixie Chapter website** <http://dixie.buickclub.org/>

## Car Quiz:

Who is that sitting on the fender of his Buick Convertible, and what year and model is his car?

Hint: He owned this car way before he was a sheriff, and Opie wasn't even born yet.

The answer is on page 9.



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**Online Only Content:** Our **BCA website** [www.buickclub.org](http://www.buickclub.org) offers different informative forums and lists the different chapters, calendar of events, publications, news and you can even renew your membership online. They also have Buick Apparel and gifts including t-shirts that you can have made with a picture of your car on them, very nice windbreakers and jackets, sweat shirts, hats blankets and totes. Have you ever thought about a shower curtain with a picture of your car on it for that special room in your house? Or maybe just a shower curtain with just a large Buick logo on it. While you are on the website check out the **Dixie Chapter** under Clubs and then South East Region <http://www.buickclub.org/regionschapters-divisions/#southeast>. On the **Dixie Chapter website** <http://dixie.buickclub.org/> you can look at upcoming events with links, read the current and past editions of the newsletter and also check out photos of past events of the last 5 years.

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## The Timing Chain:



**November 7, 2015:** North Georgia Mountain Tour. Look for details in Dave's Asst. Director Message on page 1. Please RSVP to Tria at 404-371-9121 by Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**December 13, 2015:** Holiday Party at Ippolito's in Suwanee 2 pm to 5 pm. Put it on your calendar now, and let's try for 50 people to attend. Look for details next month in the December *Dixie Valve Chatter*.

**April 30, 2016:** BOP&C hosted by the Southeastern GTO Association (SEGTOA). The SEGTOA has requested that any Dixie Chapter BCA members that would like to volunteer to help with the 2016 BOPC to please contact Show Chairman Paul Sorrells at 404-702-3398.

**May 15-19, 2016:** The Buick Driving Enthusiasts (BDE) National Spring Tour will be hosted by DCBCA members **Skip & Jane Petsch** in nearby Pine Mountain, GA. The BDE is a division of the BCA and you can attend 1 BDE tour without being a member. After your "test drive" you can then decide whether or not to join the BDE. Ask **Skip** or **Bruce & Shar Kile** for additional details.

**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/>

**October 13-15, 2016:** The 2016 BCA South East Regional will be hosted by the Music City Chapter and will be held somewhere in "middle TN".

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## From the "Sunshine Committee":

**Cliff Dillingham** had an outpatient heart "procedure" on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We are happy to report that **Cliff** is doing great and that he didn't let it stop him from heading to Madison only 2 days later for the South East BCA Regional!

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.

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## Member "News":

### Baby Fink has arrived! Emails from "Grandpa & Nana" Fink

Kat and I are extremely proud to announce that Savannah Lynn Fink was born at 1:32PM 10/21/15, to Cody (Lance Cpl, USMC) and Megan Fink. She was 8 pounds even, and 19¾ inches long. Baby, Mom, and Dad are all doing fine.

We're super-excited, and are leaving tomorrow afternoon to go spend a few days with the new family in Illinois. Cody's deployment has been postponed, so he was able to be there for the birth. (10/22/15)

We're home from our trip to see Savannah, Cody, and Megan. We had a great visit, and are happy to report that everyone is healthy and doing well. In fact, Savannah is doing so well that she pooped on my shirt!

Cody is home in IL for another couple weeks, then back to his base in California. Right now his next deployment is scheduled for March, when he'll be headed to Iraq. He was supposed to be there now, but was able to postpone it for the birth. He said to say hi, and that he misses everyone. Rich & Kat Fink (10/28/15)



Riviera Owners Association (ROA) Picnic, by "Guest Reporter Don McClair: The Georgia ROA held their annual picnic on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> with 26 members and 10 Riviera's making quite a show at Lake Lanier.

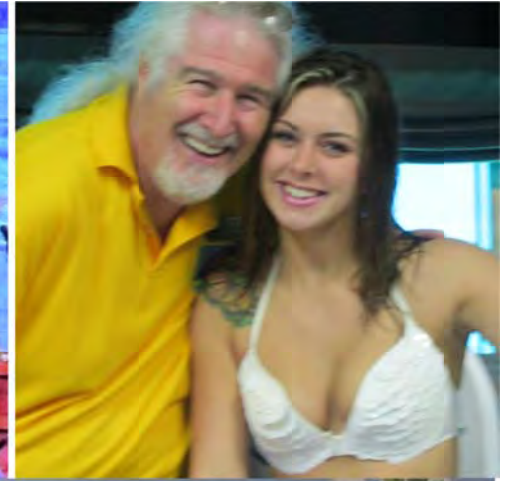
Those 26 ROA members included DCBCA Members **Roy Bass, Art Haggett, John Link, Cliff Dillingham and Don McClair.** Former DCBCA Members **Bruce & BJ Publicover** were also there.

Dogs, burgers and the other tasty delights brought by the members made for a tasty meal and added to the already great tales, Riviera tips and usual conversation. It was a great day to enjoy the company of other Buick minded people.



Buick Driving Enthusiasts (BDE) Fall Tour: The BDE held their 2016 Fall Tour the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a "hub tour" based in Altamont Springs, FL and highlights included visits to Weeki Wachee Springs where we saw mermaids, Gatorland where we saw gators and some other critters, Daytona Speedway where we saw "the track" and Bok Tower Gardens where we saw the world's largest carillon. Look up "carillon" in your "Funk & Wagnalls", or go to their website <https://boktowergardens.org/tower-gardens/the-carillon/>

DCBCA Members in attendance were Skip & Jane Petsch and Jerry & Jean Richstein. Bruce & Shar Kile had also planned on attending, but they stayed home instead to be with their neighbor who was in hospice care and later passed away mid-week, and then to be with the widow.



**NOTE:** If you know of members winning awards or touring to interesting places, 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:

**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.ijpartsexpress.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.

## Do you have a Buick 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 requested.

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**.



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## Sonomatic Sounds, by Asst. Editor Tom Lynde:

Here I sit, ear buds in place as I review my car show music play list on my iPod.

Like many car show deejays, my music is focused on the nineteen fifties and sixties pop hits with a sprinkling of car songs. Jan and Dean, The Beach Boys, The Rip Cords, and Ronnie and the Daytonas are all there singing about those Deuce Coupes, GTOs, Cobras, Corvettes and XKEs, but **where are songs about the Buicks?** Mustangs to Metropolitans and W-blocks to woodies, they're all there immortalized in vinyl.

As my play list rumbles on in my ears, a song begins with dissident guitar chords and the vocals "I have a **forty-six Buick** and it's olive green, schlock rod!!!" Thank you Jan and Dean, where just about every other make got an anthem of praise, Buick got a novelty song about a hapless beater pilot who had a love affair with a J.C. Whitney-like catalog. Could you not have allowed the Little Old Lady from Pasadena to drive a Tri-shield? Imagine this great lyric: "But parked in her rickety old carport is a brand-new, shiny red **Buick Gran Sport**." Perhaps the Rip Cords should have recorded "Spring Little **Special**" And how about The Beach Boys classic hits "She's So Fun, My **Four-Oh-One**" and "**Deuce and a Quarter** Coupe?". Who could forget Wilson Pickett's "**Wildcat** Sally?" and Ronnie and the Daytonas' "Li'l **GSX**?" I'd dance to them.

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**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 **Carol Hughes**  
(Music City Chapter)



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**Cliff Dillingham**

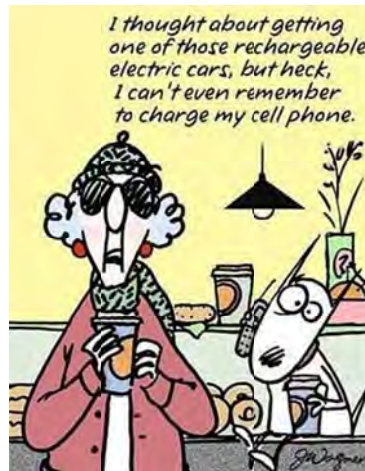




## Quotable Quotes



## Grit In The Gearbox



## Car Quiz Answer:

That's **Andy Griffith** sitting on his **1938 Buick Special Convertible Model 46C**



## Happy Birthday to:

- 11/7 Chris Brink
- 11/9 Susie Grant
- 11/9 Lee Hurdelbrink
- 11/13 James Thomas, Jr.
- 11/26 Stephanie Meeboer
- 11/28 Jan Blizzard

## Happy Anniversary to:

- 11/8 Gus & Rita Valeri
- 11/10 Rich & Kathleen Fink
- 11/11 John & Kevin Link



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](mailto:jerry.richstein@gmail.com)) know so we can all share in your special celebration.

## DO YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS or ARE YOU CHANGING YOUR E-MAIL?

If you have an e-mail address but haven't previously given it to Jerry, please notify Jerry Richstein at [jerry.richstein@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.richstein@gmail.com), so you can receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail and get direct links to all of the online only content.

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