



DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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A word from our Director:

Hello Dixie BCA members.

Happy New Year!

Bad time of year to have 2 cars in the body shop. Finally got them home and have been washing and polishing the new paint jobs. Luckily, we've had a couple warm, non- rainy days to get this done.

Poor Wildcat is feeling neglected. Sitting in the garage with the battery disconnected. Now maybe I can figure out the short. Thanks to Roddy, I know where to start. It is so nice to have Dixie Chapter friends with the experience and knowledge to help us keep these beautiful Buicks running down the road.

Roxanne and I wish everyone a great 2016 to enjoy driving our Buicks (and wrenching on them.) 😊

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A word from our Assistant Director:

The monthly meeting will be held on Jan 10th at the Olive Garden 905 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell Georgia. Members should arrive between 12:30 and 1:00 pm.

I have attached the special menu which is \$17.45 per person. The price does not include tax and tip.

Members can also order a la carte from the regular menu.

Dave

Supremo Menu

For Parties of Ten or More

All Entrées Include:

Freshly baked garlic breadsticks
Your choice of homemade soup or famous house salad
Fountain drink, coffee, tea or juice (complimentary refills)
Vanilla ice cream

Please choose one of the following entrées:

Tour of Italy

Homemade lasagna, lightly breaded chicken parmigiana and creamy fettuccine alfredo.**

Chicken Parmigiana

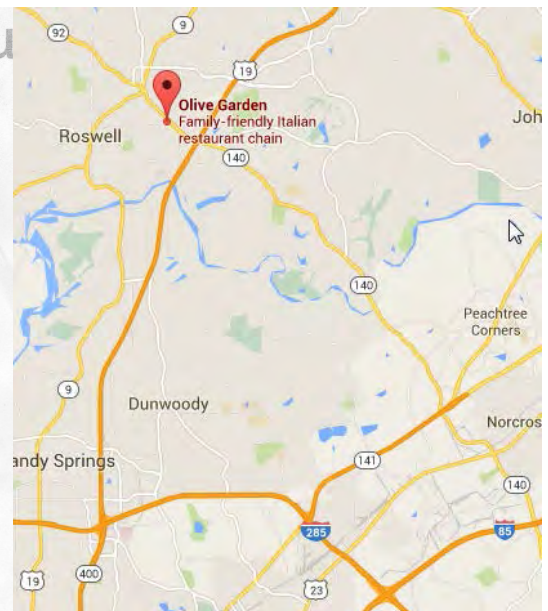
Parmesan-breaded chicken breasts, fried and topped with marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese. Served with spaghetti.

Chicken Alfredo

Grilled chicken topped with fettuccine and fresh alfredo sauce.

Shrimp Alfredo

Sautéed shrimp tossed with creamy fettuccine alfredo.



Editorial Comment:

I hope that everyone had a safe & happy December enjoying time with family & friends.

I'm looking forward to seeing "y'all" at many of the meetings, events & tours that are being planned for 2016.

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 or call me at 404-769-6071.

Jerry



It Happened in December: On December 13th 24 Dixie Chapter members gathered at Ippolito's Italian Restaurant, adjacent to the beautiful Town Center Park in Suwanee, to celebrate the "Holiday Season". We had a private 3rd floor room overlooking the park. The weather was unseasonably warm, but several members took advantage of the warm weather to enjoy the view from the balcony. There was plenty of food and fellowship, and of course the annual gift exchange. Everyone seemed to like the food, and the service was excellent.

A big "Thank You" to Tria and Dave for making all the arrangements.



Photos by Cliff Dillingham



Car Quiz:



Lots of people are pretty good at identifying cars by just seeing the grills or taillights, but can you identify these cars by just seeing their dashboards?



What years & Models?

Hint: They are both Buicks from the “fabulous 50’s”. The answer is on page 6.

Online Only Content: There was an interesting article on the Motley Fool website, www.fool.com in December about the **Envision**, the mid-sized crossover SUV that is being built in China. It was introduced in China in 2014, but Buick won't start importing them to the USA until this summer. It will be the 2017 model and will fit in the Buick lineup between the small **Encore** and the full sized **Enclave**. The article explains why GM is building them in China instead of in the USA.



2016 Buick Envision, courtesy of GM

The complete article can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Buick Bugle Online: Did you know that as part of your BCA membership you can go online and read any current or past issue of the **Buick Bugle**? Well, so far the “past” only goes back to 2006. Visit www.buickclub.org and then log on the “BCA MEMBERS” section using your BCA number as the Username, and your last name in all lowercase as the Password. You can page through the **Bugle** and then double click any article you wish to read. When you renew your membership you can select “E-Membership” saving at least \$15 per year. Many still prefer the printed version, but you can lower your membership cost if you choose to only get the online version of the **Buick Bugle**.

The Timing Chain:

January 10, 2016: Business Meeting at the Roswell Olive Garden. Look for details in Dave's “Word from our Asst. Director”.

February 21, 2016: Annual Bowl-A-Rama. Start bowling at 12:30 with lunch and a business meeting to follow. More details next month.

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”.



From the “Sunshine Committee”: **Bob Haggard** spent most of December in rehab at the Oconee Regional Hospital in Milledgeville after having a total knee replacement on December 8th. **Bob** sent his regrets that he couldn’t attend the holiday party. Please keep **Bob** in your thoughts and prayers as he continues his recovery at home.

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

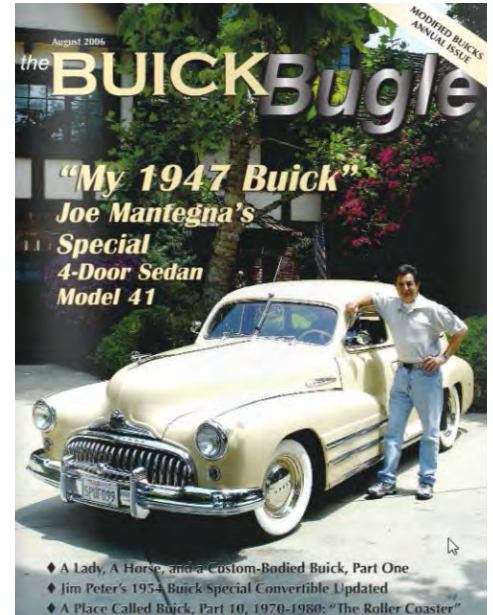
Member “News”:

If you’re a fan of the TV show **Criminal Minds**, you probably will recognize the name **Joe Mantegna** as the actor who stars as **FBI Supervisory Special Agent David Rossi**.

You may not, however, know that **Joe** is a long time member of the **BCA**. He is **BCA #5414** and wrote an article about his 1947 Special 4 Door Sedan that was the cover story for the August 2006 **Buick Bugle**.

If you still have your copy of the August 2006 **Buick Bugle** turn to page 21 to read the entire article including “before” & “after” pictures, or click [HERE](#) to read the article online.

“But wait, there’s more!” If you watch the episode of **Criminal Minds** called “Drive”, that will air on CBS at 9pm on January 20th, you will not only see **Joe Mantegna**, but you will also see his **1947 Special** as well as his **1970 Opel GT**.



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**.

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!

Photos by **Cliff Dillingham**



USO: Here is an example of what the **USO** does with the donations that they receive.

Jack & Pat Horvath attended a **Georgia National Guard** Holiday Party on December 6th and took this picture there. They reported that toys and other items were given to approximately 300 Georgia National Guard members and their families.

The **USO** is well known for supporting our Troops at the airport, but here is a good example of how the **USO** also supports their families.



A Friendly Reminder:

Membership Renewal Notices were mailed last month, and 2016 Dixie Chapter dues were due by the end of last month. Those that have prepaid for 2016 or beyond do not need to pay any additional dues at this time. However, please return the Membership Form so we can verify that we have your correct address, phone number(s), email address, National BCA Number, etc.

Those that do owe dues at this time can pay for up to 3 years at \$20 per year.

Past winners of the Meritorious Award pay just \$10 per year, and current Elected Chapter Officers don't pay Chapter dues while in office.

Deals on Wheels:

1960 Buick LeSabre: Debbie Brooks has decided to part with her award winning 1960 LeSabre.

My car is a 1960 Buick LeSabre with just under 43,000 original miles. Lots of new parts!

I won best GM car, best in class, plus a couple of plaques this year. She is a beautiful car and I hate to part with her. She has leaks and needs more gaskets replaced. She needs front brake shoes as the ones I purchased didn't fit and she needs a horn as the horn button fell down inside steering column when the new turn signal actuator was put in. I also had a guy who works on upholstery repair a couple of places where seam was coming apart. I just can't afford to pay out anymore. Although I love my car and everyone who sees her loves her too!

Asking \$15,000

Debbie Brooks

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Buick Wheels for Sale: 14" x 6" GM stock for 1964-1972 A bodies, 15" x 7" GM stock for 1998-2004 Century, 14" x 6" Buick chrome road wheels JK and JJ bead type, 1968-1982.

All wheels \$15.00 each.

Call Lee Hurdelbrink 404-702-3350

or email atlantaBLH@aol.com for specs or additional pictures.



Need AC Delco parts? If you are in the need of genuine AC Delco 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.

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 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***.

Quotable Quotes

Tomorrow, is
the first blank
page of a 365
page book.

Write a
good one.

-Brad Paisley

Happy
New
Year

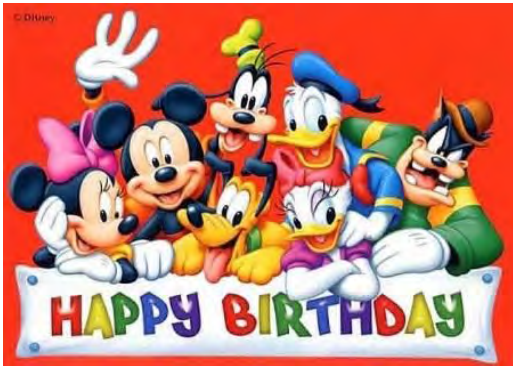
UsaHumor.com

Grit In The Gearbox



Car Quiz Answer: The yellow dashboard is in a 1954 Century and the blue dashboard is in a 1955 Roadmaster Riviera.

If you liked this quiz you can try to identify 20 more dashboards from 1954-64 online at <http://www.americantorque.com/game/dash-id-54-64/> I know that you'll be as disappointed as I was, but none of the other 20 are Buicks, but it was a fun game anyway.



Happy Birthday to:

- 1/8 Chrys Bruno
- 1/12 Jane Petsch
- 1/14 Rita Valeri
- 1/24 Kevin Link

No Anniversaries to celebrate this month

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.

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 send it to 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.

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.

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