



DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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March 2016

A word from our Director:

Hello Dixie Buick Nuts:

I had the opportunity to view the Bowl-A-Rama from afar. I did not participate, but stood back and watched everyone. What a collage of whirlers! I saw 100 MPH fast pitchers and Rollie Pollie slow ballers. I saw creamy smooth deliveries and hard bouncers. With all these differences, everyone had one thing in common. Everyone, and I do mean everyone, had smiles on their faces. Thank you Bruce and Shar for creating these smiles!

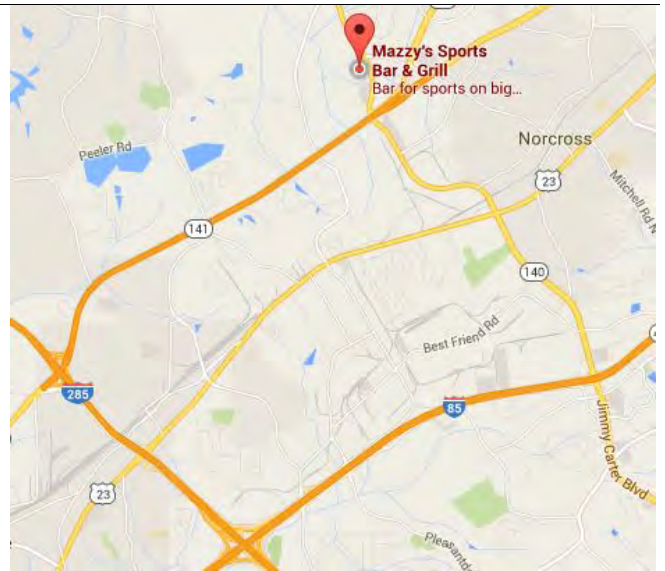
Last month I teased you with the Buick concept car Avista. Yes I know it's a concept car and it may never see the showroom. I have found some more information on the Avista that may lend some credibility to an eventual launch. The 3.0 Liter, dual turbo, 400 HP engine is already in Cadillacs, and the Avista sits on the Camaro frame. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

J D

A word from our Assistant Director:

March Meeting: Sunday March 13th at 12:30

Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill
7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd.
Norcross, GA 30092
(678) 822-9888
mazzys.com



Editorial Comment:

Spring is right around the corner so start waxing up those cars and get ready for plenty of opportunities to get outside and have some fun with them.

There are cruise-ins almost every Friday and Saturday, plus several big car shows and tours coming up soon.

The Annual BOP&C is April 29-30, the Buick Driving Enthusiasts are having their spring tour at Callaway Gardens May 15-19 and the BCA will have the Buick National "Family Reunion" July 27-31 in Allentown, PA.

Get out, show off those shiny Buicks and have some fun!

Love & Peace,
Jerry



Fun & Games at the "Bowl-A-Rama", by "Guest Reporter" Bruce Kile:

Well, our 23rd (?) annual "Bowl-A-Rama" is history & despite a much lighter turn out than normal (due to health related cancellations & no shows) a great time was still had by the 17 in attendance. 10 of those participated in the (friendly) sport of bowling, competing across 4 lanes in an attempt to be one of this year's winners of one of the beautiful (?) rotating trophies. Of course with our unique "handicap system", it levels the playing field (in this case bowling lanes) to enable bowlers of any skill level to compete & have a great time. For the vast majority of our participants, this is the only time they even touch a bowling ball so you can understand how much "competition" goes on?

Anyway, after many laughs, gutter balls, consumption of snacks & beverages & even some "tire kicking" the final tallies came in: The winners were "High Ladies Score" **Nancy Hansen**, with a score of 580 & "High Men's Score" **Roddy Pearce** with a 573. The winner of the "secret score" award this year was **Pat Horvath** for her amazing "82". Just to illustrate how the handicap system can help, recall that Roddy was the "winner" of the (infamous) "Hi-handicap award" last year for the overall lowest score, which BTW, was a well-traveled 50's Buick hubcap, suitably labeled each year with the "winners" names. Unfortunately the hubcap, (nearly) filled with names, when it came up missing (?) while on display at one of our outings. So for this year only we combined the annual "Oops Award" & the "lowest score award" (since the same person actually won both) & the winner of that coveted trophy was **Yvonne McGowen**.

We did have a couple other non-bowling awards presented as well. Our brand new member **Charles Hunter** drove his freshly acquired beautiful (red) 60 Electra 225 Convertible to the meeting for all to see. He was presented (2) past issues of the Buick Bugle featuring the 1960 model. Bob Stone was given a 2012 cover story regarding the 2012 Regal GS from the AJC, since he recently purchased one.

Note: **Yvonne & Roddy's** names will both be honorably inscribed on the replacement hubcap prior to next year's event. We certainly don't want their past "efforts" unrecognized. Oh yes, a big thank you to all our attendees & bowlers & a special thank you to **Don McClair** for his beautiful remodeling of the men's high score trophy; the vintage bowler mantle clock.



Game	Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
Game 1	Jack	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	83	
Game 1	PAT	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	103	
Game 1	BILL	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	103	
Game 1	TVOMM	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	54	
Game 2	BOB	7	3	19	7	8	5	4	3	6	3	3	55
Game 2	ALLSO	3	7	23	54	56	29	6	7	4	7	69	
Game 3	NANCY	4	49	78	11	54	36	11	85	10	4	91	
Game 3	RODDY	7	7	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	86	
Game 3	SHAR	8	19	29	78	107	107	107	107	107	107	116	
Game 3	BRUCE	17	24	40	47	50	85	104	113	120	141	141	



Car Quiz:



This month we have a 2 part quiz.

Everyone likes “Best Of” and “Top 100” lists, so this month you need to first identify these 5 cars and then identify the list that includes all 5 cars.

1. What make, model and year?
2. What “list”?

Hints: The 1st car is not a Buick, and if you read *Hemmings* you may have already seen the list. The list was published in *Hemmings* back in January, 2013

The answer is on page 8.

Welcome NEW Members!

Charles and Jana Hunter have joined the Dixie Chapter. They live in Smyrna, GA and have a 1960 Electra 225 Convertible. Please look for them and welcome them to our Chapter!

Online Only Content:

I’m sure that most of you have heard about the drinking water crisis in Flint Michigan, the home of Buick.

A good source of drinking water is obviously important, but water is also important for industry including auto manufacturing and the Buick assembly lines.

You can read all about how **GM saved itself from the Flint water crisis** on the AUTOMOTIVE NEWS website.

<https://www.autonews.com/article/>

Rusting engine blocks flagged big problem



UAW officials say the water crisis has been a hardship on everyone who works at GM’s plants, whether or not they live in Flint.

Want FREE Registration for the 2016 BOPC?

SEGTOA is offering a "Free" BOPC Registration to any member of a participating Club (Dixie Chapter BCA, Dixie Olds, Cadillac LaSalle Club, and SEGTOA) that obtains a \$250 donation from a Sponsor for the 2016 BOPC . If you obtain a sponsorship, and a \$250 check, you will get a "Free" Registration for your car. Contact Show Chairman **John Link** for details; 404-578-8973 or linkltrs@bellsouth.net

The Timing Chain:

March 13, 2016: Regular monthly meeting. Look for details in Dave's "Word from our Asst. Director" on page 1.

April 29-30, 2016: BOP&C hosted by the Southeastern GTO Association (SEGTOA). [2016 BOPC Registration Form](#)

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. Ask **Skip** or **Bruce & Shar Kile** for additional details.

July 27-31, 2016: The 2016 BCA National will be an extra special event since the BCA will be celebrating **50 years!** Make your hotel reservations **soon**, as hotels are filling up fast. 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":

Frank & Jan Blizzard BOTH had surgery in January. Jan had her gall bladder removed, and Frank had a knee replaced.

Jan is recovering quickly, but Frank's recovery will take longer.

Please keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers as they care for the other, and they recover from their respective surgery.

Shar Kile had surgery last week, AFTER she bowled at the Bowl-A-Rama. She had a new joint put into her "Big Toe" on her left foot.

Be nice to her or she may kick you with the big protective boot that she is wearing as she recovers.

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": No "News" this month. ☺

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!



CLUB SALES: The club "store" is now open for business at all business meetings. Some of the items available are cloth BCA jacket patches, static cling BCA window decals, keepsake ornaments (featuring various **Buick** models), and **Buick** playing cards.

Call **Bruce Kile** for pricing or questions (770) 977-7924



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

810-845-8684

dlbrooks1958@gmail com

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 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.

1995 Roadmaster Limited and 1997 Riviera These 2 Buicks are being offered for sale by Bill White, a member of the Riviera Owners Association. Both have new tires & batteries. Call Bill at 404-202-9131 for all the particulars if you are interested.

WANTED: 2009-11 Lucerne CXL Dave Berquist is looking for a 2009 to 2011 Lucerne CXL. Contact Dave at d.berquist@charter.net if you have one for sale, or know of one.

1956 Roadmaster 4 Door

This 1956 Buick Roadmaster 4 door sedan has its standard equipment including Dynaflo automatic transmission, power steering and brakes, radio and owner's manual.

The engine was cranking last year but wouldn't start. I was told to get points and a new battery but presently it still won't start due to some electrical problem.



Installing the battery allows the lights to go on, but once the ignition is turned on the starter won't engage and then the lights won't turn on again. I think that it may be an electrical short of some kind.

Engine and transmission are entirely untouched and worked fine.

Years ago it was repainted and upholstered with matching originals. It has been sitting out for about a year and the paint is dirty and the interior damp. I haven't opened the doors in about 2

months and now there is some mold in the interior and some stains on the rear seat that I will address as soon as I can.

It has all the metal pieces and no damage.

I bought it in 1982 in South Carolina and drove home to Dalton, GA.

I would like \$2,500 for it which is what I think I have in it.

It is worthy of a restoration or would make an excellent parts car. I hate to part with it but don't use it with children and grandchildren and traveling all the time to visit them. Contact Luis Viamonte for more info if you are interested. lmviamontemd@gmail.com or 706-226-4378

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*.



More Online Only Content: I love my Enclave but many people think that it's too big, and some may also think that the Encore is too small. If you are one of those people you may want to consider the mid-sized 2016 Envision.

It's been in production in China since 2014, and will arrive in local showrooms next summer, as a 2016 model.

Here is a link to read about all it. <http://www.motorauthority.com>



Quotable Quotes

St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time - a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic.
-Adrienne Gook



The Easter Bunny at the candy store giving a shout out to his Peeps.

Grit In The Gearbox

Car Quiz Answer: The cars are: 1. 1901-03 Oldsmobile Curved Dash Runabout, 2. 1940 Series 60 Century Phaeton, 3. 1965 Riviera GS, 4. 1970-72 GSX and 5. 1987 GNX

The "List" is *Hemmings* "Top 100 American Collector Cars of All Time" <http://www.hemmings.com>



Happy Birthday to:

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



Happy Anniversary to:

3/21 Charles & Jana Hunter

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** 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.

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".

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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



35th ANNUAL PEACH BLOSSOM B.O.P.C.

Buick * Oldsmobile * Pontiac * Cadillac

Charity Car Show, Swap Meet, & Car Corral

April 29 – 30, 2016

Friday, April 29, 7:00—Cash Dinner

(Host club will provide soft drinks and snacks.)

Cherokee Cattle Company in the “patio”

2710 Canton Rd. Marietta, GA 30066 (770)427-0490

Saturday, April 30—Show & Swap Meet

Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Rd, Marietta, GA 30066

8:00 to noon—Registration

Popular Vote Judging ends at 1:00

Awards at 2:30

Hosted by the Southeastern GTO Association

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW: Take I-75 to Exit 269 (Barrett Parkway – Town Center Mall). Turn east, Barrett Parkway becomes Piedmont Road. The Church and Car Show are about two miles on the right.

I-575 also crosses Barrett Parkway at Exit One and avoids much of the Town Center traffic. Getting off I-575 at that exit, and heading east, puts you a half mile closer to the show.

JUDGING: (At least 25 Classes, including separate “Survivor” & “In-Progress” classes) “Peer Judging” (popular vote) will be used. Each car registered will receive one ballot, which will entitle you to vote in (up to) three (other) classes for a First, Second or Third place. Clubs Presidents’ choice of: **Best Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac, Best of Show, Best In-Process, and Best Survivor**. Classes will be determined by the cars registered by April 16, 2016. So please register early. This not only helps us, but also helps your car to be properly classified. Fire extinguisher are mandatory. **Friday night parking and security will be provided at the church for cars and trailers.**

For additional show information and to download a registration form, please go to www.segtoa.org or contact: John Link at (404) 578-8973 or jlink@segtoa.org



BUICK • OLDSMOBILE • PONTIAC • CADILLAC

**35th Annual "Peach Blossom" BOPC Show April 30, 2016 @ Piedmont Baptist Church
Free Goodie Bags and Dash Plaques for the first 100 registrations!**

Presented by the Southeastern GTO Association

Participant Registration (all fields required):

First Name(s) _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Car Registration (Car 1):

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Class _____ Convertible?(Y/N) _____

Club Affiliation _____

Car Registration (Car 2):

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Class _____ Convertible?(Y/N) _____

Club Affiliation _____

Note: Classes may be added, combined, or eliminated day of show. Cars will be parked by class. If you cannot determine which class your car is in, it can be assigned by SEGTOA.

If no Club Affiliation, would you like more information on becoming a member of one of the clubs at this show?
Please check (✓) all that apply:

() Buick () Oldsmobile () Pontiac () Cadillac

Fees:

Registrations postmarked **by April 16, 2016** are \$25 for first car and _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

\$20 for each additional car. _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Vendor spaces reserved **by April 16, 2016** are \$25 for 1st space _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

and \$20 for each additional space _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Car Corral spaces reserved **by April 16, 2016** are \$25 for 1st space _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

and \$20 for each additional space _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

All fees are \$5 additional day of show and postmarked after April 16, 2016

2016 BOPC Commemorative Tee Shirts are \$20. S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____

Total Tee Shirts _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Free Friday Night Meet and Greet at Cherokee Cattle Company Patio, 7:00 PM _____ @ FREE

2710 Canton Rd., Marietta, GA 30066 (770)427-0490 •Cash bar and dinner available•

Total enclosed for the 2016 Peach Blossom BOPC Show: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Southeastern GTO Association and mail to:
Jim Andrews, SEGTOA, 224 Philadelphia Dr., Jasper, GA 30143

By the execution of this form, participants release the Southeastern GTO Association, Piedmont Church, and their agents from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, claims, or judgements from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participant to his/her person, family, or property. **A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS MANDATORY IN EVERY VEHICLE.**

Signed _____ Date _____

BOPC 2016 Classes

A	Pre 1943 (Pre WW II) All (Non-modified)
B	1946–1954 All
C	1955–1958 All
D-1	1959–1963 Full Size All & Eldorado Thru 1966
D-2	1964–1969 Full Size All
E	1964+ Riviera & Toronado & 1967+ Eldorado
F	1970–1979 Full Size All
G	1980–1989 Non-Sport & Non-Performance All
H	1980–1989 Sport & Performance All
I	1980–2015 2 Seat Sport All
J	1967–1974 Firebird & Trans Am
K	1975–2015 Firebird & Trans Am
L	1961–1967 A-Body Non-Performance All
M-1	1965 and Earlier All Modified
M-2	1966–1985 All Modified
M-3	1986–Current All Modified
N-1	1961–1964 A-Body Performance All
N-2	1965–1967 A-Body Performance All
O	1968–1979 A-Body Non-Performance OPEN
P	1968–1979 A-Body Non-Performance CLOSED
Q	1968-1969 A-Body Performance OPEN
R	1968–1969 A-Body Performance CLOSED
S	1970–1979 A-Body Performance OPEN
T-1	1970–1974 A-Body Performance CLOSED
T-2	1975–1979 A-Body Performance CLOSED
U	1990–2015 Non-Sport & Non-Performance All
V	1990–2015 Sport & Performance All
W	All Years Professional Cars
X	Survivor (Pre-1986 Only)
Y	Work in Process (Pre-1986)

Awards for Classes A-W are by Popular Vote, and awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Classes X & Y, Best Buick, Best Oldsmobile, Best Pontiac, Best Cadillac, and Best of Show are selected by BOP&C Club Presidents, 1 award each