



# DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

Official Publication of the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America

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**April 2016**

## A word from our Director:

Hello Dixie Buick Diehards:

Welcome to Spring. Time to finish wrenching on your car. Unless you're like me and are just starting. Got some wiring done, oil changed and still need to get a new ignition switch. Then comes the vacuuming, scrubbing, and polishing. Then we get to motor down the streets. That's the fun of it.

A couple weeks ago we had our March meeting at Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill in Norcross. Everyone attending thought it was a great place to have a meeting. The lunch was very good. Service Great! And several of us had to have to-go boxes to take food home. We all agreed to meet there again in April.

For our April meeting, we have a very "Serious Project" to discuss. We need as many members attending as possible. We truly need your thoughts, suggestions and help for this project. So, we are going to have some fun and games for the April Meeting. I am calling it "Veni, Vidi, Vici"! [Remember your Latin... and who purportedly said this?] For every 10 Dixie members that attend the April meeting, the club will throw a \$25 Gift Certificate into the pot. If there are 30 members at the meeting, there will be 3 drawings for \$25 Gift Certificates. Here is how you earn chances to win the \$25 Gift Certificate:

- Attend the meeting ----- 1 chance
- Wear your name badge----- 1 chance
- Wearing Buick apparel ----- 1 chance (1 chance maximum)
- Driving your "Vintage" Buick (25+ years old) ----- 2 chances (To the driver only)
- Bring a Buick friend ----- 3 chances
- The friend joins Dixie BCA ----- **your Dixie dues will be paid for a year!**

Veni, Vidi, Vici is a heck of a lot better than playing the lottery. Two to three people will take home a \$25 Gift Certificate. Seriously folks, we need a big crowd because of the "Serious Project" we need to discuss.

Wax on, Wax off!

J D

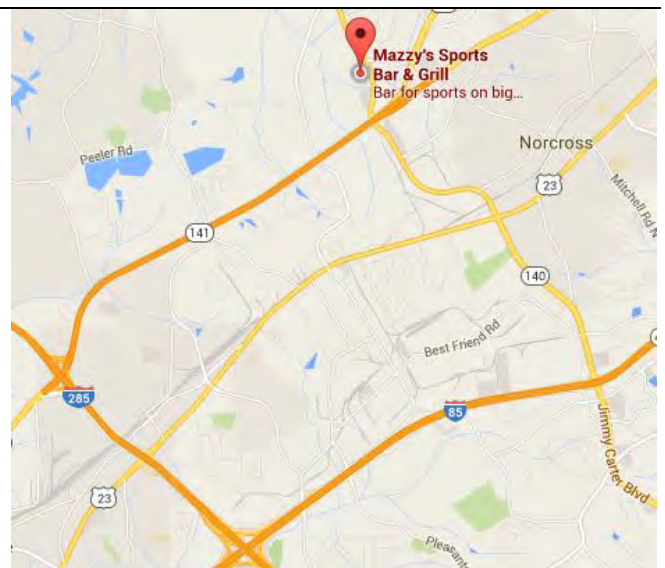
## A word from our Assistant Director:

April Meeting: Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30

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

We have a private room for our lunch and meeting.

This Bar & Grill is completely non-smoking and doesn't even allow e-cigs. All e-cig ("Vape") users and smokers go outside on the patio!



## Editorial Comment:

The attendance at Chapter meetings so far this year has been very disappointing.

There was some important new business discussed at the March Meeting that ultimately had to be tabled because there weren't enough people present to make a reasonable decision on something that would ultimately affect the entire Chapter membership.

The discussion will certainly be continued at the meeting this month under "old business", so please plan on attending the meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Love & Peace,  
Jerry



## A word from the Assistant Editor:

I am hoping this finds everyone well. It is so good to have Spring upon us, having spent the Winter on a number of projects on the old Electra which included a new canvas top.

Now car show season is almost upon us. I have submitted my registrations to the Motorama at the Atlanta Motor Speedway and to the Peach Blossom BOP&C, and I am trying to work out participating in the BDE trip to Callaway Gardens.

For now, the wash bucket beckons to me. There are wire wheel covers to polish, leather to condition, and a host of little chores to take on over the next two weeks. But it will be worth it to see that gleaming Buick on the show field.

See y'all soon.  
Tom

## It happened in March

On January 10<sup>th</sup> a small group of only 10 Dixie Chapter members gathered at Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill in Norcross.

We enjoyed having lunch together, and then had a "very interesting" business meeting. It was somewhat longer than usual, but the last topic was tabled after much discussion. The discussion will certainly be continued at the April meeting.



## Car Quiz: Do you recognize this rare Buick? **What model and year?**



**Hint:** This type of canvas roof was offered for only one year. A similar metal roof was then offered for several years. **The answer is on page 6.**

## 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](mailto:linkltrs@bellsouth.net)

## The Timing Chain:

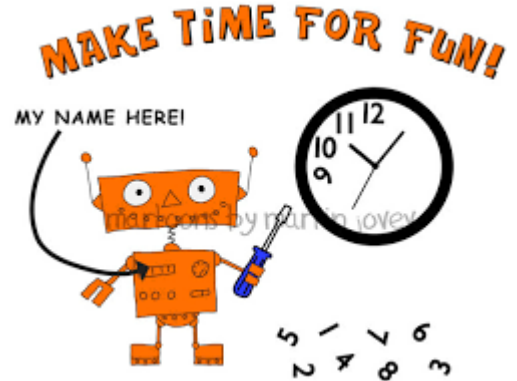
**April 10, 2016:** Regular monthly meeting. Look for details in Dave's "Word from our Asst. Director" on page 1.

**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":

**Nothing to report this month, so as they say:  
"no news is good news"!**

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](mailto: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!**



## Online Only Content:

Here is a link to an interesting video about a gentleman living in Brooklyn New York, and his "eclectic" collection.

<https://player.vimeo.com>



**My Favorite Car** Many of us have stories about a car that they no longer have and wish that they hadn't sold, or perhaps a car that they do still have and is their favorite and that they would never sell.

I've been trying to get people to submit an article about their favorite car, but so far I've been unsuccessful. Although I will continue to ask people to submit pictures and articles about their favorite cars, in my continuing effort I'm trying a new approach this month. I'm calling it "**My Favorite Car Picture**" and to give everyone the idea I'll go first.

## **My Favorite "Car Picture"**

I like my "favorite car picture" so much that I added a caption and had it put on a coffee mug many years ago. Although there is not enough of the car in the picture for many people to identify, it is still my favorite.



It is obviously my favorite because of the little guy sitting on the fender, and I would hazard a guess that many people in the club can guess that he is Russ when he was still little and cute.

The caption says "**Look daddy, it's a BUICK STRAIGHT EIGHT**"

Russ was about 1½ when I took the picture, and you may be wondering how I managed to get him to point into the engine compartment. The hood was a split hood that opened on both sides of the car, and Jean was on the other side calling to him. It took a while for her to get his attention, but when she did I was ready to snap the picture.

By the way, the car is the 1939 Buick Special 4 door Sedan that I had for many years. Although the car is gone, and Russ is all grown, I still like the picture to remember when he was young. He has changed so much over the years, and although I hardly ever tell him so, I am so proud of the young man that he has become.

**NOTE:** I am looking to all Dixie Chapter members for help with the *Dixie Valve Chatter* by providing photos, article ideas, articles about their favorite car or car picture, 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 404-769-6071

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:d.berquist@charter.net) if you have one for sale, or know of one.

## 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**.

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"I love it! It really hugs the sidewalk."

## Quotable Quotes

**FAILURE IS  
UNIMPORTANT.  
IT TAKES  
COURAGE  
TO MAKE  
A FOOL  
OF  
YOURSELF**

CHARLIE CHAPLIN



## Grit In The Gearbox

**Car Quiz Answer:** The car is a 1972 Skylark SunCoupe.

The canvas SunCoupe package was available only on the Skylark; either GS, Custom or base Skylark. You can read about it in this 2012 *Hemmings* article: <http://www.hemmings.com>  
Much more info in this *phscollectorcarworld* article: <http://phscollectorcarworld.blogspot.com>



### **Happy Birthday to:**

4/6 Jerry Richstein  
4/14 Pat Levelle  
4/27 Jack Horvath  
4/27 Harry Roberts

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

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



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](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.

If you have a **NEW** e-mail address, please notify Jerry Richstein at [jerry.richstein@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.segtoa.org) or contact: John Link at (404) 578-8973 or [jlink@segtoa.org](mailto:jlink@segtoa.org)



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**35<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> space \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Car Corral spaces reserved **by April 16, 2016** are \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

**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**