



DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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A word from our Director:

Hello Dixie Buick Members,

I can sum up our picnic in one word... Beautiful! Ernie and Susie's Beautiful home, Beautiful friends and Beautiful Buicks lined up and down Ernie's driveway. Susie, Thank You for hosting our picnic, and Ernie, Thank You for letting us into your Man Cave!

While at the picnic, I was fretting about Roxanne's car being in California and the registration renewal is coming up. I thank my friends in the Buick Club for informing me that there is an Emissions Exemption for students, military and business needs to have your car out of state. Good information for all in the club.

Happy motoring,
JD

Editorial Comment:

Jean & I had a great time in Allentown at the BCA National and the following week on the "After Tour".

We would have liked to see more Dixie Chapter members at these great events, but did see Frank & Jan Blizzard, Cliff Dillingham, Don McClair, Bruce & Shar Kile, Bill & Yvonne McGowen and Roy & Sharon Newby at the National. Jack & Pat Horvath, Frank & Jan Blizzard and Bruce & Shar Kile were also on the "After Tour".

A giant "Buick Thank You" to Bruce & Shar Kile for all their hard work in planning the "After Tour". They have been planning this event for 22 straight years!

A special Thank You to Don & Cliff for staying with Jean & me when our Reatta broke down on the way to Allentown. We had to get towed but it was fixed and we were back on the road the next day.

It is just a coincidence, but our next "regular" meeting is on the 15th anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93 that was heading toward Washington, but was brought down in Shanksville, PA by the brave passengers that were onboard. One of the highlights of the After Tour for me was our visit to the Flight 93 National Memorial at the site where Flight 93 ended. Here is a link to the National Park Service website: <https://www.nps.gov/flni/index.htm>

Love & Peace,
Jerry



The Timing Chain:

September 11, 2016: 15th anniversary of the 9/11/2001 Terrorist Attacks.

Regular monthly meeting; 12:30 PM at Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill, 7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross

September 14-17, 2016: Buick GS Nationals in Bowling Green, KY; www.gsnationals.com for more info, or contact Sid Meyer. smeyer2@tampabay.rr.com 727-415-7679

October 13-15, 2016: The 2016 BCA Southeastern Regional will be hosted by the Music City Chapter and will be based in Franklin, TN. The Registration Form and lots more information, are available on the **Dixie Chapter website** at: <http://dixie.buickclub.org/2016-seregional.html>

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!***

From the "Sunshine Committee":

James Thomas was recently involved in a car accident. Although he did spend a day in the hospital for observation and evaluation, he thankfully didn't have any serious injuries. He had some sore ribs and lot of bumps & bruises. Please keep **James** in your thoughts and prayers for a complete and speedy recovery.

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

It happened in July

There was no business meeting in July due to the BCA National.

Car Quiz: Do you recognize this Buick?
What year and Model?

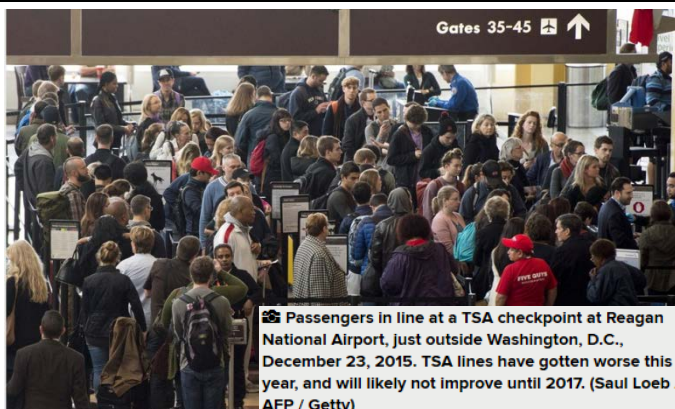
Hint: If you look really closely you can see that it is proudly displaying a "Year of Manufacture" license plate ("Tag").

The answer is on page 5.



Online Only Content:

Since 9/11/01, the United States has spent \$1 trillion to defend against al-Qaeda and ISIL, dirty bombs and lone wolves, bioterror and cyberterror. Has it worked?



Passengers in line at a TSA checkpoint at Reagan National Airport, just outside Washington, D.C., December 23, 2015. TSA lines have gotten worse this year, and will likely not improve until 2017. (Saul Loeb / AFP / Getty)

Here is a link to a very good article on the *Atlantic Magazine* website:
<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/09>



Member "News":

Several members were at the BCA National in Allentown and the "After Tour" the following week.



1934 Club Sedan "Resto-Rod"

Dixie Chapter Buicks were also well represented in Woodstock at the D. W. Campbell Car Show. ↴



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*.

More Online Only Content: There is only one memorial outside the U.S. that includes the names of all who perished in the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks, and it is located in Israel 20 miles from the center of Jerusalem.

Here is a link to a very good article about the memorial including a bunch more pictures:
<http://toprightnews.com/israel-911-memorial>



The BCA National, by “Guest Reporter” Don McClair. Pictures by Cliff Dillingham:

Our trip to the BCA National had a few bumps in the road getting to Allentown. Upon arrival at the hotel, shortly before 11 PM, we found out that our room was not habitable because somebody let their children go swimming in the bathtub in the room above. However, the hotel put us up in the Grand Hyatt a few miles away at their expense and what a great place that was. But everything turned out great.

Mr. Bulgari's complex was a great place to hold the 50th Anniversary BCA National. All of the cars were parked on the grass and a beautiful lodge style building housed the hospitality room. The other buildings on his grounds housed his car collections, (yea, plural) repair shop, restoration shop and upholstery shop and all of these were open to BCA members through Friday.

As one of the sponsors, Buick had a few new models on display along with a couple of concept cars. I would trade my Riviera for the Avista in a second. Seeing old friends from around the country and a few from Australia was a real treat and getting to share stories and tales added to the enjoyment. Let us not forget all the beautiful Buick's that were there. We were told there were 650 cars registered and as always there were a few no shows but that always happens. If you would like to see some picture's click on this link <http://forums.aaca.org/topic/280272-a-few-allentown-photos/>. These pictures were taken probably on Thursday with many more Buick's arriving Friday and Saturday morning. Jeff Brasher did a great job as MC at the awards banquet on Saturday evening and kept everything moving along and we actually finished and out of there by 9 PM.

← Restored drive-in movie screen.



The “After Tour”, by “Guest Reporter” Jack Horvath. Pictures by Pat Horvath:

On Tuesday, Aug 2, 2016, our twenty beautiful Buicks convoyed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Firefighting Training and Research Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. Our major interest was the national fallen firefighter memorial plaza where some one hundred American firefighters are memorialized each year. We also saw the chapel where the services take place.

On the adjoining property we visited the impressive Basilica and museum concerning Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born person to have been named a saint by the Catholic Church. She founded an American order of Catholic nuns, began schools for girls, and later her ladies' college taught nursing, teaching, and home economics. Her remarkable Sisters of Charity nuns are continuing their charitable efforts today and were widely known in the past for their activities on the Civil War battlefields, tending to wounded and dying soldiers from both sides of the conflict.

We travelled on to the Old Bedford village in PA where we walked through a restored village and spoke with craftsmen such as those making brooms, pottery, and candles. A Pennsylvania style Conestoga wagon, the primary vehicle for frontier movement westward, was displayed in front of the information center.

On Wednesday, we continued our Buick driving to the United Flight 93 memorial near Shanksville, PA. This national park commemorates those souls on board the United flight 93, one of the four aircraft which were hijacked by THOSE MISERABLE BASTARD Islamic terrorists on 9/11 2001. The memorial location is a quiet, reflective, solemn tribute. There are two parts to the park. One part of the park is a long dark gray walkway with a view of the crash field, leading to the white wall which contains the names of the 33 deceased passengers and 7 crew members. Their action in resisting the terrorists is credited with avoiding a crash into the intended target, the Capitol building in Washington, DC. The second part of the park is the museum. This building is near a crash scene overlook, and contains excellent displays concerning the details of that tragic day.

On Thursday, we moved on to downtown Parkersburg, WV, on the Ohio River, where we boarded the marvelous historic sternwheeler named the Island Belle, for the twenty minute ride to the Blennerhassett Island historical park and museum. We were able to enjoy taking a circuit through the park in a Conestoga style tour wagon pulled by a pair of strong small horses. Individuals chose to visit some of the historic houses on the island. The first building, a mansion, was built by Harmon Blennerhassett and his wife Margaret, similar to Mount Vernon, with 7,000 square feet of floor space. He settled there in 1798. The mansion accidentally burned down in 1811. It was finally rebuilt after 1973.

Thursday evening brought our traditional tour-closing extravaganza meal, the pizza banquet. Everyone enjoyed the 'secret-Santa' gift presentations, and we bid each other fond farewell. Many are already planning to attend the 2017 After Tour which begins in Wisconsin. Kudos to our stellar hosts and guides, Shar and Bruce Kile.



It Happened in August, by "Guest Reporter" Don McClair. Pictures by Cliff Dillingham:

Sunday August 28th was the date of the Dixie Chapter picnic and everyone there had a great time.

I wish to express our thanks to **Ernie and Susie Grant** for hosting the picnic and being the perfect hosts. Ernie made his traditional Korean steak on the grill and Jerry Richstein brought smoked beef brisket that he prepared with a dry rub and then smoked. Other members brought a nice selection of side dishes & desserts.

The day was bright sunny and quite warm but there was plenty of shade outside and lots of air conditioned seating inside. As always if there was a hood open there was a gathering of guys to inspect what was happening under the hood. It was truly a great day of fellowship and comradery.

Note from the editor: Several people asked **Jan Blizzard** for the recipe for the Spinach & Artichoke for the dip that she made, and she has graciously provided it: 2 pk creamed spinach, 1 14 oz. can artichoke hearts (chopped), 2 cups shredded Mexican style 4 cheese blend, 1 cup shredded jalapeno cheese, 1 14 oz. can of Rotel tomatoes (drained). Blend all ingredients and then Microwave until cheese is melted (stirring every 10 minutes)



Deals on Wheels:

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.



1969 Electra Convertible: Full Power & Cold A/C, 92K (believed) original well maintained



miles, runs & drives like new. Health issues force the sale of this great tour or show car. It is being offered to Dixie Chapter members first for \$16,900



obo. Contact Don McClair (770)271-2759 ridge271@att.net or Bruce Kile (770)977-7924 sbkile58@aol.com for more pictures and information.

WANTED: 1969 Riviera Rear Bumper: John Link is looking for a rear bumper for his 1969 Riviera. Contact John at linkltrs@bellsouth.net or (404) 578-8973 if you have one for sale, or know of one.

1986 Century Custom Sedan: This 1986 Century Custom has been immaculately maintained. Less than 35k miles! Originally owned by my uncle who purchased it brand-new and passed away a few months ago. This car looks and drives as if it came off the show room floor. Never been in an accident was garage kept. Looks & drives great, new tires, Non-smoker, one owner, until I brought it to Georgia, Seats like new, and Title in hand, very clean

interior. This car is in perfect condition and must be seen to truly appreciate the beauty! The only issue with the car at all is that it needs an air conditioner compressor clutch for the AC to work. Asking \$4,000 or best offer. Contact Barbara Price for more info. 678-508-2878 bprice4006@yahoo.com



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.

Land Yacht



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



a day to
Celebrate the
Achievements
of our **American**
Workforce

Car Quiz Answer:

The Buick is a 1950 Roadmaster.



Happy Birthday to:

9/2	Walt Ehrenfeuchter	9/8	Maria Gaynor
8/5	Tom Lynde	9/15	Bill Hansen
9/6	Don McClair	9/26	Roxanne Westfall
9/7	Alan Lisenby	9/27	Cindy Levelle



Happy Anniversary to:

9/23 Kip & Stephanie Meeboer
9/25 Ron & Connie Bergeron

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.

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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