



# DIXIE VALVE CHATTER

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

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## November 2016

### A word from our Director:

Hello Dixie Chapter Members:

The Southeast Regional BCA Tour was super! Meeting up with old friends and meeting new Buick friends. Learning a fascinating part of the Civil War that I had never been exposed to. Touring a State-of-the-Art auto manufacturing plant. Wow! Most of all, I enjoyed the BCA camaraderie. Next year we will tour in Alabama. Have you heard of Talladega?

On Nov 13th, we have a very important Dixie Chapter meeting and we need your attendance. We will be voting on a new slate of chapter officers for the Dixie Chapter. Now I know you won't be "Vote Rusty" as the national election is 5 days before and all the rust should be worked out!

Who wants to get their Lunch and Gas paid for? For the Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Election meeting, the club will have some fun and games. For every 10 people attending the meeting, we will put a \$25 Gift Certificate in the pot for a drawing during the meeting. For instance, if we have 30 people attending the meeting, we will be giving away 3 x \$25 Gift Certificates.

So, please come to the meeting, vote on your new board, and see how lucky you are.

Safe motoring!

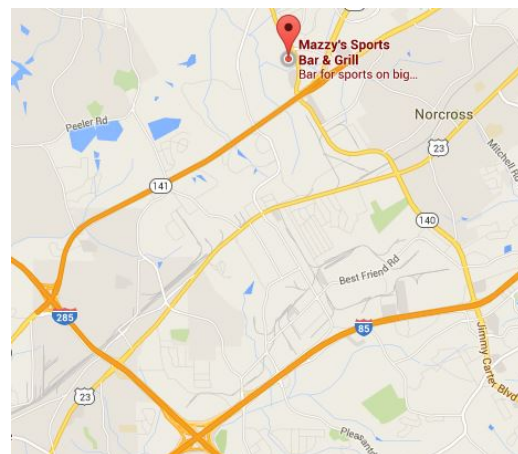
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### A word from our Assistant Director:

#### November Meeting: Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>

This is an important meeting, elections of officers will be held. We will gather at 12:30 pm for lunch, the meeting and election will follow.

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7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd.  
Norcross, GA 30092  
(678) 822-9888  
mazzys.com

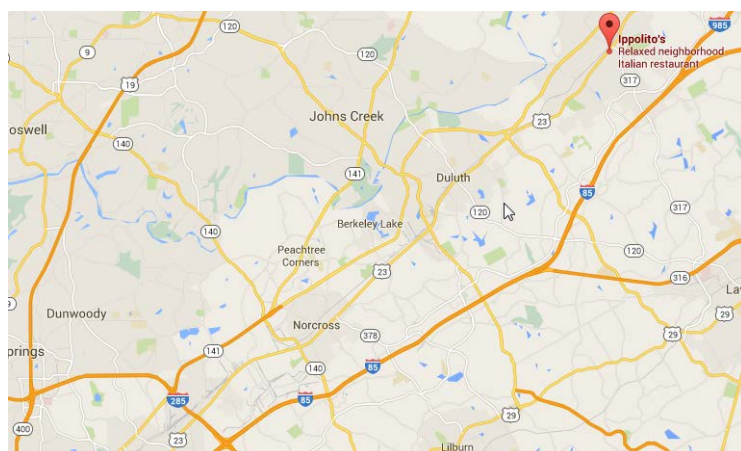


#### Save the Date:

This year's **Holiday Party** will be held on **Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>** at Ippolito's Italian Restaurant, in their private party room.

Ippolito's Italian Restaurant  
350 Town Center  
Suwanee, Georgia 30024  
678-985-4377

The Party will start at 2:00 pm and will include a cash bar and a buffet menu similar to last year's event and of course the annual gift exchange. Gifts should be in the \$20.00 range.



Please RSVP to Dave Gareau, by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

[buickman7185@att.net](mailto:buickman7185@att.net), or 404-863-9768, by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Editorial Comment:

TWO Election days are upon us.

This year we have the civic responsibility to get out on November 8<sup>th</sup> to vote in the National Election, and then to come to the Dixie Chapter meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> to vote in the Dixie Chapter elections.

The privilege and right to get out and vote in the Local and National elections is one that we should not take lightly, and should not neglect. Whoever you vote for or against, please go vote. If you don't vote you won't have the right to complain about whichever of the two idiots wins.

Then please come to the Chapter meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition to other Chapter business, this will be your opportunity to elect Chapter officers that will serve you for the next two years.

I hope that everyone then has a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Be Thankful for what you have, what you enjoy, and for all those you love.

Love & Peace,  
Jerry



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## 2017-2018 Officer Elections:

The Nominating Committee, which consisted of Bruce Kile and Jerry Richstein, has met. We are somewhat disappointed to report that we weren't able to get 2 candidates for each Officer Position, but here is what we do have:

Director: Don McClair

Asst. Director: Dave Gareau  
Bill McGowen

Secretary: Jack Horvath

Treasurer: Jerry Richstein  
JD Westfall

N. L. Editor: Mike Steger

In accordance with the Dixie Chapter Bylaws, nominations will also be opened for nominations from the floor at the November meeting for any office that doesn't already have two candidates.

Voting will be by secret ballot at the Meeting, immediately after the nominations have been closed and finalized.

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## A word from our SE Regional Director:

Our (new) S.E. Regional Director elected Saturday night following the banquet at the S.E. Regional Meet in Franklin, TN is **Martel Gibson**, BCA #11511 of Roxboro, N.C. 336-599-9589.

Congratulations & kudos to the Music City Chapter for hosting another great fun filled meet.

Also FYI, here is the schedule for the future S.E. Regional Meets through 2023.

2017 Bama Chapter  
2018 Tarheel Chapter  
2019 Gulf Coast (Florida) Chapter  
2020 Carolina Chapter  
2021 Mid Florida Chapter  
**2022 Dixie Chapter**  
2023 Music City Chapter

It has been a privilege & honor to have served as your regional director for the past (4) years, (2 terms). Please welcome Martel to this position & plan to support our regional meets with your attendance. It's the most fun you can have with all four wheels on the ground.

Kindest Regards  
Bruce Kile BCA 3013

## The Timing Chain:

**November 8, 2016:** Election Day. **It's your right and responsibility to vote.**

**November 12, 2016:** Atlanta Veterans Day Parade.

**November 13, 2016:** Regular monthly meeting –12:30 PM at Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill, 7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross. **Chapter Elections!**

**December 4, 2016:** Holiday Party at Ippolito's in Suwanee 3 pm to 6 pm. Put it on your calendar now, and let's try for 50 people to attend. Look for more details in the December *Dixie Valve Chatter*.

**July 5-8, 2017:** The 2017 BCA National will be held in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

**October 18-22, 2017:** The 2017 BCA Southeastern Regional will be hosted by the Bama Chapter and will be based in Anniston, AL. Detail to follow as they become available.



## It DIDN'T happen in October

The Car Show & Meeting that was planned for October 8<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Dave Gareau received RSVPs from only 4 people, and that was not enough for a Car Show, or a Monthly Business Meeting.

**Come to the monthly meetings to hear all the details about club business first hand, and be part of the decision making process!**

## 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":

**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)

## **Everyone needs a Hug**

A hug does so many things. It brings joy and comfort for those who get them.



**Hugs from me to you!..**

## Car Quiz: What year Make and Model?

**"Extra Credit": Who is the man that designed this car?**

Hints: The man that designed & built this car named the company after himself. He previously worked for Pontiac where he designed the GTO.

The company went bankrupt when the founder/designer was arrested on drug trafficking charges, even though he was later found "not guilty".

**The answer is on page 6.**





## The Ramblings of “ole 3013”, aka Bruce Kile:

There is an old adage; “You get out of something (a relationship, organization, etc.) what you put into it”. From our 43 years of membership in the BCA, which began in the N.E. Ohio Chapter, Shar & I have been blessed with friends worldwide. We have visited more parts of this great country while traveling to (43) National Meets & participating in 20+ years of tours with the Buick Driving Enthusiasts Division than we probably would have ever visited if it weren't for our involvement in the BCA.

One thing is certain; the BCA is a family organization. When you joined the BCA you became a part of that family network. That's why we usually refer to our Buick National Meets as being like a big “family reunion”.

While it is true that the Buick automobile is what brought us together to begin with, it's the people & the camaraderie that keeps us involved. Men & women of all ages & all walks of life are what comprise this great organization known as the Buick Club of America.

Oh sure, (for us) having access to parts resources, technical advice, plus free advertising in one of the finest automotive publications devoted to a single marquee is a definite reason to join, but having the opportunity to join a local chapter and/or a division provides even more friends plus additional access to parts & services for the restoration & maintenance of our Buicks.

Of course involvement in a chapter &/or division is the key word. That's where the enjoyment & help is. For us here in the Atlanta area it's the Dixie Chapter. Our chapter bylaws require that we hold (a minimum of) 6 business meetings a year & publish (at least) a by-monthly newsletter. For the benefit of our members however, we have held at least 10 meetings a year, a summer picnic, a holiday party, plus publishing a monthly newsletter since the chapter began in 1980.

In addition we have hosted & supported the Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. show annually since 1981, planned overnight excursions to places of interest around the state & offered caravans to BCA National meets. These are just a few of the events we do for our members on a regular basis. As more members become involved these events become even more fun for everyone. Perhaps this is the main reason for all these “ramblings”....to request your help to become a little more “involved” in your chapter.

As most of you know, there has been much discussion the past few months about the possibility of hosting another BCA National Meet. We had the privilege & honor of hosting two previous BCA Nationals, 1984 & 1994.

Before submitting a bid to host a National however we need to have a rough idea of how many members we can count on to help. A couple months back, our chapter director sent out an inquiry via email asking a simple “yes” or “no” to the question (paraphrased) “Would you be willing to devote some time working at a National Meet?” To date 15 of our 56 memberships have replied either “yes” or “no”. Now we are hoping that the other 35 memberships (60 people) are planning to attend the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to reply to the question in person, or maybe to get more details about hosting a National meet before replying “yes” or “no”.

Actually the report from the national meet advisory committee & subsequent discussion should take a minimum amount of time at the upcoming chapter meeting, but there will be a follow-up committee meeting on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. **All those interested are encouraged to attend the committee meeting.** You may contact J.D. Westfall, Don McClair, Jerry Richstein or Bruce & Shar Kile regarding the time & location of that meeting. BTW, there will probably be a free lunch involved!

Oh, speaking of the November meeting, this might also be an excellent opportunity to begin “getting a little more involved”. It's our bi-annual elections! Why not drop in & get a hint of what type of organization you are paying dues to? Just remember, business meetings are necessary in order to plan more “fun stuff”. So please don't be concerned if all your restoration, parts resources or maintenance questions are not answered at that time. It usually takes at least 3 meetings & 1 summer picnic plus a couple of trips to a BCA National Meet to get all those questions answered.

Thanks for listening to the ramblings of “old 3013” [sbkile58@aol.com](mailto:sbkile58@aol.com)

## Online Only Content:



The 1965 Skylark and 1965 Riviera Gran Sport not only have something in common with the 1969 Dodge Super Bee, but they also have something in common with the 1962 Dodge Dart as well as two other Buicks. They all are on the same "List", but it is more selective than just being cars from the 1960's. Click [HERE](#) to see the full list.

## The BCA SE Regional. by "Guest Reporter" Bob Stone. pictures by Bob Stone:

We toured the Willis Johnson Car collection!

On a misty Friday (any rain is wonderful!) we had the pleasure of touring the super car collection of Mr. Willis Johnson. Mr. Johnson is founder and owner of Copart. It is a car salvage operation across the country.

Obviously he found a few keepers along the way. We spent several hours there drooling over his vast collection of cars and memorabilia. To top it off, we also enjoyed a traditional Tennessee BBQ lunch with fantastic Banana pudding! Mr. Johnson's estate was once owned by country star Allan Jackson. Did you know Allan is from Newnan, Georgia and even wrote the song "Buicks to the Moon"? Maybe we can get **Bruce Kile** to sing a few bars at the next party!





## The BCA SE Regional, by "Guest Reporter" Jack Horvath, pictures by Pat Horvath:

Our Dixie Chapter folks were a part of the Southeast Regional Driving Meet taking in the sights around Franklin, TN, Oct 13 -15.

It was a joy to drive our Buicks through the lovely fall countryside of Tennessee. First up was the tour of the Nissan manufacturing plant in Smyrna. Next, we were completely amazed at the collection hall displaying over one hundred gorgeous autos, fifties juke box/soda bar/diner, and our luncheon barbeque, held at Willis Johnson's rural property. We visited several of the Civil War battlefield sites concerning the Battle of Franklin. Some 40,000 soldiers fought in savage close combat for six hours, leaving 7,500 southern casualties and 2,500 northern casualties. We saw Winstead Hill Headquarters on the southern side, Fort Granger Headquarters on the northern side, Carter house area with bullet holes still visible, and Carnton Plantation which became a southern hospital after the battle. It was here that the Carnton family set up a private cemetery for 1,400 southern soldiers. In between the visiting, our lunch meals were preplanned and always tasty in interesting locations.

Our Saturday evening supper was a lovely full dinner where everyone won raffle prizes, and a few important awards. One of our BCA folks came from 1,600 miles away in Arizona, and he won the Farthest Driver Award. Another driver had a breakdown, and he won the Hard Luck Award featuring a toy wrecker truck pulling a Buick. Our Dixie Chapter, with members **Bruce and Shar Kile, Bob Stone, Jerry and Jean Richstein, JD Westfall, Roy and Sharon Newby,**

**Jack and Pat Horvath, Roddy Pierce, and James and Sarah Thomas** being counted, won the award for the Most Chapter Participation. The tour was also attended by guests of **Bob Stone; Luciana Swenson** along with her parents **Aldopho & Maria Swenson** who were visiting from Brotas, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

These driving tours are always fun, memorable, and informative; please do consider joining a future driving tour!!!





## 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](mailto: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 \$15,900 obo. Contact Don McClair (770)271-2759 [ridge271@att.net](mailto:ridge271@att.net) or Bruce Kile (770)977-7924 [sbkile58@aol.com](mailto:sbkile58@aol.com) for more pictures and information.

**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

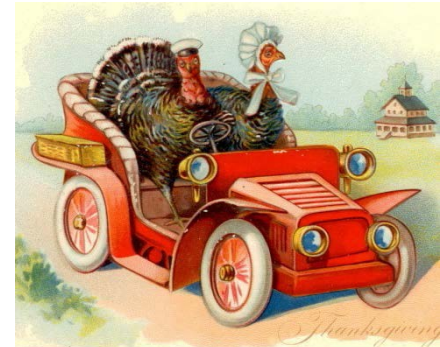
interior. This car is in perfect condition and must be seen to truly appreciate the beauty! The only issue with the car at all is that it needs an air conditioner compressor clutch for the AC to work. Asking \$4,000 or best offer. Contact Barbara Price for more info. 678-508-2878 [bprice4006@yahoo.com](mailto:bprice4006@yahoo.com)

## 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.

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**.



**Member "News":** Jack & Pat Horvath's 1976 LeSabre Coupe will be in the Atlanta Veterans Day Parade on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

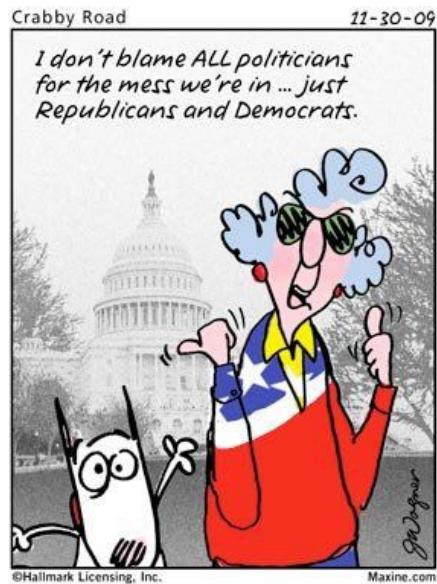
This year this parade celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the United Services Organization, the USO. This picture, from the parade last year, features their Buick passenger, Ms. Mary Lou Austin, the Director of USO Georgia.



**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**.



## Quotable Quotes



## Grit In The Gearbox

### Car Quiz Answer:

The car is a 1981 DeLorean DMC-12, designed by John DeLorean. The picture to the right was #6 on a List of the "10 Worst cars of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century". I'm happy to report that there were **NO Buicks on this list**, but there was a Cadillac and a Chevy. You can see the entire list at the "How Stuff Works" website <http://10-worst-cars>



### 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
- 11/11 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** 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".

The current elected and appointed officers are:

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