



# Dixie Valve Chatter

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

Peach Blossom BOP&C

Coverage and Pictures

Classifieds

Upcoming Events



June 2017

[www.buickclub.org/dixie](http://www.buickclub.org/dixie)



# Dixie Valve Chatter

Official News letter of the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America

[www.buickclub.org/Dixie](http://www.buickclub.org/Dixie)

Director's Message	Page2
Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial	Page3
New Members	Page 4
Peach Blossom BOP&C Coverage	Page 5
Timing Chain Upcoming events	Page 9
Sunshine Committee	Page 10
Deals on Wheels	Page 11
See you in June	Page 12

On the cover: Beautiful weather and beautiful Buicks marked this year's Peach Blossom car show. Look inside for coverage.

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:

Director: Don McClair, 3870 Sardis Church Road, Buford, GA 30519-4130 (770) 271-2759 [ridge271@att.net](mailto:ridge271@att.net)

Asst. Director: Bill McGowen, 2814 Ashton Briar Court, Dacula, GA 30019-2905 (404) 583-0709 [mcgow-enw@gmail.com](mailto:mcgow-enw@gmail.com)

Secretary: Jack Horvath, 2748 Peppermint Dr. Tucker, GA 30084 770-934-0127 [pjhorvath@bellsouth.net](mailto:pjhorvath@bellsouth.net)

Treasurer: Jerry Richstein, 4798 Grants Way NE, Marietta, GA 30066 770-924-4779 [jerry.richstein@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.richstein@gmail.com)

DVC Editor: Tom Lynde, 2375 Jonesboro Road, Hampton, GA 30228 770-957-6882 [lynde2375@charter.net](mailto:lynde2375@charter.net)

Membership: Jerry Richstein, 4798 Grants Way NE, Marietta, GA 30066 770-924-4779 [jerry.richstein@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.richstein@gmail.com)

Sunshine Committee Chair: Jean Richstein, 770-924-4779 [grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com)

Historian: John Sincere, 229 Pirkle Leake Rd. Dawsonville, GA 30534 706-216-4389 [sincerej@windstream.net](mailto:sincerej@windstream.net)

Club Sales: Bruce Kile, 2492 Lorrie Drive, Marietta, GA 30066 770-977-7924 [sbkile58@aol.com](mailto:sbkile58@aol.com)

Chaplain: Jack Horvath, 2748 Peppermint Dr. Tucker, GA 30084 770-934-0127 [pjhorvath@bellsouth.net](mailto:pjhorvath@bellsouth.net)

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)

# Director's Message



Don McClair

Our club participation at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual B.O.P.C show was good and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Also at this show we were able to add a couple more memberships to our club. Tom, our newsletter editor will highlight our newest members which ups our membership by five so far this year. Speaking of Tom if you have a moment drop him an email and let him know what a great newsletter he is putting out. If you have not already heard, there is a sad note regarding this year's B.O.P.C show. Larry and Elaine Palmer had their 1952 Burgundy Oldsmobile convertible stolen the night before the show. Here is the information regarding this fine car.

1952 Oldsmobile Super 88, Burgundy, Convertible

Vin # 528M12355

Tag # AA 96827 TN (antique). REWARD \$10,000



If found, contact the Cobb County Police Department

(770)-499-3911)

Officer- X.D. Wilson

Badge # 2628

Or email to: [lpalmer07@comcast.net](mailto:lpalmer07@comcast.net)

Our June meeting will be at Mazzy's Sports Bar in Norcross with details to follow in this newsletter. We have had numerous meetings at this facility and it is centrally located for the vast majority of our members.

Last, please keep Jerry Richstein and his family in your thoughts and prayers. He is currently in Florida caring for his mother. His father died a few days ago and he is making arrangements for his father's funeral and caring for his mother, who has dementia. He plans to move her to Georgia when she is able to travel. His father will be buried in New York.

I look forward to seeing you in June!

Don

## Sonomatic Sounds , an editorial

Tom Lynde

Greetings,

I hope this month's news letter finds every one well.

It was truly wonderful to catch up with many of you at last month's

Peach Blossom show. We could not have asked for a more beautiful day and the Dixie Oldsmobile club ran a very well organized event. Congratulations to the many award winners from the Dixie Chapter. Every car shown was a winner. Remember, it will be our turn to host this show in just two years!

I also appreciated the continued encouragement I received as editor of this news letter. This month I have made a few changes to the format and have added more pictures. I hope you like my efforts and as always, I encourage your input,

So, take advantage of the great Georgia Summertime weather and roll that beautiful Buick out and enjoy a nice ride and all the admiring looks from passers by. I recently took my Electra to a local Military Museum in McDonough and took her picture with a vintage Huey. Whether it is for a spin around the block, a trip to the local ice cream stand, or maybe a local car show, get out there and enjoy that car!

Happy Buicking,

Tom



## Member News

No member 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 **Tom Lynde** know at least two weeks before the end of the month to enable inclusion in the next ***Dixie Valve Chatter***.

New Members

Let's welcome:

Alan & Chris Strong  
BCA #29319  
2090 Lee Rd SE  
Smyrna, GA 30080-5804  
(678) 401-8284 Res  
(678) 296-3401 Bus  
[apstrong1998@yahoo.com](mailto:apstrong1998@yahoo.com)

1968 GS-400 2 Door Hardtop

Doug & Nannette Durkee  
1390 East Piedmont Road  
Marietta, GA 30062-2932  
(513) 259-3171  
[dougdurkee@zoomtown.com](mailto:dougdurkee@zoomtown.com)  
1965 Riviera (49447) 2 Dr Coupe

Returning Member:

Glenn & Debbie Novak  
BCA #3670  
114 Brandywine Trail  
Carrollton, GA 30117-3502  
(770) 832-6353  
[fifteezfan@hotmail.com](mailto:fifteezfan@hotmail.com)

1936 Special (465R) Coupe  
1955 Roadmaster (72) 4 Dr Sedan  
1964 Wildcat (4647) Coupe

# Consumer Reports Recommends the 2017 LaCrosse

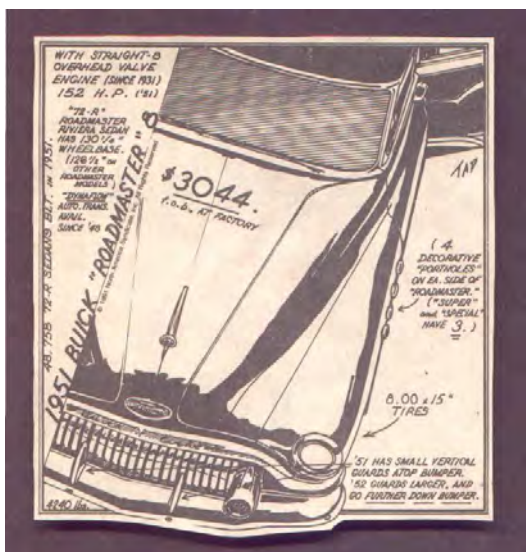
In recent issue of Consumer reports, the magazine gave the 2017 Buick LaCrosse its recommended rating and found it out performed several other premium luxury cars priced \$12, 000 to \$26,000 dollars higher than the Buick test model's \$43,225 price tag. The magazine noted that LaCrosse's 2017 redesign produced a lighter, lower, and wider car than its predecessor. The weight savings couples with the new eight-speed automatic afford improved fuel economy, 24 mpg overall. Consumer Reports also noted the availability of all-wheel drive, at the expense of 1 or 2 miles per gallon.

They described the cabin as being "library quiet" and its handling as secure with ample power to be confident during freeway merge situations. The Cabin is well finished with ample room in the back seat, but reviewers did note that the new rakish roofline could make getting in and out of the car a challenge for some. Thick roof pillars and a high rear shelf compromise visibility, but the instruments and infotainment system (not just a radio any more .Ed.) are "uncluttered and intuitive", respectfully.

They also took issue with the LaCrosse's electronic gear selector, saying that it could accidentally be left in neutral when trying to shift into reverse and they chided Buick for placing advanced safety features, like forward collision control in the top trim level, only,

However, LaCrosse was the highest scoring American car, scoring an 85 out of 100 on their road test, fifth behind Infinity Q70, Lexus GS 350, Audi A 6 Quattro, and Genesis G80 and ahead of Cadillac XTS Premium. Lincoln Continental Premium, and Mercedes Benz E300 4Matic.

Consumer Reports summarized the 2017 LaCrosse as "Well mannered," and that it "delivers comfort, space, and a quality ride with a stylish new silhouette.



## May Happenings: The 2017 Peach Blossom BOP&C

Beautiful weather and over one-hundred examples of General Motors' finest cars were the hallmarks of the 2017 Peach Blossom show at the Piedmont Church in Marietta. The Dixie Buick Club was well represented with about a dozen cars registered, and several other unaffiliated Buicks on the show field, too. Our members displayed great hospitality and welcomed several new members into the fold. Their names and contact info are listed elsewhere in this publication. The list of awards winners was requested from the Dixie Olds club, but was unavailable by press time. Plans are to include them in next month's **Valve Chatter**. Congratulations to all who brought home those beautiful award plaques. All of our cars looked great and each was certainly a winner. Let's lend our support to the Peach State Cadillac—LaSalle Club and attend the event that they will host next year. It will be the Dixie Buick Club's turn in 2019. That is just two years away! In the mean time, enjoy the pictures from this year's show.



**B.O.P.C.**  
 Hosted by the Dixie Olds Club  
**Friday, May 5, 2017**  
**Cruise In & Welcome Dinner**  
 7:00 pm at Twin Peaks Restaurant  
 2475 George Busbee Pkwy NW  
 Kennesaw, GA 30144  
*Cash bar and dinner available at your cost.*  
**Saturday, May 6, 2017**  
**Car Show • Swap Meet • Car Corral**  
 Piedmont Church  
 570 Piedmont Road  
 Marietta, GA 30066  
 8:00 am to noon—Registration  
 Popular Vote Judging ends at 1:00 pm with  
 Award Ceremony at 2:30 pm  
 For more information and to register, go to:  
 PeachBlossomBOPC.com



## Dixie Chapter Buick Club at the B.O.P. & C.



# ..... And Even More Buicks!







Thanks to all for a great turn out of Buicks at the Peach Blossom B.O.P.&C.

# Peach Blossom B.O.P (Bringing our pups)

The beautiful weather last month prompted many participants and spectators to bring along their fur babies to enjoy the show, too.



Dogs are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole” - Roger Caras



## The Timing Chain

June 3-4, 2017: Overnighter.

June 11, 2017: Chapter meeting at Mazzy’s Sports Bar. 7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd, Norcross. Arrive for lunch 12:30 -1:00 PM, Meeting at 2:00 PM

July 3, 2017: BOP&C Night at Summit in McDonough. (Non-chapter event)

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

See Bruce and Shari Kile for information on the after-tour

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



6/2 Ken Barrett  
 6/3 Roy Bass  
 6/3 Julie C. Ehrenfeuchter  
 6/3 Warren Williams  
 6/6/28 Gus Valeri  
 6/9 Ricky Benson  
 6/16/65 Suzanne Zigler  
 6/21 Kerri Dunton  
 6/21 Nancy Hansen  
 6/21/37 John Rebeck  
 6/29 Coleman Rigby



6/1 Roy & Janet Bass  
 6/14 J. D. & Roxanne Westfall  
 6/15 Jack & Pat Horvath  
 6/18 Dave & Kerri Dunton  
 6/19 Walt & Julie Ehrenfeuchter  
 6/23 Pat & Cindy Levelle  
 6/26 Keith & Chrys Bruno

From the "Sunshine Committee":

It was great to see Cliff Dillingham at the BOP&C, Please keep Cliff in you thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover from a severe infection.

**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)

## Deals on Wheels:



Buick Parts for sale.

Three 1932 Buick 18" wood wheels for 50 series. \$50.00 each

1938 Buick front seat, no bottom cushion, \$25.00

Several 1957 Special parts.

Call 706-865-4185.

Raymond Collins

B.C.A 474

### 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 **Tom** at least one week before the end of the month to ensure that your ad is included in the next *Dixie Valve Chatter*.

### Do you need replacement wheels or hubcaps?

Bianca at [Hubcaps.com](http://Hubcaps.com) & [OriginalWheels.com](http://OriginalWheels.com) offers Car Club Members a discount on the Factory Hubcaps & Wheels that they show on their websites. They currently have over one million hubcaps & Rims in inventory so they may have what you need. You would need to call them at 800-826-5880 for the discount as they do not have the ability to discount online orders. Just tell them that you are from the **Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club**,

## 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-



## Grit in the Gear Box



# See you in June !

Come on out to the June meeting at Mazzy's Sports Bar and Grill, 7160 Jimmy Carter Boulevard in Norcross. Phone 678-872-9888 or visit their web site [www.mazzys.com](http://www.mazzys.com) . Arrive between 12:30 and 1:00 pm for lunch, the meeting will begin at 2:00 pm Drive that beautiful, classic Buick and you may find your car as Car of the Month in next month's newsletter.



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" <https://www.teamji.com/home/prodServ.htm>. 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

## Quotable Quotations

