





# Dixie Valve Chatter

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

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On the cover: Dixie Chapter members enjoying the June Overnighter. Details and more pictures on page 4. Photo by Pat Horvath.

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# Director's Message



Don McClair

Our June meeting at Mazzy's was good and one of our newest members, Dave Dunton was with us. Bruce Kile talked about the "Overnighter" that took place the previous week. Bruce and Shar spend a lot of time planning this once a year trip and everyone participating always enjoys the trip. The BCA National is held in July and therefore we do not have any meeting in July. However, Bill McGowan and I are discussing an outing in August and our annual picnic is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. Ernie and Suzie Grant have hosted the picnic a number of times and again have been very gracious to once again open their home to us. The picnic is a gathering for fellowship, good food, and of course bragging rights and the swapping of tales. Details and RSVP contacts will be in the August newsletter. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and keep the Buick clean and polished.

Don



## Sonomatic Sounds , an editorial

Happy Fourth of July ! There's still plenty of great weather ahead to get that car out and enjoy a little cruise. Not only that, plans are coming together for late Summer and Fall activities, so save the dates! I hope that you are continuing to enjoy the **Dixie Valve Chatter**,



as I am continuing to enjoy putting it together each month. Please keep sending me articles and photos. I will continue to include as much contributed material as I receive, as it is your news letter. In the meantime....

Happy Buicking,

Tom

## Member News

**On May 24, Jack and Pat Horvath served our Ga National Guard Hqs members at Dobbins Air Force Reserve Base. There was a huge indoor remembrance ceremony celebrating the 42 GA Guard folks who have died in action since Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, and eleven thousand others who have died in our wars. There is a wall outside the Hqs with the pictures and names of the 42.**

**The USO provided bottles of water, red white and blue cupcakes, USO magazines, and Chick fil A Calendar-free monthly food cards. Jack and Pat handled our USO decorated serving table which was in the hall vestibule. Over time, they have done quite a number of similar USO projects at this location. Thank you Jack and Pat for all you do in serving those who serve our nation.**



**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**.

## June Happenings: Dixie Chapter Overnighter

Text Jack Horvath, Pictures Pat Horvath

Our Dixie Chapter Annual Overnights group of Buicks quietly roared out of Awesome Bill From Dawsonville's home town on Saturday, June 3, to follow the Kiles and to see the marvelous sights of North Georgia. The Dahlonega Gold Museum is located in the center of town, in possibly the oldest building in Georgia. The local gold rush lasted almost 20 years, from 1828 until 1848, and a treasure trove of artifacts are in this wonderful display location. After a nice covered patio picnic table lunch stop at Turner's Corner General Store, we headed on to Brasstown Bald visitor center. At 4,784 feet high, this memorable Georgia landmark has its own weather, and is a scenic and challenging drive for the motors going up, and for the brakes coming down. After Brasstown Bald, we had a shopping stop at an unusual and widely stocked Alexander's Department store. Many of us were pleased with our purchases. In the evening, we all enjoyed a Monet's restaurant supper next to our Blairsville motel. After supper we were treated to a Don Winebarger banjo picking concert in the motel breakfast room, and to a fiddle demonstration for good measure. On Sunday morning we headed out to our final stop at Wayne Hollis's private auto collection. We easily found Wayne's location in a beautifully restored historic Texaco station. His building interior is loaded with his car collection and with signs of all shapes, sizes and colors, even neon colors. Several of us decided that any of his autos would be a wonderful first choice, but mine was his 1940 Ford Coupe, since my first car was a 1939 Ford. We bid each other fond farewells, and headed south with our heads full of great friendship and fine Overnights memories. Thank you, to Bruce and Shar, for another great trip!



The Dixie Chapter crew at Wayne Hollis's private auto collection

## Dixie Chapter Overnighter



At the Dahlonega Gold Museum



Enjoying Don Winebarger's banjo



Beautiful Buicks parked in front of Wayne Hollis's auto collection.

## Newly Elected Buick Club of America Board of Directors

The following were elected to the BCA BOD. Alan Oldfield and Ed DePouli were re-elected to the board for their second term. Roberta Vasilow served on the board back in 1997-2003 and also served as BCA President. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the candidates who stepped up & volunteered to serve.

# Sweet Home Alabama

**John Cover, Bama Chapter BCA**

The Southeastern Regional Tour will be hosted by the Bama Buick Chapter in Oxford, Alabama October 18<sup>th</sup> through October 21<sup>st</sup> 2017. The tour will illustrate the large variety of attractions, history, good food and fun available in Northeast Alabama. The tour will include a tour of a high quality private car collection, lunch at the Irondale Café (basis of the movie Fried Green Tomatoes), a tour of the World Class Barber Motorcycle and Car Museum (including shops and thousands of motorcycles not seen by the public), tour of the Talladega Race track and museum; and a talk by Robert Wales (Paddlefoot); 7<sup>th</sup> ranked Masters Series driver from the '70s who will tell the secrets of how teams made questionable modifications to their cars. We will tour the Oxford Performing Arts center, shop the local shops and antique stores, tour Cheaha State park, the Indian and CCC museums. Other stops of note will feature a tour of a rebuilt 1850 home rebuilt to original condition and a tour the Berman Museum of World History and their collection of spy items . Plans also include a tour a Civil War Church. In addition, information will be available about other diverse activities to enjoy. We have blocked sufficient rooms to handle the first 50 Buicks . The rate, including a free breakfast, is \$119/night plus tax. Contact John Cover 5425 Caldwell Mill Road Birmingham, AL 35242 for a registration packet that will include hotel contact information. Call 205-991-7106 or email:coverj@asme.org



Barber Museum



Irondale Cafe

## The Timing Chain

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

6:00 - 8:00 PM

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

August 27, 2017: Chapter Picnic at the home of Ernie and Suzie Grant

October 18-22, 2017: The 2017 BCA Southeastern Regional will be hosted

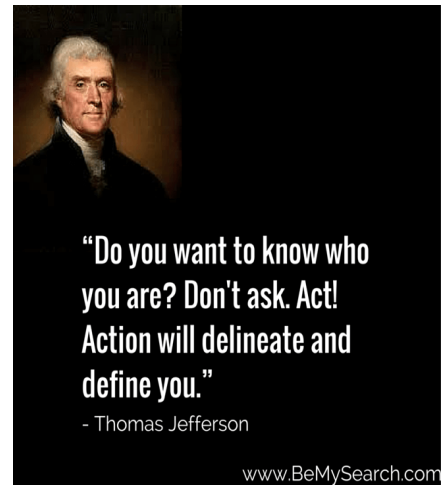
by the Bama Chapter and will be based in Anniston,

AL. For details contact John Cover: 205-991-7106 or  
email:coverj@asme.org

### From the "Sunshine Committee":

**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. [grayfox-consulting@gmail.com](mailto:grayfox-consulting@gmail.com)**

## Quotable Quotations



### July Birthdays

- 7/2/40 Ernest Garrett
- 7/2/43 Paul VanNortwick
- 7/7/53 Yvonne McGowen
- 7/7 Cathy Newhouser
- 7/8 Sarah Thomas
- 7/17 Andrea Walsh
- 7/20 June Benson
- 7/20 Tammy Benson
- 7/21 John Huffman
- 7/22 Connie Bergeron
- 7/22 Danny Finkelstein

Download from Dreamstime.com

### July Anniversaries

- 7/3 Alan & Patricia Lisenby
- 7/12 Tom & Tammy Lynde
- 7/26/75 Mark & Wanda Reeves





## 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




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For Sale: 1971 Buick Skylark Custom Convertible. See pictures at: <http://buybuickskylark.com/>

Entertaining all offers. Kip Meeboer, 770-924-0474 or email at [kmeeboer@mindspring.com](mailto:kmeeboer@mindspring.com)

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### 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 patch-



# Cars of the Month

Drive your Buick to the Chapter meeting and it may be featured as a car of the month!



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" <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) 977-7924.



## Going to Nationals?

Be sure to take plenty of pictures to share in the **Valve Chatter!**

