



# Dixie Valve Chatter

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On the cover: You never know what is going to roll into the Chapter Picnic. It could be a real classic like this 1932 Buick.

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# Director's Message



Don McClair

August and car shows and activities are here and I hope that you and yours have had a great summer so far. A number of our members attended the BCA National in Wisconsin and we had a few winners. Attending a BCA National is always a lot of fun meeting up with old friends and seeing the cars and I understand there was about 400 cars on the show field.

The 27<sup>th</sup> of this month we are again privileged to have our annual picnic at the home of Ernie and Suzie Grant. Ernie and Suzie have hosted the picnic a number of times and are very gracious hosts. They will provide the meat, forks and spoons, water, soft drinks and tea. If you would like something different to drink then bring it along. Please RSVP to Ernie and Suzie by the 20<sup>th</sup> of August so they can get a head count. Also, please bring folding chairs and if you have a folding table that will fit in your Buick, please bring it too. Ernie has everyone park their Classic Buicks on the grass next to his driveway and his neighbors always enjoy seeing all of the them. Also, for the benefit of new members and those among us with short memories, please wear your name tag.

I look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

Don

# Sonomatic Sounds , an editorial

The dog days of summer are upon us, and the Dixie Chapter is gearing up for one of our biggest events of the year, the chapter picnic. Thanks again to the Grants for Hosting the gathering again this year. Be sure to RSVP and Let them know that you are coming. You'll find more

information about the picnic elsewhere in this publication. There will also be a regular monthly chapter meeting on Sunday, August 13th at Mazzy's in Norcross. Drive that beautiful Buick to both events, and don't forget to wear your name tag! See you there!

Happy Buicking

Tom



## Quotable Quotations



## 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*.

# Happening in August: Dixie Chapter Picnic

WHAT: Annual Dixie Chapter Picnic  
 WHEN: Sunday August 27m 2917  
 WHERE: Ernie & Susie Grant's home  
 1211 Dover Place SE  
 Conyers, GA 30013  
 404-263-7022



ASSEMBLY TIME: Noon

LUNCH TIME: 2:00

PLEASE BRING: Last names A-F please bring an Appetizer  
 Last name G-L please bring a Dessert  
 Last names M-R please bring Drinks  
 Last Name S-Z please bring a Veggie Side Dish.  
 The club will supply all the plates and other necessities.

YARD GAMES: *There will be fun games for everyone.*

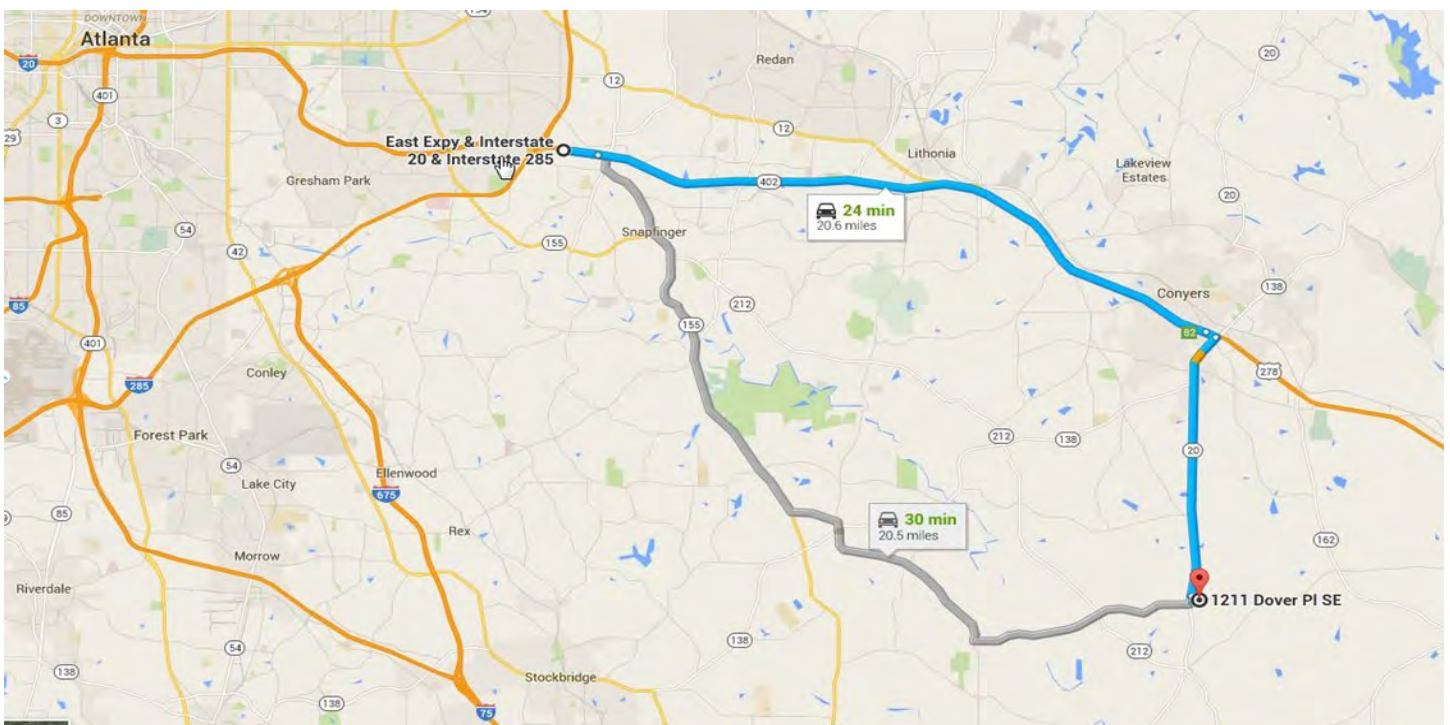
Word is that Bruce has shiny new washers to toss!

RSVP: Please RSVP by August 21st so our Master Chefs know how much food to get.

Email or call the Grants at [grant871666@bellsouth.net](mailto:grant871666@bellsouth.net) or 404-263-7022

## Let's make this our best picnic ever!

Take I-20 East to Exit 82 for GA-20. Turn right and take GA-20W/138W for 5.9 miles. Turn left onto Brookfield Drive into the Brookfield Station Subdivision. Take 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Haverhill Way and then left onto Dover Place. Look for the BUICKS parked near the 4<sup>th</sup> house on the left.



**The Timing Chain**

August 13, 2017: Chapter meeting at Mazzy’s in Norcross

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

**Grit in the Gearbox**



**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. [grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com)

**August Birthdays**

- 8/5 Glenn Novak
- 8/8 Rick Hunter
- 8/9 Ernie Grant
- 8/10 Shar Kile
- 8/17/34 Cliff Dillingham
- 8/20/60 Bob Stone
- 8/1/39 Ann Rebuck
- 8/23 Kathleen Miller Fink
- 8/23 Art Gaynor
- 8/31 Glenda Haggard



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**August Anniversaries**

- 8/1/58 John & Ann Rebuck
- 8/3/80 Jerry & Jean Richstein
- 8/4 Danny & Maureen Bryant
- 8/24 Art & Maria Gaynor



## **BCA Nationals Report**

**Text by Jack Horvath, Pictures by Pat Horvath and Bruce Kile**

**Our Dixie Chapter was well represented at the July 2017 BCA National Extravaganza in Milwaukee. Our attending members and families included Frank and Jan Blizzard, Ken Green, Bill and Nancy Hansen, Jack and Pat Horvath, Charles and Jana Hunter, Bruce and Shar Kile, Bill Yvonne McGowen, and James and Sarah Thomas. The Buicks owned by James Thomas, Bill McGowen, Bruce Kile, and Jack Horvath won a variety of judging awards. As have become our usual bonuses, our Bruce and Shar Kile were in charge of the wonderful hospitality room, and Bruce was the master of ceremonies at the awards banquet. The sponsored tours were to Oshkosh to see the Experimental Aviation Association Museum, to Milwaukee to see the Harley-Davidson Museum, to the Miller Brewing Company facilities, and to the Art Museum. These tours, the visits with Buick friends, the special Buicks on display, the attentive Sheraton Hotel staff, all made this 850 mile trip to “cheese country” well worth the effort. If you have not yet attended a BCA National, please plan to do so in the future, it is always a most enjoyable adventure. PS: We did indeed bring home some Wisconsin cheese! (Several of our members took part in the after tour which rolled from Milwaukee to Lincoln, Illinois, but, Tom Lynde has said that you must wait to read it until the September edition of The Dixie Valve Chatter.)**



Dixie Chapter members and friends showing spirit around the chapter banner.

Dixie Chapter was represented by (alphabetically) Frank & Jan Blizzard, John-Paul Glenkey, \*Ken Green, Bill & Nancy Hanson, Jack & Pat Horvath, Charles Hunter & Jana Kicklighter, Shar & Bruce Kile, Bill & Yvonne McGowen, Roy & Sharon Newby, & James & Sarah Thomas. Also pictured Julia Hall, Pearlie Duncan, James Thomas' sisters.



Say Cheese!



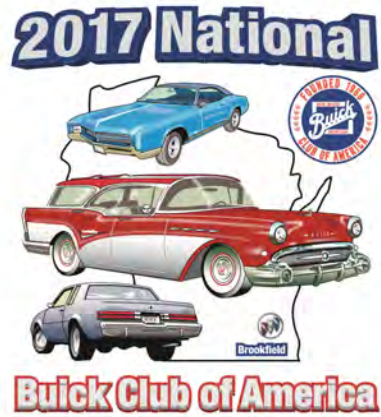


**Shar Kile and a beautiful 1965 Riviera in the host hotel lobby.**



**Bill McGown accepting his Gold (new) Senior award for his 75 LeSabre Convertible from outgoing BCA President Brian Clark.**

## A Wonderful Time in Wisconsin!



## Sights from the 2916 B.C.A. Nationals.

## Dixie Chapter at the BCA Nationals

Bruce Kile

All the chapter members who brought cars to the national were award winners: The Blizzards won an archival elite with their 91 Reatta, Horvath's also received an archival elite for their 76 LeSabre, Kiles received the Driven Award medallion, McGowen's-a Gold/Senior award, & Newby's received Senior Preservation award with their 98 Riv.

The number of registered cars was just under 300. I believe the overall number of registrations was about 500+, this would include swap vendors & BCA members not registering a car. The facility was great for a National meet, & could have easily handled a much larger number. The host hotel has been the site of many other National meets, Oldsmobile (2015) & Cadillac (2016) just to name a couple recent, so they are well experienced & handled the crowd nicely. Another nice feature of this hotel is the proximity to a variety of restaurants & shopping all within walking distance. There was no need to drive anywhere once you arrived. I, for one, really appreciate this feature. I would also like to commend my bride, Shar, on her organization/coordination of the hospitality room once again. You might see the names of Shar and Bruce as being the coordinators but make no mistake we all know who does the real coordination & scheduling. We want to thank all those who volunteered to serve in the hospitality room including Dixie chapter members, Jan Blizzard, Nancy Hanson & The Horvath's. This was "our" (Shar's) 6th consecutive year of being asked to facilitate this very important function. She must be doing something right.



# Deals on Wheels:

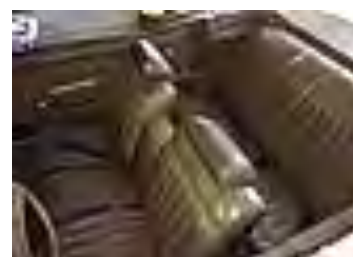
Buick Parts for sale.

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



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)

## 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-



## August Chapter Meeting

The August Chapter meeting will be held at Mazzy's Sports Bar , 7160 Jimmy Carter Blvd in Norcross. Lunch at one pm, meeting at two o'clock. Come and discuss important matters as we make plans for the Fall. Drive your Buick and remember to wear your name tag!



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.

## Don't forget the Picnic!

