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On the cover: This beautiful Skylark standing against the Fall foliage serves as a reminder to enjoy our cars while the weather is crisp and cool, and the Autumn Georgia landscape is a brilliant palate of red, yellow, gold and orange.

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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

Director's Message



Don McClair

With the cooler temperatures and ample amount of rain this year Atlanta is a lot greener than years past making for great photo opportunities with those Classic Buicks. Speaking of Classic Buicks, for our September Outing (yea, no business meeting) we will be gathering at Gateway Classic Cars on McFarland Parkway in Alpharetta on Saturday September 9th at 1 PM. We would have like to have scheduled this for Sunday but they are not open Sundays. If you would like a preview of the cars they have in stock at that location, go to

<http://gatewayclassiccars.com/locations?location=ATL>

This outing will be a great reason to dust off that Beautiful Buick and show it off to other customers at Gateway. While you are checking out Gateway's website, go to www.buickclub.org/dixie and you will be on the Dixie Chapter Website. Here you will find pictures of prior events and all of our newsletters dating back to 2010. Also on our website you will find a link to the 2017 Southeast Regional sponsored by the BAMA Chapter and held in Oxford, Alabama. The Southeast Regional is always a touring event with a lot of good fellowship and activities. Again, check out the link on our website.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Gateway!

Don

Sonomatic Sounds , an editorial

September is upon us. The kids are back in school, and before long the air will be getting cooler and the leaves will be changing color. It is time for a leisurely drive to take in the Fall foliage.

It is also time to register for the Southeastern Regional.

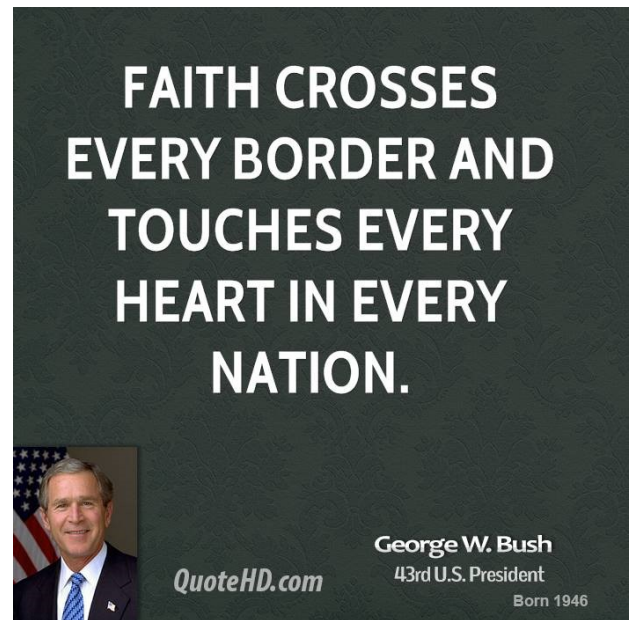
Information and registration forms can be found elsewhere in this publication. Good friends, Autumn weather and our favorite cars. A sure recipe for a wonderful time. Make your reservations today. And remember to turn out for the September outing at Gateway Classics!

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*.

The Timing Chain

September 9, 2017. Outing to Gateway Classics

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

September Birthdays

9/1	Dave Dunton
9/2	Walt Ehrenfeuchter
9/5/61	Tom Lynde
9/6	Don McClair
9/7/40	Alan Lisenby
9/8	Maria Gaynor
9/14	Debbie Novak
9/15	Bill Hansen
9/26	Rich Fink
9/26	Roxanne Westfall
9/27	Cindy Levelle



September Anniversaries

9/5	Glenn & Debbie Novak
9/23	Kip & Stephanie Meeboer
9/25	Ron & Connie Bergeron



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 offers. Kip Meeboer, 770-924-0474 or email at

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 requested.

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*.

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) 977-7924.



Car for Sale from non-member.

1982 Mint Condition 2dr Buick Rivera Convertible \$ 8,000 Open to offers

32,931 Miles

This Buick is White with Red Leather Interior. 5.0 L V8 Engine Automatic.

In very Good Condition Even Garaged Kept for its entire life

Very Straight Rust FREE CAR

ALL ORIGINAL !! Even the Tires..

If interested please call 828-247-1767 or bennettclassics@bellsouth.net



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) 977-7924.



September Outing

As Don McClair mentioned, there will be no chapter meeting in September, but rather an outing to Gateway Classic Cars on McFarland Parkway in Alpharetta on Saturday September 9th at 1 PM. Visit <http://gatewayclassiccars.com/locations?location=ATL> to learn about Gateway Classic Cars!



ARE YOU CHANGING YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

If you have a **NEW** e-mail address, please notify Jerry Richstein at jerry.richstein@gmail.com so you can continue to receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail

National After Tour

Text by Jack Horvath, Photos by Pat Horvath

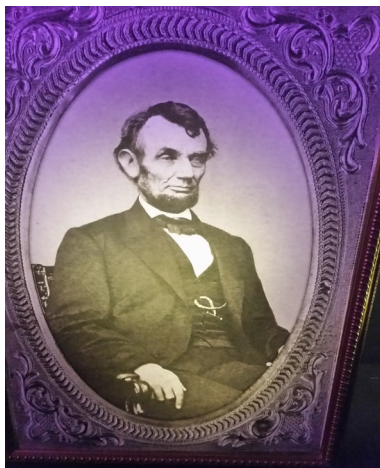
As faithful Valve Chatter readers will doubtlessly remember from this time last month, our Beautiful Buick BCA members were packing their suitcases and memories of the Milwaukee Nationals on Sunday morning, and preparing to depart with the Kiles on the 23rd Annual After Tour. Approximately twenty Buicks fired up and headed out to our first stops at the Wisconsin Auto Museum, lunch, and the Octagon House. The Octagon House is a rare example of a brick, five story 1854 home for a very large family. It was built in this configuration because this gave many useful rooms, a central staircase, and air movement for comfort. On Monday we visited the Hoard Museum, the Milton Museum, and the Miller Brewing Company bottling plant. As you might imagine, this bottling plant tour included their cheerful patio with samples of their products. Considering our relaxed enjoyment of the Miller brewing expertise, our final stop of the day was at a huge, very, very huge, cheese store. We came to understand the “how and the why” behind the Wisconsin citizens true love of their dairy heritage. Our destination for the night was the unique DeSoto House Hotel . This legendary Galena Illinois hostel has greeted such notables as Abraham Lincoln and Stephan Douglas and was the presidential campaign headquarters for Ulysses S Grant. Our first stop on Tuesday was the DeSoto House with its historic furnishings, and our last stop was on the Mississippi River, at an actual Dutch windmill which had been moved to this location from Holland. We learned that it was an actual grinding mill which could have its wind power blades moved in 360 degrees to catch the strongest wind. On Wednesday we began in LeClair, Iowa, at the actual home of the American Pickers Television show, Antique Archeology. (As a side note, please speak to one of our tour folks before you plan to visit this famous location.) We next visited the remarkable Galesburg Orpheum Theater and enjoyed hearing about its beginnings on the Vaudeville circuit. On Thursday we visited the Dickson Mounds museum and were amazed to learn that there were twelve thousand years of human habitation at this location. Hmm, this does make one wonder about our own Cartersville area Etowah Mounds. Our final tour stop was the Abraham Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln, Illinois. Here was a memorable step back into one of the most important eras in our nation’s history.

The final tour event was the world renowned Pizza Banquet at our motel. We enjoyed our tour friends and shared favorite memories of our after tour travels.

As we are recounting these reminiscences, I am reminded that we have already made our arrangements for the October Southeast Regional Bama Chapter Tour. This driving tour is chaired by John Cover, and is based at nearby Anniston, Alabama. Hey, our Buicks were built better to be driven to interesting places. Try a tour, you will like the tour!

National After Tour

Photos



Thanks to Jack and Pat for sharing the experience of the after tour with us through words and pictures. Ed.

Sweet Home Alabama

Southeastern Regional

John Cover, Bama Chapter BCA

The Southeastern Regional Tour will be hosted by the Bama Buick Chapter in Oxford, Alabama October 18th through October 21st 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); 7th 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 fea-



Berman Museum of World History

ture 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



Oxford Performing Arts Center

Rider Wanted: J.D. Westfall says that he is a single for the SE Regional Tour Oct 18-21st and a single for the BDE Sept 10th to 15th. If anybody would like to ride shotgun, he would love the company. Call J.D's cell 913-638-7849.

27th Annual S.E. Regional Meet

Hosted by the Bama Chapter/Buick Club of America

Oct. 18, 19, 20 & 21 2017

Four Days of Touring based out of

Oxford, AL

Host Hotel Courtyard Anniston Oxford

289 Colonial Drive Oxford, Alabama 36203

(256)-831-7995 Mention Buick Club for special rate of \$119

REGISTER EARLY BECAUSE THERE IS A 40 CAR LIMIT

REGISTRATION

name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____ State ____ Zip _____
 Address _____ City _____
 home#: _____ Cell# _____
 email: _____
 Chapter member? ___ Chapter Name: _____ 1st BCA Event? ___
 Buick you plan to bring? Yr. _____ Model _____ Will it be trailered to the meet _____
 Registration Fee \$25 (Includes 1 dash plaque, tour packet & 4 days of hospitality room)..... >=\$ _____
 Additional Guest (beyond member & 1 guest) @\$5 ea. (for hospitality only) #Guests? G _____ \$5/each >=\$ _____

Wednesday, Oct. 18th: Driving tour to Ron Moore's personal car collection

	# Attending _____	No charge	
Lunch at the Irondale Café (basis of the movie Fried Green Tomatoes	\$15/each	>=\$	_____
Barber's Motorsports Museum	Premium Tour	\$27/each	>=\$ _____
	Standard Tour	\$17/each	>=\$ _____

Thursday, Oct. 19th: Driving to Talladega for Trace Bus Tour & Museum

Lunch at Talladega Museum	Lunch	\$19/each	>=\$ _____
Tour to Oxford Performing Arts, shopping and antiques	no charge	>=\$	_____

Friday, Oct. 20th: Driving tour to Cheaha State Park & Museums

Lunch at Cheaha State Park	Lunch	\$10/each	>=\$ _____
Tour to Fiddler's Green Rebuilt Antebellum Home		\$10/each	>=\$ _____

Mad Hatter's Ice Cream and Cupcakes

Possible Car Show

On your own

Weather Permitting

Saturday, Oct. 21th: Driving tour to Berman Museum of World History

Lunch at Berman Museum of World History	Lunch	\$12/each	>=\$ _____
Tour to St. Michael's Church	# Attending _____	Individual Donation	

Buffet Banquet \$35 ea.....Meal Choices will be given later....#Dining _____ x\$35 ea..... >=\$ _____

TOTAL REMITED >=\$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Bama Chapter-BCA &

Mail to John Cover 5425 Caldwell Mill Rd. Birmingham, AL 35242

Questions? Call John Cover @ (205) 991-7106

NOTE: Since this is a BCA sanctioned event fire extinguishers are required in each vehicle. C.B radios are suggested for tour events.

Daily Itinerary of the 27th S.E. Regional

Sweet Home Alabama

Oxford

Founded in the early 1850s, Oxford was the first city in Calhoun County to be incorporated, in 1852. When the town was formed, it was originally named Lick Skillet. The name was later changed to "Oxford" due to the presence of a narrow crossing of Choccolocco Creek that allowed farmers to ford cattle from one side of the creek to the other. Since 1970, Oxford has annexed large amounts of land to the south and west, including the communities of Coldwater and Bynum. In 1970, it was all in Calhoun County, but today it includes areas in Talladega County.

Tuesday, October 17th: Arrivals and check-in of participants. Hospitality room opens at 4:00 PM. Check with front desk for location of Hospitality Room.

Wednesday, October 18th: is an early bird tour. We did these three venues 10 2010 when Bama Buick hosted the Tour; however, Ron has collected many more cars and added a second garage. Parking may be a problem at Ron's since he runs a large oil and gas distributorship and his parking lot may be full. There is plenty of parking across the street at a strip Mall.

We will depart for Ron Moore's Private Car Collection. Ron has a large collections of high end (Cadillac's, Packard's, Lincoln's Etc.).

We will then depart for a Lunch at the Irondale Café. This restaurant was the basis of the movie Fried Green Tomatoes. Here we will have a tradition steam table southern meal of a meat and 2 vegetables. This will include traditional drinks, rolls and a desert.

After Lunch you will have several choices that are within a mile of each other. Couples may decide to drop off and pick up or ladies may wish to do different than the men.

- This Guided Tour includes the shops, and several thousand additional motorcycles and cars under restoration or unrestored. Barbers has added many more motorcycles (instead of one down stair garage there are two additional garages).
Barbers Motorsports Premium Guided Tour \$27/each.
- Barbers Motorsports Premium Guided Tour \$17/each.
This Guided Tour includes the three floors of the museum and approximately 6,000 motorcycles and some cars on display.
- Grand River is an Outlet Mall with close to 100 stores. **Free**
- Outdoor World is a huge store specializing in outdoor equipment including boats guns, closes, etc. **Free**

It is very easy to return to the Motel from any of these venues.

Hospitality will open at 5:00 pm.

Thursday, October 19th: We will depart for Talladega Race Track and Museum. We will have a bus tour of the track and be permitted to tour the museum and exhibits.

A box lunch will be served in the Museum Library. After we are served Robert Wales (Paddlefoot 7th ranked Master Series 70's) will tell the secrets of how teams made questionable modification to their cars.

After lunch we will travel to Oxford Performing Arts with a guided tour. After the tour we will be free to tour the specialty stores, antiques stores and gift shops. They also have a great place for Ice Cream.

Hospitality will open at 5:00 pm.

Friday, October 20th: We will depart for Cheaha State Park and Museums. This is the highest point in Alabama with easy access to the summit. We will also be permitted to tour the Indian Artifacts and CCC Museums.

Lunch will be at the park. They have a steam table with lots of cold and hot things for lunch.

We will then take a scenic drive to Fiddlers Green to visit a rebuilt Antebellum home and meet the couple that restored the house.

We will then travel a short distance to Jefferson and the Mad Hatter cupcake and Ice Cream store. We can also visit the local shops.

Weather permitting; there may be local Crus In that we may attend.

Hospitality will open at 5:00 pm.

Saturday, October 21th: We will depart for Berman Museums of World History. This museum was developed by a couple who spied on each other during World War II. We will see items that are not displayed for the general public.

Lunch will be at the Museum.

We will then travel to the St Michael's Church for a tour of the Civil war era church. This church has beautiful stained glass windows with some by Tiffany.