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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

By the time you receive this issue of the Valve Chatter, 2017 will almost be over. Christmas is now past and I hope that it was a time of joy and lots of good food that was shared with family and friends.

Our Annual Holiday Party will be on January 14 starting at 1 PM. Please contact Bill McGowen by January 3rd to make reservations. Cost is \$10 per person. More about this later in this newsletter.

Jerry Richstein has been diagnosed with Leukemia and at the present time is undergoing chemo treatments at Northside Hospital. The doctors say they caught it early and Jerry's recovery looks very good. Please keep Jerry and Jean in your thoughts and prayers.

At our last meeting we decided on our usual Annual Charity Donations. We were scheduled to have Bruce Kile do some BCA 400 point judging but we just could not get Bruce to go outside. Something about the rain.

Again, I hope your Christmas was joyous and I look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party.

Don

Membership Renewal Time

By Jerry Richstein, Membership Chairman

Membership Renewals are now past due. If you have not yet mailed yours in, please do so as soon as possible. Those who have prepaid for 2018 or beyond do not need to pay any additional dues at this time. However, please return the Membership Form so we can verify that we have your correct address, phone number(s), email address, National BCA Number, etc.

Those that do owe dues at this time can pay for up to 3 years at \$20 per year.

Past winners of the Meritorious Award pay just \$10 per year, and current Elected Chapter Officers don't pay Chapter dues while in office.

Sonomatic Sounds, an editorial

Hello everyone,

I hope y'all have had a wonderful Holiday season and a joyous new year. With the holidays in the rearview I am finding time to indulge in my usual winter activities, mainly sitting at my desk surrounded by 1/25 scale plastic projects while one of my favorite movies plays in the background, All those great car films like Bullitt, McQ, Seven Ups, Two Lane Blacktop, and Le Mans, and putting together miniature classics help me pass the time until cruising and show weather is back with us. Then there is the list of clean up, fix up projects I have for the Electra. I manage to knock a few items off during this time of the year, too. Local cruise ins, the Atlanta Motorama and the Peach Blossom show will be here before we know it. Gotta be ready.

But for the here and the now, I am hoping the weather will be favorable to roll the Buick out on January 14th for the Chapter Holiday Party. Information on the gathering at Ippolito's is included in this issue. Be sure to RSVP asap to Bill McGowen. Lets's have a great turnout!

See you there,

Tom

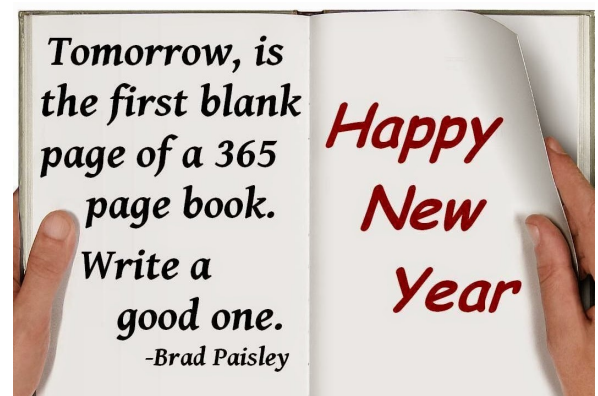


Member News.

Congratulations newlyweds
Robert and Luciana Stone!

Quotable Quotations

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

- ◆ January 14, 2018: Dixie Chapter Christmas Party at Ippolitos' in Suwanee
- ◆ February 11, 2018: Bowl-a-rama!
- ◆ May 12, 2018: Peach Blossom BOP&C. Hosted by Peach State Cadillac-LaSalle.
- ◆ June 19-23, 2018: BCA National Meet. Denver, CO www.buickclub.org
- ◆ June 12-15 2017: BCA National Meet. Midwest City, OK
- ◆ More activities are in the works! Stay tuned for details!

Grit in the Gearbox



From the "Sunshine Committee

Jerry Richstein has been diagnosed with leukemia but it was caught early and he is expected to be fine. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

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

On-line content. History of the GNX!

<http://www.foxnews.com/auto/2017/12/15/inside-story-amazing-buick-gnx.html>



REMEMBER!

RSVP for the Dixie Chapter Holiday Party at Ippolito's in Suwanee by January 3rd!

Respond to Bill McGowen:

mcgowenw@gmail.com or by phone: (404) 583-0709

Dixie Chapter Holiday Party

There will be no meeting in December, so be sure to make plans to attend the annual Holiday party at Ippolito's in Suwanee. Address: 350 Town Center Suwanee, Georgia 30024. Phone 678-985-4377 or web <http://ippolitos.net>. The cost will be \$15.00 per person including gratuity. Please RSVP to Bill McGowen by January 3rd, mcgowenw@gmail.com or by phone, (404) 583-0709 Remember to bring a gift for the gift exchange, valued at \$15.00 to \$20.00. Men should bring a gift for a man, ladies should bring a gift for a lady.

Car Quiz

For what specific application did Buick produce a limited number of 1955 Century Model 68 two door post sedans? Answer on page 7.



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

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.

New Items! Playing cards, Patches, and Decals!!



Moments in Dixie Chapter History

By Bruce Kile, AKA Ole BCA 3013

Recalling those moments, events & outings from the early days of the Dixie Chapter can be a bit of challenge for sure, but, never the less, it's fun to reminisce. Even before we gave serious thought to submitting a bid to host a BCA National Meet, we felt the desire to enhance our treasury. Of course we had our annual membership dues (\$8 per family) but one good source of revenue came from selling parts at the BCA National swap meets and the B.O.P. shows, in those days the Florida Sunshine State Chapter hosted a B.O.P. show in the fall of the year. Our members would donate usable or N.O.S Buick parts which we would sell and the proceeds went into the club treasury.

It was not unusual to make a couple hundred dollars at the BCA Nationals and maybe a hundred at a BOP. Another fun source of revenue came from monetary awards given at car shows for "club participation". This was especially true at the big three day annual show at the North Georgia Fairgrounds in Marietta. Sundays were "Club Day" and they awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award money for "Best Club Display or Theme". The Dixie Chapter managed to do rather well by "finishing in the money" (usually 1st or 2nd) for the years that show was held. Of course, the revenue generated from the B.O.P. shows, beginning in 1981 certainly was the best money maker until the 1984 National.

Although having a viable treasury is important, especially as "seed money" when hosting events such as the B.O.P. or the BCA National and being able to make donations to charitable organizations or to underwrite some, or all, of our parties and activities. The camaraderie, fellowship & assistance to one another became the most important aspect of the club. Certainly, the more involved we become, the more we will get from our membership. The times that we gathered at a member's house or garage to help on a project or solve a problem in repair or restoration comes to mind. The numerous times we caravanned to National meets and to those B.O.P. shows in Florida will be, and remain some of our fondest memories. Some of us still "wince" recalling the feeling on those Monday Mornings following the Chapter picnic and the annual "over 40 vs under 40" softball game. By the way, it was the 16" "Chicago style" softball. Even "pushing" 80 I still like to do that, (Monday's pains & all). Perhaps I allowed this month's "*Moments in History*" to get a little personal, my apologies. I invite you to share some of your *memories*, regardless of how long you have been a member of the Dixie Chapter. You can email them to me for inclusion in this column (sbkile58@aol.com) or send them direct to Tom Lynde, our editor lynde2375@charter.net

Note: Next month is the "Bowl-A-Rama", so we'll give a little history of this FUN event, the origin and the description.

Bowl a Rama 2018!

Be sure to mark your calendar and make plans to attend the annual Dixie Chapter Bowl A Rama, coming February 11th. Whether you are a ten pin king or a novice, you be sure to have a great time participating in this mid-winter classic! And it is a great opportunity to dust off the Buick and drive it to this event, Full details are forthcoming in the February issue of the Valve Chatter.



Car Quiz Answer



1955 Buick Century Model 68

In 1955 Buick produced 270 Century Model 68 two door sedans for the California Highway Patrol. Each equipped with the venerable 322 cubic inch Nailhead V/8. They were split evenly at 135 a piece Dynaflo and three speed column shift transmissions.

If you have Buick trivia or an interesting Buick story you would like to share in the **Valve Chatter**, please send it to Tom Lynde, DVC Editor at lynde2375@charter.net

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.

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.



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Which, if you'll think about it, is really the way it should be. Automobiles like this don't come along very often. Especially automobiles equipped like this that nearly everyone can afford. There really isn't much you could ask for that isn't already standard on the Opel GT. A 67 horsepower engine is standard on the Opel GT. A 102 horsepower engine is available for the most enthusiastic enthusiast. Power-assisted front disc brakes, dual exhausts, and radial ply tires (165 HR x 13) are standard. A short-throw, 4-speed stick is standard. Mounted in a console on the

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