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Director's Message



Don McClair

The weather has taken a turn for the better temperature wise, and with it I am sure you are thinking about getting your beauty ready for show season. At the very least, get it out and take a cruise and show it off. It doesn't have to be show ready to draw a lot of admiring glances. The B.O.P.C show is coming up soon and with it comes the thought process of planning on next years show when it will be our turn once again to host this show.

Our annual Bowl-A-Rama was well attended and all who were there had a great time. We had not seen Ken and Lori Barrett in a while and it was good to see them.

Our March meeting will be held at the Magnolia Room Cafeteria In Tucker Georgia.

<http://magnoliaroomcafeteria.com/> According to our great secretary and his better half, they have great food, reasonable pricing and we will have a private room to eat and conduct our meeting. Details, address, etc will follow in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you then,

Don

March Meeting

Don't miss the March Chapter Meeting, Sunday March 11th the Magnolia Room Cafeteria. Bruce Kile will give a seminar on the 400 point judging system that is used by the BCA. There will be lots of important business discussed including the Dixie Chapter's role as host of the 2019 Peach Blossom show. Drive your Buick and wear your name tag! Meet at 12:30 for lunch, meeting about 2:00



Magnolia Room Cafeteria

Shops of Heritage Place
4450 Hugh Howell Rd
Tucker, GA 30084

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Sonomatic Sounds, an editorial



Howdy,

I cannot believe how fast this year is going by. It seems like we were just wishing each other a happy new year, and here we are now heading into spring and car show season. Peach State Cadillac-LaSalle has released information on the Peach Blossom show and the registration forms are in this issue.

Our next Chapter meeting is coming up in just a couple of weeks at the Magnolia Room Cafeteria in Tucker. Bruce Kile is planning on giving his seminar on 400 point judging. You will also find the judging rubrics in this issue, too. Hopefully the weather will be pretty enough for us to roll out the Buicks., and be sure to wear your name tag!

So, get those Peach Blossom registration forms filled out and turned in and get that Buick ready to roll to the Chapter meeting on the 11th. Don't forget, Daylight Saving Time begins on March 11th.

Looking forward to seeing all of you,

Tom

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

Quotable Quotations



Member News

Robert Haggard

For the last 17 years we have made the trip to the Turkey Run at Daytona Speedway the week of Thanksgiving. Our daughter has gotten used to having Thanksgiving dinner with us the weekend before the holiday. She can go to the in laws house without fear of anyone getting upset, if you know what I mean. This year we were lucky to find a condo we could rent for a whole week for less than 4 days at a motel on the beach. We really enjoyed the week of cruising up and down the beach, shopping ,and the show at the speedway . Except for a few days of rain a week in Florida is always nice when the weather gets cold in Georgia. Well, Sunday morning came too soon and we left for home after our annual stop for breakfast at Denny's. The trip went well till I got about 10 miles from home and noticed the gas gauge was on empty. I had just passed a Pure station that sells non-ethanol gas, so I pulled into a driveway to turn around and when I backed up I heard a terrible sound of crushing metal. I had forgotten about the little 4' x 4' trailer that I tow to swap meets with my scooter and little red wagon. It's easy to forget about it on long trips, you hardly know it's there. Well, 2 months and \$6,250.00 later I should get my car back next week.



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***.

Daylight Saving Time begins on March 11th. Be on time for the Dixie Club Chapter meeting, make sure you set you clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

B.C.A 400 Point Judging Sheets.

Inclimate weather on meeting day in November forced the postponement of Bruce Kile's mini judging seminar. It is now scheduled for the March meeting, weather permitting. To pave the way for the seminar, Bruce has provided the four judging guidelines, which we are sharing in this issue. Thanks again to Bruce for sharing his judging expertise with us.

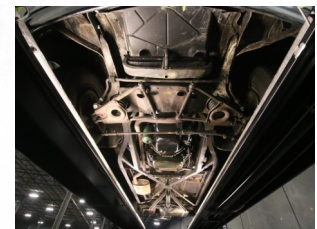
JUDGING THE CHASSIS

The judge should not crawl under the car when judging the chassis. Inspection of the undercarriage may be accomplished by kneeling at front, rear, and at strategic points along the sides of the car to perform the necessary observations. Flashlights and other aids are not to be used in the BCA judging process.

1. **Bumpers / Guards**
Check the condition of chrome, authenticity, finish and trim. Bumpers should show painted accents where required. No points should be deducted for year and model factory authorized bumperettes.
1928: First use of chrome plating.
2. **Suspension / Steering**
Check for correctness of steering gear, style of grease fittings or oil cups installed, excessive amount of lube and cleanliness. Springs and shocks must be authentic and no helper springs may be installed or removed. No points are to be deducted for original factory authorized towing package if available in year of manufacture. Check for proper grease fittings throughout;
1920: First use of Alemite pin-type, bayonet-lock grease fittings.
1923: First use of zerk push-type grease fittings.
Late 1933: First use of ball-end grease fittings.
1946: First use of bolts with strength marks on head. Earlier years could have letters or numbers on head.
3. **Transmission / Driveline**
Check for excess oil and grease, leaks and finish of driveline parts. Check grease fittings for proper type and excess lube.
4. **NonAuthentic Transmission / Driveline (Mandatory deduction)**
Nonauthentic transmission/overdrive is a mandatory 4 point deduction.

5. **Frame**
Check for nonauthentic modifications, condition and correct paint color. Although not encouraged, no points will be deducted for appropriate type under coating applied to frame, floorpans and sheetmetal in a workmanlike fashion on cars of the era. Check for poor workmanship hidden by undercoating.
6. **Fuel Tank**
Correct size, style, appearance of finish, placement and absence of severe dents.
7. **Brakes / Cables / Lines**
Correct style brakes, drums, power booster and/or cables/rods. No points should be deducted for stainless steel brake lines. Check for proper routing.
1924: First front (4-wheel) brakes.
1936: First hydraulic brakes.
8. **Exhaust System**
Check for correct size, style of muffler, resonators, exhaust pipes, manifolds, heat risers, catalytic converters, and headers. No points are to be deducted for surface rust and modern high temperature coatings which protect the system. Points should be deducted for condition, nonauthentic cutouts and end tips.
9. **Tires - Type**
Check tires for correct type (radial/ bias-ply). Radial tires were first offered as an option in 1967 on all models. One point is deducted for each tire which was not a factory authorized option for model and year.
10. **Tires - Size**
Check tires for correct size and whitewall width for year and model. A non-authentic type tire must also receive a deduction for non-authentic tire size. If neither the standard nor alternate tire size is currently being reproduced, the next closest tire size up or down may be substituted without a deduction. A non-authentic tire size includes an obviously incorrect (more than 1/2-inch variation from factory) whitewall width. One point is deducted for each non-authentically sized tire.

11. **Tires - Condition**
Check tire tread pattern; tires should match in pairs. Spare tire need not match any pair of tires on car, but if two spares are carried, they must match. 1 or 2 points should be deducted for excessive wear, dirt, or damage. Non-authentic tires (type or size) are not judged for condition.
12. **Tire Carrier and Cover**
Check for correct hardware, covers and accessories for trunk, sidemount or rear spare tires.
13. **Tire Valves / Stems / Caps / Covers**
Check for correct type for year of manufacture; valves, caps and stem covers (early years). Points should be deducted for painted stems and weights. Hubcaps and wheelcovers must match and be correct for year and model.
1932: First rubber valve stems.
1951: First plastic valve caps.
14. **NonAuthentic Wheels (Mandatory deduction)**
Check for correct wheels and / or rims for year and model. On newer cars sport wheels may be on car, but spare may be original steel rim. Incorrect wheels result in a mandatory 10 point deduction.
15. **Wheels / Trim**
Check condition of wheels. Points should be deducted for cracks in wood wheels, pits in metal, particularly on snap rings and steel spokes, for excessive paint chips and spalls around the rims. Beauty rings, pin striping, etc. should be correct for year and model.



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incorrect size, placement, bindings, material and style for model and year.

First do a quick walk around of the car. Check each of the components (fenders, doors, hood, etc.) the color selection and presence of items which should not be there, as well as absence of things which should be there. Make a mental note of any discrepancies. If in doubt, discuss them with your Team Captain. If necessary the Team Captain should ask the owner for documentation while you are judging the details. Check for authenticity, condition, workmanship and maintenance.

- 1. **Body (Fit and Quality of Metal Work)**
Doors/Fenders/Quarter Panels/Hood/Trunk/Tail/Lip/Crest
Each of the body components should be judged in the following areas. Judges should consider the degree to which a defect may be less than factory original with assigning point deductions. Check for even spacing and proper alignment around all doors, fenders, windshield, trunk, and fenders. Stripping, moldings and belt lines should all line up. Check chest nuts for improper rotation of the nuts and washers. Points should be deducted if nuts or washers are more noticeable than factory original. No points should be deducted for year of manufacture under option trunks on pressure caps. Use of non-authentic material for repairs, such as body filler or plastic, is not encouraged. However, joint deduction will be taken only if these repairs are observed without the use of testing methods to determine their composition.

1945: First use of straight marks on hole marks.

Earlier years may have letter or number markings.

- 2. **Running Boards / Rocker Panels**
Check for correct style, rubber or aluminum and/or trim. Mats should be in good condition and guards moldings and nuts should fit precisely. No points should be deducted for aluminum authentic reproduction trim on pressure caps. No point deduction should be made for factory option step plates on pressure caps. Rocker panels may have points deducted for dings, rust, dents, missing trim, etc.

- 3. **Exterior Trim and Striping**
Look at chrome as well as stainless moldings, chrome guards, spear guards and grille. Plating should be of the proper type and should be applied to the proper areas only. Parts and trim should be properly finished and smoothed prior to plating. Check for pits, blisters, cracks and corrosion. On the car parts check for removal of detail and correctly painted accent areas if applicable. On stainless trim check for dings and surface polish. Check nose and nickel-plated bump for these cracks.

1927: First metallic paint used only in trim, striping.

1928: Chrome plating. 1936: First use of metallic body paint finish, except for V8 Havana Silver on 1939.

On pressure caps no points should be deducted for year and model dealer option pin striping and guard moldings color change. On newer cars no point deductions should be made for tape striping if offered for year and model by the manufacturer.

JUDGING THE EXTERIOR

- 4. **Reading and Writing**
Points are to be deducted for improper type, placement, fit and/or wear.
- 5. **Headlight/Paint/Pabric/Vinyl**
Check for condition; excessive ripples, waves, or fabric wear; and proper fit around windows and trim. On cars with vinyl tops, check the top material for material type and installation.
- 6. **Non-authentic color (Mandatory deduction)**
A mandatory 10 point deduction shall be made if paint color is not authentic for year, or model. A light variation of shade is acceptable and no point deduction should be made. Special ordered colors and color combinations will be treated as authentic only if the specific vehicle being judged was ordered from the factory with this color or color combination and the owner can provide documentation proving higher car was special-ordered in this manner. If paint looks as original no point deduction should be made for the type of paint. Paint color applied may be in any color combination and location available from the factory for that model and year and need not be the color originally applied to that particular car. Point should be if the type originally applied or have the appearance of the original finish. For example, alloy wheel does not look like lacquer.
- 7. **Paint/Detailing/Condition**
Check for workmanship, condition and maintenance of the finish. Points should be deducted for excessive orange peel, overspray, overblending, sanding scratches, difference in color between panels, fish eyes, cracks, crazing, blurring, dull finish, chalking, excessive chips, rust on areas and poor masking. Points may be deducted for anything that detracts from the finish of the car but the judge should not make an intensive search for painting or maintenance defects.

FRONT END

- 8. **Radiator Shell**
Check for correct finish, color, and/or trim. Proper alignment to hood and fenders. 1938: first use of chrome plating.
- 9. **Radiator Grille and Trims**
Check for proper fit to radiator shell, correct style, finish, and correct mounting hardware.
- 10. **Ornament for Radiator (if applicable)**
Ornament should be correct for year and model or approved factory option. The finish should be correct and have required detailing and/or plate trim. Check for pits, blisters, cracks, corrosion, dings and surface polish. No point deductions will be made unless flaws noticeably detract from the overall look of the ornament. No points should be deducted for stainless steel authentic reproduction ornaments if correct for model and year.

LIGHTS

- 11. **Head lamps/Side lamps and/or Parking lamps/Tail lamps/Driving lamps and/or Fog lamps**
Check that lights are correct for year of manufacture or a factory authorized option. A point deduction should be made for incorrect sealed beam lights or halogens if not offered as

original factory equipment, headlamp housings that are not the correct finish, lack the correct trim, and/or are in poor condition. Points also should be deducted for non-authentic lights, cracked, improper or faded lenses.

1940: First use of sealed beam headlights (no dual sealed).

1948: First use of beam bulbs in spotlights and driving lamps.

1955: First all glass sealed beam bulbs on Buick.

- 12. **Horn (if factory)**
There were originally mounted outside of engine compartment, check for correct type, style, color and quantity (points for model and year of manufacture).
- 13. **Windshield Wipers / Wiper Arms**
In newer cars, no point deduction will be made for second wiper (for safety) if installed properly. Drive instructions should be made for installation of electric or mechanical wipers when inappropriate. Wiper arms should be checked for correct type and style.
- 14. **Window Frames / Mouldings (Exterior)**
Check for proper fit, finish and condition of plastic and/or rubber.
- 15. **Window Glass**
All standard vehicles must have safety glass in the windshield or they will not be judged. Other windows may or may not be safety glass. These may be original glass, installed at test period glass depending on the year. Points will be deducted for non-authentic tint, cracked, fringed, discolored, delaminated, or missing glass. Window frames should fit properly and seal against the weatherstripping.
- 16. **Door Handles**
Check construction, rubber, proper fit, detailing and finish.
- 17. **Gas Converter and Deck**
This only applies to early cars. Check that system is authentic to the eye including tube installation and hoses.
- 18. **Mirrors**
No points are to be deducted for newer year of manufacture dealer option mirrors.
- 19. **Accessories**
No points are to be deducted for B.C.A. decals, stickers, badges, and license plate frames. B.C.A. does not recommend, but will not deduct points for inspection stickers or other legally required identifiers, such as parking or military stickers. No points should be deducted for period stickers and emblems applicable to cars, including AACA and CHVA emblems. A point deduction should be made for commercial or non-stub related stickers and/or decals. Pre-1943 model accessories are acceptable if of aftermarket manufacture only if no competing BMD product was offered for that year. Truck or BMD options and accessories are acceptable only if they are authentic in that year. All 1946 and later models, only BMD options and accessories are acceptable when offered for that year and model. Points are never added for accessories, but deductions are taken for authenticity, workmanship and condition.



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Have the owner open the hood for you. Inspect all components for cleanliness and finish. Look for gasoline stains, deteriorated fluids, excess oil, grime, extra hoses, water leaks, and condition of belts. Major tire point deductions should be made only when a component is missing or non-authentic.

1. **Block / Head / Crank Case**
Check for correct block, heads and oil pans, and/or that shields for model and year and for condition, cleanliness, and overall appearance
2. **Manifolds**
Check that manifolds are correct for model and year and for condition, cleanliness, and overall appearance. No point deduction should be made for heat shielded manifolds. Exhaust systems were not originally painted. Surface rust or painted finish will not receive a point deduction, however, electric steel or plated systems did not come out way from the factory. Stainless exhaust systems should be considered as non-authentic, and should receive no deduction if having the appearance of the original and if in good condition.
3. **Non-Authentic Engine (Mandatory deduction)**
A full 10 point deduction will be made if engine is non-authentic for year and model.
4. **Non-Authentic Color (Mandatory deduction)**
Refer Appendix X.
A full 5 point deduction will be made if color is non-authentic for year and model. No point deductions should be made for variation in shade of color, for painted cars with black engine color (factory replacement color) or for engines made the year of a color change if the color used was on the previous or following year's model.
5. **Tags and Details**
Check that tags and details are present, legible, properly mounted and correct for year, model and/or accessories.
6. **Starter and/or Hand Crank**
Check that starter is correct for year and model. Point deductions should be made for starters installed on early cars that were not originally so equipped. Hand crank must be visible or a point deduction should be made. No points should be deducted for a starter crank holder. 1914: Fiat Delco self starter.
7. **Generator / Voltage Regulator / Distributor / Magnets**
Points should be deducted for improper size, style and color for model and year and for generators installed on cars that were not originally so equipped. Plus:

JUDGING THE ENGINE

8. **Wiring/Cables/Colls/Spark Plugs**
Points should be deducted for incorrect wiring size, type, form material, connectors, coverings and clips. Also for incorrect coil, battery connectors, and spark plugs.
1956: First year for cadmium plated spark plugs.
9. **Battery/Hold Down**
Check for correct size, style and "look" for year and model. A one point deduction should be made for incorrect battery manufacturer. Batteries for older models may be of modern manufacture. Batteries in all models after 1924 are of DELCO manufacture. Batteries supplied at the factory were of the liquid cell type. Optional maintenance free D&D batteries were available in 1973. Brethern II batteries were first used in 1977.
10. **Fuel Pumps/Lines and Vacuum Tank**
Points should be deducted for leaks, condition and inauthenticity. Points deduction should be made for electric fuel pump installation, if found. The appearance of fuel system should be correct and operational.
11. **Carburetor**
Check for correct size and type for model and year. On non-race cars, deduction for incorrect aspiration/injection equipment should be made here.
12. **Water Pump**
Check that the water pump is visually as installed by manufacturer.
13. **Hoses**
Points will be deducted for condition and also for leaks if not original factory installed type.
14. **Hose Clamps**
Up to a maximum of 5 points should be deducted for non-authentic style clamps. No points will be deducted for authentic style stainless clamps or non-Buick style clamps if correct type for model and year.
1924: First use of tank-style hose clamps.
1946: First use of screw-type hose clamps on radiator and water pump hose only.
1949: First use of worm-type hose clamps on heater hoses.
1955: First use of worm type clamp.
15. **Belts and Fans**
Check for original equipment for model and year. Point deductions should be made for missing clutch fan assembly if original factory item.

16. **Radiator Core**
Up to a maximum of 3 points should be deducted for non-authentic fin pattern. Point deductions should also be made for condition and workmanship.
17. **Radiator Cap**
No points will be deducted unless cap is missing, missing or wrong type. Early cars with a radiator anastosis receive no point deduction here.
18. **Thermostat**
Check for original color. Points should be deducted for extra holes, brackets and accessories unless they were a prewar dealer option or postwar/factory option for year of manufacture.
1924: Hand Insulation (as original)
Points will be deducted for condition and authenticity of insulation on one speeding hood insulation. A maximum deduction could be made for missing insulation if required for year and model.
19. **Splash Pan and / or Belly Pan**
Check that all pans are installed and have correct finish as factory original. Point deduction should be made for accessories and dirt and / or rust.
20. **Dusty and Telling**
Check for correct size, style, color and placement.
21. **Oil Filter and Air Cleaner**
Check that they are visually correct for model and year of manufacture. Points should be deducted for incorrect brand or design.
22. **Air Conditioning System/Power Accessories (Heater/Wiper/Washer Equipment/Horn)**
On postwar cars points should be deducted for non-factory or dealer authorized options. When Buick offered an option, prior to 1948, we should only accept the Buick option. If there was such Buick option, then no points will be deducted for dealer installed options if correct for model and year.
1952: First use of power steering on Roadmaster and Super only.
1953: First use of hydraulic power brakes.
1954: First factory air conditioning models 52, 56R, 72, 76R.



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When judging the interior, the owner is to provide access, however the judge does not enter the vehicle, touch anything and must refrain from smoking or eating or drinking while judging.

1. **Headliner (Closed Cars only)**
Points should be deducted for incorrect color of upholstery and/or material and style for model and year. Also fit, wrinkles, condition of welting and lines, and hiding of installation units in older cars.
2. **Rear Window Shelf/Wall**
Up to 3 points should be deducted for worn, damaged or incorrect rear window shelf for closed cars and for worn, damaged or wrong material used in the rear window well in open cars. A maximum of 3 points will be deducted for missing rear window shelf or rear window well if required for year and model.
3. **Door Panels / Side Panels & Seat Cushions / Rests**
Buttons should be deducted for incorrect material, fit, pleating, welting, shaping, trim, piping, and condition. Check door and side panels for correct fit, stitching or lacercalling designs, pockets, trim pieces, and kick panels.
4. **Non-Authentic Upholstery Fabric (Mandatory deduction)**
A mandatory 5 point deduction will be made if upholstery material and patterns do not appear as original. Special ordered materials will be treated as authentic only if the specific vehicle being judged was ordered from the factory with this material and the owner can provide documentation proving his/her car was special ordered in this manner. Use of seat covers must be documented as a factory necessary and is not a substitute for faulty upholstery. If factory authentication of seat covers is not provided, vehicles shall be judged with the seat covers removed. 1979: First use of nylon as an interior fabric. 1953: First use of vinyl interior materials.
5. **Non-Authentic Upholstery Color (Mandatory deduction)**
A mandatory 5 point deduction will be made if upholstery color is not correct for correct paint color and year and model of car. Special ordered colors will be treated as authentic only if the specific vehicle being judged was ordered from the factory with this color and the owner can provide documentation proving his/her car was special ordered in this manner.

JUDGING THE INTERIOR

6. **Upholstery Fit / Application / Condition**
Check for look (pleas or mode of application), fit, condition or quality of workmanship.
7. **Carpets / Mat / Sill Plates**
Points will be deducted for condition, finish and appropriateness of sill plates and carpet style, binding, proper cars for correct style floor carpet that replaces a rubber mat if available as a factory authorized option. 1949: first use of loop pile carpet in Buick Wagon.
8. **Window Frames (Mushion)**
Points will be deducted for incorrect finish or garnish mouldings, fit and condition of rubber and/or welting.
9. **Steering Wheel**
1955: First use of Phillips (cross-head) screws.
Points should be deducted for cracks, color and condition. A maximum point deduction will be made for wrong or nonfactory curved steering wheel.
10. **Pedals / Levers / Handles / Knobs**
Points should be deducted for bad plating or finish, incorrect type, color or finish for year and model. Also points should be deducted for incorrect or worn rubber, vinyl, or leather covers for gear shift or brake, clutch, and gas pedals.
11. **Dashboard and / or Console**
Points will be deducted for incorrect fit, finish, color, and accessories. Also for exposed or incorrect wiring and poor workmanship.
12. **Instruments**
Points should be deducted for any non-factory installed instruments, missing gauges and foggies, scratched or cracked lenses.
13. **Inside Mirrors / Glass**
Points will be deducted for condition and incorrect type, finish, and / or style.
14. **Trunk Interior / Jack / Tools**
Check trunk fitting and fast for correct material and pattern. Points should be deducted for incorrect or missing floor mats, paint, tool covers, rollers and incorrect installation of hardware for tools and jacks. Also for weatherstripping condition and/or leaks.
15. **Accessories**
No points will be deducted for mounting a FM car/goggles if done in a workmanlike manner. (Also see exterior accessories.)

TOR SOFT

No points should be deducted unless car being judged is a convertible. Check that top is correct for model and year. No points should be deducted on pressur cars for tops as manufactured by factory authorized suppliers.

16. **Down or Missing (Mandatory deduction)**
Owner must have top up or the mandatory 15 point deduction will be taken.
17. **Condition**
Points will be deducted for wear, wrinkles and sags in the top. Remember that original factory tops had "some" wrinkles and sags.
18. **Non-Authentic Material (Mandatory deduction)**
The mandatory 10 point deduction should be taken for all cars that have the wrong material OR wrong top color for the model, body color or year. (See Appendix III.) 1953-54 Skylark models need a special Oldon top material that is not available to owners, therefore, no points shall be deducted on 1953-54 Skylarks for the use of cloth or fine point vinyl material if black or white in color. Heavy cloth vinyl material is also no longer available to restorers. Synthetic may be used in lieu of leather with no point deduction for authenticity.
19. **Trim / Bindings / Fasteners**
Check for correct type, finish, quantity and correct placement.
20. **Top Irons**
Points should be deducted for incorrect or bad plating and/or paint and for wear, tears or gaps in new coverings and leveling strips.
21. **Top Bout / Side Curtains**
Check condition, fastener type and authenticity.
22. **Non-Authentic Boots/Curtains or Missing (Mandatory deduction)**
If the car being judged was originally equipped with these items they must be available for inspection if not installed or a full mandatory 5 point deduction will be made. Also this deduction will be made if the items are not correct for year and model, if they do not match the top material or are not correct for exterior color of car. No points will be deducted for plastic windows in side curtains unless an insulating substance is available.
23. **Non-Authentic Back Window (Mandatory deduction)**
A mandatory 4 point deduction will be made for



The Timing Chain

- ◆ March 11: Chapter meeting Magnolia Room Cafeteria, Tucker
- ◆ May 12, 2018: Peach Blossom BOP&C. Hosted by Peach State Cadillac-LaSalle.
- ◆ June 19-23, 2018: BCA National Meet. Denver, CO
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- ◆ June 12-15 2019: BCA National Meet. Midwest City, OK



Car of the Month



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Grit in the Gearbox



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!!



Bowl-a-rama!

Last month, a great group of Dixie Chapter keglers turned out to the Woodstock Lanes for the annual Bowl-a-rama!. Never before has this reporter experienced such skills on the lanes. A great time was had by all and a delicious lunch was provided by the Woodstock Lanes restaurant. Following a brief business meeting the following awards were given. Bill McGowen's 598 series total won the Men's High Score Award, Tria Palmer's 591 series total won the Ladies High Score Award, Bill Hansen won the Oops Award, Jim and Vangie Haley each won the Best Guest Award, Tom Lynde won the Award for being the only Dixie Chapter member, who did not bowl, who drove a Buick to this fabulous event.





Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events

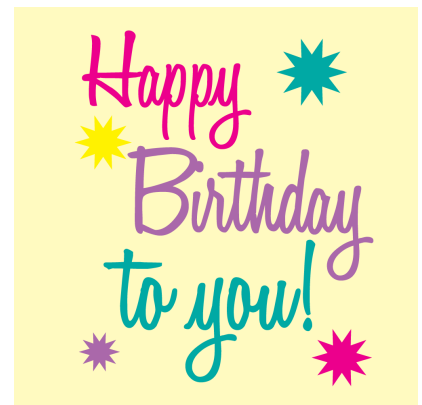
Anniversaries

3/21 Charles and Jana Hunter



Birthdays

- 3/4 Roddy Pearce
- 3/10 Tammy Lynde
- 3/11/50 Jean Richstein
- 3/14/34 Bill Eisenhardt
- 3/20/44 Penny VanNortwick
- 3/28 Chris Strong
- 3/28 Tria Palmer
- 3/29 Hugh Hughes



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

Car for Sale

1976 Buick Century for sale. Asking \$9,950 or best offer. Re-built engine, a long list of parts have been replaced and it was repainted last fall. Bob Haggard, Lake Sinclair, 478-968-0329.



Wheels for Sale

Four refurbished Skylark Rally Wheels with caps and beauty rings for sale . 14"x7". I bought them at a swap meet. I thought they were 15", but I was wrong. Asking \$100.00 or best offer for the wheels. Bob Haggard. Lake Sinclair. 478-968-0329



Daylight Saving Time begins March 11th

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.

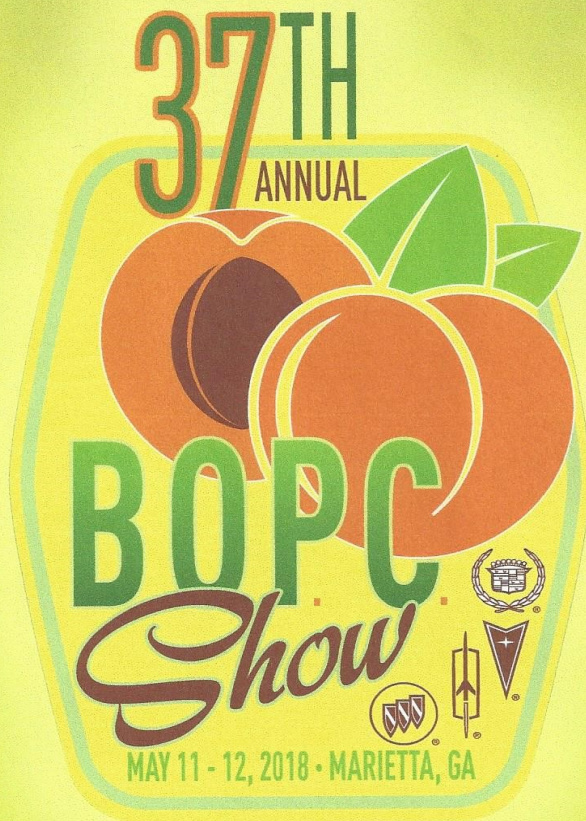
In addition, non-members can advertise their cars and parts for up to 3 months, space permitting, if they have items that may be of interest to our members. This is as a courtesy to the sellers, and as a service for our members.

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**.

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.



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Buick, Olds, Pontiac & Cadillac

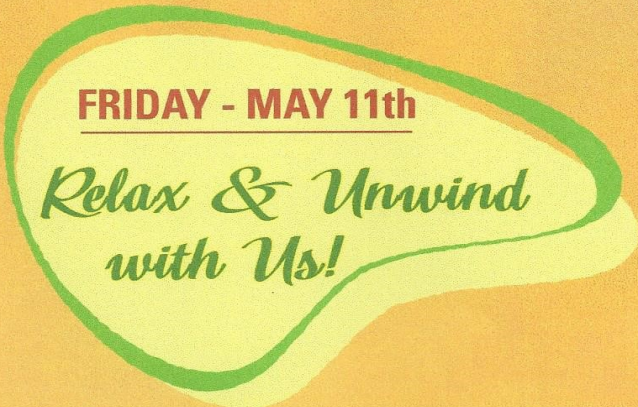
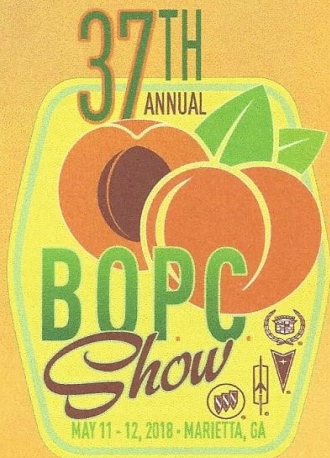
Car Show

Swap Meet & Car Corral

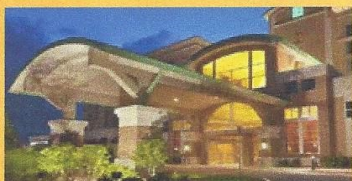
May 11-12, 2018: Piedmont Church, Marietta, GA

Car Registration Deadline is April 28!

Embassy Suites / Kennesaw - 1.800.EMBASSY - Reservation Deadline is April 22



Treat yourself to Embassy Suites and unwind the night before the big show! Take a swim or workout, relax with old friends and make new ones! Then enjoy a fabulous dinner from Ruth's Chris Steakhouse — right inside our hotel!



HOST HOTEL: Embassy Suites

620 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144

We've got a terrific hotel within 3 miles of the Show, **so come stay Friday night!** We have a group rate of \$139+ tax per night*, which includes a FREE custom breakfast and FREE manager's happy hour. **Reserve your King No Smoking Suite by calling 1-800-EMBASSY and referencing the "Embassy Suites by Hilton Kennesaw" and asking for the "Peach State Cadillac Club group."** All are 2 room suites (bedroom + living room, wet bar and sofa bed). Children 17 and under stay free, and adults #3 and #4 cost only an additional \$10/person! **Deadline** to reserve this special package is **April 22nd**.

Embassy Suites web site: <http://bit.ly/2nvSD3a>

** State of GA room fee is \$5/night and tax rate is 14.43%.*

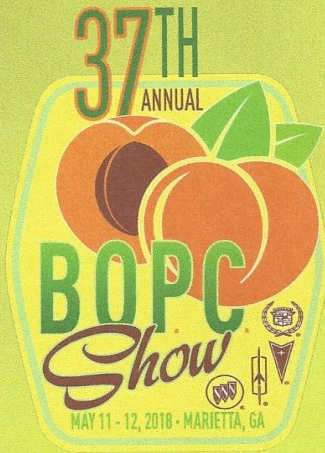
6:00 to 9:00 PM: Welcome buffet - Enjoy a fabulous buffet by **Ruth's Chris Steakhouse**. Tickets are \$30.00 per person IF you reserve a suite at the host hotel, \$40/person if you do not book a suite. Manager's FREE drinks at reception, then afterwards a cash bar.

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VIEW THE MAP that shows just how close the hotel is to the B.O.P.C. Show!

QUESTIONS? Call or write and email to: • [Tom Di Nucci \(Peach State Cadillac BOPC coordinator\): \(770\) 479-9328](#)
• [Doug Bailey \(Peach State Cadillac president\): \(404\) 786-6077](#)



SATURDAY - MAY 12th

Buick • Olds • Pontiac • Cadillac

Car Show

Swap Meet & Car Corral

- Dash Plaques**
- Parking by Class**
- Voting by Peers**
- Trophies & Plaques**
- Giveaways**
- 50/50 Raffle**
- Door Prizes**
- Food Trucks, DJ,**
- Car-related Fun**
- and MUCH**
- More!**

EVENT SITE: Piedmont Church
570 Piedmont Road, Marietta, GA 30066

REGISTRATION:

Register your car for \$25 up to April 28th (\$30 after the 28th). Vendors, Car Corral, Swap Meet Spaces, car care displays start at \$25 per space with a price break for multiple spaces. Rates higher on day of show.

THE SCHEDULE:

- Registration from 8am - noon
- Voting ends at 1:00 PM
- Awards ceremony and trophy presentations at 2:30 PM

DIRECTIONS:

FROM HOTEL: View the Map by [CLICKING HERE](#)
 GPS, enter: **570 Piedmont Road, Marietta, GA 30066**

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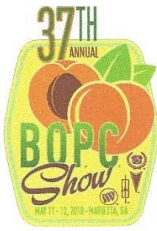
GUIDELINES: We ask that you honor the following guidelines so we can all have a great time:

- No pop-up tents will be allowed on show field.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted anywhere on church property.
- No food or drinks are allowed inside church buildings.
- No refunds will be issued for cancellation due to weather, acts of God or unforeseen events.

- Classes will be judged by PEER VOTING. All owners of registered cars will receive a ballot.
- All cars must have fire extinguishers displayed on the ground under the wheel to be eligible.
- Convertibles should be displayed with the top UP to show its condition.
- Please, no "For Sale" signs on cars in the show field. Put your car for sale in the Car Corral!

- Club members will monitor the parking lot on Friday night as has been the Peach Blossom custom for years. Parking at your hotel will be under the security policy of each hotel.





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Buick * Oldsmobile * Pontiac * Cadillac
Car Show, Swap Meet and Car Corral - May 11 and 12, 2018

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REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION (all fields required)

First and Last Name:
Street: City: State: Zip:
Phone: Email address:

CAR REGISTRATION (all fields required)

CAR #1: YEAR: MAKE: MODEL:
BODY STYLE: CLASS (see page 5): Club Affiliation:
CAR #2: YEAR: MAKE: MODEL:
BODY STYLE: CLASS (see page 5): Club Affiliation:

Please save me space for a car trailer: YES NO

Would you like information about joining one of these clubs?

Dixie Buick Dixie Olds SE GTOA (Pontiac) Peach State Cadillac

CAR #1 (postmarked by April 28): \$25
(postmarked after April 28): \$30
CAR #2: (postmarked by April 28): \$20
(postmarked after April 28): \$25

Commemorative BOPC Show T-Shirts (circle size): M, L, XL @ \$25 ea. X QTY: TOTAL \$
XXL, XXXL @ \$28 X QTY: TOTAL \$

Vendor Space #1 (postmarked by April 28): \$30 X QTY: TOTAL \$
(postmarked after April 28): \$35 X QTY: TOTAL \$

Vendor space #2 (postmarked by April 28): \$20 X QTY: TOTAL \$
(postmarked after April 28): \$30 X QTY: TOTAL \$

FRIDAY PARTY: \$30/person (with room at Embassy Suites); \$40/person without suite:

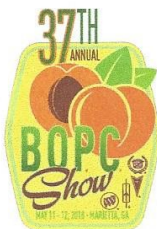
X QTY: TOTAL \$

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES: \$

Please make checks payable to Peach State CLC. Mail to: Michelle Anderson, PO Box 6301, Dalton GA 30722.
Send your PayPal payment to: Peach State CLC Members@yahoo.com

Submitting this form confirms that I agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the Cadillac & LaSalle Club, its Peach State regional affiliate, and Piedmont Church from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities and attorney's fees arising from damage or injury, actual or claimed, of any kind of nature, to property or persons, resulting from my participation in the 37th annual BOPC Show. The owner/driver has proof of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on the entered vehicle. The owner/driver certifies that the described vehicle entered in this event has met the requirements of the motor vehicle authorities, or other governing bodies of the state in which the vehicle is registered, and that the vehicle is legally registered and/or licensed. The CLC, its Peach State regional affiliate, and Piedmont Church will not, and cannot, be held responsible for property damage or personal injury involving any participating vehicle.

Owner/Driver Signature: Date:



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PEOPLES' CHOICE:	Popular vote. Registered displayers get ballots.
BEST OF SHOW:	Club presidents selection.
BEST BUICK:	Club presidents selection.
BEST OLDS:	Club presidents selection.
BEST PONTIAC:	Club presidents selection.
BEST CADILLAC:	Club presidents selection.
S1. SURVIVOR:	Pre-War Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac: Club presidents selection.
S2. SURVIVOR:	1946 through 1985 Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac: Club presidents selection.

POPULAR VOTE FOR CLASSES A-PC. ALL REGISTERED DISPLAYERS GET BALLOTS:

A	Pre-War through 1949 Not Modified Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
B	1950 through 1954 Not Modified Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
C	1955 through 1958 Not Modified Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
D1	1959 through 1964 Full Size, OPEN
D2	1959 through 1964 Full Size, CLOSED
E1	1965 through 1969 Full Size, OPEN
E2	1965 through 1969 Full Size, CLOSED
F	1962 through 1972 Grand Prix, 1963-up Riviera & Toronado
G	1970 through 1979 Full Size, Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
H	1980 through 1989 Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
I	1980 through Current Two-seater Sport (Allante, Reatta, Fiero) CLOSED and OPEN
J	1967 through Current Firebird and Trans AM
K	1961 through 1967 A-Body Non-Performance All
M1	Pre-1960 Modified Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
M2	1960 through 1975 Modified Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
M3	1976 through Current Modified Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
N	1961 through 1967 A-Body Performance OPEN
O	1961 through 1967 A-Body Performance CLOSED
P	1968 through 1979 A-Body Non-Performance OPEN and CLOSED
Q	1968 through 1979 A-Body Performance OPEN and CLOSED
R	1970 through 1979 A Body Performance OPEN and CLOSED
PC	Professional Car

Car entries on the Day of Show may result in combined classes.