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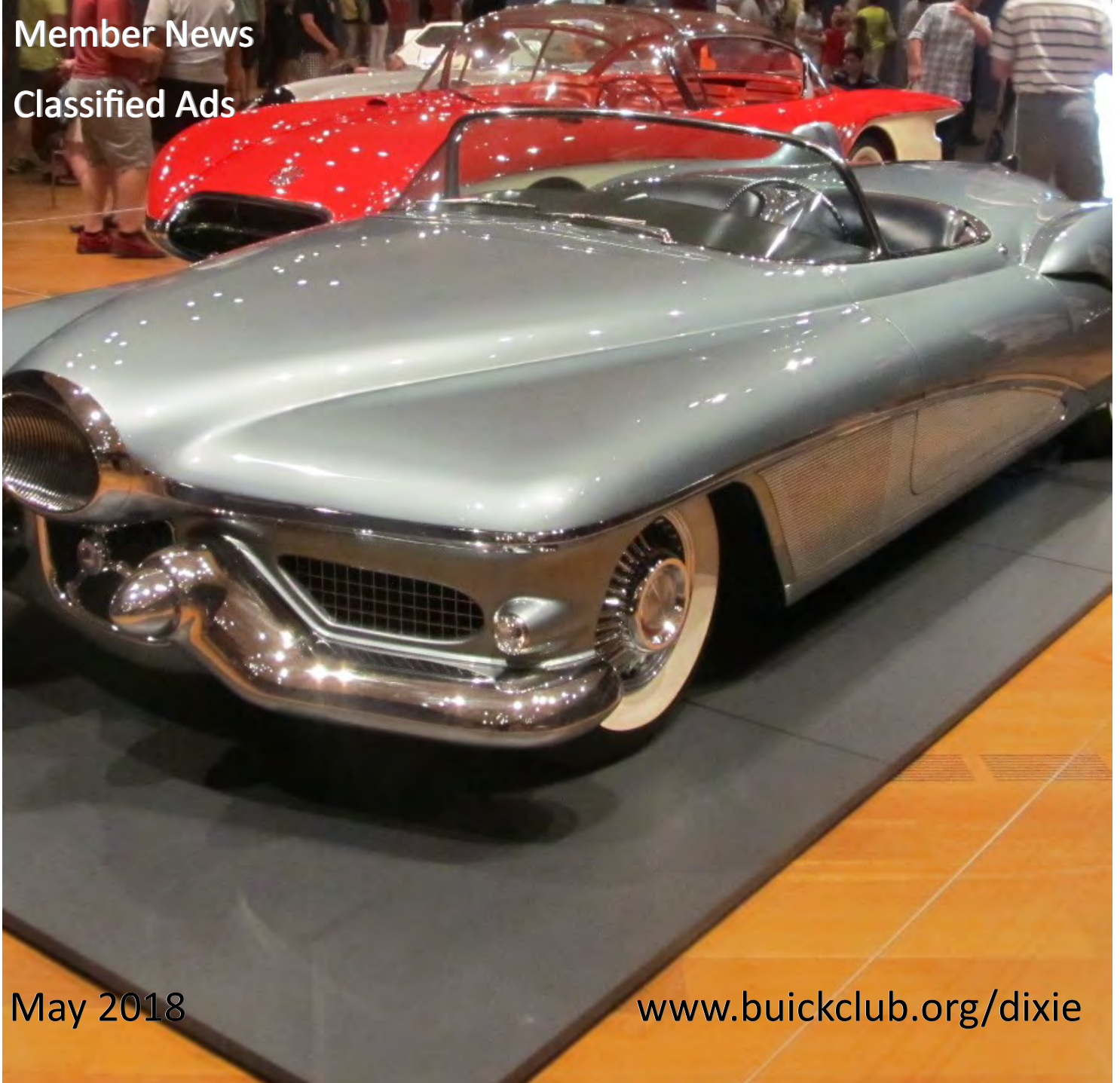
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On the Cover: The stuff that dreams are made of.

The Dixie Chapter is one of over 60 Chapters of the Buick Club of America, "a non-profit membership corporation dedicated to the preservation and restoration of those vehicles built by the Buick Motor Division of General Motors Corporation".

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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

For May, our chapter get together will be the BOPC Show sponsored this year by the Cadillac Club. Our last meeting at the Olive Garden was good, and it really was great to see Mark and Wanda Reeves in attendance. The discussion regarding next year's BOPC show became a little spirited, but I am grateful for everyone offering their comments. It has been finalized that it will be held the last Saturday in April of 2019. By the way, if you have not registered your car for this year's show, time is growing short. The BOPC Show was started by the Dixie Chapter and this year is its 37th anniversary.

Another reminder, if you have not already voted for your choice for the BCA Board of Directors, please take a moment to fill out the ballot and mail it in.

I look forward to seeing you at the BOPC Show.

Don

The Timing Chain

BCA and Chapter Events

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 2019: BCA National Meet. Midwest City, OK

More activities are in the works! Stay tuned for details!

Non-Chapter Events

July 1, 2018 BOPC Night Summit McDonough

June 12, 2018 Hot Rod Power Tour at Atlanta Motor Speedway,

Grit in the Gearbox



Sonomatic Sounds, an editorial



Greetings,

Another beautiful Georgia Saturday, another fun local car show. This time a charity show to raise funds for ALS research. I have a full calendar of shows to attend over the next several weeks, but none hold a candle to the Peach Blossom BOPC coming in the middle of May. All of these local shows are giving me opportunity to get the Electra detailed out and ready to show at Piedmont Church on May 12th. Hoping to see everyone out there ready to show and shine, and taking notes too, as next year will be our chapter's turn to host the event.

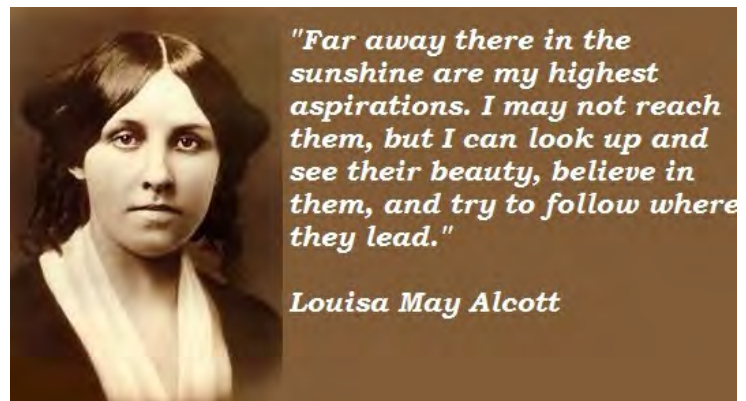
Happy show prep, all!

Tom

Quotable Quotations



First trophy of the season



Are you changing your e-mail address?

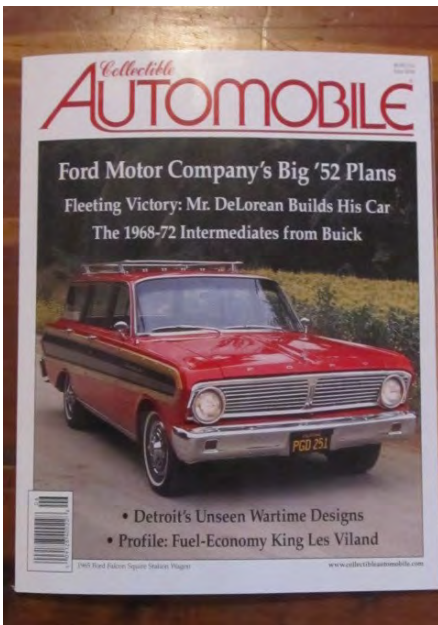
If you have a **NEW** e-mail address, please notify Jerry Richstein at jerry.richstein@gmail.com so you can continue to receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail

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

ON THE NEWS STAND

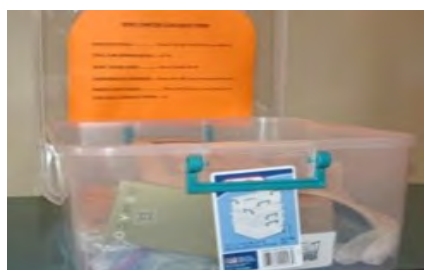
The June issue of *Collectible Automobile* features an eighteen page feature on the 1968 through 1972 Buick Skylark and all of its variations. The article is filled with current and archival photos of restored and original examples, as well as production numbers for all models, and notations of year to year model changes.



CARS OF THE MONTH Drive your Buick to a chapter meeting or event and it may be featured as a Car of the Month!



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!!**

MEMBER NEWS

Dixie Chapter members Jack and Pat Horvath recently returned from Vietnam. Here is Jack's account of his return to South East Asia since serving there with the U.S. Military fifty years ago.

In the fall of 2017, I became aware that one of our trucker friends from the annual Vietnam trucker reunion, was planning to take a few us back there. Pat agreed that she was also interested in seeing what was available to see from my two tours there fifty years ago. Four couples, a total of sixteen folks, began the planning with Rob, our experienced guide. Since he has done this three times in the past, it was easy to make our arrangements for our visas, flight and hotel reservations. He set up three medium busses to do our local touring in Saigon, Qui Nhon, and Pleiku. Our first part of the trip would be the 13 hour Korean Air travel from home to Inchon and the second part of the trip would be the five hours flight from Inchon to Saigon.



American Embassy, Saigon

After our evening arrival on Korean Air at the former Tonsan Airfield in Saigon, we settled into our city center hotel rooms. After a hotel breakfast, we headed out to see a city square with the historic Catholic Cathedral of our Lady, the vaulted ceilinged one hundred year old city post office, and the museum of American military equipment/weaponry/aircraft. Our final stop for the day was the beautifully refurbished gated American Embassy, complete with massive meeting rooms, landing platform on the roof, two displayed enemy tanks, tennis courts, and excellent landscaping. The city traffic was complex, with huge numbers of motorbikes, cars, busses, trucks, and a Starbucks coffee shop. As became the usual evening meal, we ate together in the very satisfying hotel restaurant.

We began our next day with a Vietnam Air flight to the former Phu Cat Airfield near Qui Nhon. Our hotel was beautifully situated on the beachfront, about a mile from the port location. We visited a huge megamart retail store, complete with a Kentucky Fried Chicken location where several of us chose to have our supper. On the next day we visited the local port area which was important to us because it was the source of all the supplies which we had previously hauled to An Khe and Pleiku. Now the port has container cranes overhead, local fishing operations, and a shipyard which builds classic fishing boats. In the afternoon we visited a local charity which teaches useful skills in sewing, musical instruments, computer use, and coffee shop operations to disabled people. In the nearby Phu Tai valley where we had lived in our truck company base camps, we climbed 284 steps to see a historic Hindu temple. We were able to find the same Catholic Church on Highway One which I had remembered, it was a few hundred yards away from my 64th truck company area.

On the morning of our fifth day, we said farewell to Qui Nhon, and headed west on our storied one hundred mile long Highway 19 towards Pleiku, the twisting An Khe Pass, the city of An Khe, and the winding Mang Yang Pass. Since the start of this highway from Highway One has been moved about two miles to the north of its previous location, we sadly were not able to see our 54th Truck Battalion base camp known as Camp Addison in the Cha Rang Valley. We were able to stop and take pictures in the middle of the Devil's Hairpin, the vicious, steep, switch-back curve in the middle of the An Khe Pass. We were also able to stop and take pictures in the area of the An Khe Pass where his guntruck named Brutus was fighting in an ambush, and Larry Dahl earned a posthumous Medal of Honor. Instead of our remembered huge potholes, off road bypasses, and 35 one-way temporary bridges, the



Vietnam Highway 19 An Khe Pass at The Devil's Hairpin

highway has been widened, straightened, repaved, and regraded, throughout its length. The Vietnamese Army has taken over the major military areas of Camp Radcliff in An Khe and Camp Halloway in Pleiku. Wherever they have taken over an American military area, the location now features a large and imposing decorated gate.

We were interested to realize that our very nice modern hotel in Pleiku was situated on one side of a wonderfully landscaped traffic triangle at the westbound end of our Highway 19 and the familiar north-south Highway 14. We were able to go down to the large lake which was just north of Camp Wilson, our 124th Battalion location in the past. We continued our visits by seeing an impressive local Buddhist temple area which is continuing in a twenty year building program. We later toured Highway 14 north to Kontum to see the hundred year old Catholic Church, a rubber plantation, farms growing tea and coffee, and to have lunch at a Montagnard Indian village where they prepared a pork and chicken and soup barbeque and picnic for us. We travelled on northwards to see the extensive concrete airfield runway at the Dak To battle area, about twelve miles from the Laos-Cambodian border, and to see the nearby town which currently features a new east-west road which is now named the Ho Chi Minh Highway. On Sunday we were able to attend Catholic Mass at the local church which was just across the street from our hotel.

On our seventh and final day, we gathered up our baggage and prepared to depart. We flew on a Vietnam Air flight out of the former Pleiku air base on our way back to the Tonsanut Air Base in Saigon. We had our supper at the airport Burger King, and boarded our Korean Air five hour flight for Inchon. The thirteen hour final flight brought us home once again to our familiar Atlanta Airport. It all had been a very rewarding visit.

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***.



Jack and Pat at the head of the Ho Chi Minh Trail

[Come join us on Facebook!](#)

[Dixie Chapter Buick Club of Ameri-](#)



Mile Markers

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Keith Bruno
- 5/3 Sharon Newby
- 5/4 Kip Meeboer
- 5/19 Alan Strong
- 5/21 Nannette Durkee
- 5/23 Roy Newby
- 5/23 Skip Petsch
- 5/24/55 Mark Reeves



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/6/95 Ricky & Tammy Benson
- 5/25 Rick & Dana Hunter
- 5/25/63 Roy & Sharon Newby



REMEMBER THE BOP&C MAY 11&12!



Deals on Wheels

Car for Sale



1988 Buick Reatta Coupe 101088 miles. 6 cylinder, automatic. Sapphire Blue Metallic with blue leather interior. One repaint. Options are Touch Screen, Power Steering, Power Brakes, Power Windows, Power Mirrors, Power Door Locks, Cruise Control, Climate Control Heat and Air, Leather Seats, Power Adjustment Both Seats, Lumbar Support, Sunroof, Tilt Steering Wheel, Intermittent Windshield Wipers, AM/FM radio, Rear Window Defroster, Automatic Transmission, Load Leveling Shocks. Fog Lights, Pop Up Head Lights. All service records. It has almost new tires. I have owned the car for eight years. I am the third owner. Garage kept, non-smoker. Price \$4500.00. Contact Hank Lewis at [hmeinga31@gmail](mailto:hmeinga31@gmail.com) or Cell 404-247-5133

Car for Sale



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

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

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



Do you have a Buick or "car stuff" for sale?

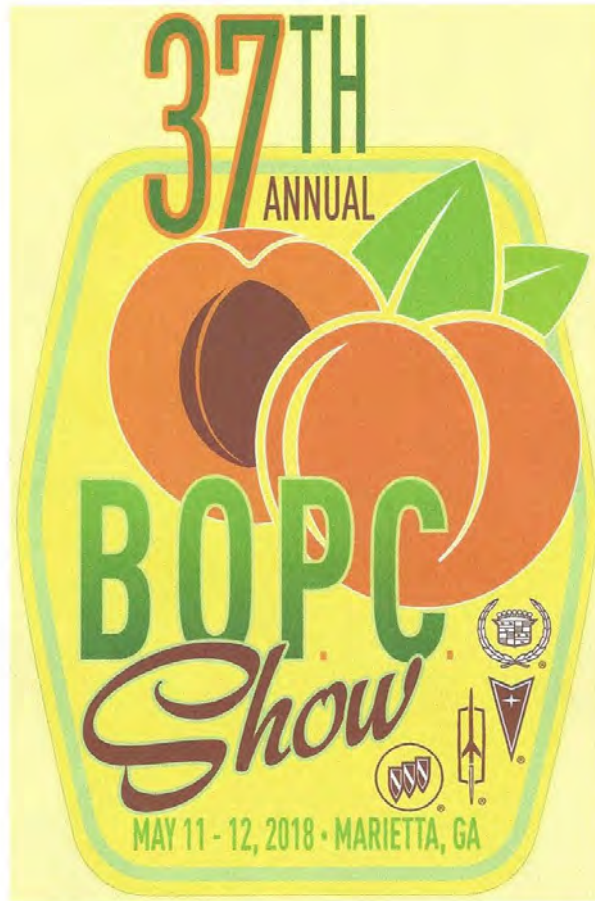
All Dixie Chapter members can advertise "For Sale" cars, parts, and car related "stuff" for up to 6 months, or longer if requested.

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.

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)



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EXCITING
Details
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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

Your participation supports several charitable causes, such as Piedmont Church, at-risk youths and veterans' groups.





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 per person if you do not book a suite but pre-pay. At the door the charge will be \$52 per person. Manager's FREE drinks at reception, then afterwards a cash bar.

HOSTED BY:



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 \(Peach State Cadillac BOPC coordinator\):](mailto:TomDiNucci@peachstatecadillac.com) (770) 479-9328
 • [Doug Bailey \(Peach State Cadillac president\):](mailto:DougBailey@peachstatecadillac.com) (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**

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

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.





37th Annual Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. Show
Buick * Oldsmobile * Pontiac * Cadillac
Car Show, Swap Meet and Car Corral - May 11 and 12, 2018



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:



37th Annual Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. Show
 Buick * Oldsmobile * Pontiac * Cadillac
 Car Show, Swap Meet and Car Corral at Piedmont Church, Marietta
 May 11 and 12, 2018 - Hosted by the Peach State Cadillac & LaSalle Club



CLASSES: 6 Best trophies, 25 Class winners, 25 finalists, 25 Mentions

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.

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

A-1	Old timers 1888 through 1932 Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac <i>Not Modified</i>
A-2	Old timers 1933 through 1949 Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac <i>Not Modified</i>
B	1950 through 1954 Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
C	1955 through 1958 Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
D-1	1959 through 1964 Full Size, OPEN
D-2	1959 through 1964 Full Size, CLOSED
E-1	1965 through 1969 Full Size, OPEN
E-2	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
M-1	Pre-1960 Modified Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
M-2	1960 through 1975 Modified Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac
M-3	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 1969 A-Body Non-Performance OPEN and CLOSED
Q	1968 through 1969 A-Body Performance OPEN and CLOSED
R	1970 through 1979 A-Body OPEN and CLOSED
S-1	Survivor: Pre-War Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac: Club presidents selection.
S-2	Survivor: 1946 through 1985 Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac: Club presidents selection.
PC	Professional Cars, including race cars, delivery vans, hearses, ambulances.

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

