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**On the Cover:** Ron Bergeron's 1955 Special casting a lovely reflection.

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# Director's Message



Don McClair

The show season as already begun and the BOP&C is always a good way to start. There was a good turnout for this year's BOP&C and everyone attending had a great time or so I have been told. My back would not allow me to attend so it was my loss. We will not have a meeting in June because the BCA National is scheduled June 19<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Denver, Colorado. However if you are looking for a fun place to show off your classic, check out the Coffee and Cars at Gateway Classic Cars in Alpharetta the last Saturday of every month from 9 AM till noon.

Check out their website [www.gatewayclassiccars.com/cars-and-coffee](http://www.gatewayclassiccars.com/cars-and-coffee) I took my Riv in April and had a great time. They get approximately 100 to 150 cars that you can admire along with their large inventory of cars for sale. Thanks to JD Westfall and Jack and Pat Horvath for contributing to this newsletter this month and also to Tom Lynde for not only contributing but for putting out this great newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in July at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Don

## The Timing Chain

### BCA and Chapter Events

June 19-23, 2018: BCA National Meet. Denver, CO  
[www.buickclub.org](http://www.buickclub.org)

July 8th: Chapter meeting. Location TBA

April 26 & 27 2019: Peach Blossom BOPC

June 12-15 2019: BCA National Meet. Midwest City, OK

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

### Non-Chapter Events

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

July 1, 2018: BOPC Night at Summit in McDonough

## Grit in the Gearbox



## Sonomatic Sounds, an editorial



Tom Lynde

Greetings,

The countdown has begun. April 26 & 27, 2019 Dixie Chapter BCA will be hosting the 38th annual Peach Blossom BOP&C. This will be an all hands on deck event, and details will be discussed at upcoming chapter meetings. Become involved and help make the 38th annual Peach Blossom show the best ever!

Kudos to Peach State Cadillac LaSalle for putting on a great show this year. It was a perfect day with beautiful weather, good camaraderie, and about 120 gorgeous Buicks, Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs and Cadillacs on display. Dixie Chapter cars did very well in the judging and a number of awards were carried home by their proud owners.

Please enjoy this issue, and thank you to all who contributed this month. Stay tuned, as we will have Buick Nationals coverage next month.

Happy Buicking,

Tom

## Welcome New Members!

Welcome to Chuck & Laura Dalton,  
 BCA 48258  
 149 Middlebury Lane  
 Newnan, GA 30265-1918  
 (678) 372-1356  
 cdalton@groupd.net  
 1973 Riviera (4EY87) 2 Dr Coupe

## Quotable Quotations



## From the "Sunshine Committee"

Dixie Chapter BCA members & friends,  
 Ernie Grant was recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer. He has an appointment this week with an oncologist, and then will be having a PET Scan, to determine the best treatment plan.  
 Please keep Ernie in your thoughts and prayers for successful treatments, and a quick and full 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](mailto:grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com)

## 37th Annual Peach Blossom BOP&C

Text by J.D. Westfall. Photos by Pat Horvath and Tom Lynde

The 37th annual BOP&C Show was held May 11-12th. We had a great meal at the Embassy Suites in Kennesaw on Friday night, catered by Ruth Chris Steakhouse. Food, drink and socializing were enjoyed by all. Saturday was a perfect day, with not a cloud in the sky. It was very comfortable lounging in the shade trees of the Piedmont Church parking lot. It was estimated there were about 120 cars in attendance. The Peach State Cadillac - LaSalle Club did a very good job organizing and putting on the show.

Periodic door prizes, 60's music and beautiful cars made the day. Many Buick cars won plaques and trophies. The only hiccup was the no-show of the BBQ vendor. With quick thinking by the Caddy boys, Chick-Fil-A was brought in. Chicken sandwiches and chips were sold at a price of only \$3.00!

During awards, The car numbers and owners names were announced. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cars were decided by popular vote in each class. The "Best of Breed" trophies were blind judged and the best of Buick, Olds, Pontiac and Cadillac were selected. All in all, friendships were renewed, food and music were enjoyed, and many beautiful cars were paraded for all to enjoy.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 BOP&C to be held at the Marietta Piedmont Church on April 26 and 27, 2019 hosted by the Dixie Chapter BCA. Let's get at least 50 club Buicks to this show.



# BOPC Photos



Dave Duncan. 1st Place Class S1



Dan Kile. 2nd Place class S1



J.D. Westfall. 1st place class E1 and Best Buick.



Dave and B.J.



Dixie Chapter folks enjoying a shady spot.



**Dixie Chapter** members in attendance included Dan Kile, Jack and Pat Horvath, James and Sarah Thomas, JD Westfall, Ronnie and Connie Bergeron, Tom Lynde, Roy Bass, Bill Eisenhardt, Mike Wineland, Dave Duncan, John-Paul Glenkey, and Danny Finkelstein.

# BOPC Photos



John - Paul Glenkey. 1st Place Class E2



Roy Bass, 1st Place Class F



Sarah Thomas. 2nd Place Class H



Danny Finkelstein. 1st Place Class Q



The Thomas' Regal and Tom Lynde's Electra



Jack Horvath. 2nd Place Class G. 1976 LeSabre

## Are you changing your e-mail address?

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

## BOPC Photos



Jack Horvath and Tom Lynde



Bill Eisenhardt's Super



The Bergeron's GranSport



James and Sarah Thomas



Shadiest spot on the show field



John-Paul's 1967 LeSabre

### Going to Nationals?

Please submit photographs of the event to the ***Valve Chatter!***



## Dixie Chapter at Atlanta Motorama

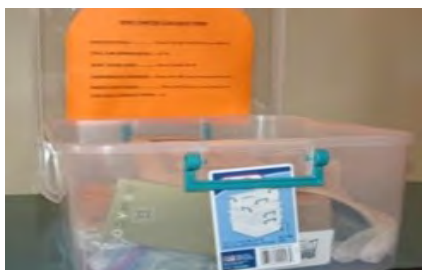
Danny Finkelstein, Bill McGowan and Tom Lynde were among the attendees at the Summit Atlanta Motorama April 28-29, 2018 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Danny's 1968 GS convertible won the club choice award given by Southeastern GTO Association.



## MEMBER NEWS

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**.

## 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!!**

## Come join us on Facebook!

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## Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 6/2 Ken Barrett
- 6/3 Roy Bass
- 6/3 Julie C. Ehrenfeuchter
- 6/9 Ricky Benson
- 6/16/65 Suzanne Zigler
- 6/17 Ken Green
- 6/21 Kerri Dunton
- 6/21 Nancy Hansen



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6/1 Roy & Janet Bass
- 6/14 J. D. & Roxanne Westfall
- 6/15 Jack & Pat Horvath
- 6/18 Dave & Kerri Dunton
- 6/19 Walt & Julie Ehrenfeuchter
- 6/23 Pat & Cindy Levelle
- 6/26 Keith & Chrys Bruno



### 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 [ho-meinga31@gmail.com](mailto:ho-meinga31@gmail.com) or Cell 404-247-5133

## Deals on Wheels



### 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

### Parts Car For Sale

69 Riviera GS. 430 engine. Rough shape, but complete. Good parts car. Asking \$1,200.00. Contact James Crowe 770-971-4053

### 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 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.



## BUICK WORD SEARCH

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 Wildcat

### **Do you need replacement wheels or hubcaps?**

Bianca at [Hubcaps.com](http://Hubcaps.com) & [OriginalWheels.com](http://OriginalWheels.com) offers Car Club Members a discount on the Factory Hubcaps & Wheels that they show on their websites. They currently have over one million hubcaps & Rims in inventory so they may have what you need. You would need to call them at 800-826-5880 for the discount as they do not have the ability to discount online orders. Just tell them that you are from the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club.



Join the conversations! Participate in the forums on the Buick Club of America website. [www.buickclub.org](http://www.buickclub.org)

