



Dixie Valve Chatter

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On the Cover: Bruce Kile provided this photo from the BCA Nationals in Denver , Colorado.

Director's Message

Don McClair



Our August meeting will once again be held at the Olive Garden in Roswell on August 12th starting at 12:30 PM. Thanks to JD for setting this up and he also checked that you will be able to get the soup and salad for \$9.95. At this meeting we will appoint the nominating committee for the years 2019 and 2020.

If you would like to hold an office please let the nominating committee know and we will vote for the new officers at the November meeting.

Our September Chapter picnic will be held at the home of JD Westfall in Roswell on September 9th. JD has graciously offered his home and will be cooking up some great things as always on his grill. You will need to RSVP to JD by September 1st. You can email JD at jd52@comcast.net or give him a call at 913-638-7849. If your last name begins with A thru M bring a side dish. If your last name begins with N thru Z bring a dessert. Soft drinks and the meat will be provided by the club. If you would like anything else to drink, you can bring it. More details will be in the September Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting.

Don

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

Sonomatic Sounds, an editorial

Tom Lynde

Greetings,

The Fourth of July has passed and my summer road trip has been taken. My wife Tammy is gearing up for back to school and I am looking forward to several late summer / early fall car shows, as well as hosting a show at my church next month. So, I am also engaged in finding donations for door prizes and soliciting early registrations. I love the old car hobby and the opportunity to meet like-minded folks through activities such as a local show.

This has been a month for me to receive picture and write-ups from Dixie Chapter folks enjoying their cars, turning out to the BCA Nationals and other activities including local shows and cruise ins. I have published those accounts in this newsletter. Many thanks to our contributors!

Looking for something to do with your Buick? Check out all of the events in the Timing Chain. Also in this issue, you will find information and registration forms for the South East Regional tour in this issue. Make your plans to attend.

See y'all soon.

Happy Buicking,

Tom



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

Quotable Quotations



Report From the 2018 BCA National

Bruce Kile BCA 3013

Except for the occasional late afternoon thundershowers, the weather was near perfect for the BCA National in Colorado. There were a total of 331 registrations, including 171 cars & 33 vendors, with just under 100 cars judged under the 400 point system. It was well below the average numbers for a BCA National, but somewhat typical of meets held west of the Mississippi.

Members of the Dixie Chapter who were on hand for the event were Jan and Frank Blizzard, Pat and Jack Horvath, Shar and Bruce Kile, Debbie and Glen Novak, and John Sincere along with his son and brother. The Blizzards drove their 85 Riviera convertible and the Kiles drove Shar's 03 Regal GS. The other "Dixiettes" arrived via big "silver birds." Both cars received Senior Preservation awards. The Blizzards' Riv won its Gold-Senior in 2005 while Shar's Regal won in 2015 (the first year it was eligible for judging in the BCA).

The Mile High Chapter, host of this year's meet, selected the 1929 model year as the feature car in honor of one of their oldest founding members. Consequently there was a nice turnout of 1929 Buicks including an all original, unrestored Model 44 owned by Bill McLaughlin, who drove his car from Toronto, Canada. Rightfully so, Bill won the longest distance driven (pre-war) award, just as he did here in Atlanta in 1984 and to the 1994 National meet. Another 1929, a green sedan, was driven from Tucumcari, N.M. Despite the overall lower number of cars, proportionally the turnout of 20s, 30s, and 40s was impressive. A very recent "barn find," a 1913 Model 25 caught the eye of this old guy, as I am always drawn to those unrestored originals.



The Saturday evening awards banquet was attended by nearly all of the 654 people in attendance and perhaps for the first time ever, pictures of the award winning cars were correctly synchronized with the announcements as the owners were presented their plaques. Following the Meet the Blizzards and the Kiles participated in the 24th Annual "After Tour," a 6 day 700 mile touring event which concluded in Atchison, Kan. (Details might be included in the Sept. issue of the Dixie Valve Chatter.)

Next year's BCA National Meet will be near Oklahoma City, June 12-15, 2019. We highly encourage you to make your hotel reservations ASAP and plan to attend this annual Buick family reunion.

2018 Buick Club of America Annual Meeting

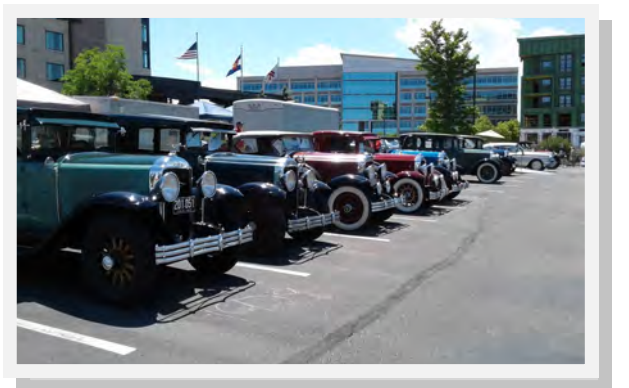
Photos by Bruce Kile



Freshly restored 1970 Wildcat



1968 Skylark



A line of 1929 Buicks, this years feature car.



1929 Buick



1948 Roadmaster



Barn-find 1913 Buick Model 25

Cars of the Month

Drive your Buick to chapter events and it may be featured in the Valve Chatter as a Car of the Month.



This month we are featuring Jan and Frank Blizzard's 1985 Riviera convertible and Shar and Bruce Kile with Shar's 2003 GS as seen at the 2018 Buick Club of America's annual meet in Denver, Colorado.

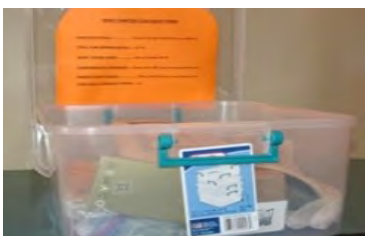
Photos by Craig Patterson Photography

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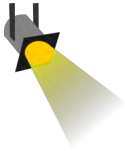
If you have a **NEW** e-mail address,
please notify Jerry Richstein at jerry.richstein@gmail.com,
so you can continue to receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail

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 ensure inclusion in the next ***Dixie Valve Chatter***.

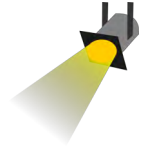
Club Sales



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!!



MEMBER NEWS



Jack and Pat Horvath were recently honored on-field as Braves Community Heroes during a game at Sun Trust Park for their work with the U.S.O. Below are links to an interview with Jack and Pat and to the on-field ceremony

Interview: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/buzh67iytdi1uek/USO%20Interview%202018-05-28.mp4?dl=0>

On field presentation: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/exz1gvx7o3wqqz3/Suntrust%20Braves%20Country%20Community%20Hero%205-28%20Horvath.mp4?dl=0>

Welcome New Members

Brad & Joyce Flaan
 BCA #46875
 920 Champions Fairway Dr
 Milton, GA 30004
 (678) 543-3727
 bflaaen@aol.com
 1975 LeSabre (4BP67) Conv
 1988 Reatta (4EC97) Coupe
 1989 Reatta (4EC97) Coupe
 1990 Reatta (4EC67) Conv x2

Dan & Barbara Gallagher
 BCA# 49692
 5777 Porch Swing Place
 Hoschton, GA 30548-4054
 (770) 965-9585 Res
 (678) 848-1830 Cell
 dan@gallaghersinga.com
 1937 Special (40) 4 Dr Sedan

More Member News!

Class of 1960 Reunion!

Dixie Chapter member Charles Hunter reports of a gathering of three 1960 Buick convertibles, one from each model range, at a recent cruise-in in West Cobb. There is a red Electra owned by Charles, a Tampico Red Invicta owned by BCA member Keith Bruno and a black LeSabre owned by Marc Hayes. Charles says that after Marc had to leave, a green '60 LeSabre coupe owned by Carlos Bickers joined in to once again make it a trio. Even though this was not a completely random meeting of 1960 models, as Charles and Keith had planned to meet up at the cruise, chapter historian Bruce Kile reports that there has not been a random gathering of 1960 Buick convertibles, one from each model range, in Georgia that he knows of since the 1980s.



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Report from 2018 BCA 1936-38 Buick Annual Tour

By Dan Gallagher, BCA 49692

I went to the 36-38 Buick Club of America Annual Tour this year. It was held in Auburn Indiana May 7th – 10th. It was a 690 mile drive the way I went. One of the things I came to realize is that if you schedule trips to a new area, if you plan your route using only US highways, you won't be disappointed. I hate the freeways, and we had a great trip up US-27 and then back home on US-127, US-129 & US-19. This was my first event with the BCA organizations, and I look forward to many more. I bought my Buick in 2016 after retiring in 2015, and then having triple bypass surgery. The bucket list was immediately elevated in importance. I have been involved in old vehicles since I bought my first 1950 Chevy Pick-up Truck in 1982, rebuilt a 350 V8 to replace the straight 6, and reworked the infrastructure. My first car show was the 1998 NSRA Nationals, and I was dumbfounded. There were so many 1949 and older vehicles in one place. I was there three days and never saw them all. I've been to Street Rod events all over the US, and now have a whole new list of events to schedule thanks to the AACA & the BCA forum. Look forward to meeting the club members in August.



The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

August 12, 2018

Monthly chapter meeting. Olive Garden on Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell.

Eat at 12:30, Meeting at 1:30 PM

April 27-28, 2019

38th Annual Peach Blossom BOP&C. Hosted by the Dixie Chapter BCA. Piedmont Church, Marietta.

September 9, 2018

Chapter Picnic at the home of J.D. Westfall in Roswell . Details coming!

November 1-3, 2018:

New Bern, NC.

The Tarheel Chapter hosts the Southeast Regional Tour. Driving tours will include Tryon Palace, Fort Macon, and historic Beaufort, N.C. More information at www.TarheelBuick.org,

June 12-15, 2019

Buick Cub of America Annual Meet. Midwest City, Oklahoma. www.buickclub.org

June 15-18, 2020

Buick Cub of America Annual Meet. Stongsville, Ohio. Hosted by Northeast Ohio Chapter. www.buickclub.org

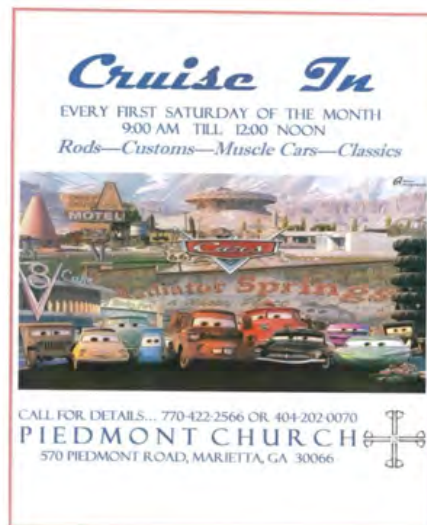
Non-Chapter Events



HOLY SMOKE FESTIVAL
CAR SHOW - LABOR DAY SEPT. 3

- CARS AND TRUCKS ONLY - 1968 AND OLDER.
- NO REGISTRATION FEE - REGISTER AT EVENT.
- CHECK IN AT 9 AM, REGISTER BY NOON FOR AWARDS, TROPHIES PRESENTED AT 1:45 PM.
- BENEFITS FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES OF EAST COBB. DONATIONS APPRECIATED.
- MORE INFO - BO DUNN - 404.218.8834, BOdunn96@gmail.com

IN CASE OF RAIN, CAR SHOW WILL BE CANCELLED - Johnson Ferry Baptist Church • 555 Johnson Ferry Road Marietta, GA 30066 • johnsonferry.org



Cruise In
 EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
 9:00 AM TILL 12:00 NOON
Rods—Customs—Muscle Cars—Classics

PIEDMONT CHURCH
 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta, GA 30066



County Line Church Annual Car Show
 September 22, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Registration: \$15.00 per car.
 Club Special: \$30.00 per car, 5 car minimum roll-in.
 Mail in or day of show registration
 Awards: Top Ten, Pastor's Choice, and Best of Show.
 Dash plaques. Door prizes.
 Shaded and paved show area.
 All proceeds to benefit the ministries of County Line Congregational Christian Church.
 For more information contact Tom Lynde, 770-827-5357.
 Email clcarshow@yahoo.com
 Visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CLCarShow>

Caffeine and Classics Streetside Classics. 213 Thornton Road Lithia Springs. Last Saturday of every month. 9 am.

Coffee and Cars at Gateway Classic Cars in Alpharetta the last Saturday of every month from 9am to noon. www.gatewayclassiccars.com/cars-and-coffee

Please send notices of upcoming events to DVC editor Tom Lynde at lynde2375@charter.net

AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING

Don't miss the August Chapter meeting, Sunday August 12th at the Olive Garden, 905 Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell. 770-642-0395. We will meet to eat around 12:30 and the business meeting will begin around 1:30. Drive your Buick and remember to wear your name tag!



CAR QUIZ



Which Buick prototype wore this colorful interior? What other visual cue separated it from the production models? Answer on page 11

Do you know some interesting Buick trivia? Share it with ***The Valve Chatter !***

TARHEEL CHAPTER TO HOST 2018 SOUTH EAST REGIONAL TOUR

FROM THE TARHEEL CHAPTER NEWS LETTER

The Tarheel Chapter will be hosting the 2018 South East Regional Tour to New Bern, NC on **November 1-3, 2018**. The host hotel will be the New Bern Double Tree Hotel in the center of the downtown business district. The hotel has abundant parking and will provide a car wash station as well. The Tarheel Chapter will provide a hospitality room on site and will host day trips to area attractions that will be announced in detail shortly. New Bern, NC is a very historic town and the home of the Colonial Governor's residence, The Tryon Palace. It has a very nice business district with distinct shopping and dining opportunities all within a short walking distance from the host hotel. Mark your calendars now and details regarding day trips and costs will be announced very soon.



Tryon Palace



Downtown New Bern



New Bern Doubletree Hotel

**2018 BCA SE REGIONAL TOUR
November 1-3, 2018
New Bern, NC**

Hotel: Double Tree
100 Middle St
New Bern, NC 28560
Phone: (252) 638-3585
Rates: \$139 + tax/night
Includes breakfast and wi-fi
Request Buick Tour rate

QUESTIONS:
Anne Gibson
phone: 336-599-9589
email: agibson36@gmail.com



Owner _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Owner Cell Phone _____
 email _____
 Car Year _____ Model _____
 Guest Name _____
 Guest Cell Phone _____

Registration Fee ----- \$ 25.00
 (per car)

Thursday, Nov 1

Tryon Palace (10am start) _____ X \$17.00 each \$ _____
 Lunch on your own: (list provided).
 NC History Center Tour (price included in Tryon Palace)
 Dinner on your own: suggestions will be supplied.

Friday, Nov 2

Caravan to Beaufort, NC (9am)
 Maritime Museum (10:30am) _____ X free \$ 0.00
 Lunch- Sanitary Seafood Restaurant _____ X \$18.00 \$ _____
 Tour of Fort Macon (2pm) _____ X free \$ 0.00
 Dinner on your own: (list provided).

Saturday, Nov 3

Things of Yesteryear (Toaster Museum) _____ X \$ 5.00 per car \$ _____
 Lunch pre-arranged; separate checks
 Firemen's Museum Tour _____ X \$7.00 \$ _____
 Birthplace of Pepsi Tour (optional) _____ X free \$ 0.00
 Banquet @ Hotel _____ X \$35.00 \$ _____
 (per person)

TOTAL \$ _____

Registration requested by **September 30, 2018.**
 Please make checks payable to: **Tarheel Chapter-BCA.**
 Mail form and check to:
Anne Gibson, 387 North Ridge Circle, Roxboro, NC 27574

Mile Markers
Celebrating Life's Events



BIRTHDAYS

- 8/5 Glenn Novak
- 8/9 Ernie Grant
- 8/10 Shar Kile
- 8/17/34 Cliff Dillingham
- 8/20/60 Bob Stone
- 8/23 Kathleen Miller Fink
- 8/23 Art Gaynor
- 8/31 Glenda Haggard

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/3/80 Jerry & Jean Richstein
- 8/4 Danny & Maureen Bryant
- 8/24 Art & Maria Gaynor

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Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America





Deals on Wheels



Car for Sale

Car for Sale.

1968 Skylark. 2 door hardtop. Dark grey with black vinyl top and interior. 350 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, factory air conditioning. General good condition. Ran well when parked, however won't start now. \$500. Located in Decatur. Call Roddy Pearce 404-371-1999 6am - 10pm.



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.

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 Wanted.

Robust aftermarket front sway bar about 1 inch diameter for 1955 Roadmaster. Glenn Novak, BCA #3670, 770-832-6353,

fifteezfan@hotmail.com

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

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 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

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



CAR QUIZ ANSWER



The White Pearl (not Apollo White like the production cars) 1970 GSX Prototype wore a unique four high-backed bucket seat interior that never appeared in a production car. It also bore a white front spoiler that was of a different design to the production GSXs.

Do you need replacement wheels or hubcaps?

Bianca at Hubcaps.com & 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

