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## On the cover. A reminder that the BOP&C is coming soon!

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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# Director's Message

Don McClair



Boy, Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas is almost here. Where has the year gone? Our November meeting at Olive Garden was very nice with the restaurant picking up the tab for all who had served in the military since it was Veterans Day. Our new officers for the upcoming two years were elected and Tom will have the names and offices further down in this newsletter. We also chose our annual charities and they will be listed in this issue as well.

In December we generally do not have a business meeting due to scheduling with everyone being busy with Christmas planning but, this year J.D Westfall is going to hold a 2019 B.O.P.C. planning meeting at his home located at 13127 Overlook Pass in Roswell on Sunday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30 PM. J.D is a great chef and has some tasty bar-b-que planned for all who attend. If you are planning on attending the B.O.P.C. show and are willing to work the show, J. D. and Bruce would greatly appreciate the help, so give him a call at 913-638-7849 by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and let him know you will attend. This is NOT a regular business meeting.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Holiday Party on January 13<sup>th</sup> at Ippolitos Italian restaurant in Suwanee , GA. More details in the January Newsletter.

I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

Don

**Membership Renewal Time**  
 By Jerry Richstein, Membership Chairman

Membership Renewal Notices will be mailed out this week. Those who have prepaid for 2019 or beyond do not need to pay any additional dues at this time. However, please return the Membership Form so we can verify that we have your correct address, phone number(s), email address, National BCA Number, etc.

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

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

How am I suppose to fit THAT in my bag???





## Sonomatic Sounds, an editorial

Tom Lynde



Seasons Greetings,

I am sending best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season. And I also am sending a thank you to all of you for trusting me with your newsletter for another two years. Please keep the contributions coming! I hated missing the November meeting, but a family wedding called me away. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual holiday party in January.

Right now, all is quiet. The Electra went out on another film assignment, but is now tucked away safe and sound; dreaming of Spring weather, cruises, and shows. Right at the top of the show list is the Peach Blossom BOPC in April. I have used several BOPC pictures in this newsletter to remind us of what a great event it is. But, it does not happen without dedicated folks pitching in and helping with the show prep and day of show duties. Please call on J.D or Bruce if you would like to help out with this year's event.

As for now, I need to get busy decking the halls and preparing for the merriest of holidays. See y'all at Ippolito's in January!

Happy Buicking,

Tom

### **Norman Timbs Special Lost in California Wildfires.**

The recent California wildfires, responsible for tragically claiming many lives and countless homes has also destroyed a large number of collector cars, including the collection of car enthusiasts Gary and Diane Cerveny. One of their cars was the fabled Norman Timbs Special. The Special was built over a three year period by Norman Timbs. It featured a swoopy, hand formed body over a mid-engine tube chassis. Timbs' choice of power for the car was a Buick straight eight engine. The car disappeared years ago and was thought to have been destroyed. However, it was discovered in rough condition behind a gas station in the California desert in 2002. An extensive restoration brought the Special to show car status. It was last seen locally during the Dream Cars exhibition at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta in 2014.



## December Chapter Meeting/Holiday Party.

There will be no meeting in December, so be sure to make plans to attend the annual Holiday party at Ippolito's in Suwanee on January 13th. Address: 350 Town Center Suwanee, Georgia 30024. Phone 678-985-4377 or web <http://ippolitos.net>. Remember to bring a gift for the gift exchange, valued at \$15.00 to \$20.00. Men should bring a gift for a man, ladies should bring a gift for a lady. More details on this event will be included in the January **Valve Chatter**.

## Officer Elections

Congratulations to the slate of Dixie Chapter officers, duly elected by the membership at the November Chapter meeting. The following officers will serve two year terms beginning in January, 2019. Bruce Kile Director, JD Westfall Assistant Director, Jerry Richstein Treasurer, Bill McGowen Secretary, and Tom Lynde Newsletter Editor.

## Charitable Contributions

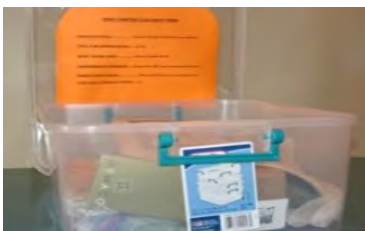
At the November meeting, the Dixie Chapter members present discussed and then voted on making donations to 3 organizations.

\$500 to "Simple Needs, GA"

\$500 to "CURE Childhood Cancer"

\$750 to "USO Council of GA"

## **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!!**

# In Memorium

**James "Roddy" Pearce  
BCA #21011  
(3/14/1950-10/5/2018)**



The Dixie Chapter lost a good friend and active member when Roddy passed from this life a few weeks ago. During his nearly 30 year membership in the BCA and the Dixie Chapter he rarely missed a meeting, outing or activity. This also included attendance at every Southeast Regional Meet and numerous BCA National Meets.

Roddy served as our chapter secretary in 1992 and 1993, as assistant director in 1994, and as director for two terms from 1995 to 1997 and 2005 to 2006.

In recent years, most of us will recall Roddy volunteering to set up and run a club swap space at the Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. to the financial benefit of the chapter and those who cared to sell their parts.

On the National level, he served as the Southeast Region Director from 1999 to 2003 and the BCA National Tour Advisor from 2000 to 2005.

Outside of his involvement in the Buick Club, Roddy's other interest was collecting and restoring antique radios, phonographs and juke boxes. Anyone who had the opportunity to visit his beautiful home, that he restored himself, will attest to his wonderful "radio room". It was likely his technical (radio) ability that also endeared him to his fellow members of the Buick Driving Enthusiasts where he was, affectionately, known as the "CB Guru". Roddy was always available to fix, loan or sell CB radios for those on tour. There is no doubt about it, the BCA, the BDE and especially the Dixie Chapter are better off for having had him as a member.

Rest in Peace James "Roddy" Pearce, you touched our lives and you will be missed.

Bruce Kile

## 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 is a flashback to the Peach Blossom BOP&C.



### 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.

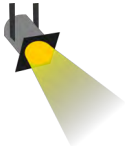
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## PEACH BLOSSOM BOPC PLANNING MEETING

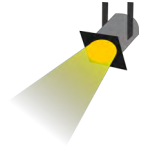
The Dixie Chapter will host this year's Peach Blossom Show at Piedmont Church April 26 and 27, 2019. To begin preparations, J.D Westfall is going to host a 2019 B.O.P.C. planning meeting at his home located at 13127 Overlook Pass in Roswell on Sunday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30 PM. J.D will be preparing some tasty bar-b-que planned for all who attend. If you are planning on attending the B.O.P.C. and are willing to work the show, J. D. and Bruce Kile would greatly appreciate the help. Please RSVP to J.D. at 913-638-7849 by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and let him know you will attend the planning meeting. You can also call Bruce at 770-977-7924. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the upcoming BOPC. There will be no regular meeting in December.







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

## Grit in the Gearbox



### A reminder to BDE members that is time to pay dues!

## Quotable Quotations

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas Day.

- Andy Rooney



**DUES ARE DUE DECEMBER 31**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS**  
A DIVISION OF THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA

The BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS (BDE) is a division of the Buick Club of America (BCA). The BDE believes in:

1. The promotion and driving of all models of Buicks produced by the Buick Motor Division.
2. Encouraging the maintenance, preservation, and restoration of all models of Buicks produced by the Buick Motor Division.
3. Providing the exchange of technical, historical, and other information about Buick automobiles for all members and other interested parties.

If you are in agreement with these beliefs, you are invited to join the BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS. In order to be a member of the BDE YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA. If you are not a member, please indicate so, and we will provide you with an application to join. Thank you.

NEW

RENEWAL: BDE# \_\_\_\_\_

I AM NOT A BCA MEMBER. PLEASE SEND A BCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

DATE SUBMITTED \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ B.C.A. # \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.A. EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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BUICKS OWNED (Year, Model- Example: 1953 Roadmaster Convertible, Model 76C) List additional Buicks on back

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DUES FOR THE BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS ARE \$15 PER CALENDAR YEAR FOR RESIDENTS OF NORTH AMERICA. DUES ARE \$25 PER YEAR FOR RESIDENTS OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA. MEMBERS OUTSIDE THE USA MUST PAY WITH A MONEY ORDER IN USA FUNDS

MEMBERSHIPS MAY NOT BE RENEWED BEYOND A 2 YEAR LIMIT

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYING DUES

Please make checks payable to: **BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS**

Return to: Isabel Lenny  
1008 S. Cedar Crest Blvd.  
Allentown, PA 18103-5440  
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CK# \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

WELCOME TO THE BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



# The Timing Chain

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **BCA and Chapter Events**

#### December 9, 2018

BOPC Planning Meeting at 12:30 pm at the home of J.D. Westfall. RSVP to J.D. if you would like to attend this meeting .

#### April 27-28, 2019

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

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#### Autumn 2019:

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

#### January 13, 2019

Holiday Party at Ippolito's in Suwanee. Details in January Newsletter

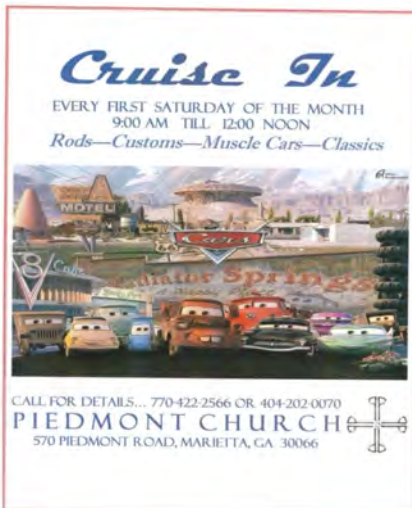
#### June 12-15, 2019

Buick Cub of America Annual Meet. Midwest City, Oklahoma. [www.buickclub.org](http://www.buickclub.org)

#### June 15-18, 2020

Buick Cub of America Annual Meet. Stongsville, Ohio. Hosted by Northeast Ohio Chapter. [www.buickclub.org](http://www.buickclub.org)

### **Non-Chapter Events**



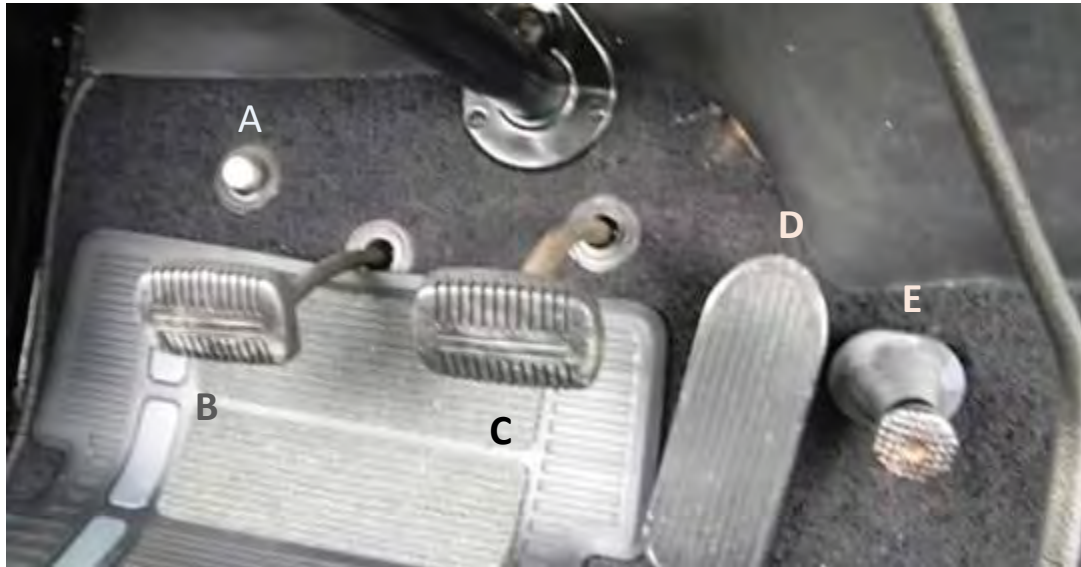
Coffee and Cars at Gateway Classic Cars in Alpharetta the last Saturday of every month from 9am to noon.

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



**Please send notices of upcoming events to DVC editor Tom Lynde at [lynde2375@charter.net](mailto:lynde2375@charter.net)**

# CAR QUIZ



Can you identify the five pedals and switches on the floor of this vintage vehicle? You will find the answer on page 12

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

## **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

# Mile Markers

## Celebrating Life's Events



### BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 John Sincere
- 12/18 Janet Bass
- 12/18 Maynard Cash
- 12/18 Dave Gareau
- 12/20/52 John-Paul Glenkey
- 12/27/43 Patricia Lisenby
- 12/28 Ron Bergeron
- 12/28 Chuck Dalton

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/18 Roy and Janet Bass
- 12/20/63 Paul and Penny Van Nortwick
- 12/31 Skip and Jane Petsch

**Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America**

**Come join us on Facebook!**







# Deals on Wheels



## Car for Sale

1950 Buick Special 4 dr for sale. It is not running and probably needs a motor rebuild. Asking \$2,500. or b.o. 770-856-1562.

Doug Hattersley

## 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 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

**Original Keepsake Buick Holiday Ornaments**  
 24K Gold Finish Brass.  
 3-Dimensional, Laser cut.  
 Individually boxed.  
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 Write for discount case pricing.  
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You can buy these beautiful ornaments from the club store at the monthly chapter meetings.

## Car For Sale

1936 Special (Mod. 41) Same owner for 45 years, time to let someone else enjoy it, mostly original rust free (unrestored), 77K (original) miles, Very strong running engine, & Highly presentable inside and out. Asking \$11,900 and it comes with numerous spare parts/literature.



Call Bruce Kile (770) 977-7924 or email [sbkile58@aol.com](mailto:sbkile58@aol.com) for more

## For Sale

1976 Buick alternator, for a 350 V/8.

Call Jack Horvath

(770)-934-0127

**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.

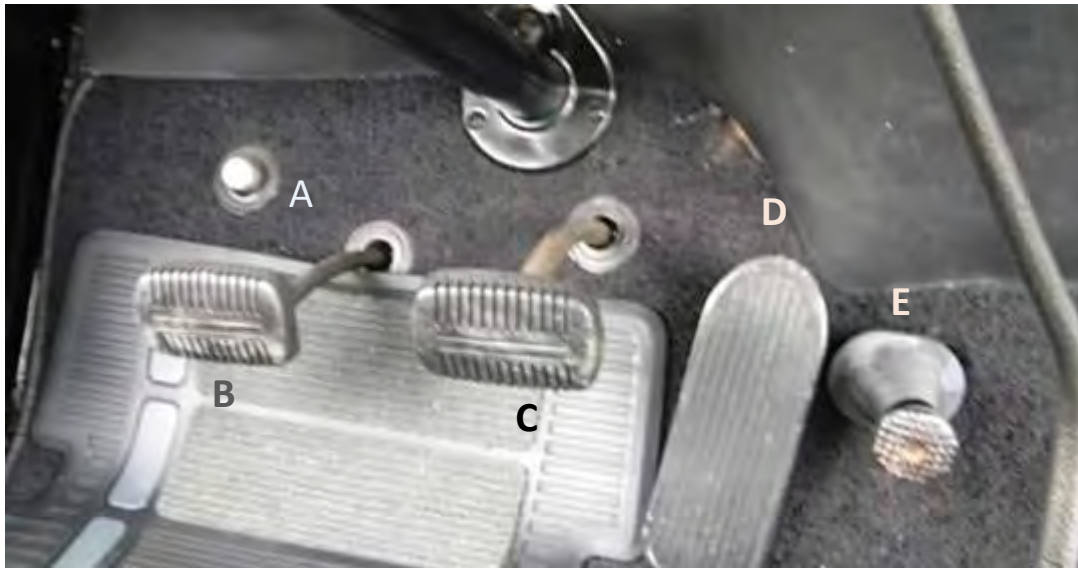
## Do you have a Buick or "Car Stuff" for sale?

All Dixie Chapter members can advertise for sale cars and car related stuff for up to six months, longer if requested. In addition, non members can advertise cars and parts for up to three months, space permitting. This is a courtesy to the sellers and a service to our members.

Please send your ads to Tom at least one week before the end of the month to ensure your ad is included in the next **Dixie Valve Chatter**.

# Your Ad could be here!

# CAR QUIZ ANSWER



Okay, this month's was a gimme for veteran motorists, but there may be some out there who have never used at least one of these. A: Headlight Dimmer Switch, B: Clutch Pedal, C: Brake Pedal, D: Accelerator Pedal, E: Starter Switch.

## **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)



**Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!**