



# Dixie Valve Chatter

# Official Newsletter of the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America www.buickclub.org/Dixie

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# On the cover: Beautiful patina!

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



My two year term as your Director is quickly drawing to a close and your new slate of officers will take the reigns at our Holiday Party on January 13<sup>th</sup>. I will pass the gavel to Bruce Kile and he will carry the torch for the next two years of our Club's activities. Speaking of our Holiday Party, please RSVP to Bill McGowen by January 8th as we need a headcount for the restaurant. Bill can be reached at 404-583-0709 or <a href="mcgowenw@gmail.com">mcgowenw@gmail.com</a>. Also, men, bring a gift for a man and ladies, bring a gift for a lady for our gift exchange. Please keep the price for the gift around \$15. This has always been a fun time for those attending the party. I hope that all of you have had a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in January.

Don

# **Chapter Dues are Now Overdue**

### A Friendly Reminder:

Membership Renewal Notices were mailed last month, and 2019 Dixie Chapter dues were due by the end of December 2018. Those who have prepaid for 2019 or beyond don't need to pay any additional dues at this time. However, please return the membership form that was mailed to you last month so we can verify your correct address, phone number(s), email address, BCA Number, etc.

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

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

Jerry Richstein, Membership Chairman

# Sonomatic Sounds, an editorial

### Tom Lynde

Happy New Year, y'all,

It is actually just a couple of days before Christmas as I write this from a hotel room in my adopted home town of Savannah. Spanish moss and Christmas lights outside my window. What a good year this has been for me personally and professionally, and I can hardly wait to see what 2019 holds.

Yes, 2019 is here and it promises be a busy year for the Dixie Chapter. Remember, the annual holiday party will be coming up in just a few days, Be sure to get your RSVP in to Bill McGowan, so that the good folks at Ippolito's will be sure to prepare enough food for us all!

And lets not forget about the upcoming BOPC meet in April. Let J.D. Westfall or Bruce Kile know if you are able to pitch in and help with this special event. It is so much more than just a car show.

As for right now I am looking forward to dusting off my Electra from her long winter's nap. It is peacefully slumbering the winter away, I am sure it is dreaming of warm spring days, carnauba wax, and winding road adventures. See y'all soon.

Happy Buicking,

Tom

### **Grit in the Gearbox**



### **Quotable Quotations**

Although no
one can go back
and make a
brand new start,
anyone can
start from now
and make a
brand new
ending.

-- Carl Bard

# **Dixie Chapter Holiday Party at Ippolito's**

Make plans to attend the annual Holiday party at Ippolito's in Suwanee on January 13th at 12:30 pm. The Address is 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 about \$15.00. Men should bring a gift for a man, ladies should bring a gift for a lady. RSVP to Bill McGowen by January 8th. Call 404-583-0709, or email <a href="mailto:mcgowenw@gmail.com">mcgowenw@gmail.com</a>





# **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* play-ing cards. Call Bruce Kile for pricing or questions (770) 977-7924. New Items! Playing cards, Patches, and Decals!!

#### 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.





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## **From the Sunshine Committee**

It is with great sadness that we pass along the information that Tria Palmer's mom passed away after suffering a stroke.

Please keep Dave & Tria, and the rest of the Palmer family, in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this most difficult of times.

The "Sunshine Committee" sent a card on behalf of the Chapter.

The funeral was held in New Jersey.

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



# **The Timing Chain**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **BCA and Chapter Events**

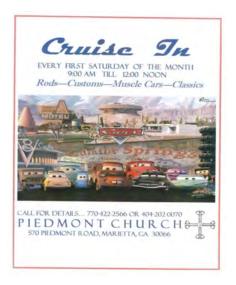
#### January 13, 2019

Holiday Party at Ippolito's in Suwanee. 350 Town Center at 12:30 PM RSVP to Bill McGowen at mcgowenw@gmailcom or call 404-583-0709

#### April 27-28, 2019

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

## **Non-Chapter Events**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	14	15	16	17	18	19
0	21	22	23	24	25	26
7	28	29	30	31		+

#### **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
www.TarheelBuick.org

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.

#### Bowl-a-rama is coming soon!

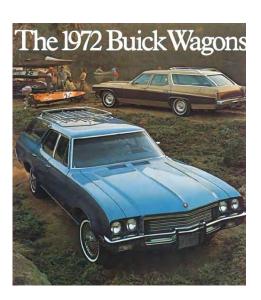
Watch for details!

#### 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



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

# CAR QUIZ

This Buick model was introduced January 10, 2011 as Buick's first compact car since the 1998 Skylark, Can you identify that car, whose name means Summer in Spanish?

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 <a href="mailto:jerry.richstein@gmail.com">jerry.richstein@gmail.com</a>,
so you can continue to receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail

### **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**.

# Mile Markers

# **Celebrating Life's Events**



### **BIRTHDAYS**

Chrys Bruno 1/8 1/12 Jane Petsch 1/19 Jana Hunter





# **Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America**

# Come join us on Facebook!





# **Deals on Wheels**



#### 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

### 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



You can buy these beautiful ornaments from the club store at the monthly chapter meetings.

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" <a href="https://www.teamji.com/home/prodServ.htm">https://www.teamji.com/home/prodServ.htm</a>.

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.

#### 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.

#### **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 for more

#### 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.** 



#### For Sale

1976 Buick alternator, for a 350 V/8.

Call Jack Horvath

(770)-934-0127

Your Ad could be here!

# CAR QUIZ ANWER

The Verano debuted at the North American International Auto Show on **January** 10, 2011, during a preview of **Buick**'s then upcoming 2012 **model**. It is the first compact marketed by **Buick** in the United States since the 1998 **Buick** Skylark. Verano is Spanish for summer.



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

Bianca at <a href="Hubcaps.com">Hubcaps.com</a> <a href="Million">OriginalWheels.com</a> 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. <a href="www.buickclub.org">www.buickclub.org</a>



Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!