

Dixie Valve Chatter



Official newsletter of the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America

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Cattle Company

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On the cover: Aluminum Buick NASCAR V8. Photo courtesy J.D. Westfall.

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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Hello Fellow Chapter Members

Well here we are about to enter the month of April. My message this month is in the form of “appeals”. As everyone knows our club (chapter) is the hosting the “Peach Blossom B.O.P.C.” April 26-27. A HUGE thank you to those members who have already registered. I believe that number is 12, registering 16 cars. Our current Chapter membership is 53 families (49 in Ga.) with 97 Buicks owned. I never was much of a math student but isn’t 12 less than 25% of 49?

Therefore my first appeal is that you please consider (or re-consider) registering any of your Buicks, old or new and attending this fun event. There are classes for the oldest to the current year. Even if you can’t bring a car for “showing”, please consider joining us for the Friday night dinner reception and then attending the show Saturday. BTW, don’t forget we have a room block at the hotel next door that will expire April 6th.

The second appeal, is for your attendance at the April 7th Chapter Meeting at the Cherokee Cattle Company. Following the brief meeting we will drive the short distance (½ mile) to the site of the show to survey the area, discuss parking and assign “duty stations” for the show. We definitely need your help!

The 3rd and (final) Appeal pertains to the upcoming election of the BCA National Board of Directors election. The candidates and their bios will be published soon in the Buick Bugle. I urge you to carefully read those bios & then vote for the three candidates whom you feel will serve the entire club. Remember that diversity is paramount to having an effective board of directors. Personally I support any 3 of the following: Mike Book, Al Eichelberger, Sid Meyer or Bill Stoneberg. Regardless of whom you choose, please vote in the upcoming BCA elections.

BOP&C Registration update

Jerry Richstein, Registration Chairman

The number of pre-registrations that we have received for the BOP&C so far is way down from what we had 4 years ago.

As of March 27th we have only 44 cars registered comprised of 19 Buicks, 4 Oldsmobiles, 10 Pontiacs and 11 Cadillacs. There is only 1 vendor registered for the Flea Market, and 1 car in the car corral.

There are only 24 people registered for the Friday night reception and dinner.

If you haven't registered yet please get it to me this week.



Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial by Tom Lynde

Hi Folks,

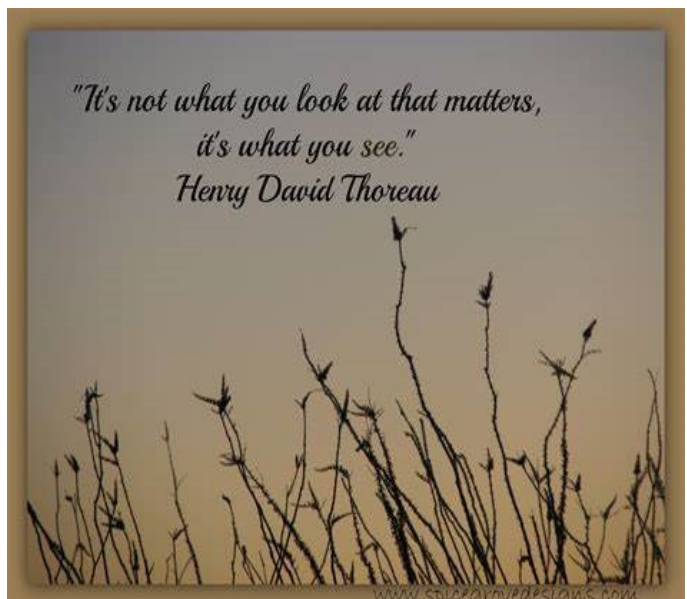
I figured I would take a moment and chime in a reminder to get those BOPC registrations in to Jerry ASAP. You do not want to miss all of the fun at this great event. I am looking forward to the Friday night get together. This will be the first one that I will be able to attend, and may even drive my new to me 1994 Park Avenue to the event. Hope everyone is having a great spring. Remember, the best way to keep the pollen off of your Buick is to keep that Buick moving!

Happy Buicking!

Grit in the Gearbox

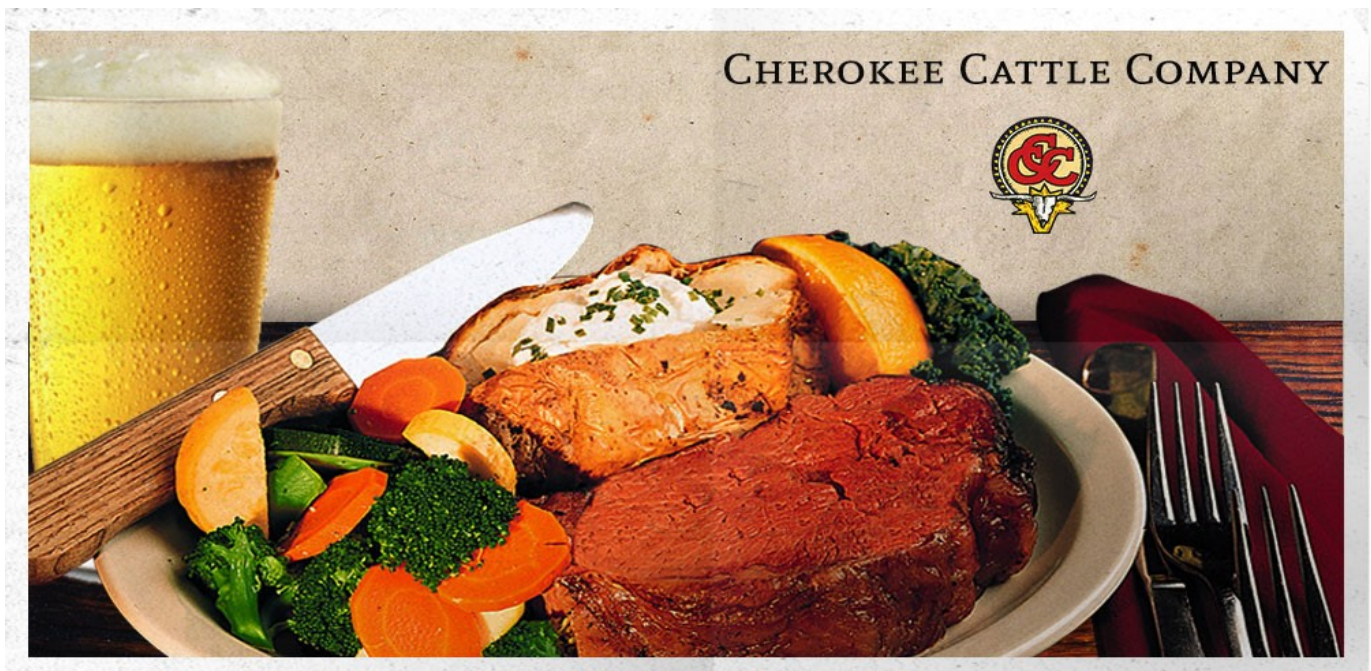


Quotable Quotations



April Meeting

The April Dixie Chapter meeting will take place on Sunday April 7th at the Cherokee Cattle Company, 2710 Canton Road in Marietta. (770-427-0490) www.cherokeecattlecompany.com. We will meet to eat at 1:00 and following the business meeting, we will travel to Piedmont Church and look over the parking lot and facilities in advance of the BOP&C. Please make plans to attend this very important meeting!



Do you have your free Dixie Chapter name badge?

As a member of the Dixie Chapter you are entitled to a free attractive name badge for yourself and your significant other. The usual procedure in obtaining one is to make your request in person at a meeting or activity and then picking it up at the next meeting or activity you attend. However, we will "bend the rule" slightly if you will attend the BOPC show!

All you have to do is mark your registration form with the words "Need Name Badge(s)" & indicate either "Magnetic" or "Pin" back. You may also email Shar (sbkile58@aol.com) with your name, BCA #, & city of residence and it will be ready for you at the show. These badges are important as we ask that all members wear name badges at all club activities,

Car of the Month

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



Club Shirts

Finally, after a few years of discussion, we are ready to offer our members the opportunity to have a club shirt, just in time for the "Peach Blossom B.O.P.C."

These are not "T" shirts, they are a top quality "polo/golf style" shirt. (Jerzee Brand) with our chapter logo on the upper left side. The color selected is "Oxford Gray". They are available in both ladies' (button left) & men's (button right) style. (The men's will feature a pocket as well).

And because this is not a "fundraiser" they will be offered to our members for ONLY \$12 (sizes S-XXL) \$13 for size XXXL. To order yours, or if you have questions, simply call or email Shar (770) 977-7924, sbkile58@aol.com

NOTE: Deadline for placing our order is April 2nd. So please don't delay.

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.

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 Bob Stone for pricing or questions (770) 480-4179. Email: bobstone826@gmail.com.

It's time for Name That Buick!!



Name That Buick!

J.D. Westfall provided these pictures of a car that features an engine that chapter members saw while on a field trip a couple of years ago. He explains in the commentary below.



This is a NASCAR Late Model dirt racer. It was built at McIntosh (David) Hobby Shop in Dawsonville GA. Some Dixie members might remember seeing a 4' x 4' block of solid aluminum in the McIntosh shop 2 winter's ago. They put the digital dimensions of a Buick 455 into a C&C machine and rendered the block of aluminum into a 455. Now it is expanded to a 521 Cu In dynoing at 875 HP. By the way, it won the Feature race at Dixie Speedway in Woodstock last Saturday. "Ain't Your Daddies Buick"!

CAR QUIZ

In which model year was a V/8 engine standard equipment in all Buick model ranges?

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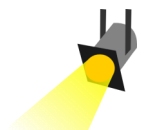
Do you know some interesting Buick trivia? Share it with *The Valve Chatter* !

Are you changing your e-mail address?

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



MEMBER NEWS



Your DVC Editor Tom Lynde and his wife Tammy are proud first-time grand parents. Evelyn Grace Bone arrived on March 25th to Tom and Tammy's daughter Bethany and her partner Lucian. Evie weighed in at 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21 inches. Baby, mom and dad are all doing well. Tom and Tammy are on cloud-nine

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



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/6 Bill and Nancy Hansen
- 4/7 Gene and Andrea Walsh
- 4/24 James and Sarah Thomas
- 4/25 Steve and Suzanne Zigler



BIRTHDAYS

- 4/6/52 Jerry Richstein
- 4/14 Pat Levelle
- 4/15 Heidi Jeziorski
- 4/27 Jack Horvath

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Car Wanted

Non-member seeking a 1971—1973 Boattail Riviera. For more Information call or email : Alan Ziglin, cell 404-771- 1185, or email : aziglin@mindspring.com.

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 repainted last fall. Bob Haggard, Lake Sinclair, GA. 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

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

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 Wanted.

Seeking 1963 Buick Special Deluxe Station Wagon. Good solid original sought. Tom Lynde BCA 44614. 770-827-5357

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**.

CAR QUIZ ANSWER

Even though the venerable Buick “nailhead “ V/8 was introduced in 1953, it was only available in the senior Super and Roadmaster lines. The 1953 Special was still motivated by the tried –and-true straight eight engine. It was not until 1954 that the V/8 was standard equipment across all model ranges.



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



Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!

PEACH BLOSSOM BOP&C UPDATE

J.D. Westfall

"Hello Dixie Chapter Buick Enthusiasts:

The 2019 BOPC is coming up soon. It is our year to host it, and planning is well underway. It will be April 26-27 at the Piedmont Church in Marietta. We need volunteers to fill the goodies bag, set up the parking lot Friday afternoon, enjoy the Friday night festivities that Bruce and Shar are putting together, and for registering and routing participants Saturday morning. Please let Bruce and/or J D know how you can help.

There is another area we need your help. We need each and every one to solicit one sponsor for the show. A sponsor will get their name on the back of the meet T-shirt when they donate \$100 cash/check or \$100 of door prizes. Goodies to go in the bags (bags already sourced) are welcome here as well, but we need your help getting a \$100 sponsor. Think of companies that participate in our car hobby. Examples of potential sponsors can be:

- Auto Parts stores (NAPA, O'Reilly, AutoZone, etc.)
- Tire dealers
- Transmission shops
- Auto Repair shops
- Auto Insurance agencies
- Auto Restoration shops
- Body Shops
- Grocery stores
- Hair salons
- Massage Parlors (yes, us mature people like massages!)
- Others
- Others



We need this Sponsor activity wrapped up ASAP so we can get the Meet T-Shirts ordered.

Make checks payable to Dixie Chapter BCA.



38th Annual *"Peach Blossom"*

BOPC Car Show and Swap Meet

Hosted by Dixie Chapter, Buick Club of America,

www.buickclub.org/dixie

April 26th & 27th, 2019

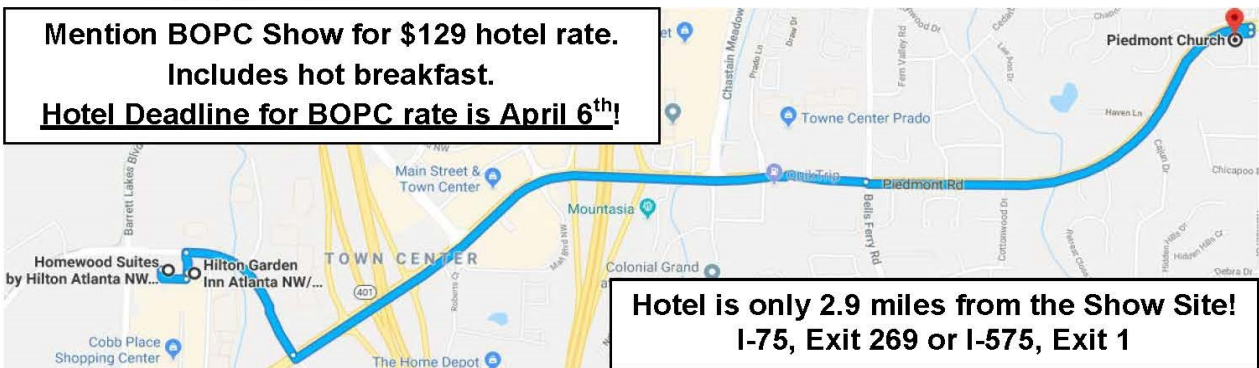
Host Hotel:

Homewood Suites (by Hilton)
905 Cobb Place Blvd.
Kennesaw, GA 30144
1-678-354-2800

Show Site:

Piedmont Church
570 Piedmont Road
Marietta, GA, 30066

**Mention BOPC Show for \$129 hotel rate.
Includes hot breakfast.
Hotel Deadline for BOPC rate is April 6th!**



Car Show Chairmen: Bruce Kile sbkile58@aol.com or call 770-977-7924
& JD Westfall jdwest52@comcast.net

Registration Chairman: Jerry Richstein jerry.richstein@gmail.com

Friday, April 26th: At the Hilton Garden Inn
(Connecting parking lot with Host Hotel)

Meet & Greet Reception 7:00 PM to 10 PM

- Full dinner buffet with cash bar.
- Pre-registration IS required.



Saturday, April 27th: At the Show Site

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration 7:30 AM to 11 AM • Mandatory Fire Extinguisher • Vendors open at 9 AM • Judging 11 AM – 1:30 PM • Peer judging. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards at 4 PM. • 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in each class • Best Buick, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, and best Modified. • Convertibles judged w/ tops up. |
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**38th Annual "Peach Blossom" BOPC Show April 26-27, 2019 @ Piedmont Church
Free Dash Plaque for the first 150 registrations!**

Participant Registration:

Name(s): _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

**Car Registration: PLEASE, NO FOR SALE SIGNS ON VEHICLES IN SHOW AREA
"For Sale" vehicles are to be parked in car corral.**

1st Car: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____
Body Style: _____ MODIFIED? Yes/No: _____ Class: _____
NOTE: Please see list of Classes on back of this form.

2nd Car: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____
Body Style: _____ MODIFIED? Yes/No: _____ Class: _____
NOTE: Please attach 2nd sheet if registering more than 2 cars.

Club Affiliations (If any): _____
If No Club Affiliation would you like more information on becoming a Member of one of the Clubs
at this show? Please check (✓) all that apply. Buick () Oldsmobile () Pontiac () Cadillac ()

Fees:

Registrations postmarked by April 6th are \$25 first car and _____ @\$25= _____
\$20 each additional car _____ @\$20= _____
Vendor spaces reserved by April 6th are \$25 first space and _____ @\$25= _____
\$15 each additional space _____ @\$15= _____
Car Corral spaces reserved by April 6th are \$20 for first space _____ @\$20= _____
\$15 each additional space _____ @\$15= _____

All fees are \$5 additional if postmarked after April 6, 2019, and on day of show.

2019 BOPC Commemorative Tee Shirts are \$15 each.
S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____
Total number of shirts: _____ @\$15= _____

Friday Meet & Greet (At Hilton Garden Inn, 895 Cobb Place Blvd. Kennesaw, GA 30144)
Includes full dinner buffet with cash bar (per person) _____ @\$30= _____

Total sent for the 2019 BOPC: \$ _____
Please make checks payable Dixie Chapter BCA and mail to:
Jerry Richstein, 4798 Grants Way NE, Marietta, GA 30066

By the execution of this form, participants release the Dixie Chapter, Buick Club of America, and its members, the Marriott NW, its employees and anyone connected with the presentation of the "Peach Blossom BOPC" from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, claims or judgments from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant or participant to his/her person, family or property.

Signed _____ Date _____ **A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS MANDATORY IN EVERY VEHICLE.**

2019 B. O. P. C. Classes

A	PRE 1943 (PRE WW II)	ALL
B	1946 – 1952	ALL
C	1953 – 1958	ALL
D	1959 – 1967	FULL SIZE ALL Including ELDORADO THRU 1966
E	1968 – 1970	FULL SIZE ALL
F	1963 – UP	RIVIERA, TORONADO and 1967 & UP ELDORADO
G	1971 – 1979	FULL SIZE ALL OPEN
H	1971 – 1979	FULL SIZE ALL CLOSED
I	1980 – 2019	2 SEATER (Reatta, Allantè, Fiero) ALL
J	1967 – 1974	FIREBIRD & TRANS AM (Except Modified)
K	1975 – 2019	FIREBIRD & TRANS AM (Except Modified)
L	1961 – 1967	A-BODY PERFORMANCE ALL
N	1961 – 1967	A-BODY NON-PERFORMANCE ALL
O	1968 – 1972	A-BODY PERFORMANCE OPEN
P	1968 – 1972	A-BODY PERFORMANCE CLOSED
R	1968 – 1972	A-BODY NON-PERFORMANCE OPEN
S	1968 – 1972	A-BODY NON-PERFORMANCE CLOSED
T	1973 – 1979	A – H & X BODIES ALL
U	Pre-1986	SURVIVOR (Totally Unrestored)
V	1980 – 1989	NON-SPORT & NON-PERFORMANCE ALL
W	1980 – 1989	SPORT & PERFORMANCE ALL
X	1990 – 2019	NON-SPORT & NON-PERFORMANCE ALL
Y	1990 – 2019	SPORT & PERFORMANCE ALL
Z	ALL YEARS	PROFESSIONAL CARS (Race, sedan delivery, hearse, ambulance, flower car, etc.) ALL
M-1	1952 & earlier	ALL MODIFIED
M-2	1953 – 1980	ALL MODIFIED
M-3	1981 – 2019	ALL MODIFIED