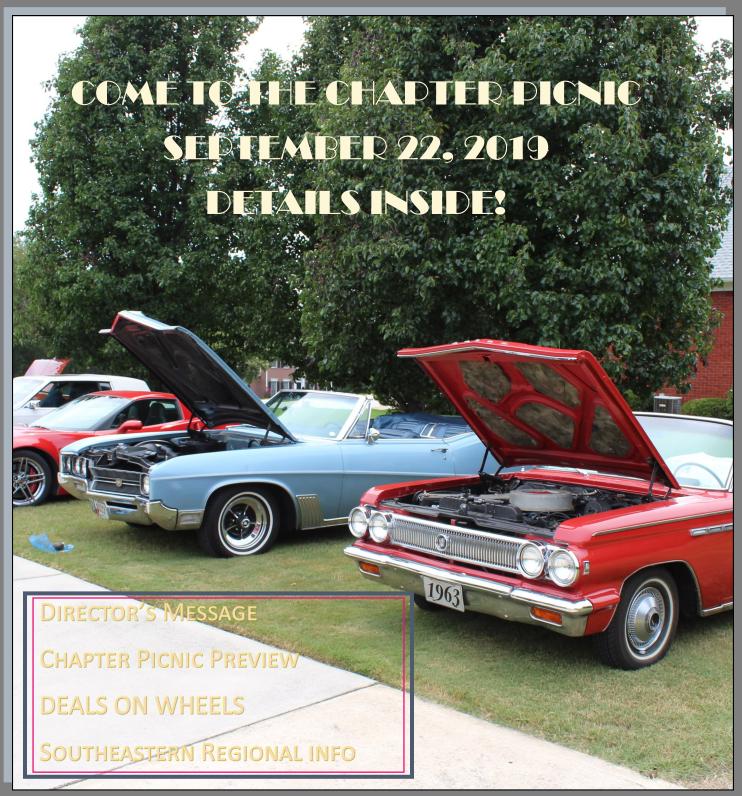


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Hello Dixie Chapter Folks

I remember my "up north" life (over 40 years ago) and how Labor Day marked the end of Summer, and how sometimes it literally did end. In my day, school didn't start until after that date either, remember? For those of us in the old car hobby, it usually meant making plans to "put um up for the winter" (which sometimes began in late October. Yuck!) Fortunately for those of us in this part of the country we don't have to even think about putting them "up for the winter", particularly as early as October or November.

Well when the S.E. Region was formed back in 1990, representatives of the (then) four chapters, voted unanimously to hold our Regional Meets in the fall of the year, preferably Octpber or (early) November, to take advantage of the nice weather we typically have. It was also decided to make the Regional Meets a "touring event". The thinking was that by this time of the year, most of us are somewhat "car showed out" and really just want to tour with our Buick friends and enjoy some scenery while socializing with other Buick folks. Thus was born the S.E. Regional Meets in 1991. With our Region now consisting of (6) chapters we have a procedure of alternating the hosting of this event each year.

As you know, the Tar Heel Chapter is hosting this year in Atlantic Beach, N.C. Currently we have (only) 8 cars from Georgia signed up. With the deadline for registration coming up on Sept 15th, we just want to encourage you to "sign up" and join us as we caravan to N.C. or, if you prefer, meet us there. In either case, we just want to make sure you are fully aware of this really fun event & of the deadline fast approaching.

By the way, if you have any questions about, "What goes on"?, "Where do we go"? "Can I ride with someone else if my Buick isn't running"? Or any other questions, please call me. For those interested, the caravan will plan to leave on Tues. Oct 15th. We'll have more specifics in next month's "DVC".

The next big event closer to home will be our annual Chapter Picnic on Sept. 22nd at the home of Ernie & Susie Grant in Conyers. This is always a fun event. The food is always fantastic, the fellowship is great. and looking at Buicks is always a highlight. Details and directions will be elsewhere in this issue. We sure hope to see everyone there.Peace, God Bless & Enjoy the "rest of the summer",

[&]quot;Go (tour in a) Buick"

[&]quot;Ole 3013"....Bruce

Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial by Tom Lynde

Hi Folks,

I hope this finds everyone well. As I am writing this the month of August is coming to a close and I am busy getting ready to host my church's annual car



show. Goody bags are packed, door prizes are being donated, and registrations are beginning to filter in. The show is the day before the chapter picnic, September 21st, so if you feel like spending a little more time on the southside of town, we would love to see you. There is a flyer In the Timing Chain.

Please remember to rsvp for the chapter picnic at the home of Ernie and Susie Grant on September 22nd. It is always a great time with plenty of good food and good fellowship. The Grant's neighbors always seem to enjoy the gathering of Buicks, too.

With the picnic coming later this month, there will be no official chapter meeting in September. The next meeting will be held at the Peachtree Buffet on Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell in October. Please make plans to attend.

Autumn is on the way, and there is still plenty of great Buick driving weather ahead. Dust that Buick off and come to your chapter's events

Happy Buicking!

Tom

Quotable Quotations



Grit in the Gearbox



2019 Dixie Chapter Picnic

WHAT: Annual Dixie Chapter Picnic
WHEN: Sunday September 22nd, 2019

WHERE: Ernie & Susie Grant's

home 1211 Dover Place SE

Conyers, GA 30013 404-263-7022

ASSEMBLY TIME: Noon LUNCH TIME: 2:00

PLEASE BRING:

Last names A-F please bring an Appetizer
Last name G-L please bring a Dessert
Last names M-R please bring Drinks
Last Name S-Z please bring a Veggie Side Dish.

The club will supply all the plates and other

necessities.

Wear your name tag!!



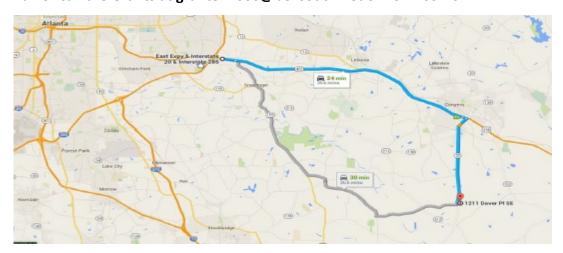
Drive your Buick!

Take part in exciting yard games!!

Fun for the whole family!!!

RSVP: Please RSVP by September 15th so our Master Chefs know how much food to get.

Email or call the Grants at grant871666@bellsouth.net or 404-263-7022



Take I-20 East to Exit 82 for GA-20. Turn right and take GA-20W/138W for 5.9 miles. Turn left onto Brookfield Drive into the Brookfield Station Subdivision. Take 1st right onto Haverhill Way and then left onto Dover Place. Look for the BUICKS parked near the 4th house on the left.

Shop Recommendations

A proposal was made at the August chapter meeting that members share the names of repair shops and mechanics in their locale that they would like to pass on to other members. This month we have recommendations from J.D. Westfall.

McIntosh Shop

David and Kitt McIntosh

430 Liberty Church Road

Dawsonville, GA 30534

404-456-456-7439

mcintoshcenter@aol.com

Please forward your recommendations to DVC editor Tom Lynde. lynde2375@charter.net

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, Snell-ville, Turner Field, Roswell, & Columbus. A "cash account" does include Visa/MasterCard. If you have any questions call **Bruce** Kile (770) 977-7924.

Save the Date!

2020 Buick Club National Meet - Strongsville, **Ohio** - July 15-19, 2020.

Strongsville is a suburb of Cleveland.

Hosted by the Northeast Ohio Chapter, BCA

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MEMBER NEWS



Editor's note. Dixie Chapter member **Ken Green** recently attended an antique car show in his native Vermont and he provided the **DVC** with this report and these photos. Thank you Ken!

Not Just Any Auto Show

As a stumbling youth but with a serious case of antique car interest, I was introduced to a vintage auto club in my home state that exposed me to the joys of vintage auto gatherings and really old people like my thirty-year old mentor, Clark Wright. I had just reconnected with Clark a couple years ago after having not seen him in nearly 40 years. What a joy to connect and catch up on the weekend of August 10th, when I attended the 62nd annual antique and classic car meet in Waterbury, Vermont. The Vermont Automobile Enthusiast (VAE) club is a very active club that plans and executes this show containing over 400 cars, a parade, flea market and other social events.

In the time since last meeting Clark, cars that had not yet been manufactured were now deemed antique; it was high time we caught up! I had long since disposed of my high school era restoration project, that being a 1940 Buick. Clark had also thinned his collection including a 1956 Chrysler 300C and '37 Buick Century. I have since replaced my project with another '40 Buick and Clark had an '84 non-Buick and a collection of outboard motors from the 20's, small farm implements and stationary engines used for portable power on farms, saw mills, grain handling facilities or anywhere else remote power was needed in the teens and 20's.

The auto show was a resounding success with great weather including cool temperatures, a friendly atmosphere of dedicated enthusiasts, food trucks serving regional favorites like creamies and poutine along with standard county fair-like cuisine, and of course unique and special interest cars. Among the special interest cars were a 1910 Sears, 1912 Detroit Electric, '34 Pierce Arrow, '29 Buick model 54CF, Reo's, Durant's, Studebakers, Citroen, Saab, Packard, Hudson, Marmon, Maxwell, a collection of military vehicles including Ford and Willys jeeps, vintage fire trucks, farm tractors, and 40's to 50's era track cars. Several Buicks were on display including extremely good examples of restored cars and survivors.







MEMBER NEWS







The owner of the Sears car has fabricated a crate to simulate the method that Sears would have used to ship the ordered car to the nearest rail station of the customer. In the past he has demonstrated the uncrating and assembly of the car at the show. He allowed hands-on participation to crank start the car to the delight of several crowd participants. The owner of a 1950 Dodge Power Wagon encouraged kids to sit in his rig to play with buttons, crank out the windshield and in some cases start the engine.



Most of the cars were driven to the event. Many of the owners promoted hands on engagement with kids. Self-restorers were more than willing to share stories of their work. By the end of the weekend, I saw the same patience and encouragement that Clark showed to me in the days of my budding interest. It appears that today's new participants in this hobby can enjoy the same camaraderie. Finally, and to help vernacular, a creamie exactly resembles what y'all would call soft serve. Poutine is the trivia question for the next Dixie Chapter meeting and county fair cuisine is the reason that Alka-Seltzer was invented.

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**.

OCTOBER MEETING

There will be no September meeting, as we will be gathering for the annual chapter picnic. The next regular meeting of the Dixie Chapter B.C.A will be held, October 11th at the **Peachtree Buffet and Grill, 915 Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell**. We will gather to eat at 1:00pm and will hold the meeting shortly thereafter. The restaurant is located next door to the Olive Garden in Roswell, where we have held several meetings. Please remember to wear your name tag and drive your Buick as there is plenty of room to park together. 770-910-7877.

Car Quiz



In which year was the Indianapolis 500 first paced by a V/6 powered Buick?

Answer on page 10

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

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

October 11, 2019

Chapter Meeting: 1:00pm. Peachtree Buffet and Grillm 915 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell.

October 17-19, 2019

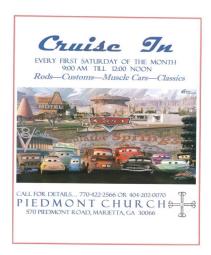
Atlantic Beach, NC.

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,

Non-Chapter Events



SE	PT	EM	IBE	R	20	19
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	11	2	3	4	5

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Coffee and Cars at Gateway Classic Cars in Alpharetta the last Saturday of every month from

Caffeine and Classics Streetside Classics. 213 Thornton Road Lithia Springs. Last Saturday of

September 8-12, 2019

BDE Fall Tour, Cartersville, Georgia.

June 15-18, 2020

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

September 22, 2019

Chapter picnic at the home of Ernie and Susie Grant.

Details in this issue!



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





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

CAR QUIZ ANSWER



The Bicentennial year of 1976 saw the Indy 599 paced by a 1976 Turbo V/6 Century. The replicas sold through the dealers were powered by normally aspirated V/8s

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** .

Car of the Month

Drive your Buick to chapter events and your car may be featured as a car of the month!



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

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

9/5	Glenn & Debbie Novak
9/17	Ken & Sandy Green
9/23	Kip & Stephanie Meeboer
9/25	Ron & Connie Bergeron

Come join us on Facebook!

Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America





BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Dave Dunton
9/2	Walt Ehrenfeuchter
9/5/61	Tom Lynde
9/6	Don McClair
9/7/40	Alan Lisenby
9/8	Maria Gaynor
9/14	Debbie Novak
9/15	Bill Hansen
9/25	Dan Gallagher
9/26	Rich Fink



Deals on Wheels



<u>Car for Sale:</u> 1990 Buick Reatta convertible with just over 61k original miles. Never driven in bad weather since we have had it. I'm asking \$7,500 but would consider all offers. lenk@techtopind.com, 770-377-4514 or on the weekends at LJKOZENY@YAHOO.COM.



<u>Car for Sale:</u> 1938 Century trunkback 2Dr. 1 of 1380, has new wiring harness, tires, motor runs, brakes so it is drivable, needs restoration. some rust but not excessive, 61000 miles appear to be actual. Vehicle is located in Akron, Ohio. \$8500.00 con-



<u>Wheels Wanted</u>: 15" x 7" wheels to fit A-Body American Mags / Cragar Mags / Keystone Mags . Tell me what you have Paul Sorrells (404) 702-3398

p.sorrells@comcast.net

<u>Do you have a Buick or "Car Stuff"</u> <u>for sale?</u>

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.

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.



Buick Parts Available

Editor's note

I received this ad from the son of a Dixie Chapter member and I felt it best to publish it as it was received.

I'm Jack Huffman, John Huffman's son (and fellow Buick enthusiast!) – I have his '48 Super. I know my dad is still a member of the Dixie Chapter and I pulled your contact info from the Dixie Valve Chatter email. Dad has had some health issues this year and spent the summer in a nursing rehab center but thankfully, he has improved significantly and is going to be heading home soon.

I live in Seattle and I was just in NC visiting with him the last few days and he reminded me that he has a storage unit in Pendleton, SC with a number of parts in it. We both think it would be a shame for the parts to be scrapped, especially given how difficult some parts are to find.

He has '37 and '38 fenders, valve lifters, and probably a straight 8 block. I seem to remember that he put one in though he wasn't 100% certain. There are also some random '40 parts but none of us are completely certain as it has probably been close to 15 years since anyone was in the unit.

Would anyone in the club be interested in these parts? We don't want any money for them, we just want to find a good home where they will be used.

Let me know and if so, I can help work out the logistics. Thanks.

Jack Huffman (425) 417-6894



Join the conversations! Participate in the forums on the Buick Club of America website.

www.buickclub.org

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

Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!

BCA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TOUR 2019, ATLANTIC BEACH, NC

JANUARY 26, 2019 RALPH RECCHIE

The Tarheel Chapter of the Buick Club of America will be hosting the 2019 Southeast Regional Tour this October 17-19, 2019 in lovely Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. The host hotel is the Inn at Pine Knoll Shores.

Event features include a Thursday visit to the Maritime Museum and a tour of historic Beaufort, NC with lunch at the famous Sanitary Seafood Restaurant. Friday will feature a caravan to the Tryon Palace the colonial governor's mansion and NC History Center with lunch and dinner in beautiful downtown New Bern, NC.

New Bern features a wonderful, walkable downtown full of great shopping, restaurants, bars and coffee shops. It is also the birthplace of Pepsi Cola. A Saturday caravan will go to the Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium and lunch at On the Rocks Rest followed by a Park Ranger led tour of historic Fort Macon. The day will be topped off with a banquet at our host hotel Saturday evening.

2019 BCA SE REGIONAL TOUR

Hotel: Inn at Pine Knoll Shores

511 Salter Path Rd. Atlantic Beach, NC, 28512
Phone: 1-800-338-1533 or 252-247-4155 ext. 0
Rates: \$139 + tax/night Includes breakfast and wifi
Call and ask for the Buick Club Rate after July 15
Cut off date for reservations is September 14, 2019

October 17-19, 2019 Atlantic Beach, NC



TARHEEL CHAPTER BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA NORTH CAROLINA

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Guest Name	
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Guest Cell Phone	\$ 25.00
Thursday, Oct 17	
Thurs - Leave hotel at 9:30am	
Maritime Museum and historic Beaufort bus tourX \$16. \$	
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includes a guide led house and a narrated double decker bus tou	r
Lunch- Sanitary Seafood Restaurant X \$18. \$X	
2:30pm groups switch - Bus and Museum tours	32
Dinner on your own: (list provided).	
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Friday, Oct 18	
Caravan to New Bern area (leave by 9am)	
Tryon Palace (10am start) X \$17. each \$	
Lunch on your own: (list provided).	
NC History Center Tour (price included in Tryon Palace)	
Dinner on your own: (list provided).	
Enthalia Edward	
Saturday, Oct 19 Leave hotel by 9:30am	
Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores X \$ 10, per person \$	
Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores X \$ 10. per person \$ Lunch 12: 30pm On the Rocks Rest X \$ 18. per person \$	
(includes beverage and tip)	
2pm Fort Macon Ranger led Tour X free \$	0.00
6:30 pm Banquet @ Host HotelX \$45.00 \$	
(per person)	
TOTAL \$	
Registration requested by September 15, 2019. Please make checks navable to: Tarbeel Chapter-BCA	

Mail form w/check to: Anne Gibson, 387 North Ridge Circle, Roxboro, NC 27574