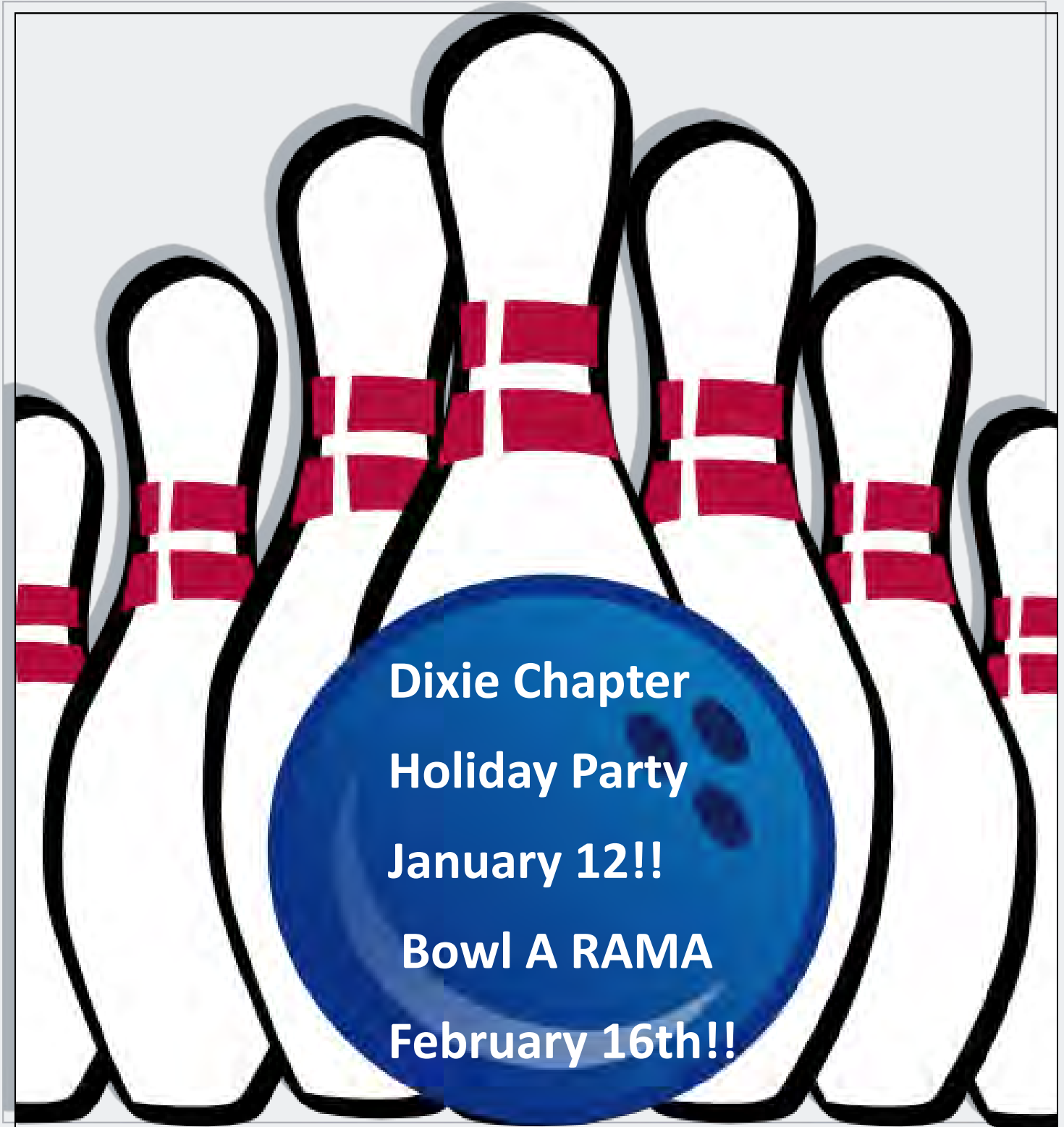




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On the Cover: Bowl A Rama is coming!!

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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Happy New Year Dixie Chapter folks,

We wish for you and yours a happy, healthy and peaceful 2020. My hope is that we (Shar & I) will meet each and every member of our Chapter in person this coming year. Would you help us in that endeavor? Our first opportunity will be the "After Holiday Party" on January 12th, and then in February the annual "Bowl-A-Rama" on the 16th. (Please make a note of the date change). Oh by the way, bowling is not a requirement in attending. Details for both of these events will be found elsewhere in this edition. Let's see if we can start 2020 off with record setting attendance for both events.

See you there.....Peace, God Bless & "Go (cruise in a) Buick".

Bruce (ole 3013)

A Friendly Reminder:

Membership Renewal Notices were mailed last month, and 2020 Dixie Chapter dues were due by the end of December 2019. Those who have prepaid for 2020 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.

Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

Tom Lynde

Hi Folks,

Another year is dawning. I am starting things off removing about a year and a half's worth of pine sap from my newly acquired Park Avenue. It has taken me a while to find the right product to use to remove all of that sticky stuff, but now I am being rewarded with bright, shiny original G.M. paint. Looks like the original finish will live on this one.

I am looking forward to getting the car ready to drive to chapter events. As Bruce mentioned, there are two big events to start the year off: the post-holidays party and the annual Bowl-a-rama. If you are new to the chapter, or been a member for a while and are looking to connect with members, these two functions are great places to start.

Keep tabs on the Timing Chain in the **DVC** to stay informed about upcoming events: meetings, tours, shows..... There is always something going on and we would like for you to be involved. Come on out and join the fun and fellowship.

Be sure to read Ken Green's article in this issue on his golden discovery. It truly captures the spirit of this thing of ours. Remember, all are welcome to contribute to this newsletter.

Happy Buicking!

Tom



Quotable Quotations

"CHEERS TO
A NEW YEAR
AND
ANOTHER
CHANCE
FOR US
TO GET
IT RIGHT."

OPRAH WINFREY
IT'S ALL YOURS.COM

Grit in the Gearbox



DIXIE CHAPTER 2018 HOLIDAY PARTY!!

Don't miss the annual Dixie Chapter Holiday Party, to be held Sunday, January 12th, at Ippolito's Italian Restaurant 350 Town Center Ave in Suwanee! 678-985-4377. www.ippolitos.net

We will be gathering in the Downstairs Meeting Room, (use the front door.) at 1 PM for meet and greet and drinks at the cash bar.

We will order from the menu and eat at 2 PM

The Gift Exchange will take place from 3- 4 PM. (men bring a man's gift, women bring a lady's gift. Bruce Kile's gift swapping rules will be in play!!)

RSVP to J D Westfall (cell 913-638-7849)

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A Buick Driving Enthusiasts
Division Project



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

WHAT: Annual Dixie Chapter “Bowl-A-Rama”**WHEN: Sunday February 16th****WHERE: AMF Woodstock Lanes****108 Woodpark Blvd.****Woodstock, GA 30188****770-926-2200****START BOWLING: Promptly at 12:30, so get there early!****LUNCH TIME: After Bowling, at about 2:30 p.m. with a business meeting to follow in the private meeting room!**

The cost is the same as last year; \$12 adults (over 12), \$9 for 12 & under. The price includes 3 games bowling, shoe rental & lunch, or \$6 for those having lunch only.

This is one of our most fun events. Remember.....bowling skill is not required, in fact with the “handicap system” we have, higher average bowlers have more of a challenge than those who don't bowl too often. There will be awards & prizes.

Weather permitting, be sure to drive those Buicks, There will be ample parking in “car show” fashion. RSVP: Please RSVP by February 12th by phone or email to Bruce or Shar 770-977-7924 or sbkile58@aol.com Let's make this our best Bowl-A-Rama ever!

DIRECTIONS: I-75 North to 1-575 / Phillip M Landrum Memorial Hwy North toward Canton. Exit 7 right, GA 92 toward Woodstock. Turn right onto GA 92. Go approximately 3/4 mile and turn left at the Dairy Queen onto Wood -park Place. Follow the circle around to AMF Woodstock Lanes.

For those coming from the East take GA 92 West. Cross Canton Hwy. Go approximately 1,000 feet and then turn right between McDonalds & Velox Insurance onto Woodpark Blvd. Follow the circle until you see AMF Woodstock



BOWL-A-RAMA!!

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.

Please send your recommendations to editor Tom Lynde at

Lynde2375@charter.net.

This month's recommendation comes to us from Walter Ehrenfeuchter who suggests **Sugar Hill Automotive**, 105 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Sugar Hill, GA. 770-904-0404.

Walter says that they have kept his '59 Buick, '89 and '09 Lincolns running .



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.

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

Pitch Perfect

The Rejuvenation of Esmerelda

Removing a Year's Worth of Pine Sap from an Estate Car

Tom Lynde

As long as I can remember, my family has a strange quirk of naming cars after characters from the TV show Bewitched. For example, my 1989 Electra came to me from my mother named for character Samantha Stevens' grand mother, Grandmama. When I took delivery of my 1994 Park Avenue in November, it looked like an Esmerelda to me. Esmerelda had been garaged since new by her original owner, but when she became a part of the owner's estate she was parked outside under some pine trees for over a year. As pine trees do, they dropped loads of sticky pitch all over her fine finish. I love auto detailing, but this is the first time I had dealt with pine sap.

My first choice for removal was Bug and Tar Remover, which had little or no effect on the sap. Plain old fashioned soap, water and elbow grease were also non-starters. Goo-Gone and Goof-Off were equally ineffective, Taking my case to others. I had suggestions ranging from gasoline (not on your life!) to isopropyl alcohol. I was surprised that the alcohol was actually effective in removing the pine sap. Especially when poured onto a cloth and rubbed onto the finish. But fumes and flammability prompted me to seek an alternative.

The answer was on a shelf in my garage. Simple Green. I had already mixed it down with water to the recommendations on the label. I was amazed when the sap dissolved before my eyes when sprayed on the car. Like the alcohol, though, it seems to be more effective when applied to a soft towel and rubbed on the car. Non-toxic, mild odor, and gentle on the car's finished, the Simple Green seems to be the answer. I will be spending more time in the garage this weekend cleaning off the car. Hopefully she will be ready for her club debut soon.



Home and ready for some t.l.c.



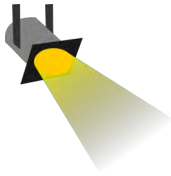
Yes, there is a decent finish under all that gunk!

Car Quiz

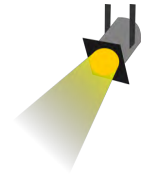


Can you name the Buick model that assumed the role of Banker's Hotrod from the discontinued Century line in 1959? Bonus if you can name the sole body-style it was available in during its final year of production.

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



MEMBER NEWS



THE GOLD MINE by Ken Green

The son of a Buick guy that is aging out of the hobby sent a note to our local club in Atlanta, stating the contents of a storage shed in which his dad had stored Buick parts was free to the first respondent. I responded. The storage unit hadn't been accessed in over 22 years and the contents were only generally known. Reportedly, there was mostly '38 Buick stuff, a little '40 stuff and possibly something from the 50's era Buicks. Our Buick man had owned a number of Buicks and was very active getting these things back on the road, attending shows and encouraging his kid's interests tagging along. His son, John Hoffman, now relocated to the west coast, was seeing to it that the parts in this storage unit were left in good hands.

The storage unit was located about an hour and a half from Atlanta where I live. In the past, I've been known to drive over eight hours for parts. This trove could be a real gold mine and it was close! I couldn't leave until later in the week and visions of NOS parts danced in my head like biscuit treats do for my dog. The entire drive was filled with anticipation; that really scarce part that I have not found would be there. I would become best friends with the '38 Buick guys for all those parts that I would uncover, sort of like the pork chop tied around the kids neck so the family dog would play with him. Who hangs out with '40 guys anyway, right? What a trip, what delight, what was there to see?

I arrived at the location and was met by Tony, the proprietor of the storage facility. He was a young enthusiast, and very much into antique special interest cars. He had a couple early Fords, model A's as I recall. Before opening the door, all the while getting jittery like I used to on Christmas eve, Tony and I talked cars and parts. It was a very en-joyable conversation, sharing the various cars we've owned in the past and one's that were currently in our respective garages. This was but one example, but you see young people are involved with this hobby and it was great to hear Tony's enthusiasm. We walked over to the storage unit door. I had pulled my truck with trailer to the front door. I had the engine hoist because there was an engine reported to be in there. I had plastic wrap to bind loose parts, cable ties, zip lock bag-gies, a couple empty boxes, blankets to cushion those perfect NOS '38 rear fenders, also reported to be in there, straps and drinking water so that I could rest after a couple hours of sorting parts. He opened the door.

When I was young, my family members would pan for gold, it was for fun and adventure. The gist of gold mining is that for every hundred tons of dirt you sift through, there could be an ounce of gold; could be. Behind the door was 22 years of dust, a very obvious mouse urine smell and a mound of dirt from a nonactive fire ant hill. I saw boxes so fragile to the touch that they fell apart when I moved them. Plastic bags containing loose parts disintegrated when pulled out of the boxes.

John's dad had the same affliction that many of the rest of us have. When salvaging from parts cars everything gets saved. When rebuilding an engine, the old pistons, scored from turning over in a frozen engine block are saved. Buckets of bolts and other hardware are saved. The second-best parts and rebuildable parts were saved. I found the gold mine!

After sorting through a hundred tons of dirt, I found my ounce of gold, not in all the NOS parts I had anticipated, but a couple hours of pure joy in my anticipation and a new car friend. Make that two car friends. John has a beautiful '48 Buick that his dad had restored with help from the former Lewis Jenkins up North Carolina way. We had lots to share about our dad's influence on our hobby. I think I would be welcome at John's house if I drove out there to show him my car.

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*.

Bowl-a-rama!!

February 16th!

Don't miss it!



Have fun with us!

**Attend chapter
meetings and
activities!**

Do you need replacement hub caps or Wheels?

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.



The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 12, 2020 Holiday Party at Ippolito's 350 Town Center Avenue in Suwanee., Sunday, January 12th. 678-985-4377

1 PM, Meet, Greet and Drinks at Cash Bar
Order from menu for 2 PM meal 3 - 4 PM Gift Exchange
RSVP to J D Westfall (cell 913-638-7849)

Make plans to attend!!

BCA and Chapter Events

2020 JANUARY						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	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	31	1

Printable Calendars by Betacalendars.com

February 16, 2020

Bowl-a-Rama. Woodstock Lanes
12:30 PM. 108 Woodpark Blvd
Woodstock, GA 770-926-2200

RSVP Bruce and Shar Kile at
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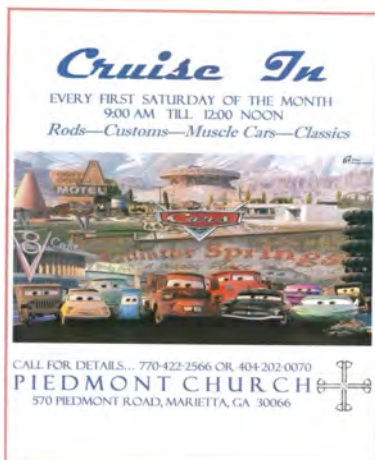
July 15-18, 2020

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

Friday, May 15 & Saturday May 16, 2020.

Peach Blossom B.O.P.C
Piedmont Church, Marietta
Hosts: Southeastern GTO Association

Non-Chapter Events



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

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

CAR QUIZ ANSWER

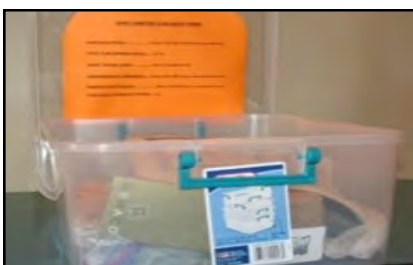


In 1959, the Buick Invicta assumed the role of "Banker's Hotrod" from the discontinued Century line, following the formula of smaller body and larger engine. From 1959-1962 it was offered in a full range of body styles, but by its last year in 1963 the model was reduced to a six passenger wagon, only. The other body styles were assumed by the newly introduced Wildcat

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!

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Our car of the month is Ken Green's 1940 convertible. A work in progress. We cannot wait to see the finished product!

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



We have no anniversaries listed for January



BIRTHDAYS

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

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The total amount of charitable contributions approved by Dixie Chapter members was \$1,750, not 1,700 as stated in the December issue of the Dixie Valve Chatter.

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Deals on Wheels



Car for Sale: 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@techtopynd.com , 770-377-4514 or on the weekends at LKOZENY@YAHOO.COM.



CAR FOR SALE: 1985 Riviera convertible. 2 owner car. All options including A/C. Archival Elite winner. Last year for the convertible. Asking \$9,500. Call Jerry at 404-769-6071 for more info.



Wheels Wanted : 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

CAR FOR SALE: 1967 Buick Riviera. Verde Green. BCA Senior Survivor Award. 430 V8, rebuilt 200 miles ago. \$15,000. J.D. Westfall 913-638-7849.



CAR FOR SALE: 2010 Enclave CXL. 1 owner, bought new in July 2010. 63,500 miles which is low for a 9 year old car. Only reason that I want to sell it is that I want a red one. :-)
I'll sell it to a DCBCA member for the 1st reasonable offer! Call Jerry at 404-769-6071 for more info.



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**.