



Dixie Valve Chatter

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On the Cover: Monument in Suwanee Central Park, across the street from Ippolito's

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Hello Fellow Dixie Chapter Members

First of all I'd like to thank all those who attended the (after) Christmas party and an extra "thank you" to J.D. for making the arrangements with Ippolito's. It was another great fun gathering.

I'd like to dedicate this month's message to the memory of one of my "hero's", Joe Taubitz who passed away on Jan 5 at the age of 86. Joe lived with his wife, Bernice, (near) Flint, where he was born & spent most of life, To me & (probably) hundreds of other "gear heads" world wide, especially those of us in the Buick Club & the Buick Driving Enthusiasts, Joe was "Mr. Buick", "Mr Tour Leader", Mr. "Fix Anything", Mr "Tech Adviser" and a true "good ole Joe" who would drop whatever he was doing to come to the aide of those in need.

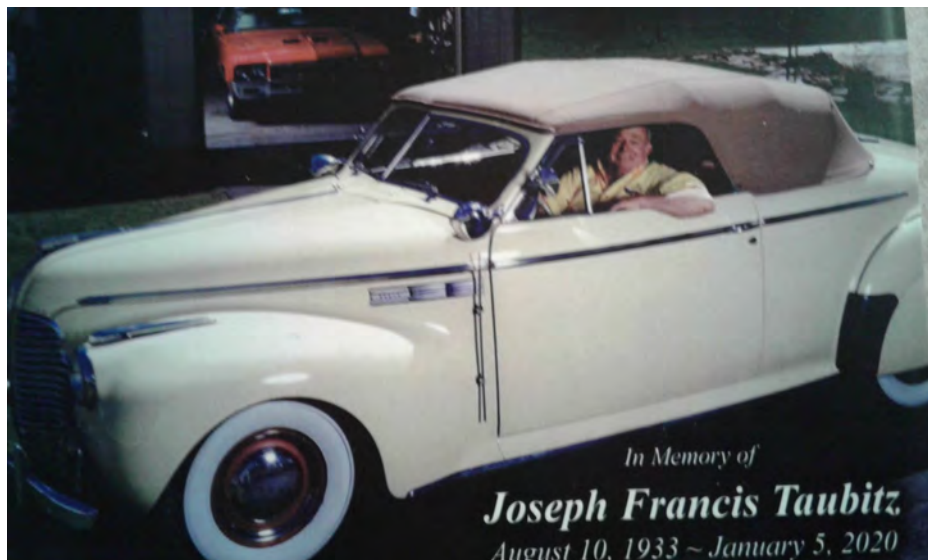
Being one of the founders and early chapter directors of the Buick Town Chapter (Flint) led to his planning & organization of first the annual event we call the BCA National Meet. That first meet in 1971 and subsequent meets through 1976 were all held in Flint at the location of the Buick Motor Division with Joe being the show chairman each year.

It was through Joe's endorsement and support that made possible the "rotation" of the National Meets beginning in 1977 with the first National outside of Flint held in Strongsville, Ohio, hosted by the N.E. Ohio Chapter, (at the very same hotel as this year's event). The Lord only knows how many more years it might have been before such a move might have occurred without that endorsement.

Although Joe owned many beautiful Buicks through the years, he was more about driving (touring) and yes, racing them than winning "awards". It was this desire that led to his being one of the co-founders and organizers of the Buick Driving Enthusiasts (BDE).

I know I could write a book (or certainly a short story) about "my hero" Joseph Francis Taubitz and his contributions to the hobby, and in particular to the Buick Club of America, with just things I've been privileged to have been a part of. I am proud to say I knew and associated with THE "good ole Joe". He was a great American & good friend. May he rest in peace.

Bruce "ole 3013"



Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

Tom Lynde

Hi Folks,

Well, we are into the second month of the year and car show season is looming large. Yes, I am still scrubbing pine sap off of Esmerelda the Park Avenue. I am really hoping that she will make her debut at this year's big show at Piedmont Church. You will find registration forms for the Peach Blossom B.O.P.&C. attached to this newsletter. It will be hosted by our friends at the Southeastern GTO Association. Even though Dixie Buick is not the host club, we still want large turn out of club members to support this great show.

In the rearview, a wonderful time was had by all who attended the annual post-holiday party. We enjoyed delicious food and drink, good fellowship and a rousing gift exchange. There are plenty of pictures elsewhere in this issue. Come and take part in chapter activities!

By the way, I am looking for contributions in the form of shop recommendations, show suggestions or event coverage, the story of your Buick. Everyone has favorite stories. Please share some with us.

Please remember to bring your B.C.A. and Dixie Chapter dues up to date. One of the great benefits for me as editor of your newsletter has been getting to know so many of you. I look forward to seeing y'all at future club events.

Happy Buicking!

Tom



Quotable Quotations



Grit in the Gearbox



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!!

Post Holiday Party



Dixie Chapter members turned out to Ippolito's in Suwanee for the annual Post-Holiday party. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and time of fellowship, and then a rousing gift exchange. This was the first big chapter event of the new year. Make plans to attend next year's gathering!

Post Holiday Party



Thanks to J.D. Westfall for coordinating this year's event and to all who came on out to make this year's party a great success!



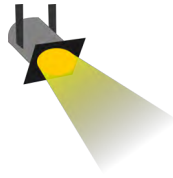
Check out the Timing Chain for upcoming chapter, BCA and BDE events!

Car Quiz

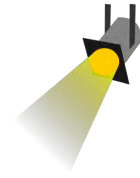


What was the name used for Buick's two door N Body offering from 1985–1991. Hint, it was the same name used for a appearance package on Buick's G body two door in the early eighties.

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



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***.



Bowl-a-rama!!

February 16th!

Don't miss it!



Membership Renewal Time **has PAST:**

2020 Dixie Chapter dues were due by 12/31/19. If you are one of the 13 that have not yet paid your 2020 Chapter dues, please send \$20 to Jerry Richstein A.S.A.P.



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

BCA and Chapter Events

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	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

Printable Calendars by BetaCalendars.com

February 16, 2020

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

RSVP Bruce and Shar Kile at 770-977-7924 or sbkile58@aol.com

June 1-4, 2020

B.D.E National Tour Gettysburg, PA
Contact: Charlie Steffy chas1963@hotmail.com
407-261-9318

July 15-18, 2020

Buick Club 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

Have fun with us!
Attend chapter meetings and activities!

Non-Chapter Events

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

27th Annual INMAN ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW
Saturday, June 20th, 2020 9:00AM TO 3:00PM PARKING 10th GRADE

FREE ADMISSION - NO REGISTRATION FEE

FOR CARS 25 YEARS OR OLDER
\$0.50 RATE IN - Door prices
PARKING 10th GRADE

RESTROOMS AVAILABLE - LUNCH \$10.00 - WWW.MINTERFARM.COM

Summit ATLANTA MOTORAMA
GEORGIA'S LARGEST MOTORING FESTIVAL
APRIL 25-26, 2020

ATLANTA MOTOR SPEEDWAY

OPEN TO ALL MAKE, MODEL AND YEAR CARS

GEAR UP FOR THE BEST OF THE BEST

CELEBRATING THE 40th YEAR OF THE 40 YEARS

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ATLANTA MOTORAMA.COM

County Line Church Annual Car Show
September 26, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Registration: \$15.00 per car.

Club Special: \$10.00 per car, 5 car minimum roll-in. Mail in car day of show registration

Awards: Top Ten, Pastor's Choice, and Best of Show. Dash plaques. Door prizes.

All proceeds to benefit the ministries of County Line Congregational Christian Church.

For more information contact Tom Lynde, 770-827-5357. Email dclanshow@yahoo.com

Cruise In
EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9:00 AM TILL 12:00 NOON
Rods—Customs—Muscle Cars—Classics

CALL FOR DETAILS... 770-422-2566 OR 404-262-0070
PIEDMONT CHURCH
570 PIEDMONT ROAD, MARIETTA, GA 30066

George Street Aut Association's 38th Annual Swap Meet & Flea Market
SWAP MEET • CAR SHOW
FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

SWAP SPACES \$30

CAR SHOW Entry \$20

ADULT ADMISSION \$5

12 and under FREE

1000 CONCESSIONS

4000 OR MORE

COBB COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, J. R. MILLER PARK
2245 CALLAWAY RD., MARIETTA GA 30008

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

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



We have no anniversaries listed for February



Come join us on Facebook!

[Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America](#)



BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--------|----------------|
| 2/2/65 | Steve Zigler |
| 2/10 | Charles Hunter |
| 2/15 | Bruce Kile |
| 2/18 | Joyce Flaaen |
| 2/24 | Gail Anderson |
| 2/28 | Bob McNichols |

CAR QUIZ ANSWER

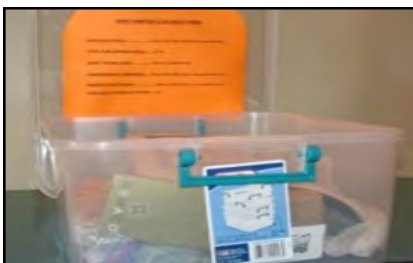


1985, the two door N Body Buick became the Somerset Regal and retained that designation through the 1991 model year. The four door became the Skylark. The Somerset moniker was previously used in the early 1980s as the name for an appearance package on the rear-drive two door G Body Regal.

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.

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.

Original Keepsake Buick Holiday Ornaments
 24K Gold Finish Brass.
 3-Dimensional, Laser cut.
 Individually boxed.
 Only \$9 each, 2 or more \$8 each!
 (U.S. Funds)

Send your name & address with check or money order made payable to:
BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS
 2492 Lorrie Drive
 Marietta GA 30066-5720
 A limited number of previous editions are available. Write for details.

CHAPTERS:
 Write for discount case pricing.

Pre-Production Image - Not-to-Size
 A Buick Driving Enthusiasts Division Project



You can buy these beautiful ornaments from 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"

<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

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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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



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@techttopind.com , 770-377-4514 or on the weekends at LJKOZENY@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: 1970 Buick Wildcat Convertible. Numbers matching, Rust free survivor. 455 ci V8 professionally rebuilt in 2016 with electronic ignition and slightly hotter cam. Rebuilt carb, front end and suspension, new tires. TH 350 three-speed automatic transmission. Will need; new glass rear window, power window relay, carpets, front seat reupholstered and paint. 15,000. cash. No trades . 470-506-7302



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**.



39th ANNUAL PEACH BLOSSOM B.O.P.C.

Buick * Oldsmobile * Pontiac * Cadillac

Car Show, Swap Meet, & Car Corral Saturday May 16 2020, 9AM – 3PM

Friday, May 15, 7:00 PM - Cash Dinner & Bar

Cherokee Cattle Company

2710 Canton Rd. Marietta, GA 30066 (770) 427-0490

Saturday, May 16 – Car Show, Swap Meet, & Car Corral

Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Rd, Marietta, GA 30066

8:00 – 11:00 AM - Registration

Popular Vote Judging ends at 12:00 Noon

Awards at 2:00 PM

Hosted by the Southeastern GTO Association

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW: Take I-75 to Exit 269 (Barrett Parkway). Turn east, Barrett Parkway becomes Piedmont Road. The Church and Car Show are about two miles on the right. Barrett Parkway also crosses I-575 at Exit 1 and avoids a lot of traffic. Exit I-575 at Exit 1, and head east, 1.8 miles on the right.

HOTELS: We have a block of rooms reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn, 895 Cobb Place Boulevard, Kennesaw, Georgia, 30144. The room rate of \$119 will be available until April 14, 2020. Cancellation policy is 7 days prior to your reservation date. Call them at 678-322-1140.

JUDGING: Cars will be judged by popular vote. Each car registered will receive one ballot, which will entitle you to vote in two other classes for First, Second, and Third place. Club Presidents will choose **Best Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Cadillac, Best Survivor, and Best of Show**. Classes will be determined by the cars registered by May 1, 2020, so please register early. This not only helps us, but also helps your car to be properly classified. **Fire extinguishers are mandatory.** Friday night parking after 5PM is available but NO security will be provided. Limited trailer parking is available.

For additional show information and to download a registration form, please go to www.segtoa.org or contact: Jim Andrews at jb6733andrews@etcmail.com.

The Southeastern GTO Association is a 501-C3 organization that supports various charities annually.



BUICK • OLDSMOBILE • PONTIAC • CADILLAC
39th Annual "Peach Blossom" BOPC Show May 16, 2020 @ Piedmont Baptist Church

Free Goodie Bags and Dash Plaques for the first 100 registrations!

Presented by the Southeastern GTO Association

Participant Registration (all fields required):

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Car Registration (Car 1):

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Class _____
Convertible? (Y/N) _____ Modified? (Y/N) _____ Club Affiliation _____

Car Registration (Car 2):

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Class _____
Convertible? (Y/N) _____ Modified? (Y/N) _____ Club Affiliation _____

Note: Classes may be re-assigned by SEGTOA and combined or eliminated as required.

Fees:

Registrations postmarked **by May 1, 2020** are \$25 for first car and _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____
\$20 for each additional car. _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____
Vendor spaces reserved **by May 1, 2020** are \$25 for 1st space _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____
and \$20 for each additional space _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____
Car Corral spaces reserved **by May 1, 2020** are \$25 for 1st space _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____
and \$20 for each additional space _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

All fees are \$5 additional if postmarked after May 1, 2020, and on day of show

2020 BOPC Commemorative Tee Shirts are \$20. S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____
Total Tee Shirts _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Friday Night Meet and Greet • Dinner and Drinks at Your Expense • _____ # Attending

7:00 PM at the Cherokee Cattle Company, 2710 Canton Rd., Marietta, GA 30066 (770) 427-0490

Total enclosed for the 2020 Peach Blossom BOPC Show: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Southeastern GTO Association and mail to:
Jim Andrews, SEGTOA, 224 Philadelphia Dr., Jasper, GA 30143

By the execution of this form, participants release the Southeastern GTO Association, Piedmont Church, and their agents from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, claims, or judgements from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participant to his/her person, family, or property. **A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS MANDATORY IN EVERY VEHICLE.**

Signed _____ Date _____

2020 BOPC 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 – 1980 FULL SIZE ALL OPEN
H	1971 – 1980 FULL SIZE ALL CLOSED
I	1980 & UP 2-SEATER (Reatta, Allantè, Fiero) ALL
J	1967 – 1974 FIREBIRD & TRANS AM (Except Modified)
K	1975 & UP FIREBIRD & TRANS AM (Except Modified)
L	1961 – 1967 A-BODY PERFORMANCE ALL
M-1	1952 & earlier ALL MODIFIED
M-2	1953 – 1980 ALL MODIFIED
M-3	1981 – 2019 ALL MODIFIED
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 – 1980 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 – 2020 NON-SPORT & NON-PERFORMANCE ALL
Y	1990 – 2020 SPORT & PERFORMANCE ALL
Z	ALL YEARS PROFESSIONAL CARS (Race, sedan delivery, hearse, ambulance, flower car, etc.)