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

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Dixie Valve Chatter



Hello Dixie Chapter Folks

It's safe to say that the next BIG event for our club is the "Peach Blossom" B.O.P.C. show, coming up May 15-16. Even though we are not the host this year, it is still a "big deal" for a number of reasons. As the co-founding club of this event back in 1980 we take a lot of pride in the fact that it has continued for 40 years. During those years it always seems to bring the owners (and prospective owners) of the four marguees together while attracting new members for our respective clubs. Of course it usually results in some "financial revenue" for the host club which is necessary to fund club activities and to make donations to the preferred charities of each of our four clubs. This is why we need to support this event by registering our cars and/or swap spaces. Personally, I always look forward to meeting "old faces" and making new friends at this event. And Even though I may not be needing (or searching for) any particular part, I can usually find something that "I just can't live without" in the swap meet. As for the car show itself, well we always have a nice variety of cars, from "un-restored originals" to "concours quality" and everything in between can usually be found here. As you know, this year's host is the S.E. GTO Assoc. They are requesting that we register ASAP so that they might be able to have a better head count and also to provide some much needed operating expense in advance of the show. The registration form is included with this issue of the "DVC". If you have any questions about the classes (like which one suits your car) or need any "guidance" on registering please don't hesitate to reach out to me personally or the S.E. GTO association register chairperson (listed on the reg form). One final thing, please consider registering and attending the BCA National Meet in Strongsville, Ohio, July 15th-19th. Details and registration are in your Buick Bugle. Shar and I haven't missed one since we joined the B.C.A. in 1973.

Peace, God Bless & "Go (tour in a) Buick"

"Ole 3013" Bruce

Remember to register for the Peach Blossom

BOPC: Forms are attached to this newsletter:







Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

Tom Lynde

Hi Folks,

Miss Daisy, my redbone hound and I recently enjoyed an unseasonably warm February day and dusted off the Electra for a little cruise around town. It was a preview of good things to come. Recent

rains have put a damper on our cruising activity, but the pretty weather will be consistently back with us before long.

The recent Bowl-arama was a wonderful event and afforded Dixie Chapter folks a chance to mix and mingle a bit. Our regular chapter meetings will resume in March, so please make plans to come on out to the Roswell Olive Garden on the 15th and enjoy a good meal and fun time of fellowship.

Remember that if you have a favorite repair, upholstery, or body and paint shop, you can share the contact information here in the DVC. Just drop me an email with your review and it will be published for all to see.

Have you registered for the BOPC yet? I have signed up to bring two cars and am now trying to work out the logistics of being one driver with two Buicks. There is still time for me to work this out.

Anyway, let us welcome the month of March and the beginning of cruise and show season. Let's get the cobwebs off those pretty tri-shields and enjoy some late winter early spring activity. See you at the March 15th chapter meeting!

Happy Buicking!

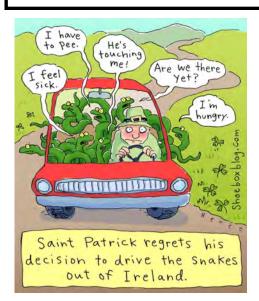
Tom

Quotable Quotations





Grit in the Gearbox



2020 Roddy Pierce Memorial Bowl –a-Rama!

Dixie Chapter members met at Woodstock Lanes for the annual Bowl-a-Rama and the February Chapter meeting and a fun time was held by all. Members were reminded to support the annual Peach Blossom BOPC and register for that event, as well as the up coming BCA Nationals and BDE tour of Gettysburg, PA. The next chapter meeting will be 12:30 PM March 15th at the Olive Garden on Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell. We have lots to plan and discuss, so please plan to be there!



THE WINNERS!

Most Gutter Balls, Jack Horvath. Secret Score Award (90), Pat Horvath. Lowest Overall Score, Ron Bergeron. Top Lady Scorer, Natalie Kile. Top Men Scorer, Bill McGowan.

Bowl-a-rama Photos







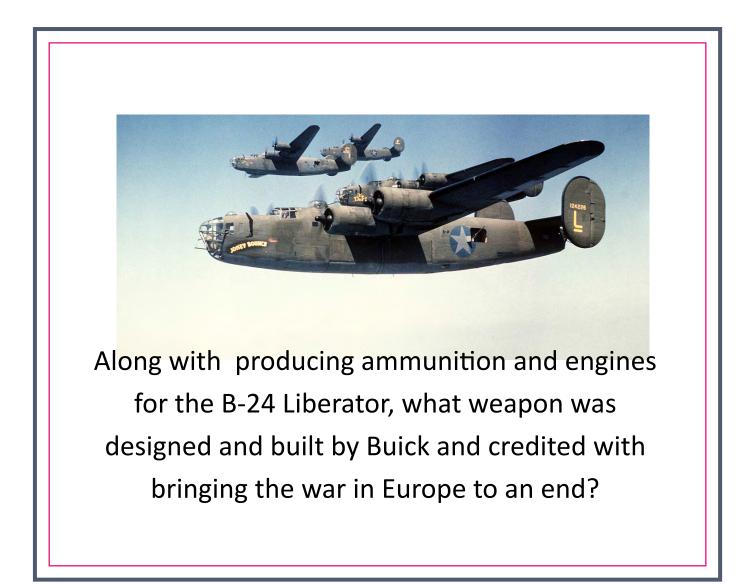


A great time was had by all at the Bowl-a-Rama. Make plans to attend next year's big event!

Remember! Daylight Saving Time begins March 8th.

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Car Quiz



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**.

March Chapter Meeting

March 15, 2020 12:30 PM

Needing a great plate of pasta? Breadstick and Salad levels low? Missing your favorite Buick folks? Well then, it is time to brush the dust that has gathered on your Buick as it wintered in your garage, crank it up and drive on over the Olive Garden, 905 Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell for the monthly chapter meeting.

We will meet at 12:30 for lunch and hold the meeting following, There are lots of upcoming events to discuss and plans to make. You and your input and ideas are needed. We will park all of those beautiful Buicks together. Come on out!





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

March 15, 2020

March Chapter meeting.

Olive Garden, 905 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell. 770-642-0395. Eat at 12:30, meeting to follow.

Friday, May 15 & Saturday May 16, 2020.

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

BCA and Chapter Events



Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!

June 1-4, 2020

B.D.E National Tour

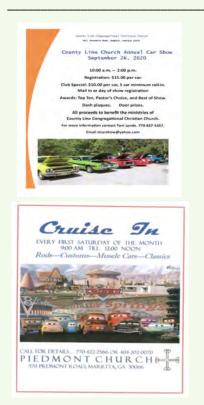
Gettysburg, PA

Contact: Charlie Steffy chas1963@hotmail.com

407-261-9318

July 15-18, 2020

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



Non-Chapter Events

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.



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

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

3/31 Charles and Jana Hunter



Come join us on Facebook!

Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America



BIRTHDAYS

3/3/56	Rita Brown
3/10/62	Tammy Lynde
3/11/50	Jean Richstein
3/15/34	Bill Eisenhardt
3/20/44	Penny VanNortwick
3/28	Tria Palmer
3/28	Chris Strong



CAR QUIZ ANSWER



The Buick M-18 Hellcat Tank Killer went into service in October 1944 and served with distinction through the duration of WWII. It was also used in the Korean War. It was the fastest U.S. tank on the road. The speed was attained by keeping armor to a minimum, using the innovative Torqmatic automatic transmission, and by equipping the relatively light vehicle with the same main gun used on the much larger Sherman tank.

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.



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

<u>Need AC Delco parts?</u> 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

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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 <u>jerry.richstein@gmail.com</u>, so you can continue to receive the *Dixie Valve Chatter* via e-mail



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>**: 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.</u>

<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 <u>p.sorrells@comcast.net</u>

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**.









Deals on Wheels



Car for sale. 1985 LeSabre Limited with only 14K miles original miles. For all intents and purposes this is a new car. Can be a show car, tour car or even a "daily driver". Located in Charleston, S.C. it's entire life. Second elderly owner asking \$12,000. Call Tom Jameson (843) 571-2264





From the Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine committee reports that it has sent a bereavement card to the family of John Westfall, J.D. Westfall's father and get well cards to Bob Haggard, who is in treatment for prostate and kidney cancer and to Shar Kile, who is recovering from a recent surgery.

We also extend sympathies to Jerry Richstein on the passing of his mother on January 23, 2020 (Ed.)

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.

In Memorium



From the B.D.E. Facebook page.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of John Westfall - BDE #92. John and his wife, Alice, were active members for many years. Thoughts and comfort from the BDE are sent to JD and Roxanne Westfall (BDE #393) and other family members. Another gentleman has left the hobby.

NORTH LEWISBURG OHIO - John "Big Bad John" L. Westfall, 90, of North Lewisburg, passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in his home. He was born May 25, 1929 in North Lewisburg, the son of Ralph B. and Mary Margaret (Moore) Westfall. John was a 1947 graduate of Bellefontaine High School. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Woodstock Church, where he was involved with the restoration of the old church. He enjoyed restoring old cars, as well as driving them. As for sports, John liked watching fastpitch softball, Ohio State football, and Cincinnati Reds baseball. He also enjoyed pretty wood, pretty rocks, pretty cattle, pretty cars, and pretty women. He was a member of the Buick Club of America, the Buick Driving Enthusiasts, the Buicks Our Way, and the Champaign Cruisers. John was a volunteer fireman in North Lewisburg and played on the firemen's softball team. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1999 and played varsity football for Ohio Wesleyan University from 1948-1950. John was a member of the Triad Board of Education where he was an Honorary Booster in 1982. He belonged to the Woodstock Lions Club where he received a Distinguished Service Award in 1982. John was also a member of the Federal Land Bank Board of Directors, and the Civic Club of North Lewisburg as a "founder of the present ball field and park." His main goal in life was to enjoy his family and live on his own time. He is survived by his daughters, Sherri Lynn (Robert) Crowder of North Lewisburg and Dori Ann (Jack) Harshbarger of DeGraff; sons, JD (Roxanne) Westfall of Atlanta, GA, Karl Leonard (Nancy) Westfall of Racine, WI, and Bart Allen Westfall of Little Rock, AR; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law (Barbara) Westfall of Greenville, NC. John is preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Alice A. Westfall, parents, and his sisters, Annette (Robert) Keeran and Rosemary Smith, his brother, Ralph David Westfall. A private burial will take place at the convenience of the family. Inurnment will be at Maple Grove Cemetery. Services are entrusted to FRESHWATER, MCDONALD & VERNON FUNERAL HOME, North Lewisburg. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Woodstock Church, 332 W Bennett St., Woodstock, OH 43084; Northeast Champaign County Fire District, 60 East Maple St., North Lewisburg, Ohio 43060; or Loving Care Hospice, 779 London Ave., Marysville, Ohio 43040. Condolences may be expressed to the family at <u>www.vernonfh.com</u>.









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 <u>www.segtoa.org</u> or contact: Jim Andrews at <u>ib6733andrews@etcmail.com</u>. 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 Affilia	tion				
Car Registration (Car	2):						
Year Make_		Model			Class		
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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 p	ostmarked after	May 1, 202	0, and on d	ay of sh	now	
2020 BOPC Commen	norative Tee Shirts are	\$20. S:M:	_L:;	XL: XX	L:)	XXL:	
Total Tee Shirts							
Friday Night Meet an	d Greet •Dinner an	d Drinks at Your E	Expense		_ # Atte	ending	
7:00 PM at the Cherol	kee Cattle Company, 27	710 Canton Rd., M	Aarietta, GA	30066 (770	0) 427-0	490	
Total enclosed for the	2020 Peach Blossom I	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.

	2020 BOPC Classes
A	PRE 1943 (PRE WW II) ALL
В	1946 – 1952 ALL
С	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
Н	1971 – 1980 FULL SIZE ALL CLOSED
I	1980 & UP 2-SEATER (Reatta, Allantè, Fiero) ALL
J	1967 – 1974 FIREBIRD & TRANS AM (Except Modified)
К	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
0	1968 – 1972 A-BODY PERFORMANCE OPEN
Р	1968 – 1972 A-BODY PERFORMANCE CLOSED
R	1968 – 1972 A-BODY NON-PERFORMANCE OPEN
S	1968 – 1972 A-BODY NON-PERFORMANCE CLOSED
Т	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
Х	1990 – 2020 NON-SPORT & NON-PERFORMANCE ALL
Υ	1990 – 2020 SPORT & PERFORMANCE ALL
z	ALL YEARS PROFESSIONAL CARS (Race, sedan delivery,
	hearse, ambulance, flower car, etc.)