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Director's Message:

So, Dixie folks, it's now official: the "Peach Blossom BOPC Show" has been postponed until October. The BDE National Tour, The ROA (Riviera Owners Assoc.) National, The G.S. National and the BCA National Meet have all been cancelled for 2020. Even our monthly chapter meetings have taken on a little different format, at least temporarily. But does that mean we can't still have some fun with our Buicks? By no means! During our conference call meeting last month, a couple things were proposed: first of all, for the month of June we discussed having a "Dixie Chapter virtual All Buick Show". With over 100 Buicks in our chapter we should be able to fill several pages of entrants. The show is open to all Buicks: "daily drivers", "works in progress", "restored" and "unrestored." if it's a Buick and it's owned by YOU, a member of the chapter. WE NEED YOUR CAR to appear in the June Virtual All Buick Show. To participate all you need to do is simply send a current picture of your car to editor Tom Lynde. Tom and Jerry Richstein will serve as our show chairmen. Tom will provide the email and "snail mail" address for those who prefer to respond "non-cyberly" in a separate area of this DVC. All entries must be received by May 20th. Geeze, even I can find time in my "heavy social scheduling" these days to pull the car out of the garage & snap a picture. Who knows, maybe I'll even drive it around the block or to the drive-thru at Micky "D's" while I got it out.

In July, we are planning a no need to leave the car, car cruise. There will be more details in the June & July DVC, but briefly, we will pick a departure point some weekend in mid-July and "tour" a predesignated route, for approximately 1 hour. The tour will conclude at a "drive-in" restaurant (like Sonic or The Varsity) which has restroom facilities. This activity will enable us to continue "social distancing", if necessary, and at the same time enjoy a little fun with our Buicks. It would be great if we could get together sooner than July but in the meantime we can still get together, possibly via "Zoom" for the May and June conference call meetings. Stay well my Buick friends Kindest Regards
Bruce (ole 3013)

P.S. As previously reported, the BCA National Meet has been cancelled for this year. In 2021 there will be two National Meets, Strongsville will be 6/30-7/3. The second meet in Charlotte will be a few weeks later, no specific date has been announced as of yet.

Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

Tom Lynde

Hi Folks,

Car show season is passing by with no organized, traditional-type car shows taking place. The on-going corona virus has prompted car enthusiasts to become creative with the hobby. Facebook groups are rife with virtual car



shows and organized "quaran-tours" and old car parades. From small parades of a dozen or so cars cruising through neighborhoods to a couple of hundred vehicles looping I-285, enthusiasts are finding ways to enjoy the hobby with others while staying socially distant. Me, I have been working on my cars and trying out and honing new skills like interior work in my Park Avenue. If not for shelter in place. I would have hired these small jobs out. Instead I am learning new things and taking pride in the results. I was going to say "finished product", but I think we all know better than to say that. Is anything old car related ever truly finished?

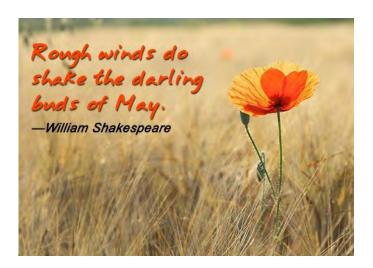
The Dixie Chapter is adapting, too, having held a meeting via conference call and looking to a meeting on Zoom this month. We are also planning a virtual car show for June's DVC and some cruise events to allow us to get out and enjoy our cars and remain in compliance with social distance orders. Let's get out and show the world (or at least Metro Atlanta) our Buicks!

As of this writing, major changes are in store for events like the BOPC, the Buick Nationals, and other big shows. Stay tuned for news and future developments!

Stay well and Happy Buicking!

Tom

Quotable Quotations



Grit in the Gearbox



ANNOUNCING:

The Dixie Chapter's First Ever VIRTUAL CAR SHOW!!







Submit photos of your pride and joy Buicks: show cars, daily drivers, or works-in-progress by MAY 20, 2020 to be included in the June issue of the DVC!

There is no cost to enter!

Email pictures to DVC Editor Tom Lynde at lynde2375@charter.net or Jerry Richstein at jerry.richstein@gmail.com. Or mail prints to Tom Lynde, 2375 Jonesboro Road, Hampton, GA 30228.

SEND YOU PICTURES TODAY!!

Be sure include your name, info on year and model, special features, how long you have owned the car and anything else you think is interesting about your Buick!



"Buicks on the Bricks"

PART OF THE ANNUAL FLINT, MICHIGAN

"BACK TO THE BRICKS" CAR SHOW

303 W. WATER STREET, "BIRTHPLACE OF GENERAL MOTORS"

GENERAL MOTORS FACTORY ONE

DURANT-DORT CARRIAGE COMPANY OFFICE BUILDING

AUGUST 15, 2020 – GATE OPENS AT 6:00 am (Buildings open from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Open To All Buick Show Cars, Barn Finds, Modified & Works In Progress

FREE ADMISSION, FREE PARKING, FOOD AVAILABLE ON SITE

- TOUR THE DURANT-DORT CARRIAGE COMPANY OFFICE BUILDING
 - Walk Into Billy Durant's Office Founder of General Motors
 - 11:30 Program "Engine of Innovation" The World Wide Impact of Flint's Visionaries, and How They Changed the World", by Gary I. Fisher
 - -Genesee County Historical Society Gift Shop With Many Unique Items
- VIEW SPECIAL EXHIBITS & VIDEOS IN GM FACTORY ONE OPEN HOUSE
 - -Visit Kettering University Industrial History Archives
 - -See Billy Durant's "Flint Road Cart" The Vehicle That Started It All
 - -On Display, A Buick Production Built J-65 Jet Engine & Much More







For additional information visit: www.backtothebricks.org/buick-party/ www.buicksonthebricks.com

DISPLAY CARS USE W. WATER ST. ENTRANCE OFF GRAND TRAVERSE, NORTH OF THE BRIDGE For more information contact: AL JONES 810-625-2713 OR DAVE LANGDON 810-636-2676

2020 BCA National Meet in Strongsville, Ohio has been canceled

In consultation with the members of the National Meet Committee (NMC), the BCA Board of Directors (BOD) has voted to cancel the 2020 National Meet in Strongsville, Ohio. There will be no BCA National Meet in 2020 due to the COVID 19 virus and our concern for our members' safety.

This was a difficult decision to make, but one we feel is in the best interests of the health and well-being of our members. We thank you for your patience while the Board weighed all the facts that went into this decision. We especially wish to offer our heartfelt thanks to the Northeast Ohio Chapter for all their work that went into planning for what would have been a terrific meet this year.

We encourage our members to cancel any <u>motel / hotel reservations</u> that you have for this meet. We are in the process of refunding any entry fees for the 2020 National Meet. Please allow us some time to make these arrangements and get payment to you. People that paid by credit card will have refunds made to their credit card. Members that paid by check or by online will either have their check returned if not cashed or have a check from the BCA send to them.

The NMC and the BOD are in discussions with the Strongsville and Concord (Charlotte) groups for the future.

BCA Board of Directors



BOPC UPDATE

Southeast GTO Association, hosts for this year's BOPC has been in discussion with Piedmont Church, the host site, and dates for this year's event have been <u>tentatively set for</u> <u>October 16th and 17th,</u> pending county regulations and health conditions at that time. We will keep you up to date on any changes in this fluid situation. If you have already registered and prepaid, SEGTOA will refund your fees.













May Chapter Meeting: The May Chapter meeting will be held via Zoom. Date to be determined. Date and instructions on how to join in will be sent out soon. Please participate and help make plans for chapter activities.

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. grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com

Car Quiz



Can you name the famous Buick whose media debut was held nearly two years after the car was built and tested several thousand miles?

Answer on page 13

My Self-Isolation Quarantine Diary

Day 1 – I Can Do This!! Got enough food and wine to last a month!

Day 2 – Opening my 8th bottle of Wine. I fear wine supplies might not last!

Day 3 – Strawberries: Some have 210 seeds, some have 235 seeds. Who Knew??

Day 4 – 8:00pm. Removed my Day Pajamas and put on my Night Pajamas.

Day 5 – Today, I tried to make Hand Sanitizer. It came out as Jello Shots!!

Day 6 – I get to take the Garbage out. I'm So excited, I can't decide what to wear.

Day 7 - Laughing way too much at my own jokes!!

Day 8 – Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen". You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have No clue how this place is still in business.

Day 9 – I put liquor bottles in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going Bar hopping.

Day 10 – Struck up a conversation with a Spider today.

Seems nice. He's a Web Designer.

Day 11 – Isolation is hard. I swear my fridge just said, "What the hell do you want now?"

Day 12 – I realized why dogs get so excited about something moving outside, going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.

Day 13 – If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidently touch your face.

Day 14 – Watched the birds fight over a worm. The Cardinals lead the Blue Jays 3–1.

Day 15 – Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 395 times this month?





MEMBER NEWS



Lamar and Rita Brown recently purchased this '36 Roadmaster. They took a road trip to Manassas, Virginia to pick it up. They got it home and had a "cat" scan done of it to see what condition it was in (see photo). The results came back "unrestorable", so it will just be parked in front of the Buick Sales and Service Garage on permanent display.



As found in Manassas, VA



The cat scan



In last month's DVC, We shared the good news of the birth of Bob and Luciana Stone's grand daughter Maggie Yancie. This month Bob tells us that the pitter patter of little feet continues with the arrival of new furbaby Bella. Congrats folks!



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**.

Do you need replacement hub caps or Wheels?

Bianca at <u>Hubcaps.com</u> & <u>OriginalWheels.com</u> 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

May Meeting Date TBA

The May meeting will be held via Zoom . All members are welcome to participate. Instructions on how to join will be sent to all members.

<u>Friday, October 16 & Saturday</u> <u>October 17, 2020. Tentative</u>

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

BCA and Chapter Events

Sat	Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun
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Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and

August 15, 2020

Back to the Bricks, Flint, Michigan www.buicktothebricks.org

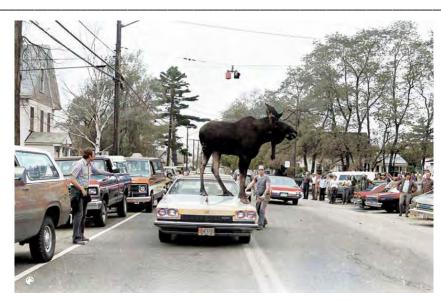
June 30-July 3, 2021

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

August 24-28, 2021 Tentative

Buick Club of America Annual Meet. Charlotte, NC. Hosted by the Tar Heel Chapter

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



1973 Buick Centurion with the rare Bull Moose option.

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events





ANNIVERSARIES

5/25/63 Roy and Sharon Newby

5/27 Chuck and Laura Dalton

BIRTHDAYS

5/3 Sharon Newby

5/19 Alan Strong

5/23 Roy Newby

5/34 Skip Petsch

Come join us on Facebook!



Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America



CAR QUIZ **ANSWER**



Although it was built in 1938, the Buick Y-Job, considered the first factory concept vehicle made its media debut on April 5, 1940.

after several thousand miles of testing and numerous refinements, The Y-Job became Harley Earl's personal vehicle.

This is an early picture of Harley and the car. The Y-Job now wears rear fender skirts and different bumpers.

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 club store during a monthly chapter meeting.

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** - June 30 - July 3, **2021.**

Strongsville is a suburb of Cleveland.

Hosted by the Northeast Ohio Chapter, BCA

Cars of the Month

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





Submit
your pictures for the
Virtual Car Show
Today!!



Flashback to the 2017 BOPC! Hope to see lots of Buick pictures soon!

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



<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>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

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.

<u>Car for sale.</u> 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





<u>Want to Buy</u> Looking for poor condition parts for a 1936 Buick Roadmaster. Stainless trim, trunk ornament, tail lights. Also need unserviceable 16" rims and old period correct tires. Rims to be 5 on 5.5" with min 3 3/4" hub hole. Let me know what you might have. Thanks, Lamar 1954buick@gmail.com 706.201.8555

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.**

Southeast Regional Tour November 5-8, 2020

As a member of the Buick Club of America you are eligible to attend their Regional Tours. This one is hosted by the Gulf Coast Chapter of the BCA

The 2020 BCA SE Regional Tour, sponsored by the Gulf Coast Chapter BCA, will take place from Thursday, November 5th through Sunday, November 9th, 2020, in Fort Myers, Florida.

After checking into the Best Western Waterfront, in North Fort Myers, on Thursday, the rest of the day will be ours to explore Fort Myers and eat at one of the many restaurants in the area and/or mingle with other guests in the Hospitality Room. A list of the restaurants and points of interest in the area will be provided at check-in. For your convenience, a free shuttle from the hotel to town is available.

Friday morning, we will caravan to Naples for an 11:00 tour of the famous Revs (Collier) Car Museum. That evening, at 5:45, we will enjoy a fun Murder Mystery Dinner Train ride.

On Saturday morning, we will have a guided tour of the Edison and Ford Houses and Museum. The afternoon can be spent exploring Fort Myers and/or inspecting our cars which will be parked in a designated area on the hotel grounds. A 6:30 banquet is planned at the Host Hotel.

After breakfast on Sunday, we will say our goodbyes for another year. For the adventurous, there are many great cities in Florida with interesting places to visit as you travel to and from the Regional.

For more information, call Ben Berman, at 941-355-2469 or email him at bib1946@aol.com. Looking forward to seeing you.



2020 BCA SE REGIONAL TOUR November 5-7, 2020 Fort Myers, Florida

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Guest Name(s)			
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Owner Cell Phone			
Guest Cell Phone			
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*** A FIRE EXTINGUISHER	IS REQUIRED***		
Registration Fee - (12 & under free)			
All fees are per person			
Thursday, Nov 5			
Thurs – Arrival – Meet and Greet	X no added fee		
Dinner on your own: (list provided).			
Friday, Nov 6 Naples			
Caravan to Naples Revs (Collier)Museum/Collection (11AM tour)	V 425 6		
Lunch on your own: (list provided).			
Murder Mystery Dinner Train:	X \$95.\$		
Saturday, Nov 7 Fort Myers			
Edison House and Museum (Guided tour)	X \$25.\$		
Lunch at the 'Ford Garage' on your own			
6:30 pm Banquet @ Host Hotel	X \$50.\$		
Total for a couple all activities \$440.00	TOTAL \$		
Registration requested by October 17, 2020. For mee	t information email Ben Berman: bib1946@aol.com		
Please make checks payable to: BCA Florida Gulf Co	oast Chapter, Inc.		
Mail form w/check to: BEN BERMAN, 4223 MACKAY FAL <u>REFUND POLICY</u> In case of changes in plans, refunds of entry fees ar tour director no later than October 1, 2020. In case of la	nd meal payments will be made in full upon application to the		
Hotel: Best Western Water Front			
13021 N. Cleveland Ave., N. Fort Myers, FL 33903			
Phone: 239-997-5511 ask for the Buick Club Rate for SE Re	gional		
Rates: \$89.99 + tax/night Includes breakfast and wifi			

Cut off date for hotel reservations is September 30, 2020