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Hello Dixie Chapter folks

First of all, let us give a big thank you to J.D. Westfall and Tom Lynde for coordinating and planning of the chapter picnic. I know there will be pictures and details of that fun day included in this issue of the "DVC". Considering the "current circumstances" the turnout was pretty good. More Kudos to member Dave Berquist for driving in all the way from Greer, South Carolina (185 miles) just to "gather with some Buick folks" and talk about something besides politics and COVID. Similar sentiments were echoed by Bob and Glenda Haggard who, along with their fur baby Tootsie Roll, drove their beautiful GSX clone in from Eatonton. Having the Haggard's in attendance was even more of a thrill when we learned that both had survived severe COVID infections that required being hospitalized just a couple months ago.

Please join us on October 11th via Zoom for our monthly meeting. One of the items needing discussion is this year's chapter election procedures. With all the COVID distractions I did not appoint a nominating committee in September in advance of our November election. MY bad!!!

The next big outdoor event for us will be the Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. October 17th. As you know the show was postponed from May due to "you know what". Even though the show is hosted by the S.E. GTO Association this year, we strongly encourage your support by registering and attending. Of course, social distancing will be encouraged and the G.T.O. folks are taking all the required precautions. I sure hope to see everyone's "smiling face" at the Zoom meeting and their "smiling eyes" at the BOPC show.

Kindest Regards,

Bruce (Ole 3013)

Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

Tom Lynde

Hi Folks,



THE TALE OF TWO TRIP ODOMETERS: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. ...

It is hard to believe that we are already into October. Before long my Buicks will be resting under their winter blankets in the garage. My cars are not trailer queens, nor do I consider them garage queens, but I was shocked when I did a quick check on both this morning. I was curious as to how many miles I had put on them during this age of corona virus. I reset the trip odometer every January 1 so that I can keep track of how far I go. I usually average about 2,500 miles a year on the Electra, and I was planning on more than that on the 94 Park Ave, as I bought it this year specifically for long cruises and outings. Well, check out the pictures. The 89 Electra logged just 355 miles and the Park Ave moved just 99 miles, most of that on test drives during the refurbish process this past spring.

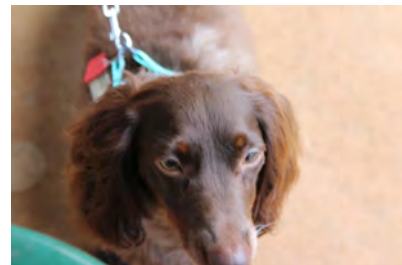
It figures, this was going to be the year for BDE outings, Strongville, Charlotte AACA show, SE Regional.... Yep, I was going to get out there this year. I had my tour car and we were going to be on the go. I spent January and February filling out car event registration forms and writing cheques, and have spent the past several weeks getting refunds in the mail. As the Grateful Dead sang, and I have quoted before: "What a long, strange trip it's been."

Anyway, I will not be making the BOPC this year. Missing it is getting to be a bad habit, but this October 17th I will be walking my eldest daughter, Bethany, across LaFayette Square in Savannah to give her hand in marriage to her fiancé Lucian. Have a great time and please send me pictures for the DVC!



CHAPTER PICNIC

The Dixie Chapter BCA gathered at the Heritage Park Military Museum for our annual picnic. Great time of fellowship and food, then we toured the museum. Curator Jim Joyce made it come alive with his stories about the exhibits. Thanks again Jim for opening up for us. We were allowed to park on the grassy area near the picnic pavilion, resulting in an impromptu car show that drew a lot of admiring looks and comments from passers by. A great time was had by all.



Grit in the Gearbox



ESTATE WAGON

LE SABRE

A 350 cubic-inch V8 engine, variable-ratio power steering and power front disc brakes are standard equipment on the 1971 Buick LE SABRE. Curved windows that are almost flush with the outer surface of the body are an added styling feature shared by all regular-size Buicks. Buick's AccuDrive suspension is among the many other standard features offered by this popular automobile. A large selection of comfort and convenience features and power equipment is available.

ESTATE WAGON

Buick's ESTATE WAGON for 1971 is a full-sized luxury station wagon which offers the performance and handling characteristics of a fine car along with the utility of a station wagon. Cargo space has been increased to 106 cubic feet. Access to the cargo area is completely unobstructed, because the Estate Wagon features a new tailgate. The power-operated glass slides up into the roof area and the gate slides down into the underbody. Available in both two- and three-seat models.

LE SABRE CUSTOM 4-Door Hardtop



Crabby Road

10-30-06

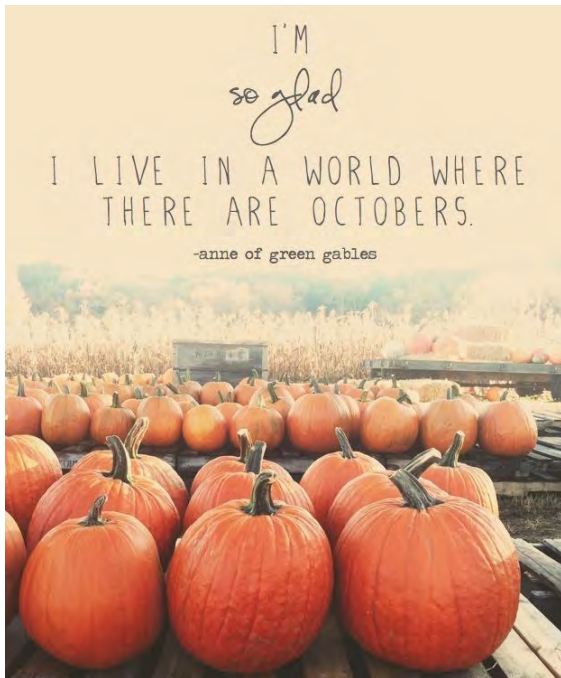
They call this "fun size?"
Hell, it takes 3 or 4 of
them just to get me
mildly amused.



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Quotable Quotations



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

www.buickclub.org



Cars of the Month



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

Original Keepsake Buick Ornaments
24K Gold Finish Brass
3-Dimensional, Laser Cut
Approximately 3" x 2.25" - Individually Boxed

\$6 each - includes shipping
Indicate ornament (# and car)
and quantity
Check or money order payable to
BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS
c/o B. Kile,
2492 Lorrie Drive, Marietta GA 30066
Info: sbkile@comcast.net

#1 1963 Riviera
#2 1930 Roadster
#3 1970 GS Convertible
#4 Special Convertible
#5 1987 Grand National
#6 1959 Electra Convertible
#7 1990 Reatta Convertible

You can buy these beautiful ornaments from the club store during a monthly chapter meeting.

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

October 11, 2020

Chapter meeting via Zoom. Time and log-on information will be emailed soon.

Saturday October 17, 2020.

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

October 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				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

2021 Dual National Meets

2021 Dual Meet Dates:
Concord NC Meet:
June 30th- July 3rd
Strongsville OH Meet:
July 7th – July 10th



**Have fun with us!
Attend chapter meetings and activities!**



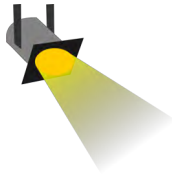
Please send notices of upcoming events to DVC editor Tom Lynde at lynde2375@charter.net

From the Sunshine Committee

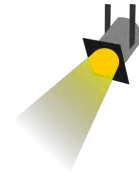
If you know of a member who is ill, injured, recovering, or just in need of a special thought and bit of hope sent their way, please let Jean Richstein know about them as soon as possible. She is making certain that cards and well wishes are sent from the Dixie Chapter BCA. To enable Jean to share the Club's thoughts and concerns in a timely manner, please be sure to keep her well informed.

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MEMBER NEWS

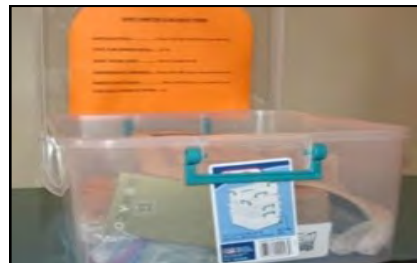


NOTE: If you know of members winning awards or touring to interesting places, or have an idea for an article of interest to our members, please let **Tom Lynde** know at least two weeks before the end of the month to ensure inclusion in the next ***Dixie Valve Chatter***.

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.



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

Do you need replacement hub caps or Wheels?

Bianca at Hubcaps.com & OriginalWheels.com offers Car Club Members a discount on the Factory Hub-caps & 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 TRIVIA

Nailhead Buick engines were popular with hotrodders in the 1960s because their narrow width fit between an early cars' frame rails and still allowed room for little things like the steering box and column and exhaust headers.. Can you identify this Nailhead powered show rod that debuted in 1965? Bonus if you can name the builder, his job and where he worked.



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

DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE

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Mile Markers
Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/16 Frank & Jan Blizzard
- 10/19 Ernie & Susie Grant
- 10/23 Alan & Chris Strong
- 10/27 Ken & Lori Barrett
- 10/28 Brad & Joyce Flaaen



BIRTHDAYS

- 10/7 Gene Walsh
- 10/11 Lori Barrett
- 10/11 Pat Horvath
- 10/14 Bill Horlock
- 10/15 Sandy Green
- 10/24/43 Frank Blizzard
- 10/26/45 Bill McGowen
- 10/26 J. D. Westfall

Come join us on Facebook!



Buick Trivia Answer



The rod is The Uncertain-T, built by Car Craft photographer Steve Scott. The mechanicals were described thusly: "The 1957 Buick Nailhead, block painted brown with red detailing, was bored and stroked to 386 cu in (6,330 cc) and equipped with 11:1 compression Jahn's pistons, Hilborn injectors, Scheieffer magneto, 1963 Buick cylinder heads, and open headers. The original car is believed to still exist, although its whereabouts are unknown. A faithful, albeit right hand drive replica was recently completed in Australia.

Shop Recommendations

If you have a repair shop, body shop, upholsterer, or detailer that you feel does an exceptional job, please share it with us! Please share the names of repair shops and mechanics in your locale that you would like to pass on to other members. We will publish the information here.

Please send your recommendations to editor Tom Lynde at

Lynde2375@charter.net.



Deals on Wheels



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. 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



Want to Buy 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**.



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

Buick * Oldsmobile * Pontiac * Cadillac

Car Show, Swap Meet, & Car Corral

Saturday October 17, 2020, 9AM – 3PM

Saturday, October 17 – 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: The Hilton Garden Inn, 895 Cobb Place Boulevard, Kennesaw, 678-322-1140; Holiday Inn Express Kennesaw, 2485 George Busbee Pkwy NW, 770-427-5210, and Country Inn and Suites Kennesaw, 2625 George Busbee Pkwy NW, 770-426-0045 are all local hotels. Contact them directly for reservations.

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 as of October 1, 2020, so please register early. This not only helps us, but also helps your car to be properly classified. **A fire extinguisher is mandatory at every vehicle.** Limited trailer parking is available.

For additional show information and to download a registration form, please go to www.seqtoa.org or contact: Jim Andrews at jb6733andrews@etcmail.com. The Southeastern GTO Association is a Not for Profit organization registered in the state of Georgia, #17649109.



BUICK • OLDSMOBILE • PONTIAC • CADILLAC

39th Annual "Peach Blossom" BOPC Show October 17 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 October 1, 2020** are \$25 for first car and _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____
\$20 for each additional car. _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____
Vendor spaces reserved **by October 1, 2020** are \$25 for 1st space _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____
and \$20 for each additional space _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____
Car Corral spaces reserved **by October 1, 2020** are \$25 for 1st space _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____
and \$20 for each additional space _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

All fees are \$5 additional if postmarked after October 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 AT 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.)