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Hello to my fellow Buick Lovers,

We just received the sad news that our good friend and long-time chapter member, Ernie Grant, had passed away early this morning, February 1st. He had been in home hospice for just a few days up to his passing. His on and off battle with esophageal cancer had come to a peaceful ending with his family at his side.

In recent years, Ernie and his petite little wife Susie, were probably best remembered for hosting our annual chapter picnic at their beautiful home in Conyers. For us "old-timers" in the club, we recall Ernie being an active member during the mid-90s and our Chapter Director back in 1999. While He and Susie in their little red 63 Skylark convertible became fixtures at practically all chapter events and our caravans to the BCA Nationals, they also toured with us to most of the S.E. Regional Meets, including the most recent in Atlantic Beach, N.C.

The Grants had also been members of the BDE and accompanied us on a few of those tours. We will never forget the many fun times we had with Ernie and Susie and their contributions to the Dixie Chapter. Our sincerest condolences to Susie and the Grant family and may Ernie rest in peace. He will surely be missed by his many friends in the BCA & the Dixie Chapter.

I believe most everyone recently received an e-mail survey from the BCA office with regards to this year's dual meets. You were asked to complete the survey, only IF you were considering attending (either or both) meets. Since our chapter would be facilitating/coordinating the hospitality room in Concord, N.C., I would like to assume that as a member you would certainly be among those "considering" attending the meet there and therefore take the time (1 minute) to complete the survey. How you respond to the survey is entirely up to you. The fact that the BCA National meet committee has asked for our input says much for their interests and concerns for us. It's your club, won't you please respond to those concerns?

Kindest Regards and "Go (tour in a) Buick"

Bruce (ole 3013)



Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

Tom Lynde



Hi Everyone,

It is the coldest night of winter, so far and I am nestled at my desk with a cup of hot coffee , John Wayne's McQ on the big screen and I am on my lap top writing to my Buick friends. Life is pretty good.

Inside this issue you will note that the Bowl-a-rama has been postponed until a few more vaccinations are administered and people are more comfortable about moving around. Hopefully that will not be too long from now.

Car show season will be here soon. I may dust off the Electra and head to Piedmont Church for their monthly cruise-in on Saturday. At very least I'll hop in the Ranger and trek on up just to check things out. Cabin fever has well taken hold. Anyway, enjoy this edition of the DVC and I'll see you on Zoom on the 21st!

Happy Buicking!

Tom

Grit in the Gearbox



Quotable Quotations

The *best* thing to hold onto in life,
is each other.

Audrey Hepburn

Membership Renewal Time has PAST:

2021 Dixie Chapter dues were due by 12/31/20. If you are one of the 7 that have not yet paid your 2021 Chapter dues, please send \$20 to Jerry Richstein A.S.A.P.



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.

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

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

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

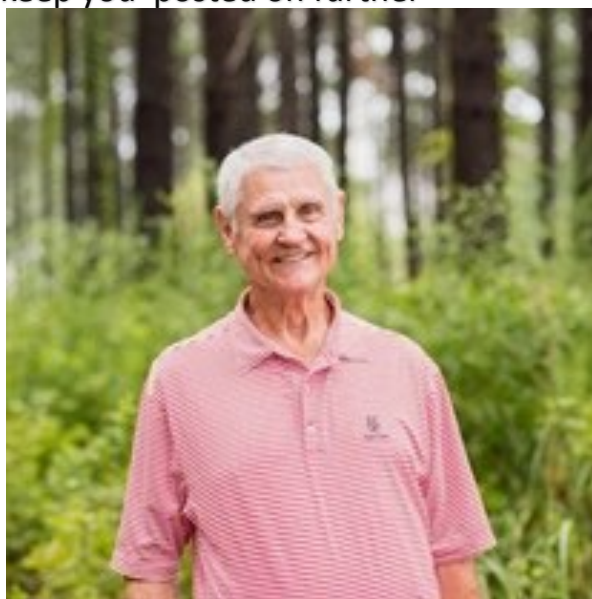
#1 1963 Riviera #7 1990 Reatta Convertible
 #2 1930 Roadster #6 1959 Electra Convertible
 #3 1970 GS Convertible #4 Special Convertible #5 1987 Grand National

2021 Roddy Pierce Memorial Bowl-a-rama Has been postponed

During the January Zoom chapter meeting, it was determined that due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic the annual Bowl-a-Rama should be postponed until vaccinations are more readily available. We will keep you posted on further developments or rescheduling.

In Memorium

Earnie Grant



Ernest Eugene Grant, Jr., age 75 of Conyers, died Monday, February 1, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents; Ernest, Sr. and Elizabeth Grant. He is survived by his wife, Susie Grant; son and daughter-in-law, Ernie and Reva Grant; daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Terry Bush; grandchildren, Noah, Gabrielle 'Gabby', Alexis, Conner, Caroline, Kennedy and McKenzie; sister and brother-in-law, Margueritte and Joe Brandt; sister, Teri Ray; brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Denise Grant. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Belmont Baptist Church with [Rev. Nolan Jackson, Sr.](#) officiating; interment will follow at Our lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 3, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the church. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Our 1964 Wildcat Coupe

By Glenn Novak

Our 1964 Buick Wildcat is a true product of the sixties: long, large, heavy, comfortable, lots of chrome. Buick's Wildcat line was relatively short-lived, beginning in 1962 and ending in 1970 with that final year production run of only 23,615. During many of these years, buyers had the choice of coupes and convertibles, and even four-door sedans and hardtops. Wildcats were offered with bench seats or buckets, with or without the floor console, manual or automatic transmissions. The V-8 engine inside began as a 401 and ended up as the 455 with horsepower ratings at 325 and 370, respectively. The numbers sound impressive, but we must remember that we're talking about a car that weighed over 4000 pounds. Performance is not in the same ball park as the 1970 Skylark GS 455 Stage 1 coupe!

My wife Debbie and I are the third owners, having bought the car on August 24, 1975 from second owner Paul Wilson with 43,000 miles on the odometer. I saw an ad in the Sunday *Chicago Tribune* and called the number. The seller lived in Park Ridge, Illinois and had purchased the Buick for his daughter to drive to school, but the girl found the car to be too large for her liking. I gave the man his asking price of \$500 and drove the car back home to another Chicago suburb. We have enjoyed the car ever since. We drove her from Chicago to Strongsville, Ohio for the 1977 BCA National Meet and got a third-place trophy at the exact same hotel that members will visit again for the 2021 Meet. More recently we drove her 1566 miles to, on, and back home from, the 2017 VMCCA Chrome Glidden Tour in Roanoke, VA. We also drove her on the 2019 BDE Tour based in Cartersville, GA. The car now has 65,200 miles on it.

This desert beige Wildcat, one of 84,245 of all models built in 1964, is somewhat unusual in terms of how it is equipped. I have often wondered what the original owner was thinking when they started ordering options. The car has the automatic transmission, power steering and brakes, power windows and seat, air



conditioning, vacuum trunk release, remote outside mirror, cornering lights, rear window defogger, and AM/FM radio with electric antenna. All of these large and small options and then they pick the standard interior rather than the custom. So our car has the very basic cloth and vinyl bench seats and somewhat plain interior door panels. I think most folks going this overboard would have opted for the custom bucket seat interior with console. Perhaps they had a large family but just hated four-

door sedans!

The famous Dynaflow transmission had its swan song in 1963, so our 1964 Buick has the Turbo-Hydramatic three-speed automatic which would have its own long and dependable life in many of the GM brands over the coming years.

Our car came to us with the Wildcat full wheel covers and we were able to locate a nice set of factory chrome steel wheels with center caps. She also now wears the optional finned aluminum valve covers under the hood, and the A/C has been converted to the new refrigerant. What a blessing this last option turned out to be on the summer Roanoke tour!

Having had one repaint over these many years in the same color, she still looks pretty good and is a fun and presentable driver that can give us around 16 miles per gallon under the right conditions. Today our Wildcat lives with us in Carrollton, Georgia and has not seen the Chicago snow and road salt since 1984.

Since she has a huge trunk and gives us few problems, we think she will continue to be a good tour car for us.

Editor's Note: Please share with us photos and stories of your current Buicks, or the ones that got away. Send your pictures and articles to The Dixie Valve Chatter!



The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

February 21, 2021

Chapter meeting via Zoom. 1:30 PM. Sign-in information will be emailed to members before the meeting. Please plan to take part!

February 21, 2021

Roddy Pierce Memorial Bowl a rama has been postponed. Updated information will be provided as soon as possible

May 15, 2021

Annual Peach Blossom BOPC

Piedmont Church. Hosted by the Dixie Olds Club. More information coming soon!

FEBRUARY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

2021 Dual National Meets

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

February 6, 2021.,
Piedmont Church monthly cruise-
in. 8:00 am—11:00 am.
640 Piedmont Rd. NE, Marietta.

**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. grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com

BUICK TRIVIA

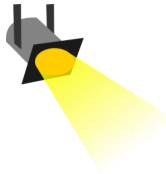
Buick was established as a motor car company in 1903. In which year was the first Buick sold to the public? What was its model name?



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

DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE

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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.

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



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
- 2/29 Brad Flaaen

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BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER

Even though Buick was established in 1903, the first car sold to the public was the Model B in 1904.



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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**.