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## **Hello (Dixie) Buick Folks**

**It was great to see the smiling faces of everyone at the 40th annual Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. show last month, most especially the faces of a couple dozen Dixie Chapter folks. I know that editor Tom Lynde, will have more detailed coverage along with pictures of this event. He always does a fantastic job of reporting. Speaking of our beloved editor, I can't help but wonder sometimes if we really appreciate the fine job Tom does each month? Did you know that the Dixie Chapter is the only chapter in the S.E. Region that publishes a monthly newsletter? (Currently there are 6 chapters in our region). Maybe that explains why we are the largest and most informed chapter? I have always said that a newsletter is the lifeline of any club. Without the "*Dixie Valve Chatter*" most of us would be left in the dark regarding the activities and events involving our chapter as well as regional and National events pertaining to the BCA.**

**Each month Tom has an invitation (under "member news") for any member to submit information about winning awards at other shows, participating in tours someplace, technical tips or just a little story about their favorite Buick. Personally, I love reading about how people were first introduced to a Buick, especially those involving their teenage years or meeting their spouse. Incidentally, that invitation to submit a little story (about Buicks or meeting their significant other) is not limited to just "the guys". We are a family organization and we love to hear from everyone.**

**Who knows, maybe Shar will tell the story sometime of how she, a little girl from a G.M. family, met and converted a Ford guy (me) to G.M. and subsequently became members of the BCA. Hopefully, more of our members will take the time to drop a short email note to Tom to (at least) acknowledge receipt of the "*Dixie Valve Chatter*", and maybe a little "thank you", or even better.....a little article about their own Buick connection?**

**Kindest Regards, God Bless & "Go (Tour in a) Buick"**

**Bruce "ole 3013"**

Editor's note: Thanks for the words of confidence, Bruce. I thoroughly enjoy producing the newsletter each month and count it as a privilege to be able to do so.

## Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

**Tom Lynde**

Hi Everybody,

Hoping this finds everyone hale and hearty. Restrictions are lifting and live is returning to normal in many areas. I have forgotten what “normal can be like. Tammy, daughter Hannah and I are enjoying our Memorial Day weekend in Savannah, and wow! There are people here! Hotels, restaurants, shops filled with folks. And it is so nice to see faces, too!

Such was the case earlier in May with the BOPC. Kudos to Jerry Hicks and Dixie Olds for putting on a great show. Many beautiful cars and it was wonderful to see the faces of happy car show participants and attendees. And a lot of awards went to Dixie Buick folk. Congrats everyone and be sure to check out the pictures in this newsletter. Next year the host is Peach State Cadillac Lasalle. Then back to us in 2023.

As for me and the Grandma-mobile Electra, we did a quick film session a week or so ago for a little horror/comedy movie called My Best Friend’s Exorcism. Our bit entailed driving around a parking lot and pulling into a space. Which we did over and over for a couple of hours. Thank goodness for Buick quality, good maintenance and working a/c! Many of eighties era cars on the set had no working air while being directed to keep the windows up on a 90 degree day. More than a few cars were giving up the ghost, overheating, vapor-locking, and breaking down. There but for the grace of God we went with no troubles.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the IHOP for the monthly meeting in a couple of weeks! Make plans to attend.

Happy Buicking,

Tom



### Grit in the Gearbox



### Quotable Quotations





# 2021 40th Annual Peach Blossom BOPC

The Dixie Chapter, Oldsmobile Club of America played host to the 40yht annual Peach Blossom Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac and Pontiac show at Piedmont Church on May the 15th. The show was well attended with about one hundred thirty five entries. About twenty five of those entered were Buicks with many coming from The Dixie Chapter, BCA. Perfect weather conditions made an always enjoyable show even better. Participants and attendees hungry for a car show in a world emerging from a year-long pandemic found great enjoyment in looking over the array of show cars and a little bit of excitement in slipping off the face masks and feeling the sunshine and seeing smiling faces.

When it came time for awards, many Dixie Chapter folk were on the receiving end of a number of first-place awards.

**JD Westfall** 1st place for his 1967 Wildcat in class D-2

**Bruce and Shar** Kile 1st place for their 1970 Skylark in class P

**Jack and Pat Horvath** 1st place for their 1973 Riviera in class E

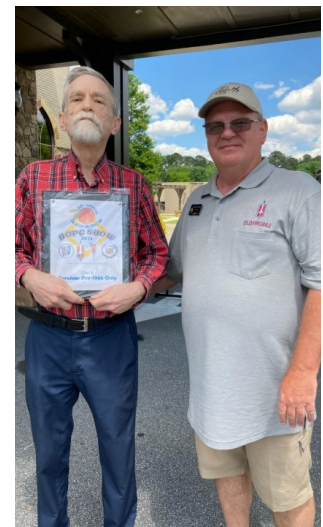
**Danny Finkelstein** 1st place for his 1968 GS 400 convertible in class Q

**John-Paul Glenkey** 1st place for his 1967 LeSabre in class X

**Jerry and Jean Richstein** 1st place for their 1934 Buick in class M-1

Best Buick went to **Roy Bass** for his 1967 Riviera. Class E

Many other Dixie Buicks were on display and presented very well. All who turned out to show and shine were winners for being a part of a great day! Next year Peach State Cadillac Lasalle will host the 41st annual BOPC. Make plans to attend!



# 40th Peach Blossom BOPC May 15, 2021











**June Chapter Meeting: Make plans to attend the June Chapter meeting, Sunday June 13th at the IHOP Restaurant 8979 Hwy 92, Woodstock, GA We will meet at 12:30 for lunch and hold our business meeting at 2 :00pm. 770-926-4581. Remember, if you have a suggestion for a meeting location or chapter outing, contact J.D. Westfall.**

**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](mailto:grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com)

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](http://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](mailto: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

# The Timing Chain

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 13, 2021

Chapter Meeting 12:30 PM, IHOP  
8979 Hwy 92, Woodstock, GA  
770-926-4581.

### September 2021 Tentative

Chapter Picnic, Heritage Park  
McDonough, Date and details to  
come.

### October 18-23

BDE Fall Tour. Huntsville, Al

Details and Registration coming  
soon!

### BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

2021 JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		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			

June 5, 2021 Piedmont Church  
monthly cruise-in. 8:00 am—11:00  
am. 640 Piedmont Rd. NE, Mari-  
etta.

### November 11 –13

Southeast Regional Tour, Fort  
Myers, Florida. Hosted by the  
Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, BCA.  
Registration form is in this news-  
letter.

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

Please send notices of upcoming events to DVC  
editor Tom Lynde at [lynde2375@charter.net](mailto:lynde2375@charter.net)



**Caption this! Submit your caption to the DVC!**

# BUICK TRIVIA

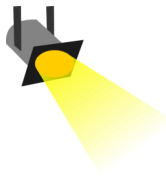


What year and model Buick became the marque's first front wheel drive car?

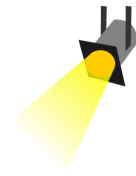
Do you know some interesting Buick trivia? Share it with ***The Valve Chatter !***

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://Hubcaps.com) & [OriginalWheels.com](http://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



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/1 Roy and Janet Bass
- 6/1/18 Jerry and Lynn Wilson
- 6/10 Lisa Richards and Mike Bashaw
- 6/15 Jack and Pat Horvath
- 6/18 Dave and Kerri Dutton
- 6/19 Walt and Julie Ehrenfeuchter
- 6/23 Pat and Cindy Levelle



### BIRTHDAYS

- 6/2 Ken Barrett
- 6/3 Roy Bass
- 6/3 Julie C. Ehrenfeuchter
- 6/13 Dave Berquist
- 6/13 Marie Berquist
- 6./17 Ken Green
- 6/19/38 Hersel Goff
- 6/21 Kerri Dutton
- 6/21 Barbara Gallagher
- 6/21 Nancy Hansen
- 6/29 Coleman Rigby

### Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America



# BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER

In 1979 the Buick Riviera joined its corporate cousin “Tuxedo Cars”, the Cadillac Eldorado and Oldsmobile Toronado as a front wheel drive car. It remained front wheel drive for the remainder of its model run.



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## Deals on Wheels



**Car for Sale:** Buick GN The car has just over 94K miles, is all original, and has never been in any accidents. He did replace the carpet and a seat cover, all with factory replacement parts. The T-tops do not leak or rattle, and we have the oem bags that they are stored in while out. I am asking \$30,000 for this car. Title is clean. My contact number is (704) 219-7142, or my email is baadawg120@aol.com.



**Car for sale.** **Price Reduced** 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. Second elderly owner asking \$10,000. Call Tom Jameson (843) 571-2264



**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**.



Cannon Buick, Pontiac and Opel in Middleborough, Massachusetts was your editor's hometown Buick Dealership. It was in business from the early 1950s to the early 1990s. Our family cars for four decades came off of this lot, both Buick and Pontiac. My 1989 Electra still proudly wears the Cannon tag on its trunk lid. Do you have a favorite Buick agency from days gone by? Share it with us!





## Car of the Month



Drive your Buick to chapter events and it may be chosen Car of the Month.

## SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TOUR

The 2021 Southeast Regional Tour will be hosted by the Gulf Coast Chapter, BCA November 11-13 in Fort Myers, Florida. Activities include a tour of the Revs (Collier) Museum, Murder Mystery Dinner Train, a tour of the Edison House and Museum, and much more. Registration form and hotel information are included in this newsletter.

## **AACA AUBURN, INDIANA JULY 1-3**

### **BUICK EVENT**

From AACA Speedster April, 2021

**AACA is continuing the tradition of inviting other car clubs to join us at our national events and this year promises to be our biggest and best. The traditional show at Auburn Auction Park courtesy of RM Auctions will be held July 1-3 in Auburn, Indiana. Located on hundreds of acres with a LOT of asphalt and several large buildings, this property will allow us to do everything we need to do to host a safe event in a year still filled with some uncertainty due to the virus.**

**Auburn is the home of great car museums and wonderful countryside. The facility we use is directly off an exit on an interstate highway, so it is easy access on and off. There are plenty of hotel rooms in the vicinity as well.**

**Friday night we will have a cruise-in to downtown Auburn. Both the A-C-D Museum and the NATMUS Museum will stay open late for our car clubs. We expect to have a great flea market and car corral from Friday to Saturday as well and the cost for spaces is more than reasonable. Saturday's show will allow all of the car clubs to park separately, but anyone who is an AACA member will still be eligible to get their car judged even if it is parked with the marque club. Our world-class banquet by award-winning BBQ chef Tim Johnson and family will be held again, and anyone who has been at Auburn in the past can tell you it is amazing! Tim will also be serving breakfast and lunch on Saturday.**

**The Hudson-Essex-Terraplane fans have been invited and they will, as we have said, display their cars in a separate area. We have also been asked to invite Buick owners and provide a separate venue for the Buick fans to have a judged event. The awards are spectacular and unlike any you have ever experienced most likely! The Buick Heritage Alliance will be supporting the show by providing these very special awards. The traditional trophy awarded at national Buick meets by The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage in Allentown will also be awarded. Buick owners do not hesitate to register as we have room for more than 1,000 cars properly spaced and room to feed everyone. (In 2019, we fed 700 people in 25 minutes!) Again, you have a chance to be judged at both the Buick display and AACA on the same day! A late addition to our event is a group of AMC owners who will also display in a separate area and can register by calling 717-534-1910 and ask for Pat Buckley.**

**As a bonus to all non-AACA members, we have a special \$20 half-year membership you can purchase as of June 1 which will allow you to be judged by AACA. We have more than 100 classes and special classes for unrestored cars, "driver" cars, motorcycles, trucks, etc. If you would like to review our Judging Guidelines, they can be found by [clicking here](#).**

**Our goal for this event is to continue our mission of helping everyone in the hobby, not just our members. This is why our library is a free library and our website hosts other car club forums for free. This is also not the first time we have hosted other cars clubs as we have done this for many years. So, please consider joining us. Information will be available online at [www.aaca.org/buickshow](http://www.aaca.org/buickshow) for the Buick folks and [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org) for AACA members or by calling 717-534-1910.**



2021 BCA SE REGIONAL TOUR  
November 11-13, 2021  
Fort Myers, Florida

Host  
Gulf Coast Chapter BCA

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Car Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS REQUIRED IN EACH VEHICLE\*\*\*

All Fees are per person

Registration Fee-(12 & under free)	_____ X \$25	\$ _____
Thursday, Nov 11 Arrival – Meet & Greet	_____	no fee
Dinner on your own - List provided		
Friday, Nov 12 Naples		
Caravan to Naples		
Revs (Collier) Museum/Collection	_____ X \$25	\$ _____
Lunch on your own - List provided		
Murder Mystery Dinner Train	_____ X \$95	\$ _____
Saturday, Nov 13 Fort Myers		
Edison House and Museum (Guided tour)	_____ X \$ 25	\$ _____
Lunch on your own - List provided		
Banquet: KJ's Steakhouse	_____ X \$50.	\$ _____
Total for a couple for all activities \$440.00		
	Total	\$ _____

Registration requested by October 31, 2021.

Please make checks payable to: BCA Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, Inc.

Mail form w/check to: Ben Berman, 4223 MACKAY FALLS TER., SARASOTA. FL 34243

\*\*\* REFUND POLICY. In case of changes in plans, refunds of entry fees and meal payments will be made in full upon application to the tour director no later than October 11, 2021 In case of later cancellation, all entry fees will be forfeited.\*\*\*

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 the SE Regional  
Rate: \$95.00 +tax/night Includes breakfast and wifi  
Cut off date for hotel reservations is October 11, 2021