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1911 Buick at the AACA Museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania.



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Hello Dixie Buick Folks,

For those who were in attendance at our Zoom meeting a couple months ago you will recall one of the guests was BCA Past President, Brian DePouli. At that time Brian invited all BCA members to the AACA Spring Nationals in Auburn, Ind. July 1-3. (There was follow-up info in the "DVC" and the Buick Bugle). This year's event was to include a special Buick Celebration since our BCA Nationals were cancelled for the second year.

The usual AACA membership requirement was waived for BCA members to participate in this prestigious event, including vendors. It was indeed a great opportunity for us "Buick nuts" from around the country to get together in a (sort of) BCA National atmosphere. Shar I made the trip and were part of the swap meet. Our vending area was perfectly located on the edge of Buick show field. We watched as well over a hundred Buicks gathered, a few were "unrestored/ survivors" while most were restored, but they were all beautiful, after all they were Buicks! Not sure how many total cars were on the entire show field, probably upwards of 400.

Considering the Buick portion of this event was hastily organized following the announcement of our National meet(s) cancellation(s) that's an excellent response. The success of the Buick portion of this show goes to Brian. I would like to publicly thank this young man for, not only all his hard work in promoting and coordinating this "merging" of BCA cars and vendors into this AACA event, but for his tireless dedication and devotion to the BCA in general. I forgot to mention that Brian is not an old "retired guy" (with lots of time on their hands). He is a young (40ish) family man raising a couple of energetic young boys and has a full-time responsible occupation. I think about Brian a lot when I hear people say that they don't have time to get "involved with the club right now, but I'll get involved when I retire".

Oh BTW, I forgot to mention that Brian just finished restoring a beautiful '30 (mod) himself and brought it to the meet in Auburn. The 1930 is the stablemate to his 1938 (mod 81C) which he also restored. In next month's DVC. Maybe we'll have some pictures and footnotes about the Buick Celebration in Auburn. In the meantime, stay well my Buick friends. Peace, God Bless & Go (tour in a) Buick

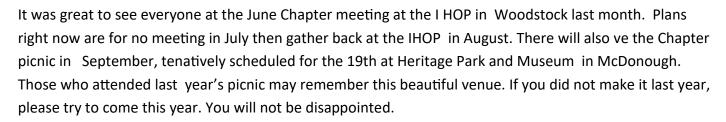
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Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

Tom Lynde

Hi Everybody,

Well, another month another road trip. This time Tammy and I visited Newport,
Rhode Island celebrating the wedding of my nephew. We drove on up and
managed a few stops along the way, like the AACA Museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Well worth the visit if you are ever up that way..



I hope you enjoyed your Fourth of July celebrations and have great plans for the rest of the summer. There is still a lot of good cruising weather ahead, car shows and other activities to afford us an opportunity to enjoy our cars and the company of others. Stay safe and see you in August!

Happy Buicking,

Tom

Grit in the Gearbox



Quotable Quotations



Buicks on the Spring VMCCA Tour by Glenn Novak

Debbie and I went on the annual VMCCA (Vintage Motor Car Club of America) Chrome Glidden Tour April 24-May 1, 2021 with hub in Alcoa, TN. We had good weather, about 100 cars and over 200 people attending. Most all participants were seniors and had the vaccine and very few people wore masks, just a few at the two buffet banquets. It was fun to see all these old cars travelling up and down the curvy highways in and around the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Lots of hairpin turns and beautiful scenery and so much to see over



the week. There were 14 Georgians and seven Buicks on the tour this year and many more Buicks to be seen at a private car collection on one of the tour days. There were also several Cadillacs, Packards, Oldsmobiles and Pontiacs, and even a Chrysler Airflow. We drove our blue 1969 Skylark convertible on this tour.

We visited the Cades Cove Museum on our first full day there, Saturday the 24th. The next day was a tour to a private collection of cars, airplanes, a diner replica, and fifties memorabilia. On Monday our group went to the Museum of Appalachia and on Tuesday the touring was to the Heritage Center and Cades Cove, deep within the national park. We toured the Brushy Mountain prison, out of service for years, on Wednesday, with an exconvict for tour guide. James Earl Ray was a prisoner here. Debbie and I split off from the group on Thursday and went on a hike through the Lynn Camp Prong Cascades, while many of our tour group used this open day to visit Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge. Our final day was Friday and it took us to Tellico Plains, TN to visit a Cherokee Indian museum that featured Sequoyah, the Cherokee who devised a written language for his people so they could learn to read and write. We drove back home on Saturday.

All in all, it was a fun trip with no problems with our Skylark, which turned 50,000 miles at Cades Cove. She got to stretch her legs a bit. Each day involved more driving miles than we thought, so we put on just over 1000 miles for the total trip, in just one week. We all know this is the best thing for these old cars that mostly just sit up for long periods. We will likely drive a different Buick on the Huntsville BDE tour coming up in the fall, whichever is next in the rotation.



Photos by Glenn and Debbie Novak.



There will be no chapter meeting in July. As is our tradition, no meeting will be held in July. Monthly meetings will resume in August, likely at the IHOP in Woodstock. Official location, date and time will be announced. Enjoy your Summer with your Buicks!

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

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

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2021 Tentative, TBA

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 Registration form in this newsletter

BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

2021	JULY					
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

www.calendar-to-print.com

<u>August 7, 2021</u> Piedmont Church monthly cruise-in. 8:00 am—11:00 am. 640 Piedmont Rd. NE, Marietta.

November 11 -13

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

Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!

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



BUICK TRIVIA



In 1951, General Motors rocked the automotive world with two futuristic show cars. The General Motors LeSabre and lesser remembered Buick show car. The Lesabre is pictured above. Do you remember the companion Buick model? Answer on page 11.

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 .



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 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.

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

7/3 Alan and Patricia Lisenby

7/12/86 Tom and Tammy Lynde









BIRTHDAYS

7/2/40 Ernest Garrett

7/2/41 Paul VanNortwick

7/7/53 Yvonne McGowen

7/8 Sarah Thomas

7/17 Andrea Walsh

7/22 Connie Bergeron

7/22 Danny Finkelstein

7/24 Lisa Roberts

7/29/47 Bob Haggard

BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER

The 1951 Buick show car that served as a companion to the LeSabre was the Buick XP 300. While both cars were aluminum bodied and were powered by 335 horsepower engines, the XP 300 was a little more sedate than the flamboyant LeSabre. The XP300, like the LeSabre has survived to the present day.



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Deals on Wheels



<u>Car for Sale:</u> 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.



<u>Car for sale.</u> 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



For Sale: NOS 14" Spoke Wheel Covers as came on 82-87 Regal & Early 86 LeSabre \$300 OBO, call Ron Davis (678) 910-3479



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.**



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.



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

Host Gulf Coast Chapter BCA

Name							
Guest Name(s)							
Address							
City State							
Email							
Cell Phone							
Guest Cell Phone							
Car YearModel							
A FIRE EXTTINGUISH	ER 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 forfited.***							
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							



HORSES TO ROCKETS BDE FALL TOUR

October 17 – 21 & 22, 2021

Four (Optional 5) Days of Touring based out of **Madison, Alabama**

Lodging Special Rate - \$110.00 - Information will be provided when registration is submitted Register Early - Limit of 40 Buicks

REGISTRATION Name_____Spouse/Guest____ ____City____ State___Zip__ Address BDE Member #_____ BCA Number____ Year Model Trailered to the meet? Buick you plan to bring? \$____ Registration Fee \$30 (includes 1 dash plaque, tour packet & 4 days Hospitality Room) \$5 each \$ Additional Guests (besides member and 1 guest - Hospitality Only) #Guests @ \$6 each \$ MONDAY OCTOBER 18 - Helen Keller Birthplace \$6 each \$ Alabama Music Hall of Fame Lunch at Two Fat Sisters \$15 each \$ Cook's Museum of Natural History \$19 each \$ Kaleidoscopes Ice Cream On Your Own TUESDAY OCTOBER 19 - Alabama Veterans Museum **Individual Donation** \$25 each \$ Crockett's Mill Restaurant \$20 each \$ Amish Heritage Museum WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20 - Lincoln County Museum **Individual Donation** Ham & Cheese # Turkey & Cheese # \$16 each \$ Box Lunch Fayetteville Tennessee - Antiques and Specialty Shops On Your Own THURSDAY OCTOBER 21 – Huntsville Space and Rocket Center \$13 each \$ Planetarium So Options on your own: Movie Marshal Space Center \$20 each **Buffet Banquet** \$30 each \$_____ FRIDAY OCTOBER 22 – BONUS DAY \$10 each \$ Berman Museum of World History including NEW Espionage Room \$16 each \$ _____ Lunch at Berman Museum Box Lunch

TOTAL REMITTED

Couple registering for the total tour is \$392.00. Single registration for the total tour is \$211.00