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Hello Dixie Buick Folks

As we go to press with this issue of the *Dixie Valve Chatter* our chapter picnic is still on the agenda. The date is Sept. 19th. Tom Lynde our Editor in Chief and coordinator of picnics for 2020 and 2021 will provide all the details. Won't you please try to attend? As an added incentive to attend this fun event, there will be a special prize presented to one lucky member. The prize is a beautiful 24"x 24" framed/glass covered poster of Buicks from 1903-1963. This would be a nice addition to any "man cave", "she shed", garage or rec room. To be eligible for this prize the requirements are simple: be a chapter member and show up for the picnic. That's all there is to it. Have a safe and fun Labor Day weekend.

Go (tour in a) Buick
Bruce "Ole 3013"



Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

Tom Lynde

A wise friend of mine has stated on occasions that at a certain age the only birthdays that matter are the ones that end in zero or five. Well, I find myself facing one of those milestone birthdays this month. Thirty, forty and fifty just kind of rolled off my back, but six-oh is causing me to reflect a bit. Not full blown late-midlife crisis mind you, just healthy reflection.



This started just last week when I received my latest copy of Hemmings Classic Car. I took note of the lifestyle, non-automotive related, advertising contained there-in and thought about how my tastes in cars, and car magazines have changed over the years.

In my late teens and early twenties, my ride was a maroon 1979 Camaro Sport Coupe. Just a standard slick-back, no spoilers, no scoops or gee-whiz decals. I loved that car. My magazine choices included Hot Rod and Car Craft. I remember the ads that spoke to me were from Budweiser, Coca Cola, Pizza Hut, and Columbia House record club.

Then came my late twenties through forties. My automotive lusts ran towards Jaguar and Mercedes sedans. In reality the cars parked in my garage included a sweet little Skylark sedan, a Taurus and a beautiful 1996 Pontiac Bonneville that broke my heart with many mechanical ailments. A number of faceless minivans and mini pickups also littered the driveway. My magazines of choice at that stage in life? Road and Track and Car and Driver. The lifestyle ads I remember contained in those publications included high-end watches, Jack Daniels and Grey Goose, Oakley sunglasses and driving gloves. None of which as a young father and fledgling radio man could I afford.

So here I am at sixty. My doctor says I am still a "young man". I am happy, settled, enjoying life and a good career. My current stable includes a nice, sensible Nissan Rogue, a twenty year old Ford Ranger and two malaise era Buick sedans tucked away in the garage. My magazine subscriptions, along with AACA, Buick and Pontiac club news letters include Collectible Automobile, Crankshaft, and the afore mentioned Hemmings Classic Cars. But the lifestyle ads in those magazines are telling of the stage of life their readers are entering: walkers, lift chairs, various medications, hair regenerators and so forth. They know their audiences well. But as George Jones once said: "I don't need your rockin' chair."

All of that being said, remember the Chapter Picnic is coming up in just a few weeks at Heritage Park Military Museum and Historic Village in McDonough. Come on down and enjoy a couple of hours with us! There's more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

Happy Buicking!

Tom



Kudos to Sid Meyer who identified this car as a 1904 Sandusky Courier made by the Sandusky Automobile Company in Sandusky, Ohio. They were made in 1904 and 1905. One of about 2 or 3 known to exist.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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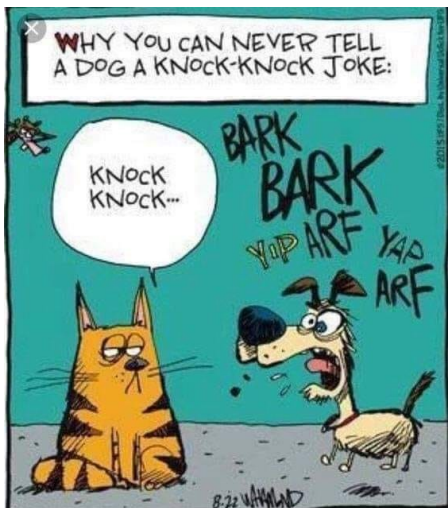
(478) 719-6850 (Patty Cell)

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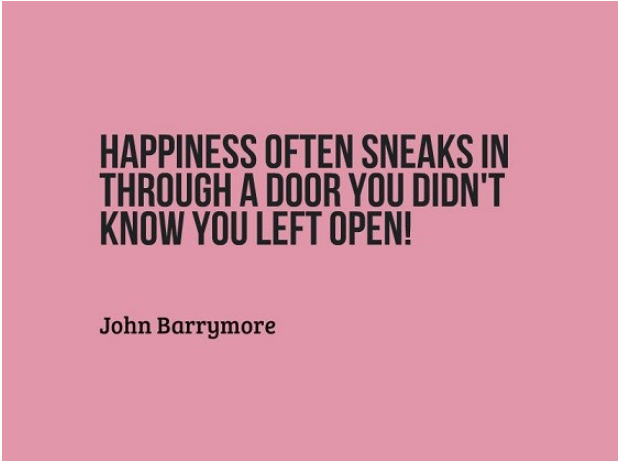
1972 (44439) Skylark GS 2 Dr



Grit in the Gearbox



Quotable Quotations



A Memorial

With sadness we report the passing of a good Pontiac friend. Jerry Hamilton, of Clarksville, passed away on August 23rd at the age of 66.

Jerry & his late wife Monica were regular participants in the early days of the Peach Blossom B.O.P. as members of the Pontiac-Oakland Club. After the local chapter of the P.O.C.I. disbanded it was Jerry who co-founded the S.E.G.T.O Assoc and subsequently was instrumental in introducing that group into the rotation hosting the Peach Blossom.

It was great to see Jerry at this year's show and reminisce about the "good ole days".

May he rest in peace. He most definitely will be missed.



CHAPTER PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 19TH 1:30 PM
HERITAGE PARK, MCDONOUGH

Come on out and join the Dixie Chapter, BCA for our annual picnic at Heritage Park and Military Museum, in McDonough Sunday September 19th at 1:30 PM. Buicks are meant to be driven, so whether you decide to drive your vintage Buick or “go modern” you know you will enjoy the drive and gather lots of admiring looks! Our impromptu car show last year brought out a lot of admirers.

We will eat after gathering around 1:30. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. If you don't want to pack a basket there are a number of fast food outlets in the immediate area like Zaxbys, McDonalds, DQ and others.

Our trivia master J.D. Westfall has a great trivia game lined up. There will be prizes given and a good time will be had by all. After trivia there will be a private guided tour of the museum just for Dixie Chapter members and guests and you can also explore the historic village, steam locomotive and Veteran's Memorial.

Please plan to attend! Directions are on the next page.



DIRECTIONS TO THE DIXIE CHAPTER PICNIC

Make plans to attend an old fashioned picnic at Heritage Park, 101 Lake Dow Road in McDonough, Georgia. Pack your favorite picnic foods and come enjoy this unique venue. There is a military museum, historic displays, and picnic pavilions. There will be games of knowledge, too. Henry County Parks is requesting masks be worn in the museum. Social distancing and sanitary practices will be observed. Drive your Buick and come on out for a great time! September 19, 2021 1:30pm – 4:00 pm

Directions From the North, take I-75 South to exit 216, Highway 155.

From the South, take I-75 North to exit 216, Highway 155 Take Exit 216, At the bottom of the ramp, turn left. A left turn is correct for both travelers from the North and South.

Travel East on Hwy 155 to the intersection with Highway 23/42 1.5 Miles

Proceed straight through the intersection and travel Highway 155 to intersection with Race-track Road. 0.4 Miles

Proceed straight through the intersection with Racetrack Road. (Highway 155 becomes South Zack Hinton Parkway.) Continue to intersection with Key's Ferry Road. 1.0 Mile

Turn Right on Key's Ferry Road and continue until intersection with Lake Dow Road. 1.1 miles

Turn Left on Lake Dow Road and left again after the McDonalds into Heritage Park. Park in the parking lot close to the red barn.

For more information call Tom Lynde at 770-827-5357 or email lynde2375@charter.net

Heritage Park

101 Lake Dow Road

McDonough, GA 30253

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AND BDE INFORMATION

BRUCE AND SHAR KILE

Hello Buick Friends

Of course all the BDE folks know that the Fall tour will be based in Madison, Ala (near Huntsville) Oct. 17th-22nd & we hope to see everyone there. For BCA members who are not members of the BDE division (yet) you are invited to attend one BDE function without joining. Details & registration info in the next "Driving Force" or by calling John Cover (205) 837-0192. We also could forward a registration to you.

As most of you know the Gulf Coast chapter is hosting this year's S.E. Regional Meet, (a touring event), in Ft. Myers, Fla. 11/11-11/14. We certainly encourage your participation in this fun event too. Details are in the coming events of the Bugle & registration forms are available by calling Ben Berman (941) 355-2469 or emailing him at bib1946@aol.com Some of us who are planning to attend this event are planning a visit of the NPD car collection in Ocala in route to Ft. Myers. Would you be interested in joining us? We could block hotel rooms near-by & meet on Tuesday evening (11/9). We then would visit this fabulous collection Wed (11/10) & then continue on to Ft. Myers in the afternoon (approximately 3 hrs drive). If you aren't familiar with this collection you can Goggle NPD Car Collection & see several sites as well as comments from those who have been there. If this is something you would be interested in please let us know so we can go ahead & make the necessary arrangements/room blocks etc. BTW, there is no fee for viewing this collection. Kindest Regards

Bruce & Shar

PS: For those wishing to caravan to Florida from the Atlanta area we will likely meet & depart near McDonough, Ga. around 11:00 AM on 11/9. That would get us into Ocala around 4-4:30 PM.

September Chapter Meeting: The next chapter meeting will be held in conjunction with the Chapter Picnic 1:30 pm September 19th at Heritage Park in McDonough. See you there!

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

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

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

September 2021 1:30 PK

Chapter Picnic, Heritage Park
McDonough, Date and details in
this newsletter

October 18-23

BDE Fall Tour. Huntsville, Al
Registration form in this
newsletter

September 4, 2021 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 news-
letter.

SEPTEMBER 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	
	6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18	
20	21	22	23	24	25	
27	28	29	30	1	2	

Printable Calendars by Betacalendars.com

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

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

AtlantaMotorama.com
2021 FEATURED VEHICLES
JEPG AUTOCROSS CARS PICK-UP TRUCKS
OCTOBER 16-17, 2021
ATLANTA MOTOR SPEEDWAY
OPEN TO ALL MAKES & MODELS!
Bigfoot Monster Trucks Million Dollar Salon
Show Car Garage Big Rigs Vintage RVs Autocross Competition
Huge Vendor Midway Swap Meet Kids Zone
and Much More!

BUICK TRIVIA

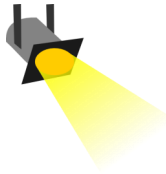


Can you identify this auto pioneer who served as president of Buick before leaving to form an auto company that wears his name to this day? Answer on Page 14.

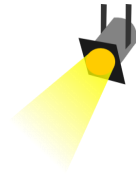
Do you know some interesting Buick trivia? Share it with ***The Valve Chatter !***

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.

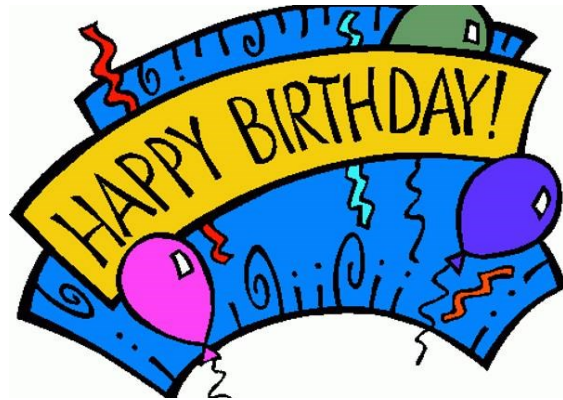
Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/5 Glenn and Debbie Novak
- 9/17 Ken and Sandy Green
- 9/25 Ron and Connie Bergeron



BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Dave Dunton
- 9/2 Walt Ehrenfeutcher
- 9/3/68 Luciana Stone
- 9/5/61 Tom Lynde
- 9/7/40 Alan Lisenby
- 9/8 Maria Gaynor
- 9/14 Debbie Novak
- 9/15 Bill Hansen
- 9/25 Dan Gallagher
- 9/26 Rich Fink
- 9/27 Cindy Lavelle
- 9/28 Laura Dalton

Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America



BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER

Walter P. Chrysler entered into the auto industry in 1911 at Nash before being lured to Buick by William Durant. Chrysler served as president as Buick until 1919, when he left to start his own car company.



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

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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



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**.



Cars 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 _____ 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	\$ _____

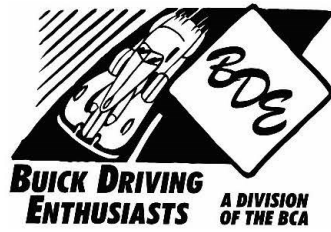
Registration requested by October 31, 2021.

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



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 (REVISED FORM)

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Cell # _____ email _____

BDE Member # _____ BCA Number _____

Buick you plan to bring? Year _____ Model _____ Trailered to the meet? _____

Registration Fee \$30 (includes 1 dash plaque, tour packet & 4 days Hospitality Room) \$ _____

Additional Guests (besides member and 1 guest - Hospitality Only) #Guests _____ \$5 each \$ _____

MONDAY OCTOBER 18 – Helen Keller Birthplace # _____ \$6 each \$ _____

Alabama Music Hall of Fame # _____ \$6 each \$ _____

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**

Crockett’s Mill Restaurant # _____ \$25 each \$ _____

Amish Heritage Museum # _____ \$20 each \$ _____

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20 – Lincoln County Museum # _____ **Individual Donation**

Box Lunch Ham & Cheese _____ # Turkey & Cheese _____ # _____ \$16 each \$ _____

Fayetteville Tennessee – Antiques and Specialty Shops # _____ **On Your Own**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21 – Huntsville Space and Rocket Center # _____ \$13 each \$ _____

Options on your own: Movie \$7 each
Planetarium \$9 each
Marshal Space Center \$20 each

Buffet Banquet # _____ \$30 each \$ _____

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22 – BONUS DAY – ANNISTON, AL (About 1.5 hours Southeast of Madison, AL)

Berman Museum of World History including NEW Espionage Room # _____ \$10 each \$ _____

Lunch at Berman Museum Box Lunch # _____ \$16 each \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

Couple registering for the total tour is \$382. Single registration for the total tour is \$206. Without additional guests.

**TOUR PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATION
(Required by the Buick Driving Enthusiasts)**

I CERTIFY THAT THE BUICK I WILL DRIVE ON THIS TOUR WILL BE COVERED BY AT LEAST THE MINIMUM BODILY INJURY & PROPERTY LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OR PROVINECE IN WHICH THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED. ALL PARTICIPANT VEHICLES ARE TO BE PROPERLY INSURED AND LICENSED.

My Insurance Co. is _____ Policy _____ Exp. _____

I agree not to hold the Buick Driving Enthusiasts, any of the officers, chairpersons, or members responsible for any bodily injury, property damage, lost or stolen property. I further understand that if my Buick should become disabled during the tour, the tour hosts &/or other BDE members will help secure a ride to remaining activities for myself &/or my passengers. I also acknowledge the BDE mandatory requirement to have a working CB radio & the BCA requirement for a fully charged, operable fire extinguisher in my Buick.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Please copy both pages of this form for your Records

Make Check Payable to **BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS** and mail to
JOHN E COVER
P.O. BOX 36010
HOOVER AL 35236-6010

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 13 2021

- PLEASE NOTE:**
- 1) The amount of any refund for this event will depend on the cancellation date by the venue, supplier or whether the deadline has passed to said supplier/venue.
 - 2) Hotel information will be sent upon receipt of completed registration and payment.

Tour & Registration Questions: John Cover - 205.991.7106 (Office) or 205.837.0192 (Cell)
Anne Tucker – 205.967.7090 (Home) or 205.919.6560 (Cell)

General Questions: Bruce or Shar Kile
770.977.7924 (Home) 678.662.6072 (Cell)