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On the cover: Buicks on the South East Regional Tour. Photo from Glenn and Debbie Novak

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Hello and Happy Holidays Buick Folks

Wow, November was another full month of Buick fun (and family) activities for the ole 3013's. It actually started in late October with the BDE fall tour in Madison, Ala. and continued on through with our family Thanksgiving gathering. In early November my two sons and I made a "down and back" (overnight) trip to Kissimmee to get the 87 G.N. my oldest son, Scott, bought from a fellow BCA/BDE member. The entire trip took just 24 hours and yes we drove the G.N back.....after all "Buicks were meant to be driven", especially a fast "fun ride" like a Grand National.

Three days later Shar and I headed back to the Sunshine state in a small four car caravan which included Frank and Jan Blizzard driving their 2019 Cascada plus BCA friends, Steve & Wendy Cooley (2017 Cascada) from Illinois & Frank Cwikla (2018 Enclave) from Wisconsin.

Our overnight stop was Ocala, where we met up with our chapter webmaster, Glenn & Debbie Novak, in their 98 Park Avenue, and a couple other BCA friends Bobby and Margaret Minis from Savannah in their 34 (Mod 66S) and Mike and Nancy Stemen (68 Electra Conv.) for a tour of the N.P.D. fantastic private car collection. Our seven car convoy then continued on to Ft. Myers to participate in the S.E. Regional. We were joined in Ft. Myers by fellow Dixie Chapter members, Jerry & Jean Richstein in their 91 Reatta, Walt & Julie Ehrenfeuchter with their beautiful 59 Invicta, and Bill & Nancy Hansen driving their 2010 Enclave.

Although there were no scheduled events for that Thursday, we "early arrivals" formed our own activity and caravanned to Sanibel Island. Thus proving once more that "Buick folks don't need a pre-planned activity to have fun". We can usually create a fun outing most anywhere in our Buicks. The scheduled events of the Regional Meet were well planned and organized by the Gulf Coast Chapter. The events included the Revs Collier exotic car collection, the Edison/Ford House/Museum and my favorite, the murder mystery dinner train. Oh BTW, the food at the closing banquet was one of the best meals I have had a BCA event anywhere. Kudos to the chapter and all those involved in the planning and facilitating of this event.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas and please mark your calendars and plan to attend the "After" Holiday" party.

May God Bless You & "Go (tour in a) Buick"

Bruce "Ole 3013"

Membership Renewal Time

By Jerry Richstein, Membership Chairman

Membership Renewal Notices will be mailed out this week. Those that have prepaid for 2022 or beyond do not need to pay any additional dues at this time. However, please return the Membership Form so we can verify that we have your correct address, phone number(s), email address, National BCA Number, etc.

Those that do owe dues at this time can pay for up to 3 years at \$20 per year.

Past winners of the Meritorious Award pay just \$10 per year, and current Elected Chapter Officers don't pay Chapter dues while in office.

Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

Tom Lynde

Hey folks,

I feel like a very fortunate man. I am looking over the beautiful photos of the South East Regional sent to me by Glenn and Debbie Novak while enjoying a slice of Tammy’s homemade German chocolate cake. The only way this could be any better is if I had attended the SE Regional personally. The curse of a job where one’s absence is noted My early New Year’s resolution to is resolve to attend more regional and national events in 2022. Hold me to it.

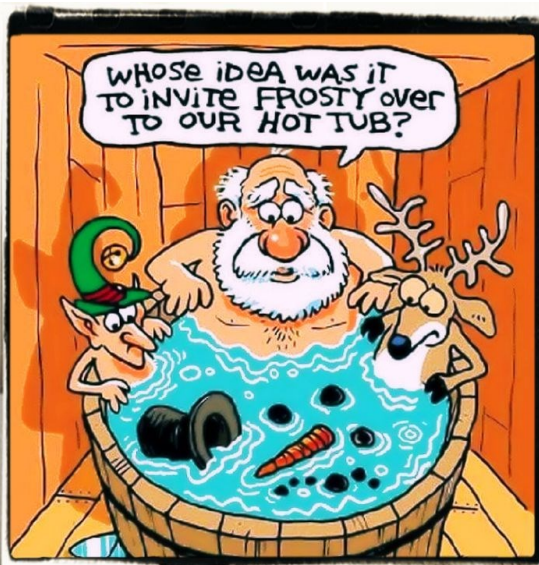


One upcoming event that everyone should attend is the annual After the Holidays party in January. It is always a great time with great people, really good food, and a rousing gift exchange. Details in this newsletter.

December is nigh and the Holiday season is here. Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays, too. I think I will attend the Toys for Tots cruise at Summit this Saturday. It will be good to get out and about a bit and help some folks out, too. See you in January!

Tom

Grit in the Gearbox



Quotable Quotations



Southeast Regional Tour Photos

Pictures courtesy of Glenn and Debbie Novak



Jack and Coleen King and Debbie Novak at the Revs Collier Museum



A few classic GM cars inside the NDP collection, Ocala, Florida.



Club members outside of the Revs Collier Museum



Members' cars outside the Revs Collier Museum.



Club members out side of the Thomas Edison Florida Estate.



Thomas Edison Florida Estate



1965 Wildcat at the Edison Estate parking lot,

From the Sunshine Committee

This item appeared in the Georgia Cool Cruisers Newsletter.

"Please keep Jack Horvath in your thoughts and prayers. Jack is presently undergoing a bunch of medical tests. We will update everyone on his condition as we know more. "

The Sunshine Committee reached out and sent Jack a card. 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

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 and quantity
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 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

January 9, 2022 1:30 PM

Post holiday party at Ippolito's in Suwanee. Details in this news letter.

June 22-25, 2022

2022 BCA National Meet. Lisle, Illinois. Hosted by the Chicagoland Chapter, BCA.

BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

DECEMBER 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	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	1

Cruise In
 EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
 9:00 AM TILL 12:00 NOON
Rods—Customs—Muscle Cars—Classics

CALL FOR DETAILS... 770-422-2566 OR 404-202-0070
PIEDMONT CHURCH
 570 PIEDMONT ROAD, MARIETTA, GA 30066



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

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



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.

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BUICK TRIVIA



In 1940, Buick introduced self-cancelling turn signals to the option list. At \$7.95, they carried a hefty price tag for the times!

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

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DIXIE CHAPTER AFTER THE HOLIDAYS PARTY

The Dixie Buick Holiday Party will be Sunday, January 9th at 1:30 pm at:

- Ippolito's Italian Restaurant
- 350 Town Center Ave
- Suwanee GA 30024

Phone 678-985-4377

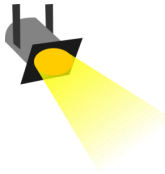
We will order from the menu. We will have the same, wonderful gift exchange as usual. Men will buy a men's gift and women will buy a women's gift. Please keep the gift cost under \$25.00. We also will be observing the "Bruce Kile" Gift Stealing system.

It would be nice to get an RSVP headcount by January 2nd so I can inform Manager Val at Ippolito's. Please call or text my cell number 913-638-7849.

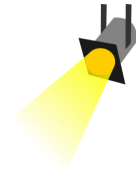
J.D. Westfall



The Parts Authority is more than your source for genuine ACDelco parts such as batteries (including 6 volt) ignition parts etc., at discount pricing. Call on them for great prices on your auto parts needs. The Dixie Chapter BCA has established a "cash account" with The Parts Authority <http://www.partsauthority.com/>. Simply phone the call center at (770) 448-3896 and tell them that you are with the Buick Club account #47225, and place your order. You will also need to tell them which of the 8 distribution warehouses you would like to pick it up & pay at. Distribution centers are in Woodstock, Marietta, Norcross, Emery, Snellville, Roswell, and Columbus. A "cash account" does include Visa/MasterCard. If you have any questions call Bruce Kile (770) 977-7924.



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

BIRTHDAYS

- 12/18 Roy & Janet Bass
- 12/20/63 Paul & Penny VanNortwick
- 12/22/17 Bob & Luciana Stone
- 12/27 Jimmy & Terry Fountain
- 12/30 Ken Hendrick & Hector Pages
- 12/31 Skip & Jan Petsch

- 12/18 Janet Bass
- 12/18 Maynard Cash
- 12/20/52 John-Paul Glenkey
- 12/27/43 Patricia Lisenby
- 12/28 Ron Bergeron
- 12/28 Chuck Dalton

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SOURCE FOR WHITE WALL TIRES!

J.D. Westfall

Here is another source of White Walled Tires for your Buicks. It is Vulcan Tires (www.vulcantire.com). You can buy them direct or through dealers. I found them through Mavis Tires and Brakes.

The tire for some of our cars is their Eldorado Custom 428 A/S either as P/225/75R15 or P/235/75R15.

- From their website picture, it is either a 3/4 inch or 1 inch white wall.
- All Season, mud and snow rated.
- 50,000 mile warranty
- S speed Rated.
- Mfr part # CUS64
- UTQG 440 AB

Price per P235 tire is \$97.00 (plus shipping and taxes).

Happy Buick Motoring,

J D

Buick Memories

This month Bruce Kile shares a couple of Buick Pictures from his youth!



Bruce explains “the pictures are of my uncle’s car hauler (Haulaway), in those days) Obviously two different times in Michigan, but the models are 1951. The frozen young guy is me at age 13 and the pretty lady is my mother, probably about 32. My uncle lived next door to us, so very common to always have “a load” (four cars) in front or in his driveway.”



Deals on Wheels



Parts For Sale

For 2001-2005 Regal GS/Joseph Aboud Edition

A full set (F & R) floor mats (obviously used but still in good condition)

3800 "Supercharged" engine shroud (used but never greasy/dirty)

(3) Correct AC Delco Coil packs (new, never on car)

(2) Serpentine Belts, for supercharger & main drive (new)

*(2) Belt Tensioners 1 for S.C. & 1 for main drive (used but in good working order)

*(1) Original Alternator (used but nothing wrong with it)

(1) Gas cap (new)

(1) Valve cover gasket (new)

(1) Grill (new, never installed)

Prefer not to "piece meal" the items. I'll sell the entire lot for \$150. BTW, the coil packs alone were \$125 (discount price). Call Bruce Kile (770) 977-7924, or email sbkile58@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



Car For Sale: 1990 Reatta Coupe. 3 owner car. 165K miles, but always garaged and well maintained. \$5,000 for reasonable offer. Contact Jerry for more details and pictures. 404-769-6071 or jerry.richstein@gmail.com



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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**.

1953 Super parts car for sale: The 322 was converted to propane when new and was used as a propane gas company company car. Decent steering wheel and side window shades. Wheels not included. \$450 Also have several '54,55 and 56 parts cars from \$100 to \$300 ea. Also welcome to come pull what you need. Text 706 201 8555 or email 1954buick@gmcil.com /



1962 Buick LeSabre for sale: V8 auto trans 401 wildcat. P.S., P.B. Mostly original/no modifications. Tight & sound. Only 39k miles! Original paint: Marlin Blue. Never been in an accident/always garage kept. No restoration needed. Runs well. 3rd owner. Has been used as a special event car and as a daily driver. \$14,500
Phone 678-549-1447



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

