



# Dixie Valve Chatter

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**AFTER THE  
HOLIDAYS  
PARTY!**

**January 9th  
Ippolito's  
Suwannee**



**DETAILS INSIDE!**

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Hi There Buick Folks,

I sure hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that 2022 will bring even more abundant blessings in your life.

Wow, it sure seems (to me) as though we sailed through 2021 faster than a GNX in the quarter mile. Of course, that feeling just might be an age thing or something. Well, despite some "uncertainties" and a few restrictions continuing in 2021 we, the Dixie Chapter, the BCA and the old car hobby in general, did manage to enjoy several in person gatherings, meetings and car shows. Let's hope and pray that we can continue having even more such activities. For those of us in the Dixie Chapter; we begin our 2022 gatherings with the "After Holiday party" Jan 9th. Then February will see us back at our "Roddy Pearce Memorial Bowl-A-Rama". The Peach Blossom BOPC (hosted by the Cadillac Club) is scheduled for May 7th. The BCA National in Lisle, Ill is June 22-26 and the BDE National Tour follows immediately in Michigan.

At this time, March and April are still open to your suggestions for an outing or meeting location. if there is something you would like to see us do or a restaurant to meet at, please call or email assistant director J.D. Westfall.

Remember this is your club and we would love to have your input. If you have never attended a meeting or outing why not make a New Year's resolution to come and see what kind of an organization, you paid dues for? Hope to see y'all at the "After Holiday Party".

Peace, God Bless & "Go (Tour in a) Buick"

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### **A Friendly Reminder:**

Membership Renewal Notices were mailed last month, and 2022 Dixie Chapter dues were due by the end of December 2021. Those who have prepaid for 2022 or beyond don't need to pay any additional dues at this time. However, please return the membership form that was mailed to you last month so we can verify your correct address, phone number(s), email address, BCA Number, etc.

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

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

## Sonomatic Sounds, an Editorial

**Tom Lynde**

Hey folks,



Some cars never leave you. Even though it may have been twenty, thirty, forty or more years since you had last seen it. It may have been your car, or belonged to your parents, grand parents, a favorite uncle or cousin. Or a chance encounter on the street. It could have been a car you saw and rode in every day Or just one memorable ride for the ages. A car that in the back of your mind you vow you will one day own and relive the dream.

For me, I guess I have always been partial to Buicks. Could be hereditary. My Grandfather switched to Buick from Hudson because he did not like the step-down models. My Dad followed suite and from 1950 on drove Buicks exclusively.

My first ride in a Buick was coming home from the hospital in a 1955 Century Riviera. I have no memory of that car, other than pictures and home movies. It gave way to a cranberry red 1963 Special Deluxe wagon, that I remember clearly. It faithfully served us for about six years.

Dad was never one to purchase anything on impulse, but I remember sitting at a stop sign in Spring of 1969 when an auto transport carrying new Buicks went by on its way to the local dealership. Up top, center was a sky blue 1969 Sportwagon with wood grain siding. Dad blurted out . "That is my next car!" And sure enough, by the weekend it was in our driveway.

With its skylight roof and third seat, that car became a favorite for my siblings and me. It served the family through seven New England Winters and eight Summers on Cape Cod, numerous camping trips, as well as a cross country drive to Colorado. Faithful till the end. And the end, unfortunately came at the hands of a hit and run driver who took out the left side of the Sportwagon. The insurance company repaired it, but it was never the same. Dad traded it in shortly thereafter for a preowned 1973 Estate Wagon. That was the car I drove through high school. And will likely be the topic of another story.

Back to the Sportwagon. I have been searching high and low for another car like it for many years. It is amazing how many of them have been “upgraded” with GS hoods and badging, 455s and bucket seats, To each his own, I guess.

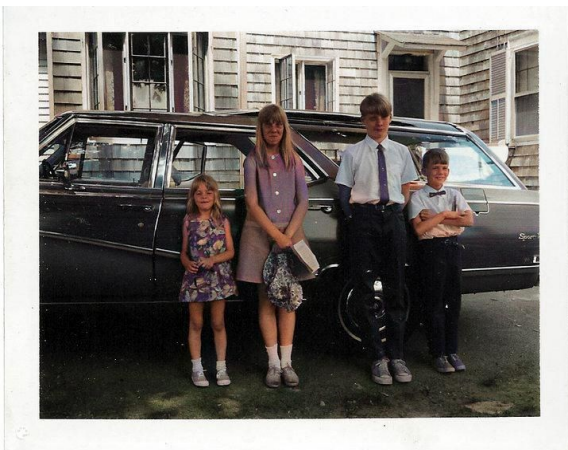
But, not too long ago while plugging “Buick Sportwagon” into the search bar on Ebay, I found something to tide me over for a while: A 1/43 scale model by Italian diecast maker Kess of a 1969 Sportwagon identical to Dad’s. Yes, light blue, three seat. With the wood grain. Buy it now was clicked without hesitation and it now has an honored spot on my desk.

Yes, cars come and cars go. Some are merely appliances, meant to get us from point a to point b. Others are special, they stand out and are part of our history. I guess that is one of the reasons that we join a car club. To share those memories with others that understand.

See y’all soon. Don’t forget the after the holidays party!

Happy Buicking,

Tom



My sibs and me in front of our brand new Sportwagon. Easter Sunday 1969



My 1/43 scale Sportwagon model.



# A Year in Photo Review

## Dixie Chapter BCA on the Move



Bowl-a-rama!



Peach Blossom B.O.P.C.



Chapter Picnic



Southeast Regional Tour

## From the Sunshine Committee

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](mailto:grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com)

Please continue keeping Jack Horvath in your thoughts and prayers. Jack is home from the hospital and currently under home hospice care.

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

### January 9, 2022 1:30 PM

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

### **February 2022**

Roddy Pierce Memorial Bowl-a-rama.

Woodstock Lanes

Details TBA

### **May 7.2022**

Peach Blossom BOPC at Piedmont Church.

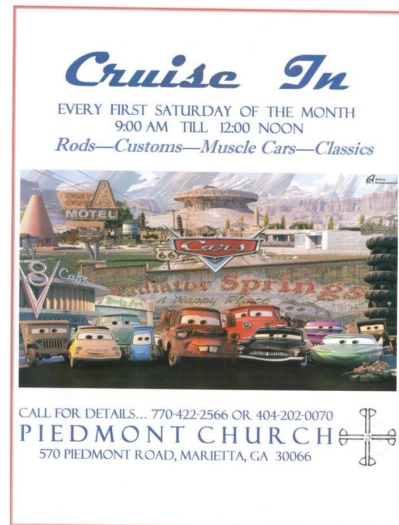
Hosted by Peach State

Cadillac— Lasalle

### BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

JANUARY 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Printable Calendars From 123Calendars.Com



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

### June 22-25, 2022

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

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

What was unique about the Buick exterior color palette for 1976?



Answer on page 12.

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

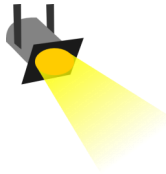
We will order from the menu. We will have the same, wonderful gift exchange as usual. Men will buy a men's gift and women will buy a women's gift. Please keep the gift cost under \$25.00. We also will be observing the "Bruce Kile" Gift Stealing system.

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](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

### Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America



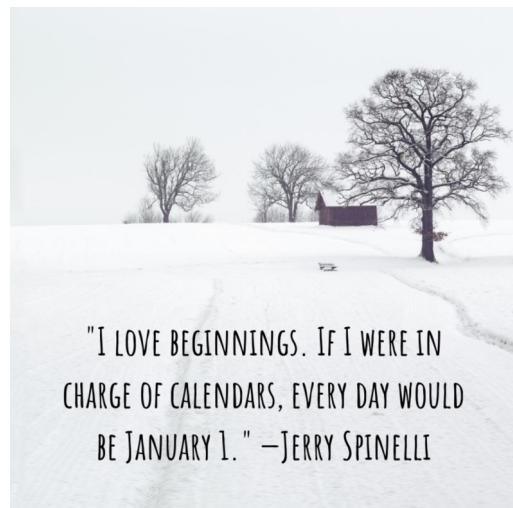
### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1/12      Jane Petsch
- 1/19      Jana Hunter
- 1/19      Hector Pages

### Grit in the Gearbox



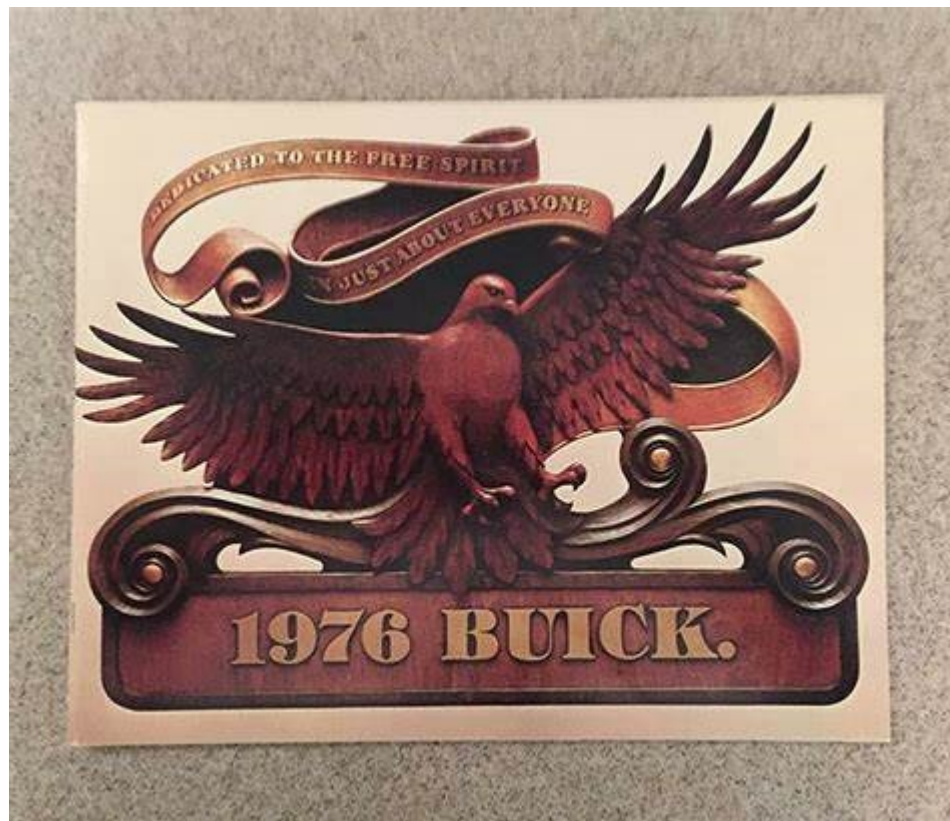
### Quotable Quotations





# BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER

In 1976, Buick gave their exterior colors names to reflect the spirit of our nation's Bicentennial year. Colors like Liberty White, Potomac Blue, Concord Green and Independence Red, to name a few.



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



## 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](mailto: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



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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@gmail.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

