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Hello Dixie Chapter Buick Folks

You will recall that we were notified last month of the passing of our friend and long time BCA/Dixie Chapter member, Jack Horvath, a great American. In as much as the January issue of the "DVC" was already printed we were not able to offer a tribute to him at that time. Jack was retired Military, having served in the U.S. Army for 27 years with tours of duty in Germany and Vietnam in addition to various stateside and South Pacific military assignments. His principle "job" was that of transportation officer. His experiences are well documented in his self narrated You Tube audio book "*Two Million Miles of Bad Road*". I highly recommend viewing it Just Google: *Two Million Miles of Bad Road* or www.YouTube.com/watch?V=EeWTY6qSHQ0

Jack & Pat became BCA/Dixie Chapter members in 2006 with their "Burgundy Bomber", a 1950 Mod 46S & immediately became active members driving the Burgundy Bomber to shows and club functions. But it was probably joining our 6 car caravan to the BCA National/GM Anniversary in Flint in 2008 that, no doubt, became the catalyst for a near 14 year closer relationship.

Despite some major mechanical issues with "The Bomber" on the "After Tour" from Flint that resulted in leaving the car in Illinois under the watchful eyes and direction of new BCA friends, John and Joyce Williams, the car was repaired and the Horvath's subsequently joined the BDE, The Buick Driving Enthusiasts, to experience even more fun and friendship, as well as any technical assistance needed and more friends. Soon, like many active Buick loving new members, they found themselves adding another Buick to their stable, a beautiful 76 LeSabre Coupe. with A/C of course. Their involvement & activity increased in "all things Buick", especially the tours and outings of the Dixie Chapter & BDE .

In 2019 the Horvath's became the owners of "Big Red", a 1973 Riviera, which then became their show and tour car. It was rather obvious that Jack's favorite color was red. From the onset of their becoming BCA/Dixie chapter members, Jack was always willing to "get involved" and "do things". He once said, "*I don't join and pay dues to an organization if I'm not going to be involved*". He served as the club sales coordinator 2010-2014 and our chapter secretary 2017-18.

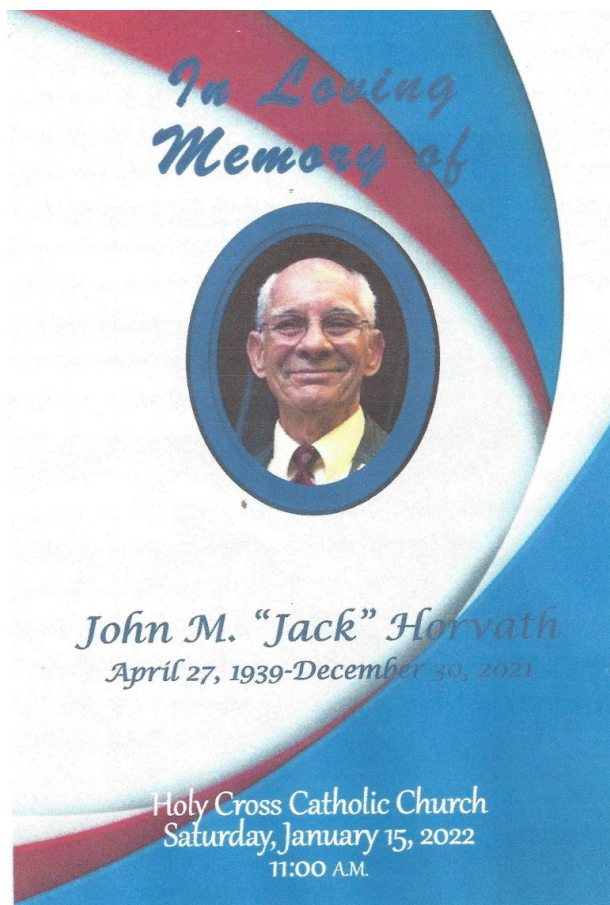


In 2015, because of his strong spiritual & moral convictions, Jack was appointed the Dixie Chapter's first chaplain & continued in that role until his passing. His wife Pat has graciously agreed to continue as our chaplain. In 2013 Jack was awarded the Meritorious Award of the Dixie Chapter.

Although Jack and Pat are active members of the BCA, Dixie Chapter & BDE, as well as the Georgia Cool Cruisers, their real attention is to USO Georgia. For the years since military retirement, Jack and Pat have volunteered countless hours greeting our military members at Hartsfield/Jackson as well as working fund raisers and speaking on behalf of the Georgia USO to clubs & organizations in the Atlanta area. To further honor the memory of John M "Jack" Horvath the Georgia Cool Cruisers have named their USO car show in honor of Jack. We are indeed proud and fortunate to have had Jack Horvath as a member of the Dixie Chapter, Buick Club of America. May he rest in peace.

Peace & God Bless

Bruce (Ole 3013)





Hi Dixie Chapter Folk,

Last month I mentioned a 1973 Estate Wagon that entered my life and stated it was another story for another time. Well, now is another time, so here is the story.

My Dad's '69 Sportwagon was in need of replacement, so the search went out for a new car. The local Buick and Pontiac dealership, Cannon Buick was a two block walk from my house, and I visited often. I fell in love with two gorgeous wagons. Both brand new 1976 models: A Buick Estate and a Pontiac Grand Safari, both dressed in metallic tan with Dynoc wood siding and tan interiors. Both were loaded to the gills and to my 15 year old self, either one was a perfect replacement for the '69.

Dad had another idea. A local judge turned his 1973 Estate Wagon in on the tan '76 Buick wagon. Dad brought home his trade. Yeah, I was disappointed but the '73 was a loaded two seat model with every option with the exception on the wood siding, Our first family car with air conditioning and power windows, and the clamshell tailgate was too cool. I warmed up to it. Good thing, because in another year or so I would be driving it.

And drive it I did. That 455 cubic inch V/8 had enough power to move that big wagon down the road in smart fashion. It was awesome to feel the frame twist under my feet with engine torque when laying a heavy right foot on the accelerator. I had a friend with a 1968 Lincoln Continental and we found ourselves in a clash of the titans on a couple of occasions on a lonely, straight stretch of two-lane. I honestly don't remember who walked away with the bragging rights from those meetings.

Mostly, the car was the epicenter of my social life. My friends rides included a Javelin, a 'Cuda, a GTO or two and several Mustangs, but my car was always the choice when we went out on a Friday night. Not that it was so cool, but because we could cram it full of people on our way to the bowling alley or Putt Putt course.

It was also about this time I started playing bass with local bands. The cargo space and that great clamshell rear door made it the perfect gear hauler. I remember loading my bass stack, two Fender Twins, a couple of synthesizers, a few guitars and a drum kit with no problem.

With its power, space and imposing looks, it earned the nick name of "The Beast" It served me well during my senior year and shortly after graduation Dad traded it in on a little Pontiac Sunbird for my kid sister. I bought a 1979 Camaro coupe that carried me through college, while I was working as a musician in Boston, and ultimately my move to Georgia. While it did not have the space of the Estate wagon, one time when the band van broke down I did manage to get a couple of amps, a few guitars three band members and out 400 pound manager into it for an unbelievable ride home from a gig in a snow storm. To be young and foolish.

So the Estate Wagon was gone. Long live The Beast! I do not have a single photo of it to remember it by. I last drove it in June of 1979, expecting never to see it again. But as the fates would have it, we did cross paths again. It was in 1997 and I was living in Georgia, but visiting family in Massachusetts. Tammy and I were driving by the old hometown Buick dealership, when a familiar shape caught my eye. I swung my new Pontiac Bonneville into the parking lot and parked it next to a haggard looking dark blue Estate Wagon. The owner of the dealership recognized me, greeted me and said "yes, it is your old car!" He said that he tracked it down for another customer who wanted it restored to be used as a tow car for his GS drag car. So, it may still be out there somewhere. I truly hope so.



Thanks to Lamar Brown for sending in this cartoon that was featured in the October 1922 Buick Bulletin.

Membership Renewal Time has PAST: 2022 Dixie Chapter dues were due by 12/31/21. If you are one of the 7 that have not yet paid your 2022 Chapter dues, please send \$20 to Jerry Richstein A.S.A.P.



DIXIE CHAPTER AFTER THE HOLIDAYS PARTY

A nice gathering of Dixie Chapter members turned out to celebrate the post-holiday season at Ippolito's in Suwannee. A great meal and time of fellowship was enjoyed and a rousing gift exchange ensued and using Bruce Kile's gift exchange rules a number of popular items exchanged hands several times, keeping gift recipients on their toes. A wonderful time was had by all. Please make plans to attend next year's event!









**Congratulations to
Bill McGowen
2021 Meritorious Award Recipient**

2021 Charitable Contributions

In 2021, The Dixie Chapter, BCA made the following contributions:

Hertage Park Military Museum (Picnic) \$100.00

CURE Childhood Cancer \$500.00

Simple Needs, Georgia \$500.00

USO Council of Georgia \$750.00

MUST Ministries \$250.00

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

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.

You can buy these beautiful ornaments from the club store during a monthly chapter meeting.

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

Join the conversations!
Participate in the forums
on the Buick Club of
America website.

www.buickclub.org

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26,2022

Roddy Pierce Memorial
Bowl-a-rama.

Woodstock Lanes

12:30 PM : Bowling

2:30 PM : Chapter Meeting

May 7,2022

Peach Blossom BOPC at
Piedmont Church.

Hosted by by Peach State

Cadillac— Lasalle

BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

February 2022						
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					

June 22-25, 2022

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

Jack Horvath Memorial
USO Benefit Car Show
Saturday, May 28th,
2022

11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Handy Ace Hardware
3969 Lawrenceville
Hwy
Tucker, GA 30084

Georgia Cool Cruisers

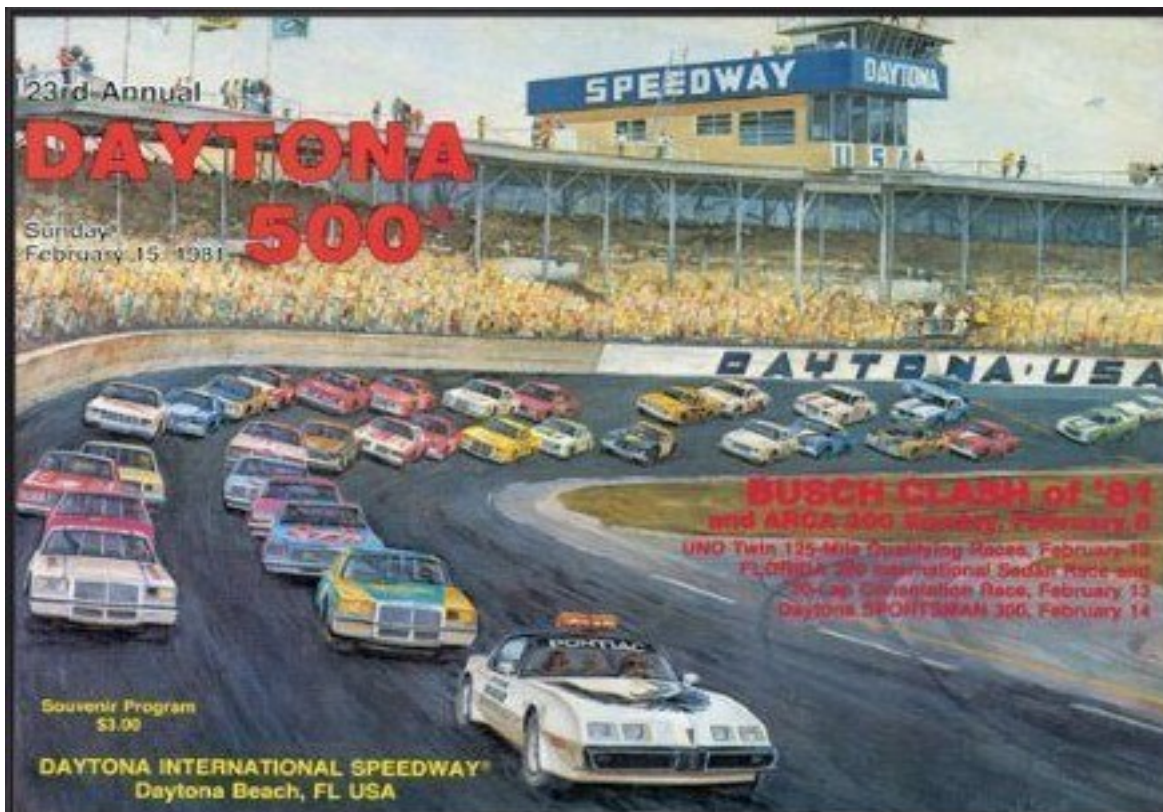
**Have fun with us!
Attend chapter
meetings and
activities!**

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

DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE
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BUICK TRIVIA

Which NASCAR Legend piloted a Buick to Victory Lane in the 1981 Daytona 500?



Answer on page 16.

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

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WHAT: Roddy Pearce Memorial Bowl-A-Rama!**WHEN:** Sunday February 26, 2022**WHERE:** AMF Woodstock Lanes

108 Woodpark Blvd.

Woodstock, GA 30188

770-926-2200

START BOWLING: Promptly at 12:30, so get there early!**Cost.** Lunch and bowling \$14.00. Lunch only \$7/00**LUNCH TIME:** After Bowling, at about 2:30 p.m. with a business meeting to follow.

This is one of our most fun events. Remember.....bowling skill is not required, in fact with the "handicap system" we have, higher average bowlers have more of a challenge than those who don't bowl too often. **There will be awards & prizes.**

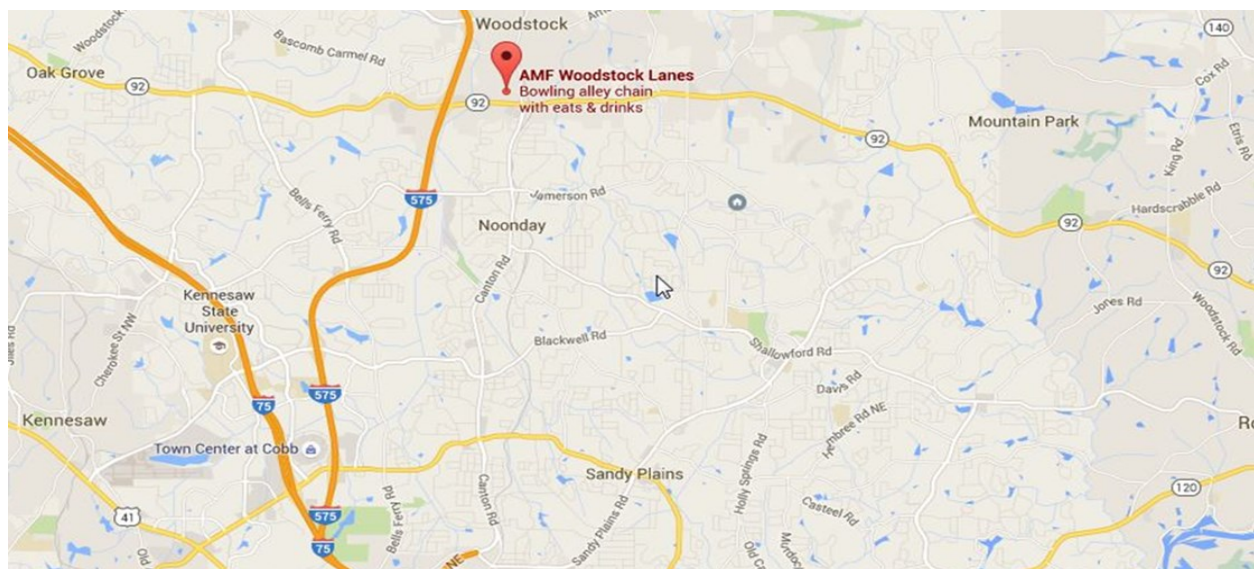
Weather permitting, be sure to drive those Buicks, There will be ample parking in "car show" fashion.

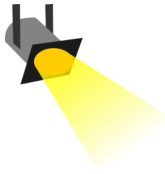
RSVP: Please RSVP by ASAP by phone or email to Bruce or Shar
770-977-7924, sbkile58@aol.com

Let's make this our best Bowl-A-Rama ever!

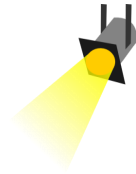
DIRECTIONS: I-75 North to 1-575 / Phillip M Landrum Memorial Hwy North toward Canton. Exit 7 right, GA 92 toward Woodstock. Turn right onto GA 92. Go approximately 3/4 mile and turn left at the Dairy Queen onto Woodpark Place. Follow the circle around to AMF Woodstock Lanes.

For those coming from the East take GA 92 West. Cross Canton Hwy. Go approximately 1,000 feet and then turn right between McDonalds & Velox Insurance onto Woodpark Blvd. Follow the circle until you see AMF Woodstock Lanes.





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

Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America



BIRTHDAYS

- 2/2/65 Steve Zigler
- 2/10 Charles Hunter
- 2/15 Bruce Kile
- 2/18 Joyce Flaaen
- 2/24 Gail Anderson
- 2/28 Bobby McNichols
- 2/29 Brad Flaaen

Grit in the Gearbox



"I've never bowled before. Tell me why you get to roll two balls a frame, and I only get one?"

Quotable Quotations

Education's purpose
is to replace
an empty mind
with an open one.



Malcolm Forbes

BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER



Although closely associated with driving MOPARS, Richard Petty drove this 1981 Buick Regal to the checkered flag on the 1981 Daytona 500.

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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



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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



From the Estate of Jack Horvath

For Sale: 89 Olds Delta 88 (second owner) well maintained, a good running, clean ride always garaged, car has won a couple awards at the "Peach Blossom BOPC". Would be great for touring or even daily transportation. Selling for family of Jack Horvath. Asking \$3200. Car is located in Tucker. Call Bruce Kile for details. (770) 977-7924

