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Hello Buick Lovers,

Well, it's certainly not too early to begin making plans to attend some of the bigger Buick events of the year. Among those would be the Peach Blossom, B.O.P.C show on May 7th, the BCA National Meet 6/22-6/25 in Lisle, Ill, the BDE Spring tour 6/26-6/30 in Fenton, Mich. and the BDE Fall Tour 10/23-10/26 in Gainesville, Fla. There is no word about our BCA S.E. Re-gional Meet, but most likely in the late fall in N.C. Of course, details will be forwarded as soon as we are notified. The Complete details (registration, daily itinerary and lodging, etc.) for the BCA National Meet are found in each issue of the Buick Bugle.

Since there has not been a National Meet (due to "you know what") since 2019, this year's meet will likely be a record setter in attendance. It's like a Buick family reunion and convention rolled into one big 4 day event. If you have never attended a BCA National Meet or even if you have, I urge your attendance at this one. Remember, you don't need to register a car for judging or even sign up for any of the outside tours to enjoy the comradery and the Buick spirit. Just browsing the huge swap meet, daily viewing of the show field, socializing with fellow Buick owners in the hospitality room is enough for "ole 3013"

I am very proud to report that Shar and I have not missed a BCA National Meet since we joined in 1973, so please, if you have any questions about what goes on or what to expect please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Oh, BTW, the Dixie Chapter will, once again, be the facilitators of the hospitality room in Lisle. We need volunteers to serve a couple hours one time or each day. Please give us a holler (770) 977-7924 or sbkile58@aol.com if you can help out.

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

Bruce Ole 3013

# Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, Editor



Greetings, all,

The month of February is in its final days as of this writing, and the weather is becoming more hospitable to our automobile hobby and activities. I am sorry that I missed Bowl-a-rama last weekend. It always falls on a weekend that Tammy and I have scheduled to be with the family in Savannah. Usually, I would drive back early Sunday to make it to Woodstock for the event, however this year that was not a possibility for us. But, Bowl-a-rama is the first of many exciting events coming up for the Dixie Chapter this spring and summer. Check out the Timing Chain in this news letter. It is full of activities: Great meeting venues, car shows, and tours too!

Last weekend I spent some time on a Sunday afternoon sitting on my favorite bench on LaFayette Square in Savannah watching the world go by, as well as a number of vintage and unique automobiles. At that time, mine were still in hibernation but one of my Savannah neighbors had his 1965 Sedan DeVille out for the day. I noted another one of my favorite local cars, a Porsche 911 done up as a rally car with Gulf Porsche blue and orange livery. I can imagine Steve McQueen climbing out from behind the wheel of that one. It was not him. Anyway, I decided that when I got home I would wake up my sleeping charges and get them out for some exercise.

Although calling my cars "vintage" would be a stretch, they are certainly not modern either as they boast their own idiosyncrasies. The '89 was first. The blue car cover came off, I reconnected the battery and did a walk around to make sure all was well. Tire pressure and fluid levels were good, so I opened the driver's door and slid in behind the wheel. Here's where the car begins to leave it's modern image behind. Rather than the smell of plastic and rubber that is present on my daily cars, my nostrils are treated to the aroma of leather and wool carpet, I wrap my fingers around the rather large and skinny steering wheel and then I turn the key, It seems that the starter barely turns and the engine responds with a soft burbling and the dashboard springs to life. After a few minutes of warming, I place my foot on the brake and the transmission selector is placed in the drive position. There is no surging or straining, as I release the brake and off we go for our first drive since October.

Yes, Saturday was a great day. Now the detailing begins for show season. This coming weekend I will be a local show hosted by Shaquille O'Neal to raise funds for the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home. Then it is a local show for ALS research. Then my schedule includes the monthly Chapter meeting in March (details inside!) then another weekend in Savannah before I head to the AACA show in Charlotte. I should return just in time chapter meeting in April at Ippolito's, then the BOPC in May. And let's not forget the BCA Nationals in June. Staying busy is good, right? I need to retire so that I have time for all this car stuff.

Have a great month of March and I will see you at the Georgia Street Road Association show and Chapter meeting in just a couple of weeks!

Happy Buicking,

Tom

# March Meeting Information!

The March meeting of the Dixie Chapter, BCA will be held at the Georgia Street Road Association's car show

Saturday, March 19th 8 AM –2 PM at J.R Miller Park. The Cobb County Fairgrounds 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta.

Trophies at 1: PM, Chapter meeting at 2 PM at a Pavillion at the Fairgrounds. If a pavilion is not available, we will meet at the Big Chicken ( KFC)

See you there!



27<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet & Flea Market

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 19th**

***WE'RE BACK IN MARIETTA!***

## **2022 SWAP MEET • CAR SHOW • FLEA MARKET**

### **• SWAP SPACES \$30**

- Includes Two Adults & All the Space You Need
- Vendor Set Up 7AM
- Enter at Al Bishop Dr.

***NOTE:***

No provisions to unhook trailers

### **• CAR SHOW Entry \$20**

- Includes Driver & One Passenger
- Registration 9-11am • Trophies 1pm
- Classics • Customs • Exotics • Imports
- Muscle Cars • Rat Rods • Restomods
- Sports Cars • Street Rods • Trucks

***All Makes & Models Welcome!***

**• OPEN TO PUBLIC  
8AM – 2PM**

**• ADULT ADMISSION \$5  
• 12 and under FREE**

- FOOD CONCESSIONS
- RAIN OR SHINE



### **COBB COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, J.R. MILLER PARK**

2245 CALLAWAY RD., MARIETTA GA 30008

**Info:** Mickey White, Swap Meet Chairman, call/text 956-371-1937 or email [swapmeet@gsra.com](mailto:swapmeet@gsra.com)

• GSRA - The Georgia Organization for all Vehicle Enthusiasts • [www.gsra.com](http://www.gsra.com)

*"Working to Strengthen and Preserve the Car Hobby"* • Facebook "Georgia Street Rod Association – GSRA"

## **Bowl-A-Rama 2022!**

Text by Bruce Kile, Photos by Bruce Kile and J.D. Westfall

A group of nineteen folks, chapter members and guests, attended the annual "Roddy Pearce Memorial Bowl-A-Rama".

Fifteen of them participated in the activity of the day....bowling! A couple of the participants said they had not bowled in over 40 years. There were laughs abound, nearly with each ball rolled.

When it was all over, a number of prizes were awarded, a delicious lunch was served followed by a short chapter meeting.

Since the weather was ideal for "Buick showing", we had a nice group of our favorite rides parked "car show style". Lots of approving comments from the bowling lanes customers and employees were heard.

More good news from that day was that two of our guests, Nancy Wright and Paul Pieper, became members of the BCA and the Dixie Chapter.

## **Welcome New Members!**

Paul Pieper	Lawrenceville, Georgia	1953 Roadmaster
Nancy Knight	Stone Mountain, Georgia	1996 Park Avenue

**Welcome back returning member!**

John Sincere

# Bowl-a-rama 2022

## Award Winners!



(L to R) Austin Kile (High score male bowler) Bill Cartus (High score guest), Bruce Kile (The hubcap for lowest overall score) Walt Ehrenfeuchter ("Oops award"-most gutters) Julie Ehrenfeuchter) (Secret score (91) award) Allison Westfall ( High score lady bowler) and Bill McGowen (Longest distance driven in a Buick).



Danny Finkelstein

At the lanes!  
Bowl-a-rama!



Scott Kile



Julie Ehrenfeuchter



### 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)

## *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.

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  
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 Approximately 3" x 2.25" - Individually Boxed

\$6 each - includes shipping  
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 and quantity  
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 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

**March 19, 2022**

Georgia Street Rod Assn  
show

Cobb County Fair Grounds

**April 7-10 2022**

Charlotte Auto Fair

**April 9, 2022**

AACA show at Charlotte  
Auto Fair

Registration due March  
13th!

**April 10,2022**

Chapter meeting 1:pm

Ippolito's in Suwanee

350 Town Center Ave

678-985-4377

# The Timing Chain

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events**

March 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	29	30	31		

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

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

**May 6-7.2022**

Peach Blossom BOPC at  
Piedmont Church.

570 piedmont Road, Marietta

Hosted by by Peach State  
Cadillac-laSalle. Registration  
forms available soon.

**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

**June 22-25, 2022**

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

**June 26-30, 2022**

BDE National Tour  
Fenton, MI

**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

Sheriff Reginald B. Scandrett & Shaquille O'Neal present  
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All Proceeds go to Georgia Sheriff's Youth Homes  
\$30 Pre-Register (Deadline February 18th) First 600 Vehicles  
Pay online at: <https://bit.ly/3E1ggic>  
\$45 Day of Show (Cash, Credit Cards and Checks Accepted)

**SATURDAY MARCH 5th 2022  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Salem Baptist Church  
1724 GA-Hwy. 155 N., McDonough, GA 30252  
FREE ENTRY

Questions: About the Show - Call Mike Leathers - 770.401.3016  
About Registration - Call Teresa Wrye - 770.914.1076

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**GSRA**  
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# BUICK TRIVIA

Which 1970s TV series featured this Buick Century as the ride for its main character?



Answer on page 14 .

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

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WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT  
BUICK WILL BUILD THEM



**BUICK STYLE IS HERE AGAIN!**

No question now as to who has the ball on automobile styling!

Then look how wonderfully they are topped off in the upperstructure—with wide, curving, one-piece windshields, and with smart, Buick-originated wrap-around back windows!

price from just above the lowest brackets to the fine-car field.

Take a look at almost any blockful of new cars—and you will see once more the sweep and dip of tapering fenders that Buick pioneered—and that the whole country went for with a joyous whoop and holler.

Yes, Buick style is here again. The sleek, swift-lined style that has put Buick right in the fashion forefront of postwar America.

Come in to see your Buick dealer—and start traveling in the smartest styling of the times.

They're a little smoother now, of course, rounded a bit—and are molded right into the body. And they flow sweetly into rear-fender forms that look for all the world like a jet plane's power plant.

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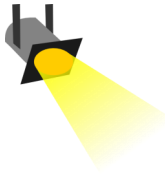
Time is HENRY J. TAYLOR, ABC Network, every Monday evening.

McDONOUGH, GA.

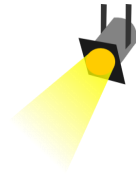
1950 advertisement from the Henry Weekly Advertiser

Hinton and Simpson Buick, Keys Ferry Road McDonough, Georgia

**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



### ANNIVERSARIES

3/21 Charles and Jana Hunter



### Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America

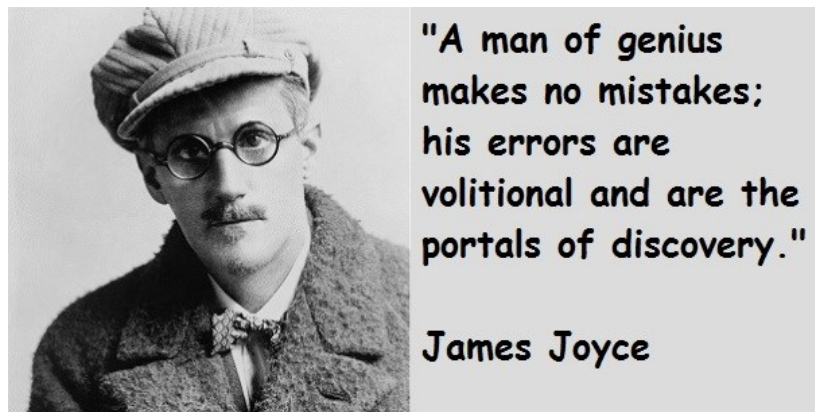
#### Grit in the Gearbox



### BIRTHDAYS

- 3/3/56 Rita Brown
- 3/8 Mike Bashaw
- 3/10 Sylvia Baker
- 3/10/62 Tammy Lynde
- 3/11 Jean Richstein
- 3/14/34 Bill Eisenhardt
- 3/20/44 Penny VanNorthwock
- 3/38 Chris Strong

#### Quotable Quotations



# BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER

The TV detective series *Kojak* used several Buick Centuries over the run of the show as the vehicle of choice for NYC Detective Lt. Theo Kojak played by Telly Savalas. Producers for *Kojak* used three Nutmeg brown four door Centuries, a 1973 and two 1974 models as well as a blue 1975 model during the run of the show. The 1974 models are distinguished by the 455 emblems on the front fenders.



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



**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, SC Second elderly owner asking \$10,000. Call Tom Jameson (843) 571-2264



More on next page

**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**

