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Hello (Dixie) Buick Folks & Buick Lovers everywhere,

The reason your July issue of the "DVC" is a few days late is because our editor held it up waiting for my director's message. Thanks Tom. Shar and I just got home yesterday afternoon from two weeks of "Buicking". We are pleasantly tired out but "wow" what a busy, fun filled two weeks.

The first week included facilitating the hospitality room in Lisle for the BCA National, socializing with our many BCA "family members", attending the judging seminar, browsing the huge swap meet, checking out the many (over 300) Buicks on display, being part of the judging of over 200 cars on Saturday and enjoying the fantastic awards banquet on Saturday evening. The Dixie Chapter was represented at the National Meet by Dave & Marie Berquist, Frank & Jan Blizzard, Pat Horvath, Roy & Sharon Newby, and Shar & me. Thanks go to Jan Blizzard for assisting in the hospitality room and special thanks to Pat Horvath for her tireless commitment over the 6 days there. An EXTRA special "thank you" to the love of my life, Shar, for her leadership and organization of the hospitality room.

The second week began by leading a caravan of 12 cars from Lisle to Flint (Fenton) Mich. to participate in the BDE (Buick Driving Enthusiasts) National Tour. Among the daily tour destinations, were the newly renovated Sloan Museum & Buick Factory "1" in Flint, The largest car museum complex in North America, The Gilmore Museum, in Hickory Corners, Michigan, and The Stahl Museum of vehicles and musical instruments in New Baltimore, Mich.

Yes, it was a (near) exhausting couple weeks, but the memories will linger for a long time, as all our Buick activities and people do.

Just another thank you to those who participated in the "mini car show" on June 18th at Village Park Milton in Alpharetta, Howard & Sylvia Baker, Charles Hunter, Tom Lynde, Jerry & Jean Richstein, and J.D. Westfall, plus "honorable mention" to those who really tried to make it but had to send their regrets, Gene Walsh, Bill Eisenhardt & Ernest Garrett.

Peace, God Bless & "Go (Tour in a) Buick"
Bruce "Ole 3013"



A 1923 Buick Depot Hack on display at the 2022 Buick Club Nationals in Lisle, Michigan.



Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, Editor



Hi Everyone,

Today I am writing you from the beautiful city of Charlotte, North Carolina as Tammy and I are preparing to hear James Taylor live in concert. Amazingly, this is the first live music show I have attended in about 40 years. Anyway, I am greatly looking forward to this event. I have been A JT fan ever since I swiped my brother's Sweet Baby James 8 track and listened to it cruising in the old Estate Wagon.

The drive up I 85 was made easier by listening to the folk-rock channel on Sirius/xm. From our driveway to the hotel parking lot the music played on uninterrupted. It made me think of a cross country car trip I took with my family back in 1972, in Dad's Sportwagon with the old reliable Sonomatic AM radio. We would listen as one station faded out and another faded in to take its place, city by city, county by county across the US of A from Cape Cod to Colorado Springs. I guess the most popular songs that summer included Chicago's Saturday in the Park, Donna Fargo's Happiest Girl in the Whole USA and Chuck Berry's My Ding-a-ling, as we heard them repeatedly as the miles whined away under those old bias=ply tires.

Many of our Dixie Chapter folk are out traversing the nation this month with the BCA Nationals and the BDE After Tour. Stay safe folks and see you at the August chapter meeting at the Olive Garden.

And to all, Happy Buicking and a great 4th of July and Summer!

Tom



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Buick Club of America Annual Meet

Lisle, Illinois

With thanks to Pat Horvath and Bruce Kile



Members of the Buick Club of America gathered for the 2022 BCA National Meet June 22-26 in Lisle, Illinois. A number Dixie Chapter folks made the journey to attend, in the photograph, we see Dixie Chapter member Roy Newby accepting his Senior Preservation Award for his 1999 Riviera. Roy's Riviera was the lone Dixie Chapter car to receive an award at this year's meet.

Other members in attendance included Frank and Jan Blizzard, Pat Horvath, Dave and Marie Berquest, and Bruce and Shar Kile. The Kiles were overwhelmed when they were presented with the "Spirit of Buick Award" sponsored by Nicola Bulgari and presented by Mr. Bulgari's representative Keith Fleckenger.

August MEETING

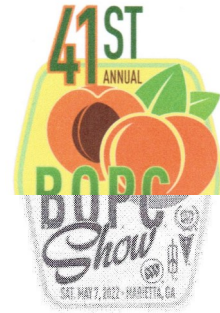
August 12, 2022

The Dixie Chapter BOPC will meet Sunday, August 12th at the Olive Garden Restaurant 905 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell GA (Phone 770-642-0395), at 1 pm. Please make plans to attend chapter activities.

41st annual BOPC Winners.

Information provided by Peach State Cadillac LaSalle.

Congratulations to all Dixie Chapter winners!



Six "Best of..." Trophies:

PEOPLES' CHOICE: Popular vote. 1958 Pontiac Bonneville. Richard Burgess

BEST OF SHOW: Club presidents' selection. 1966 Buick Riviera. Roy Bass

BEST BUICK: Club presidents' selection. 1962 Buick Skylark. Gene Roth

BEST OLDS: Club presidents' selection. 1967 Olds Cutlass. Mike Patania

BEST PONTIAC: Club presidents' selection. 1958 Pontiac Bonneville. Richard Burgess

BEST CADILLAC: Club presidents' selection. 1955 Cadillac Coupe DeVille. Reginald Williams

CLASSES: Peer voting. All registered displayers got ballots:

- A2. 1933-1948 1st: '40 LaSalle Bill Morris 2nd: '41 Cadillac Series 62 Rob Johns
- B. 1949-1954 1st: '50 Buick 46S Hobie Earnhart 2nd: '52 Buick Roadmaster Bill Cartus
- C. 1955-1958 1st: '55 Cad CDV Reginald Williams 2nd: '58 Pontiac Bonnie Richard Burgess
- D.1. 1959-1964 Full Size, OPEN 1st: '61 Cadillac Series 62 Tom Di Nucci
- D.2. 1959-1964 Full Size, CLOSED 1st: '59 Buick Invicta Walt Ehrenfeuchter
- E. 1961-1967 A-Body ALL 1st: '62 Buick Skylark Gene Roth 2nd: '67 Olds 442 Lloyd Looney
- F. 1965-1969 Full Size, OPEN 1st: '67 Cad DVC Karl Morrow 2nd: '66 Cad Eldo Doug Bailey
- G. 1965-1969 Full Size, CLOSED 1st: '66 Buick Riviera Roy Bass
- H. 1970-1979 Full Size 1st: '71 Buick Riviera Alan Ziglin 2nd: '76 Cad CDV Sandy Partridge
- I. 1968-Current: Firebird/Trans AM 1st: '72 CPE Steve Thomas 2nd: '74 Form 455 BJ Benton
- J. 1968-1972 A-Body Perf OPEN 1st: '70 GTO Pat Flynn 2nd: '72 Olds 442 Mike Blankenship
- K. 1968-1972 A-Body Non-Performance OPEN 1st: '68 Buick Skylark Gene Walsh
- L. 1968-1972 A-Body Perf CLOS 1st: '72 Buick GS Jerry Wilson 2nd: '71 Olds W30 Mike Bivins
- M1. Pre-1952 Modified 1st: '34 Buick Coupe Aaron Jenkins 2nd: '50 Buick Super Dave Richard
- M2. 1953-1979 Modified 1st: '67 GTO Mike Walling 2nd: '57 Pontiac Star Chief Mike Carkuff
- M3. 1980-Current Modified 1st: '92 Pontiac Trans Am John Kirkbride
- N. 1968-1972 A-Body Non-Perf CLOSED 1st: '70 Skylark Shar Kyle 2nd: '69 GTO Ron Jackson
- O.1. 1973-1979 A-Body OPEN 1st: '72 Pontiac LeMans Steven Weisbarth
- O.2. 1973-1979 A-Body CLOSE 1st: '74 Cutlass Steve Callis 2nd: '73 Cutlass Chris Hale
- Q. 1980-Current Full-Size 1st: '85 Cad Brougham Bob Knell
- R. 1980-Current Two-seater 1st: '07 Cad XLR-V Scott Hutchinson
- S1. Survivor: Pre-1966 1st: '84 Olds Toronado Ken Runick 2nd: '65 Pontiac 2+2 Karl Morrow
- S2. Survivor: 1966-1985 1st: '76 Electra Michael Stanley 2nd: '70 Riviera Alan Binkley
- T. 1980-NOW A-, G- & H-Body 1st: '86 Olds 442 Eddie Bowen 2nd: '87 Buick GN Adam Decker

TOTAL	PRE-REGISTERED	DAY-OF-SHOW	TOTAL ENTERED	# AWARDS	% OF ENTRIES
Buick:	20	8	28	14	50%
Olds:	12	10	22	8	36%
Pontiac:	22	10	32	10	31%
Cadillac:	19	2	21	9	43%
TOTALS	73	30	103	41	40%

Father's Day Car Show and BBQ at Village Park at Milton Assisted Living

On the Saturday before father's day a host of Dixie Chapter folks and others gathered at Village Park at Milton for their annual Father's Day Car Show and BBQ. Residents and guests enjoyed a delicious chicken BBQ lunch with all the trimmings and ice cream for dessert, then they strolled around the front driveway and enjoyed a display of a half a dozen Buicks as well as a Mustang and a GTO. It was fun to talk to the residents and listen to their remanences of similar cars they once owned. The highlight for some was being able to sit behind the wheel of a classic Buick or two. The smiles said it all. Make plans to attend next year's event and receive a special blessing,



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

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

Original Keepsake Buick Ornaments

24K Gold Finish Brass
3-Dimensional, Laser Cut
Approximately 3" x 2.25" - Individually Boxed

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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

August 12, 2022

Chapter meeting at the Olive Garden . 905 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell GA (Phone 770-642-0395), at 1 pm

July 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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May 5-6, 2023

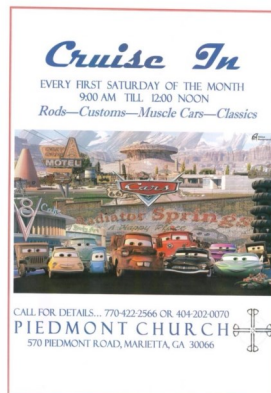
Peach Blossom BOPC at Piedmont Church.
570 piedmont Road, Marietta
Hosted by Dixie Chapter BCA.
Save the date!

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

Chapter Picnic.

Details forthcoming!

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

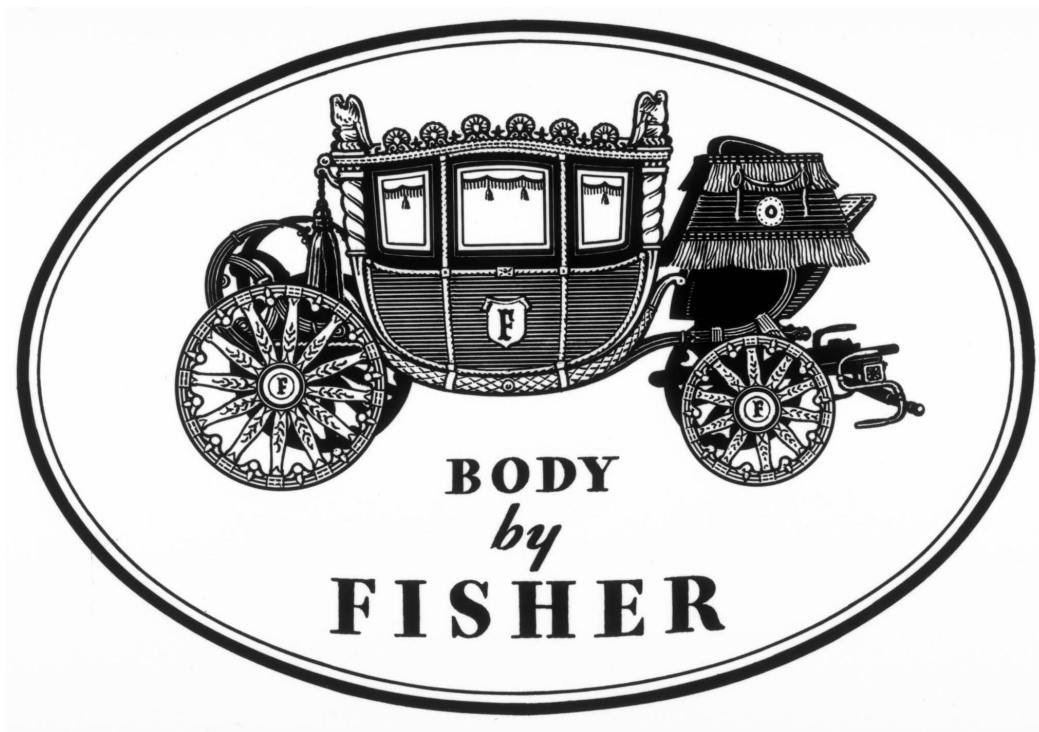


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BUICK TRIVIA

Buick fans are likely familiar with the Body By Fisher logos found on the door sills of many classic Buicks. Can you name the coachbuilding company responsible for the bodies for Buick, as well as some Oldsmobile and Pontiac station wagons? Bonus if you can name a non-General Motors car whose body was crafted there as well.



Answer on page 14 .

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

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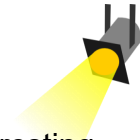
Car of the Month



Drive your Buick to Chapter events and it may be Car of the Month

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

- 7/3 Alan & Patricia Lisenby
- 7/8 Tim & Patty Brown
- 7/12/86 Tom & Tammy Lynde
- 7/31 Bill & Carol Cartus

BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2/40 Ernest Garrett
- 7/2/43 Paul VanNorthwick
- 7/7/53 Yvonne McGowem
- 7/8 Sarah Thomas
- 7/17 Andrea Walsh
- 7/22 Connie Bergeron
- 7/22 Danny Finkelstein
- 7/24 Lisa Richards
- 7/29/47 Bob Haggard
- 7/31 Bill Cartus

Grit in the Gearbox



Quotable Quotations



BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER



Between 1949 and 1964, The Ionia Body Company of Ionia, Michigan produced 140,000 Buick Station Wagon Bodies as well as some station wagon bodies for Pontiac and Oldsmobile. Other notable products included bodies for Continental MK II, some Corvettes, the fiberglass roofs for first generation Blazers and Jimmys, and even seats for WWII Jeeps. It also served as the final assembly point for 1968—1970 Shelby Mustangs. The Ionia Body company ceased production in 1996 and the building has since been razed, closing the books on an iconic piece of American automotive history.

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

1971 Riviera for sale: 1971 Buick Riviera “Boat-tail” PS/PB/PW/AT/Pseat/A-C, Bucket Seats/Console,455 4-Barrel. \$29,500. Lots of pictures available. Clear title in my name Alan Zigler; 770-352-0801



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



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**.