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On the cover: Back to school in style in a 1927 Buick School bus!

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Hello out there to Buick folks everywhere

As reported in last month's "DVC", June was a full month of BCA activities. Well July was pretty much void of Buick Club related activities for Shar and me. maybe I should say "outside activities", like a car show, a tour or our Dixie Chapter meeting. So when the August issue of the Bugle arrived it (kinda) "filled the void". Little did I know however that Shar had already read a couple of the articles before I even knew it had arrived. She seemed rather proud of the fact that she "beat me to it", when she said "you're going to really like the August Bugle". Allow me to point out that I "like" all issues of the Bugle, but it was the word "really" that lead me to sit down immediately and begin to digest the most recent issue. Yep, my bride of 64 years does indeed know my likes, dislikes and especially my "really" likes.

The first article that "hit home" (literally) was submitted by BCA member Mitch Carr about the 2 Buick owned sales/service outlets in our hometown. Having recently (twice in the past month) visited Flint, we actually drove past both buildings described in Mitch's article and commented about them at the time. BTW, kudos to Mitch for his excellent coverage and articles in previous issues as well.

Next in the "really liked" department was Bugle editor Pete Phillips article "*2,200 Miles in a 57 year Old Buick*". It just so happens that Shar and I had the honor and privilege of knowing the previous owners, Bob and Nancy Heaton, of that extremely rare '65 Wildcat Convert. The details of Pete's trip from Washington to Texas were great, especially for us folks who love to tour.

The 3rd article that we read with interest was written by another longtime BCA friend Bob Alberini about his 1972 Centurion. We always knew Bob was "ga-ga" over 72's, but we did not realize all the stats and info he has compiled about all 72 models.

I've said it before folks, & I say it again, I think the Buick Bugle is the best single marque club publication. I sure hope you enjoy it as much as we do. Oh BTW, The August chapter meeting is on the 14th, we really need your presence there, even if you can't drive your Buick.

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

Bruce (ole 3013)

Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, Editor



Greetings, all!

Life has been quiet in my world. I spent a good deal of this past Saturday chasing down an electrical drain that was causing my battery in the Electra to go dead, I believe I have it narrowed to a bad dome light switch. Older cars will keep you on your toes. But, they are worth it.

Please remember to attend the upcoming chapter meeting on August 14th at the Olive Garden on Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell. It is always a great meal and get together, and there are many events and happenings coming up that need to planning and your input. It is also a great opportunity to get the Buick out for some exercise. Mine never seems to get enough of the Great American Road. See you there!

And happy Buicking,

Tom

August MEETING

August 14, 2022

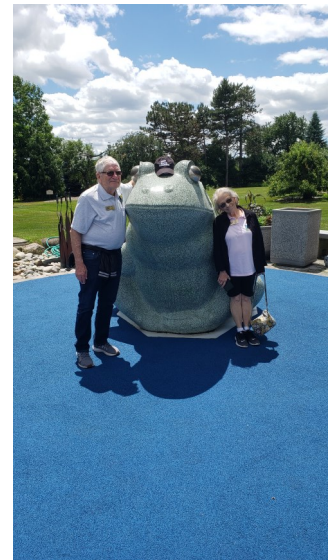
The Dixie Chapter BOPC will meet Sunday, August 14th at the Olive Garden Restaurant Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell GA at 1 pm. Phone 770-642-0395 . Please make plans to attend chapter activities.



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Buick Club of America Annual Meet Lisle, Illinois

With thanks to Pat Horvath for the photographs



Dixie Chapter members and friends enjoying the sights following the BCA National Meet.

On the News Stands



The latest editions of two of my favorite periodicals had Buick related articles therein. The August edition of Collectible Automobile contains a fine photo essay on a 1953 Buick Skylark. The writing and quality of the photos are up to the usual high C/A standards.

Former Hemmings Editor Richard Lintenello's latest project, Crankshaft, completed its first year of publication this month with issue number four. Lintenello made it clear from the beginning that the magazine would focus on subjects of interest to him, Fortunately, one of those subjects is a love for Buicks. In the newest edition he highlights Buick dream and concept cars of the 1960s. A few of them are well known like the Riviera Silver Arrow, while others are interesting trim and styling variations on production models that never saw the light of day.

Another article focuses on a young man who has a strong passion for British sports cars and Fifties era Buicks. If there are more like him out there, the future of our hobby is in good shape.

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.

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

\$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

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

August 14, 2022

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

September 10, 2022

Chapter Picnic.

Details forthcoming!
Plan to attend!

August 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			

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 activities!

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

17th Annual Historic Downtown Senoia Car Show

Senoia CAR SHOW

Landmark, DOOSAN, FAYETTEVILLE

Saturday, Sept 24 2022 10:00a – 4:00p

- 400 show cars (1997 & older) parked on Senoia downtown streets
- Free spectator admission and improved public parking
- Awards for Top 30 cars, including Gall Downs Memorial trophy
- NEW! Car Club Corral, featuring the Georgia Broncos
- Food vendors, music, door prizes, 50/50 drawing
- Registration and more info at www.enjoysenoia.net

Featuring **Viper**

Please visit local Senoia shops and restaurants!

Sponsored by the Senoia Downtown Development Authority. For more information visit www.enjoysenoia.net or call the Welcome Center at 770-727-9173.

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

2022 MONDAY NIGHT CRUISE-INS

All Vehicles Welcome • 6 pm to 8 pm
No Monday Night Cruise-Ins on May 30th, July 4th, or September 5th

- April 11: First Cruise - Summit Racing Employee Vehicles
- April 18: High School & College Student Night
- April 25: Chevrolet
- May 2: Ford, Lincoln, Mercury
- May 9: Dodge, Chrysler, Plymouth, American Motors
- May 16: Trucks, Diesel, Military
- May 23: Camaros, Firebird, Trans Am
- June 6: Rat Rods
- June 13: Live Performance by Hot Rod Walt and the Psycho-Devils
- June 13: 20s, 30s & 40s Street Rods & Hot Rods
- June 20: 1970s & 1980s Cars & Motorcycles
- June 27: Buick, Pontiac, Olds, Cadillac
- July 11: Mustang, Falcon, Cougar, T-Bird
- July 18: 1950s Cars & Motorcycles
- July 25: Two Seat Sports Cars, Bikes & Trikes
- August 1: Under Construction/Project Cars/Engine Swap Vehicles
- August 8: Corvette Night
- August 16: Race Car/Pro Street/Gasser
- August 22: Convertible, Targa Top, T-Top
- August 29: Import Monday
- September 12: Late Model Muscle Cars & Motorcycles
- September 19: 1960s Cars & Motorcycles
- September 26: Pro Touring/Restomod, LS & Coyote Swap
- October 3: Jeep Night
- October 10: Ladies Owners Night
- October 17: Turbo/Supercharger/Nitrous
- October 24: Last Cruise

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT

DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE
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BUICK TRIVIA



In which model year did Buick's fabled Ventiporches, or "portholes" first appear?

Answer on page 12

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

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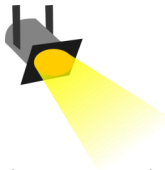
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Car of the Month



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



Welcome New Member!

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mac6delta@att.net
1955 Special (46R) 2 Dr HT**

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***.

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

- 8/3/80 Jerry & Jean Richstein
- 8/24 Howard & Sylvia Baker
- 8/24 Art & Maria Baker

BIRTHDAYS

- 8/4 Ken Hendrick
- 8/5 Glenn Novak
- 8/6 Patty Brown
- 8/10 Shar Kile
- 8/11 Allison Westfall
- 8/20 Terry Bird
- 8/20/60 Bob Stone
- 8/22/60 Jerry Wilson
- 8/23 Kathleen Miller Fink
- 8/23 Art Gaynor
- 8/31 Glenda Haggard

Grit in the Gearbox



Quotable Quotations



BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER



The Ventiports first appeared in the 1949 model year. Legend has it that Buick stylist Ned Nickles designed and installed a set of round fender vents on his personal 1948 Roadmaster. As the story goes, Nickles incorporated small electric lamps wired to the ignition system so they would flash in sequence with the engine's firing order. Reportedly, he was inspired by the flashing exhaust pipes on World War II fighter aircraft.

Buick general manager Harlow Curtice fell in love with it and ordered the Ventiports into production on the 1949 models, a scant seven months away—but minus the flashing lamps. A legend was born!

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**.