



# Dixie Valve Chatter

Official newsletter of the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America

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Olive Garden  
Roswell!





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On the Cover: Dixie Chapter Picnic. Photo by Pat Horvath.

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Hello Dixie Buick Folks & friends.

As was mentioned in last month's message, a nominating committee was appointed in September to present a slate of officers at the October meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that meeting or contact Glenn and Debbie Novak email: [fifteezee@hotmail.com](mailto:fifteezee@hotmail.com) if you are interested in being a nominee for Director, Assistant Director, Secretary or Treasurer. The elections will be held at the November meeting & officers will be sworn in at the "After Christmas Party" Jan. 8th. Once again, we implore you to attend the chapter meetings. Planning activities, outings or even meeting locations without input from more members is very difficult. If you would like to see an activity or a meeting closer to your home please make your wishes known, call J.D. Westfall (913) 638-7849, email: [pharmboyjd@gmail.com](mailto:pharmboyjd@gmail.com) or "your's truly" @ (678) 662-6072 email: [sbkile58@aol.com](mailto:sbkile58@aol.com) In the meantime, it would be wonderful to meet some (or all) of you folks who have never attended a meeting or activity. How about the Oct. &/or Nov. meeting? Please make an extra effort to attend. The club needs YOU!

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

Bruce "Ole 3013"

Welcome New Members!

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 1972 Riviera (49487)

# Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, Editor



Greetings, all!

Oh snap!

That is a polite epithet when something goes wrong. I Guess that has been my mantra as of late. Well, there have been good snaps and not so good snaps in my world . For example:

I am enjoying the recent cool snap. Over night lows in the fifties and highs in the seventies are just about perfect temperatures for me. And just right for getting the old Buicks out. I have had the '89 out quite a bit this summer., but Zelda, the 1994 Park Ave has been a garage queen all summer long due to non-functioning a/c. Well, this week the weather was perfect, so out she came for a drive to the office. Having been parked in the garage since February, she was covered with quite a layer of dust, so I did something I swear I never do: I took her to an automatic car wash.

I pull in to the bay while listening to my favorite Dvorak cassette, exercising the stock Bose "Concert Sound" amp and speakers to Symphony Number 9. I was being pulled by the tractor conveyer deeper into the wash and its whirling brushes and scrubbers when I realized that having the stereo on meant the radio antenna was raised. I quickly cut off the stereo, but just a tad too late. Yep,. SNAP! There went the antenna under a brush only to be broken off at the base. A quick reminder as to one reason why I never use automatic car washes. A quick trip on the computer to Ebay and a new antenna was winging its way to my house. I am so much in need to another project.

And just today, a movie that I drove Prudence the '89 in better than a year ago was finally released., direct to video. It is called "My Best Friend's Exorcism." We manage to get work in some of the finest productions. Anyway, I downloaded the movie first thing this morning and began scanning through the film to find "our scene". I did and began watching the cars and drivers we had worked with pass one by one before the camera. Yep, there's the silver Mercedes, the red Celica, the green Chevy pick up. Excitement building because we were up next. Nope. The shot cut away before we appeared. We wound up on the cutting room floor. Oh snap! But, I had a great time being on the movie set , I met some neat people, and the pay with the car bump paid for a set of new white walls. I really can't complain.

I am looking forward to getting the car out again next week and driving to the October Chapter Meeting, See you at the Olive Garden!

Happy Buicking,

Tom



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# Dixie Chapter Picnic

## September 11, 2022

Text by Bruce Kile. Photos by Bruce Kile and Pat Horvath

Despite the overcast skies much of the day and even some light sprinkles early in the afternoon, 13 Dixie members driving 6 Buicks and 1 "other" gathered at the "Jiffy Freeze" in Canton this year for the annual Chapter picnic. Although the name of the establishment might imply it was strictly an ice cream (or frozen custard) place, they offered a variety of good food, perfect for a nice lunch and picnic tables for our group to eat and socialize. Following our relaxing lunch, J.D. and Allison Westfall lead our little caravan through the National Cemetery. It was a nice fitting ending to a club outing on a somber Sept. 11th afternoon. Thank you J.D and Allison for making the arrangements.



## 1940 Roadmaster Fender Reveal

### Ken Green

Back in 2017, I salvaged a car from Arizona that was my desired object for overcommitting time and budget. The car looked great from 100 yards, and close inspection revealed shoddy, almost criminal bodywork and many missing parts. The body weighed several hundred pounds heavier than when it left the dealership 80 plus years ago from the addition of plastic filler. Filler was used to correct all sorts of body issues ranging from what must have been a barn collapse on top of the car, getting shoved over a cliff, parking and driving by touch and abuse normally seen when four wheeling through the woods. It had the wrong engine, wrong rear axle and brakes, no wiring and a scant interior. This was it, the perfect car on which to squander money and time!

No one wanted to transport a roller, especially one that had parts falling off of it so I made an adventure out of the trip west to retrieve the car. Once parked in my garage I inventoried damage and parts and almost immediately sought a couple parts cars. Catching a lucky break, Lamar Brown called me one day and offered a 1940 Super. He was cleaning out a collection from a long-deceased vintage car aficionado and had several cars to move. The Super became my practice car as I was able to partly disassemble it and photograph assembly details for later use. I admittedly swapped a few parts from my parts bin for some of the better parts on that car. I later got that car running and sold it.

After starting bodywork on the Roadmaster, I discovered that I was short on talent and wanted the car to be finished more quickly than my schedule would allow. I trailered the car body to Dan at Kemp's Rod and Restoration in upper Michigan. Dan was my first choice because of his metal working skills. He has a fantastic shop in a remote part of upper Michigan, which is in itself a remote part of the US. On the way home, I picked up a Roadmaster chassis that had a correct engine, transmission and desirable rear axle ratio.

Dan's task included reskinning the heavily damaged doors using those from a 1940 series 62 Cadillac that I had provided to him. The incorrect LaSalle deck lid and damaged hood was replaced from yet another donor car. During the five years that Dan had the car, I was rebuilding or restoring all the other parts as well as searching for missing or better parts. That task was fun and certainly led to a greater base of friendship within the Buick community. More luck was with me when I acquired by low bid, another Roadmaster convertible out of South Florida; no one else was bidding and the seller had to move the car. When I picked up the car, I was gifted another car, that being a Roadmaster coupe. The coupe was a nice rust-free car that provided many new parts to my collection. The convertible was disassembled and cut up for substitute body parts used on the reconstruction car. I've chronicled much of this journey on a thread on the AACA forum titled "1940 76C Reconstruct".

The body and paint work were finally done in 2022. Dan offered to meet me in Pigeon Forge, TN at the Shades of the Past hot rod show. We swapped the car and piles of parts from his trailer to mine, spent two days enjoying the show and Dan and his wife's company. I was dying to examine the car, but it was wrapped and tied down in the trailer. I felt an immense pride driving home with it, even though no one could see it inside the enclosed trailer. Once home, the lack of brakes, steering and operating engine made the task of transferring the car from the trailer to the garage an effort requiring help; my wife suggested a Fender Reveal party. I had to share the joy of the unveiling with Bruce Kyle, President and Founder of the Buick's Dixie Chapter in Atlanta and of course Char. Forgetting to tell my wife, I offered anyone in the club to come over; oops, that possibly meant a bigger than capacity crowd! All were welcome and club members that came over to help included Ken Hedrick, JD and his son Jack. Thanks a million guys!

The great showing began with a tour of restored parts mocked up as they would appear when installed in the car. That included the dashboard, NOS model specific wiper towers and the pinstriped wheels with trim ring and hub cap. I also displayed the car specific literature collection. The first look brought joy to my heart as we pushed it out of the trailer. Wives looked on in horror as they saw that yet another male of the species had succumbed to garage mechanics. I dutifully promised to return the bath towel to the linen closet after I used to clean something dirty. Lamar's wife responded "I've heard that before".

The reveal was a success and I greatly appreciated the help moving the car. The next phase of this journey is reassembly, completion of the engine, steering, shift and clutch mechanisms, wiring and the list goes on. I'm anxious to enter it for judging at Buick Nationals and ultimately touring with the car.

(left) Stuck in the trailer, it was too tight to examine (fawn) over the car at the time it was transferred to my trailer. No brakes, steering, or operating engine required help from the attending party.

(below) It took considerable effort to roll the car out of the trailer. We had people pulling and people pushing. My friend's wife in the background was caught at a moment of truth: "Oh my Lord, I hope my husband doesn't get involved in this hobby!"



## MORE FENDER REVEAL PHOTOS

BRUCE KILE





# On the News Stands



The December issue of Collectible Automobile features a wonderful photo essay on 1933-1935 Buicks. Lots of pictures, stats, facts and figures of these beautiful cars.

## 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).

**FROM** opening nights to the wide open spaces, this handy dandy goes just about anywhere that's smart.

Dump your gear in the back — and the Estate Wagon is ready for the hunt club, the golf course, fishing, country or the beach.

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Reason, of course, is smartness — with ever-ready ability behind it. There's power aplenty in that bonnet-big Fireball straight-eight, and back country roads or city asphalt are all the same to the four soft BuicOil springs that cradle you in limousine comfort.

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**OIL SAVINGS**—from non-scuffing Accurite cylinder bores.

**FLASHING ACTION**—of Elftweight pistons.

**STEADINESS**—from full-length torque-tube drive in a sealed chassis.

**GLIDING RIDE**—from Panthergolt off-coil springing.

**COMFORT**—of soft Foamtex cushions in roomy body by Fisher.

**SURE FOOTING**—of Broadrim wheels.

**CONTROL**—through Permi-firm steering.

**CONVENIENCE**—of high-leverage StepOn parking brake.

**PROTECTION**—of Buick-originated fender-shielding front and rear bumpers.

## UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

The Dixie Chapter BCA will meet Sunday October 9 , 2022 and Sunday November 13, 2022 at the Olive Garden 905 Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell. We will meet for lunch at 12:30 pm and the business meeting will start at 2PM. Come on out and drive your Buick!



### 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](mailto:grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com)

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

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Info: [sbkile@comcast.net](mailto: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
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# The Timing Chain

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 9, 2022**

**Chapter Meeting**

Olive Garden 905 Holcolmb Bridge Road, Roswell. Lunch at 12:30 and business meeting at 2:00 pm.

**May 5-6, 2023**

Peach Blossom BOPC at Piedmont Church.

570 Piedmont Road, Marietta

Hosted by Dixie Chapter BCA. Save the date!

**BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events**

October 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**November 13, 2022**

**Chapter Meeting**

Olive Garden 905 Holcolmb Bridge Road, Roswell. Lunch at 12:30 and business meeting at 2:00 pm.

**October Fall Tour October**

**23-30. Gainesville, FL.**

Registration forms and details are attached to this newsletter

**July 12-15, 2023**

BCA National Meet in Spokane, Washington. Refer to the Buick Bugle for registration information

**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)

**BRADLEY'S ANGELS FALL CAR SHOW**

**OCTOBER 23, 2021**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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All Vehicles Welcome • 6 pm to 8 pm

- April 11: First Cruise - Summer 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: Hot Rods
- June 13: Live Performance by Ron Hot Wall and the Porsche Devils
- June 20: 20s, 30s & 40s Street Rods & Hot Rods
- June 27: 1970s & 1980s Cars & Motorcycles
- July 4: 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 15: Race Car/Pro Street/Gasser
- August 22: Convertible, Targa Top, T-Top
- August 29: Import Monday
- September 5: 1960s Cars & Motorcycles
- 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/Witrous
- October 24: Last Cruise

**SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT**

DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE  
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# BUICK TRIVIA



In what year was the Riviera name first attached to a production Buick auto? Answer on page 15.

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



**Congratulations to Dixie Chapter member Alan Ziglin who won a top 20 award at a recent Cool Cruiser's show with his 1972 Riviera. It was his first time showing the car!**

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](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

- 10/16 Frank & Jan Blizzard
- 10/23 Alan & Chris Strong
- 10/24 Bob & Glenda Haggard
- 10/27 Ken & Lori Barrett

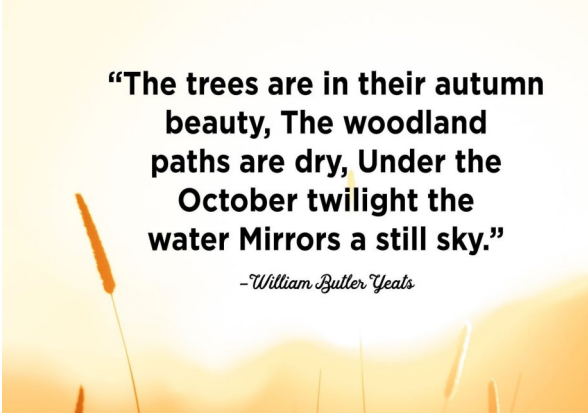
### BIRTHDAYS

- 10/7 Gene Walsh
- 10/9/49 Terry Fountain
- 10/11 Lori Barrett
- 10/11 Pat Horvath
- 10/15/38 Glenna Goff
- 10/15 Sandy Green
- 10/17/50 Lamar Brown
- 10/17/48 Jimmy Fountain
- 10/24/43 Frank Blizzard
- 10/26/45 Bill McGowen
- 10/26 J.D. Westfall

### Grit in the Gearbox



### Quotable Quotations



# BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER



The Riviera name first appeared on a Buick in 1949 on the new pillarless hardtop.

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



**Correction:**

Your hard-headed editor incorrectly identified the aircraft in this photo as a Boing 707, when in fact it is a Lockheed Electra L-188 as noted by Dave Berquist. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.



**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



**Parts Cars for sale:** Several '54, '55 and '56 parts cars in the pasture and woods though. Whole cars at salvage prices or pull your own parts. Email 1954 [buick@gmail.com](mailto:buick@gmail.com) or text 706 201 8555.



**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  
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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**.