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The Dixie Chapter is one of over 60 Chapters of the Buick Club of America, "a non-profit membership corporation dedicated to the preservation and restoration of those vehicles built by the Buick Motor Division of General Motors Corporation".

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For Photos and Upcoming Events: Check us out on Facebook, "Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America", and on the Web at www.dixie.buickclub.org



Hello Dixie Chapter Folks

Just a short/simple message for this month: Shar and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Peace and Happiness in the new year. We sure hope you will make an (extra) effort to attend our chapter "After Christmas Party and Officer Installation" on January 8th. It would be fantastic to see everyone!

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

Bruce "ole 3013"

Membership Renewal Time

By Jerry Richstein, Membership Chairman

Membership Renewal Notices will be mailed out this week. Those that have prepaid for 2023 or beyond do not need to pay any additional dues at this time. However, please return the Membership Form so we can verify that we have your correct address, phone number(s), email address, National BCA Number, etc.

Those that do owe dues at this time can pay for up to 3 years at \$20 per year.

Past winners of the Meritorious Award pay just \$10 per year, and current Elected Chapter Officers don't pay Chapter dues while in office.

Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, Editor



Seasons' Greetings,

Hello my friends. Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah! I hope the plans for all of your holiday celebrations are coming together beautifully and that you had a joyous Thanksgiving. One of my passions, aside from Buicks and old cars in general, is family history and this past year I found and confirmed not one, but two direct lines back to the Mayflower. In spite of that, Tammy would not let me wear a Pilgrim hat to the table. Maybe next year.

But it **was** a wonderful holiday with lots to be grateful for. My son announced his engagement to a wonderful young lady and Tammy and I are waiting the arrival of our second grand child as my daughter and son in law are expecting. And I have officially started the retirement clock count-down. Excited and nervous for this all at the same time. 40 years at one gig is crazy unheard of for anyone in broadcasting. I feel quite blessed.

I also feel blessed in being trusted to another term as the editor of your newsletter. It is a privilege for me to do so and I enjoy it very much. I am humbled. Thank you all.

This month, Dave Berquist shares from his archives once again with the new model announcement and photos for the 1955 Buicks. The '55 Buicks hold a place in my heart as I was brought home from the hospital as a newborn in a 1955 Century Riviera. The first Buick I ever rode in, the family steed during my early years, and the first of many Buicks that I remember residing in my dad's garage. I was hooked on the marque early on.

You'll also find lots of information about upcoming Dixie Chapter activities for the next six months and beyond. There are activities for everyone: Tours, shows, social gatherings, games of skill, and did I mention food? Yep, the Dixie Chapter will be on the move in 2023. Please come along. See you at the after the holidays party at Ippolito's.

Happy Buicking,

Tom



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NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

OLIVE GARDEN, ROSWELL

Over twenty Dixie Chapter members gathered at the Roswell, GA Olive Garden for the November meeting of the membership. After a great meal, enjoyed by all, the meeting was held: plans for meetings for the first half of the new year were laid out as well as information about the upcoming BDE spring tour and the fall Southeast Regional tour. At the close of the meeting Bruce and Shar Kile held the door prize give away that Bruce had announced last month. Chapter member and DVC editor Tom Lynde held the lucky ticket and won a beautiful framed print depicting the 1953 GM Motorama. Bruce said that more give aways will be held at future meetings. Be sure to attend and drive that beautiful Buick! The Olive Garden parking lot was filled this past month with many newer and classic Buicks. Come park yours there, too!



Photo credit J.D. Westfall



Photo credit Ken Green



Election of DC/BCA Officers

The following officers were elected during the November Dixie Chapter meeting.. The officers will serve two year terms beginning in January 2023.

Director: J.D. Westfall

Assistant Director: Glenn Novak

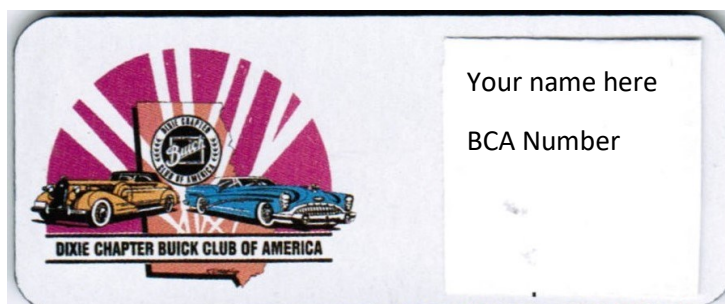
Secretary: Pat Horvath

Treasurer: Shar Kile

Newsletter Editor: Tom Lynde

DIXIE CHAPTER NAME TAGS

Get your free Dixie Chapter name tag! It is what the best dressed DC/BCA members are wearing this year. Available with either magnetic or pin back, these stylish tags boast the attractive Dixie Chapter logo and your name and BCA number. To get yours you need to contact Shar Kile at 770-977-7924 or sbkile58@aol.com. There is no charge for your first name tag, if you receive it at a chapter meeting or event and only a nominal charge for a replacement name tag. Order yours today!



Dixie Chapter BCA After the Holidays Party!

January 8, 2023

Ippolito's in Suwannee

Make plans to attend the annual Dixie Chapter after the Holidays Party, 1:00 pm Sunday January 8, 2023 at Ippolito's in Suwannee.

We'll enjoy a great lunch off the menu, followed by the gift exchange. Bring one \$20 gift to exchange, men bring a men's gift and ladies bring a ladies' gift. No gag gifts, please. RSVP with J.D. Westfall. Phone 913-638-7849 or email Pharmboyjd@gmail.com



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.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

January 8, 2023 After the Holidays Party at Ippolito’s Suwannee

February 12, 2023 Bowl-a-rama (Date Tentative)

March 2023 Zoom Meeting

April 2023 Meeting at the home of members Glenn and Debbie Novak. Tour their car collection and 1950’s style rec room.

Dates and Locations subject to change.

From the Sunshine Committee

A sympathy card was sent to Julie Ehrenfeuchter from the chapter on the passing of her mother. Please continue to keep Julie in your thoughts and prayers.

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

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

BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

January 8, 2023

After the Holidays Party.
Ippolito’s 350 Town Center Avenue, Suwanee. 1:00 pm.
Gift exchange after lunch.

April 16—20, 2023

BDE National Spring Tour
“Return to Mayberry”
Historic Mt Airey, NC
See Jerry Richstein

May 5-6, 2023

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

December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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

February 12, 2023.

Roddy Pierce Memorial Bowl-a-rama. Woodstock Lanes, Woodstock, GA.
Date tentative,

July 12-15, 2023

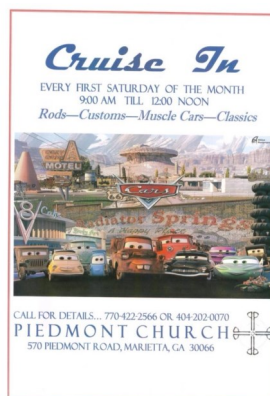
BCA National Meet in Spokane, Washington. Refer to the Buick Bugle for registration information

October 2023

Southeast Regional Tour. Middle Georgia/ Milledgeville. Details to come! 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



DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE
www.dixie.buickclub.org

BUICK TRIVIA



What feature, common on today's cars, debuted on the 1986 Riviera and was subsequently rejected by car buyers?

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: TENTATIVELY** Sunday February 12, 2023**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.**

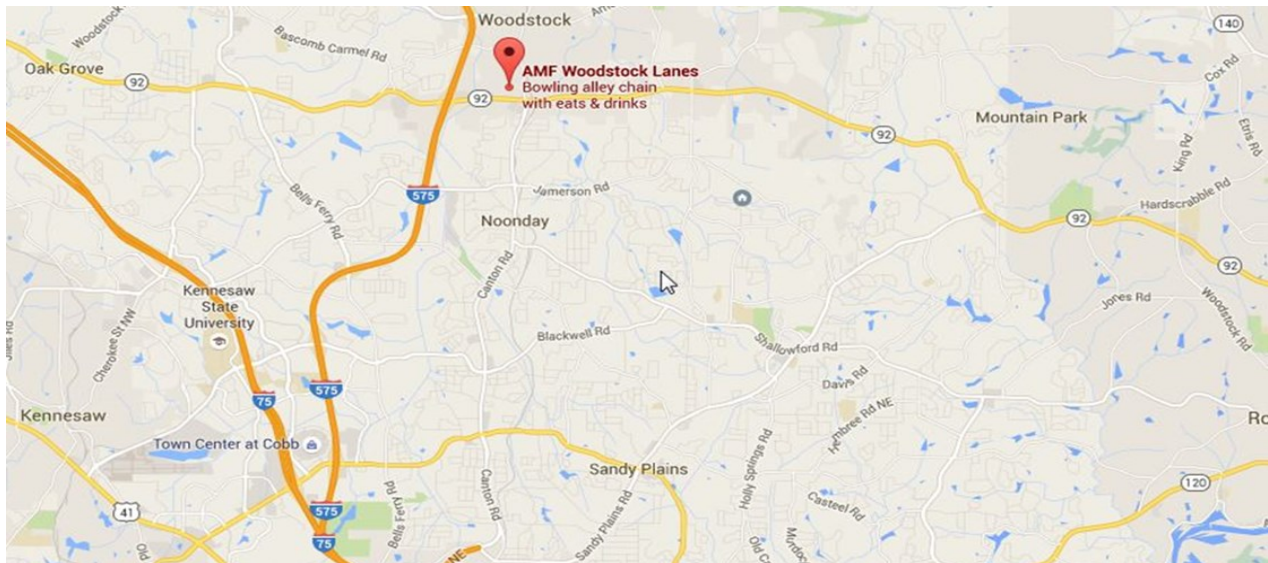
Weather permitting, be sure to drive those Buicks, There will be ample parking in "car show" fashion.

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.



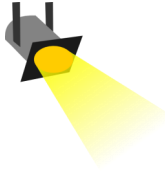
Car of the Month



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***.

Remember! Any member who desires a copy of the minutes of a Dixie Chapter Business Meeting may receive a copy after the minutes have been approved by the membership by contacting the club secretary

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

- 12/18 Roy & Janet Bass
- 12/20/63 Paul & Penny VanNortwick
- 12/22/17 Bob & Luciana Stone
- 12/27 Jimmy & Terry Fountain
- 12/30 Ken Hendrick & Hector Pages
- 12/31 Skip & Jane Petsch

BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 John Sincere
- 12/18 Janet Bass
- 12/18 Maynard Cash
- 12/20 John-Paul Glenkey
- 12/23 Carol Cartus
- 12/24 Alan Ziglin
- 12/27/43 Patricia Lisenby
- 12/28 Ron Bergeron
- 12/28 Chuck Dalton`

Grit in the Gearbox



Quotable Quotations



1955 Buick new model debut. Photos and text from the archives of Dave Berquist



November 19, 1954: Announcement day for the new 1955 Buick

Buick dealerships across the country cleaned the whitewash off of the showroom windows today for the whole world to now see the all-new 1955 Buicks, the Thrill of the Year!

Tubeless tires, Variable Pitch Dynaflo transmissions, 236 horsepower engines, Tri-Tone paint schemes, full rear wheel cutouts on all models except for 4-dr sedans, 200 interior choices, new Widescreen Grilles and Sweptback Taillights are just some of the modern advances on the new '55 Buicks!

See the all-new Thrill of the Year 1955 Buicks at your neighborhood Buick dealership today!



BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER



According to the Popular Mechanics website “Carchaeology” the first touchscreen system available in a production car dates back to the 1986 Buick Riviera's Graphic Control Center. Unlike contemporary LCD screens with high-resolution graphics and colors, the GCC was a cathode-ray tube with a green-and-black screen reminiscent of an old ATM's. The 3 x 4–inch display allowed the driver to control electronic settings such as the trip, radio, and climate with just a touch. While the GCC was undeniably ahead of its time and spread to the Buick Reatta, the carmaker dropped the system in 1990 after owners found it onerous and distracting. When Popular Mechanics reviewed the 1986 Riviera T Type and its touchscreen display, we were impressed with the technology but found that it "violates the First Commandment of ergonomics—you must take your eyes off the road to make any adjustments."

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

DEALS ON WHEELS

1997 - 2004 Buick Century 15" wheel covers in like new condition. \$25.00 for set of 4 plus shipping. Contact Lee Hurdelbrink, 545 Timber Valley Rd. Sandy Springs, GA 30342. 404-702-3350, atlantablh@aol.com.



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 1954buick@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
Phone 678-549-1447

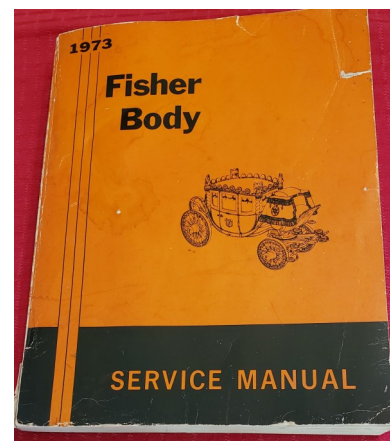
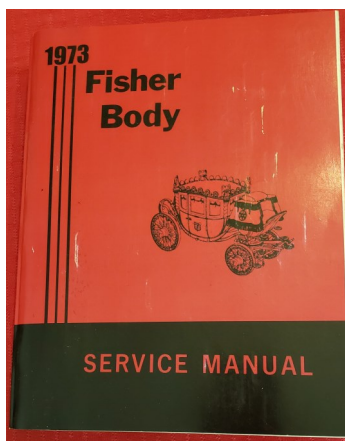
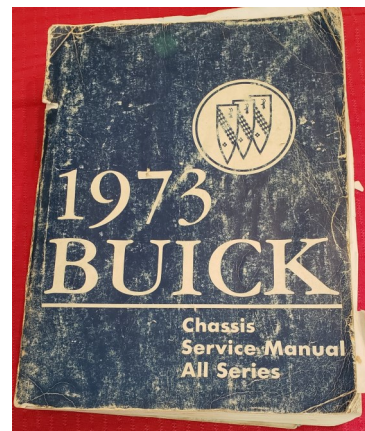
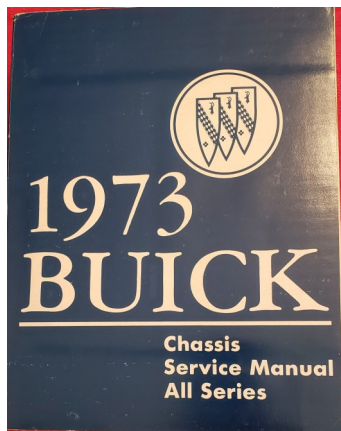


Do you have a Buick or "Car Stuff" for sale? All Dixie Chapter members can advertise for sale cars and car related stuff for up to six months, longer if requested. In addition, non members can advertise cars and parts for up to three months, space permitting. This is a courtesy to the sellers and a service 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**.

DEALS ON WHEELS

Service and Chassis Manuals for sale; Two 1973 Buick Chassis Service Manuals All Series. One is in excellent condition. The other is more worn. In addition there are two 1973 Fisher Body service Manuals, one is in excellent condition. The other is more worn. The two books in good condition are \$35.00 Each. The other books in not so good condition are 7.50 each.

Contact Pat Horvath 404-904-2376 jnphorvath@gmail.com.



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Announcing: The 42nd Annual *"Peach Blossom"*

BOPC Car Show and Swap Meet

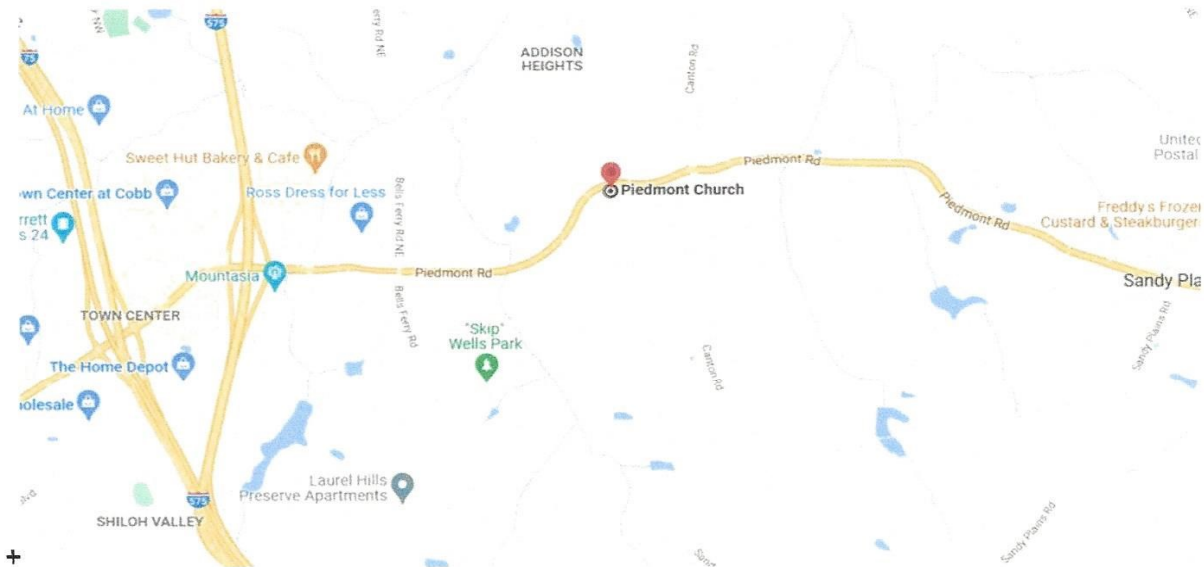
Hosted by the Dixie Chapter, Buick Club of America

www.buickclub.org/dixie

Save the date! May 6th, 2023

Show Site:

Piedmont Church
570 Piedmont Road
Marietta, GA, 30066
1-678-354-2800



Car Show Chairman: JD Westfall pharmboyjd@gmail.com

Registration Chairman: Jerry Richstein jerry.richstein@gmail.com

Saturday, May 6th: At the Show Site

- Registration 7:30 AM to 11 AM
- Mandatory Fire Extinguisher
- Vendors open at 9 AM
- Judging 11 AM – 12:00 PM
- Peer judging.
- Awards at 3 PM.
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in each class
- Best Buick, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, and best Modified.
- Convertibles judged w/ tops up.