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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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Hello Dixie Chapter Group. We have a great tour ***in our backyard***. The Dixie Chapter will be the proud hosts of **the 2023 S.E. Regional Meet**, (a touring event). The dates will be **Oct. 25-28**. Our "base" will be in beautiful/historic Milledgeville, Ga. Wednesday, the 25th will be your "check in" and get acquainted day. Thursday and Friday will be full tour days, the "main event" for those days will be the famous Warner Robbins Air Museum (Thursday) & then (Friday) the "grand opening" of the (soon to be) famous "***Buick Gardens***" near Athens Ga... a retro 1930's Buick Garage on the farm of Lamar & Rita Brown (a/k/a "*Mr. Earl*") & featuring a personal collection of Buick's of "all sizes", vintage advertising, musical entertainment, and a tasty country buffet for lunch. Saturday will be a trolley tour of historic Milledgeville & a visit to the original Governor's mansion and then an afternoon of "free time" to explore the area and visit venues of your personal interest. The "traditional" hospitality room will be open each afternoon/evening for socializing and optional games/puzzle building. Our event will conclude Saturday evening with a fabulous banquet featuring your choice of 4 different entrees. Contact J.D. Westfall @ (913) 638-7849, or email: pharmboyjd@gmail.com for Registration Forms or questions.

This will be a fun 3 days for all in the Dixie Chapter. Let's get the whole chapter signed up for this tour. See you in Milledgeville, J D

Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, Editor



Greetings,

Hoping this finds everyone well. I am looking forward to seeing Dixie Chapter folk at this month's chapter meeting in Carrollton. Thank you to Glenn and Debbie Novak for making all of the arrangements and hosting the event. Both of my daughters attended the University of West Georgia, Carrollton and on many occasions Tammy and I made the trek west and took our girls and their room mates out for dinner and a respite from college cafeteria food. Most often, the destination was The Lazy Donkey. It has been over ten years, but I still recall great food and service, and accompany that with the good company of Dixie Buick folk, it is the recipe for a good time. And as a bonus Glenn and Debbie are opening their home, game room and car collection to us! Thanks again Glenn and Debbie!

Please get those Peach Blossom BOPC registrations in and get ready to show and shine! Lets have the strongest Buick showing, ever! Remember volunteers are needed for several positions at the BOPC. Contact J.D. Westfall or Jerry Richstein to find out where you can help. Also be sure to look over the information from J.D. concerning the Southeast Regional Tour. It looks like they have some great things lined up for us!

As always, thank you for supporting the Dixie Chapter BCA and the DVC! See you April 1st in Carrollton. No joke!

Happy Buicking,

Tom



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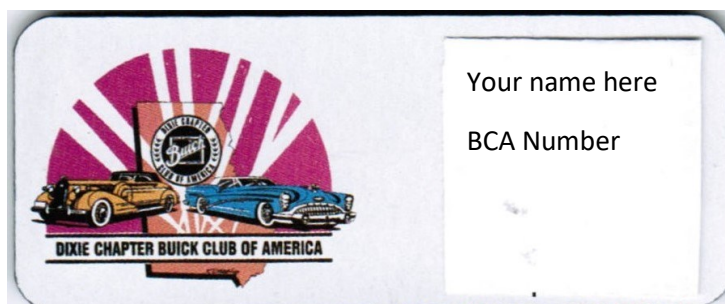
April Meeting

Saturday April 1st

The Dixie Chapter will have its April meeting on Saturday, April 1st in Carrollton, at the home of Debbie and Glenn Novak 114 Brandywine Trail, Carrollton,. We will first meet for lunch at *The Lazy Donkey*, a popular Carrollton Mexican restaurant, at 11:30 am, located at 334 Bankhead Hwy, Carrollton, GA. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Sunday, March 26th to Debbie or Glenn at 770-832-6353 (home); text 706-333-8912; or by email at fifteezfan@hotmail.com

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!



DOOR PRIZES NEEDED !!!

The Peach Blossom BOPC show will be here before we know it. One hallmark of a successful car show is the number and quality of door prizes for registrants. Please be on the look out for potential door prizes at establishments that you patronize. These items can include car care supplies, small tool kits, tee-shirts, caps, or gift cards. Donors will be recognized at the door prize table.

Please help make this year's BOPC a roaring success and seek out some door prize donations. For more information call or email Tom Lynde. 770-827-5357 or lynde2375@charter.net.

Thank you!!

URGENT!!



March Zoom Meeting

Dixie Chapter members met face to face on Zoom to discuss a number of important topics including the up-coming Peach Blossom BOPC show, the South East Regional Tour to be held this Fall as well as this month's BDE tour to Mt Airey, North Carolina. Please attend chapter meetings so that your voice can be heard!



Dixie Chapter Director J.D. Westfall moderates the March Zoom meeting.

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

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 #7 1990 Reatta Convertible
 #2 1930 Roadster #6 1959 Electra Convertible
 #3 1970 GS Convertible #4 Special Convertible #5 1987 Grand National

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

April 1, 2023

Chapter meeting at the home of Glenn and Debbie Novak with lunch at the Lazy Donkey Restaurant in Carrolton, GA at 1:00 PM. Details in this newsletter.

April 16—20, 2023

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

APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	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	1	2	3	4	5	6

www.GrabCalendar.com

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Dixie Chapter volunteers are needed to help out at the BOPC in May! People are needed to help at the registration booth, to marshal cars, assist with parking cars and more. Contact J.D Westfall (913)638-7849 or Jerry Richstein (404)769-6071 to learn more and offer your assistance.

May 5-6, 2023

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

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!

DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE
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BUICK TRIVIA



What was the first car to feature an electronic turn signal?

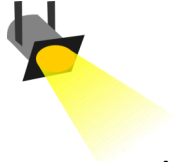
Do you know some interesting Buick trivia? Share it with ***The Valve Chatter !***

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



Dixie Chapter members Tim and Peggy Brown and your editor participated in one of the first shows of the season in Forsyth, Monroe County in early March. No awards, but a great time was had. We were two of the three Buicks present in a field of over two-hundred cars.

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

- 4/5 Bill & Nancy Hansen
- 4/7 Gene & Andrea Walsh
- 4/17/05 John & Stacey Lula
- 4/24 James & Sarah Thomas
- 4/26/58 Bruce & Shar Kile

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/5 Lori Tatum
- 4/6 Jerry Richstein
- 4/15 Heidi Jeziorski

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, too! Contact Bruce Kile 770-977-7924 sbkile58@aol.com.

Grit in the Gearbox



Quotable Quotations



BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER



The first application of a flashing electric turn signal was used on the **1938 Buick** as a new safety feature. It was advertised by Buick as the “Flash-Way Directional Signal”. By 1940, Buick added the self-canceling mechanism attached to the steering column.

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

DEALS ON WHEELS

Buick Parts for sale: 68-69 Skylark AM radio: \$30, 68-69 Electra or Riviera AM Radio: \$40. 1973-75 Century or Regal AM/FM stereo, \$50. 68-68 and 70-72 wheel opening moldings, \$40 each, 68-69 Skylark side trim, \$25 each. 68 Skylark trunk trim, \$25 each. Call Jeff

404-538-7623

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.



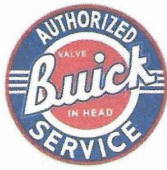
Car for sale: 1947 Buick Super Convertible Model 56C. Needs complete restoration. Many duplicate parts. Originally red. 248ci 110 HP eight cylinder engine. Located in the South Atlanta area. Asking \$7,800 or best offer. Call Jerry Richstein 404-679 6071 for more information

I don't know if this item was available on 1964 and 1965 Buick and Olds A-body cars like it was for GTOs but I took this off my '65 before I sold it. It worked really well but when I installed power steering I did not need it. The stabilizer unit is from AMES Performance and had very little use. The brackets are the real deal and are very hard to find. VERY. The U bolts are new and this unit is good looking and it ready to bolt on with absolutely no work to be done. Paul Sorrells (404) 702-3398.



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 .

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**.



42nd Annual "Peach Blossom" BOPC Show May 6, 2023 At Piedmont Church
570 Piedmont Road, Marietta, GA, 30066 678-354-2800

Free Dash Plaque for the first 150 registrations!

Participant Registration:

Name(s): _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Car Registration: PLEASE, NO FOR SALE SIGNS ON VEHICLES IN SHOW AREA
"For Sale" vehicles are to be parked in car corral.

1st Car: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____
Body Style: _____ MODIFIED? Yes/No: _____ Class: _____

NOTE: Please see list of Classes on back of this form.

2nd Car: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____
Body Style: _____ MODIFIED? Yes/No: _____ Class: _____

NOTE: Please attach 2nd sheet if registering more than 2 cars.

Club Affiliations (If any): _____

If No Club Affiliation, would you like more information on becoming a Member of one of the Clubs at this show? Please check (✓) all that apply. Buick () Oldsmobile () Pontiac () Cadillac ()

Fees:

Registrations postmarked by April 1st are \$25 first car and _____ @ \$25 = _____
\$20 each additional car _____ @ \$20 = _____
Vendor spaces reserved by April 1st are \$25 first space and _____ @ \$25 = _____
\$15 each additional space _____ @ \$15 = _____
Car Corral spaces reserved by April 1st are \$25 for first space _____ @ \$25 = _____
\$15 each additional space _____ @ \$15 = _____

All fees are \$5 additional if postmarked after April 1, 2023, and on day of show.

2023 BOPC Commemorative Tee Shirts are \$20 each.

S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____

Total number of shirts: _____ @ \$20 = _____

Friday May 5th 6:00 Meet & Greet (At Piedmont Church PREREGISTERED ONLY)

Includes BBQ sandwich, chips, and soft drink (\$4 per person) _____ @ \$4 = _____

Total sent for the 2023 BOPC: \$ _____

Please make checks payable Dixie Chapter BCA and mail to:

Jerry Richstein, 4798 Grants Way NE, Marietta, GA 30066

By the execution of this form, participants release the Dixie Chapter, Buick Club of America, and its members, Piedmont Church, its members and anyone connected with the presentation of the "Peach Blossom BOPC" from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, claims or judgments from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant or participant to his/her person, family or property.

Signed _____ Date _____ A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS MANDATORY IN EVERY VEHICLE.

2023 B. O. P. C. Classes

A	PRE 1943 (PRE WW II) ALL and 1943 – 1945 HELLCAT TANK 😊
B	1946 – 1952 ALL
C	1953 – 1958 ALL
D	1959 – 1967 FULL SIZE ALL Including ELDORADO THRU 1966
E	1968 – 1970 FULL SIZE ALL
F	1963 & UP RIVIERA, TORONADO and 1967 & UP ELDORADO
G	1971 – 1979 FULL SIZE ALL OPEN
H	1971 – 1979 FULL SIZE ALL CLOSED
I	1980 – Current 2 SEATER (Reatta, Fiero, Solstice, Alantè, XLR) ALL
J	1967 – 1974 FIREBIRD & TRANS AM (Except Modified)
K	1975 – Current FIREBIRD & TRANS AM (Except Modified)
L	1961 – 1967 A-BODY PERFORMANCE ALL
N	1961 – 1967 A-BODY NON-PERFORMANCE ALL
O	1968 – 1972 A-BODY PERFORMANCE OPEN
P	1968 – 1972 A-BODY PERFORMANCE CLOSED
R	1968 – 1972 A-BODY NON-PERFORMANCE OPEN
S	1968 – 1972 A-BODY NON-PERFORMANCE CLOSED
T	1973 – 1979 A – H & X BODIES ALL
U	Pre-1986 SURVIVOR (Totally Unrestored)
V	1980 – 1989 NON-SPORT & NON-PERFORMANCE ALL
W	1980 – 1989 SPORT & PERFORMANCE ALL
X	1990 – Current NON-SPORT & NON-PERFORMANCE ALL
Y	1990 – Current SPORT & PERFORMANCE ALL
Z	ALL YEARS PROFESSIONAL CARS (Race, sedan delivery, hearse, ambulance, flower car, etc.) ALL
M-1	1952 & earlier ALL MODIFIED
M-2	1953 – 1980 ALL MODIFIED
M-3	1981 – Current ALL MODIFIED