



# Dixie Valve Chatter

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Bowl-a-rama!





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Hello Dixie Buick People,

I heard the Buick Bowl-a-rama was a blast. About 25 people attended. Wow! I'm sure Bruce will report all the good and bad winners. Sorry I could not attend. Allison and I were in FL buying a new puppy, amongst other things.

The March chapter meeting will be a Zoom meeting Sunday, March 12th. Jerry will have more information in this newsletter.

April 1st will be our next chapter meeting at Glenn and Debbie Novak's home. More information coming on this event in this newsletter. Glenn says he will have 6 cars on display. Only 6!!!

Don't forget to sign up for the BOPC Show May 5th. Let's get our beautiful Buicks at the show to outshine the Olds, Pontiacs and Cadillacs! Friday night is our Meet & Greet BBQ at the church. Let's all attend this so we can discuss final preparation for Saturday's show.

And let's not forget Jerry's BDE Tour April 16 -20 in Mt Airy NC. Jerry reports he has 39 cars signed up. It's "Mayberry RFD" time.

Well, I am getting my driveway asphalted as I am writing this message. The house is coming together. Still can't find my battery charger!

See you at the Zoom meeting,  
J D

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**MARCH ZOOM MEETING:** The March Zoom chapter meeting will be March 12, 2023 at 1:30 PM Eastern Time. Join the meeting by using this Zoom link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86352404622?pwd=RkVjem1JWkVsUUk1S2U3cUJZS0hyUT09>

Use this meeting ID and Passcode when prompted:

Meeting ID: 863 5240 4622

Passcode: q8VbdW

An email reminder will be sent to members before the meeting.

# Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, Editor



Hey Everyone!

Hoping this finds all well. February turned out to be uncharacteristically pretty and there was quite a few days where I was able to get the Buicks out for a drive around the neighborhood. I will admit to playing a little game that I like to indulge in while I am driving. I always keep an eye out for a vehicle as old or older than the one I am driving. One might think that finding a car older than 1989 is an easy task, but they are numbering fewer and fewer as time passes. It is just good to see the older cars being driven and enjoyed.

I will never forget my first thumbs up. It was 1992 and I had just bought my 1965 Pontiac Bonneville. It was a decent old car, a little tired mechanically and a definite 20 footer appearance wise, but it had those classic mid-sixties body lines and was twice as big as anything else on the road. Anyway, I was tooling down a back road and was approached in the other direction by a 1957 Chevy Belair. I will never forget the driver of that classic hardtop giving me a wave and a thumbs up. I was thrilled. My Bonnie was accepted into the old car family. Since then, I always greet an older car with a wave or thumbs up and maybe a quick toot on the horn. It just might make someone's day.

Well, I am off to clean some wire wheel covers and get ready for a local show next week. I am sure that on such a pretty day as today I will find a few minutes for a quick drive around the neighborhood. One never knows what one will see.

Happy Buicking,

Tom



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## Welcome New Members!

Frank and Lori Tatum

BCA #52118

145 Oak Brook Circle

Madison, Alabama 35758

(256) 244-2140 (cell)

mftatom@bellsouth.net

1966 Wildcat (46439) 4 door

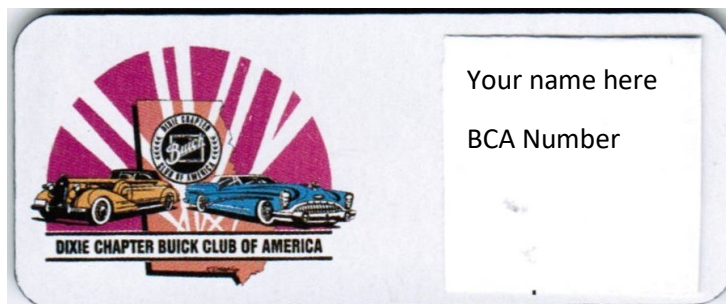
2018 Regal TourX Wagon



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## 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](mailto: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!**



# Roddy Pearce Bowl-A-Rama

About 25 Dixie Chapter members turned out to the Woodstock Lanes for the annual Roddy Pearce Bowl-a-rama. Most attendees were engaged in bowling while others enjoyed the company of friends and all had had a great time. After the bowling we had a fine lunch of pizza and salad, an awards ceremony and a brief meeting.

Award recipients:

Top Female Bowler: Tie, Shar Kile and Pat Horvath with a score of 569

Top Male Bowler: Johnny Lula with a score of 566

Lowest score: Julie Erhenfeuchter: 500

Oops Award: Tom Lynde

Long Distance: Glenn and Debbie Novak

Make plans to attend next year's event!



## April Meeting Preview

The Dixie Chapter will have its April meeting on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> in Carrollton, at the home of Debbie and Glenn Novak. 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.

After lunch our group will make the ten minute drive, via caravan or otherwise, over to the Novak's house at 114 Brandywine Trail, Carrollton. We will have our business meeting first and then tour the game room and car collection. Dessert, coffee, water and Cokes will be served.

Park on the street if you like or on the driveway. Please do not park cars on both sides of the street. Carpool if you like and drive an old Buick if weather permits.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> to Debbie or Glenn at 770-832-6353 (home); text 706-333-8912; or by email at [fifteezfan@hotmail.com](mailto:fifteezfan@hotmail.com) to help us plan for desserts and seating. If you are not coming, no need to reply. Looking forward to seeing you.

Glenn and Debbie Novak



# 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](mailto:lynde2375@charter.net).

Thank you!!

**URGENT!!**





## UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

The Sunshine committee sent a get well card to Bill McGowen following his heart surgery last month. Bill was at the Bowl-a-rama and doing fine.

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.

**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](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

Join the conversations!  
 Participate in the forums  
 on the Buick Club of  
 America website.  
[www.buickclub.org](http://www.buickclub.org)

# The Timing Chain

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

**March 12, 2023**

MARCH ZOOM MEETING: The March zoom chapter meeting will be March 12, 2023 at 1:30 PM Eastern Time. Details in this newsletter.

**April 16—20, 2023**

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

March 2023						
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!

**July 12-15, 2023**

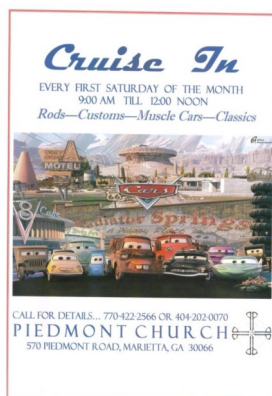
BCA National Meet in Spokane, Washington. Refer to the Buick Bugle for registration information

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

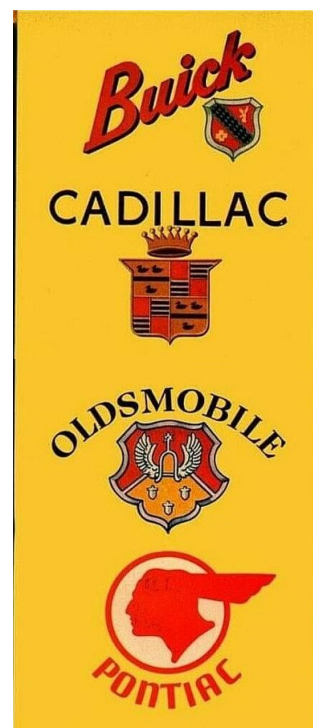
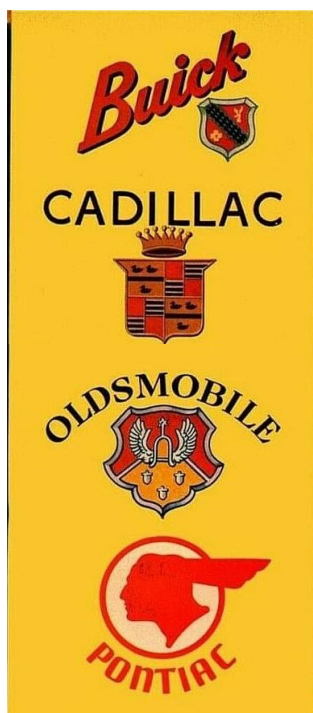
**October 2023**

Southeast Regional Tour. Middle Georgia/ Milledgeville. Details to

Please send notices of upcoming events to DVC editor Tom Lynde at [lynde2375@charter.net](mailto:lynde2375@charter.net)



DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE  
[www.dixie.buickclub.org](http://www.dixie.buickclub.org)



# BUICK TRIVIA



Buicks are well known by unique styling cues, like Ventiports and Sweepspear side trim. In which year did Buick's famous toothy grin grille make its debut ?

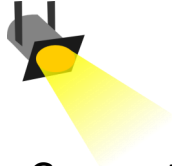
Do you know some interesting Buick trivia? Share it with ***The Valve Chatter !***

## Car of the Month

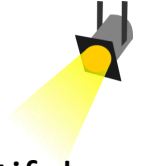


Drive your Buick to Chapter events and it may be Car of the Month

**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



Congratulation to Bill and Carol Cartus for having their beautiful 1952 Roadmaster featured on the cover of the February 2023 Buick Bugle magazine and their article published within.

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](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

3/21 Charles and Jana Hunter

## 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](mailto:sbkile58@aol.com) .

### BIRTHDAYS

3/2 Joan Hulsey

3/3/56 Rita Brown

3/8 Mike Bashaw

3/10 Sylvia Baker

3/10 Tammy Lynde

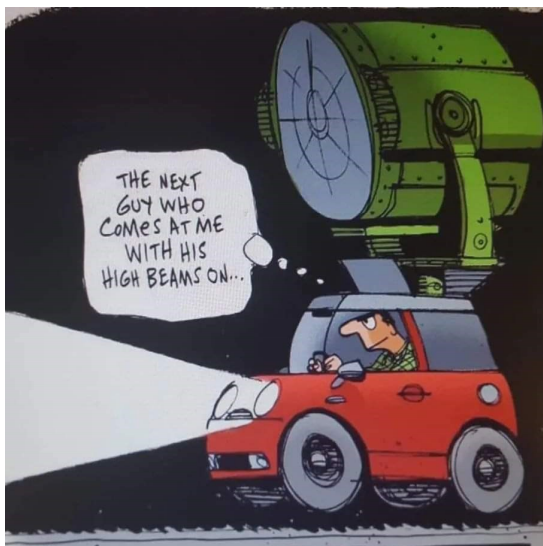
3/11 Jean Richstein

3/14/34 Bill Eisenhardt

3/20/44 Penny VanNortwick

3/28 Chris Strong

### Grit in the Gearbox



### Quotable Quotations



# BUICK TRIVIA ANSWER



Buick got its smile in the abbreviated 1942 model year and resumed after WWII in 1946 and has been an on-again off-again recognizable feature to this day,

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](mailto: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

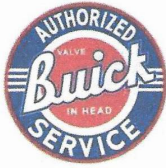
I don't know if this item was available on 1964 and 1965 Buick and Olds A-body cars like it was for GTOs but I took this off my '65 before I sold it. It worked really well but when I installed power steering I did not need it. The stabilizer unit is from AMES Performance and had very little use. The 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](mailto: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**.





42<sup>nd</sup> 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Car: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFIED? Yes/No: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Car: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ MODIFIED? Yes/No: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please attach 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> are \$25 first car and \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_  
\$20 each additional car \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Vendor spaces reserved by April 1<sup>st</sup> are \$25 first space and \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_  
\$15 each additional space \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Car Corral spaces reserved by April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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