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On the cover: Dixie Chapter members at Streetside Classics

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 Members:

OMG! It's July! The heat of summer is upon us. How's the freon in your A/C cars.

My garage project is rounding 3rd. I now have both of my Buicks in the same garage for the first time in 15 years. Yeah!

How 'bout those Braves! Hears a thought. What about a Dixie Chapter night/day at a Braves game? Just a thought for Glenn.

Up here in Blue Ridge, there are several car clubs. I have attended a couple meetings and of course they want membership money right away. I think I will remain a guest so I can show my car at their shows and possibly get a trophy (members can't show in car shows).

Sounds like we will have a Zoom meeting in August. Details later in this newsletter. Possible picnic in September with details later.

Safe travels for our members attending BCA National.

Sonomatic Sounds Tom Lynde, Editor



Hi everyone,

The heat of summer is here! I am very thankful for working a/c in the Buicks. We have been getting out and about a little as time permits. Hot Rod Power Tour was a mind-boggling event with about six thousand cars turning out. You would think it would be easy to get lost in a crowd like that, but I met a lot of fine people, including a great number of Buick drivers. I escaped some raindrops hiding out in a Buick Tent erected by some folks from Flint, MI. They were not BCA members, but they were former Buick assembly line employees and definite enthusiasts. While this is billed as a "Hot Rod" event, it is a cross country tour and the summer vacation for a great number of participants, so they want to be comfortable. I counted at least twenty Buick Roadmaster sedans and Wagons. There were a great number of '50s and '60s big cars, Park Avenues, Regals and Rivieras too as well as Skylarks, GS, and GNs out there as well. Worth checking out when it passes through our area again.

There is still plenty of summer ahead of us and lots of activities out there. Don't forget about the August Zoom meeting and the Southeast regional. And in the meantime enjoy an nice drive, head for a local cruise-in or show. Maybe stop off for an ice cream on a balmy evening. Safe travels to Buick pilgrims heading for the Nationals. I am looking forward to hearing all about it. See y'all on Zoom in August! In the meantime.......

Happy Buicking!

Tom



Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America

Dixie Chapter June meeting re-cap by Glenn Novak

Our Dixie Chapter had its monthly meeting on June 10th on the west side this time. Fourteen members gathered at Wallace BBQ in Austell for a good lunch together, and parked as a group in the back of the lot. We got to meet our newest members, Jack and Norma Moody, who drove over 100 miles from Hayesville, NC to be with us and to join our chapter. We hope to see them a lot in the weeks and months ahead as they readily admitted that they enjoy driving. Their distance on Saturday was topped only by Dave Berquist who made the trip over to Austell, GA from Greer, SC.

Following our lunch, we caravanned over to Streetside Classics in nearby Lithia Springs to meet a staff member and get an overview of how their auto consignment business operates. This briefing was followed by our regular monthly business meeting. Those June minutes will be available to all members upon request to Pat once they are approved at the August meeting.

After our group photo, we then spent as much time as we liked just touring around the current inventory of consigned vehicles, and there were many that caught members' fancies. Only two Buicks, however, were to be found in the huge showrooms, and that was something of a disappointment. One was a beautiful 1970 GS 455 convertible in Bamboo Cream, and the other a nicely-done 1933 resto-mod. To be expected, there were dozens of Fords and Chevys but a LaSalle and a Rolls were spotted if one looked hard enough.

All in all, our group of 14 had a very nice day to drive in, a good meal, pleasant fellowship, and lots of very nice cars to ogle. Not sure if any offers were made that day.















My 3 1/2-year search to find a boat-tail Buick Riviera...or TWO

By Alan Ziglin BCA#52492

I bought my first collector car, a very original 1929 Studebaker which I still own, while I was in Graduate School in 1972. With only one or two exceptions, I have only had Studebaker and Pontiac collector cars. People say you collect what you grew up with, but during my formative years I never knew anyone who had Studebakers or Pontiacs.



About five years ago I started wondering why I didn't have any Buick collector cars. My father drove top-of-the-line Buicks. In addition, during the 1980s and 1990s there were years when I put over 30,000 miles on my car, and did it in full-size Buicks. I bought my first brand new Buick in 1983. I was 35 years old at the time and statistics said that the average age of a person who bought full size Buicks was 55. After I learned this, I said, "Why wait 20 years to be comfortable in a car?"

So, in 2018 I decided to find a Buick to add to my collection; quickly focusing on a 1971 or 1972 boat-tail Riviera.

I was surprised to learn that air conditioning was not standard equipment on Riviera in the early 1970s. With the heat here in Atlanta and given the very large rear window (which intensify the heat from the sun), I needed to find a Riviera with factory air conditioning. I really wanted to hold out for bucket seats and the automatic transmission selector on a full-length console. Beyond these two items, I just wanted a car that was nicely equipped, looked nice and was reliable. I like my collector cars and enjoy driving them but have never been interested in points-judging.

Time went by and I was unable to find the Riviera I was looking for. I found a number of 1971 and 1972 Rivieras offered for sale but none seemed right for me.

In February 2022 two seemingly unrelated things happened:

First, I found yet another 1971 Riviera for sale. This one was located in Texas. I began the process of talking with the owner, learning about the car, seeing photos and finally having someone inspect the car for me.

Secondly, at about the same time, I wrote an article for the Pontiac Grand Prix publication. Over the years I've written

many articles for collector car club publications. From 2015 to 2017, I had a series of operations that significantly limited my mobility and so, to keep my brain functioning during that time, I started writing articles again. In 2020 when the pandemic shut things down, I wrote even more articles. Now it is just kind of a habit and I continue writing...as you can see from this article.



The article I wrote for the Grand Prix publication regarded the four Grand Prixs I have owned over the years. I ended that article by saying I probably would not be buying another Grand Prix anytime soon, since I had been looking for over three years for a 1971 or 1972 boat-tail Buick Riviera. I submitted the article to the editor on February 11.

On March 1, 2022 I decided that the 1971 Riviera in Texas was what I was looking for. I sent payment for the car and had a transport company deliver it to me.

The Grand Prix publication, with my article included, was sent out on March 30.

On April 15, I got a phone call from a man I did not know, who had read my Grand Prix article. He told me he enjoyed my article and read that I was looking for a boat-tail Riviera. He proceeded to tell me that he had a friend in Tulsa who had recently purchased a 1972 Riviera from an estate with the intention of holding the car until June when the Mecum Auction would be held in Tulsa.

I called and talked to his friend, the owner, at length. The car that was already in my garage really was a very nice car that I would have been happy with. However, based on the owner's description it sounded like the Oklahoma car was the better of the two. There were many phone calls back and forth and many pictures shared.

On May 16, 2022, Jerry Burge, a good friend of mine (who also keeps my collector cars in great running order) and I flew to Tulsa. After a couple of test drives and putting the car up on the lift, it became clear that the owner's description had been accurate and that this was an even better car and so I decided to buy it.

In advance of our trip to Tulsa, I had contacted a Pontiac club friend who, as it turned out, lived only 15 minutes from the seller's home. I asked, if I actually bought the car, could I store it at his house until I could get it transported. He of course agreed, even though it was not a Pontiac.:)

I wire transferred the funds to the owner of the '72 Riviera and in the early afternoon that same day, we took the Riviera to my Pontiac friend's home and Jerry and I flew back to Atlanta. As luck would have it, my older son had a contact that allowed me to get the car transported promptly and at a reasonable cost. I was delighted that they were able to pick the car up early Friday afternoon. That meant I only had to store the car in Tulsa for four days. The next day, Saturday, the car was at my home, just five days after I had purchased it.

So, after 3 1/2 years of unsuccessfully looking for my boat-tail Riviera, I bought one and immediately thereafter another, even better one, fell in my lap! I wound up buying two boat-tail Rivieras 11 weeks apart!

Believe it or not, I am really not one to flip cars. After enjoying having both cars for a short time, I gave the '71 to a consignment store here in Atlanta. When they found the next owner of the car, I had owned it only 184 days (6 months and 3 days)! This is by far the shortest time I have ever owned a car.

As an indicator of how good a car this one was and how popular these cars are, it only took 4 weeks for consignment folks to find a buyer.

To recap:

- -Had the man, who I did not know, and I not both been members of the Grand Prix Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club, International; and
- -if I had not written the article; and
- -if the editor of the Grand Prix publication had not published my article in the issue he did; and
- -if the friend of the man, who told me about the car, had not bought the Riviera and told him about it;
- -I would've missed out on this great car.

In 50 years of collecting cars, I've had some memorable occurrences. However, this is by far the best story ever!

The lesson here is that you just never know how you will find your next collector car...

August Meeting Sunday August 13th

The Dixie Chapter will have its August meeting on Sunday, August 13th via zoom. Details and sign on information will be emailed to all members prior to the meeting. There will be no July meeting due to the Buick Club of America National Meet in Washington State. The September meeting will likely be held at the annual Dixie Chapter club picnic Location and date to be determined.

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!



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

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.

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

Augusr 13, 2023

Chapter Meeting via zoom. Details forthcoming,

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

October 2023

Southeast Regional Tour. Middle Georgia/ Milledgeville. Details in this newsletter. Save the Date!

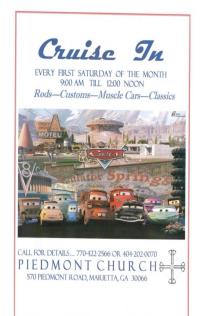
July 12-15, 2023

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



Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!

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





DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE www.dixie.buickclub.org



Car of the Month



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

NAME THAT BUICK!!





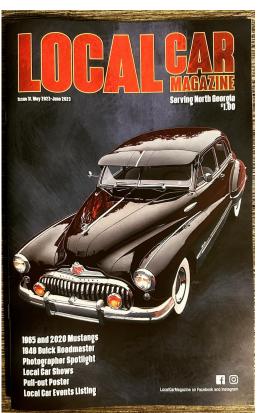
MEMBER NEWS



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**

Lew and Jenny Engstrom's
1948 Roadmaster was recently
the cover car and feature
article in Local Car magazine.
Looking good!





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 Hubcaps & 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.

Welcome New Members!

Lew and Jenny Engstrom

815 Lakeside Road

Griffin, GA 30224

(325)650-2170 (cell)

ichthusfreak@yahoo.com

1948 Roadmaster (71) 4 door

Jack and Norma Moody

PO Box 1229

Hayesville, NC 28904

(828)361-7522 Jack's cell

(828)361-1634 Norma's cell

jacksonmoody@msn.com

1967 GS 400 Coupe 44617



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.

Club Sales

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



Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

7/3 Alan & Patricia Lisenby

7/8 Tim & Patty Brown

7/12/86 Tom & Tammy Lynde

7/25 Lew & Jenny Engstrom

7/31 Bill & Carol Cartus

Grit in the Gearbox



BIRTHDAYS

7/2/40 Ernest Garrett

7/2/43 Paul VanNortwick

7/7/53 Yvonne McGowen

7/8 Sarah Thomas

7/11/48 Mary Ellen Winebarger

7/16/74 John Lula

7/17 Andrea Walsh

7/22 Connie Bergeron

7/22 Danny Finkelstein

7/24 Lisa Richards

7/31 Bill Cartus

7/31 Frank Tatom

Quotable Quotations



DEALS ON WHEELS

<u>1957 Buick Parts for sale:</u> Used parts: bumpers, rear seat springs, front fenders (need repair), trunk lid, a few other parts. Call Raymond Collins for details 706.-865-4185.

<u>Free!</u> 10 years of Buick Bugles, (12/95-2/2005) Contact Stephen Sauer, 770/431-9724 Cell, 770/434-7930 landline

Request for assistance from Dixie Chapter member Paul VanNortwick.

My 90 Riviera is in the body shop to be repaired from hitting a deer. Had to wait its turn, but body shop is ready to start in on it. The attachment shows what I need. Have already come up with grille. Need the other three items. Hoopers Used Auto Parts in Dallas, NC has the whole bumper for a reasonable price which will give me the rest of what I need. They won't ship, or accept a customer pick up by common carrier. Has to be picked up in person by someone. At the present time, I can't go there in person due to my wife's health. My question to you is do you know of someone who might have these items and who will ship by UPS or whomever? Sure would appreciate any help you can give me. Please email **paul_v@venturebyproducts.com**

Photos of needed parts









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

Buick Parts for sale: 68-69 Skylark AM radio: \$30, 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

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.



<u>Service and Chassis Manuals for sale</u>; <u>Two 1973 Buick Chassis Service Manuals All Series.</u> 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 inphorvath@gmail.com.

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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



Southeast Regional BCA Tour

Hosted by Dixie Chapter, BCA

"Milledgeville, 1st Capitol of Georgia" "October 25 – 29, 2023"

HOST HOTEL: \$109 Single or Double Occupancy includes breakfast. Call hotel directly and ask for Buick Club block rate. Maximum 35 Registrations/35 cars for the tour. Hotel details furnished upon receipt of registration forms.

Name:	Spouse/Guest	BCA#	
Address:	City:	State	e: Zip:
Tel.(Home):	(Cell):	Email:	
Buick Planning to drive on Tour	: Year: Model:	Body Style :	Color:
Note: THIS INFO IS FOR ARRANGEME	NT OF THE TOUR GROUPS.	F YOU CHANGE CARS, PLEASE NO	OTIFY US PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL. Driving a Buick is highly r			
DEADLINE FOR	R RECEIPT OF REGI	STRATION IS Sept 25, 20	<u>)23</u>
REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 (BCA			
Additional Guests (Children/Gra	ind children/Friends/etc	. riding in member's car. #	x \$5 = \$
Wednesday, Oct 25 th : Arrival and We will have a short meeting. Thursday, Oct 26 th : 70 Miles. To Lunch at Cracker Barrel, 2700 After lunch, Tour Historic WW servicemen. No fee. Donation	our Warner Robins Mus Watson Blvd, Warner R I Train Depot (previou	n in hospitality suite to discusseum of Aviation in morning. obins. Order from menu.	uss tour details. # x \$5=\$
Friday, Oct 27 th : 80 mile drive to Greensboro. Then we will head Gardens" near Athens Ga a "Mr. Earl") & featuring a person entertainment, & a tasty cour	nd for the "grand openir retro 1930's Buick Gara onal collection of Buick'	ig" of the (soon to be) famou ge on the farm of Lamar & R s of "all sizes", vintage adver	ıs " <i>Buick</i> ita Brown (a/k/a
Saturday, Oct 28 th : 5 miles to Trolly car tour of historic Dow Tour of Georgia's 1 st Governor Lunch on your own. We will k	ntown Milledgeville wit r's Mansion oe downtown with their	th one stop # # many shops and restaurants	x\$8 =\$ _x\$7 =\$

	Dinner: 6 pm at Taylor's Cove Restaurant,		
	Located 5 miles due north of Holiday Inn. If yo		
	too far. Servers will ask your choice of 4 prote		
breast or salmon). Included	d are green beans, salad, mashed potatoes, an	d cheese	ecake. Yes, there
will be a cash bar!		#	x \$45 = \$

Total Cost per couple doing all events and food is \$205.00

Total Cost per individual member doing all events and food is \$115.00

Total enclosed: \$	
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OUR PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATIONS

I certify that the Buick I will drive on this tour is covered by at least the minimum bodily injury & property liability insurance required by the state or province in which the vehicle is registered. All participating vehicles are to be properly insured & licensed.

I agree not to hold the Buick Club of America, any of its officers, chairpersons, or members responsible for any bodily injury, property damage, lost or stolen property.

I further understand that if my Buick should become disabled during the tour, the tour hosts and/or other members will help secure a ride to remaining activities for myself &/or my passengers.

It is strongly recommended to have a working CB radio & BCA requires a fully charged, operable fire extinguisher in my tour Buick.

Signed:	Dated	

(Please Copy both sides of this Form for Your Records)

Make Check Payable to: "Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America" & mail to:

J D Westfall 724 Sowers Road Blue Ridge GA 30513

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS Sept 25, 2023

NOTE: The amount of any refund for this event may depend on cancellation date by the venue or supplier & whether or not a deadline has passed to said supplier/venue.

Questions? Call J D Westfall 913-638-7849