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On the cover: Buicks at Buick Gardens. Photo credit Lamar Brown

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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## SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TOUR

“Hello Dixie Chapter:

We just concluded the 2023 Southeast Regional BCA Tour last week. We had 48 people attend in 28 cars, 13 of which were from GA. We had Buicks from AL, NC, SC, TN, FL and GA. Everyone arrived on Wednesday, Oct 25 to the Holiday Inn in Milledgeville GA. The Hospitality Suite was open every night at the Holiday Inn for friendship, games, snacks and yours truly was sang Happy Birthday to by 48 people with birthday cake served!

Thursday, we drove to the Museum of Aviation at the Warner Robins AFB in Warner Robins GA. There were multiple hangers of vintage planes and we had guided tours. [If you have never been there, you can spend most of a day there viewing the planes inside the hangers and outside.] We had lunch at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Warner Robins and headed back to Milledgeville. Just outside of Milledgeville we toured Andulusia Farm, a 1800's plantation that was the home of famed American author Flannery O'Conner who wrote 2 novels and 32 short stories centered around the American southern gothic genre.

Friday, we drove north through the Oconee National Forest to “Buick Gardens” of Lamar Brown in Hull GA. Lamar has been renovating one of the buildings at his home into a 1930's Buick Service Garage. Every kind of Buick signs, grills, models and Buick paraphernalia were on hand. Lamar had several of his own Buicks on display. In addition to that, Lamar had several of his friends bring in their 1930's Buicks from as far away as New York. We had 82 people attend in all. Entertainment was from a man playing a piano and singing. A chicken and pork buffet lunch was served. With all those Buicks there, it was like a regional Buick Car Show. A great day was had by all.

Saturday, we toured the Original Georgia Governor Mansion serving Georgia from the 1830's to 1868. It was amazing to see how the aristocrats of the 1800's lived. We also took a Trolley Car Tour of the mansions of Milledgeville, the Georgia Military College, and Georgia College State University. Saturday night was our S.E. Regional Banquet. Steak, shrimp, fish and well as mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, and Cheesecake. Very yummy. Door prizes and unique Buick pictures were raffled off.

Folks, if you did not get to attend this tour (and wishing you had), there is another touring opportunity coming up [here in Georgia next Spring](#). The ***BDE Tour will be April 28 – May 2 in Blue Ridge***. If you are not a BDE member, not to worry. You can attend one BDE Tour as a guest without paying the dues. Come one, come all.

J D Westfall”



# PICTURES FROM BUICK GARDENS

Pictures provided by Bruce and Shar Kille and Jerry Richstein



SE Regional attendees enjoying the Browns' Hospitality.



1937 Brewster Bodies Roadmaster



The Browns' granddaughter Etta and her little Buick peddle car. Pretty classy!



## Save the Date!

Annual Dixie Chapter the Holidays Party

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Ippolito's in Suwanee

Make plans to share some of the Holiday Spirit with your Buick Club family at the annual Dixie Chapter After the Holidays Party, coming up on Sunday January 14th at 1:30 pm at Ippolito's 350 Town Center Avenue in Suwanee. Remember, there will be a gift exchange, so men need to bring a men's gift and ladies need to bring a ladies' gift of about \$20 value. No gag gifts, please. We will order from the menu and enjoy a great time together. Don't miss this annual event!



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## Help Wanted

The Dixie Chapter, BCA is seeking an Assistant Director to fill the unexpired term of Glenn Novak, thru Dec 31, 2024. Duties of the Assistant Director include performing the duties of the director, should the director be absent from a meeting or unable to fulfill the duties of director. The Assistant Director is also responsible for heading a committee to planning meeting locations and chapter social activities.

The chapter is also seeking a qualified webmaster to maintain the chapter website and oversee the Dixie Chapter's web presence. For more information or to volunteer for either position please contact J.D. Westfall at (913)638-7849 or pharmboyjd@gmail.com

# Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, Editor

BCA 44614



Hi everyone,

I trust that everyone has had a great October. Judging from the social media posts and photos I have seen, I would say the Southeast Regional was a roaring success! Thanks to J.D. Westfall and all for putting together such a great event. Watch future editions of the DVC for information on the BDE tour in Blue Ridge this Spring,

Be sure to take note that the Southeast GTO Association has issued a save the date notice for the Peach Blossom BOPC in May. This is always a great time and a wonderful way to begin the spring show season. And we have the long winter months to get our cars ready for the big event. May the 4th be with us all.

Happy Buicking,

Tom

## Let's welcome new

David & Barbara Lee BCA #49317

20 Powell Court

Hoschton, GA 30548-1372

(770) 394-7533 Cell

[leegiraffe@bellsouth.net](mailto:leegiraffe@bellsouth.net)

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## 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).

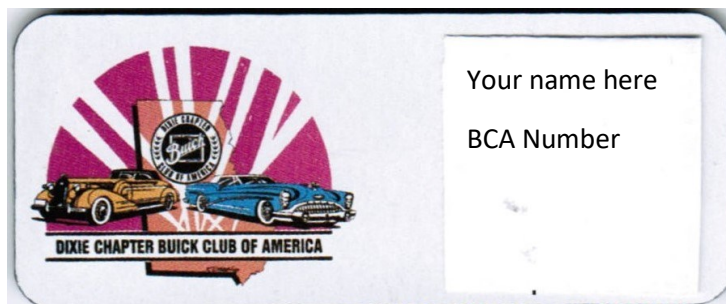


**SAVE THE DATE:**  
 Saturday, May 4, 2024  
*43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peach Blossom B.O.P.C. Show*  
**PIEDMONT CHURCH**  
 570 Piedmont Road,  
 Marietta, GA  
**CAR SHOW, SWAP MEET,  
 CAR CORRAL**  
 8AM to 3PM  
 Benefitting St. Jude  
*"May the Fourth Be With You"*  
 www.SEGTOA.org



## 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!**



## 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)

**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.

**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



#7 1990 Reatta  
Convertible



#2 1930 Roadster



#3 1970 GS Convertible



#4 Special Convertible



#5 1987 Grand National



#6 1959 Electra  
Convertible

Join the conversations!  
Participate in the forums  
on the Buick Club of  
America website.

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# The Timing Chain

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events**

November 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		

### May 4, 2024

41st Annual Peach Blossom BOPC. Piedmont Church, Marietta. Hosted by Southeastern GTO Association. [Events & Cruise-Ins \(segtoa.org\)](#)

### February 18, 2024

#### Tentative!

Dixie Chapter annual Bowl-a-rama. Woodstock AMF Lanes. More information coming soon!

### January 14, 2024

After the Holidays Party at Ippolito's 350 Town Center Avenue, Suwanee, GA.

1:30 PM

### July 10-13, 2024

BCA National Meet in Strongsville, Ohio, Refer to the Buick Bugle for registration information

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

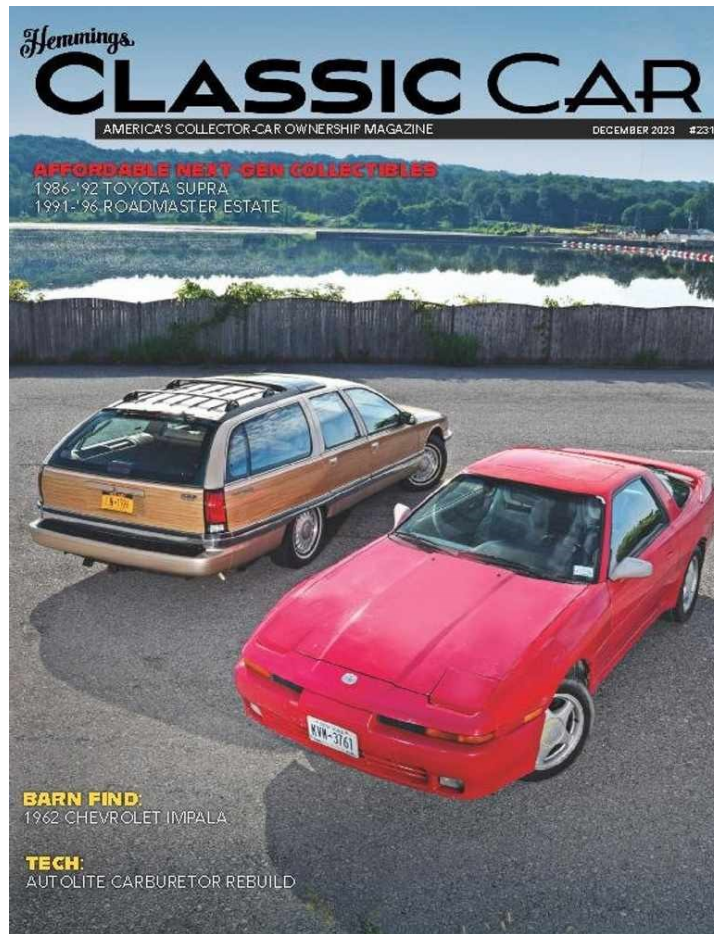
Please send notices of upcoming events to DVC editor Tom Lynde at [lynde2375@charter.net](mailto:lynde2375@charter.net)

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**Cruise In**  
EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
9:00 AM TILL 12:00 NOON  
*Rods—Customs—Muscle Cars—Classics*

CALL FOR DETAILS... 770-422-2566 OR 404-202-0070  
**PIEDMONT CHURCH**  
570 PIEDMONT ROAD, MARIETTA, GA 30066

## On the Newsstands



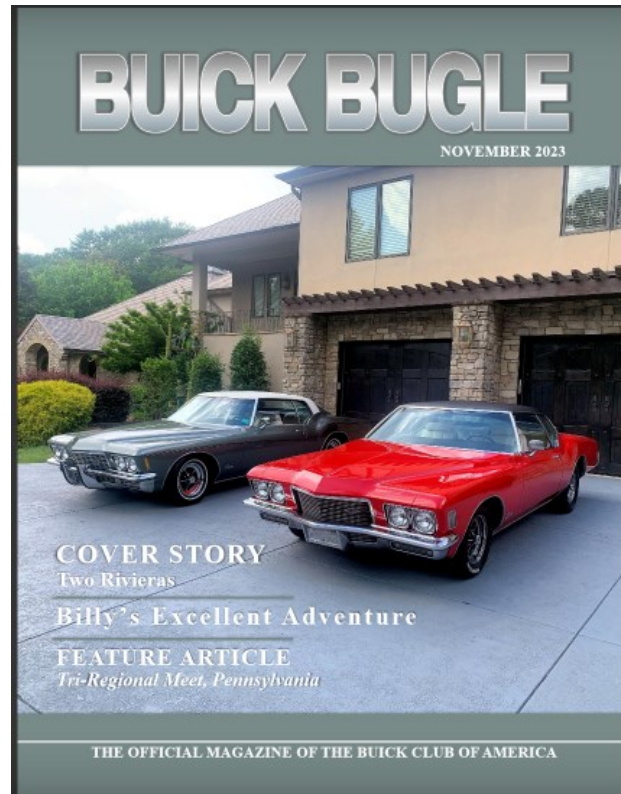
December 2023 issue Hemmings Classic Car includes a cover story feature on the 1991—1996 Buick Roadmaster Estate Wagon.



## 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



Congrats to DCBCA member Alan Ziglin for the cover story on this months Buick Bugle!

### 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?

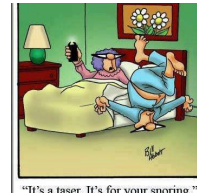
Bianca at [Hubcaps.com](http://Hubcaps.com) & [OriginalWheels.com](http://OriginalWheels.com) offers Car Club Members a discount on the Factory Hub-caps & Wheels that they show on their websites. They currently have over one million hubcaps & rims in inventory so they may have what you need. You would 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



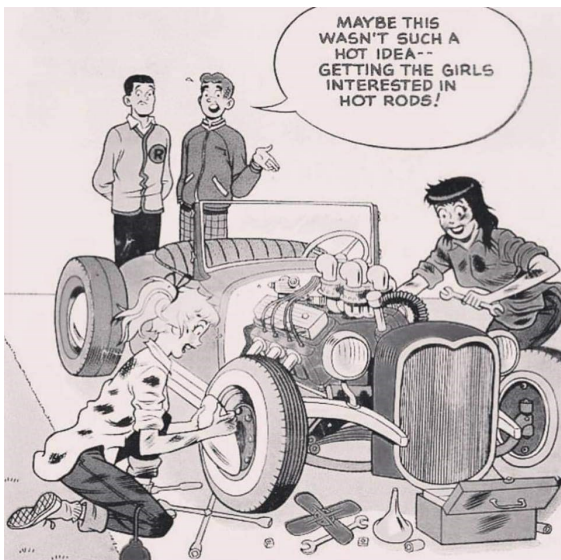
### ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/10/12 Rich & Kathleen Fink
- 11/15 Joe & Heidi Jeziorski

### BIRTHDAYS

- 11/9 Susie Grant
- 11/9 Lee Hurdlebrink
- 11/13 James Thomas, Jr.
- 11/15 Clark Lemons
- 11/16 Jenny Engstrom
- 11/14/57 Lynn Wilson
- 11/20 Paula Liska
- 11/23 Paul Pieper
- 11/28/42 Jan Blizzard

### Grit in the Gearbox



### Quotable Quotations



# DEALS ON WHEELS

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

**Free!** 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](mailto: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**.

**Parts wanted:** Seeking complete rear axel housing for 1969 Skylark with an automatic transmission,. Located in Stockbridge and will travel. Tim Philips. 404-557-0880;m

**2007 Buick Lacrosse:** V/6, full power. Ice cold a/c. Runs great. 135,000 miles. \$3450. Call Jeff 404-538-7623



**1972 Buick, GS 350:** Rebuilt engine and transmission, FITECH fuel injection (have original carburetor), original interior. Have GM Factory Shop Manuals and a good history of car. Additional pictures available upon request. Located In Forsyth, GA. Asking \$26,000. Contact TimBrown\_57@yahoo.com

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