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Bowl-a-rama!

Details inside!

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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 Members,

What a Great Holiday Party! At last count, we had 27 people attend. Ippolitto's bottom room was packed and we had to scooch around a little. Looked like everyone enjoyed the Italian food. And the Dirty Santa gift exchange was fun, fun, fun! Thank you members for making this a Great party!

At the conclusion of the Holiday Party, we had two members come forward to volunteer to take over the Assist Director vacancy. Per the by laws, both candidates were submitted to the Dixie Board to vote on. I am proud to announce that Walt Enhrenfeuchter is our New Assistant Director. Join me in welcoming and Thanking Walt for his service!

February 25 is the Dixie Bowl-a-rama. I'm sure details will be elsewhere in this newsletter. Bruce is saying there will be GTO, Caddy and Olds people attending. Maybe we can have a competition between the 4 clubs? Officially, Walt will be running the meeting as I will be at a wedding in Ohio. Be kind to him.

I am putting together a 4 day Buick car tour the end of April centered in our back door, Blue Ridge GA. This is a BDE Tour, and if you are not a BDE member, you are welcome to attend one tour as guests. This is a great opportunity to partake of this tour in our back yard. Registration form included in the newsletter.

Enjoy these February warm days in your Buicks,

J.D.

Bowl-a-rama Invitation from Bruce Kile

BOWL-A RAMA reminder: Don't miss the fun and fellowship Feb. 25th at the 30th annual "Roddy Pearce Memorial Bowl-A-Rama". Not only will there be bowling, awards and lunch followed by our regular monthly meeting but, weather permitting, a display of collector Buicks and likely guests from the GTO Assoc., Dixie Oldsmobile, and Peach State Cadillac. The cost is \$18 for 3 games of bowling and lunch. Lunch only, without bowling, \$9.00. Sign up by Feb 21st by calling Bruce or Shar @ (770) 977-7924 or email sbkile58@aol.com Directions are included in this issue of the DVC.

Quotable Quotations



Grit in the Gearbox



Dixie Chapter After the Holidays Party

A good number of Dixie Chapter folks turned out at Ippolito's in Suwanee for the annual After the Holidays Party. After a great meal, there was a rousing round of Dirty Santa gift exchange. All had a great time! Make the most of your Dixie Chapter membership experience and take part in chapter activities. Your next opportunity is later this month with the annual Bowl-a-rama. See you there!



MEMBER NEWS



Thank you to Dr. Walt Ehrenfeutcher for accepting the assistant director's position!

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**.

SAVE THE DATE:
 Saturday, May 4, 2024
43rd 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



PONTIAC



Membership Renewal Time has PAST: 2024 Dixie Chapter dues were due by 12/31/23. If you are one of the 5 that have not yet paid your 2024 Chapter dues, please send \$20 to Jerry Richstein A.S.A.P.



Annual Roddy Pearce Memorial Bowl-A-Rama!

WHEN: Sunday February 25th

WHERE: AMF Woodstock Lanes 108 Woodpark Blvd.

Woodstock, GA 30188 770-926-2200

START BOWLING: Promptly at 12:30, so get there early!

LUNCH TIME: After Bowling, at about 2:30 p.m. with a business meeting to follow.

The cost is \$18.00 and includes 3 games bowling, shoe rental & lunch, or \$9.00 for those having lunch only.

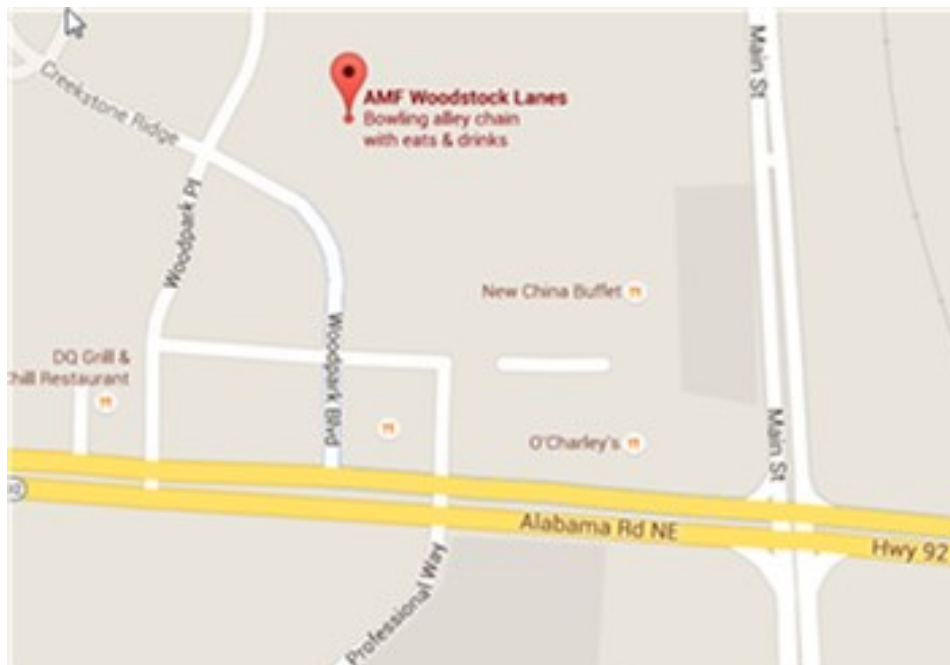
This is one of our most fun events. Remember, bowling skill is not required, in fact with the “handicap system” we have, higher average bowlers have more of a challenge than those who don't bowl too often. There will be awards & prizes.

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

Please RSVP by February 21st by phone or email to Bruce or Shar. 770-977-7924, sbkile58@aol.com

DIRECTIONS: I-75 the circle around to AMF Woodstock Lanes. For those coming from the North to I-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 e East take GA 92 West. Cross Canton Hwy. Go approximately 1,000

Let's make
Bowl-A-



this our best
Rama ever!

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

February 25, 2024

Dixie Chapter annual Bowl -a-rama. Woodstock AMF Lanes. Bruce and Shar Kile sbkile58@aol.com 770-977-7924

May 4, 2024.

Peach Blossom BOPC Show, Piedmont Church in Marietta., Hosted by South-eastern GTO Assn. For more information visit www.segtoa.org.

February 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				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		

April 28—May 2, 2024

BDE Spring Tour, Blue Ridge Mountains. Details in this issue

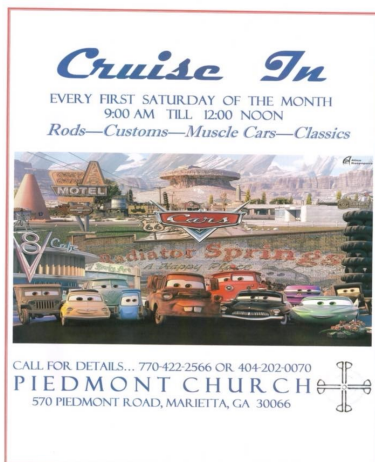
July 15-19, 2024

Buick Cub of America Annual Meet. Stongsville, Ohio. Hosted by Northeast Ohio Chapter. www.buickclub.org

July 23-26, 2025

Buick Cub of America Annual Meet. Concord, North Carolina.

Non-Chapter Events



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

30th Anniversary
 MOTEL
 Springs
 50th Anniversary

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

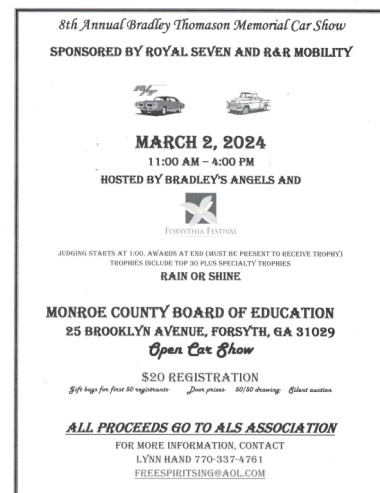


Free Event
Southern Cars & Coffee
"All Cars & Motorcycles Welcome"

BLACK SMOKE
 coffee

2914 Macon RD Griffin, GA 30224
 On The 2nd Saturday Every Month
April - October
 Bam-Ham

Held By 



81st Annual Bradley Thomason Memorial Car Show
 SPONSORED BY ROYAL SEVEN AND R&R MOBILITY

MARCH 2, 2024
 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 HOSTED BY BRADLEY'S ANGELS AND

FORSYTH FESTIVAL
 JUDGING STARTS AT 1:00. AWARDS AT END (MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE TROPHY)
 TROPHIES INCLUDE TOP 50 PLUS SPECIALTY TROPHIES
RAIN OR SHINE

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 25 BROOKLYN AVENUE, FORSYTH, GA 31029
Open Car Show

\$20 REGISTRATION
5th hour for first 50 registrants - Don't miss - 6:00 drawing - Gifted auction

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ALS ASSOCIATION
 FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
 LYNN HAND 770-337-4761
FREEESPRIETISING@AOL.COM

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

CAR OF THE MONTH



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

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.

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 Bruce Kile for pricing or questions (770) 977-7924
Email: sbkile58@aol.com.

CAR PUZZLE

Can you spot the Buicks in this picture. Your editor spotted at least two forlorn Buicks. How did you do?



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

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

Happy Valentines Day!



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Thank you to Bruce Kile for sharing with us a Valentine's Day card that his mother received about 1930.

Do you need replacement wheels or hubcaps?

Bianca at Hubcaps.com and OriginalWheels.com offers car club members a discount on the factory hubcaps and wheels that they show on their websites. They currently have over one million hubcaps and 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.



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



Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!

Mile Markers
Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

2/14/19 Don & Mary Ellen Winebarger



BIRTHDAYS

- 2/2/65 Steve Zigler
- 2/10 Charles Hunter
- 2/15 Bruce Kile
- 2/24 Gail Anderson
- 2/26 David Brani
- 2/28 Bob McNichols

Come join us on Facebook!

Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America





Deals on Wheels



Car for sale: 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 the car, Additional pictures upon request. Located in Forsyth, GA. Asking \$26,000. Contact Timbrown_57@yahoo.com.

Car for sale: 191 B-25 Tourer. One family since new. All original, never restored and never weathered. Paint, top, and tires 60+ uears ago. Complete.

Contact Joe Jones. 678-860-3735. packard526@yahoo.com

For Sale: Remote Key Fob/Transmitter. New OEM remote #25602668. Originally for a 1992 Park Avenue but fits many 1990's Buicks. Please be sure it fits your needs. Two fresh batteries and programming instructions included. \$85 OBO includes US shipping. Alan Ziglin BCA #52492. 770-352-0801 or 19fury61@gmail.com

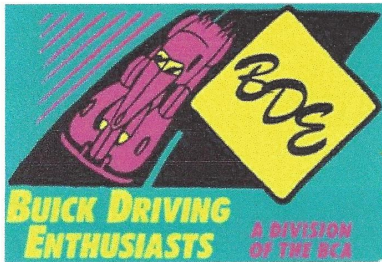


The Parts Authority Auto Parts Stores: Offers members of the Buick Club/Dixie Chapter a discount on all auto parts, not just A.C Delco items. There are 9 "full service" stores in metro Atlanta and 1 in Columbus and nationally in 22 states. Check the website <http://www.partsauthority.com> for the store nearest you. To take advantage of great savings simply phone the call center (770) 448-3896, and tell them you are a member of the Buick Club, account #47225 . They will give you availability and price of the item you need and if the store of your choice has it in stock otherwise it will be sent immediately to that location. If you have any questions call Bruce Kile (770) 977-7924

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**.



2024 Buick Driving Enthusiasts Tour “Beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains”

“April 28 – May 2, 2024”

HOST HOTEL: \$125 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 _____ BDE # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel.(Home): _____ (Cell): _____ Email: _____

Buick Planning to drive on Tour: Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style : _____ Color: _____

Note: THIS INFO IS FOR ARRANGEMENT OF THE TOUR GROUPS. IF YOU CHANGE CARS, PLEASE NOTIFY US **PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**. Driving a Buick is mandatory on the tour. If you don't have a Buick, we can put you in another Buick as Passengers.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS March 28, 2024

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 (BDE Member & Spouse/Guest) 1 Dash plaque/tour packet/Hosp Room \$ _____

Single member \$20 for tour package, plaque and Hospitality Room \$ _____

Additional Guests (Children/Grandchildren/Friends/etc. riding in member's car. # _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Sunday, April 28th: Arrival and Hospitality. Dinner on your own.

We will have a short meeting Sunday at 7:30 pm in hospitality suite to discuss tour details.

Monday, April 29th: Tour Fabulous downtown Alpine Helen shops. Lunch will be at Noon at Old Bavarian Inn; 8619 N Main St. Lunch choices are:

- Pork Schnitzel Sandwich # _____ x 20.00 = \$ _____
- Bratwurst and Sauerkraut Sandwich # _____ x 20.00 = \$ _____
- German Sub with German baloney, black forest ham, Salami # _____ x 20.00 = \$ _____

Babyland General Hospital, 300 NOK Drive, Cleveland GA. No Charge self-guided tour to see Cabbage Patch babies being born.

Tuesday April 30th: Mercier Orchards & downtown Blue Ridge.

- Hayride through the orchard with beautiful blooming fruit trees: # _____ x \$6.00 = \$ _____
- Box Lunch at Mercier Orchards (includes apple, chips, fried pie, water)
 - Chicken Salad sandwich # _____ x \$17.00 = \$ _____
 - Pimento Cheese sandwich # _____ x \$17.00 = \$ _____
 - Ham & Cheese sandwich # _____ x \$17.00 = \$ _____

After lunch, drive 5 miles to downtown Blue Ridge for an afternoon of shopping.

Wednesday, May 1st: Tour through Cherokee National Forest and Chattahoochee National Forest. Lunch on your own at Ocoee Dam and Deli Restaurant (1223 Hwy 64, Ocoee TN 37361), home of "Dam Jam".

Tour of Chief Vann House, 19th Century Cherokee Plantation # _____ x \$7.00 = \$ _____

Thursday, May 2nd: Train ride on Blue Ridge Scenic Railway # _____ x \$52.00= \$ _____

Lunch on your own in McCaysville at **2 Hour** train stop. Suggestions: Twisted Tomato, Burra Burra, Habanero's, The Copper Grill, El Rio, Rum Cake Lady Cuban Café, Katz's Deli, State Line BBQ.

Thursday Evening Banquet Dinner: 6 pm at Southern Charm Restaurant, 224 West Main Street, Blue Ridge GA. This is located adjacent from Blue Ridge Railway Locomotive. No bar...BYOB. Dinner includes mashed potatoes, southern style green beans, salad, peach cobbler and your choice of:

- **Fried Chicken** # _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____
- **Catfish** # _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____
- **Short Ribs** # _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Total Cost per couple doing all events and food is \$304.00

Total Cost per individual member doing all events and food is \$157.00

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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.

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 mandatory 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: "Buick Driving Enthusiasts" & mail to:

J D Westfall, 724 Sowers Road, Blue Ridge GA 30513

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS March 28, 2024

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



43rd ANNUAL PEACH BLOSSOM B.O.P.C.

Buick * Oldsmobile * Pontiac * Cadillac

Car Show, Swap Meet, & Car Corral

Saturday May 4th, 2024, 9AM – 3PM

Friday, May 3rd, 6:00 PM – BBQ Meet & Greet

For Pre-Registered Attendees

Piedmont Church – 570 Piedmont Rd, Marietta, GA 30066

Saturday, May 4th – Car Show, Swap Meet, & Car Corral

Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Rd, Marietta, GA 30066

8:00 – 11:00 AM - Registration

Voting ends at 12:00 Noon - Awards at 2:00 PM

Hosted by the Southeastern GTO Association

JUDGING: Cars will be judged by popular vote. Each car registered will receive one ballot, which will entitle you to vote in two nearby classes for First and Second place. Club Presidents will choose **Best Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Cadillac, and Best of Show**. Classes will be determined by the cars registered by April 19, 2024, so please register early. This not only helps us, but also helps your car to be properly classified. **A fire extinguisher is mandatory at every vehicle.** Friday night parking after 5PM is available at your own risk as NO security will be provided. Limited trailer parking is available.

A special feature this year will be the **Gran Turismo Omologato Evolution Walk:** An exhibit of every year and special model of GTO produced.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOW: Take I-75 to Exit 269 (Barrett Parkway). Turn east, Barrett Parkway becomes Piedmont Road. The Church and Car Show are about 2 miles on the right. Barrett Parkway also crosses I-575 at Exit 1 and avoids some traffic. Exit I-575 at Exit 1, and head east, 1.8 miles on the right.

HOTELS: Hotels in the area (I-575 exit 1, I-75 exit 269): Hilton Garden Inn, 895 Cobb Pl Blvd NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144, 678-322-1140. Holiday Inn Express, 2485 George Busbee Pkwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144, 770-427-5210.

For additional show information and to download a registration form, please go to www.seqtoa.org or contact us at 2024BOPC@gmail.com. The Southeastern GTO Association is a Not for Profit organization registered in the state of Georgia, #17649109. Proceeds go to various charities including St. Jude's Childrens' Hospital.