



Dixie Valve Chatter

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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 members,

My sincere apology for being AWOL at the recent Zoom meeting. We were planning to hit the road about 9:30 Sunday morning, attend church in Canton, have lunch with church family, then head for a hotel WiFi to hook up on the Zoom meeting. Well, my wife was not feeling "Chipper" Sunday morning, so we did not drive the hour to church, and I forgot about the Zoom meeting. Terrible excuse!

The Southeast Regional BCA Tour in Milledgeville is coming along nicely. We have 40 people registered and probably will get more . The Westfalls and Kiles have pre-tour trip coming up shortly to button down touring routes. If you have not experienced a BCA Tour, this is your opportunity in our back yard. Even if your car is needing repairs, let me know as we have extra Buicks you can use. You can come to Milledgeville in your daily driver and use a great Buick for the price of an adult beverage!

See you at the picnic,

J D



Dixie Chapter Buick Club of America

Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, Editor



Hi everyone,

Happy September,

Fall is on the way! Cooler temperatures should be upon us soon and pumpkin flavored everything is available at your favorite coffee shop and bakery. That is alright with me, I am a fan of the Autumn season and sweater weather. To me, the best times to get the cars out are the Spring and Autumn seasons. A drive through the country while leaf peeping is, in my humble opinion, just what older cars are made for.

I hope your Fall travels bring you to McDonough for the chapter picnic. Once again it will be held at Heritage Park at the military museum. For those who wish, after the picnic we can caravan to the Summit store in McDonough. Directions to the picnic site are included in this newsletter.

The Southeast Regional is coming up soon, and the registration for the fall tour as well as a special one day event at Buick Gardens are also included within these pages. There is a lot of activities for Dixie Chapter over the coming weeks. Come on out and join in the fun.

Happy Buicking,

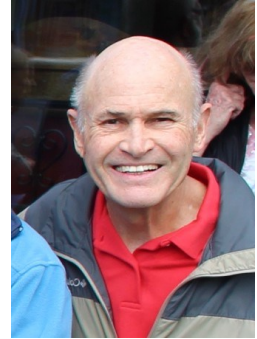
Tom

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.

A Tribute to Glenn Novak BCA #3670



With the sudden passing of our good friend, Glenn Novak last month. The BCA, especially the Dixie Chapter, lost another good friend and dedicated Buick lover. He was a quiet man of great principle, honesty, integrity and someone who was always willing to help out where he could. He was one of those fellows who would never say “no” if he were asked to do something. He would usually reply “let me think about it”, A prime example was this past year when we were trying to recruit candidates for officers in the chapter. We asked Glenn if he would consider running for assistant director. “Let me think about it”, was his reply and the next day he said “yes”, (because the chapter needed him). The same was true a couple years ago, when he volunteered to fill the (open) position of “webmaster” and in typical “Novak manner” our website is well maintained and one of the best in the BCA. Glenn and Debbie moved to Georgia (Carrollton) in the mid 80’s from the Chicago area where they had been (active) members in the BCA-Chicagoland chapter. Almost immediately upon arrival they became part of our Dixie Chapter “family”. Despite his preference to just be “an active member” (rather than an officer) Glenn took on the role of co-assistant director in the early 90’s and served as our newsletter editor in the mid 90’s. Glenn also served as the Buick Bugle correspondent providing updates and “teasers” in the national publication for our 1994 BCA National Meet. His full coverage article “*Rainy Nights in Georgia*” (with pictures) in the Oct. 94 issue still rank among the best coverages of any BCA National Meet. (*That’s my experienced opinion*) Glenn may not have been a charter member of the Dixie Chapter but his many contributions and involvements have definitely made us a better organization. Rest in peace ole Buick brother!

Bruce Kile

Come to Buick Gardens A S.E Regional One Day Event!

This from Lamar and Rita Brown,

Just a note to let everyone know that Rita and I are looking forward to seeing you all October 27th at the Buick Gardens-Buick Sales and Service Garage event. There will be live music performed by my lifelong friend Clarence Young who has played piano and organ in past years with groups like The Jesters, Rack of Spam and T. Gram Brown. He is busy learning some new Buick songs and we anticipate a singalong of one of our favorites. A delicious country buffet with fried chicken, pork chops and gravy, mashed potatoes, black eyed peas, banana pudding and peach cobbler will be served at 1:00. For those wishing, there will be time and opportunity for car and owner photo shoots in front of the building. You are welcome to walk the grounds and maybe even do some fishing in Buick Pond, cane poles and red wigglers will be provided. The Buick Gardens event is part of the three day SE Buick Regional Tour, however anyone not able to make the full 3 day event and wishing to only participate in this one day may do so by registering for it using the Registration form below. The address is 188 North Hickory Pt, Hull, Georgia 30646. Hope to see you there.

<http://dixie.buickclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/0423-SE-Reg-BCA-Tour-One-Day.pdf>



Field of Dreams, Build it They Will Come"



On Buick Pond



Hint - The best fishing spot



Southeast Regional BCA Tour

Hosted by Dixie Chapter, BCA

"Buick Gardens at Lamar Brown's Home"

188 North Hickory Point

Hull GA 30646

"One Day Event on October 27, 2023"

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____ BCA# _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____
 Tel.(Home): _____ (Cell): _____ Email: _____
 Buick Planning to drive on Tour: Year: _____ Model: _____ Body Style : _____ Color: _____

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS Sept 25, 2023

Buick Club of America (BCA) at large membership.

_____ x \$5 = \$ _____

This is a sanctioned BCA event. BCA membership is required.

Friday, Oct 27th: Head for the "grand opening" of the "**Buick Sales and Service Garage**" ... a retro 1930's Buick Garage on the farm of Lamar & Rita Brown (a/k/a "**Mr. Earl**") & featuring a personal collection of Buicks, vintage advertising, musical entertainment, door prizes & a tasty country buffet for lunch serving at 1 PM.

_____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

OUR PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATIONS

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.

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

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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 Lamar Brown 706-201-8555 or J D Westfall 913-638-7849

DRECTIONS TO THE DIXIE CHAPTER PICNIC

Make plans to attend an old fashioned picnic at Heritage Park, 101 Lake Dow Road in McDonough, Georgia. Pack your favorite picnic foods and come enjoy this unique venue. There is a military museum, historic displays, and picnic pavilions. For those who wish, there will be the opportunity to caravan to Summit Automotive after the picnic. Drive your Buick and come on out for a great time!

October 1, 2020 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Directions

From the North, take I-75 South to exit 216, Highway 155.

From the South, take I-75 North to exit 216, Highway 155

Take Exit 216, At the bottom of the ramp, turn left. A left turn is correct for both travelers from the North and South.

Travel East on Hwy 155 to the intersection with Highway 23/42. 1.5 Miles

Proceed straight through the intersection and travel Highway 155 to intersection with Racetrack Road. 0.4 Miles

Proceed straight through the intersection with Racetrack Road. (Highway 155 becomes South Zack Hinton Parkway.) Continue to the intersection with Key's Ferry Road. 1.0 Mile

Turn Right on Key's Ferry Road and continue until intersection with Lake Dow Road. 1.1 miles

Turn Left on Lake Dow Road and left again after the McDonalds into Heritage Park

Park in the parking lot close to the red barn.

For more information or to RSVP, call Tom Lynde at 770-827-5357
or email lynde2375@charter.net



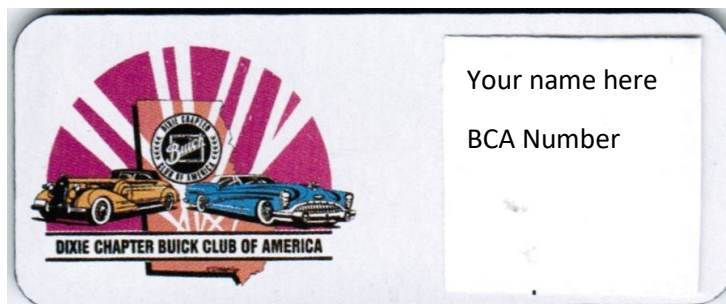
October Meeting/Chapter Picnic

Sunday October 1st

The Dixie Chapter will have its October meeting / chapter picnic on Sunday, October 1st at 1:30 pm at Heritage Park in McDonough. Directions are included in this newsletter. Contact Tom Lynde lynde2375@charter.net or 770-827-5357 for more information on the location. See you there!

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.

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



#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.

www.buickclub.org

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1, 2023

Chapter Picnic.
1:30 pm. Heritage Park Military
Museum. McDonough

July 10-13, 2024

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

BCA, Chapter, and BDE Events

September 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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

October 25-29, 2023

Southeast Regional Tour. Middle
Georgia/ Milledgeville. Details in
this newsletter. J.D. Westfall.
913-638-7849
Pharmboyjd@gmail.com

Buick Gardens One Day SE Regional Event, October 27th.

Hosted by Lamar and Rita Brown.
Details and registration forms see
in this newsletter.

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

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

Bradley's Angels Fall Car Show
Event Sponsored by:
OUTBACK BODY SHOP, JACKSON, GA
TROPHY SPONSORS: R&R MOBILITY AND ROYAL SEVEN

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
HOSTED BY BRADLEY'S ANGELS AND

TROPHIES INCLUDE TOP 65 PLUS SPECIALTY TROPHIES
RAIN OR SHINE

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
25 BROOKLYN AVENUE, FORSYTH, GA 31029
Open Car Show \$20 REGISTRATION
Gift bags for first 50 registrants- Door prizes- 50/50 drawing- Silent auction

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

DIXIE CHAPTER WEBSITE
www.dixie.buickclub.org

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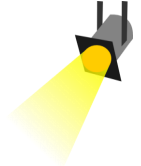


The T-Bucket lining up to take a quarter-mile run is a Nail Head Buick powered '23 built and piloted by famed driver and car builder T.V. Tommy Ivo . Ivo had an affection for Buick Nail Heads because of their immense torque and narrow block width. Along with this T, he campaigned The Showboat, an exhibition car that featured four Buick engines and four wheel drive. Incidentally, the Cadillac powered '22 T-Bucket in the background was built and driven by Norm Grabowski. The "Kookie T" was famous for being featured on the TV show 77 Sunset Strip. Not his only TV car, Grabowski also built a T Touring hot rod that eventually be-came the "1928 Porter" on the Jerry Van Dyke show "My Mother the Car."

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



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 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

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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

- 9/2 J.D. & Allison Westfall
- 9/17 Ken & Sandy Green
- 9/25 Ron & Connie Bergeron

BIRTHDAYS

- 9/3/68 Luciana Stone
- 9/5/61 Tom Lynde
- 9/7/40 Alan Lisenby
- 9/8 Maria Gaynor
- 9/10 Janet Brani
- 9/13 Rochelle Ziglin
- 9/14 Debbie Novak
- 9/15 Bill Hansen
- 9/26 Rich Fink
- 9/27 Cindy Levelle
- 9/28 Laura Dalton

Grit in the Gearbox



“It’s a taser. It’s for your snoring.”

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**

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

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

**Forwarded by Joe Hester from the
ROMEIO Newsletter:**

Joe Jones is reducing his fleet and has for sale:

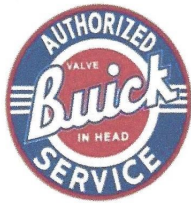
- '75 Olds Delta Royale convertible. 50k miles, never any rust or damage. Good top, needs paint, probably will not rub out.
- 1914 Buick B-25 tourer. One family since new, all original never restored, never weathered. Paint and top and tires 60+ years ago. complete.
- '84 Corvette Coupe with no motor or interior \$1200.

If interested, call Joe Jones 678-860-3735



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



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: __ 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 highly recommended.

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REGISTRATION FEE: \$25 (BCA Member & Spouse/Guest) 1 Dash plaque/tour packet/Hospitality \$ _____

Additional Guests (Children/Grandchildren/Friends/etc. riding in member’s car. # _____ x \$5 = \$ _____

Wednesday, Oct 25th: Arrival and Hospitality. Dinner on your own. 4 restaurants in walking distance.
We will have a short meeting Wednesday at 7:30 pm in hospitality suite to discuss tour details.

Thursday, Oct 26th: 70 Miles. Tour Warner Robins Museum of Aviation in morning. # _____ x \$5=\$ _____
Lunch at Cracker Barrel, 2700 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins. Order from menu.
After lunch, Tour Historic WW II Train Depot (previously a dairy farm) that processed 300,000 servicemen. No fee. Donations accepted.

Friday, Oct 27th: 80 mile drive through Oconee National Forrest with halfway break at Wendy’s in Greensboro. Then we will head for 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, & a tasty country buffet for lunch. # _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Saturday, Oct 28th: 5 miles to downtown. We have two morning tours splitting our group into two.
Trolley car tour of historic Downtown Milledgeville with one stop # _____ x \$8 = \$ _____
Tour of Georgia’s 1st Governor’s Mansion # _____ x \$7 = \$ _____
Lunch on your own. We will be downtown with their many shops and restaurants. You will note that there is a college downtown theme with 2 colleges located there.

Saturday Evening Banquet Dinner: 6 pm at Taylor’s Cove Restaurant, 3065 N Columbia St, Milledgeville GA 31061. Located 5 miles due north of Holiday Inn. If you cross the bridge across the reservoir, you’ve gone too far. Servers will ask your choice of 4 proteins (steak, shrimp, chicken breast or salmon). Included are green beans, salad, mashed potatoes, and cheesecake. 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: \$ _____

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:

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Blue Ridge GA 30513

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