



Dixie Valve Chatter

Official newsletter of the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America

May the 4th be with you!



Join us at the BOPC!!

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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,

Spring is here! Whoo-hoo! Time to get your beautiful Buicks out of mothballs. Take it to your local mechanic or Buick buddy and have it checked out. They may notice something that you accidentally overlook.

I got the Boat Tail ready but the Wildcat is still on jack stands trying to figure out the brakes. If anyone wants to come to Blue Ridge for the day, I'll buy dinner.

If you have a question about the functioning of your Buick, put the question in this newsletter. We have a wealth of knowledge in our club.

The April Dixie Chapter meeting will be at Las Palmas in Canton at 1:00 PM on April 14th. Directions and address will be further in this newsletter.

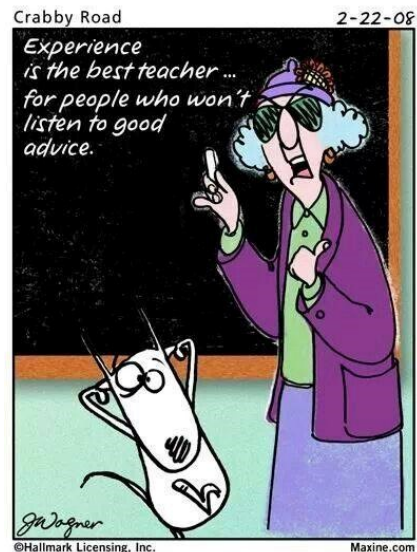
See you on the 14th!

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Quotable Quotations



Grit in the Gearbox



Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hi everyone,

We are just a shade more than a month out from the Peach Blossom BOPC show. Do you have your registration in? Time is of the essence, so don't delay! My Electra is still sick with an apparent catastrophic mechanical issue, so I am planning on making the BOPC in my 94 Park Avenue. Esmerelda, as I call her, is not driven much and does have some cosmetic issues, but she is a running and driving Buick and we are going to make the scene. Today is a beautiful spring Saturday and I cranked her up for the first time since Halloween with no muss or fuss. I have started the cursory detail duties and will progress on them as we get closer to that magic day in May. She won't be perfect and is unlikely to receive an award, but I will be there with my car and enjoying a great day with great people. That is what it is about. Don't let your car not being "just right" yet hold you back from attending a great event!

As we are into Spring and heading for Summer, more and more interesting events are popping up, like the Collector Car Appreciation Day Cruise. Last year's event drew quite a crowd. Savoy Auto Museum announced this week that they will have a Movie Car exhibition over the Summer and the centerpiece will be the genuine 1949 Roadmaster from the movie "Rainman". That sounds like something to take in. The Summit Racing Monday night Cruises will be starting soon, too. Those along with cruise-ins and local shows in your area should keep you busy and enjoying your Buick.

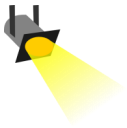
The folks in the Tarheel Chapter, BCA are beginning to make plans for the 2025 annual meet and things are already looking good. More on this in the coming months. We are just weeks away from Strongsville, Ohio and Charlotte will be here before you know it. I am looking forward to that being my first national meet.

By the way, if you are on Facebook, be sure to follow the Dixie Chapter Facebook Page. There is new and interesting content added daily. Keep up with the club and other members on Facebook and add to the conversation!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for April 14th and the Chapter meeting. Details are in this issue. See you there!

Happy Buicking,

Tom



MEMBER NEWS



Let's welcome new members!

Mike & Cindy Coggins

BCA 53250
3134 Trickum Rd
Woodstock, GA 20188
(470) 419-0305 Cell
mycoggins@gmail.com

1935 Club Sedan (61) 4 Door

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***.

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of the Dixie Chapter BCA will be held **Sunday, April 14th at 1:00 PM** at the **Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant**, 2210 Holly Springs Parkway, Canton. 770-720-0062.

They are located across from the Walmart. Take Exit 14 (Holly Springs) off I-575 and turn right on Holly Springs Parkway (GA Route 5). Then right at the next light. See you there!



DRIVE - IN THEATER
NOW SHOWING

43rd PEACH BLOSSOM BOPC

DIXIE BUICK CHAPTER SOUTHEASTERN GTO ASSOC.
CADILLAC & LASALLE CLUB DIXIE OLDSMOBILE CLUB

May 4, 2024
Hosted by:
Southeastern GTO Association

Car Show, Swap Meet, & Car Corral
Saturday May 4th, 2024 9AM – 3PM
Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Rd, Marietta, GA 30066
8:00 – 11:00 AM - Registration
Voting ends 12:00 PM - Awards 2:00 PM
Contact Info: 2024BOPC@gmail.com

Proceeds go to charities including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
The Southeastern GTO Association is a Not for Profit organization registered in the state of Georgia, #17649109.

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The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

The April meeting of the Dixie Chapter BCA will be held **Sunday, April 14th at 1:00 PM** at the **Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant**, 2210 Holly Springs Parkway, Canton. 770-720-0062.

June 24, 2024

BOPC Night at Summit in McDonough. 6 - 8 PM

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.

April 28—May 2, 2024

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

May 4, 2024.


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

April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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					

Non-Chapter Events

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

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
8am-11am

Held By: 

GA STREET-ROD REUNION



The Georgia Street Rod Association (GSRA) in conjunction with the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes (GSYH) presents the second annual National Collector Car Appreciation Day (NCCAD) cruise.
All Makes and Models of Cars & Trucks are Welcome!
Sam Mahdavi is the Grand Marshal, and the event will be filmed for airing on Sam's Garage & Lokar TV programs.
Proceeds will go to the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes.
Date: Friday 7/12/24 * This is a Rain or Shine Event *
The event is from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, including sign-in, the cruise, lunch, and closing ceremonies.
The event is limited to the first 150 registered/paid cars
Location: The cruise will start at the Sheriffs' Association HQ located at 1000 Sheriffs Way, Madison, Ga 30650, followed by a police escorted cruise to The Dogwood Barn located at 691 Stenbridge Rd., SE, Milledgeville, Ga 31061.
Cost: Registration/payment prior to 4/20/24 is \$40 per car, and \$55 per car if registered/paid between 4/20/24 and the deadline of 6/2/24.
Each paid registration includes an official NCCAD decal, one Event T-shirt, one lunch ticket, and one goody bag. Additional T-shirts and lunch tickets are available for purchase through registration. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided at sign-in at no charge.
Pre-registration and payment is required and can be made through the GSRA website via PayPal or credit card. If you have questions, or prefer to pay by check, please contact David Riser at vicepresident@gsra.com.
For more information, and to register, click on <https://gsra.com/nccad2024/> or scan the following QR code:





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

Auto Trivia

In the early days of General Motors, William Durant came very close to buying another automaker that would eventually become a major competitor. Do you know which automaker came close to becoming a part of GM?

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.

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.

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

4/5 Bill & Nancy Hansen
4/7 Gene & Andrea Walsh
4/17/05 John & Stacey Lula
4/24 James & Sarah Thomas
4/26 Bruce & Shar Kile



BIRTHDAYS

4/5 Lori Tatom
4/6 Jerry Richstein
4/15 Heidi Jeziorski

Come join us on Facebook!



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.

Auto Trivia Answer

Throughout the history of G.M., they have taken over many other well-known car manufacturers. Therefore, it may seem as no surprise that they wanted to take over Ford and almost succeeded. Durant approached Henry Ford about purchasing the company in 1909. Surprisingly, Ford was happy to go ahead and sell his stock in Ford Motor C. for \$8 million. It looked like a done deal when Durant met with GM's board of directors and they also agreed to the purchase. However, the sale never went ahead as when Durant met with his New York bankers, they refused to give him the loan needed to make the purchase.

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

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

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





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: 1914 B-25 Tourer. One family since new. All original, never restored and never weathered. Paint, top, and tires 60+ years 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



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**.

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



Deals on Wheels



Cars for Sale: 1950 52R Good tour car. 3 speed straight shift. \$18,000. Includes fender skirts, California car cover, plus pick up truck load of spare parts.

1970 LeSabre Coupe. 60,000 miles. Cold a/c, p.s., p.b., automatic transmission, 350 -4bbl. Runs real well. Includes spare parts. \$16,000.00

Hershel Goff BCA 13828, BDE 155. New Castle, VA . 540-553-5224



Car for Sale: 1975 LeSabre Convertible. 5.7/350. Great runner. Rebuilt motor and transmission. Newer top, dual exhaust added. Very clean underside. New tires. Shows 15K miles. Insured 26K. \$22,500. Elise, BCA 8516. 706-216-4389. Photos: sincerejohnf@gmail.com.

Car for Sale 1962 Electra 225 convertible (info attached) and asking \$35k but will negotiate. Gregory Cross, BCA 28374 35 Glasgow Drive Pinehurst, NC . Mobile: (315) 427-4622 Email: gtcsyr@gmail.com



Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!



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 Children's Hospital.



BUICK • OLDSMOBILE • PONTIAC • CADILLAC

43rd Annual "Peach Blossom" BOPC Show May 4th 2024

Presented by the Southeastern GTO Association

At Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta, GA 30066

Free Dash Plaques for the first 100 registrants

1st & 2nd Place Awards by Popular Vote plus Best of each Marque and Best of Show!

Food – Door Prizes – 50:50 Drawing

Participant Registration (all fields are required):

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club Affiliation _____

Car Registration (Car 1):

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Convertible? (Y/N) _____ Modified? (Y/N) _____ Survivor? _____ (Y/N)

Car Registration (Car 2):

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Convertible? (Y/N) _____ Modified? (Y/N) _____ Survivor? _____ (Y/N)

Survivors must be pre-1985 and have original paint, interior, and no replacements other than regular maintenance items

Classes will be assigned by the Southeastern GTO Association.

Fees:

Please fill in numbers and dollar amounts

Car registrations are \$30 for 1st first car, \$25 for 2nd car _____ @\$30 = \$ _____

For additional cars use a separate form. Day of show registration is \$35 _____ @\$25 = \$ _____

Number of Vendor spaces _____ Number of Car Corral spaces _____ @\$30 = \$ _____

\$30 for 1st space, \$25 for each additional space _____ @\$25 = \$ _____

Additional for registrations made **after April 19th** for each car or space _____ @ \$5 = \$ _____

Number of 2024 BOPC Tee Shirts @ \$25. S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ XXL: _____ XXXL: _____

Total Tee Shirts _____ Please enter Tee Shirt totals: _____ @\$25 = \$ _____

Total enclosed for the 2024 Peach Blossom BOPC Show: \$ _____

Friday Meet & Greet for pre-registered guests – 6PM at Williamson Bros. BBQ, 1425 Rowell Rd. Marietta 30062

How Many? _____ (Food & drinks at your expense)

Fill out, print, and mail your form with your check made out to SEGTOA to: Jim Andrews/BOPC, 224 Philadelphia Dr., Jasper, GA 30143. You can email your form to 2024bopc@gmail.com and mail your check, or you can register at the show with cash or a credit/debit card. Late fees above will apply. Questions? Email us at 2024bopc@gmail.com.

By the execution of this form, participants release the Southeastern GTO Association, Piedmont Church, and their agents from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, claims, or judgements from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant or participant to his/her person, family, or property.

A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IS MANDATORY IN EVERY VEHICLE.

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