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Hello Dixie Chapter Members,

Boy Oh Boy! Mike and Cindy Coggins in Woodstock opened their garage for us Dixie members to have our June monthly meeting. Beautiful Buicks, Packards and Cadillacs were on display. Mike had an extensive collection of old garage signs, oil signs, car signs... more signs than can be mentioned here. Old gas pumps, and every kind of old auto memorabilia was on hand. Cindy made very yummy cookies for us to enjoy during our meeting. I could have spent a whole day going through that collection. Wow! Thanks to Walt for setting up this meeting!

No monthly meeting in July as some are attending the BCA National in Strongsville Ohio. Walt is working a meeting location for August.

I finally got Allison to take a ride in the Wildcat with the top down. I think she liked it! We lucked out with a parking spot just outside our favorite bar and grill, Chester's, in Blue Ridge. Hundreds of people stopped by to ogle over the 57-year-old Buick. It was a hot day, and a few people were curious how we would get back in without scorching our legs. Being a veteran of convertibles, I just opened the trunk and pulled out a couple of towels. 😊

Have fun driving your Beautiful Buicks this summer.

J D

Quotable Quotations

Grit in the Gearbox



Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hey

Hey, Everyone!

My daddy always said that Summer is almost over once the Fourth of July rolls around. Well, the weather forecasts and the upcoming events seem to indicate that we are just getting started. Happy and safe travels to all the folks heading up to Strongsville, Ohio for the BCA Nationals. I am looking forward to a full report and lots of pictures.

I love being a member of the DCBCA. The camaraderie between members is unparalleled. The other day I was rolling my recycling down to the curb in front of my house and was greeted with a light-hearted "toot"- toot" I looked up to see DCBCA member Tim Phillips motoring by in his '68 Skylark, giving me a big wave. Good to see you, Tim!

Last night was BOPC night at Summit in McDonough. There were about twenty of that genre present with the B's out numbering the O, P, &C's. I spent the day working on Zelda, the Park Ave and got it looking presentable and stately motored in to the show area and parked in featured parking. I went strolling around the parking lot checking out the cars and. .. Zelda's horn goes off and gets stuck. Sounding out loud and clear in her distinctive four note voice. Yeah Buddy, we're here! Anyway, I pulled the fuse and the sounds of the dee-jay's music again reigned over the parking lot. My quick research into the matter indicates that over time the steering wheel airbag cover shrinks and causes the airbag to put pressure on the horn button underneath it and ultimately for the horn to sound off when you do not want it to. Youtube is full of undesirable quick fixes for this malady. Maybe there is a NOS airbag cover on a parts department shelf out there, somewhere. Maybe?

Anyway, enjoy your summer! Happy Fourth of July and Happy Buicking!

Tom

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



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***.

BUICK TRIVIA



The missile-like bumper guards on the front of these 1955 Buicks on the lot of a dealership in San Antonio, Texas had a nick name inspired by a Hollywood figure. Do you remember this name?

June Chapter Meeting

Dixie Chapter members gathered at the home of Mike and Cindy Coggins for the June chapter meeting. Chapter Director J.D. Westfall provided these pictures of the Collins' amazing auto, gasoline company, and automobilia collections. Thank you Mike and Cindy for hosting and opening your home and garage to us!



June Chapter Meeting



The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

July 15-19, 2024

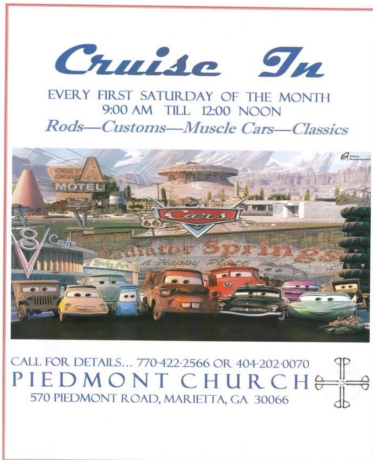
Buick Cub of America Annual Meet. Stongsville, Ohio.
Hosted by Northeast Ohio Chapter. www.buickclub.org

July 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	30	31			

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
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BLACK SMOKE
coffee

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On The 2nd Saturday Every Month
April - October
8am-11am

Held By: 

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

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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.

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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

- 7/3 Alan & Patricia Lisenby
- 7/8 Tim & Patty Brown
- 7/12 Tom & Tammy Lynde
- 7/31 Bill & Carol Cartus

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.



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
- 7/19/57 Cindy Coggins
- 7/22 Connie Bergeron
- 7/22 Danny Finkelstein
- 7/24 Lisa Richards
- 7/25 Tim Phillips
- 7/29 Jeanette Lapp
- 7/30 Norma Moody
- 7/31 Bill Cartus
- 7/31 Frank Tatom

Auto Trivia Answer



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These bumper guards are affectionately known as “Dagmars”. According to Wikipedia, “As originally conceived by Harley Earl, GM Vice President of Design, the conical bumper guards would mimic artillery shells. Originally placed inboard of the headlights on front bumpers of Cadillacs, they were intended to both convey the image of a speeding projectile and protect vehicles' front ends in collisions. The similarity of these features to the then popular bullet-bras epitomized by buxom television personality Dagmar Lewis was inescapable.”

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



Deals on Wheels

FOR SALE. This gorgeous 69 Wildcat Cvt. (solid #3 condition) From the collection of our fellow chapter member, Glenn Novak, Being offered to Dixie Chapter members first. It has 62K Mi., cold A/C, P/S, P/B, P/W, AM/FM, Power Ant., & much more. Nice Black (Vinyl) interior showing only minimal wear. It runs & drives great. An investment you can truly enjoy while cruising or showing. \$22K Call or email Bruce Kile for more details & pictures. (678) 662-6072 sbkile58@aol.com



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: sincere-johnf@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 request- ed. 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**.