

# Dixie Valve Chatter

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It's like shooting fish in a barrel! Up here in the Blue Ridge Mountains, every town has a car club... Blairsville, Blue Ridge and Ellijay. And that is not counting the clubs in TN and NC. It seems like every weekend, there is a car show or cruise in somewhere. I think they compete against each other. I have not joined any because their by-laws stipulate members are not allowed to show their cars at these events. Therefore, I bring a car or two and show as a non-member. There are not any Buicks up here at these events. Usually, there is a hot rod car class, a hot rod pick-up class, but usually NO classic car class. One of the biggest shows put my Buick into a "Best of GM's with hot rods and classic GM's. Did not win that one.

Two weekends ago there was a car show in the Walmart Parking Lot in Blue Ridge. Again, no classic class. Walmart customers voted. My only chance was "People's Choice". There were raffle tickets for nostalgic metal signs and for Braves tickets. Allison and I had the Wildcat and Boat Tail there. When it was time to announce awards, I had to go to the little boy's room. When I got back to the awards ceremony, Allison had a metal sign, Peoples Choice \$30 Walmart gift certificate, and a set of Braves Tickets in her hands!!! Like I said, "It's like Shooting Fish in a Barrel"!

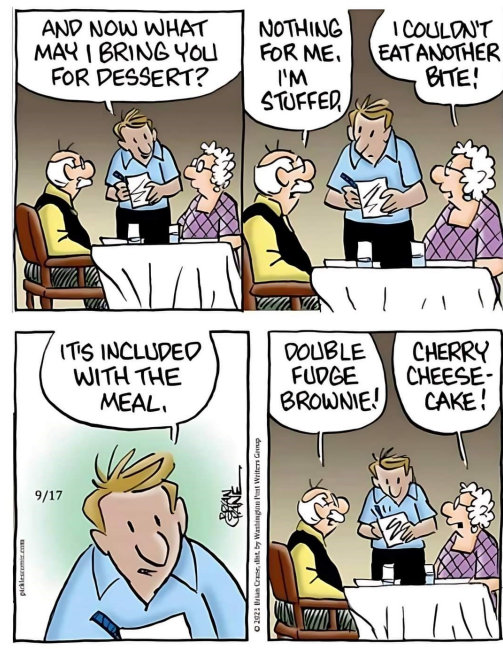
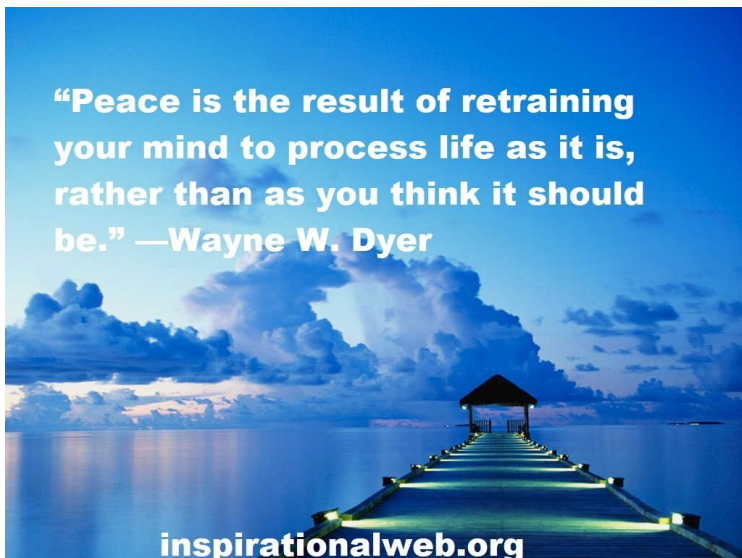
Look forward to seeing all Dixie Club members at our next chapter meeting.

Keep showing those Beautiful Buicks.

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**Quotable Quotations**

**Grit in the Gearbox**



# Sonomatic Sounds

## Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



**Hey Everyone!**

**I have been enjoying all of the accounts of the 2024 Nationals in Strongsville, Ohio. Every day for the past week or so I have received new accounts of the event in my email in-box and from friends and the BCA on Facebook. What a turn out with so many beautiful Buicks. Be sure to take in Ken Green's account and the photos in this edition of the DVC. Many thanks to Ken and all who contributed to the Nationals coverage. This all whets my appetite for the 2025 National Event in relatively nearby Concord, North Carolina.**

**And speaking of Facebook, take time to visit and participate on the Dixie Chapter Facebook page. There is always some new and interesting content there.**

**As for me, I have been spending a lot of my new-found spare time trying to get our modest fleet of vehicles healthy, daily drivers and Buicks, too. I have not made many shows this year, but I do try to get over to the Summit cruise-in on a weekly basis, weather permitting. On those rainy days I am diving into my model car "stash" with several Rivieras, Wildcats, and GS kits on my work bench waiting their turn.**

**Enjoy the "dog days" of Summer with your Buick. Hit those shows and cruise-ins and spread the word about the DCBCA when you come across other Tri-shield faithful.**

**Happy Buicking!**

### **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



## 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



My Cousin Vinny is one of my wife Tammy's favorite movies. When I told her I was stumped for a trivia question this month she suggested I used something about the 1964 Skylark hero car from the film. So, here we go: In the movie My Cousin Vinny, the two yutes (excuse me, youuuths) are said to be driving a metallic mint green 1964 Buick Skylark across the state of Alabama. According to the 1964 Buick catalog, what was the official name of this paint color?

# 2024 Buick Nationals, Strongsville, Ohio

## Ken Green

The 2024 Buick Club of America (BCA) National Meet in Strongsville, Ohio was a resounding success. Over 250 cars were present for show or judging. The Northeast Ohio Buick chapter did a fantastic job of organizing and conducting the show. We managed only one weather day on the first day, but the rest of the week was sunny and bright. One local collector and restorer, Doug Seybold entered six cars from the 1940-41 model years winning trophies for every one of them. Doug also brought the Buick Blackhawk, which was featured in the Bad Boys II movie from 2003, showcased in the main lobby at the hotel. The 1951 Buick XP-300 Concept Car was also shown in the banquet hall.



*Roy Newby displaying Senior Preservation award for his 1998 Riviera*

This meet was held in the same location as the seventh BCA national Meet in 1977 after five previous meets starting in 1971, which were previously held in Flint, MI. (No meet occurred in 1974). According to Bruce, that 1977 event was the first nailbiter for a club to tackle the immense task of hosting a national meet. The photo to the left is of the 1977 show field.



The Dixie Chapter had nine members in attendance with Roy Newby receiving a Senior Preservation award for his 1998 Riviera. In the display class, Frank and Jan Blizzard drove their 2019 Cascada, Bruce and Shar Kile drove Shar's 2014 Turbo Regal. And Pat Horvath drove her Encore. The ever-present Shar was tending to a booth in the indoor swap meet. Ken and Sandy Green arrived without a car while Sandy jumped in to help with registration. Bruce Kyle and Ken Green participated in the Saturday judging. Bruce provided the "Chapter Roll Call" as requested by show chairlady Heather Banhidy. Bruce added a little levity and provided a brief history of initial Nationals locations as he introduced each chapter and their attendees. Following the event, Bruce Kile lead the Buick Driving Enthusiast (BDE) after-tour. We congratulate the North East Ohio Buick Chapter for the success of the show; job well done and thank you from all of us in the Dixie Chapter!



*Bruce Kile reading the Chapter Roll Call*

The event was all about the people, beginning with friends that we know and continuing with new friends while leaning over the hoods of their cars or swap meet tables. We had two guests from Australia who made a point of introducing themselves to everyone possible and one guest from England. As Bruce tells, the car is the impetus to gather, the fellowship is the purpose.

# Southern Belle, our 1979 Buick Limited Estate Wagon seats get a new life

by Lamar Brown 39474

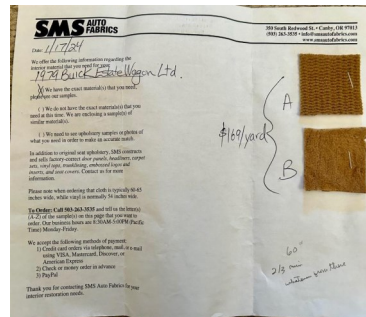
After trying several different kinds and sizes of seat cushions and covers over the tattered fabric and worn-out cushioning of the front seats in our 1979 Buick Limited Estate Wagon, my wife Rita convinced me to spend some of the kid’s inheritance and have them professionally reupholstered. Because the wagon is often used on long trips towing our Air-stream Argosy camper, comfort was a main consideration. And because the wagon is in otherwise such great original condition, we decided that doing them back to original design with correct material was also a must. Finding a local upholsterer to do the work wasn’t easy. One shop who has done work for me since the 1960’s looked at the double cushioned seats and said “Nope, not touching them, those cushions are the most tedious and aggravating thing I’ve ever done, I’m too old for the hassle”. I finally found a shop who is well known in the area for doing excellent custom work and who was very reasonably priced. Luke Golden of Golden Upholstery in Athens, GA 404 931 9673



The original driver’s seat showing the wear and tear of 140,000 miles



I Obtained the correct name and number for Tan Striped Velour Cloth material from the 1979 Buick



I Requested pricing and ordered the materials from SMS Auto Fabrics, the only supplier known to have correct original cloth seat material for this vehicle

I



The two different materials arrived approximately 3 weeks after being ordered. Note the date of 10-78 stamped on the back of the material.



The finished product. I think they turned out beautifully. I could not discern any difference from the originals! Luke said the double cushions were indeed tedious and he spent some 3 ½ days on the job. He also added additional special foam padding per Rita's instruction. Note the rear seats are vinyl as could be special ordered as Tan Cloth Front – Vinyl Rear commonly referred to as childproofing.

## SOUTHEAST REGIONAL 2024

We received word from the Music City Chapter, BCA with some details on this October's Southeast Regional Tour in the Columbia, Tennessee area.

It's time to start making your plans to attend the 2024 S. E. Regional Meet & Tour. This year's meet will be hosted by the Music City Chapter and held from October 16th through October 20th just outside Nashville in Columbia, TN. We're planning a mix of activities that include historic homes, quaint downtowns, and antique autos.

The host hotel for the meet is the Sleep Inn, 1605 Harley Davidson Blvd (I-65 Exit 46 – Bear Creek Parkway) Columbia, TN 38401 (931)-548-2900 EACH MEMBER MUST MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS. Be sure to mention the Group "Buick Club". Please call hotel directly for group rate.

2 Queen Beds - \$135.55/night + tax

1 King Bed-\$130.55/night + tax

Questions/info [musiccitybuickclub@gmail.com](mailto:musiccitybuickclub@gmail.com) or Ron Franks (615)-347-0898



## 2024 Southeast Regional BCA Tour

October 16th-20th

### REGISTRATION FORM

Hotel: Sleep Inn 1605 Harley Davidson Blvd (I-65 Exit 46 – Bear Creek Parkway) Columbia, TN 38401 (931)-548-2900 01, (931) 548-2900 EACH MEMBER MUST MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS. Be sure to mention the Group "Buick Club". Please call hotel directly for group rate. 2 Queen Beds - \$135.55/night + tax 1 King Bed-\$130.55/night + tax The closest airport to the hotel is the Nashville International Airport (BNA). The hotel does NOT offer free shuttle service to the hotel.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 15th . Registrant's

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Other Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Buick Planning to drive on tour – Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note BCA rules require a working fire extinguisher)

Registration Fee: (1 registration fee per family) \$30

All tours/meals are being handled on a pay at door manner; you only need to include Registration Fee at time of registration. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16: Arrival Day. Meet and greet all your BCA friends in the hospitality room.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17:

Columbia TN Tour to James K. Polk Home and Museum (\$14/person, pay at door).

Lunch at Legends Steakhouse (order from menu)

Tour to Elm Springs Mansion and Museum(\$12.99/person, pay at door)

Dinner on your own.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18:

Spring Hill & Mt Pleasant, TN Tour to Rippa Villa mansion, Spring Hill TN (\$22/person, pay at door)

Lunch at Mt Pleasant Grille in Mt Pleasant, TN (order from menu) Tour of Maury Co/Mt Pleasant Museum, Mt Pleasant, TN (self-guided, no charge)

Free time for shopping on Mt Pleasant square. Dinner on your own.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19:

Columbia, TN Tour to Possum Holler Garage (auto restoration shop)

Lunch at La Fuente Mexican restaurant (order from menu)

Free time for touring/shopping downtown Columbia square and Arts District

Dinner at Catfish Campus Columbia, TN (we will have a private room, order from menu).

Participant Certifications: I certify that the Buick (or other vehicle) I will drive on this tour is covered by at least the minimum bodily injury and property liability insurance as required by the state or province in which it is registered. I agree not to hold the Buick Club of America, any of its chapters, 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 and/or my passengers.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check payable to "Music City BCA" to Ron Franks 1654 Cooper Creek Lane Franklin, TN 37064 Please direct all inquiries to [musiccitybuickclub@gmail.com](mailto:musiccitybuickclub@gmail.com)

## **Dixie Chapter Meeting – August 11, 2024**

Calling all land yachts (and those with dinghies too)

Aqualand Marina  
6800 Lights Ferry Road  
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Meeting Time – 1:00 pm in Aqualand's Conference Room

Lunch to follow at: Pig Tales Restaurant at the same address, overlooking Lake Lanier

The menu is available for review at [pigtailslakelanier.com](http://pigtailslakelanier.com)

Many thanks to Dave & Tria Gareau for pulling this month's meeting together on very short notice!

# It's time for Dixie Chapter BCA's Annual Picnic !!

September 8, 2024 – 1:00 pm

At Walt & Julie Ehrenfeuchter's House

Time to make the neighbors envious of all those rolling sheet metal sculptures we drive.

We will supply the protein & beverages (No SoyLent Green – IYKYK) and we ask everyone to bring a dish. JD has promised to bring his famous (infamous?) ribs.

Dish assignments are as follows:

Last name starting with –

- A-E: Dessert or Sweets
- F-G: Greens (Broccoli, Salad, Cole Slaw....)
- H-K: Raw Veggies (Vegetable Tray)
- M-N: Other Veggies (Baked Beans, Casseroles, etc.)
- O-Q: Beverages (Sweet or Unsweet Tea, Lemonade)
- R-V: Anything Chocolate
- W-Z: Crunchies & Dip (Chips, pretzels...)

Please **RSVP** with attendance and the food you are bringing to avoid us having 30 bags of chips and no desserts (like that would ever happen!) [WalterEh65@gmail.com](mailto:WalterEh65@gmail.com) or 678-622-9282.

Home Address for your Navigation System:

2340 Pendleton Place NW  
Suwanee, GA 30024

BUT -

To keep the cars safe (our neighbors drive way too fast around the curve at our house), parking will be available in the lower tennis court parking lot which is immediately adjacent to our house, on Quinton Place (You have to pass it to get to the house). Signs will be posted. There is a lovely, fairly-even trail through the woods to our house (it's not far, about 250 feet car to back door). Detailed directions will be posted in our next newsletter.



**August 11, 2024**

**Chapter Meeting**  
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6800 Lights Ferry Road  
Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
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Aqualand’s Conference  
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Pig Tales Restaurant at the  
same address, overlooking  
Lake Lanier

**September 8, 2024**

Chapter Picnic at the home of  
Walt and Julie Ehrenfeuchter.

# **The Timing Chain**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **BCA and Chapter Events**

<b>AUGUST 2024</b>						
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	31

**July 23-26, 2025**

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

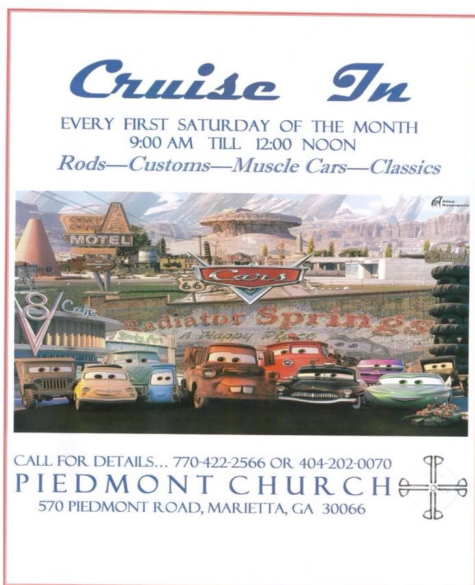
**August 19-22, 2026**

Buick Cub of America Annual  
Meet. Albany, New York

**October 16-20, 2024**

Southeast Regional Tour,  
Columbia, Tennessee. Hosted by

### **Non-Chapter Events**



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

You can buy these beautiful ornaments from the club store at the monthly chapter meetings.

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 24K Gold Finish Brass.  
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 Only \$9 each, 2 or more \$8 each!  
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 Marietta GA 30066-5720  
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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](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.

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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](mailto:sbkile58@aol.com).

# Mile Markers

## Celebrating Life's Events



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/3/80 Jerry & Jean Richstein
- 8/13 Frank & Lori Tatom
- 8/24 Howard & Sylvia Baker



### BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Barbara Lee
- 8/6 Patty Brown
- 8/10 Shar Kile
- 8/11 Allison Westfall
- 8/20 Terry Bird
- 8/22/60 Jerry Wilson

**Come join us on Facebook!**

## **Do you need replacement wheels or hubcaps?**

Bianca at [Hubcaps.com](http://Hubcaps.com) and [OriginalWheels.com](http://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



The official Buick name for the color of the My Cousin Vinny Skylark is Surf Green. Thank you Miss Vito, you have been very helpful.

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](http://www.buickclub.org)

**Did you know** that Dixie Chapter cars have appeared in a number of big screen movies and TV shows, including: "Trouble with the Curve", "We Are Marshall", "The Anita Hill Story", "Dolly Parton's Crackerjack", and others?







# 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. \$19,500. 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 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**.