

Dixie Valve Chatter

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Chapter Picnic September 8th

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Hello Dixie Chapter Members,

We had a great turnout at the Lake Lanier Marina. I think we had 22 people there. Thanks to Dave and Walt for setting this up. And right across the driveway was a great restaurant...I think??? When I got there, there were 6 chairs in the conference room. So, we scrounged enough chairs for 18 people to sit. Then when the meeting was over, we still had an hour to wait to be seated at the restaurant. So, everyone left. We should do this again next summer, but put in our reservation when our meeting starts.

Don't forget our annual picnic at Walt and Julie's home on Sept 8th. Julie needs an RSVP ASAP. It is potluck and everyone needs to bring a dish. Later in this newsletter will be Walt's official invite with potluck requests and directions.

At the picnic, we need to have a meeting to discuss:

1. Future BOPC Shows starting next year.
2. We need to start thinking about Dixie Club Officer elections in November.
3. Any more thoughts on charity donations?
4. What else???

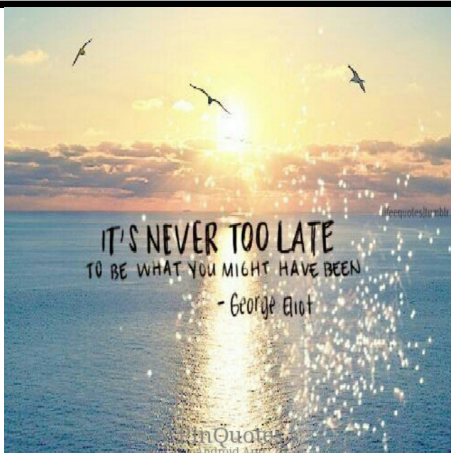
Mark your calendars:

- * BCA BDE Tour in Lehigh, PA Sept 23-26.
- * Southeast Regional BCA Tour in Columbia, TN Oct 16-20.

See ya at Julie and Walt's picnic Sept 8th. I am told to bring 'Infamous' BBQ Ribs.

J D

Quotable Quotations



Grit in the Gearbox



Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hey Everyone,

Happy Labor Day, all! I hope you have some great plans for the last big weekend of Summer. Just a couple of weeks ago, over twenty DCBCA members gathered for the August meeting up on Lake Lanier. It was a productive meeting with lots of discussion on upcoming events including the Southeast Regional Tour in Tennessee and the 2025 National meet in Concord, North Carolina. Other discussions included the Chapter Picnic in September and officers' elections this fall. Dixie Chapter is on the move.

July 2025 will be here before you know it and so will the National meet. This month I have added hotel information for Nationals. The host hotel will fill up before too long, so make those reservations soon! The Dixie Chapter will again be hosting the hospitality room at the hotel, and all hands on deck are needed to staff it. Get with Bruce and Shar about volunteering. I have secured my room and will be putting forth my Nationals registration soon. I am still debating over which car will carry Tammy and me to the event. Registration forms and a list of all of the tours and activities are on the mailer of your current Buick Bugle magazine and will be available on line soon.

So, enjoy the waning days of Summer and the waxing days of Autumn. Get that Buick out and take in some shows or go leaf peeping. It is all better in a Buick!

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



September 18, 1908 is an important date in Buick and automobile industry history. What auspicious event occurred on this date?

Car of the Month



Our featured car this month is “Bosley,” a 1978 Riviera owned by DCBCA members Rich and Kat Fink of Ohio. DC Secretary Pat Horvath caught up with Bosley and the Finks at the BCA Nationals in Strongsville, Ohio.

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



BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW FOR THE 2025 BCA NATIONALS IN CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA !!

This information was sent to us from the Tarheel Chapter BCA, the host chapter for the 2025 National meet.

The Embassy Suites Concord is open for booking for our 2025 Buick National Meet July 23rd-26th.

You can book using the link below or by calling 704 455 8200 and using "The Buick Club of America" room block.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/thebuickclubofamerica2025/>

If not booking for the whole week, you can use the "Edit Stay" feature to change the dates to the desired dates.

One last thing I will add is that we do not have the entire hotel available to us for this meet, so if you want to be at the host hotel instead of one of the many near-by hotels, I would book your room ASAP.

Nationals 2025 Hospitality Room

The Dixie Chapter BCA has been tapped to host the BCA National Meet Hospitality Room at the Host Hotel, the Embassy Inn and Suites in Concord, North Carolina. Our chapter will be monetarily compensated for our service in the room and all of the money from the BCA will go to us unless members from other chapters are required to help fill the shifts. In that case the money will be split with other participating chapters. This is a great opportunity of the DCBCA to earn some money and have a great time with other National's attendees.

If you are planning on attending the meet, please contact Bruce and Shar Kile (sbkile58@gmail.com) or (770)977-7924 to volunteer or for more information.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL 2024

Registration Deadline September 16th

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 or Ron Franks (615)-347-0898

CALLING ALL COOL CATS!
THE SMYRNA JONQUIL LIONS CAR SHOW

SEPT 14TH 9:00AM-12:30PM
Adventure Outdoors Parking Lot
2500 South Cobb Dr SE Smyrna GA
\$25 Car Registration 9:00-11:00am

TROPHIES, RAFFLES, PRIZES & FUN!
SPECIAL PRIZE FOR BEST BUICK

**Dixie Chapter Member
Johnny Lula extends a warm
invitation for DCBCA
members to attend this
Lions' club car show and
display our cars. There will
be a special award for Best
Buick!**

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 Soy lent 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)
- L-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 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 this newsletter.



Directions:

From the south –

- I-85 North to Exit 111 for Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road
- Turn Right at the top of the Ramp
- Go 1.7 miles on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road
- Turn Left on Taylor Road – the 4th Light (Shell Station on corner)
 - 1st Light – Old Peachtree Road
 - 2nd Light – Crestridge Road
 - 3rd Light – McGinnis Ferry Road
- At the first stop sign turn Right – you are now on Quinton Place
- Follow Signs to Parking (about one block)
- If you reach another stop sign – you missed it!

From the north –

- I-85 South to Exit 111 for Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road
- Turn Left at the top of the Ramp
- Go 1.7 miles on Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road
- Turn Left on Taylor Road – the 4th Light (Shell Station on corner)
 - 1st Light – Old Peachtree Road
 - 2nd Light – Crestridge Road
 - 3rd Light – McGinnis Ferry Road
- At the first stop sign turn Right – you are now on Quinton Place
- Follow Signs to Parking (about one block)
- If you reach a stop sign – you missed it!

If you get turned around or lost – Just call, we'll figure it out.....

678-622-9282



The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

2024 SEPTEMBER						
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					

September 8, 2024

Chapter Picnic at the home of Walt and Julie Ehrenfeuchter. Details and directions in this newsletter. Make plans to attend!

October 16-20, 2024

Southeast Regional Tour, Columbia, Tennessee. Hosted by the Music City Chapter, BCA

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

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:

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

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

Original Keepsake Buick Holiday Ornaments
 24K Gold Finish Brass.
 3-Dimensional, Laser cut.
 Individually boxed.
 Only \$9 each, 2 or more \$8 each!
 (U.S. Funds)

Send your name & address with check or money order made payable to:
BUICK DRIVING ENTHUSIASTS
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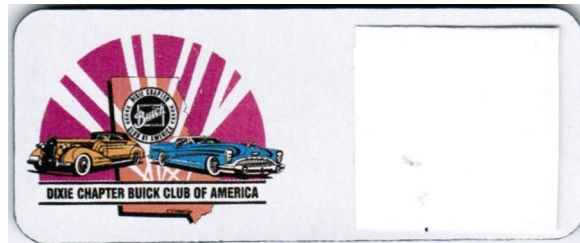
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DIXIE CHAPTER NAME TAGS! Get your free Dixie Chapter name tag! It is what the best dressed DC/BCA members are wearing this year. Available with either magnetic or pin back, these stylish tags boast the attractive Dixie Chapter logo and your name and 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

- 9/3 J.D. and Allison Westfall
- 9/17 Ken and Sandy Green
- 9/25 Ron and Connie Bergeron

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

- 9/1 Dave Dutton
- 9/2 Walt Ehrenfeutcjter
- 9/5/61 Tom Lynde
- 9/7/40 Alan Lisenby
- 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

Auto Trivia Answer

Buick Motor Car company owner William C. Durant leveraged an engine supply deal with McLaughlin Motor Car Company of Canada to found General Motors on September 18, 1908. In the beginning, the Detroit headquartered GM, which positioned itself as an automotive holding company, had only Buick under its umbrella. Within a decade it would acquire more than twenty companies.



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

Don't miss out! Make your hotel reservations and register for the Buick Club of America Nationals in Concord, North Carolina NOW!

July 23—26, 2025



Deals on Wheels



Want to buy: Driver's side door trim for 1989 Buick Electra Park Avenue. Tom Lynde BCA 46614 770-827-5357. lynde2375@charter.net



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

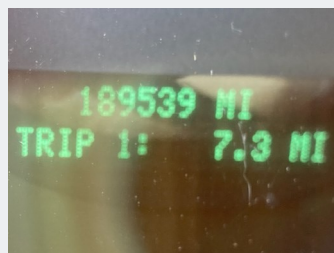


Car for Sale: 1975 LeSabre Convertible. 5.7/350. Great runner. Rebuilt motor and transmission. Newer top, dual exhaust added. Very clean underside. New tires. Shows 15K miles. Insured 26K. \$19,500. Elise, BCA 8516. 706-216-4389. Photos: sincere-johnf@gmail.com.



FOR FREE to any Dixie Chapter member. 1 good (used) AC Delco Alternator. Fits all 2002-04 Buick Regal & Century, 2002-05 Chev Impala, Lumina & Monte Carlo & (quite likely) several other GMs. Also have super charger & A/C-water pump belt tensioners with under 2K miles on them, great for spare, also free to a Chapter member. Call Bruce (678) 662-6072 sbkile58@aol.com

Car for Sale: 2004 Buick Lesabre Custom. A/C needs repair. Great fixer-upper, runs good. Very presentable. \$2250. Jeff. 404-538-7623



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 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.

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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.co](mailto:musiccitybuickclub@gmail.com)