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Hello Dixie Chapter BCA Members,

Boy, What a Fall. Beautiful colors. Poplars are bare. Maples are starting to give up their leaves. Oaks are still looking beautiful. And the evergreens are majestic. With the top down, I have to clean the leaves and acorns out of the Wildcat when taking a cruise.

At our monthly meeting November 10th, we will have the pleasure once again to see some beautiful Buicks, Packards and Cadillacs at Mike and Cindy Coggins' "Garage". This "Garage" has automobile artifacts throughout the history of the automobile. I know I could spend hours going through this collection. Official meeting time is 1:00 pm. I will be there at 12:30 to enjoy the collection. Their address is 3134 Trickum Road, Woodstock GA. Mark your calendars and don't miss the Coggins' "Garage".

This is our last meeting of the year. We have several important subjects to discuss. After the meeting, we will go about 2 miles back up Trickum to Hwy 92 to Buffalo's Cafe, 12035 Hwy 92, Woodstock GA... for some dinner and fellowship.

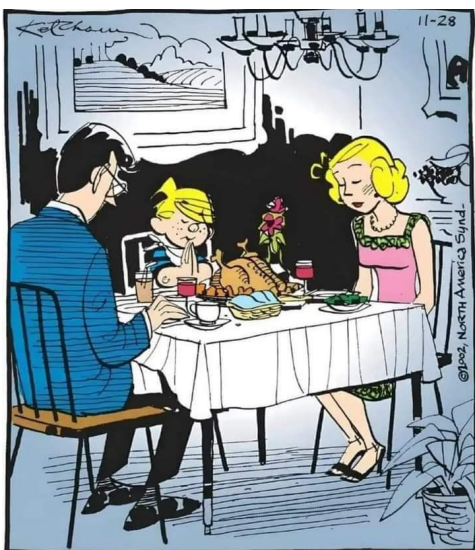
Bring your beautiful Buicks,

J D

Quotable Quotations



Grit in the Gearbox



"...AND I'M THANKFUL THE PILGRIMS DIDN'T HAVE LIVER AN' ONIONS FOR THEIR THANKSGIVING MEAL."

Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hey Everyone,

I am hoping this finds all of you well as we enter into the Holiday Season. It is a busy time for The Dixie Chapter as we look forward to the November chapter meeting. Last month's meeting was productive, but this month we need to seal the deal on a number of matters including chapter elections and charitable giving. Please make plans to attend and let your voice be heard.

We also need to hear from you on the future of the annual BOPC show. As most of you know by now, the Dixie Oldsmobile Club has ceased operation. They were one of the four clubs that worked in rotation to put on the show every year, so their departure leaves us with three clubs to do the work. However, the Peach State Cadillac Club has stated that they will only work in rotation if there are four clubs participating. Take the Caddies out and that leaves the GTO Club and us shouldering the show responsibilities. That means we could be hosting every two years rather than every four.

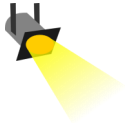
So, what we need to know is how do you feel about the BOPC? Do you like its current format or would you prefer a more informal cruise-in, or is it time to just let it go? If it remains, would you be willing to work on the show and not just show a car? What about awards and classes? Simplify them? Do away with them? There are many things to consider and May will be here very soon. We need your input!

Please come to the meeting and drive your Buick. We are blessed in Georgia with weather that allows us to enjoy our cars year-round. Come, and enjoy good people and good discussions.

Happy Buicking!

Tom

BCA 46614



MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations to **J.D. Westfall** for winning one of the 20 awards given with his 1971 Riviera Boattail at the Apple Festival car show in Ellijay. There were 232 cars and trucks registered the show.



If you are on **Facebook**, be sure to check out and join a new Buick group created by Lamar Brown. It is called **Buick Motor Company** and highlights Buick cars from 1904 to 1960. There are a lot of good people already on board and great photos and stories about our favorite cars!

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**.



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

Collector's Shelf

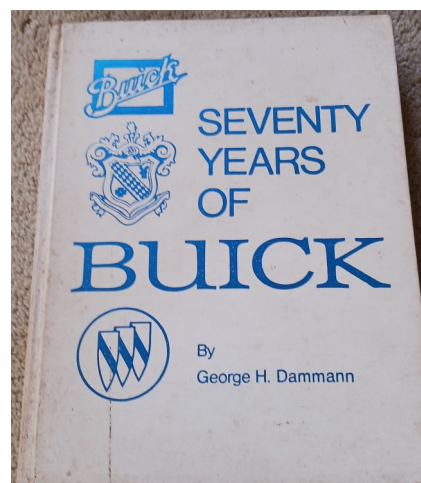
Check out one of the latest offerings from Brazilian model maker Sergio Goldvarg, a 1948 Roadmaster in Cumulus Grey. As usual, detail is outstanding and production is limited to 250 units on this 1/43 scale model.



NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Make your plans to attend the November meeting of the Dixie Chapter BCA, November 10th at 1:00PM at the home of Mike and Cindy Coggins, 3134 Trickum Road, Woodstock. Mike has a gas station/ garage filled with Texaco memorabilia, a 1934 Buick and lots of other fine vintage automobiles. We had our chapter meeting here back in June and many have asked that we return to this venue for another visit. There is a lot of important chapter business to be conducted, including officer elections and discussion of the future of the BOPC show. The Coggins' home is located on a large property surrounded by a white three rail fence. A big Texaco sign is visible from the road. Thank you Mike and Cindy for your hospitality! Following the meeting there will be an optional lunch at near-by Buffalo Café, 12035 Hwy 92, Woodstock. A private room has been reserved. Make your plans to attend this important meeting.

As an incentive to attend, this original edition of ***Seventy Years of Buick*** could be yours for simply attending the November Meeting! All attendees will be given one ticket, first time attendees will be given two additional tickets, and driving a Buick, any year, will net you an additional ticket!



A Car Collecting Fairytale

by

Alan Ziglin

In the July 2023 issue of the Dixie Valve Chatter Newsletter, my article was published about how, after looking for years for the right boat tail Buick Riviera, I wound up buying two of them 11 weeks apart. This is the story of how a children's fairytale may, or may not, have helped me find my Rivieras.

In this follow-up story, I have to briefly refer to Studebakers and Pontiacs, but I promise this article is about two Buicks.

In 1976 I owned a 1929 Studebaker and a 1951 Studebaker Commander Starlight Coupe. (Both of which I still own.) One day I was roaming through a salvage yard (junkyard) for parts for my '51. While there, I came upon 1959 Pontiac Bonneville and recalled that back when I was 10 or 11 years old, I had seen a new 1959 Pontiac and I thought it was the best-looking car I had ever seen and wished I could have one...someday.

On that June day in 1976 at the salvage yard, I was at a point in my life where my wife and I had a 15-month-old baby and were seven months pregnant with our second child. In addition, I was very early in my career. For these reasons, it seemed to me that the chance I would ever own a '59 Pontiac was quite remote.

So, on a whim, I bought the horn ring off of the scrapped 1959 Pontiac. I had always thought that horn ring was very artistic. I went home and being limited on funds, I cut a piece of cardboard and mounted the horn ring on it to hang on the wall of my garage and wrote on it that it was my "glass slipper". This was a reference to the children's fairytale, Cinderella, in which they were trying to find the person whose foot fit into the slipper. In my case, I was hoping that one day I might own the car that the horn ring fit.

I noted the date I bought the horn ring on the back of the cardboard. It was June 5, 1976.



Glass Slipper # 1 and date June 5, 1976

Years and decades went by. Finally in 2011, I was fortunate enough to find and purchased a 1959 Pontiac Bonneville convertible.

As I recounted in my article in the newsletter, I looked for years to find the right boat tail Riviera with no success.

Eventually, I joined the Riviera Owners Association, hoping their magazine might lead me to the car I was looking for.

In the second issue of their magazine, "The Riview", that I received (January/February 2021), I found an ad from someone in Athens, Georgia who was offering a rear window for a boat tail Riviera for free. Since Athens is only about an hour away from our home, I emailed the person to see if the window was still available. He indicated it was and that I was welcome to come get it but he also asked what year Riviera I had.

I would not lie to the man and so I briefly recounted the story you are reading here. I thought he might think I was a kook and I might never hear back from him. However, he responded that it was a great story and that I was welcome to come get the window.

As with the horn ring for the Pontiac, I was hoping to find a 1971 or 1972 Riviera the rear glass would window fit.

I retrieved the window in April, 2021. Once I got it home, I cleaned it up, printed a label "Glass Slipper Number 2" and hoped all this might bring me good luck in finding the Riviera I had been seeking for so many years.

Eleven months later, I had a 1971 Riviera in my garage and 11 weeks after that I had a second boat tail (1972) in my garage also.

Did the "Glass Slipper" help me find the Rivieras? The best answer I can provide is, maybe....



Glass Slipper number 2

BUICK TRIVIA

Where did the model name “Invicta” come from and where did it fit in the Buick Family?



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

The Parts Authority Auto Parts Stores offer 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

Car of the Month



Walt and Julie Ehrenfeutcher's 1959 Invicta at the Olive Garden for the September chapter meeting.

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

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

The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

November 10, 2024

Chapter Meeting at the home of Mike and Cindy Coggins, 3134 Trickum Road, Woodstock. 1:00 PM followed by an optional lunch at Buffalo Cafe.

Make plans to attend!

2024 NOVEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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

July 23-26, 2025

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

August 19-22, 2026

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

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/10/12 Rich & Kathleen Fink
- 11/11 John & Kevin Link
- 11/15 Jo3 & Heidi Jeziorski

Come join us on Facebook!



BIRTHDAYS

- 11/9 Susie Grant
- 11/9 Lee Hurdelbrink
- 11/13 James Thomas, Jr.
- 11/14/57 Lynn Wilson
- 11/15 Clark Lemons
- 11/20 Paula Liska
- 11/23 Paul Pieper
- 11/28/42 Jan Blizzard

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.



Buick Trivia Answer

According to Buick Motor Division sales training materials, the name “Invicta” was derived from Latin and signified “unconquerable, invincible, unbeatable, unvanquished.” It was a name that Buick would use from 1959 to 1963 on its full-size performance line, using the chassis of the LeSabre and the engine from the Electra.



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

[BCA Meet - Registration \(cornerstonereg.com\)](http://cornerstonereg.com) **On Line Registration**

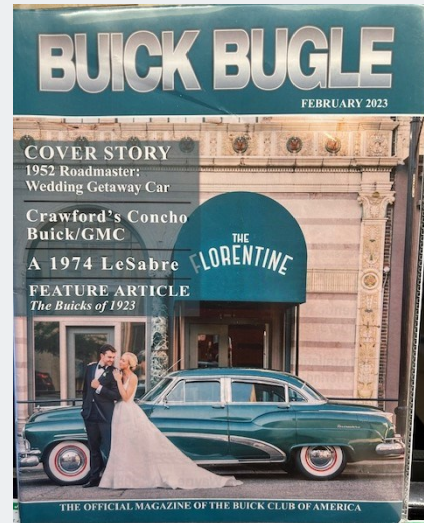
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Deals on Wheels



1952 Roadmaster 72R, Bugle Cover Car Feb 2023, Recent Rebuilt Dynaflow, new (correct) battery, new ignition parts, re-cored radiator, new belts/hoses, upgraded to front disc brakes, new (Diamond Back) tires.+ much more. Asking \$13,000, Bill Cartus BCA #52152, (770) 624-3767 or bcartus@yahoo.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: 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.



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.

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, please 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@aol.com**) or **(770)977-7924** to volunteer or for more information.

