

# Dixie Valve Chatter

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2025

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Happy New Year Dixie BCA Members,

Another year in the history books. Many great memories such as the picnic at the Ehrenfeuchters, BOPC last May, 2 visits to the Coggins "Garage". BDE's near and far, and camaraderie at our chapter meetings just to list a few. And the beloved members we lost.

Onward into 2025. Winter projects needing our attention. I for one just pulled the Quadrajet off the Boat Tail to rebuild it. Your Buicks are waiting for your wrenches.

The 2025 Peach Blossom BOPC is taking shape. The Olds Club has taken it on. They have re-organized with a newly elected board of officers. Preliminarily, they are looking at April 26 at Piedmont Church in Marietta. Stay tuned for the official registration form in upcoming Valve Chatter newsletters.

The Dixie Holiday Party is this coming Sunday at Ippolito's in Suwannee. I have 18 RSVP's so far. It's not too late. Join us on Sunday. Remember, men bring a men's gift and women bring a woman's gift.

We have BDE's coming up in AL and KY this year. Remember, you can attend one BDE Tour as a guest.

Lots going on in 2025. See you in Suwannee Sunday.

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**Quotable Quotations**



**Grit in the Gearbox**



# Sonomatic Sounds

## Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Happy New Year, all!

I trust you had a wonderful and blessed holiday season and a safe and happy New Year. 2025 is here and with it a full calendar of events for the DCBCA. Just look at the Timing Chain!. It is filled with activities for the first half of the year. This weekend brings us the After the Holidays Party at Ippolito's in Suwanee. It is always a great time and I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

I tend to be a sentimental fellow, and perhaps a bit even more so around the holidays. Case in point, one of the cartoons that pops up on Facebook every now and then speaks to me. It depicts a young man laboring over a derelict '57 Chevy with an older gentleman, presumably his father telling him "Enjoy this! Some day you will tell of how this was the best car you ever owned." I guess car guys all over can relate to that. And it is not because the car was great looking, the fastest or even the most reliable. It was because of all of the friends that were along for the ride and all those great memories per mile.

My first car was a hand me down '73 Estate Wagon. It seemed like my high school parking lot was filled with GTOs, Chevilles, Mustangs, 'Cudas and GSs. Then there were the "rich kids" with the 260Z, Fiat X/19 and even a Ferrari 308. I guess in reality, there were actually more cars like mine than not. Anyway. I could pile all of my friends into that car and take off together for great adventures in Boston, or to the beaches on Cape Cod. We drove it to the cinema an untold number of times to see *Grease* in the theatre, and to concert venues to see bands like Cheap Trick, Styx, Journey, and ELO. Not to mention that the back of that old wagon was big enough to haul all equipment necessary for a well stocked garage band, including the band members. That old blue wagon, The Beast as we called it, carried me and my friends through the Summer leading into my senior year of high school. There came other newer, faster, cooler cars, but none other so special. It's all about the people, the friends.

Some ask "why join a car club?" It is the cars, maybe that special car, that brings together. But it is the friends and people we meet along the way that make it worth while. See you at Ippolito's!

Happy Buicking,

Tom Lynde



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### **A Friendly Reminder:**

Membership Renewal Notices were mailed last month, and 2025 Dixie Chapter dues were due by the end of December 2024. Those who have prepaid for 2025 or beyond don't need to pay any additional dues at this time. However, please return the membership form that was mailed to you last month so we can verify your correct address, phone number(s), email address, BCA Number, etc.

Those who do owe dues at this time can pay for up to 3 years at \$20 per year.

Past Meritorious Award winners pay just \$10 per year and current elected Chapter Officers don't pay dues while in office.



# MEMBER NEWS



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We welcome Jack Westfall as the newest member of the Dixie Chapter, BCA. Jack is hardly a stranger to us as he has attended chapter activities for many years with his dad, J.D. Westfall. Again, welcome Jack! Thanks for making it “official!”

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](mailto:sbkile58@aol.com) . There is no charge for your first name tag, if you receive it at a chapter meeting or



A car restorers starter kit



# AFTER THE HOLIDAYS PARTY!

The annual Dixie Chapter After The Holidays Party will be held at 1:00 PM, Sunday January 12, 2025 at Ippolito's, 350 Town Center Avenue in Suwanee. Please come and enjoy a great meal and fun, post-holiday cheer! We will be ordering from the menu, and this year the event will be Dutch treat, with each attendee paying for his or her meal and drinks. As is the custom, there will be a rousing gift exchange after lunch. Men are encouraged to bring a man's gift and ladies are asked to bring a lady's gift, about \$20.00 each. No gag gifts, please. The restaurant is saving the downstairs dining room for us and there is plenty of parking out back, so do drive your Buick.

**Please RSVP to J.D. Westfall, 913-638-7849 [pharmboyjd@gmail.com](mailto:pharmboyjd@gmail.com)**

**See you there!!**



# Buick TRIVIA

The German built Opel, once owned by General Motors, supplied the basis for several badge engineered Buick models such as the 5th and 6th generation Regal and the Cascada. When was the German built Opel sold through Buick Dealers and what were some of its most popular models?



## 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

**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



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 thoughts and concerns in a timely manner, please be sure to keep her well informed.

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM



**BUICK STYLE IS HERE AGAIN!**

No question now as to who has the ball on automobile styling! Take a look at almost any blockful of new cars—and you will see once more the swing and dip of tapering fenders that Buick pioneered—and that the whole country went for with a joyous whoop and holler.

They're a little smoother now, of course, rounded a bit—and are molded right into the body. And they flow sweetly into race-fender forms that look for all the world like a pit plane's power plant.

Then look how wonderfully they are topped off in the upperstructure—with wide, curving, one-piece windshields, and with smart, Buick-originated wrap-around back windows!

Yes, Buick style is here again. The sleek, swift-lined style that has put Buick right in the fashion forefront of postwar America.

And you can have it in a choice of many sleek and roomy models, ranging in price from just above the lowest brackets to the five-car field.

Come in to see your Buick dealer—and start traveling in the smartest styling of the times.

**WHATEVER YOUR PRICE RANGE**  
**"Better buy Buick"**

Please your BUICK dealer for a demonstration—Right Now!

**H. & S. BUICK SALES AND SERVICE**  
 "Public Square"  
 McDONOUGH, GA.





# Mile Markers

## Celebrating Life's Events



### ANNIVERSARIES

No anniversaries to celebrate this month



### BIRTHDAYS

- 1/10 Nancy Knight
- 1/19 Jana Hunter
- 1/24 Kevin Link

**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.



# The Timing Chain

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BCA and Chapter Events

JANUARY 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	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	1

www.GrabCalendar.com

**January 12, 2025**

After the Holidays Party, 1:00 PM at Ippolito's 350 Town Center Ave in Suwanee. Fun, fellowship, gift exchange and order from the menu, Dutch treat.

Make plans to attend!

**February 16, 2025**

Chapter meeting via Zoom

**March 9, 2025**

The Dixie Chapter annual Bowl-arama. Time and details to be announced.

**April 13, 2025**

Chapter meeting and outing. Details forthcoming!

### 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

**To be announced!**

Peach Blossom BOPC. Hosted by Dixie Olds. Details forthcoming

**May 4-9, 2025**

Natchez, Mississippi:

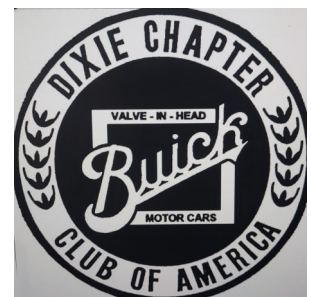
BDE National Tour: *Buicks Among the Magnolias*. For registration information contact Bruce and Shar Kile 678-642-6672. sbkile58@aol.com.

**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



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

## Buick Trivia Answer

Opel cars appeared under their own name in the U.S. from 1958 to 1975, when they were sold through Buick dealers as captive imports. The best-selling Opel models in the U.S. were the 1964 to 1972 Opel Kadett, the 1971 to 1975 Opel Manta, and the 1968 to 1973 Opel GT. (The name "Opel" was also applied from 1976 to 1980 to vehicles manufactured by Izuzu in Japan and were entirely different cars.)



1965 Kadett "A" Caravan



1972 Opel GT



1972 Opel Manta

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Do you know some interesting 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)

**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**

**2025MEET.BUICKCLUB.ORG**

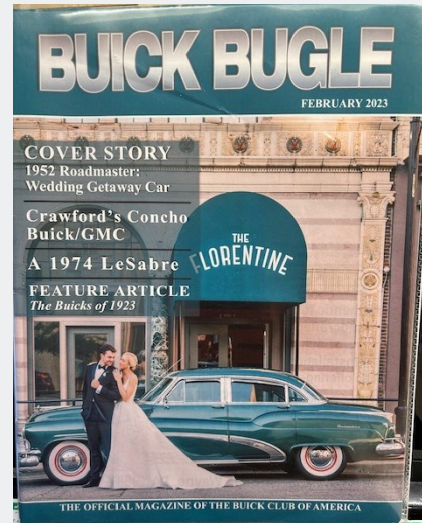




# Deals on Wheels

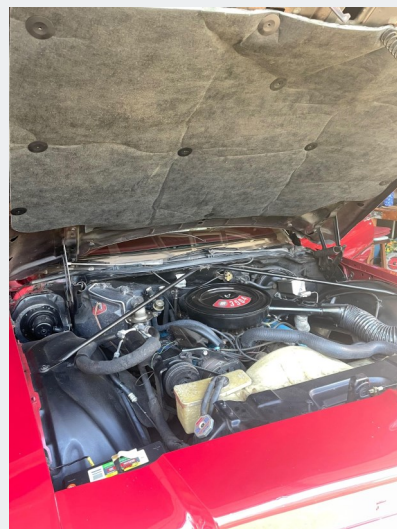


**1952 Roadmaster 72R**, Bugle Cover Car Feb 2023, Recent Rebuilt Dynaflow, new (correct) battery, new ignition parts, re-cored radiator, new belts/hoses, upgraded to front disc brakes, new (Diamond Back) tires. And much more. Asking \$13,000, Bill Cartus BCA #52152, (770) 624-3767 or bcartus@yahoo.com



**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.





# Deals on Wheels



**Buick Parts For Sale:** 1965-72 Skylark, factory chrome 14X6. Also used with later models. \$20.each with tri-shield center caps, \$15 each w/o center cap. Wheel weight is 20#. Eight available. Delivery possible in Georgia.

Lee Hurdelbrink, 545 Timber Valley Road, Sandy Springs, GA 30342. Call or text:404-702-3350. atlantablh@aol.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.

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

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Division Project



## **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.

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### **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.

