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For Photos and Upcoming Events: Check us out on Facebook, "Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America", and on the Web at www.dixie.buickclub.org



J.D. is busy prepping his boattail Riviera for the BOPC and the Hilton Head Concours d'elegance. Look for his message in next month's DVC. In the meantime, here's a reminder to get those BOPC registrations in and put the finishing detail touches on your beautiful Buick! See you at the Peach Blossom show!



Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hi, everyone!

Happy April! I hope your spring is going well, filled with fun activities and some garage and Buick time, too.

Tammy and I took a field trip to Atlanta for the International Auto Show at the World Congress Center. I have mixed reviews, especially since our favorite marque, along with all other GM makes were conspicuously absent from the show floor. That is right, no Buicks! But, we still had a good time. Even though there were no Buicks to look at, there was a very nice 1972 Pantera on display, owned by DCBCA member Bill Cartus.

The show brought me back to the days when my dad would bring my brother and me to the auto show at the Hines Auditorium in Boston. We would check out all the latest Detroit offerings, with special interest devoted to the muscle cars and prototypes. I would leave with a full bag of literature and we would top the evening with a trip to Howard Johnson's for a plate of fried clams and onion rings. Since we were in Atlanta, Tammy and I motored to The Varsity for a couple of chili dogs and fried pies. A nice topping for a good outing.

Also missing from the show were the brochures and literature. Nowadays, one can simply scan QR codes and receive car model information directly to one's phone. I do miss holding the paper brochure in my hands, though. As a kid I especially liked the ones that allowed the reader to "build your own car" by checking boxes to select the options and features you would like on your car. One of my favorites was from the 1972 Pontiac catalog, where I designed a Lemans Wagon with the GTO Endura front end, 455 HO, Muncie four speed, bucket seats and console, too. I was only eleven so I never could have placed the order, but It was fun knowing that GM would have built it that way. The good old days.

I just received my AACA magazine, and there is an awesome write up on the North Carolina Transportation Museum. This is one of the available side trips during the BCA Nationals and it looks fantastic. Planes, trains, and automobiles in a historic roundhouse. I am looking forward to seeing it in July.

Be sure to check out the details of the April Chapter meeting, April 13th, at the Aviation History and Technology Center near Dobbins Airforce Base. This looks like a great outing and we will meet for lunch at a nearby establishment after the meeting and guided tour. Don't miss out.

And before I go, a reminder to check out the pictures and coverage from the Bowl-a-rama. Thanks again to Bruce and Shar Kile for coordinating this fun chapter event steeped in tradition and history. If you missed it please plan to attend next year.

I think that is it for right now. See you on the 13th!

Happy Buicking,

Tom Lynde

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BOWL-A-RAMA!

Our February chapter meeting coincided with the annual Dixie Chapter Bowl-a-rama. A small, but mighty contingent of bowlers turned out to AMF Woodstock Lanes to display their duck pin prowess. Pat Horvath received honors for the best ladies' score at 517. David Lee bowled a 574 to top the men's competition. J.D. Westfall claimed the prestigious Hub Cap award for the best overall bowling performance and Jack Westfall carried home the DC "Oops!" award for most gutter balls. Congratulations to all bowlers. Everyone who participated was a winner. Please make plans to attend next year's event and show us your bowling skills.

After the bowling, there was a brief chapter meeting and a delicious pizza lunch.

Rainy weather prevented a turn-out of classic buicks, but there was a respectable turn out of late model Tri-shields in the parking lot. Be sure to crank up those Buicks and drive them to the April Chapter meeting and outing at the Aviation History and Technology Center near Dobbins AFB in Marietta on April 13th!

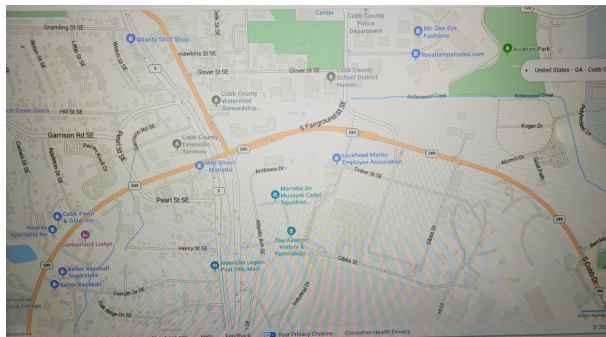




APRIL CHAPTER MEETING AND OUTING

Our next chapter meeting will be held Sunday, April 13th at the Aviation History and Technology Center near Dobbins AFB, 555 Perrin Road, Marietta. Meeting at 1:30, tour at 2. The meeting will be under the wing actual airplane and we will have a retired Air Force and Delta Airlines Captain, and car guy, as our tour guide. There is a five dollar per person charge to cover the meeting space and the tour.

Following the meeting, there will be an optional lunch at the Marietta Diner. A head count is suggested, so that we can have a head count for seating on the plane and an approximate number for lunch. Please call or email Bruce Kile, (770) 997-7924 or sbkile58@aol.com to RSVP.





MEMBER NEWS



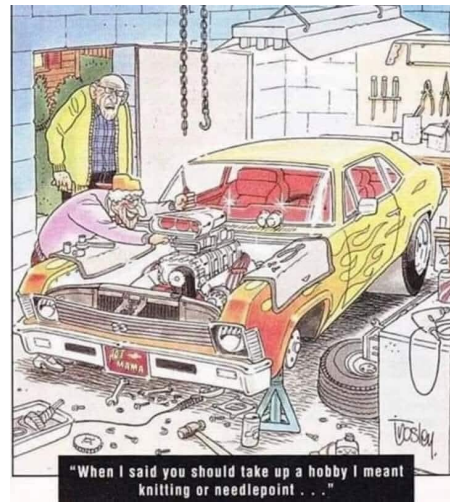
NOTE: If you know of members winning awards or touring to interesting places, or have an idea for an article of interest to our members, please let **Tom Lynde** know at least two weeks before the end of the month to ensure inclusion in the next **Dixie Valve Chatter**.



Quotable Quotations



Grit in the Gearbox



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



Buick Trivia



What fabled Buick performance name plate found its way onto an economy car as a decal package in 1974?

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

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



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.

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 2492 Lorrie Drive Marietta GA 30066-5720	
	A limited number of previous editions are available. Write for details.	
	CHAPTERS: Write for discount case pricing.	
	<small>Pre-Production Image - Not-to-Size A Buick Driving Enthusiasts Division Project</small>	

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/1 Nate & Jeanette Lapp
- 4/5 Bill & Nancy Hansen
- 4/7 Gene & Andrea Walsh
- 4/17/05 John & Stacey Lula
- 4/24 James & Sarah Thomas
- 4/26/58 Bruce & Shar Kile

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Lori Tatom
- 4/6 Jerry Richstein
- 4/15 Heidi Jeziorski

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.



The Timing Chain

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCA and Chapter Events

April 13, 2025

Chapter meeting and outing at the Aviation History and Technology center near Dobbins AFB in Marietta. Details in this newsletter.

April 26, 2025

2025 Peach Blossom BOPC, sponsored by Dixie Olds. Registration form in this newsletter.

APRIL 2025						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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	1	2	3	4

Free Calendar Templates Dreamcalendars.com

Non-Chapter Events

June 23, 2025

BOPC Night at Summit Racing in McDonough. 6:00 – 8:00 PM



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

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

MONDAY NIGHT CRUISE-INS
 All Vehicles Welcome 6 pm to 8 pm
At Summit Racing Equipment in McDonough, GA

- April 7 First Cruise—Summit Racing Employee Vehicles
- April 14 High School and College Student Night
- April 21 Chevrolet Night
- April 28 Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury
- May 5 Mopar
- May 12 Trucks, Diesel, and Military
- May 19 Camaro, Firebird, and Trans Am
- June 2 Rat Rods and Old School Hot Rods
- June 9 1920s thru 1940s Hot Rods and Street Rods
- June 16 1970s thru 1980s Cars and Motorcycles
- June 23 Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, and Cadillac
- June 30 Brembo Night
- July 7 Mustang, Falcon, Cougar, and T-Bird
- July 14 1950s Cars & Motorcycles
- July 21 Two Seat Sports Cars, Bikes, and Trikes
- July 28 Under Construction Project Cars and Engine Swap Vehicles
- August 4 Corvette Night
- August 11 Pro Street, Gasser, and Race Cars
- August 18 Convertible, Targa and T-Top
- August 25 Import Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles
- September 8 Late Model Muscle Cars and Motorcycles
- September 15 1960s Cars and Motorcycles
- September 22 Restomod, Pro Touring, and LS/Coyote Engine Swap
- September 29 Jeep Night
- October 6 Ladies Owners Night
- October 13 Turbo, Supercharger, and Nitrous
- October 20 Dodge Charger and Challenger
- October 27 Last Cruise

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

Buick Trivia Answer

After disappearing in 1973, the fabled GSX nameplate reappeared as a stripe and decal option available on the 1974 Apollo.

GSX
BUICK'S NEWEST EXCITEMENT
IN THE ALREADY EXCITING
APOLLO LINE-UP

Here's an eye-catching new way to handle your smaller car needs. Apollo by Buick... all dressed up with smart personal car accents... and sporting its own distinctive new emblem—GSX!

Special GSX trim all around, for pleasing "special car" distinctiveness—all in one easy-to-take package. Available in the 2-door coupe model. Red or white exterior finish with white bucket seats, and red interior accents, plus wire wheel covers, may be ordered to further enhance your GSX.

GSX adds up to a light-weight Buick with lighthearted looks that can help put plenty of fun in smaller car ownership. Try GSX... it's the Buick of small cars that's especially big on pleasure!

SPORTY GRILLE
GSX's special blacked out grille (right next to the bold GSX nameplate) adds a distinctive touch that tells everyone you meet that you're driving one of Buick's newest models.

SPORT MIRRORS
GSX comes equipped with sleek-looking sport mirrors on both driver's and passenger's sides. Remote adjustment for driver's side; manual adjustment on the passenger side.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE STRIPING
GSX gives you instant recognition from every angle. A wide side molding makes this handsome smaller car really stand out. At the rear, a distinctive paint stripe traces the lower edge of the trunk lid. In front, still another special paint stripe arches over the blacked out grille.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS
In addition, GSX includes all the many standard Apollo features, such as thick carpeting, full foam cushion seat, wood grain, vinyl-accented instrument panel, front and rear arm rests and ashtrays, coil springs up front and rear multi-leaf springs (selected by computer according to the way you'll GSX is equipped). Plus many other standard Apollo features. Available features include variable ratio power steering, power drum brakes or power front disc brakes, vinyl top, Turbo-Hydra-matic, Rallye steering wheel, bumper guards—front and rear, Climate Control air conditioning, and many more.

6 CYLINDER ECONOMY
GSX comes equipped with a 250-cubic-inch L-6 engine, standard featuring seven main bearings for dependability... one-barrel carburetor. Air conditioning is available with the L-6 engine.

V-8 PERFORMANCE
A 350-cubic-inch V-8 engine is available on GSX. Features include 2-barrel carburation, time-modulated choke, solenoid throttle stop, nickel plated exhaust valves.

Buick Buick Division, General Motors Corporation, reserves the right to make changes at any time, without notice, in price, color, materials, equipment, specifications, and models, and due to quantity made. Some of the equipment shown or described in this brochure is available at extra cost. Check with your Buick dealer for complete information.

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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



Deals on Wheels



Car for sale: 1972 GS 350. Rebuilt engine. FI Tech fuel injection (have original carburetor). Original interior. Have GM shop manuals and a good history of the car. Located in Forsyth, Monroe County, Georgia. Asking \$22,000. More pictures are available on request.

Tim Brown, BCA 51812. Phone (478) 318-3030.



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

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/>

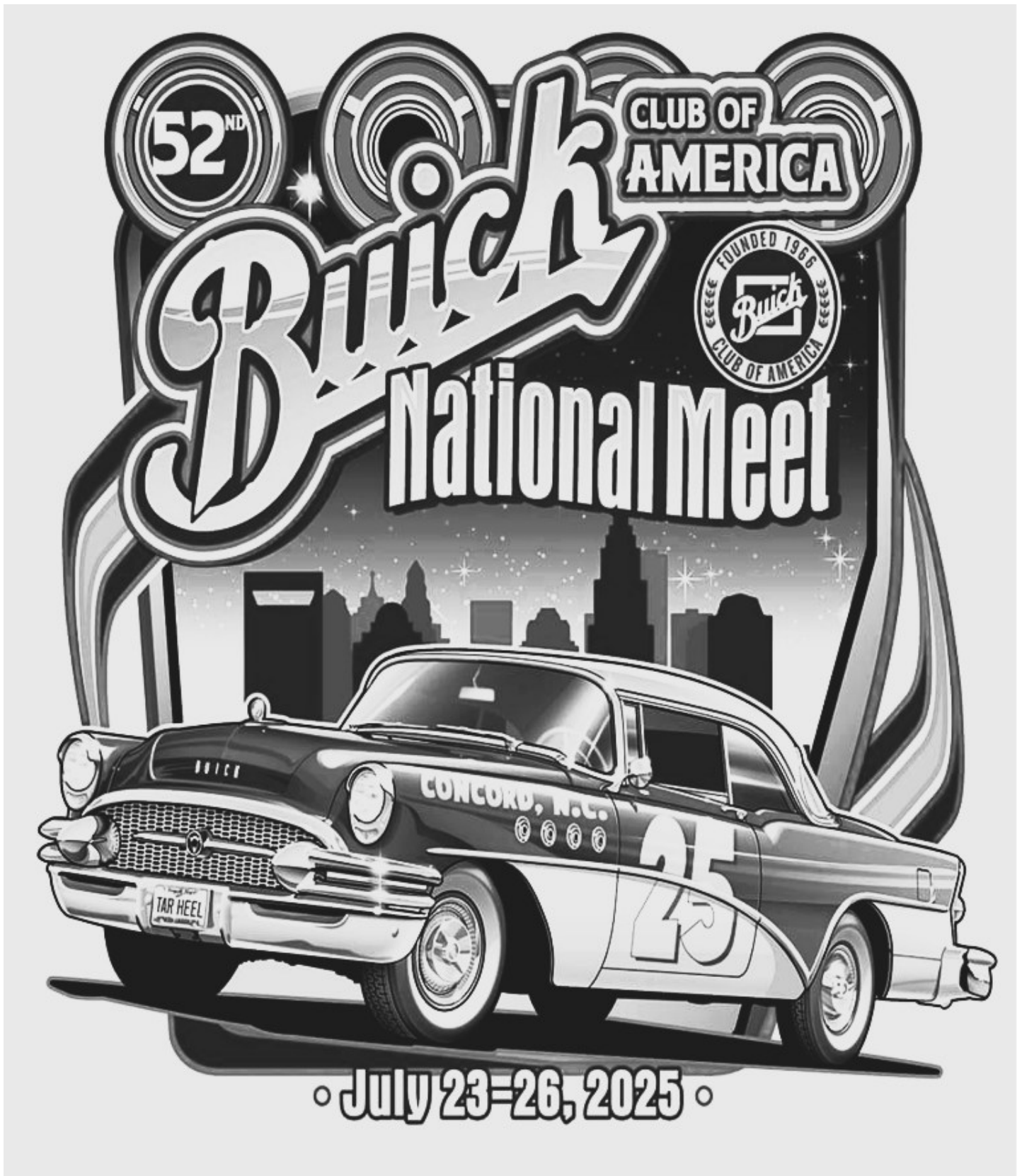
If not booking for the whole week, you can use the "Edit Stay" feature to change the dates to the desired dates.

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

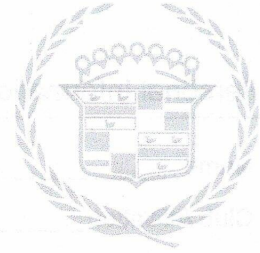
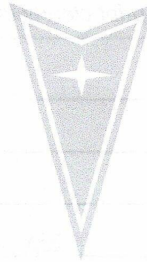
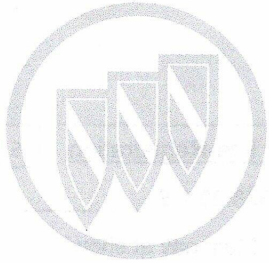
The Dixie Chapter BCA has been tapped to host the BCA National Meet Hospitality Room at the Host Hotel, the Embassy Inn and Suites in Concord, North Carolina. Our chapter will be monetarily compensated for our service in the room and all of the money from the BCA will go to us unless members from other 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.



44th Peach Blossom Car Show

BOPC



Piedmont Church

570 Piedmont Road, Marietta, GA 30066

April 26

8:30 am - 4:00 pm Rain or Shine

Pre-Registration: March 01 - April 15

Registration: April 26, 2025 (8 am - 12 pm)

Trophies: 3:00 pm

Hosted by the Dixie Olds Club

For More Information:

Email: Dixieoldsclub@gmail.com

Facebook Page: Dixie Olds Club

Website: oldsmobileclub.org (Dixie Olds Club)

Cell: 678-488-2920

44th Peach Blossom Car Show BOPC

April 26, 2025

Personal Information {Please print clearly in all (5) Sections}

Name _____ Club Affiliation _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone# (____) _____ Cell# (____) _____ EMAIL _____ T- Shirt {(1) T-shirt with Pre-registration} __ S, __ M, __ L, __ XL, __ 2XL, __ 3XL	1
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Car & Vendor Pre-Registration # Cars ____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____ after April 15 th "Must pay at show" # Vendor <u>1</u> x 0.00 = \$ <u>0.00</u> Additional Vendor Space # ____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____ T- Shirts (1) T-Shirt included with entry <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Size</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Qty</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">EA</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Small</td> <td>____</td> <td>x 20.00 = \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Med</td> <td>____</td> <td>x 20.00 = \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Large</td> <td>____</td> <td>x 20.00 = \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X-Large</td> <td>____</td> <td>x 20.00 = \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2X-Large</td> <td>____</td> <td>x 20.00 = \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3X-Large</td> <td>____</td> <td>x 20.00 = \$ _____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">TOTAL \$ _____</p>	Size	Qty	EA	Small	____	x 20.00 = \$ _____	Med	____	x 20.00 = \$ _____	Large	____	x 20.00 = \$ _____	X-Large	____	x 20.00 = \$ _____	2X-Large	____	x 20.00 = \$ _____	3X-Large	____	x 20.00 = \$ _____	5
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++ MAIL A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR REGISTRATION ++

Car Classes:

1901 to 1963 All	1973 to 1979 ALL	Resto-mods
1964 to 1972 Non-Performance	1980 Newer Non-Performance	
1964 to 1972 Performance	1980 Newer Performance	

Pre-Registration

Each car Pre-registered \$35.00 per car,

Car Registration after April 15, 2025 or day of show \$40.00 ea

Vendor space 1st space is Free, additional space \$35.00 (20' x 20') Additional Vendor space after April 15, 2025 or day of show \$40.00 ea

+++Payments can be made through+++

*PayPal- <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/RLKPSAC57JBY> Venmo- @dixieoldclub.

*(By Check mail to "Dixie Olds Club" 10394 Freehome Hwy, Canton, GA 30115)

<p>VEHICLE'S Fire Extinguishers Required for Each Car!!</p> <p>Car #1 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Stock _____, Performance _____, RestoMod _____</p> <p>Car #2 Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Stock _____, Performance _____, RestoMod _____</p> <p>RestoMod =(Engine not original Manufacture to Vehicle, Custom Interior, Lowered Suspension, Body Modifications, Custom size wheels)</p>	2
<p>Vendors Fire Extinguishers Required for Each Vendor!!</p> <p>First Vendor spaces 20' x 20' (no charge) additional 10' x 20' space for Vehicle if needed. If additional 20' x 20' space is needed cost will be \$35.00.</p>	3
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