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Hello Dixie Buick Members,

Tis the 1<sup>st</sup> of May and Collector Car Season is well underway. Last Saturday was the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual BOPC Meet. Perfect day with the temp in the low 80's in the afternoon. The Dixie Olds Club were the host and did a fantastic job. 100 beautiful cars came in, and being prejudiced, I thought the Buicks outclassed the Olds, Pontiacs and Cadillacs (if you don't know, this is what the BOPC stands for. 😊).

The parking was different as all the Buicks were parked together and same for the OPC's. This made the parkers' jobs much easier. Personally, I prefer to have similar Buicks, Olds, Pontiacs and Cadillacs parked together so we can see the similarities and differences amongst the brands. Elsewhere in this newsletter will be the Buick participants that won trophies. Again, hats off to the Olds Club.

This week, we will have a few Dixie members driving to Natchez to attend the Buick Driving Enthusiasts (BDE) Spring Tour. This is a 5-day driving tour in your beautiful Buicks. If you have not attended a BDE, you can attend one tour as a guest without paying BDE dues to experience the comraderies of 60-80 Buick members from around the country. Safe driving to our Dixie BDE members.

Local car shows are here every weekend. I am trying to finish the Boat Tail to attend the Georgia Mountain Classic Car Show Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in Blue Ridge. There will be 200 cars and trucks at this show.

July 4<sup>th</sup> parades are coming up. Allison and I will have the Wildcat at the Blue Ridge parade with as many flags attached as possible. The crowd goes wild when they see the old cars come by!

The BCA Nationals will be July 23-28 in Charlotte this year. If you have not been to a BCA National, this is the year to do it with Charlotte being a 5-hour drive. You don't even need to bring your car. I have an empty back seat as will other Dixie members. Time is at hand as Registration deadline is 7/8/25 and hotel rooms are filling up.

Driving my Buick,

J D Westfall

Cell 913-638-7849

# Sonomatic Sounds

## Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hi, everyone and Happy Mothers' Day to the moms out there!

Wow, April has been a great month! Starting with the trip to the aviation museum and closing out with the BOPC. It was great to get to hang out with Dixie Chapter folks twice in the same month and to enjoy such wonderful venues. This month there will be chapter members representing at the BDE Buicks among the Magnolias tour in Mississippi. That tour does look like a good one. For me, my next big event appears to be Nationals in July.

I will readily admit that I enjoy the BOPC. Not just the cars, but the people who attend it. There is the Dixie Chapter folk as well as regulars from the other clubs that I may only run into once a year at this show. And this year the weather was particularly friendly: it was not too hot with just the right amount of cloud coverage and no rain. There was a total of 102 cars on the show field, burgers sold by a local high school band boosters club, several vendors and steady walk through spectator traffic. In all, a good day.

A big part of my enjoyment of the BOPC, and most other car shows, is going out to my garage in the early morning and settling behind the wheel of my Buick. I love the feel and smell of freshly conditioned leather and aged wool carpets. Sliding the key into the ignition and giving it a twist and hearing the engine respond with the soft gurgling of the famous Buick "tuned exhaust" and watching the dashboard spring to life. Then slipping the gear selector into drive and applying just a little gas to pull out of the drive and onto the road, all while the sun begins to rise. Delicious.

An old song recorded by the Eagles captures the emotions of all of this for me in a song called "Ol' 55" In the song, the story teller related leaving a location early in the morning and heading on out on the highway in his old 1955 automobile, relating better than I the feelings and sensations of piloting a vintage vehicle in this modern age.

*"Well, my time went too quickly  
I went lickety-splitly out to my ol' 55  
As I pulled away slowly, feeling so holy  
God knows I was feeling alive  
[Chorus]  
And now the sun's coming up  
I'm riding with lady luck  
Freeway cars and trucks  
Stars beginning to fade, and I lead the parade  
Just a-wishing I'd stayed a little longer  
Lord, don't you know the feelings getting stronger "*

I always envisioned that the car was a '55 Chevy Belair 2 door hard top, I guess because that is the default '55 car for a lot of folks. However, I recently learned that the songwriter, Tom Waits, was inspired by his love of driving his 1955 Buick Roadmaster. I enjoyed learning that little factoid and it makes the song a little more meaningful to me. Now, get out and enjoy your classic car!

Happy Buicking,

Tom Lynde

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# April Meeting

Our April chapter meeting took place on the grounds of the Aviation and Technology Center in Marietta. The meeting portion of the day took place under a giant wing of a C-140 aircraft. After a brief rundown of business, we were guided by museum docent and admitted car enthusiast, Charlie Kominsky. Charlie lead us around the grounds, gave us the scoop on all of the historic aircraft on the museum property and afforded plenty of avails to ask questions and for photo opportunities. It was a full afternoon of exploring vintage aircraft and a great time for DC members. Stay tuned for details of the next meeting location and activity.





## 44th Annual BOPC

The Dixie Oldsmobile Club hosted the 44th Annual Peach Blossom BOPC show on April 17th at Piedmont Church in Marietta. There were 102 cars in attendance and a bit over half were pre-registered. The classes were a bit more streamlined this year as cars were competing against their own makes and judging was performed by points rather than peers. The show was well organized and ran smoothly start to finish. Kudos to Dixie Olds for a well run event. Next year the hosting duties will be passed on to Peach State Cadillac—LaSalle, then to Dixie Buick in 2027. It will be here before we know it.

There were many beautiful Buicks on the show field and a number of chapter members, as well as friends of the chapter, drove home with awards., including 1st Place to Roy Bass and his 1966 Riviera, 1st place to Danny Finkelstein and his 1968 GS Convertible, 1st Place to John Link and his 1991 Reatta Convertible, and 2nd Place to Tom Lynde and his 1989 Electra Park Avenue. Dixie Chapter member Alan Ziglan also took home a first place with his 1947 Pontiac. In special awards, Jerry Richstein took the Ladies' Choice Award with his 1934 Buick.

And to round things out on Saturday, Bruce and Shar Kile were present at the show while celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary! Congratulations to Bruce and Shar and all those who drove home with awards, and many thanks to all the DCBCA members who took the time to come on out, raise the hoods. and show and shine.

A great time was had by all in attendance , make plans to attend next year's show.







# MEMBER NEWS



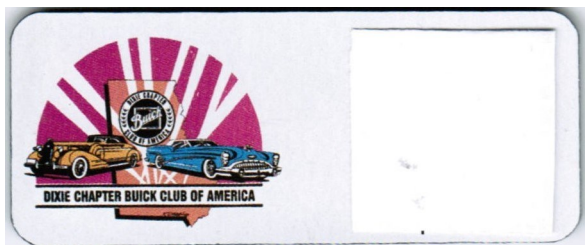
NOTE: If you know of members winning awards or touring to interesting places, or have an idea for an article of interest to our members, please let **Tom Lynde** know at least two weeks before the end of the month to ensure inclusion in the next ***Dixie Valve Chatter***.

## Have fun with us! Attend chapter meetings and activities!

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

# Buick Trivia

Where did Harley Earl get the idea to name his 1938 dream car the “Y Job”? Attendees of the April chapter meeting may recall the significance of the use of the letter “Y” as a name prefix.

**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**

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## 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



## 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.

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# Mile Markers

## Celebrating Life's Events



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/2/55 Herell & Glenna Goff
- 5/25 Dave & Marie Berquist
- 5/25/63 Roy & Sharon Newby
- 5/27 Chuck & Laura Dalton
- 5/29/82 Lamar & Rita Brown

### BIRTHDAYS

- 5/3 Sharon Newby
- 5/6 Tim Brown
- 5/12 Joe Jeziorski
- 5/19 Alan Strong
- 5/23 Roy Newby



**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

#### 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.

#### June 23, 2025

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

#### 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

MAY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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

### Non-Chapter Events

**County Line Church  
Annual Car Show  
For Missions**  
3913 Jonesboro Road  
Hampton, GA 30228  
Saturday, September 27, 2025  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

All makes and models are welcome.  
No registration fee, free will offerings will be accepted.  
Top 20, Best of Show, Dash Plaques and more!  
Contact Tom Lynde for more information: 770-827-5357.  
Email cclarshow@yahoo.com.  
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All Vehicles Welcome 6 pm to 8 pm  
\*A Monthly Night Cruise for the Month of September\*

- April 7 First Cruise—
- April 14 Summit Racing Employee Vehicles
- April 21 High School and College Student Night
- April 28 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 Bremco 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 Mopar 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

**Summit RACING EQUIPMENT**

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

## Buick Trivia Answer

Harley Earl used the letter “Y” in “Y-Job” because in the 1930s “Y” was used in the aircraft industry to denote an experimental airplane.



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.

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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.

