

# Dixie Valve Chatter



Official newsletter of the Dixie Chapter of the Buick Club of America

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Hello Dixie BCA Members:

The BCA Nationals are about 3 weeks away and I'm in a singing mood...  
...By the time I get to Charlotte, there'll be half a thousand Buicks there...  
...Please come to Charlotte for the Nationals ...  
...Boy, you're going to drive me to drinking in that Hot! ROD! BUICK...  
...Up, Up and away, in my Beautiful, my Beautiful, Boat Tail.  
I know... Don't quit my day job!

Seriously, the Nationals are in Charlotte, pretty darn close and a great opportunity if you have never been to one. Too late to register your car, but come and enjoy.

See you in Charlotte,

J D

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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](mailto:sbkile58@aol.com)) or (770)977-7924 to volunteer or for more information.

# Sonomatic Sounds

## Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hi, everyone ,

It is almost here, an event we have been anticipating since before the Pandemic: The BCA Nationals in Concord. North Carolina. I hope all of your preparations for the drive and the show field are coming together. I just had my a/c charged and need to do a little deep cleaning and polishing on the ol' Buick. I have never packed for a trip and included all of my car show supplies, too. Hopefully we have room for everything we need. Tammy and I will be leaving for North Carolina on Tuesday, the 22nd. There is no organized caravan, that I know of, as people are leaving on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but if you are heading up Tuesday, I would be happy to try to coordinate with you. By the way, if you volunteered for the Hospitality Room, Shar and Bruce have provided a shift schedule that has been published in this newsletter.

June was hot and rainy, and that played a bit of havoc with the car cruise and show schedule, at least in this neck of the woods. I hope July is a little more car show friendly for us. I went to the Summit Monday night cruise on BOPC night a week ago and the turn out was very light, only one other Buick ( a late model Regal) and a hand full of mostly late model Cadillacs. I am sure the threat of rain kept cars away, but over the years the attendance has ebbed and flowed for this event. At any rate, I am going to try to make a few more shows before Concord.

For the Dixie Chapter, Assistant Director Bruce Kile has been working on a number of events and meeting venues. Look for more info in this newsletter. Please support your chapter by participating in meetings and events. Have fun with us and get the most from your membership.

Happy Fourth of July!

Tom Lynde

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## August Meeting Preview

August chapter meeting will be August 17th at the Big Chicken in Marietta. We will meet at 1:30pm for lunch, and then we will caravan to the Marietta Fire Fighters' Museum. There is no charge to tour the museum. We should conclude around 3:30 in the afternoon.

## June Meeting and Upcoming Activities

Information provided by Secretary Pat Horvath

The Dixie Chapter, BCA met for its June meeting at Corner's Sports Bar in Peachtree Corners. We had a good turnout, a good meal, and conducted a fair amount of business. After some fellowship, we got down to work and Bruce and Shar reminded Nationals attendees who wished to work the hospitality room to please inform them of their availabilities so that a Hospitality Room volunteer schedule could be created.

Bruce also announced that the August chapter meeting would be August 17th at the Big Chicken in Marietta at 1:30pm, then we would caravan to the Marietta Fire Fighters' Museum. There is no charge to tour the museum. Also, this year's club picnic is tentatively set for Sunday, September 14th. Walt and Julie Ehrenfeuchter have again graciously volunteered to host the picnic, and our very own chapter director, J.D. Westfall will serve as grill master. Watch for more details in the August newsletter.

Also in upcoming events, the planning committee from the 2026 National Meet in Albany New York has reached out with information about next year's meet. It is a bit of a haul from here, but the list of activities looks real good! There will be more information provided in the coming weeks.

At the close of the meeting, Jerry Richstein won the raffle for a copy of "The Standard Catalog of American Cars."

Please attend chapter meetings; your voice and participation are valued!





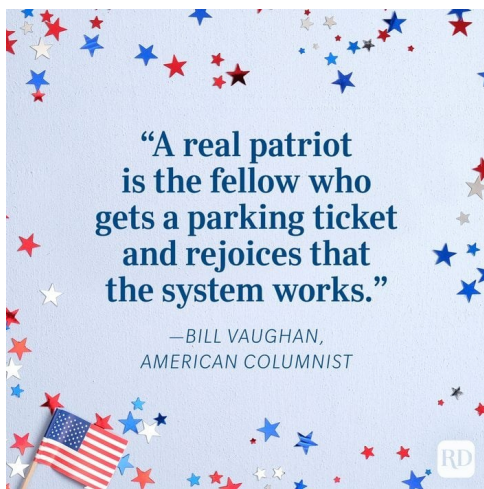
# MEMBER NEWS



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



"You'll have to get behind me and push."



**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 event and only a nominal charge for a replacement

# Buick Trivia

When and where did the BCA hold their first National Meet?



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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.

[grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:grayfoxconsulting@gmail.com)

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.  
 Pre-Production Image - Not-to-Size  
 A Buick Driving Enthusiasts Division Project

# Mile Markers

## Celebrating Life's Events



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/2 Alan & Patricia Lisenby
- 7/8 Tim & Patty Brown
- 7/12 Tom & Tammy Lynde
- 7/31 Bill & Carol Cartus

Happy 4th of July!



### BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2/40 Ernest Garrett
- 7/2/43 Paul VanNortwick
- 7/7/53 Yvonne McGowen
- 7/8 Sarah Thomas
- 7/11/48 Mary Ellen Winebarger
- 7/16/74 John Lula
- 7/17 Andrea Walsh
- 7/19/57 Cindy Coggins
- 7/22 Connie Bergeron
- 7/22 Danny Finkelstein
- 7/24 Lisa Richards
- 7/25 Tim Phillips
- 7/29 Jeanette Lapp
- 7/30 Norma Moody
- 7/31 Bill Cartus

## **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

#### July 23-26, 2025

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

#### August 17, 2025

Chapter Meeting 1:30 PM at the Big Chicken in Marietta. After lunch we will tour the Marietta Fire Fighters Museum. There is no admission charge for the museum.

#### September 28-October 2, 2025

Somerset, Kentucky  
 "Buicks in the Bluegrass" BDE Fall Tour. For registration information contact Bruce and Shar Kile 678-642-6672. sbkile58@aol.com.

#### August 19-22, 2026

Buick Club of America Annual Meet. Albany, New York

JULY 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	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	2

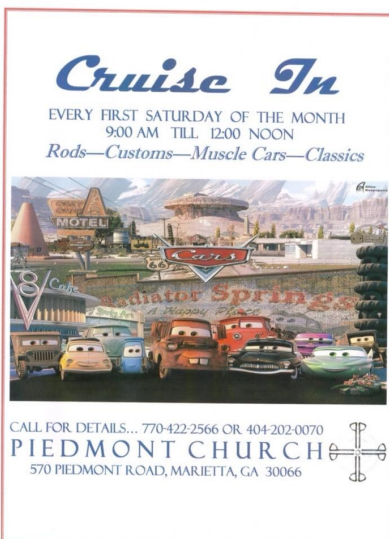
#### September 2025

Chapter Picnic at the home of Walt and Julie Ehrenfeuchter, 2340 Pendleton Place, Suwanee

### Non-Chapter Events

#### ATTENTION "DIXIE BUICK FOLKS":

Especially in vicinity of Senoia, Kathleen, Gay, Forsyth or Bremen. We could consider having a meeting/outing in your area(s). We just need a phone call (or email) from one (or all) if you would like to see it happen? You need not do any of the planning, unless you want to. Call (or email) assist. director, Bruce (678) 662-6072, sbkile58@aol.com



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

## Buick Trivia Answer

Founded in 1966, The Buick Club of America held their first National Meet in Flint, Michigan in 1971.



Do you know some interesting trivia? Share it with *The Valve Chatter* !

Join the conversations! Participate in the forums on the

# BCA Nationals 2025 Schedule of Events

## 2025 BCA Nationals Schedule of Events – Concord, NC

### Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025

3PM-5PM  
until 5PM

Registration Open  
Flea Market Setup

Rotunda / Registration South  
Hotel's West Parking Area

### Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

8AM - 5PM  
8AM - 5PM  
8AM - 5PM  
9AM - 12PM  
9AM - 4:30PM  
9AM - 3PM

Registration Open  
Swap Meet Open  
Indoor Swap Meet Open  
Photograph Station Open  
Hospitality Open  
NC Transportation Museum Bus Tour (box lunch provided) \*

Rotunda / Registration South  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Concord Hall I & J  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Carolina ABC  
Convention Entrance South

### Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

8AM - 5PM  
8AM - 5PM  
8AM - 5PM  
9AM - 12PM  
9AM - 4:30PM,  
9AM - 3PM  
9AM - 1PM  
3PM - 5PM  
2PM  
4PM  
7PM - 9PM

Registration Open  
Swap Meet Open  
Indoor Swap Meet Open  
Photograph Station Open  
Hospitality Open  
NASCAR Hall Of Fame Bus Tour (Lunch Voucher Incl) \*  
Steele Rubber Bus Tour (no lunch provided) \*  
Fundamentals of Carburation Presentation by Dean Tryon  
Reatta Rendezvous meets for departure \*  
Buick Driving Enthusiast Meeting  
General Membership Meeting

Rotunda / Registration South  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Concord Hall I & J  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Carolina ABC  
Convention Entrance South  
Convention Entrance South  
Fairway  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Carolina ABC  
Fairway

### Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 2025

8AM - 5PM  
8AM - 5PM  
8AM - 5PM  
9AM - 4:30PM  
9:30 AM  
  
8AM - 12PM  
9AM - 12PM  
2PM - 5PM  
5PM-9PM

Registration Open  
Swap Meet Open  
Indoor Swap Meet Open  
Hospitality Open  
Rick Hendrick Collection Tour slots begin shuttle pickup \*  
(9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Photograph Station Open  
Judge's Training  
Buick Heritage Alliance Benefit Gala \*  
5PM Open Bar  
5:45 Welcome & Opening Remarks  
6PM Southern Comfort Buffet Dinner  
7PM BHA Award

Rotunda / Registration South  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Concord Hall I & J  
Carolina ABC  
Convention Entrance South  
  
Fairway  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Fairway  
Concord Hall E

*Barton Close, the grandson of Walter Marr will be speaking on the topic of The Legacy of Walter Lorenzo Marr*

### Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2025

7AM - 10AM  
7AM - 10AM  
7AM - 8:30AM  
8AM - 3PM  
8AM - 3PM  
9AM - 3PM  
7AM  
10AM  
10AM-3PM  
3PM  
3PM - 4PM  
6PM - 6:30PM  
6:30PM - 7:30PM  
7:30PM - 10PM

Registration Open  
Photograph Station Open  
Judge's Breakfast  
Swap Meet Open  
Indoor Swap Meet Open  
Hospitality Open  
Showfield Gates Open  
Car show of the world's finest Buicks begins  
Judging Administration  
Cars Permitted to Leave Showfield  
Reatta Division Meeting  
Social Time with Cash Bar  
Awards Banquet Dinner \*  
Awards Banquet Awards Program

Rotunda / Registration South  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Kannapolis  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Concord Hall I & J  
Carolina ABC  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Kannapolis  
Hotel's West Parking Area  
Fairway  
Concord Hall E  
Concord Hall E  
Concord Hall E

\* Event requires ticket and pre registration





## 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.

# BUICKS IN THE BLUEGRASS

2025 BDE FALL TOUR - SOMERSET, KENTUCKY -- SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2, 2025

The host hotel for this event is located a couple of miles from historic downtown, one restaurant within walking distance & others within a mile. Amenities include breakfast buffet, guest laundry, fitness center, business center, unlimited wireless internet & a large meeting/hospitality/banquet room that easily accommodates us for all our needs, including the banquet.

Our BDE (negotiated) rates for 9/28/25-10/3/25 (check out) are \$129+tax for single or double.

**Hotel info will be sent immediately upon receipt of registration. Our Hotel Block expires (midnight) Aug. 28th**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ BDE# \_\_\_\_\_ BCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

First BDE Tour? Yes ( ) No ( ) Will Trailer Parking be needed? Yes ( ) No ( )

Buick Planning to Drive on this Tour: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Note: This info is for the arrangement of the tour groups. If you need to change cars please notify us ASAP.  
Buicks only on BDE Tours.

So if you don't have a Buick, we will place you in one as passengers. Will you need a ride? Yes ( )

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 28, 2025**

### REGISTRATION FEE:

**BDE Member-Spouse/Guest** (Tour Packet/DashPlaque/Hospitality).....\$30 \_\_\_\_\_

**BDE Member Only** (Tour Packet/DashPlaque/Hospitality).....\$20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guests** (Family, Friends, etc.) Riding in Members Car.....# \_\_\_\_\_ @\$10 ea.= \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUNDAY, SEPT 28** - Early Bird Tour" Mill Creek Battle Field/Cemetery National Park.....  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Attending @ NO CHARGE

**MONDAY, SEPT 29** - Kentucky Music Hall of Fame/Entertainment & BBQ Buffet.....  
# \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25 ea.= \_\_\_\_\_

**TUESDAY, SEPT.30** - Factory Tour of Trifecta Houseboat Mfg.....  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Attending @ NO CHARGE

Lunch @ the Black Stallion Rest. (Order from menu/separate checks).....# \_\_\_\_\_ Dining

Super Interesting Wayne Co. Historical Museum.....# \_\_\_\_\_ @\$3 ea.= \_\_\_\_\_

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 1** -Big South Fork Scenic RR to Blue Herron, Kentucky Coal Mining Camp.....  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Riding @\$18 ea.= \_\_\_\_\_

Box Lunch - Sandwich (choices tbd later), Fruit, Cookie & Drink).....# \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15 ea.= \_\_\_\_\_

**THURSDAY, OCT 2** - Factory Tour of Superior Battery, Russell Springs.....# \_\_\_\_\_ Attending @ NO CHARGE

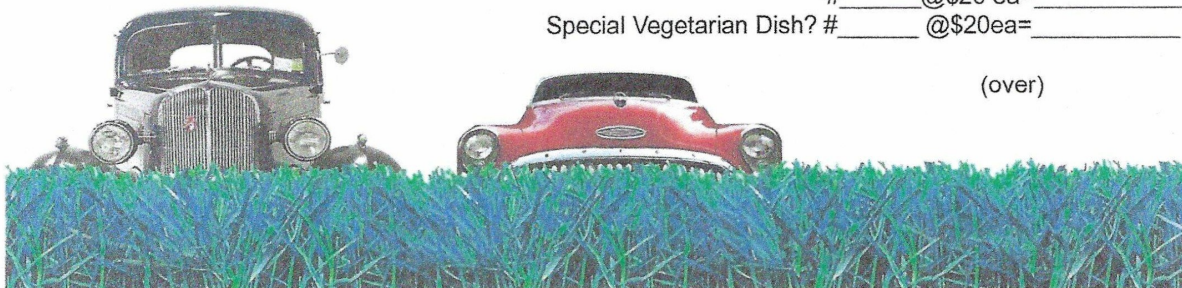
Lunch @ Coe's Steak House (Order from menu/separate checks).....# \_\_\_\_\_ Dining

Fabulous 100+Car Collection of Terry Stephens, Russell Springs.....# \_\_\_\_\_ Attending @ NO CHARGE

**CLOSING BANQUET:** Tasty Buffet featuring turkey, roast beef, veggies & Cobbler.....  
# \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20 ea.= \_\_\_\_\_

Special Vegetarian Dish? # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20ea= \_\_\_\_\_

(over)



TOTAL COST PER COUPLE FOR ALL EVENTS & PRE-PAID MEALS IS \$192.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL COST FOR 1 PERSON FOR ALL EVENTS & PREPAID MEALS IS \$101.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REFUNDS:** *Should it become necessary to cancel from this event every effort will be made to refund the full amount pre-paid unless the notice of cancellation is past having given a final (non-refundable) headcount to any venue, restaurant or caterer. Therefore that amount would not be refundable.*

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**PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATIONS (A BDE Requirement)**

*I certify that the Buick I will be driving on this tour is covered by (at least) the minimum bodily injury and property damage insurance required by the state or province in which the vehicle is registered.*

*All participating vehicles are to be properly licensed & insured. I further agree not to hold the Buick Driving Enthusiasts, the Buick Club of America, any 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 &/or other BDE members will assist in securing a ride to any remaining activities for myself &/or my passengers.*

*I do also acknowledge & accept the BDE requirement to have a working CB radio in my Buick while touring & the BCA requirement to have a fully charged, operable fire extinguisher in my Buick while participating in this event.*

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make checks payable to BDE & mail to:**

**Shar Kile  
2492 Lorrie Drive  
Marietta, GA 30066**