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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



It is December and 27 degrees here in the mountains. Time to put our Beautiful Buicks to bed. There are as many storage methods as we have Buicks in our chapter. Here is what I do:

- I put in fuel stabilizer and fill up the gas tank to prevent any condensation.
- Wash the car in case you get the itch to drive it the next couple of months, weather providing. Then cover it up to keep dust, bird droppings, etc, from getting on the clean car.
- Check the tire air pressure. Cold weather will lower the pressure 3-4 PSI.
- If you have bias ply tires, you may want to put the car on jack stands so the tires don't "Flat Spot".
- Sometime between now and Spring is a good time to get the oil and filter changed. Don't forget the air filter!
- I use a trickle charger/maintainer on my batteries. That way the battery will be ready when you are ready to cruise.

Winter is the best time to tackle those upkeep jobs like brake job, exhaust, tune up, interior, etc. I need to drop the gas tank to replace the sending unit.

Let me know what suggestions/procedures you have.

No meeting in December. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the following Dixie Chapter events.

1. The Dixie Buick Holiday Party will be Sunday, JANUARY 11 at Ippolito's, 350 Town Center Ave, Suwanee GA 30024. We will order from the menu. And again we'll have the White Elephant gift exchange. Men bring a men's gift, and women bring a women's gift. And "stealing" will be involved!!!
2. The 2026 BOPC will be APRIL 18th again at Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta GA 30066. More details and registration form to follow.
3. Planning is underway for an Atlanta Concours de Elegance event on MAY 1st at Lake Lanier. On Saturday that weekend, local car clubs are invited to participate. I would like to discuss further to see if Dixie Buick members would like to participate.

Well, we made it to Hilton Head for the Concours de Allegiance Invitational Car Show. They had a "Boat Tail" class which focused around the 1920's and 30's boat tails. Needless to say, a 1926 Bentley with carved wood over the back won the class. We got to see many great cars. I had lots of people gathered around my Riviera reminiscing about when they had a Boat Tail Riviera. To my surprise, I ran into Ron and Connie Bergeron. Their Avanti had been invited as well.

Come join us on Facebook!



Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hi everyone,

It's the Holiday Season! I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are gearing up for a great Christmas or Hannukah. As the year comes to a close I can reflect upon a fun year with the Dixie Chapter. From the After the Holidays Party through the Bowl-a-rama, the BOPC, Chapter Picnic, and BCA Annual Meet it has been a great ride. And along the way we have tried out some new meeting venues, restaurants and locations of interest, on different sides of Atlanta to be fair to folks who may have to travel some distance to get to the meeting locations. Tammy and I have enjoyed being engaged with club activities this past year and are looking forward to what 2026 may have to hold.

So, as is tradition, December is a quiet month for the chapter as it is a time of year to be with family and friends, but things will gear up again real soon with the afore mentioned After the Holidays party. Once again, it will be held at Ippolito's in Suwanee. It is a wonderful venue with great food and plenty of parking for our Buicks. Please check out the party invitation in this newsletter and make plans to attend. Be prepared for wonderful food, great fellowship and lots of laughter.

On other horizons, J.D. is still seeking input on his proposal for a club jacket. Drop him a line and let him know your interest and if you would prefer a lined jacket or a light windbreaker, or something altogether different. We will be discussing this and other important matters at future meetings so come and give your input!

In the meantime, enjoy the season with your loved ones. Light a fire in the fireplace and sip some hot cocoa or eggnog while you peruse the latest DVC and Buick Bugle and stay up to date on happenings in our hobby. See you in Suwanee!

Happy Buicking!

Tom Lynde

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How am I supposed to fit this into my bag?



Join the conversations! Participate in the forums on the Buick Club of America website. www.buickclub.org



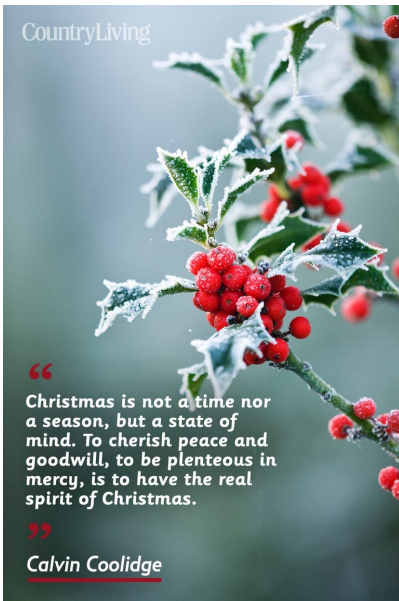
MEMBER NEWS



DCBCA Member Tim Phillips recently attended the Sunflower Festival in Statham, Georgia where his 1969 Skylark convertible won the sponsor’s choice award. Congratulations, Tim!

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 event and only a nominal charge for a replacement

November Chapter Meeting

The November Chapter meeting was held at the Applebee's Restaurant in McDonough. After lunch business discussed included a reminder that there will be no business meeting in December. Our next get together will be the annual After the Holidays Party at Ipollito's in Suwanee. The February meeting may take place at the Bowl-a-rama in Woodstock. Other upcoming events touched on included the annual BOPC show at Peidmont Church in Marietta on April 18th, hosted by Peach State Cadillac - LaSalle, and the possibility of the chapter participating in the local club display at the Atlanta Concours show May 1—3.

Also discussed was the possibility of offering Dixie Chapter club jackets for purchase. The first step is to see if there is sufficient interest, so please contact J.D. Westfall at pharmboyjd@gmail.com or phone (913) 638-7849.

After the meeting, several members adjourned to the nearby Summit Racing Super Store and checked out the merchandise. From automobilia to speed equipment to a full pro touring chassis for GM A Bodies, there were all kind of fun goodies on display. And, I am sure just to make us feel welcome, there was a beautiful Grand National on display on a turn table in the front window.

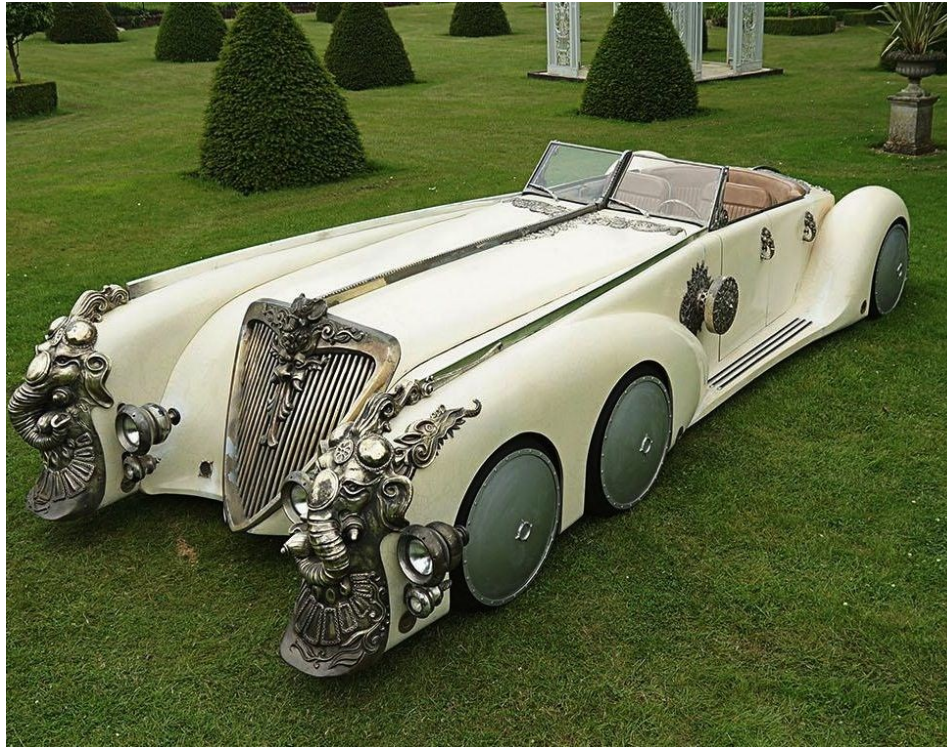
Remember, there is no December meeting. The Chapter will meet next for the After the Holidays party in January

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

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

Buick Trivia

Did you know the Captain Nemo car from the movie “League of Extraordinary Gentlemen” is powered by a Buick based Rover V/8?



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

Membership Renewal Time

By Jerry Richstein, Membership Chairman

Membership Renewal Notices will be mailed out this week. Those that have prepaid for 2026 or beyond do not need to pay any additional dues at this time. However, please return the Membership Form so we can verify that we have your correct address, phone number(s), email address, National BCA Number, etc.

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

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

Car of the Month



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)

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After the Holidays Party!

The annual Dixie Chapter After The Holidays Party will be held at 1:00 PM, Sunday January 11, 2026 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. As is the custom, there will be a rousing gift exchange after lunch. Yes, there will be gift stealing! 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 See you there!!



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

Mile Markers

Celebrating Life's Events



ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/06 Jack & Norma Moody
- 12/18 Roy & Janet Bass
- 12/20/63 Paul & Penny VanNortwick



BIRTHDAYS

- 12/10 Jack Moody
- 12/18 Janet Bass
- 12/18 Dave Gareau
- 12/23 Carol Cartus
- 12/24 Alan Ziglin
- 12/27/43 Patricia Lisenby
- 12/28 Ron Bergeron
- 12/28 Chuck Dalton



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

January 11, 2026

Dixie Chapter After the Holidays Party, Ippolito's 350 Town Center Drive, Suwanee.

April 18, 2026

Peach Blossom BOPC

Piedmont Church, 570 Piedmont Rd Marietta.

BCA and Chapter Events

December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	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			

May 1-3, 2026

Atlanta Concours D'elegance. Lake Lanier

Details to come

August 19-22, 2026

Buick Club of America Annual Meet. Albany, New York

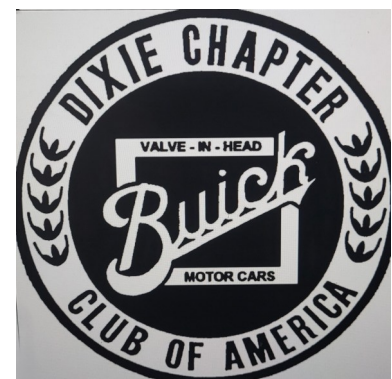
ATTENTION "DIXIE BUICK FOLKS":

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

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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570 PIEDMONT ROAD, MARIETTA, GA 30066

Non-Chapter Events



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



Deals on Wheels



For Sale 2002 LeSabre Limited - Rare Opportunity for Buick Lovers.
 Mileage 27,400; Brand new battery and low miles on tires;
 Everything else is original and works and feels like brand new.
 Garage housed entire life; Pristine Landau roof.
 Driven once a week to church by elderly couple in Carrollton Ga. (For real)
 Now garaged by son in South Atlanta; Asking \$9,500
 Vaughn or Nina Gaddis
 770-486-8505 - please leave a message



1957 Buick Caballero 4-door hardtop Station Wagon For Sale

-Engine runs but needs mechanical attention
 -Interior re-done including Steele Rubber seals; window mechanisms gone through and repaired/
 lubricated. -car located in Metro-Atlanta. -car was in Arizona for many years
 -Asking \$35,000. -Call Jerry Nestlehutt; 404-216-8442. Not a DC



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.