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On the cover: Pictures of DCBCA 2025 activities

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Hello Dixie Chapter BCA Members:

Well, the weather outside is frightful! Here in the mountains, our windchill this morning was 9 degrees. One more winterizing tip. If you have added plain water to your Buick's radiator this year, the antifreeze solution has been diluted. You can buy an antifreeze tester at any auto parts store for a couple bucks. To protect the engine, it needs 50% water and 50% **concentrated** "Green" antifreeze. In my garage, I have green, pink and orange types of antifreeze. Our older Buicks need the green type.

The Dixie Holiday Party is coming up January 11<sup>th</sup> at Ippolito's, 350 Town Center Ave, Suwanee GA 30024 at 1:00 pm. We will order from the menu. Again, we will have the White Elephant gift exchange and we will have Bruce to give us the "Stealing Rules". Men bring a men's gift, and women bring a women's gift. Please keep the cost to \$20.00. **Send your RSVP to me at [pharmboyjd@gmail.com](mailto:pharmboyjd@gmail.com), or text to 913-638-7849.**

Stay tuned for a possible Zoom Meeting in February (??? Maybe the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday to avoid the Super Bowl) and a possible Bowl-a-Rama in March (???). We will discuss this at the Holiday Party. April 18<sup>th</sup> is the BOPC show at Piedmont Church at 570 Piedmont Road, Marietta GA. I am asking for a registration form. Stay tuned.

I am excited about the upcoming Concours de Elegance at Lanier Islands Resort in Buford GA. This is in our back door and an excellent opportunity to see many beautiful cars. There is no registration paper form. It is all on line. Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Big Car Show. This is where the trailer queens will be showing. Normally, this is an invitational show, but the organizers are allowing anyone to register their cars versus being invited. To register your beautiful Buick, go to [www.atlantamotoringfestival.org](http://www.atlantamotoringfestival.org) and you will see a "Register" at the top. Note: there is No Cost, I repeat, No Cost to register your Buick for the Big Show on Saturday. I have my Boat Tail registered. Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Cars and Coffee/Car Clubs Show at the same site.

Use the same [www.atlantamotoringfestival.org](http://www.atlantamotoringfestival.org) website to register your Buick. There is a nominal \$10.00 registration fee for Sunday. All class winners from the Saturday Big Car Show will be on display, so we can see some very beautiful cars on display.

OK, clear as mud? Call me if you have some questions.

Happy New Year and see you at Ippolito's on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

J D Westfall

Cell 913-638-7849

**Come join us on Facebook!**



# Sonomatic Sounds

## Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hi everyone,

Happy New Year, y'all! Hoping this finds you well after a joyous holiday season. Remember, it is not over yet! We still have the annual After the Holidays Party at Ippolito's in Suwanee on January 11th. Make your plans to attend and be sure to RSVP to J.D. Westfall so he can alert the good folks at the restaurant as to how many Buick folk to expect.

As of this writing, Tammy and I are back home from Savannah for a day or two and we arrived just in time for a genuine cold snap to hit the Atlanta area. I took the Electra out for a nice drive on this sunny, but cold day to keep the battery charged up. She turned over without a complaint and I enjoyed the car's excellent heater as we prowled the neighborhood. And I had no sooner walked in the door and J.D. called me on the phone to ask me to publicize that tentative plans right now are for a possible Zoom meeting in February and the Bowl-a-rama may be held in March. More specifics will be forthcoming.

I put the Electra back to bed in the garage for another week, and before I did so, I reset the trip odometer to zero to record the new year's travels. I added almost 2,400 miles of driving in 2025, including the trip to Concord, NC for nationals. That is the most mileage I have added to the car since taking hold of its keys about fourteen years ago. Hopefully 2026 will have us on the road a lot, as well. Our Buicks are meant to be driven.

I had a fun time picking out just a few pictures of last year's activities for the cover page of this news letter. The Dixie Chapter was on the move last year and there were activities and venues for everyone to enjoy, not to mention great people to go along with them. Make your resolution to be involved in chapter activities in 2026. You won't be disappointed.

So best wishes for a bright, prosperous, and healthy new year and I will see you at Ippolito's on the 11th.

Until then, happy Buicking!

Tom Lynde

BCA 46614

**A Friendly Reminder:** Membership Renewal Notices were mailed last month, and 2026 Dixie Chapter dues were due by the end of December 2025. Those who have prepaid for 2026 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.

Join the conversations! Participate in the forums on the  
Buick Club of America website. [www.buickclub.org](http://www.buickclub.org)



# 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

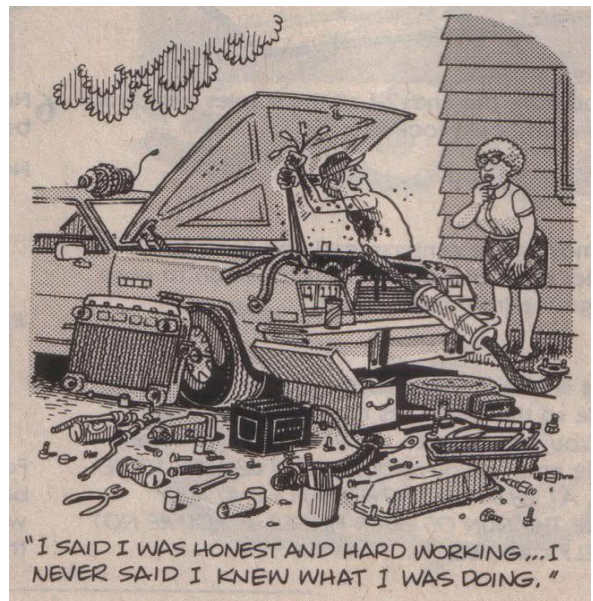
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Approach the new year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day.”

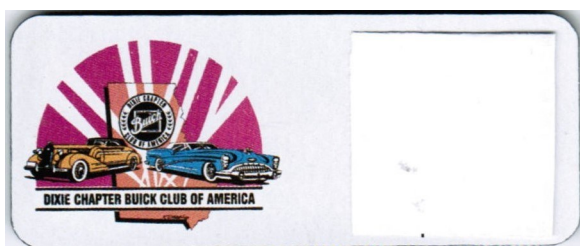
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## Grit in the Gearbox



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



**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

## In Memorial

Jerry Richstein

It is with a saddened heart that I inform you of the passing of longtime Dixie Chapter, BCA member Bill Hansen.

At this time, no further arrangements have been set. Please keep Nancy, and the entire Hansen family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this most difficult of times.

If you'd like to send a card, etc., Nancy's address is:

210 Bridgewater Trail, Canton, GA 30115

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## Upcoming Meetings

The next gathering of the Dixie Chapter will be at Ippolito's in Suwanee on January 11th for the After the Holiday's Party. **Please RSVP to J.D. Westfall by January 7th. Email [pharmboyjd@gmail.com](mailto:pharmboyjd@gmail.com), or text to 913-638-7849.** Remember to bring a gift for the gift exchange, men bring a gift for a man and ladies bring a gift for a lady. Gifts should be of about twenty dollars value, and no gag gifts please. Come for a good time with friends and a great meal.

February weather can be less than friendly to our older cars, so plans are being formulated for a Zoom meeting that month, Care will be taken to try to avoid the Superbowl and Valentines day. Also discussions are being held concerning the annual Bowl-a-rama, which will likely be held in March. Please attend chapter meetings to voice your opinions on chapter activities and venues.

# Buick Trivia

This month's Buick Trivia comes to us from DCBCA member Dave Berquist. Dave received this information from a friend, who is also a BCA member.



**The all-new 1950 Buicks were introduced to the public on December 28, 1949, 75 years ago!**

Wednesday, December 28, 1949 was an exciting day at Buick dealerships! Nothing like the 1950 Buick grille design had ever been seen before. The newly designed Special was selling very well. One piece windshields were now seen for the first time on the Supers and Roadmasters.

Celebrate this 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!  
When better automobiles are built, BUICK will build them!

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

# Car of the Month



Drive your Buick to chapter events and It may be selected as 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**  
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 Marietta GA 30066-5720  
 A limited number of previous editions are available. Write for details.

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 A Buick Driving Enthusiasts Division Project

## 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 by January 7th!**  
**[pharmboyjd@gmail.com](mailto: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 nine "full service" stores in metro Atlanta and one 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

None to celebrate this month.



### BIRTHDAYS

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



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

## **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

**January 11, 2026 1:00 PM**

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

**February 2026**

Zoom chapter meeting. Date and Time to be announced

**March 2026**

Annual Bowl-a-rama. Date and Time to be announced

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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			

**April 18, 2026**

Peach Blossom BOPC  
Piedmont Church, 570  
Piedmont Rd Marietta.

**May 1-3, 2026**

Atlanta Concours  
D'elegance. Lake Lanier

[www.atlantamotoringfestival.org](http://www.atlantamotoringfestival.org)

**August 19-22, 2026**

Buick Club of America Annual Meet. Albany, New York

**ATTENTION "DIXIE BUICK FOLKS":**

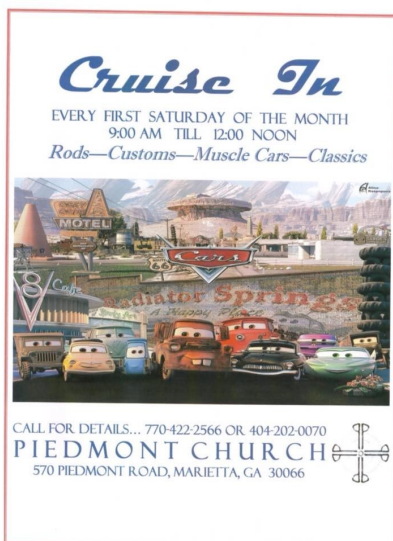
Especially in vicinity of Senoia, Kathleen, Gay, Forsyth or Bremen. We could consider having a meeting/outing in your area(s). We just need a phone call (or email) from one (or all) if you would like to see it happen? You need not do any of the planning, unless you want to. Call (or email) assist. director,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

### Non-Chapter Events

**March 25-28, 2026**

AACA Winternationals.  
Cartersville, GA. Hosted by the  
Lake Altoona Chapter, AACA.

Information: aaca.org



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