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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



Hello Dixie Chapter BCA Members,

I just received an email from the National BCA office with an attachment of a letter from Buick Motor Division. The letter says BCA Members in good standing are eligible for the Buick employee New Car Purchasing Program discount of 5 % off of the dealer (of your choice) invoice on any 2026 Buicks in inventory. April Fools :-)

See you at the BOPC Show on the 18th. Let's get your beautiful Buicks to the show and show those Olds, Pontiac and Caddy boys and girls who has the best cars on the road.

J D

**Don't miss the Peach Blossom BOPC Show,
April 18th at Piedmont Church in Marietta!**



Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Hey, y'all!

I am hoping this message finds all of you well and enjoying this beautiful spring weather. Of course, along with the spring weather comes the "yellow rain", our beloved Georgia pollen. I have a been using my unlimited monthly washes pass at my local car wash, but still have a fleet of bright yellow vehicles.

But, March has been a great month. The Dixie Chapter had a successful Bowl-a-rama to start the month with a great turn out and lots of fun and comradery.

Then, I closed the month with my first car show of the year with the AACA Winter Nationals in Cartersville. 130 beautiful cars on display on a pretty spring day. It was perfect.

April is shaping up to be a great month, too. Weekly Monday night cruise-ins begin in my area this Monday night and will last through fall. And, of course the BOPC is up in just a couple of weeks. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend this year so please send me a few of your pictures for the DVC!

Talk to you again next month, until then

Happy Buicking!

Tom

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

Breaking News!

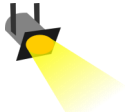
Hot off the press!

This won't appear in the Buick Bugle until the May edition!

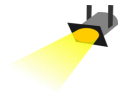
The 2027 BCA Nationals will be held in Spearfish, South Dakota and the Dixie Chapter, BCA has been asked to facilitate the hospitality room! Spearfish is known for its mild climate and beautiful surroundings, including the Spearfish Scenic Highway, a 22 mile through dramatic limestone cliffs, waterfalls, and Ponderosa pine forests. Nearby sights include Deadwood, Sturgis, Mount Rushmore and Devil's Tower National Park. More information will be coming soon. Contact Bruce and Shar Kile to volunteer for the Hospitality Room.

Plan to make Spearfish, SD your summer of 2027 travel destination!





MEMBER NEWS



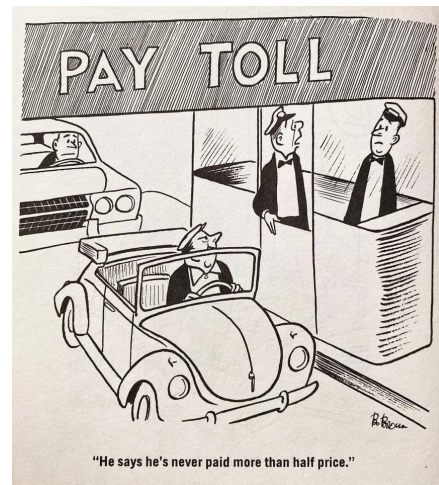
DCBCA member Mike Coggins had one of his beautiful Packards featured in a photo spread in the April—May edition of Local Car Magazine.



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



Upcoming Meetings

All DCBCA members are invited to show and shine our beautiful Buicks at the annual Peach Blossom BOPC on April 18th. Registration forms are included in this newsletter.

2026 Bowl-a-Rama!!

Members of the Dixie Chater, BCA assembled at Woodstock Lanes for the annual Bowl-a-Rama. Weather prevented many from driving their classic Buicks to the event, but spirits were high and a great time of fellowship was had by all and true bowling prowess was on display.

Bruce Kile provided this report{

Here is a list of winners and participants from the Bowl-A-Rama;
Of the 22 folks in attendance, 14 participated in bowling at the annual "Roddy Pearce Memorial, Bowl-A-Rama"

The bowlers were: Gene, Heather and Brian Goff, Nancy Hansen, Pat Horvath, Bruce and Shar Kile, David Lee, Bill and Yvonne McGowen, Jack Moody, Allison, J.D. and Jack Westfall. Sally Bliss participated in "Ramp Bowling"

Those providing moral support & a cheering section were:

Barbara Lee, Harvey Lee, Norma Moody, Paul Norland and his guest Diana, and Tom & Tammy Lynde,

And the Winners are:

Top Lady Bowler: Heather Goff *(594)

Top Man Bowler: David Lee *(606)

Secret Score Award: Nancy Hansen (91) scratch score

"Oops Award": (dropped ball behind her) Yvonne McGowen

"The Hub Cap" (Hi-Handicap/Lowest Score) Pat Horvath *(459)

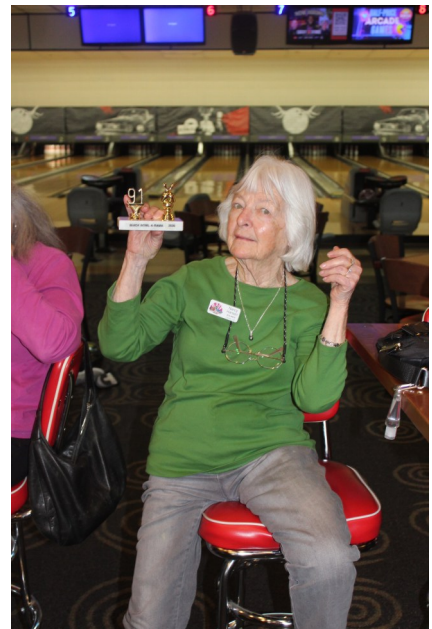
*Total score including handicap

During the meeting following the bowling, Meritorious Awards for 2025 and 2026 were presented to Tom Lynde and Pat Horvath, respectively.

David lee and his brother Harvey displayed a 1956 Buick model that they built together.

Thank you Bruce and Shar for organizing this great event! (ed)









ATLANTA MOTORING FESTIVAL AND CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

True automotive elegance comes to Lake Lanier Island Resort May 1-3, 2026 with the Atlanta Concourse d'Elegance. Three days of unapparelled displays of true classic and exotic vehicles , antique boats, and ariel displays. On Saturday, the 2nd there will be a concourse display on the grounds of the resort with some of the finest cars in the Southeast on display, including cars from the world famous Cofer collection, including Madaline Astor's Duesenberg SJ. Madeline was the widow of J.J. Astor and a survivor of the Titanic disaster.

The featured marques this year are Rolls Royce and Bentley, although all makes are welcome. Perhaps even your Buick?

On Sunday, the 3rd, there will be a Car and Caffeine event at the resort, and all cars are welcome to display along side the winners of the previous day's concourse.

For registration information for the Saturday Concours or Sunday Cars and Coffee event click on the link below, or copy link and paste it into your browser.

[Atlanta Motoring Festival & Concours d' Elegance 2026 - Register](#)

Buick Trivia

Which 1980's coming-of-age comedy featured this 1960 LeSabre as a hero car? Who was it driven by?



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.

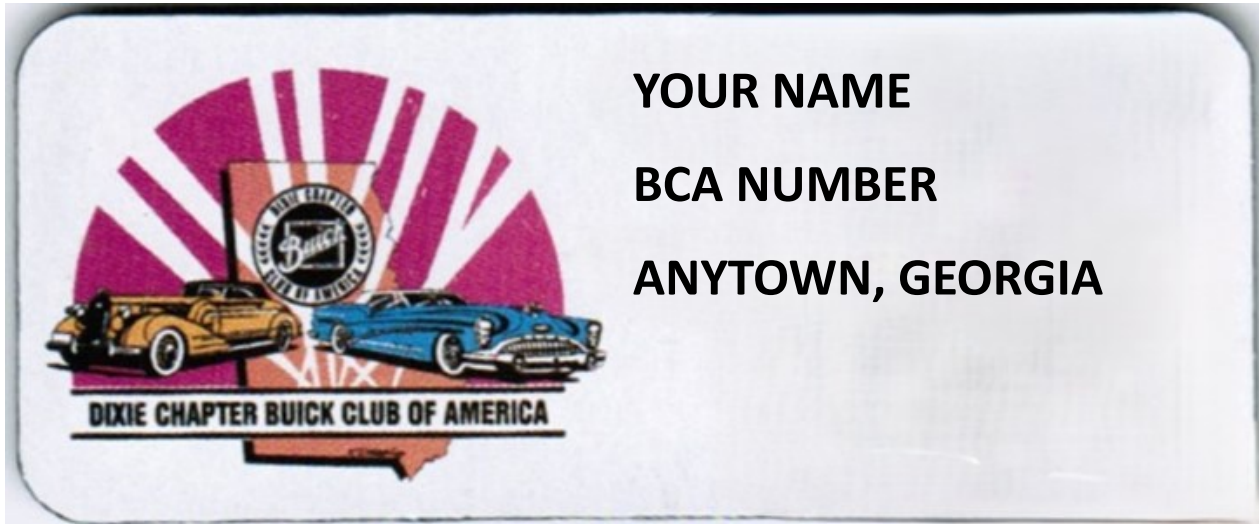
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You can buy these beautiful ornaments from the club store at the monthly chapter meetings.

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 Individually boxed.
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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, BCA number, and home town. 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 there is only a nominal charge for a replacement name tag. Order yours today!



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



BIRTHDAYS

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

- 4/5 Lori Tatum
- 4/6 Jerry Richstein
- 4/15 Heidi Jeziorski

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

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.



Buick Trivia Answer



The 1960 LeSabre was driven by Actor Judge Reinhold as Brad Hamilton. In the movie "Fast times at Ridgemont High." The Buick, nick named the Cruising Vessel, represented average teenage transportation as a twenty year old car was not uncommon transportation for a high school student. It joined other prominent vehicles in the movie, including a 1979 Camaro Z28 which helped set the film in the 80's, a mid '70s Gremlin that was also representative of the quirky hand-me-down cars that often wound up in the hands of teenagers, and a late 3rd generation Corvette piloted by Nancy Wilson of the band Heart that represented a teen dream car and girl.

AACA Winter Nationals

The Antique Automobile Club of America Winter Nationals in Cartersville was attended by Dixie Chapter members Alan and Rochelle Ziglin, who displayed their 1971 Riviera and an amazing all original 1929 Studebaker Commander that Alan has owned since 1972, and by Tom Lynde with his 1989 Electra. There were 130 cars on the show field, including about a dozen Buicks. Alan and Rochelle took home an Original Award for the Studebaker and a Driver Participation Award for the Boattail. Tom received a Driver Participation Award for the Electra.



The Timing Chain

April 18, 2026

Peach Blossom BOPC
**Piedmont Church, 570
 Piedmont Rd Marietta.**

May 1-3, 2026

Atlanta Concours d'Elegance.
 Lake Lanier Islands Resort

www.atlantamotoringfestival.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	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

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June 22, 2026

BOPC Night at Summit in
 McDonough. 6-8pm

August 19-22, 2026

Buick Club of America Annual
 Meet. Albany, New York

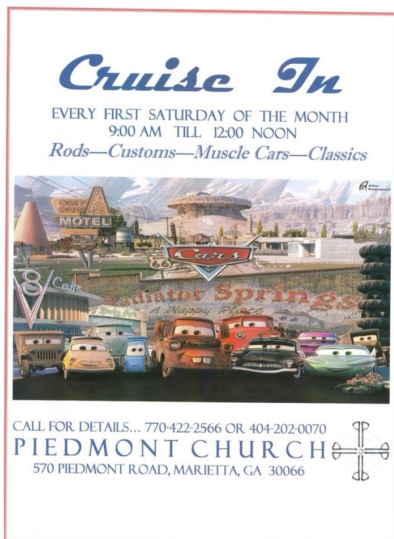
Summer 2027

Buick Club of America Annual
 Meet, Spearfish, SD.

Details forthcoming

ATTENTION DIXIE BUICK FOLKS:

Do you have an idea for a meeting/outing in your area? We just need a phone call or an email from you, if you would like to see it happen. You need not do any of the planning, unless you want to. Call or email Assistant Director, Bruce Kile (678) 662-6072, sbkile58@aol.com



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



Deals on Wheels



For Sale: Buick Art! A collage of Buick emblems, possibly dealer art. Perfect for your hobby room, study, or garage art. Asking \$300. Contact Jerry Hicks, 770-548-0052.



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.