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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 BCA Members,

We are now into car show and cruise-in season. The Caddie boys put on a great BOPC a couple weekends ago and our Buicks were well represented. Congrats to Roy Bass for winning top Buick with his '66 Riviera. We have members on the BDE Tour now. On May 2 & 3, we will have Buicks at the inaugural Concours D'Elegance at Lake Lanier. And every weekend we all have local shows and cruise-ins in our backyards. Get those Buicks shined and enjoy the shows.

Shine on,

J D

2027 BCA Nationals Hospitality Room

The 2027 BCA Nationals will be held in Spearfish, South Dakota and the Dixie Chapter, BCA has been asked to facilitate the hospitality room. Now is the time to begin making plans to attend Nationals and volunteer to assist with the hospitality room. If you would like to volunteer or have more information, please contact Bruce and Shar Kile. Plan to make Spearfish, SD your summer of 2027 travel destination!

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

Sonomatic Sounds

Tom Lynde, DVC Editor



Greetings,

May is here and the cooler temperatures are still with us. Actually, it is pretty good car show and cruising weather. I have been enjoying my Monday night cruise-ins, as the weather has been just about perfect with no rain-outs for an entire month. Something of a record there!

Last month, Jerry Richstein handed me the DVC distribution lists and I began sending the news letters out myself. Using Google Groups has been a learning curve for me and I hope I am getting the hang of it. Please let me know if you are aware of anyone who is not receiving the newsletter.

I hated missing the BOPC this year, as I had out of town family visiting. My sister and brother-in-law flew in from Boston, it was their first time in Georgia in forty years and their first ever visit to Savannah. On showing them around, we went to Wormsloe Plantation, with its mile-long live oak lined driveway. Our Department of Natural Resources guide pointed out artifacts in the woods from the historic Savannah Grand Prix races of 1908 to 1911, including a mile marker and portion of a banked turn with tire ruts. Unexpected treasures from the earliest days of motor sports.

Aside from that, life has been quiet.

Happy Buicking!

Tom

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Support **The Dixie Valve Chatter!** Send photos, articles, advertisements, ideas, and comments to editor Tom Lynde lynde2375@charter.net, or phone 770-827-5357. Please send submissions by the 28th of the month for publication in the next news letter.

May and June Chapter Meetings and Upcoming Activities

Bruce Kile, Assistant Director

May 17th. 1:00 Chapter Meeting, we will be back at the ole "*Big Chicken*" in Marietta Park in back, (Handicap parking in front) Order your food & bring it to our meeting area. Following lunch, we have much to discuss & we need your input. (2027 BOPC which Dixie Chap is hosting, 2026 & 2027 BCA National meets, a possible "overnighter" in July, location/date of our chapter picnic and much more) Following the meeting we can caravan to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park/Museum.

June 14th Chapter Meeting 1:30 Hoschton, Ga. Observe Flag Day displaying flags and driving to Johnny's N.Y. Style Pizza in Hoschton. We'll have our meeting in a separate room, and then the opportunity to check out the beautiful 56 Special Convertible of David & Barbara Lee before a short drive to *Country Side Antiques* in Braselton for browsing

July 11-12th: A possible Chapter "Overnighter"? Are you interested? We need your input, PLEASE! It's been a few years since we've have had this type of activity. Typically, we depart a (pre-determined) meeting spot on a Saturday AM, for a destination 75-100 miles away. Take a lunch stop and then one or two museums or antique shop would be included. Rooms are blocked at our destination (usually in smaller towns). Normally we would have use of a meeting room at our hotel for "socializing" or card playing Sat evening. Sunday AM, after allowing time for church services of your choice, we head back via an alternate route, with lunch stop and maybe another point of interest. BTW, All travel is on state and county roads, no interstate.

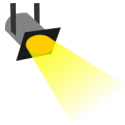
No August Meeting. Attend the BCA National Meet in Albany, N.Y.

September: 13th??? Chapter Picnic, date, time & location TBD.

October: 11th.: Chapter Meeting TBD, We need suggestions of location/activity

Oct. 25-29th: S.E. Regional Meet (a Touring event) hosted by the Bama Chapter in Birmingham, Ala.

Nov. 8th: Chapter Meeting TBD (Election of Officers) Any Suggestions of location?



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



Grit in the Gearbox



Buick Trivia

What technological feature that is common on cars today was introduced by Buick in 1971?

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

Peach Blossom BOPC

Peach State Cadillac– LaSalle hosted the 45th annual Peach Blossom BOPC show at Piedmont Church in Marietta. The April 18th show brought out great examples of Buick, Pontiac, Oldsmobile and Cadillac automobiles and a good crowd of enthusiasts to share in a great day of getting together over great cars. This year, Peach State Cadillac– LaSalle pared back the number of judging classes to seven, and that made for exciting competition for awards. For the Dixie Chapter, Roy Bass won first in class and Best Buick with his 1966 Riviera. Walt Ehrenfeuchter one 3rd in class with his 1959 Invicta, and Brian Roth received a 3rd place in class with his 1987 Turbo Regal. Congratulations! Most classes had over ten cars, and with only seven classes some participants had a hard time making their selections because there were so many beautiful cars. The host club gets to set the rules for classes and judging each year. Thank you Peach State Cadillac-LaSalle for hosting this year. Make plans to attend next year’s event as we look forward to a huge Buick club turn-out! Thanks to Bruce Kile and J.D. Westfall for pictures and text.



Roy Bass, 1966 Riviera. 1st Place, Best Buick



Walt Ehrenfeuchter , 1959 Invicta. 3rd Place



Brian Roth, 1987 Turbo Regal. 3rd Place



Shar Kile with grandson Austin and 1972 Skylark



J.D Westfall’s 1967 Wildcat and 1971 Riviera

Atlanta Concours D'Elegance

The Atlanta Motoring Festival and Concours D' Elegance was held May 2nd and 3rd at Lake Lanier Islands and resort. Beautiful Georgia springtime weather, beautiful North Georgia surroundings, and a military jet fly-over set the stage for a display of some of the most beautiful classic cars in the Southeast. Dixie Chapter members Roy Bass and J.D. Westfall turned out to show, respectfully, their beautiful 1966 and 1971 Buick Rivieras. Roy's winning streak following the BOPC continued by surpassing the competition and winning Best in Class. Other Buicks in the Concours included a 1950 Special and a 1913 Buick Roadster. Make plans to attend next year's event. Thank you to J.D. Westfall and Janice Bass for the photographs and Concours information.



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.

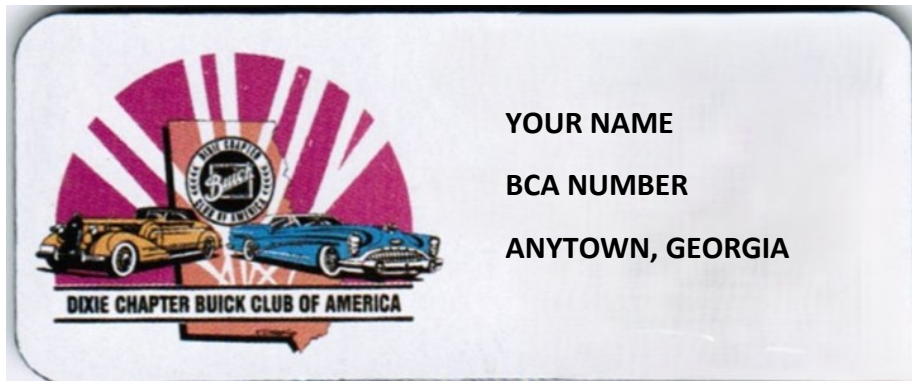
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ATTENTION DIXIE BUICK FOLKS:

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



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

- 5/25 Dave & Marie Berquist
- 5/25/63 Roy & Sharon Newby
- 5/27 Chuck & Laura Dalton
- 4/24 James & Sarah Thomas
- 5/29/82 Lamar & Rita Brown

- 5/3 Sharon Newby
- 5/6 Tim Brown
- 4/12 Joe Jeziorski
- 5/19 Alan Strong
- 5/23 Roy Newby

**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 first traction control system on a production car was offered by Buick in 1971.

Buick's **MaxTrac** electronic traction control system was **introduced in 1971** and remained available through **1973** on certain Buick full-size models.

1971: First year of introduction, initially offered on the Buick Riviera and later expanded to all full-size Buick models, including the Riviera, Estate Wagon, Electra 225, Centurion, and LeSabre.

1972–1973: Continued as an option on the same full-size Buick lineup. It was especially notable on the 1971–1973 “Boattail” Riviera, where it was paired with high-output engines in rare GS Stage 1 models.



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

The Timing Chain

May 17, 2026 1:00 PM

May Chapter Meeting at The Big Chicken in Marietta, then caravan t the Kennasaw Mountain Battlefield National Park.

June 14, 2026 1:30 PM

Chapter Meeting. Johnny's Homestyle Pizza in Hoschton, then to Countryside Antiques in Braselton.

June 22, 2026

BOPC Night at Summit in McDonough. 6-8pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	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	3	4	5	6

www.GrabCalendar.com

July 11—12,

Possible Overnighter. TBA

August 19-22, 2026

Buick Club of America Annual Meet. Albany, New York

September 13th (Tentative)

Chapter Picnic (TBA)

April 27, 2027 (Tentative)

Peach Blossom BOPC, Piedmont Church, Marietta. Hosted by Dixie Chapter, BCA

Summer 2027

Buick Club of America Annual Meet, Spearfish, SD.

Details forthcoming

Non-Chapter Events

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.