



# Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club, Inc Newsletter

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August 2019 Hoover, Alabama



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#### **Dixie Vintage Events**

Saturday, August 3, 2019, Dixie Vintage Cruise-In and Swap day at Hoover Tactical, 1651 Montgomery Highway, Hoover, Alabama 7am to 11am

Saturday, September 21, 2019, 10:00 AM, 4:00PM, Leeds Festival & John Henry Celebration, antique car & pickup show by Dixie Vintage, limited to 25 vehicles, reservations only. Save your spot today. RSVP to Ed Zanaty, 205-585-8580, 205-942-1312, ezanaty@bellsouth.com, or DixieVintageClub@gmail.com, see page four for more details. See you there!

Our next business meeting will be held Monday evening at 6:00pm, September 8, 2019. It will tentatively be held in the cafe area of Hoover Tactical.

#### **Non-Dixie Vintage Events**

See Dixie Vintage web-site for regular monthly events.

#### Shine' Em Up Show them Off

1st Annual LMPLA Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show Saturday, July 27th 9A-1PM Pell City Lake Side Park 2801 Stemley Bridge Rd. Pell City, AL 35128 \$20 Gate Registration Fee

#### **CRUISE-IN DAY & SWAP MEET**

For the August 3rd cruise-in we will also have a swap meet. Please load your trunk with any parts, car books, or auto related items you wish to sell or trade. No trailers please! Sell it out of your trunk. Several of us will bring a ton of stuff. See You there! Your \$20 dues gets you a windshield sticker pictured below right.

#### "Dixie Vintage Cruise-in at Hoover Tactical"

The Cruise-in will be from 7:00AM until 11:00AM, the first Saturday of each month.

Upon arrival at the cruise-in please park in spaces closest to Hwy 31 between Hoover Tactical and O'Reilly Auto parts. The other side of the parking lot is reserved for Hoover Tactical customers.

The club will provide one Krispy Kreme doughnut and a cup of coffee for members and visitors who bring their old car. Doughnuts will be served from 7:30 until 9:30AM. The serving time is limited because Hoover tactical has a restaurant that opens later and we do not want to compete with them. Please patronize our new partner, Hoover Tactical! We may adjust the doughnut & coffee times for future cruise-ins.



#### **New Process for Ordering Name Tags**

Dixie Vintage has streamlined the process for ordering name tags. This new process will expedite the delivery of your nametag to your home. The member needing a name tag will complete an order form and mail it with payment to Crown Trophy. The finished name tag will be mailed to you.

We encourage each of our members to own and wear a Dixie Vintage Car Club name tag. We really do want to get to know you. The cost of the name tag is \$10.00.



#### **Newsletter Editor**

Do you have a classic car story?

Are you working on a restoration project?

Please let us know. Pat or John Krauser Cell: 205-276-4423 or Email: jekbest@aol.com

#### **New Car Members**

Scott and Deana Flowers 1971 Ford F100

Tina and Robert Ragsdale 1971 Nova SS

Charles Zanaty 1974&1/2 MGB (Last of the chrome bumper ones)

Wade Ramsey 1987 Jag XJ-S and 1995 MB

Lucas Payne 1972 Buick LeSabre Custom 2dr Hardtop

The winner of our July raffle is: Roddy Moore (Congrats Roddy!)

#### **Dixie Vintage Antique**

#### **Automobile Club**

The Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club Newsletter is published monthly by Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club, Inc., a non-profit Alabama Corporation. The purpose of this Club is to promote interest in restoring and preserving antique, classic, and special interest old cars; and to provide a social club for members and their families of mutual interest to all. Monthly meetings and activities are conducted in a variety of locations. We encourage membership from other automobile clubs and orphan marquees.

The only requirement to become a member of Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club, Inc. is an interest in the history and preservation of automobiles.

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#### #1157 Bulb versus #1157 LED

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The advancement in electronic technology since the late 1940's is almost beyond comprehension. It all started with a simple transistor. The three-legged device consisted of an emitter-base-collector attached to a silicon body. By applying different voltage levels to the three legs the device was used as a switch or an amplifier. Transistors are the main component of microprocessors. Millions and millions of them run our daily lives. And some of this technology is employed in our fine rides. Sound systems are capable of several hundred watts of power. Car radio receivers can get signals from satellites that offer a wide range of programming. Old engines benefit in part due to modern electronic ignition systems that produce very high and stable voltage for spark plugs. Those with modern engines have computers that control multiple operating functions of both the engine and transmission.

One device that is becoming more popular in our hobby is the LED or Light Emitting Diode. A diode is a two-legged device connected to silicone body that allows current to flow one way only, based on the polarity of the voltage connection. Initial design of the diode was used to control voltage flow or change ac voltage to dc voltage. Diodes of this type are still used in the car's alternator to produce 6+ or 12+ volts dc for all electrical functions. The initial voltage produced in an alternator is ac and needs to be converted for the car's systems. Light Emitting Diodes (LED) produce light when voltage is applied across it. Tail lights along with turn signals and brake light bulbs on old cars do not produce the luminance that is present in newer cars. This is very noticeable during the day. The LED helps resolve this situation.

The most common bulb used in taillights is the #1157 dual filament bulb. It's used for tail lights, turn signals and brake lights. There is a red LED #1157 that is a direct replacement for the 12volt bulb. This replacement has a little more luminance(brightness) and much more chrominance (color saturation) than the standard bulb. The red LED with a red tail light lens is more visible day or night. Installing the LED is as simple as changing the bulb. But other issues can and do occur as the LED electrical characteristics are different from a bulb.

The turn signal flasher of yesterday was designed to function based on current draw. Bi-metal strips conduct the current when the flasher turn signal switch is activated. The strips heat and cool resulting in the flashing motion. LED's draw very little current and this confuses the flasher. When an LED is inserted into a circuit, resistance is reduced. A bulb's filament is resistive in nature causing a voltage drop across the filament and producing heat. This heat appears as light.

The LED does not function that way. A very simple explanation of the LED is as follows: There is electron flow in the diode. The diode consists of two types of silicon, N-type and P-type. The electron flow causes silicon atoms to stabilize within the diode. Once stable the atom gives off a burst of energy appearing as light. Light burst is immediate whereas a filament takes a few thousandths of a second to fire up.

Since the LED offers little resistance in the circuit flasher, functions may cease or become very erratic, a condition known as "hyper flashing". Tail light and brake light functions may be affected as well. Less resistance within the circuit can be countered by adding resistors in series with the LED. Kits are available to make the LED's electrical characteristics appear as a bulb. There is a newer and better way to handle the issue. Electronic flashers are made to function in a circuit with both LEDs and bulbs, bulbs only, or all LEDs.

I had issues with erratic turn signal operation and questionable brake light operation when I installed RED #1157 LEDs in my 62 Hawk. I replaced the common 552 series flasher with an electronic 552 version purchased from an auto parts store. The cost was about \$8. Two of my cars now have RED LED #1157 tail light-brake and turn signal devices now. All circuits function as designed.

I stress using RED LEDs for a reason. A red lens and RED LED are very noticeable. This is what we want. I purchased two white #1157 LEDs and installed one in a tail light housing. I wanted to prove what I thought would happen. The white LED color temperature is 5600k. Old #1157 light bulbs are around 3200K. The "K" stands for Kelvin which is the base unit of temperature in the International System of Units. 5600K is daylight which is blue light while 3200K is red light. The white LED (blue color temperature) with a red lens produces an orange color. Luminance(brightness) and chrominance (color saturation) were much lower. Continued on page 8.



## Leeds Fall Festival & John Henry Celebration

Make plans now to bring the whole family to the Leeds Fall Festival & John Henry Celebration in historic downtown Leeds, Alabama on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. – rain or shine. Admission and parking are free to the public.

## One of the Top 10 Tourism Events in Alabama

The Alabama Tourism previously named this festival one of the top 10 tourism events in Alabama during the month of September and it is also designated as an Alabama Bicentennial event for 2019.

### A Full Day of Live Music, Entertainment & More

According to the Fall Festival planning committee, the outdoor event will feature great food, a variety of live music, entertainment, live play, art, a car show and lots of activities for children, young people and those young at heart.

We are happy to announce that Dixie Vintage has been invited to this great event. The festival has room for 25 antique vehicles that will be in two different locations about 1/2 block apart. This is necessary due to space constraints. Both locations are right at the heart of everything. We plan to award about five trophies, which, at the request of event manager, will be voted on by event visitors. There is no registration fee. Trailer parking is available. The address is 1404 9th Street, Leeds. Show vehicles arrive by 9:00AM. Event ends at 4:00PM. This will be a great event for DV members so reserve your spot now by contacting Ed Zanaty, 205-585-8580, 205-942-1312, or DixieVintageClub@gmail.com, or ezanaty@bellsouth.com

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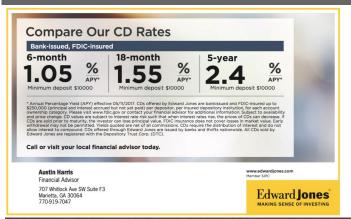


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The city of Columbiana held a car event on June 30th. There was a large parking lot full of great cars along with a big crowd to view them. Weather was hot but dry. Several of the cars are pictured here and on page 8.

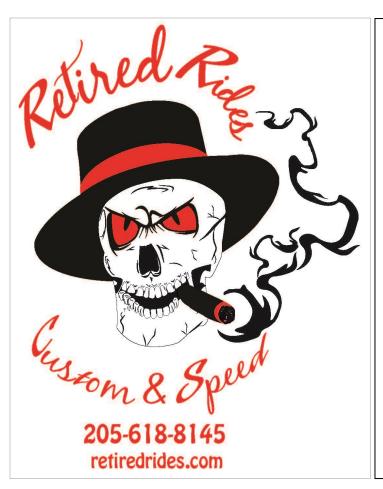












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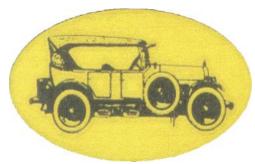
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I will continue to experiment with adding the white #1157 LEDs to parking lights and trying different reflective coatings in the tail light assemblies to see what other improvements may be accomplished. I will investigate LED headlights at some point along with interior LED replacements for instrument lighting and so forth. If anyone has knowledge or a story to share about LEDs, please let us know. The goal is to make those behind us "SEE RED" as needed while we are

heading to car shows.

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For Sale: DVAAC member Larry Riggs is selling four wheel covers from 1968-82 GM Corvette/Camaro. The price is \$100.00 for all four. Larry's number is 205-937-1005.

#### More cars from Columbiana's event



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