

Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club, Inc Newsletter

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December 2021 Hoover, Alabama



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You may mail your dues (\$20) check to:

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Checks should be made payable to Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club. Thank you!

Dixie Vintage Events

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Dixie Vintage First Saturday Cruise-In:

Hoover Tactical Firearms

December 4, 2021, 8-11 am

Trophy Presentation and Drawing, 9:30 am

1621 Montgomery Highway

Hoover, Alabama 35226

Note: There will be a collection for Toys for Tots at this cruise-in.

Dixie Vintage Business Meeting:

Dales Southern Grill

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 6 pm

1843 Montgomery Highway, Hoover, Alabama

35226

Dixie Vintage Mid-Month Cruise-In:

Dunkin Lakeshore

Saturday, December 18, 2021, 8-11 am

300 Commons Drive

Homewood, Alabama 35209

December 4th

There will be a collection for Toys for Tots at the Dixie Vintage First Saturday Cruise-In Hoover Tactical Firearms. See flyer on page 4.

Non-Dixie Vintage Events

There are no listed events at this time.

"Dixie Vintage Cruise-in at Hoover Tactical "

We will vacate the lot by 11:00A. 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.

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.
Email: jekbest@aol.com

New Car Members

New Club Members

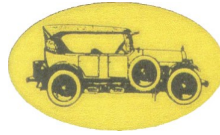
Roger and Amanda Boaz
McCalla, Alabama
1956 Chevy 210

Welcome to the Club!

Winner of the November 2021 Drawing:

Sam Peavler. Congrats Sam!

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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Octane Boosters

By

John E. Krauser

When our old cars were new, purchasing gasoline was just a matter of driving into a service station and telling the attendant what grade of fuel to put into the tank. The tank was filled, and we got change from a five-dollar bill. If one grew up in the snow belts of the Midwest and North, a can of HEET was added to the fuel. HEET dealt with moisture issues that could cause icing at the carburetor. As emission standards tightened, engine design changed to meet requirements for emission reductions, and increased fuel mileage. Fuels also changed to work with catalytic converters. Ethanol was added to gasoline to help reduce emissions and increase the octane rating

Octane is a petroleum-based product used to stabilize fuel. Today, the most common octane ratings are 87-89-93. Octane ratings of 85 and 91 work in higher elevations where the air is less dense. The 95 octane can also be found but its availability is limited. All of these fuels contain up to 10 percent ethanol. Ethanol can cause corrosion in the fuel system especially to our older vehicles that were not designed for this product.

In recent years non-ethanol gasoline has become available at many service stations. The most common octane rating is 87. Cars and lawn equipment can perform well with this octane rating. But recently in our area higher octane grades of non-ethanol fuel have become available. However, the location of the service stations that provide these fuels is not convenient to everyone.

Octane boosters are widely available. They allow for the use of non-ethanol 87 grade fuel or higher, and prevent pre-ignition or knock issues. Some folks choose to purchase high octane racing type fuels and blend it with existing 87 octane non-ethanol fuel to achieve good engine performance. That process of mixing fuels could appear in a later article.

Every bottle of octane booster provides a rating of how much the octane level will increase. The whole rating system is based on 1 to 100. The rating is listed in points. One brand may state it raises octane by 10 points while another will state it raises the octane rating by 30 points. This is misleading. Based on the 100-point system a rating boost of 10 points equates to an octane level increase of 1 unit. That 1 unit will raise 87 octane to 88 octane. An increase of 30 points means the octane level will increase 3 units. An octane of 87 is now 90 octane. The directions on the product bottle will state how many gallons of gasoline it will upgrade to the higher octane. It is important to read the label so you can determine what will work for your particular application.

There are different additives in octane boosters depending on the manufacturer. One additive that you may want to avoid is Methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl or MMT. There have been reports that this additive in the booster has resulted in spark plug fouling. Directions on booster's state whether or not the booster is street legal. Yet boosters can be purchased over the counter where automotive supplies are sold. Street legal or not, some boosters are listed below. These products offer yet another option on what type of fuel to purchase.

Royal Purple Max Booster Available in a 16-ounce can

Max Boost does contain MMT

Raises octane rating up to 30 points or 3 numbers

Not street legal



Lucas Oil Octane Booster

1.28 ounces of octane boost per gallon of gasoline

One bottle turns 10 gallons of 93 octane fuel into 96.6

Not street legal



STP Octane Booster

It's an affordable option available in a 5.25-ounce bottle for 21 gallons of gas
There is also a 12-ounce option, which treats up to 28 gallons



Torco Unleaded Fuel Accelerator

This octane booster will raise the octane of premium fuel (91 octane) to 102 octane when using a 32-ounce bottle with 10 gallons of gas
Tends to leave reddish residue on spark plugs, very short shelf life
Protects against negative effects of ethanol



Klotz Octane Booster

Increases pump gasoline octane up to 10 numbers
Lead substitute for added lubricity and will stabilize flame
It can also serve as a fuel system cleaner



Gold Eagle 104+ Octane Boost

Designed to boost power, improve fuel economy, and clean fuel injectors
Each bottle (16 ounces) treats up to 18 gallons of fuel.
It's safe to use in all gasoline blends, including ethanol.





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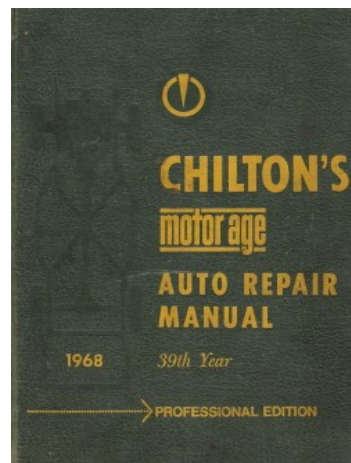
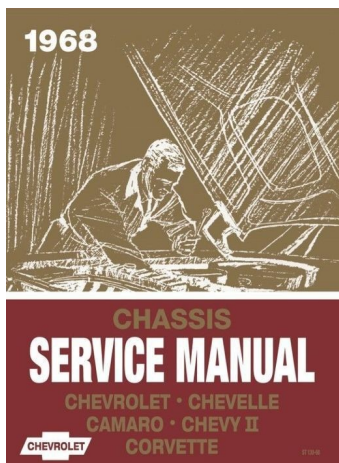
Retired Rides LLC

Owners Greg & Sandy Tope

It's 1968

Average income was \$7,800.00
 Average new car cost was \$2,750.00
 Average cost of a gallon of regular gasoline was \$0.34
 Today that gasoline cost is equivalent to \$2.61
 A \$100 in 1968 is equivalent to \$795 today
 The Dow Jones Industrial closed at 943
 Inflation rate for 1968 was \$4.27%

Many of us worked on our own cars in 1968. Factory manual were widely available for this purpose. Two samples of them are pictured below.

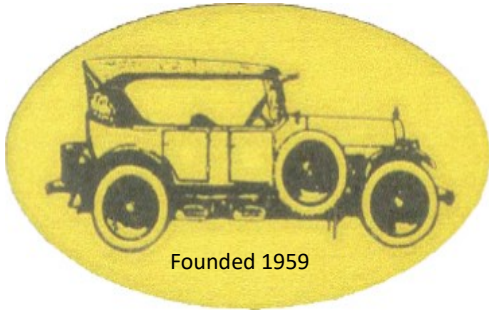


The first seat belt law known as federal law Title 49 of the United States Code, Chapter 301, mandated that seat belts become standard in automobiles

New York state became the first state to mandate the use of seat belts. It took 11 years for 48 states to require the use of seat belts at all times. Alabama implemented the law on 07/18/91.

Pictured below is an example of early seat belts and the mounting bolts that fastened the belt to the floor.





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Each month DVAAC President Ed Zanaty presents the Dixie Vintage Auto Club's award trophy to two current club paying members. A picture of the trophy is to the right.



Pictured left is one of the November 2021 Cruise-In Favorite Trophy winners, John Rogers - 1965 Ford Thunderbird

DVAAC President Ed Zanaty is presenting the trophy.

Pictured right is the other winner of the November 2021 Cruise-In Favorite Trophy winner, Sam Peavler - 1963 Ford Thunderbird

DVAAC President Ed Zanaty is presenting the trophy.

