

Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club, Inc Newsletter

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June, 2023 Hoover, Alabama

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Dixie Vintage Cruise-In@ Hoover Tac meets on the 1st Saturday each month year round 8A-11A.

Visit <http://WWW.DVAAC.COM> for more information about Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club.

You may mail your dues (\$20) check to:
Ed Zanaty, 1312 Forest Ridge Court, Birmingham, AL 35226.

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

Dixie Vintage Events

Dixie Vintage Members

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Dixie Vintage member Chip Hurst's 1995 Ford pickup truck is pictured below at a recent event. Several spectators have said they like my truck. We like the homemade Dixie Vintage sign as well.

Dixie Vintage First Saturday Cruise-In:
Saturday, June 3, 2023, 8-11 am.
Hoover Tactical Firearms
1621 Montgomery Highway
Hoover, Alabama 35226

There will be no Dixie Vintage Business Meetings for the Months of June, July, or August 2023. The next DV business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 6pm Dale's Southern Grill
1843 Montgomery Highway
Hoover, AL 35226

Dixie Vintage Mid-Month Cruise-In:
Saturday, June 17, 2023, 8-11 am.
Dunkin Lakeshore
300 Commons Drive
Homewood, Alabama 35209



"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?

Please let us know.

Text us at 205-276-4423

New Car Members

Eddie and Sue Condrey
Trussville, Alabama
1929 Ford Model A

Jimmy Cranford
Trussville, Alabama
1972 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible

Robbie and Jennifer Howerton
Helena, Alabama
1979 and 1980 Pontiac TramsAm

Grateful Carson Reynolds
Alabaster, Alabama
1964 Ford Thunderbird Coupe

James and Lisa Wagon
Pelham, Alabama
1957 Cadillac Convertible
1997 Porsche Boxster Convertible
1989 Jaguar XJS V-12 Rouge

David and Cindy Vincent
Alpine, Alabama
1940 Buick Special

Eddie and Angie Porter
Birmingham, Alabama

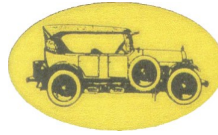
Welcome to the Club!

Winner of the June raffle:

Dan Wilson
Congrats Dan!

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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Interesting Hobby . . .

Please enjoy the article submitted by Sharon and Jim Black.

FAMILY HEIRLOOM ON WHEELS; JIM BLACK RESTORES CORVAIRS

Antiques usually span generations, but in the case of Corvair automobiles, it involves only a few years. For, you see, Corvairs are considered special interest cars, despite what Ralph Nader may think.

To the Jim Black Family, their handsomely restored 1964 Corvair Spyder convertible certainly fits the category of a special interest and is a source of justifiable pride. Jim, who is employed in the Industrial Engineering Dept., and his wife, Sharon, completely refinished the car into its present mint-like condition. Their restoration involved long hours of hard work, but now the shiny Daytona blue Corvair practically stops traffic wherever it goes.

Interest in the rear-engined Corvairs began for Jim in 1975 when he purchased a 1963 Corvair Monza coupe from Sharon's uncle for \$75 to use as a second car to drive to night school classes at Jefferson State Junior College. He still has this car in stripped down condition to begin another restoration.

While driving the 1963 Monza, he acquired a fondness for the way the car handled and performed and began talking with other Corvair collectors and members of the Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts, a local Corvair club of 76 members. It was through this organization that Jim purchased the Spyder convertible during December, 1975 from a member living in Albertville.

The Spyder's engine had been disassembled in boxes so Jim towed the car back to Birmingham.

After the necessary machine work

Pictures are on page 4

Sharon and Jim Black are shown with their automotive pride and joy—a restored 1964 Corvair Spyder convertible. The photo was made at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center during the "World of Wheels" car show held there recently.

on the engine, he reassembled it. He also rebuilt the carburetor and the turbocharger which required use of a dial indicator because of tolerances of $\pm .002''$. These precise measurements are required because of the 70,000 to 80,000 RPM operation of the turbocharger.

The brake system was also rebuilt to insure safe stops. If this sounds like a lot of back breaking work it was, but for the Blacks it also represented a labor of love. The inside of the Spyder is in the original condition except for new carpets.

Another big job that he and Sharon performed was stripping 80 percent of the original white paint off to the bare metal. After this work was completed and all chrome, lights, door handles, bumpers and interior were removed, Jim took the car to a professional automobile painter for restoration in the Daytona blue color. Restoring the paint on any classic car is a laborious task requiring workmanlike skill. The process involved removing the doors, hood and engine compartment, lid, completely priming these, and then applying ten coats

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of lacquer with extensive buffing. This consumed about a two months period.

When the car was returned from the painter, Jim and Sharon replaced all the parts which had been removed. In addition, a new convertible top was purchased which they also installed plus four factory wire-wheels that Jim states are quite rare.

The Spyder's top speed—though this is not an important requisite to Jim—is about 120 mph, and it averages 19 miles per gallon of gas.

In addition to the Monza and Spyder, Jim owns two other Corvairs which were purchased as "spare parts cars." This was done since manufacture of the Corvair was discontinued in 1969 and some parts are unavailable from dealers. Parts from the two cars will be utilized to restore the '63 Monza or another Corvair and serve as a parts backup for the cherished Spyder.

The Vulcan Corvair Enthusiasts have held family outings at various sites around Alabama, such as Tannehill, Cheaha, Noccalula Falls, usually on Sundays. Regular monthly meetings are held on the third Friday evening of the month at the Homewood Public Library.

Pictured below are Sharon and Jim with their Corvair at the "World of Wheels".




The local group is a Chapter of CORSA, Corvair Society of America, and was host to a national mini-convention in 1973 when 300 Corvair owners gathered in the city during a Birmingham "mini-monsoon." Bad weather did not dampen the ardor of the Corvair collectors, however. "When Corvair owners get together for a show, they don't fool around; rain or shine, the show goes on," Jim said.

On February 11-13, the Corvair Club was represented by Sharon and Jim's Corvair at the "World of Wheels" car show held at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. Show chairman of the "World of Wheels" was Henry Sewell, Mono-Cast Dept., a member of the Birmingham Street Rod Association.

Jim and Sharon hope to attend the Central Florida Chapter Mini-Convention to be held in Orlando during April.

"Corvair restoration has been both a hobby and an investment, as the cars are appreciating heavily in value," Jim added. "I thoroughly enjoy it, and I'm not by myself; there are about 6,000 CORSA members in the country today."

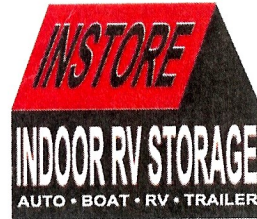
The picture below brings a whole new meaning to the phrase, "Look but don't Touch" 





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Owners Greg & Sandy Tope



It's 1999

Inflation rate was 2.19%

Monthly rent was \$645.00 on average

Regular gasoline was about \$1.22

Postage stamps were \$.33 for first class

In the grocery store bacon was \$2.59 a pound

Eggs were \$0.89 a dozen

Bread was \$1.49 a loaf and coffee was \$3.41 a pound

In the computer world the Y2K scare, also known as the year 2000 problem poised a major concern. When 1999 rolled over to 2000 many thought the two digit computer date system would go to 1900. This would shut down just about everything run by computers. Fortunately the issue was resolved in time. The new year came in without a hitch.

Pictured right is a laptop computer from that time. The Chrysler 300M (far right) was considered the best car of 1999.

The Honda Accord and Lexus RX 300 were close seconds.

Ford sold 869,001 F-series pickups while Chevrolet sold 636,150 Silverado's.



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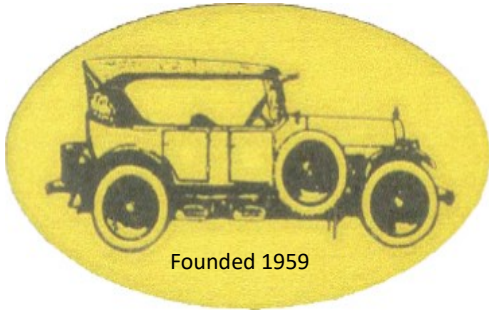
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The 2023 Dixie Vintage Member Decal is now available upon payment (\$20) of your 2023 Club Dues.



Pictured **left** is the winner of the May raffle, Dan Wilson. Pictured with Dan are Dale Baker, Vice President Emeritus (left) and DVAAC President Ed Zanaty (right).

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 newly designed 2023 trophy is to the right.



Pictured **below** are Cruise-In Favorite Trophy winners David and Cindy Vincent.

They are standing in front of their 1940 Buick Special.

DVAAC President Ed Zanaty is presenting the award.



Pictured **left** are Cruise-In Favorite Trophy winners Jimmie and Kathy Skinner.

They are standing in front of their 1957 Ford Thunderbird.

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