

# Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club Newsletter

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April 2017 Hoover, Alabama



Hoover Krispy Kreme hosts Dixie Vintage Auto Club's first Saturday Cruise-In each month.

## Dixie Vintage Events

### Saturday, March 25th

Going Away Party for Steve Katchur  
3:30PM – 5:30PM, Famous Fred's  
Hwy 31, Hoover, AL

### Saturday, April 1st and 15th

Krispy Kreme Cruise-in  
8:00AM – Noon, Hwy 31, Hoover, AL

### Monday, April 3rd

Dixie Vintage business 6:00PM  
HWY 55 Burgers and Fries  
Green Springs HWY, Homewood, AL

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Steve Owen 205-365-1500

### Saturday, April 8th

Dixie Vintage Antique and Classic Car Show  
at Oak Mountain State Park  
8:00AM-2:30PM  
Pelham, AL

### Saturday, April 29th

Celebrate Hoover Day  
11:00AM – 3:00PM  
Veterans Park, Valleydale Rd  
Hoover, AL

*Dixie Vintage  
Antique & Classic*

# CAR SHOW

*Oak Mountain  
State Park*

*April 8th*

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Oak Mountain State Park, Pelham, AL to Benefit Travelers Aid—Gates Open at 7:AM,  
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*\$20 Pre-Registration      \$25 Registration*

## New Car Club Members

Carl Drumgoole, Birmingham, AL

Vance & Sandy George, Athens, AL

Sam & Amy Perkins, Vestavia, AL

Steve & Jan Trucks, Birmingham, AL

## STOLEN PACKARD RETURNS HOME

It was Father's Day, June 19, 1983. In about two weeks time, I was to be married and go on a honeymoon. In preparation, my soon to be wife and I decided that we needed to do some extra work at our second job so as not to be so far behind when we returned home from our honeymoon. We dedicated about three hours that morning to go and get this work done. At the time, I had a 1956 Packard 2 door and that is what we were driving that morning. As we worked, we never heard any sounds that would have concerned us and we made good headway on several of things that needed to be done ahead of our trip.

Around noon, we decided that we had done enough for the day and were ready to head home. As we walked out into the parking lot, something was missing, our car. First thought was that someone we knew must have moved it as a prank. Looked around the area and saw nothing. Now worried, I went and called the police to make a report. The officer on the phone asked what kind of car that was stolen, I said 1956 Packard, The officer then said in reply, "a what". It was then that I knew I was in trouble as far as finding my car.

They sent out an officer who took the report and said that they would do all they could to help find the car. But there was enough doubt in his voice to cause me some serious concern. Since it was Father's Day, we had things to do and both of our fathers to see so riding through neighborhoods looking for the car were out of the question that day. I started in earnest the next day and every opportunity I had for several weeks and then I finally admitted that it was most likely a lost cause. However, I always found myself looking no matter where I was going.

One Sunday night about 5 years later, the phone rings and it is a friend of mine saying that he and his wife had been down in Chilton County looking at houses. He had seen a car and asked if I might be interested in another 1956 Packard. I said that I might be and then he said it could possibly be my old car. Now mind you, this friend had a history of telling stories that he always managed to make more "grand" than they really were, so I'm thinking to myself that this just might be one of those times. I almost dismissed his conversation completely. My wife had been sitting there listening intently at the conversation and only hearing one side of it was dying to know what had been said. Once I told her the gist of his conversation, she said that we would definitely go and look the next day.

It is late October, so the amount of daylight is fading fast as we head to Chilton county. We go down the road he says to find the car and we reached the end before seeing anything that looked like a car. We turned around and headed back up the road more slowly and sure enough, we see something shiny. I get out and walk up to the fence for a better look. There sits a 1956 Packard 2 door but it is too far from the road to be sure of anything other than that. I decided to go and knock on the door and see if we could go and look at the car. The person at the door was very receptive and invited us on in and took us out back to see said car. The first thing that I saw was that the antique tag on the car was still on the car and that the serial number had not been doctored in any way. I didn't mention anything about the car having been stolen or that I had a key in my pocket to the car. We looked it over and asked if it were for sale and if so, what was the price. He gave me a price, told him we were interested and he gave me his card for contact information.

We walked back to the car and sat there almost giddy, thinking "what do we do now?" Drove up to where there was some lights and found a small store and asked if we could use their phone. They heard the conversation and began asking all kinds of questions. Not being familiar with the area or the people, I was quite evasive as to their questions. Who knows, they might be friends of this person and alert him to the fact that I am calling the police. The policeman arrived and asked where the car was and when I told him, he let me know that it was just out of his jurisdiction and that the county sheriff had been called and was on his way. He finally arrived and said that he was held up waiting to get a police report on the car. It seemed that all of the records had been put into a digital format and that it only went back so many years. They would have to get a hard copy of the records the next day from their files.

He then said to follow him to the person's house. He walked up, knocked on the door and introduced himself and told the gentleman that he was there because he had been told of a car that had been reported as stolen. We went out back and he saw the car. I had brought along a copy of an article that "Crime Stoppers" had written from the newspaper from five years earlier that showed the serial number and I had my set of keys to try and prove my point. The sheriff seemed convinced. By the time we walked back inside, the gentleman's wife showed us a copy of a "Bill of Sale" that looked rather hastily done. There was no guilt alleged because we never saw who had taken the car. Convinced, we left the man's house and began to head for home excited about having found the long lost car.

The next day, I called the man to see how much he would charge me to bring the car to Hoover since I was told that the car wouldn't run. I had noticed several car haulers and a wrecker parked beside the man's house and thought he might do it for a nominal fee. He told me that he would not return the car unless I could give him absolute proof that it was my car. I called the sheriff who told me to bring him a copy of the police report. I was told to call the North Precinct, the Captain said that he would have me a copy to pick up by that afternoon. A friend and I picked up the report and drove it to the Chilton county sheriff's house and he said he would take care of the rest. I was a little concerned about leaving the car in the man's yard what with him having the means to transport it, that and the fact that there was a sale that night that he said he was going to attend. The sheriff eased my mind by telling me that if he did anything to the car that he would personally "lock him up!" By the next morning, the sheriff called to say that his local towing company would be bringing the car to my house and for the first time in over 5 years the Packard was back home safe.

by Donald Taccone

## BRYAN OLIVER HAS YOUR NAME TAG

We encourage each of our members to own and wear a name tag. We really do want to get to know you. The cost of the name tag is \$10.00. Payment in cash at the time of placing the order is required. Orders for name tags are taken at the first Saturday cruise in at Krispy Kreme. Orders placed this month will be available for pickup the next month at Krispy Kreme. Ask about name tags at the tent.



### Newsletter Editor

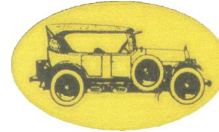
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Are you working on a restoration project?  
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David Bell 205-520-6080 cell

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## 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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# Dixie Vintage Car Show

## Oak Mountain State Park, April 8, 2017



Work on the Dixie Vintage Car Show scheduled for April 8, 2017, at Oak Mountain State Park is underway. Our annual car show to support Travelers Aid was announced earlier in the year. This is an urgent call for Dixie Vintage members to identify and secure sponsors for the show. We also need many members to volunteer to work the show and some have already done so. If you have not yet volunteered, please email Dale Baker with your choice of hours right away. **You may work the 7:30AM to 9:30AM shift or the 9:30AM to 11:30AM shift.**

A few members have hit the road running and a few sponsors have been signed. We encourage everyone to take a few moments to familiarize themselves with the sponsor Level rate card and talk to the people you are doing business with. It is amazing how many people responds positively when asked.

**The contest for who can secure the most sponsors is underway. The prize is a black club leather and wool varsity jacket made in USA! Joe Alfano won it for 2016 so please don't let him win it again!**

If you have sponsorship questions, wish to report sponsor information, or wish to volunteer to work the car show, please contact Dale Baker at 205-807-6581 or [dalebaker001@att.net](mailto:dalebaker001@att.net).

If you have questions about securing sponsorship or need tips on how to go about it, please contact our marketing director, Joe Alfano at [alfanojm4@bellsouth.net](mailto:alfanojm4@bellsouth.net), or 205-222-4577.

#### Level 1

\$50.00\*: Sponsor listed on car show flier, recognized with signage at car show, listed in newsletter.

#### Level 2

\$100.00: Sponsor listed on car show flier, recognized with signage at car show, listed in newsletter, logo and contact information on web site for one year.

#### Level 3

\$500: Sponsor receives all items in Level 2 plus logo stays in newsletter for one year with contact information, and exhibit space for their products/materials.

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\$1,200.00: Show Title Sponsor, will receive all items in Level 3 plus a banner with name & logo prominently displayed at the show, exhibit space for their products/materials, and will receive one full page of advertising in the newsletter for one year.

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Website is highly trafficked

Make checks payable to: Travelers Aid Society

Receipts will be issued by Travelers Aid.

\* Gifts in kind must be assigned a fair market value

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Advance Auto Parts	Tim Smith	978-2064	Assorted Car wash items \$75 value
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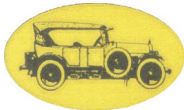
## Steve & Ragna Katchur Going Away Party



Regrettably, Steve Katchur and his wife Ragna, will be moving to Destin Florida in the late March-April time frame. We hate to see these two go but Steve's sales territory has changed and this is an opportunity for them to make a change they have considered for some time.

Steve was elected president of Dixie Vintage in 2011 and has done an excellent job. Under his leadership, paid membership of the club increased from 135 to 200. He revitalized the KK Cruise-in tent operations, membership roster, and funds management process. Steve has been instrumental in expanding the reach of the club as we pressed for more charity activities and he has done so much more for us. He will be missed by all but he does promise to come visit often.

In order for members to have an opportunity to say good-bye, the club will host a going away party March 25, from 3:30PM to 5:30PM, at Famous Fred's restaurant on Hwy 31 in the Hoover Commons shopping center. Please drop by to say good-bye. Food is available for \$7.00 person.



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