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1963 Buick Riviera

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Coming Events:

To be Announced	Florida Region board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church	To be scheduled
December	Florida Region General Meeting and Auction, Kress Memorial Church	Cancelled
December 14	Christmas Luncheon, Golden Corral, 897 West Town Parkway, Altamonte Springs, 332714	1:00 PM



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President’s Letter

Greetings All,

Here’s my late Thanksgiving Blessings - hope y’all had a great one even though it may have been restricted.

It looks like we may have temporarily resolved the problem about being able to have a club meeting - the Magnolia Park location may be the answer to safely meet - nice and open and plenty of room to spread out. We will keep you apprised of the meetings which may have to be adjusted due to weather and availability and by all means do not feel obligated to attend a meeting. We want you all back when you are ready, safe and secure.

Our next meeting will be the luncheon at the Golden Corral in Altamonte Springs which you should have received an email by Don regarding this and also the continuation of our Toy collection for gifts and or money that you can send to Don Allen if you want to participate and will not be attending the luncheon and want the club to purchase toys for the donation.

This brings me to our next holiday - at least for the children - Christmas - and to the adults let us not forget the real meaning why we remember this time of the year and especially considering the circumstances that we find ourselves in and find solace in the One that gives us comfort and peace.

Keep Melanie Boden & Family in your thoughts and prayers since Lanny (long time member) passed away in the middle of November. Also keep Thomas Tart who is facing knee replacement surgery the first of December in your thoughts and prayer.

Keep up with the Running Board and the Florida Region Website.

Stay tuned-up and healthy in your travels or idling at home!

Happy Motoring!!!

Mickey Bryant

Letter from the Editor

Well I am back in FLorida for good, I moved out of my Huntsville apartment and will work remotely at home in Florida. So I look forward to seeing everybody at the Christmas Luncheon in Altamonte Golden Corral the 1:00PM.



General Meeting –

On November 16, the Florida Region had its first meeting since last March. As we were not allowed to meet at the church, we made arrangements to meet at Magnolia Park in Apopka. It was a beautiful venue and was enjoyed by 13 members. It was nice to see that 4 of the members drove their old cars. We made some future plans and this information will come out in the President's letter in the next Running Board. I ended the meeting with an automotive trivia contest which seemed to really be enjoyed by those that were there. The meeting was scheduled for 3:30 and started a few minutes late as more people were arriving. It lasted until an unheard of 5:30 because those in attendance were so glad to be back together and were having so much fun. Mary Rose brought a lot of great cookies she had made, but she had to

leave before the meeting started because of an important dental appointment that had a change of time this morning.

Don Allen

December Birthdays

Larry Cole	December 21
Lysa Dodds	December 25
Charles Jones	December 12
Arlene Mills	December 26
Jack Swain	December 16

1963 Buick Riviera



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by Alex Reid

The Buick Riviera resulted from one of Bill Mitchell's ideals to eliminate styling tropes that had plagued American cars under Harley Earl's direction, such as overwrought chrome, tailfins, and similar signature cues. Eliminating those elements would make GM's cars look more European, and thus, more stylish.

When Mitchell was tasked with creating the 1963 Riviera, he asked his team to combine the styling of Rolls-Royce and Ferrari, two companies which could not have had more different ideas for what a car should be.

However, the team managed to complete Mitchell's mission, and created one of the most beautiful American cars ever. Mitchell got the idea for the vehicle while in Paris, hence the extremely European name: Riviera.

It is said that during a trip to England, Mitchell spied a custom bodied Rolls Royce parked on the curb. It was a

misty, foggy night, and the profile of the car from Mitchell's vantage point appeared sharp and crisp. It was at this point he determined that GM needed something that would be both sporty, yet offer sharp, razor blade lines and a crisp profile. Ned Nickles had already been working on a personal luxury car design, but Mitchell wasn't impressed with what he'd come up with so far. Given this new directive, Nickles began to work on what would become known as XP-715. Mitchell referred to it as the LaSalle II, in recognition of Cadillac's junior nameplate that was retired in 1940. As such, the new car would need some design touch that was reminiscent of the LaSalle for recognition, and two rounded upright grilles were placed in the leading edge of each fender, each containing narrow horizontal chrome vanes that were inspired by the old LaSalle grille design. Mitchell loved it immediately!

The 1963 Buick Riviera was General Motors first entry into the prestige automobile niche and was highly praised when it made its debut. The body shell was distinct to it and was a somewhat unusual departure for a General Motors product. Unlike its GM counterparts, the Oldsmobile Toronado and Cadillac Eldorado, the Riviera was a front engine and rear wheel drive vehicle and remained so until 1979.



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1926 Ford Model T Depot Hack Sold for \$14,700 Hemmings Auction online November 2020



1949 Buick Roadmaster Sold for \$60,900 Hemmings Auction online November 2020



1965 Buick Electra 225 Custom Sold for \$27,825 Hemmings Auction online November 2020



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