



GASCAR NEWSLETTER

June

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

While I thought that our club had a great April, the month of May proved even better for us old car folks. The first Saturday cruise in at the French Market Grill West turned out better than anyone had hoped. There were a lot of cars of many varieties there, including the premier showing of Charles Durand's recently acquired beautiful 56 Ford Crown Victoria. Like all of Charles's cars, this one was perfectly detailed and very, very nice. Everyone from GaSCar that I talked to really enjoyed meeting and talking with other "car people" at the cruise-in while making some new and renewing some not-so-new acquaintances.

On May 13th, in the evening, several GaSCarians including Ralph Neitzke with his 64 Impala, Andrew Morse with his 56 Ford, and Richard Dunevent with his 57 Chevy went to the Cruise-in on the Square in Washington, Georgia for more car talk and visiting with friends. All in all, a pretty busy weekend for our club.

The weather couldn't have been better for our Cruise-in to the Sonic following our May GaSCar meeting. The food was good, (even better with the discounted prices) the service excellent, and we had a great turnout of GaSCar cars. It's hard to describe the nostalgia of seeing all those beautiful, shiny, classic cars filling the parking slots. Everyone that I talked to enjoyed it, including the manager. He went on and on about how beautiful the old cars were and how much more character they have than most of the newer cars. He then mentioned how much he enjoyed talking cars with our members and invited GaSCar back anytime. On Saturday, the 20th, a dozen or so GaSCarians met with Mike Smith for our scheduled "Saturday Brunch" at the Monterrey Mexican Restaurant in North Augusta. Nothing special, just good friends with similar interests having a very pleasant lunch while the men talked about car stuff and the ladies listened patiently. You can't imagine my surprise when the entire staff came out with a dessert, topped with a cherry, no less, and started singing "Happy Birthday" in Spanish! This was interesting! Especially when the GaSCarians started singing along... but in English. Quite a pleasant surprise for me and, although I have no idea what the birthday dessert was, it was delicious.



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Normally in June we would look forward to the annual Trenton Peach Festival and parade followed up by a BBQ at the beautiful home of John and Sandra Moore. Unfortunately, for various reasons, the parade committee has decided to discontinue the Peach Festival parade much to the chagrin of many folks. Always one of the most popular events, due to the low-key, friendly hometown atmosphere, many GaSCarians have mentioned how much they enjoyed this parade and festival and how much they will miss it. All is not lost however because even though the Peach Festival is cancelled, John and Sandra will continue with their annual barbecue. As usual, the GaSCar ladies will bring side dishes and John and Sandra have scheduled with Shealy's to provide the BBQ. Like last year, volunteers will be needed to help John set up on Friday afternoon. Watch for details on how you can help in the club e-mails and newsletter. This is always one of GaSCar's premier events so be sure to pencil it in on your calendar and make plans to attend...with your appetite!

Finally, there are a TON of local community and GaSCar events/activities scheduled this time of the year including our upcoming tour of Bo's Machine Shop on the 10th which will be immediately followed by a meal at Sconyers. Mike, our GaSCar secretary,

does an outstanding job of posting club related news so keep current with your GaSCar newsletter and e-mails for the latest information.

Please be sure to keep our sick and ill members in your thoughts and prayers. Remember, God makes a difference!

Happy Antique Motoring!

Gerald Melchior

GaSCar 50th Anniversary

A planning group has been formed to start working on our 50th anniversary celebration in 2024. Charter members, Robert and Carol Taylor, are collecting and organizing our history and memorabilia. If you have GaSCar historical items (pictures, articles, etc.), please bring them to the monthly meetings.





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Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2023	Ending Balance	\$7965.58
May 2023 Income	Dues, 50/50, Yard Sale	\$105.00
May 2023 Expenditures	None	\$0.00
May 31, 2023	Ending Balance	\$8070.58

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

June 10th : 10 AM Tour of Bo's Machine Shop, 1242 Gordon Park Rd, Augusta, GA 30901, followed by a luncheon at Sconyers BBQ, 2250 Sconyers Way, Augusta, GA 30906 at 11:15 AM. Please call, text or email Mike Lemons, mike@lemons.com, 706-825-9254

Saturday, June 17th , the day before Father's Day, Lunch at John & Sandra Moore's (211 East Wise Street, Trenton, SC). There will be no Peach Festival this year, but we can have our own! Shealy's BBQ will arrive at 11:30, and we will begin serving at noon, like before. Ladies can contact Sandra about dishes to bring. They all have their favorites for

bringing to the lunch. Her cell phone is 706-394-8497. Sandra will bake the peach cobblers for desserts and have tea for us as well as paper products. Please bring serving spoons. For those wanting to convoy to the Moore's, we will leave from the Zaxby's at I-20 exit 5 at 10:30.

Jun 20th : Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance, 7 PM.

Jul 18th: Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance, 7 PM.

Aug 15th: Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance, 7 PM.

Aug 26th Michael Smith has again this year invited us to his place (1355 Lone Oak Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813) for lunch etc. Michael is providing all food and drinks (except dessert) so we are asking the attendees to bring a dessert for all of us to enjoy. Plan on being there around 11:30AM and we'll eat around noon. Drive your old car. We do need to know though who is attending as soon as possible so he can give the caterer a realistic number. Mike does ask that you bring your own web chairs. If you are planning on attending, we will have a sign-up sheet at our monthly meeting. If you can't be at the meeting, please email Mike Lemons (mike@lemons.com) or text or call me at (706) 825-9254, or you can call Michael Smith directly at 706-421-0200. For those wanting to convoy, we will leave the Cracker Barrel at I-20 at 11 AM

Sep 12th Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance, 7 PM. Note this is a date change from our normal meeting date.



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Saturday, Oct 7th: City of Harlem, GA Oliver Hardy Festival Parade. 9am-4pm. More information on the parade later.

Other Events of Interest

Jun 3rd : First Saturday cruise in at the French Market Grill West

Jun 17th: Cruise-in at Journey Community Church, 10 AM to Noon. Free lunch. 4798 Hardy McManus Rd, Evans, GA.

Note: This conflicts with our lunch at the Moore's.



In our thoughts and prayers: Ann Dinkins, Anthony Grinnell, John Force, Donna & Jim Martin, Tom Little, Claude Johnson and Larry Phillips. If you, or a member you know, is sick or in the hospital, please call Maxine Williams (762-333-4253) or Cheryl Lizama (706-392-5527).



Mike's Pace Car



Harold's 1956 Chevrolet at Sonic



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2023 GaSCar/AACA Dues

Yearly dues are \$70.00 (\$45 AACA National Dues plus \$25 GaSCar Region Dues). Please send the \$70 dues plus your AACA member number (if you have one) to Scott Wilkes, 5444 Meadowlark Lane, Grovetown, GA 30813.



Phil's 53 Olds at Sonic



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| Jun 8 th | Esther Peacock | Jun 1 st | Claude & Anne Johnson |
| Jun 8 th | Sue Wilkes | Jun 2 nd | Phil & Susan Gaffney |
| Jun 10 th | Tom Little | Jun 12 th | Tito & Millie Sobrinho |
| Jun 17 th | Margie Barton | Jun 13 th | Henry & Annette Jones |
| Jun 29 th | Don Williams | Jun 21 st | John & Sandra Moore |
| Jun 30 th | Anne Johnson | Jun 25 th | Robert & Carol Taylor |
| Jun 30 th | Mary Salerno | Jun 30 th | Garry & Susie Glazener |
| Jul 8 th | Sarah Thomas | Jul 3 rd | Don & Betty DeClue |
| Jul 8 th | Sue Norris | Jul 4 th | Ken & Ellen Holmes |
| Jul 15 th | Cheryl Lizama | Jul 8 th | Gil & Elizabeth Klemann |
| Jul 16 th | Ann Rosier | Jul 18 th | Bill & Carol McGahee |
| Jul 18 th | Tony Gallo | Jul 19 th | Don & Maxine Williams |
| Jul 18 th | Don DeClue | Jul 20 th | Gerald & Lois Melchiors |
| | | Jul 21 st | Sonny & Vickie Walker |
| | | Jul 25 th | Jack & Sally Tatro |
| | | Jul 26 th | Tony & Trudy Gallo |



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2023 GaSCar Officers



President: Gerald Melchior Vice President: Michael Smith



Treasurer: Scott Wilkes Secretary: Mike Lemons



Eating at Sonic



Ralph's 64 Chevy at Sonic



GaSCar at Sonic

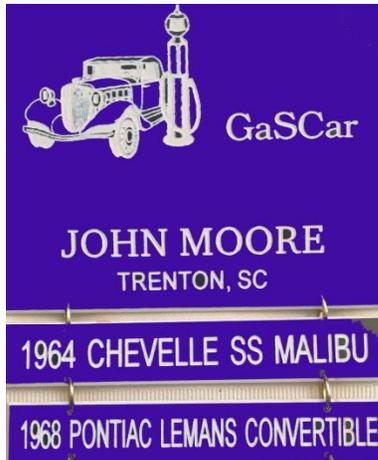


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GaSCar Name Tags

The response has been great on the number of members who are wearing nametags to GaSCar events. We continue to have new members on a regular basis and it certainly helps to put faces to names. Remember to wear your nametag to all GaSCar events. If you don't have one, the official GaSCar name tags are available at B&S Engraving, 3733 Washington Rd, Martinez, GA, 30907. They are open from 10 AM to 6 PM Monday thru Friday. The cost is \$16 for a name tag that attaches by pin or magnet, or \$18 for a name tag that clips onto the shirt pocket. A dangle bar attached below the main name tag with your car year, make and model, is an additional \$6 per dangle bar.

GaSCar Logo Items

Point of contact to get shirts, etc. embroidered with the GaSCar logo is Susan Meloan, 5030 Fieldcrest Dr. N Augusta, SC. Very reasonable. 803-634-2570.