



GASCAR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hard to believe that it's September already. Now that the hottest months are behind us, we can start to enjoy our old cars again. Not much beats a fall evening cruising in your classic car with the vent windows open and a refreshing breeze flowing.

GaSCar again needs to give Mike Smith a resounding "Thank You" for the wonderful BBQ that he gave the club on the 26th.

Combining the great BBQ that Mike made with the delicious desserts provided by the GaSCar ladies and gentlemen, made for a very memorable evening. Thankfully, the weather co-operated and, although a bit warm, it was very enjoyable (even with me eating too much). What a great evening!

The weather cooling down makes for a little more pleasant motoring in our antique cars (mine anyway with no air conditioning). Seems like the summer is just flying by and our GaSCar scheduled cruise-in to the Sonic Drive-in following our September meeting is just the start of our busy fall season. We had an excellent turnout on our last cruise-in so be sure to drive your (favorite) vintage car. This time of the year the weather usually co-operates which should give us a very enjoyable evening of food, fellowship, and (of course) car talk. The First Saturday cruise-ins at the *French Market Grill West* continue to be popular with our club. GaSCar attendance at these events has been excellent so far and is a great way to display our beautiful antique cars to the public. If you can work it into your schedule, I would encourage you to get your car out, dust it off, and spend a couple pleasant evening hours with your fellow antique car enthusiasts. What is even better now is that Charles Durand has arranged with management to have the restaurant reserve a table for us at 7:00 so that



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after the display we can enjoy an evening of fine dining and car-talk camaraderie!

During our August meeting we talked about our upcoming tour to visit Paul Ianuario's and Jim Benson's antique car and memorabilia collections. Today GaSCarians do not hesitate to drive their well-maintained 50-, 60-, and 70-year-old cars on long club tours. I think that the Petrys got quite a chuckle out of the often mentioned "reliability question" since they have driven their 56 Pontiac Safari all over the country attending Pontiac/Oakland club national meets over the last 20 or so years with no problems.

Mike Lemons does a terrific job of keeping everyone up to date on happenings and details of upcoming events including day tours, displays, car shows and other GaSCar related events so be sure to keep current with your GaSCar Newsletter.

Be sure to note that our September meeting date has been changed to the second Tuesday of the

month (the 12th) rather than the third Tuesday (the 19th).

As always, keep our sick and ill members in your thoughts and prayers. Remember, God makes a difference!
See you on the 12th.

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

July 31, 2023	Ending Balance	\$8252.20
August 2023 Income	50/50 proceeds, dues, etc.	\$376.00
August 2023 Expenditures	Newsletter Expenses, Garden City Rescue Mission	\$1108.15
August 31, 2023	Ending Balance	\$7520.05

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Sep 12th : Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance, 7 PM. Note this is a date change from our normal meeting date. We'll meet at Fox Appliance at 7 PM for a short meeting (no program) and then we'll cruise to Sonic at 3743 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA for refreshments.

Sep 29-30: Fall tour to Greer, SC. Join your GaSCar friends as we drive our old cars to Greer, SC (i.e. Greenville). Here's the itinerary:

Friday, 9/29

9:45. Leave Belair & Washington Road Cracker Barrel (544 North Belair Rd, Evans, GA).

Proceed to McCormick South Carolina via Hwy 28.

Arrive McCormick. Stop @ Hardees. Leave McCormick.

Pit Stop @ Sphinx gas station, Greenwood, S.C.

Lunch @ Mi Familia Mexican restaurant, Greer, S.C.

Go to Paul Ianuario's (541 West Lakeview Drive, Duncan S.C.)

Tour Paul Ianuario's car collection.

Leave Paul Ianuario's. Proceed to Hampton Inn (112 North Main St, Greer S.C.) & check-in.

Restaurant of choice for dinner.

Evening "Wine & Cheese" in hotel lounge.

Saturday 9/30

9:30. Leave hotel for Jim Benson's.

Tour Jim Benson's exhibit.

Depart Benson's for Greenwood, S.C.

Arrive Greenwood. Brunch @ Break on the Lake restaurant.

Depart for home

Please note, members must make their own reservations at the Hampton Inn (112 North Main St, Greer S.C.).

You can make reservations through any of the hotel booking sites, or you may call directly to the hotel at (864) 519-0100 or you can call the Hilton reservation number at (844)-202-2516.



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I booked our King room through the Hilton.Com website for a total of \$171.45 which included a senior discount. My reservation also provided for a no cost room cancellation until the day before our trip

This hotel has free covered parking so our cars should be relatively safe.

Oct 17th : Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance: Casserole Dinner. Note: This meeting starts at 6:30 rather than the normal start time of 7 PM. No Program. Bring your favorite Casserole dish.

Oct 28th : Lost in the 50's Car Show at St. Teresa of Avila. 4921 Columbia Road, Grovetown, GA. 9 AM to 3 PM. Registration form on Gascarclub.com.

Other Events of Interest

Sep 2nd :First Saturday cruise in at the French Market Grill West. 5-7 PM

Sep 16th :Third Saturday cruise-in at the SNO-CAP in North Augusta. 5-7 PM

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



In our thoughts and prayers: Ann Dinkins, Anthony Grinnell, John Force, Donna & Jim Martin, Tom Little, Claude Johnson, Robert Elliott 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).



Welcome to new GaSCar member Otis Hitt and his newly acquired 1954 Buick Century



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Phil Gaffney's "new" 1953 Dodge B4B

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.



O'Reilly Auto Parts Grovetown Manager Jose Benavidez is pictured with grand prize winner Donna Jason who won a 200-piece mechanics tool set donated by O'Reilly. In addition to this grand prize, O'Reilly also donated numerous "goody" bags for the other lucky winners.





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Sep 1st Ed Deketeleare
Sep 3rd Vickie Walker
Sep 7th Tommy Garcia
Sep 11th Gail Smith
Sep 13th Gene Norris
Sep 13th Judy Brown
Sep 14th Jim Zelgewicz
Sep 14th Michael Ferrando
Sep 15th Otis Hitt
Sep 18th Ed Pettit
Sep 18th Susie Kern
Sep 19th Charles Durand
Sep 21st Deborah Joiner
Sep 28th Ernie Dinkins
Oct 1st John Force
Oct 3rd Mike Force .
Oct 9th Robert Taylor
Oct 14th Andrew Morse
Oct 15th Larry Phillips
Oct 15th Mark Petry
Oct 20th Staci Deketeleare
Oct 23rd Bill Monro
Oct 24th Mickey Zelgewicz

Sep 2nd Wayne & Deborah Joiner
Sep 8th Ronnie & Hazel Horseman
Sep 10th Mac & Dorothy Winn
Oct 7th James & Donna Martin
Oct 14th Andrew & Mary Morse
Oct 22nd Jerry & Donna Jason
Oct 24th Doug & Cindy McMonigle
Oct 25th Bill & Lois Monro
Oct 30th Jim & Ann Rosier

2023 GaSCar Officers



President: Gerald Melchiors Vice President: Michael Smith



Treasurer: Scott Wilkes Secretary: Mike Lemons

August Monthly Meeting Recap
Ladies Trivia: 1st Deb Joiner, 2nd Tie, Maxine Williams and Sherry Lemons
Men's Trivia: 1st Ralph Neitzke, 2nd Ronnie Horseman
50/50: Larry Phillips
Program by Jerry Jason

Thanks for the snacks provided by: Don & Maxine Williams, Gene & Sue Norris, Ralph Neitzke and Mike & Sherry Lemons
Snacks for the September meeting: Sonic

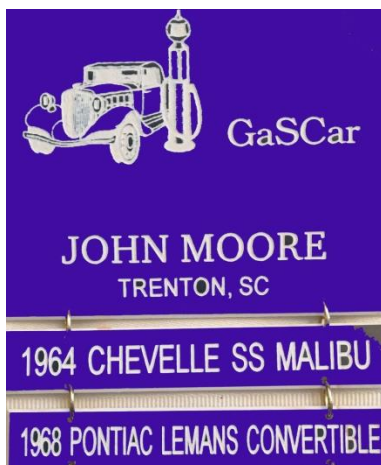


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GaSCar Name Tags

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.





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