



GASCAR NEWSLETTER

Mike Lemons, Editor

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December 2023



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, here it is December already and we have to ask each other what happened to the year. It seems as we get older, the time flies by faster and faster! Of course, with a club and friends like our GaSCar friends, we almost always have something going on. Now that Thanksgiving has passed and we are in the midst of the best season of all (for Lois and I of course), things really start to get busy. Starting with community Christmas parades (Grovetoyn on the 2nd, Jackson on the 3rd, Harlem on the 10th), followed by our GaSCar Christmas party on the 5th, December is always a busy and fun time in the antique car hobby. Also, one of the best things about the Jackson parade is the get together and meal at Kay McIver's following the parade.

To Lois and I, our GaSCar Christmas gala is the highlight of the club's yearly activities. Because of your hard work and the tremendous success of our

GaSCar Yard sale, our club is able to subsidize a portion of the cost of the dinner and the hall. Again, as in the past, the ladies of the GaSCar Christmas Committee have gone all-out to ensure that everything is "just right" with the decorations and planning to make everything go as smoothly as possible. Be sure to acknowledge their hard work at the dinner and thank them for their efforts.

Our GaSCar Antique Car Club has actively planned related club activities for over 50 years and 2024 promises to continue that tradition. Your new Officers have been looking at interesting antique car-related events for next year and will share these with you in upcoming meetings.

Also, one of my personal favorites is "*GaSCar Nite at the Movies*" coming up in January and February. To me, it's hard to beat watching (and critiquing) an old "Science Fiction" or other "B" rated movie on a large screen with hot dogs, popcorn, and a group of friends. Mark Petry promises that "this year's movies won't disappoint, they're as bad as ever"!

As this is my last "President's Message" I must say that it has been a privilege to serve as the president of as viable a club as GaSCar. I would also be remiss in not thanking my wonderful wife, Lois, as well as the



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officers, board members, and club members for the support shown me over these past three years. For a club such as ours to still be active and growing after 50 years says a lot about the ongoing commitment of not only the officers but also the membership. With GaSCar we have a group of friends with a common theme working together for a common goal; that is what our GaSCar club is.

Our GaSCar award-winning newsletter is THE source for keeping up with what is going on with the club. While we try to cover things of interest during the scheduled meetings, Mike Lemons does a superb job of keeping us up to date with the latest information on items that pop-up in between so be sure to check your newsletter regularly.

As always, be sure to keep our sick and ill members in your thoughts and prayers and remember, God makes a difference!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and happy antique motoring!

Gerald Melchior

GaSCar 50th Anniversary

Work has started on our 50th anniversary celebration in 2024. Charter members, Robert and Carol Taylor, are collecting and organizing our history and memorabilia and a planning committee is being formed to plan the events. If you have GaSCar historical items (pictures, articles, etc.), please bring them to the monthly meetings.



Treasurer's Report

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| October 31, 2023 | Ending Balance | \$9077.70 |
| November 2023 Income | 50/50, Dues, Christmas Party | \$3256.00 |
| November 2023 Expenditures | Fall Tour, Supplies | \$54.27 |
| November 30, 2023 | Ending Balance | \$12279.43 |



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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Dec 2nd: Grovetown Rock N' Roll Christmas Parade, CANCELLED 10 AM until Noon. Line up at 9:00 AM at the Augusta Tech Grovetown campus, 500 John Huffman Way
Grovetown, GA 30813

Dec 3rd: Jackson, SC Christmas Parade. Parade starts at 2 PM, Line up around 1 PM at Jackson Middle School, 8217 Atomic Road, Jackson, SC 29831. Candy is welcome. *****All entries must be decorated***** Meet at Kay McIver's (192 McElmurray Farm Road) for delicious snacks after the parade (even if there is no parade) provided by Kay with lots of help from Pat and Susie Glazener.

December 5th: Annual Christmas Party at Augusta First Baptist Church. Please arrive around 5:30-6:00 PM and we'll plan on eating at 6:30.

Dec. 9th: Harlem Twi-light Christmas Parade. The best way to Harlem on Saturday, December 9th, 2023 is head straight down Gordon Highway.

All participants meet should meet at 5:00 PM at DG Market 180 E. Milledgeville Road, Harlem, GA 30814. From there we will convoy as a group to Harlem City Park. Passes for the parade will be available at that time.

While not required, we strongly encourage everyone to toss candy for the parade onlookers. The route is loaded with visitors so be sure to have plenty of candy if you choose to toss it. However, do not throw candy directly at the crowd of onlookers. When tossing candy, aim at the curb or sidewalk. This is a SAFETY REQUIREMENT as we do not want children running directly into the street. It is recommended to have someone designated in your group to hold a bucket and HAND CANDY to the onlookers.

There are many children in the crowd of onlookers. For their safety and yours, please be sure to be aware of your surroundings throughout the parade.



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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)



Mike Lemons' 1963 Jeep FC-150 flatbed



2022 Christmas Party



Denny Philebar has his 1957 Chevrolet 2 Door Belair Hardtop and his 1955 Chevrolet Belair Convertible for sale. For details, call Denny at 706-840-4380.

Gerald Melchiors has a heavy duty upholstery sewing machine for sale. Contact Gerald at 706-294-5065.





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Door Prizes 2022



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Dec 1st Kenneth Holmes
Dec 12th Lori Grinnell
Dec 13th Richard Dunevent
Dec 14th Dorothy Winn
Dec 17th Millie Sobrinho
Dec 19th Maxine Williams
Dec 29th Garry Glazener
Jan 7th Jim Rosier
Jan 9th Sandra Moore
Jan 17th Carol Taylor
Jan 22nd Jack Tatro
Jan 22nd Mac Winn
Jan 23rd Michael Smith
Jan 25th James Martin
Jan 25th Forrest Hollar

Jan 2nd Ed & Susan Pettit
Jan 21st Dick & Merry Salerno

2024 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.

2023 GaSCar Officers



President: Gerald Melchiors Vice President: Michael Smith



Treasurer: Scott Wilkes Secretary: Mike Lemons





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Approved GaSCar Officers and Executive Board for 2024

2024 GaSCar Officers



President: Scott Wilkes



Vice President: Michael Smith



Treasurer: Sue Wilkes



Secretary: Mike Lemons

Keeper of the Gate: Ernie Dinkins

Parking Lot Supervisor: Wayne Joiner

Board Members: Phil Gaffney, Dick Salerno,
Bill Monro, Past Presidents

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.

