



# GASCAR NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ransom E. Olds began the Olds Motor Vehicle Company in 1897, six years before Ford Motors started making automobiles. Even though he had a head start, a warehouse fire destroyed many of Olds' prototypes. Fortunately, two employees managed to rescue the curved dash Oldsmobile model, which became the first ever mass produced gasoline powered car. At first the cars were called Old Automobiles, but soon became known as Oldsmobiles. They became a household name through songs like the 1905 Standard, "In My Merry Oldsmobile," by Billy Murray. One Oldsmobile achievement worth noting was the first mass produced Rocket V8 engine. Invented in 1949, it considerably boosted performance and paved the way for modern engines. Experts tell us Oldsmobile's peak began during the 1960s with the release of the Cutlass, a streamlined, best-selling car with a trailblazing Rocket V8 engine. But sales declined sharply 30 years later, when Japanese import car companies slowly pushed Oldsmobile out. Oldsmobile shut down in 2004. When it did, it was the oldest surviving American automobile brand, and it was one of the oldest in the world. I hope you enjoy hearing stories like this as much as I do. I never tire of a great automotive history lesson.

Spring has Sprung and the car shows and cruise-ins have started. Even though we were out of town, I heard that the Kiokee Cruise-In was amazing (as it always is). The cruise-ins at French Market are starting this Saturday and will continue through the warm weather. Keep an eye

on our calendar for more opportunities to cruise your car out and get to see some other nice automobiles. We are working on plans for our June Car Show and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala in October. We will make sure everyone is kept updated as we are making plans.

I want to thank everyone who had a hand in making this year's fundraiser a success. The yard sale went very well thanks to Lois Melchior's leadership and a lot of hard work from our members. This is our only fundraising activity and you made it great.

I also want to thank Gerald Melchior for standing in for me during our April meeting while Sue and I were out of town.

## Scott Wilkes



## Treasurer's Report



March Ending Balance		\$5078.27
April Expenses	Yard Sale Food	\$215.89
April Income	Yard Sale	\$2526.90
April Ending Balance		\$7389.28



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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

**May 4th:** Cruise-in at French Market Grill West. First Saturday of each month, 5-7

**May 4th:** Johnston Peach Blossom Festival and Parade

**May 5th:** Clays For Kids.

**May 11th:** Boy Scout Fundraiser Car Show at Wesley United Methodist Church-, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. (\$20 to register)

**May 11th:** Washington, Ga. Cruise-In on the Square-, 4:30 p.m.—8:00 pm

**May 21st:** Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance, 7 PM. Normal meeting (except there is no program) followed by cruise-in to Sonic. 3743 Wheeler Rd, Augusta, GA 30909.

**Jun 18<sup>th</sup>:** Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance, 6 PM.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>:** Ridge Peach Festival in Trenton, SC. Parade followed by lunch at John and Sandra Moore's. Always a great event. More info to follow.

**June 29<sup>th</sup> ;** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car Show. Details to follow,

Visit <http://cruzintotheoldies.com/Happenin.pdf> for regional events.

## GaSCar 50th Anniversary

Work continues for 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 working to plan the events. If you have GaSCar historical items (pictures, articles, etc.), please bring them to the monthly meetings.



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In our thoughts and prayers: Ann Dinkins, Esther Peacock, Anthony Grinnell, John Force, Jim Martin, Tom Little, Claude Johnson, Robert Elliott, Tito Sobrinho, Jerry Jason 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)



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**Roy and Karin Heise**  
**Proud owners of a 1970 Dodge Challenger and a 1967 Ford Mustang**



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## GaSCar Name Tags

The response continues to be great on the number of members who are wearing nametags to GaSCar events. 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 \$8 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. (803) 634-2570. Very reasonable.



May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Robin Petry	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anthony & Lori Grinnell
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Melchiors	May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ed & Staci Deketeleare
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Gaffney	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Roy & Karin Heise
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tito Sobrinho	Jun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Claude & Anne Johnson
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gilbert Klemann	Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Phil & Susan Gaffney
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald Melchiors	Jun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tito & Millie Sobrinho
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Susie Glazener	Jun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Henry & Annette Jones
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Kern	Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	John & Sandra Moore
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Esther Peacock	Jun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Carol Taylor
Jun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Wilkes	Jun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Doug & Sheila Wilson
Jun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Little	Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Garry & Susie Glazener
Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>	Margie Barton		
Jun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy McMonigle		
Jun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Don Williams		
Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Johnson		
Jun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mary 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 Sue Wilkes, 5444 Meadowlark Lane, Grovetown, GA 30813.



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## 2024 GaSCar Officers



President: Scott Wilkes



Vice President: Michael Smith



Treasurer: Sue Wilkes



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Keeper of the Gate: Ernie Dinkins

Parking Lot Supervisor: Wayne Joiner

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Past Presidents



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