



GASCAR NEWSLETTER



Mike Lemons, Editor

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

October 7, 2025

I want to take a few minutes to talk about my friend, Ralph Neitzke. First and foremost, Ralph was a disciple of Jesus Christ and everyone who knew him knew it. Wherever he went, he carried blessings and made sure people knew about our God. This is what I am most proud of when it comes to Ralph and his life. All of these other things pale in comparison to this, but are certainly worth mentioning. Ralph was a master automotive electrical expert and taught me more than books and videos ever could. He would sometimes stop by my garage just to see what Jerry and I were working on and often had tips on fixes for frustrating electrical gremlins. We all know electrical issues can be frustrating and complicated. Ralph, however, could see through the smoke (sometimes literally) and find the problem. I am afraid I will never be able to understand wires and currents like he did. On top of that, if you have been to our monthly meetings lately, you know Ralph was on a NASCAR pit crew where he slung tires. I don't think I can imagine how fast and precise you would have to be or how much fun you could have doing something like that. Imagine the people Ralph had the opportunity to meet and the people who had the opportunity to meet Ralph. With all this being said, I guess I just want to

say that I miss Ralph and feel sorry for anyone who didn't know him or have a chance to benefit from his encyclopedia of knowledge. Ralph, I look forward to seeing you again one day.

Scott Wilkes

October Treasurer's Report

August Beginning Balance	\$18265.95
September Expenses	\$0.00
September Income	
• Christmas Party	\$80.00
September Ending Balance	\$18345.95



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

October 15th : Brandon Wilde 35th Anniversary Car Display. The dress code is cocktail attire. Jacket and tie for men, cocktail dress for women. "Clothing of the Era" is acceptable (and preferred). The party will begin around 5pm, so they want the cars to be present about 4:30. All events will be held outside near the main entrance of the property (East Entrance "Lawn")
4:45pm- Photo Booth opens (residents begin showing up)



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5-6pm Cocktail Hour for the residents with Beer, Wine Punch and lite hor d'oeuvres via wait staff. The Dick Goodwin Band will be playing on a main stage. Our cars are a highlight during this time. Our cars will be stationed around the two entrances of the party area to encourage residents to engage with our group.

6-6:30 Welcome Ceremony- speeches from 3-4 key speakers

6:30-7:30 Heavy hor d'oeuvres via buffet style, band continues, dance floor opens. There will be a table reserved for GaSCar members. Party will end about 7:30. They will try to station our cars so that we do not have to stay until the end. 6:30 would be a good "exit time" for those not wanting to dine and dance.

October 17th -19th: Fall tour to Brevard, NC. Please follow this link to make your hotel reservations: The reservation can be cancelled up to the day we depart. Click below to make reservations.

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/yg30k6>

October 21st: Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance Casserole Dinner. Starts at 6:30 instead of 7 PM

October 25th: The Upside of Downs Buddy Walk, Evans Town Center, 10 AM to 1 PM. They have requested an old car display as we provided last year.

October 25th: Lost in the 50's Car Show at St. Teresa of Avila.

November 18th: Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance

December 9th: Annual GaSCar Christmas Party at First Baptist Church, Augusta. Cost of the meal is \$40.00 with your choice of prime rib or chicken. Deadline to sign up and pay is November 18th at our monthly meeting. As usual, door prize donations are welcome. If you can't pay in person, please send your check and meal selections prior to the November 18th deadline to Sue Wilkes, 5444 Meadowlark Lane, Grovetown, GA 30813

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

Join Facebook groups "CSRA Car Scene" or "Car Shows in Northeast GA" for other car related events in the CSRA.

Click below for the AACA Calendar





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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

In our thoughts and prayers: Ann Dinkins, Esther Peacock, Dot Winn, Lori Grinnell, Jim Martin, Tom Little, Anne Johnson, Tito Sobrinho, Gil Klemann, Sandra Moore, Sherry Lemons, Henry & Annette Jones, Susie Glazener, Phil Gaffney, Forrest Hollar, Larry Phillips and the Ralph Neitzke family. If you know a member who is sick or in the hospital, please call Maxine Williams (762-333-4253) or Cheryl Lizama (706-392-5527)




Scan to Register or Sponsor

2025 AUGUSTA BUDDY WALK

Saturday, October 25th 10 am - 1 pm

Evans Towne Center Park
7016 Evans Town Center Blvd
Evans, GA 30809

Join us for the 2025 Augusta Buddy Walk!
The Buddy Walk aims to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.

the upside of downs
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

- ◆ Bounce Houses
- ◆ Food Trucks
- ◆ Obstacle Course
- ◆ Petting Zoo from Boutique Minis
- ◆ Raffle Baskets
- ◆ GaSCar Antique Car Club
- ◆ Balloon Animals
- ◆ Steps of Grace Performance
- ◆ & Face Painting
- ◆ Superheroes & princesses
- ◆ Food/Business Vendors

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Oct 1st Terri Norris
 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 20th John Arnold
 Oct 23rd Bill Monro
 Oct 25th Sheila Wilson
 Oct 27th Mary Beth Arnold
 Nov 8th Bill MaGahee
 Nov 9th Elizabeth Hollar
 Nov 11th Sherry Lemons
 Nov 12th Sonny Walker
 Nov 13th James Thomas
 Nov 15th Susan Pettit
 Nov 17th Karin Heise
 Nov 18th Dick Salerno
 Nov 27th Wayne Joiner
 Nov 28th Donna Jason
 Nov 28th Carol MaGahee



Oct 14th Andrew & Mary Morse
 Oct 22nd Jerry & Donna Jason
 Oct 25th Bill & Lois Monro
 Oct 30th Jim & Ann Rosier
 Nov 5th Mark & Robin Petry
 Nov 25th Harold & Pat Glazener
 Nov 27th Ernie & Ann Dinkins



Marshall Pines



Still looking for a volunteer to honcho the annual GaSCar yard sale. Lois Melchiors has done a great job for several years but she needs a break. We will have lots of volunteers to do most



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of the work the night before and the day of the yard sale, but we do need someone to be the overall coordinator. Let me know if you are interested. Mike Lemons, 706-825-9254

2025 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/AACA yearly membership dues are \$70.00 (\$45 AACA National Dues plus \$25 GaSCar Region Dues).

Please send the \$70 dues plus your AACA member number to Mike Lemons, 871 Sparkleberry Road, Evans, GA 30809.



At the Claiborne

GaSCar Name Tags

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. North Augusta, SC. (803) 634-2570. Very reasonable.



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At the Claiborne



Sonic

22nd Annual LOST in the 50's Car Show

St. Teresa of Avila

4921 Columbia Rd. Grovetown, GA 30813

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2025

REGISTRATION 9AM - 11AM **CASH AWARDS** SHOW TIME 9AM - 3PM

The CSRA's "Friendliest, most fun and family oriented show" on the 4th Saturday of October each year.

We are not a club, we are a family of car enthusiast, dedicated to the preservation of America's history!



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LOST in the 50's Car Show

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____

YEAR _____ MAKE _____

MODEL _____

BODY STYLE _____ COLOR _____

Pre-Registration - \$25.00

Day Of Show - \$30.00

**Make checks payable to Knights Of Columbus 8495
MAIL OR EMAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO**

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627 Gibbs Road
Evans, GA 30809
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