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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** 

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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)



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 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>: 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 21<sup>st</sup>: Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance Casserole Dinner. Starts at 6:30 instead of 7 PM

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

November 18<sup>th</sup>: Monthly meeting at Fox Appliance

December 9<sup>th</sup>: 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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







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)



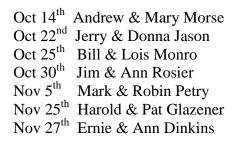








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Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Force
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Taylor
Oct 14 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Morse
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Phillips
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Petry
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Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	John Arnold
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bill Monro
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila Wilson
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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





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.

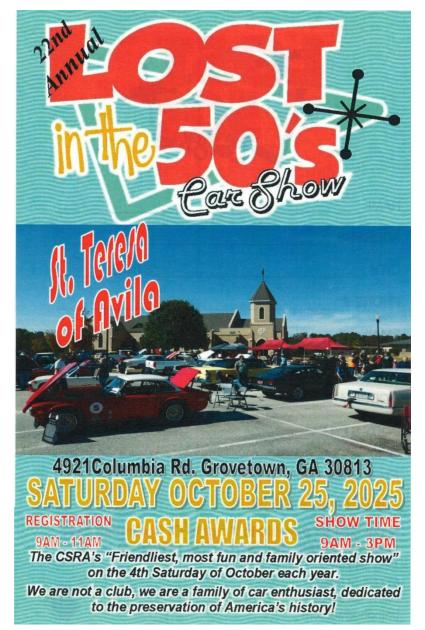




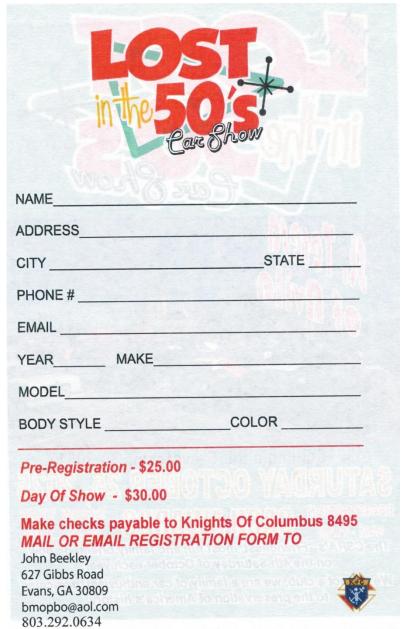
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