



GASCAR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 1, 2026

Happy New Year everyone. What a year it has been. Isn't it strange how hurricane season came and went without anyone even noticing this year? What a difference from 2024. We can once again thank God for his mercy. With that in mind, our club continues to thrive because we have a dedicated group of members that are willing to go out of their way to care for one another and make things happen. Thank you all for that. Looking back on 2025, we accomplished a lot. Some of our activities included:

- Monthly meetings at Fox
- Movie nights
- Ridge Peach Festival Parade followed by an amazing meal hosted by the Moore's
- Cruise-In at Sonic
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Assisted Living cruise-ins
- Fall Tour to Brevard, North Carolina
- Jackson, SC Christmas Parade followed by a super meal provided by Kay McIver
- Harlem Christmas Parade
- Grovetown Christmas Parade
- GASCAR Christmas Party

We said goodbye to several members this year. Thank you all for your compassion to the families of Ralph Neitzke, Billy Peacock, and Anne Johnson. These were all members and friends who not only attended GASCAR events, but were a big part of making them successful. We will dearly miss these members of our family.

GASCAR is now 51 years old and going strong. We welcomed new members Kenny Adkins and Brian and Michelle Swanson. Thank you all for helping spread the word about our great group of car enthusiasts. Thanks to a huge donation from the Force family, we are very stable financially and were able to make a sizeable donation to the AACA Library in their name. Mike Force, we can't thank you enough for taking such good care of GASCAR.

Looking forward, I want to thank you all for being members of GASCAR. Thank you all for everything you do to take care of me and this club. We are praying that 2026 will be an amazing year.

Scott Wilkes

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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2025 Treasurer's Report

2025 Christmas Party Report

Paid to First Baptist Church	\$4,825.00
Gift Cards for Honorees	\$1,220.65
Supplies	\$31.01
Entertainment	\$300.00
Total Cost of Christmas Party	\$6,376.66
Collected from Attendees (79 people)	\$3,120.00
Total Expense for GASCAR	\$3,256.66



December 2025 Treasurer's Report

December Beginning Balance	\$22,893.91
December Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office supplies• Christmas Party• Dues to AACA• AACA Library Donation	\$8,808.63
December Income <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member dues• Member Christmas Party payments	\$465.00
December Ending Balance	\$14,550.28

Calendar Year 2025

2025 Starting Balance	\$10,004.26
Total Expenses	\$17,820.64
Total Income	\$22,366.66
2025 Ending Balance	\$14,550.28

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Jan 20th: Monthly Meeting 7 PM, Fox Appliance

Jan 24th: GaSCar "Night at the Movies" , 6:30 at Fox Appliance. A good time will be enjoyed by all. Mark Petry will again pick a classic from the 50's for us to see. If you haven't been to one of these events, don't miss your opportunity to join your GaSCar friends, enjoy hotdogs and other culinary delights and see a world class (?) movie.

Feb 17th: Monthly Meeting 7 PM, Fox Appliance,

Feb 21st: GaSCar "Night at the Movies", 6:30 at Fox Appliance. Mark Petry has scoured the movie archives to pick a classic from the 50's for us to see. These movies continue to delight all those in attendance, so don't miss out. Of course we will also have culinary delights (hot dogs and side dishes). Don't miss out on this event and another opportunity to visit with other Gascarians.

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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Christmas Party



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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, Henry & Annette Jones, Susie Glazener, Phil Gaffney, Forrest Hollar, Gerald May, and Larry Phillips. 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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Jan 7th Jim Rosier
Jan 8th Ross Ott
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 27th Larisa Rice
Feb 3rd Mary Morse
Feb 7th Lori Grinnell
Feb 8th Lois Monro
Feb 16th Stan Harrell
Feb 22nd Jim Ouzts
Feb 27th Gerald May
Feb 27th Stuart Smith
Feb 28th John Moore

Jan 2nd Ed & Susan Pettit
Jan 21st Dick & Mary Salerno
Feb 14th Brian & Michele Swanson
Feb 16th Don & Brenda Waters



Harlem Christmas Parade



In Loving Memory of Anne Johnson



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Jackson Christmas Parade



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



2026 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 Monroe,
Past Presidents

Your 2026 GaSCar/AACA yearly membership dues are due now. \$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.



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Jackson Christmas Parade

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.



At Kay's After the Jackson Christmas Parade



Christmas Party