About SGCCC

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Veterans Day Parade—Lekeland, GA

- Logan Birdsong

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 found eight (8) SGCCC Members participating in the Lakeland, GA Veterans Day Parade and celebration. Our own Terry Burton was instrumental in planning and implementing the activities. The following SGCCC Members with cars were in attendance:

* Rick Hastings
* Walt Prettyman & Chris Dooley
* Paul Worth & Dave Worth (Paul’s Father)
* Irene D’Amato
* Jim LaValley
* Logan Birdsong

The parade was like many small town ones…somewhat disorganized but finally came together in the end. HORSES in the front of the parade??! Not a good idea. We had to do a lot of dodging “meadow muffins” down the parade route. The parade route was lined with school children and adults.

“Best of” Trophy Sponsors

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Best in Show - Bass Industries
Best Engine – George and Ann Peterson
Best Interior – Moss Trim Shop
Best Paint – Dennis Smith
Best Chrome – Smith Tire
Minutes

November 3, 2015

Meeting: the November meeting was convened by club President Rick Hastings at 6:50 pm at Austin’s Cattle Company. The Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Paul Worth and Rick Hastings respectively. There were 30 members in attendance.

Minutes: the October minutes were read by club Secretary Bob Raffaele and approved by those present.

Treasurer’s Report: the October report was given by club Treasurer Donna Roberson and was approved by those present. For a detailed copy of the report, contact a club officer.

Old Business:

Rick noted the attendance at the recent Saturday club cruise-in was good but the Thursday event suffered from a low turnout.

Six club members participated in the Perry Forest Festival Car Show with all bringing home trophies. Of note was Jerry Ellis’ first ever trophy courtesy of wife Carmen’s detailing effort.

Closer to home, club member Tracy Cosper’s ’64 Corvette won Best in Show at VSU’s annual Mustang Car Show.

Plans for the upcoming Fall Classic Show are in place. A final walk-through at 5 Points parking lot is set for Friday before the show.

Madonna brought examples of all the trophies. She will have the door prizes, goodie bags and dash plaques ready for show time.

New Business: Annual election of club Officers to be held at December meeting. All current officers are willing to serve again if elected.

Future events:

Nov 11th – Veteran Day parade Lakeland, GA
Nov 14th – Corvette Club Cars, Coffee & Donuts
Nov 14th – SGCCC monthly cruise-in
Nov 14th – VSU Homecoming Parade
Nov 14th – Cook-out/Drive-in Movie @ the Petersons
Dec 1st – SGCCC monthly meeting at Austin’s
Dec 4th – Tree Lighting and Parade at Moody AFB
Dec 5th – Valdosta downtown Christmas Parade
50/50 drawing won by Donna Roberson

Meeting: adjourned at 8:10 pm

Submitted by Bob Raffaele, club Secretary

President’s Report

C. Rick Hastings

Ho Ho Ho. ’Tis the season to be jolly. ’Tis the season we celebrate our Savior’s Birth. ’Tis the season we invade the Malls and other stores. ’Tis the season many of us find ourselves broke at the end of the season and ’tis the season we visit with family and friends to share our gifts and our love with one another. It is also the month that we reflect on and review our very recent Car and Truck Show.

The 32nd Annual Fall Show was held November 7th at the new location of 5 Points Shopping Center in Valdosta. The Organizing Committee worked very hard in the planning process for what we all hoped would be our best show ever. Let me take this opportunity to thank each and every club member that were members of the Planning Committee for their diligent thoughts, ideas and energy. I would also like to thank all of those that worked so very hard the day of the show. It was quite warm and I know it was tiring for many of you on your feet for many hours. And thanks to all for your “brain work” to deal with and handle all the numbers, scores, and names of participants that earned awards. We must thank Mr. Weatherman for such great weather. Members met on 11/17 to review the “good, the bad and the ugly” related to the show. We all learned valuable lessons that will improve our shows going forward.

Several members attended the annual fall car show in Perry, FL -- all that attended came home with very nice trophies to include Mr. Jerry Ellis who earned his first trophy ever. He was shocked and surprised, but very proud indeed. Way to go, Jerry. Club members took place in 2 parades in November -- the VSU Homecoming parade and the annual Veterans Day Parade in Lakeland, GA. Several also attended the fall car show in Plains, GA, on 11/14 and many of us took part in the fall cook-out and drive-in movie night at the Petersons’. Several also participated in Prince Automotive Grand Opening of its new facilities on 11/21. We also had two regular cruise-ins during November. Whew.

Upcoming events include the club’s monthly meeting on Tuesday, 12/1/15, at Austins Steak House from 6-8 pm. Our two monthly cruise-ins will be on Saturday 12/12 from 3-6 and Thursday 12/17 from 4-7. We will also participate in Moody AFB’s annual Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on 12/4, the annual Christmas Parade in Valdosta on 12/5 and the annual Christmas Parade in Lake Park on 12/12. We will also participate in Valdosta’s downtown Christmas celebration the afternoon of the 5th. Our annual Christmas celebration at the Youth Home has not been scheduled as of this writing. Again, Whew.

Keep you copy of the Driver’s seat handy for easy reference or visit our club web-site at http://SGCCC.org or our Facebook page for on-going updates on up-coming events.

Keep it between the ditches……… Rick
32nd Annual Classic Car & Truck Show 2015

- Logan Birdsong

Saturday, November 7th found SGCCC Members readying the parking lot at 5 Points Shopping Center for the 32nd Annual Car & Truck Show. Vehicles began arriving about 8:00AM and continued coming until about 11:00AM. The day started out pretty foggy and gradually clearing by 10:00AM.

The show officially started at 10:00AM, with a salute to veterans. Mayor John Gayle opened the ceremony with a “Welcome” to all, especially the veterans. He was followed by our guest speaker, Col. Jim Galloway, ret. Col. Galloway is currently the Executive Director of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority and Manager of the Valdosta Regional Airport. He has been in these positions since January 2011. Prior to his current positions, he served in the United States Air Force for nearly 30 years during which time he flew fighters and held various command and staff positions, retiring as a colonel in 2011. During his Air Force career, he served as the mission support group commander at Moody AFB from 2004 – 2006. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Valdosta United Way, Board of Directors of the Valdosta Rotary Club and currently serves as President and board member of the Georgia Airports Association. He is a licensed commercial pilot with multi-engine and instrument ratings and has a combined total of over 4,000 flying hours in civilian and military aircraft, including combat air patrol missions during the first Gulf War as an exchange officer with the United Kingdom’s Royal Air Force flying the F-3 Tornado.

When the fog lifted, we had a perfect weather day for a car show. The parking lot at 5 Points was an excellent choice for the show. Bill Higgins and the parking committee did an excellent job in getting the cars in and parked. Bob Barrett worked the crowd selling 50/50 tickets to the tune of $1,120.00 total with $560.00 going to the winner. Donna Roberson and the Hospitality Committee kept people happy with their FREE coffee and donuts. Charles Terry and the judges had their work cut out for them as there were numerous “good looking” vehicles to be judged. We had vehicles entered from as far away as Powder Springs, GA, Americus, GA, Albany, GA, Tallahassee, FL, and others in between. There were fifty-three (53) judged vehicles: eight (8) display vehicles and fifteen (15) SGCCC club cars for a total of seventy-six (76) vehicles displayed in the show. We were down in the number of registered vehicles but had, what appeared to be, the largest spectator turn-out of any show. It was great to see many adults with young children viewing the vehicles. Everyone seemed to be impressed with the quality of vehicles displayed and left with “fond” memories of the show.

First and second place awards went to all classes with the following “Special Awards” presented:

- **BEST OF SHOW—GLENN JARVIS MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Johnathan Irvin, 1971 Chevy Chevelle SS
- **BEST ENGINE:** Butch Gaskins, 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback
- **BEST INTERIOR:** Van Dow, 1939 Chevrolet, 2 Door Master Deluxe
- **BEST PAINT:** Captain John Wilson, 1955 Ford Thunderbird
- **BEST CHROME:** Keith Maffett, 1961 Chevrolet Corvette

Sherry Jarvis, Glenn’s widow, did an excellent job presenting the BEST OF SHOW award. Her presence meant a lot to the show and SGCCC Members. We thank her and her grandson Josh, for displaying Glenn’s 1969 Camero at the show.
# December 2015

6 - Webster Swap Meet Sumter County Fairgrounds, Bushnell, FL 8am-2pm info: 800-438-8559 www.floridaswapmeets.com
1 - SGCCC Monthly Business Meeting Austin’s Cattle Company 2101 West Hill Avenue Valdosta, GA eat at 6:00, meet at 7:00
5 - Bainbridge Cruisers Cruise Dairy Queen, Bainbridge, GA Info: Lee West 229-246-4694
5 - Tallahassee Cruise-In Sonic, 5814 North Monroe Street 5:30pm until
5 - Albany Cruise-In Location: San Joe's in Leesburg 5pm start time
10 - Live Oak Cruise, Huddle House (Hwy 129 & I-10), Live Oak, FL 6-9pm info: Ralph Towner 386-752-4725
12 - Cars, Caffeine and Donuts hosted by the Corvette Club, Georgia Power building, Norman Drive, 9-11am
12 - Valdosta Cruise-In at Steak N’ Shake parking lot, Valdosta, GA, St Augustine Rd (I-75 exit 18) 5:30-8:30pm
12 - Tallahassee What-A-Burger Cruise 1101 Thomasville Rd, Fords & Chevies
17 - Valdosta Cruise-In at Steak N’ Shake parking lot, Valdosta, GA, St Augustine Rd (I-75 exit 18) 5:30-8:30pm
19 - Thomasville Pecan Region Car Club Cruise Dairy Queen, 14375 Hwy 19S, 6:30pm until info: Steve Gordon 229-226-2266
19 - Albany Artesian City Car Club Cruise-In Mellow Mushroom, 2825 Nottingham Way 5pm until info: Wendell Hill 229-435-2560
19 - Perry Cruise-In 221 N. Jefferson St. Perry, GA 6-9 p.m. Call Bob Taylor, 672-0848
19 - Lake City Hardee's West Cruise info: Ralph Towner 386-752-4725
Call the contact person before leaving for an out of town cruise to be sure it has not been moved or cancelled.
See the SGCCC web site (www.sgccc.org) for more info and flyers on these events.

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 1, 2015
Eat @ 6:00
Meet @ 6:45
Austin's Cattle Company
2101 West Hill Avenue

Cruise: December 12, 2015
Steak 'n Shake parking lot
3:00—6:00pm

Thurs Cruise: Dec. 17, 2015
Steak 'n Shake parking lot
3:00—6:00pm

Cover Photo
Best of Show—32nd Annual Classic Car and Truck Show—5 Points Shopping Center, November 7, 2015

Editor’s Comments

Our 32nd Annual Fall Classic Car and Truck Show was a huge success! Thanks to the committee and the sponsors and the show workers, without which this show would not have been possible. See the article and photos in this edition. The article was provided by Logan Birdsong, and pictures were provided by Paul Worth, Madonna Terry, and Logan Birdsong. It won’t be long before we begin planning for the 33rd Annual Show! Thanks also to Logan for the article and pictures from the Lakeland, GA, Veterans Day parade. I heard from Jim LaValley that the ceremony was very nice.

December brings with it a lot of holiday cheer and thoughts of Christmas. Most of us think of giving and receiving gifts at this time of year. Looking at the calendar, we see that there a lot of birthdays and anniversaries among our club members in December as well. This gives us more opportunities for pleasant wishes and gift-giving. May we never enter this season without thinking of the greatest gift of all—God gave his one and only Son for us, so that He could provide eternal life, which is the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. As in the words of the Christmas Carol, may we come and adore Him—Christ, the Lord!.

Merry Christmas to you all and to all a Happy New Year.
When you get a chance, take a kid to a car show.

Happy Cruising! - David Boyd