

Driver's Seat



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About SGCCC

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President's Report

Dan Bremer

This is my last report as President of the South Georgia Classic Car Club. The new President, Rick Hastings, will be taking over on January 7, 2014. I know Rick will do a great job of leading the club in 2014.

December was an exciting month for the club. Our election of officers went well and we elected a great team for 2014. Rick Hastings, President, David Boyd, First Vice President, Walt Prettyman, Second Vice President, Donna Roberson, Treasurer, and Bob Raffaele as Secretary. The Valdosta Christmas Parade was wet and wild. The car the Mayor, Mr. Gayle, was riding in overheated and he had to switch vehicles to my 1952 Chevy Fire Truck that Chairman of the Lowndes County Commission, Bill Slaughter, was riding on. The two greeted onlookers together and said they wanted to do the same ride next year. The club also participated in several other parades and events during December. Bill and the SGCCC cruiser went to Lakeland and Lake Park, Irene went to Valdosta, Lakeland, Statenville and Lake Park. Terry Dees was in the Lake Park parade with County Commissioner Crawford Powell. The fire truck was in Valdosta, Statenville and Lake Park.

The Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home Christmas party was a great success thanks to all who helped Chairperson Donna Roberson. Donna took care of everything and the children were quite happy with her work. The food was good, the fellowship was good and "Rudi" was a very pleasant surprise.

I want to thank those members of the club that participated in events, helped with planning events and just generally had a "can do and let's get it done" attitude. That is what the club is about, creating opportunities for classic car participation and getting together to have fun. Thanks.



Minutes

December 3, 2013

Meeting: Convened at 6:45 pm by Club President, Dan Bremer, at Austin's Cattle Company. The Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Paul Worth and Walt Prettyman respectively. There were 24 members in attendance.

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

Treasurer's Report: Donna Roberson gave the November Treasurer's Report and was approved by those present. For a detailed report contact a club officer.

Club Business:

Paul Worth reported on the memorial service for recently deceased member, Brenda Hatcher.

Bill Higgins will be taking over the Police Cruiser duties from Walt Prettyman.

Club dues are due at the end of December.

Future Events:

Rick Hastings and Logan Birdsong outlined plans for our participation in the Valdosta Downtown Festival and Parade on December 7th

Dan Bremer filled in the details for the Lake Park Christmas Parade on December 14th to be followed by our annual Christmas Dinner for the children of the Sheriff's Youth Home.

A motion was passed authorizing an expenditure of \$250+ for the Christmas Dinner and gifts.

A motion was passed authorizing our Police Cruiser's appearance at an upcoming wedding for the "consideration of a donation to offset expenses."

Election of Officers for 2014:

President Dan Bremer presented the following slate of candidates to serve in 2014::

President – Rick Hastings

First Vice President – David Boyd

Second Vice President – Walt Prettyman

Secretary – Bob Raffaele

Treasurer – Donna Roberson.

The members present approved the slate by acclamation.

The dinner drawings were won by Donna Roberson and Walt Prettyman.

Meeting: Adjourned at 8 pm

Bob Raffaele, Secretary

What Fuel Mileage Sacrifice with E10?

Richard Lassiter

Assuming you were running straight gasoline and were then forced to switch to E10 (gasoline cut 10 percent with ethanol), your mileage will theoretically drop. The question is, by how much? The Environmental Protection Agency says E10 lowers mileage approximately 3%, which would drop your mileage from 19.6 to 19.0 mpg. But some folks cite a drop between 10.2% and 15.9%, which does seem too large. We typically hear of mileage drops in the 6% range, but then, folks experiencing “only” a 3% to 5% drop probably aren’t fired up enough to complain. Your mileage will drop largely due to the lower energy content in ethanol (it’s about two-thirds that of gasoline), but no doubt there are other factors involved in your figures. Chief of these would be measurement errors — checking mileage can be tricky because it is so hard to fill the tank to the same level every time — and possibly weather or seasonal changes.

The familiar E10 blend has been with many of us since 1979, but in 2010 the EPA approved a 15% ethanol blend - E15 — for use in 2007 and newer cars and light trucks.

The background for all this is political, with 189 operating U.S. ethanol plants looking for a place to sell their fuel as of January 2011, and the so-called corn lobby having pressured congress to mandate 36 billion gallons of ethanol be blended into gasoline by 2022. That physically can’t be done with E10, hence the move to E15, and the continuing desire of the Renewable Fuels Association to see E15 approved for all light-duty vehicles, or 1994 and later cars at the least.

Besides reduced mileage, ethanol aggressively attracts water, which leads to poor drivability and other issues. Ethanol is also corrosive to some metals and rubber, and while an oft-cited issue in the ethanol debate, the corrosion problem doesn’t seem to show up much in the modern automotive sphere, but water absorption is a real issue in classic car, marine, outdoor and aviation arenas. For these reasons, a lawsuit against the 15% ethanol mandate has been filed by some auto and boat makers, plus outdoor equipment companies.

Outside of the technical issues, there is a concern about turning food - corn here in the U.S. - into fuel. Partially driven by an 8% rise in corn orders from ethanol plants, corn prices doubled in the last six months of 2010 and are expected to continue rising.

There are benefits to ethanol, of course. It has a higher octane rating, so it supports a higher compression ratio and more aggressive ignition timing. Like its cousin methanol, with its high octane and clean burn, ethanol makes a good racing fuel. NASCAR, a politically astute organization, is running E85 this season. Testing has shown it supports a little more power and costs a little bit of mileage.

Cutting gasoline with ethanol is said to reduce gasoline consumption for a reduction in greenhouse gases and lessen dependence on imported oil, plus ethanol is considered a renewable resource. But even if true, the argument that ethanol saves gasoline is a tough sell when consumers see their fuel mileage drop, and the debate continues on how much water and energy it takes to produce ethanol in the U.S., so it is unclear if ethanol is energy positive, or even neutral.

I wish that E10 and E15 would be eliminated in favor of widespread distribution of E85 alongside undiluted gasoline. This would return readily available pump gasoline to usefulness for millions of drivers, boaters, pilots and small-engine users while allowing the market to decide if high ethanol content is beneficial in those vehicles designed to burn it in large quantities.



Membership Application

We want to get the most up to date information on all members. Registration form and club dues must be returned prior to the March meeting for the up-to-date information to be included in the roster. Bring dues and registration form to any meeting or mail to:

SGCCC
P.O. Box 403
Valdosta, GA 31603-0403

Last Name

First Name

Spouse's Name

Address

City

State Zip

Home Phone

His Occupation

Her Occupation

His birthday

Her Birthday

Anniversary

Email Address

Children's Names

Classic or Special Interest Vehicles you own

Club dues are \$30 per year for a family membership.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Austin's Cattle Company, 2101 West Hill Avenue, Valdosta, GA. Eating starts at 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 6:45

January 2014

- 4 - Bainbridge Cruisers Cruise Dairy Queen, Bainbridge, GA Info: Lee West 229-246-4694
- 4 - Tallahassee Cruise-In Sonic, 5814 North Monroe Street 5:30pm until
- 4 - Albany Cruise-In Location: San Joe's in Leesburg 5pm start time
- 5 - Tallahassee Street Rodders Museum Cruise Antique Car Museum, 6800 Mahan Dr 1-5pm <http://www.tally-streetrodders.com>
- 5 - Webster Swap Meet Sumter County Fairgrounds, Bushnell, FL 8am-2pm info: 800-438-8559 www.floridaswapmeets.com
- 7 - SGCCC Monthly Business Meeting Austin's Cattle Company 2101 West Hill Avenue Valdosta, GA eat at 6:00, meet at 7:00
- 9 - Live Oak Cruise, Huddle House (Hwy 129 & I-10), Live Oak, FL 6-9pm info: Ralph Towner 386-752-4725
- 11 - Valdosta Cruise-In at Toys-R-Us parking lot, Valdosta, GA 1200 N St Augustine Rd (I-75 exit 18) 3-6pm
- 11 - Tallahassee What-A-Burger Cruise Ford & Chevy Clubs 1101 Thomasville Road, 5:30-8:30pm info: Reuben Plachy 850-894-5815
- 15 - Tallahassee What-A-Burger Cruise 1101 Thomasville Road, info: Joe Clark 850-385-3959 or Steve Curvey 750-383-0651
- 18 - Thomasville Pecan Region Car Club Cruise Dairy Queen, 14375 Hwy 19S, 6:30pm until info: Steve Gordon 229-226-2266
- 18 - Monticello Cruise-In at Rare Door Restaurant North Cherry St, Monticello, FL 5pm until info: 850-997-0607
- 18 - Albany Artesian City Car Club Cruise-In Mellow Mushroom, 2825 Nottingham Way 5pm until info: Wendell Hill 229-435-2560
- 18 - Perry Cruise-In 221 N. Jefferson St. Perry, GA 6-9 p.m. Call Bob Taylor, 672-0848
- 24 - Lake City Hardee's West Cruise info: Ralph Towner 386-752-4725
- 25 - Tallahassee What-A-Burger Cruise 1101 Thomasville Rd, info: <http://www.tally-streetrodders.com>

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 D C Tunison	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Ruth Kolb	13 Janice Lewis
14 Patti Everett	15	16	17	18	19	20 Logan Birdsong Jed Allen
21	22 Shirley McCulley	23	24	25	26 Joanna Bridges	27
28	29 Fred & Donna Roberson	30	31 Thomas Gehring			

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, **January 7, 2014**

Eat @ 6:00

Meet @ 6:45

Austin's Cattle Company

2101 West Hill Avenue

Cruise:

January 11, 2014

Toys-R-Us parking lot

Off Exit 18 on St Augustine Rd.

3:00pm until 6:00pm



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Rick Hasting's 1955 Bel Air at a monthly cruise-in at Toys-R-Us

Editor's Comments

Happy New Year! We have completed 2013—a great year for the **South Georgia Classic Car Club**. We have had some great accomplishments and activities during 2013.

Major activities of the year included the Super Cruise-in, the Annual Fall Classic Car and Truck Show, and the Christmas Party at the Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch. Each of these was well attended, and were successful because of the dedicated work of the officers and members of the club. A great big *Thanks* to all who contributed to each of these major events. Thanks also to the **Corvette Club** for joining us with some of these events.

We accomplished a lot and had a lot of fun under the leadership of Dan Bremer. Let's all support our new officers, led by president Rick Hastings as we look forward to 2014.

Officer elections were held in December. The Masthead of this publication (page 2) shows the officers for 2014..

Be sure to visit the club website <http://sgccc.org/> for the

calendar of events.

Thanks to Mario for providing *Reflections* articles throughout the 2013. His last one for a while was published in the December 2013 issue. He is pursuing other interests for the time being.

With all the political turmoil in our country and around the world, it is nice to have a hobby that lets us take our minds off all those unpleasantries and focus on some things that genuinely make us happy.

I trust each of you will have a blessed and prosperous 2014! Happy Cruising!

David Boyd, editor

