

Driver's Seat



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About SGCCC

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President's Report



C. Rick Hastings

We all know what October will bring -- cooler days and nights, leaves falling in our yards, deep into your favorite teams football schedule, and, of course, our Fall Classic Car and Truck Show. This year, our show is scheduled on Saturday, November 8 and will return to the Valdosta Mall. The Organizing Committee has and will continue to work tirelessly to help ensure a successful show. Our three monthly cruise-ins -- 2nd Saturday, 3rd Thursday, and 1st Friday--have all been well attended. The 1st Friday cruise-in in downtown Valdosta will be suspended until Spring of 2015 due to the lack of the general public's participation in this activity.

Our club mascot -- the Police Cruiser -- is back on the road thanks to Langdale Ford of Valdosta. The necessary major repairs were completed by their ace technicians with the remaining minor repairs to be completed by club members. Special thanks is extended to Steve Everett, a club member and Langdale Ford's Sales Manager and to the club members' finishing this project.

We attended two special cruise-ins this past month both hosted by two local/national service organizations. The first was a Shriners event held at Tractor Supply to raise needed donations for the Shriners Children's Hospitals. The second, and hosted by the Elks, was to generate donations for their annual Christmas Basket fund which they use to provide Christmas meals and gifts for many deserving families in our community.

Up-coming activities for club members and guests include our monthly meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 7th at Austin's Steak House from 6 to 8pm. Our second Saturday of the month cruise-in at Steak 'n Shake will be on October 11th from 5 to 8 pm. The Third Thursday cruise-in for October will be the 16th at 6pm at Steak 'n Shake in Valdosta. These events are open to all car clubs or individuals that wish to display their vehicles.

Keep your copy of the *Driver's Seat* handy to keep track of everything going on. And, of course, consult our Facebook page and our website -- SGCCC.org, for on-going updates of club activities, car shows, etc.

Counting down to the Show.....Rick



Minutes

September 2, 2014

Meeting: Convened at 6:50 pm by Club President, Rick Hastings, at Austin's Cattle Company. The Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Paul Worth and Rick Hastings respectively. There were 25 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Minutes: The August minutes were read by club Secretary, Bob Raffaele and were accepted by those present.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Roberson gave the August Treasurer's Report and it was accepted as read. For a copy of the report, see a club officer.

Old Business:

- Walt Prettyman reported our club cruiser is back from Langdale Ford – with all the repairs done gratis.
- Rick reported on the club's visit to Wild Adventures with participation by 11 of our members and 3 from the Berrien Cruisers.

New Business:

- Rick and Madonna covered the upcoming Fall Show. Madonna is working on having businesses sponsor the "best of" trophies. The remaining trophies, sponsored by individuals, are baby moons which are personalized at the event with the winners' names.
- Logan gave a recap of his publicity campaign as well as soliciting ideas for a veterans day/military salute in conjunction with the show.
- The Downtown Valdosta First Friday is 9/5 and depending on pedestrian traffic, it might be our last appearance.
- Our monthly cruise-in at Steak-n-Shake will be 9/13 followed by our 3rd Thursday at S-n-S on 9/18.
- The Hahira Honey Bee Festival parade will be October 4th. Participants will line up at 11 am with the parade at noon.

Meeting: Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Bob Raffaele, Club Secretary

Air Your Spare

Everyone understands the basics of car care – from changing your oil to rotating your tires. However, when was the last time you checked the air pressure in your spare tire?

According to a recent study by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA), 71% of drivers do not check the tire pressure in their spare tire. A survey conducted by the sales engineers at Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire LLC revealed that of 74 spare tires, only one tire was properly inflated and the average tire pressure was less than 50% of that recommended for the spare. Typically the spare is the tire you depend on in a pinch, but if you never check the air pressure it may not perform at the crucial moment when you need it most, Keeping tires properly inflated also aids in getting the most gas mileage.

Tires normally lose one psi each month due to air permeation thru the sidewall. It is also important to note that with the change in seasons there is often a change in temperature – for every 10 degree (F) drop in ambient temperature a tire will lose one psi. It is the air that carries the load, so less air pressure means less load carrying capacity.

Typically you can find the correct inflation pressure for your vehicle's original tires on a sticker inside the driver's side door jamb, in the glove compartment or in the vehicle owner's manual. Be certain to check the tire pressure with a good tire gauge when the tire is cold.



Don't take your tires, or your spare, for granted. Check tire inflation often for security, fuel economy and for peace of mind. The savings may be every bit as critical as those you reap when replacing the battery in your smoke detector.

The President's Limo—1941

Hours after Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind. President Franklin D Roosevelt was to give his infamy speech to Congress the next day, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely.

The White House did already have a specially built limousine for the president that he regularly used, it wasn't bulletproof, and the Secret Service realized this could be a major problem now that the country was at war. FDR's speech was to take place at noon December 8th, and time was running out. They had to procure an

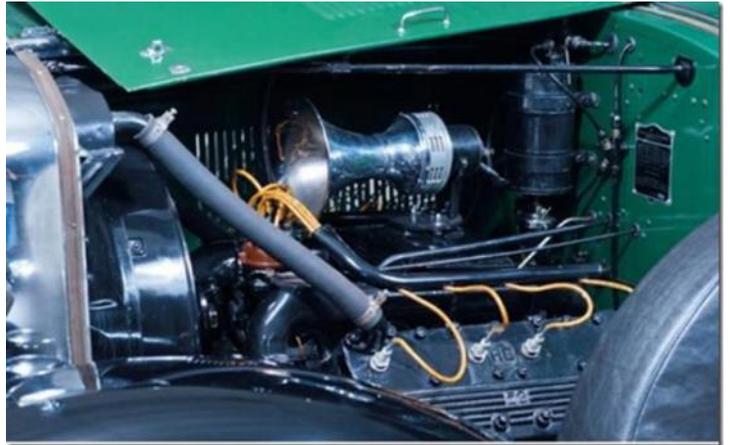


armored car, and fast.

There was one slight problem. US government rules at the time restricted the purchase of any vehicle that cost more than \$750 (\$10,455 in today's dollars). It was pretty obvious that they weren't going to get an armored car that cheap, and certainly not in less than a day.

One Secret Service agent was a quick thinker. The federal government did already have in its possession a car that just might fit the bill: Al Capone's, which had been sitting in a Treasury Department parking lot ever since it had been seized from the infamous mobster during the

IRS' tax evasion suit years earlier.



Capone's car was a sight to behold. It had been painted black and green so as to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time. It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio. To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac 341A Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows. Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief. And run properly it did. It had been painted black and green to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time. To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows. It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio.

The car was sold at auction in 2012 for \$341,000.





**31st Annual Fall Classic
Car and Truck Show
November 8, 2014
at the Valdosta Mall**



Dash plaques
(first 100 entries)
Goody Bags
Door Prizes
50/50
Information on the SGCCC
website: www.sgccc.org
Info 229-292-1032

Registration 8 am - 11 am, Judging 11 am - 2 pm, Awards at 3 pm
Awards for: Best in Show, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine, People's Choice (trophies)
 Club participation (\$100 cash)
 Classes: pre-1990 vehicles (Top 10 awards), 1990 - 2009 vehicles (Top 10 awards)
 Special Interest vehicles (Top 5 awards) Display only (non-judged)
 Each owner will choose the class in which the vehicle will be shown. Registration ends at 11am;
 Arrivals after 11 am will not be judged. Vehicles 2010 and newer will not be judged.
Entry Fees: \$20 - Pre-register for judging (pre-2010 vehicle) postmarked no later than Nov. 1.
 \$25 - Register the day of the show.
 \$10 - Display only (non-judged - eligible for door prize - not eligible for award/trophy)
 SGCCC members' cars will be "Display only" vehicles.
 Participant voting for 10 fun specialty awards (in addition to, and unrelated to judged winners).
 Proceeds benefit the Sheriffs' Youth Home residents in Hahira.

Name _____ Phone # _____
 Address _____
 Year _____ Make/Model _____
 Class (circle one): Pre-1990 1990-2009 Special Interest Display Only
 Club Affiliation _____ Email _____

Clip & Mail To: South Georgia Classic Car Club P.O. Box 403, Valdosta, GA, 31603-0403
 In consideration of this entry, I, the undersigned, understand and agree that the South Georgia Classic Car Club, the Valdosta Mall and sponsors will not be held responsible for any liability that I might incur during this show and any car registered will carry public liability and property damage insurance.
 Participant's Signature _____
 (Make Checks Payable To: SGCCC) No Sound Systems Or Radios To Be Played - No alcoholic beverages

October 2014

- 7 - SGCCC Monthly Business Meeting Austin's Cattle Company 2101 West Hill Avenue Valdosta, GA eat at 6:00, meet at 7:00
 - 1 - Live Oak Cruise, Huddle House (Hwy 129 & I-10), Live Oak, FL 6-9pm info: Ralph Towner 386-752-4725
 - 3—Valdosta First Friday 6pm River Street—just north of the Lowndes County Court House
 - 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
 - 5 - Albany Cruise-In Location: San Joe's in Leesburg 5pm start time
 - 6 - Tallahassee Street Rodders Museum Cruise Antique Car Museum, 6800 Mahan Dr I-5pm <http://www.tally-streetrodders.com>
 - 7 - Webster Swap Meet Sumter County Fairgrounds, Bushnell, FL 8am-2pm info: 800-438-8559 www.floridaswapmeets.com
 - 11 - Valdosta Cruise-In at Steak-n-Shake, St Augustine Rd, Valdosta(I-75 exit 18) 5-8pm
 - 11 - Tallahassee What-A-Burger Cruise Ford & Chevy Clubs 1101 Thomasville Road, 5:30-8:30pm info: Reuben Plachy 850-894-5815
 - 16 - Cruise-in at Steak-n-Shake, St Augustine Rd, Valdosta. (I-75 exit 18) 6-8pm
 - 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
 - 19 - Tallahassee What-A-Burger Cruise 1101 Thomasville Road, info: Joe Clark 850-385-3959 or Steve Curvey 750-383-0651
 - 24 - Lake City Hardee's West Cruise info: Ralph Towner 386-752-4725
 - 24 - Tallahassee What-A-Burger Cruise 1101 Thomasville Rd, info: <http://www.tally-streetrodders.com>
 - 25—Tifton Cruise-in at Checkers—5pm until
- 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	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Lee Hatcher
12 Joan Dear	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Barbara Bay	

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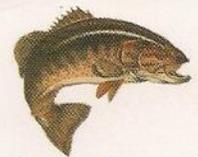
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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, **October 7, 2014**

Eat @ 6:00

Meet @ 6:45

Austin's Cattle Company

2101 West Hill Avenue

Cruise: October 11, 2014

Steak 'n Shake parking lot

5:00—8:00pm

Thurs Cruise: October . 16, 2014

Steak 'n Shake parking lot

6:00—7:30pm



Graphics Arts Department at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

Cover - President Roosevelt's Limo
(previously Al Capone's car)

Editor's Comments

Fall has finally arrived—October is here. The weather is more delightful with cool mornings and moderate afternoons. While there are many fall activities in which to be involved, as members of the SGCCC, we have the Fall Classic Car and Truck Show approaching very quickly.

The Planning meetings for the Fall Classic Car and Truck Show are in full swing, with the committee meeting every other week to work out the details. November 8 will be here before we know it. We need all club members to take a part in making this a successful show. There are several tasks that need to be completed prior to the show, including sponsors for the trophies, and collecting door prizes and items for the "goody bags." All members should consider doing their part in making this car show a success.

The flyer in this edition of the *Driver's Seat* is the latest version. It can be copied and handed out when you attend other shows or cruise-ins, or when you contact businesses

for door prizes and goody items. Madonna also has some half-sheet flyers if you need some of these.

The story about the President's Limousine was forwarded to me by the president of the Tallahassee Street Rodders.

The article about Airing up your Spare is an edited version of an article on the website of *Tuffy Tire and Auto Service*.

I am looking for SGCCC members to share stories to be published here—simply write the story up and get it to the editor (with pictures if possible). You may email contributions to editor@SGCCC.org, or send by USPS or hand items to me in person. You, too, can be a published author!

Happy Cruising!

David Boyd, editor

