

The Driver's Seat



Dennis Smith's 1961 Buick Special

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My First Car By William "Bill" Cordes

Keys in my hand Not going very far	Now years later I'm out of fashion
This moment is special Driving my first car	Driving my old car Reliving the passion
Finally Got my license been a long time coming	Oh, what was that A thumbs up and hand waving
Going down the road With the motor humming	Yes, my old car Has been worth saving
It might not be much Gassed up and chilling	Keys in my hand Not going very far
Freedom to go Is such a great feeling	This moment is special Driving my first car



About

The South Georgia Classic Car Club was founded in April, 1984 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of special interest automobiles.

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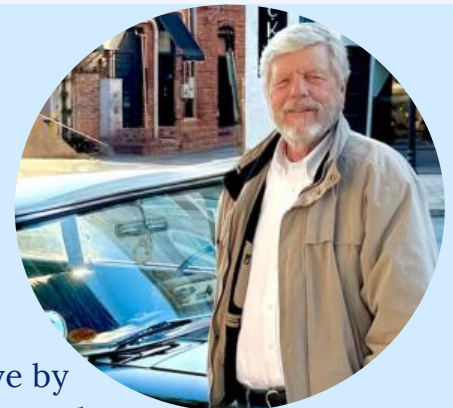
How does it feel to be part of the best car club ever? How does it feel to be a part of the community by showing our vehicles and watching the community appreciate them. How does it feel to be part of the Georgia Sheriffs Boys Ranch? How does it feel to ride the children around in our vehicles so they can be like other children enjoying life? How does it feel to ride them in the Christmas parade? How does it feel to show up at 6:30 AM to mark parking spaces in downtown so we can support the Bluesberry Festival? How does it feel to ride dignitaries of a faith based movie company from the Downtown.

McKey Hotel to the conference center to show community support? How does it feel to support our members in numerous "drive by cruises" for anniversaries or to show our support during infirmities? How does it feel to ride that final ride in support of our friends and members in their funeral procession? The list goes on and on. Thank you my friends and I am so proud to be a part of this organization.

The SGCCC is the best car club ever!! Thanks.

Until next time.

Dan



Meeting Minutes

Dona Metts - Secretary

SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2025



Meeting: Club President Dan Bremer opened the September meeting at 6:45 pm at Ole Times Country Buffet on St. Augustine Rd. Club Member Anne Simon led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 33 members in attendance and 1 guest. Welcome to new members Nicki & Bill Garfield. Welcome back to Aunt T who is here visiting the Fowlers from Arkansas. We also would like to say welcome and thank you to our new sponsor, Case Tree Service, recruited by Warren Winter. We are missing Linda & Richard Runnalls who are visiting family in New York and Ed & Annette Woodruff who are cruising around Hawaii.

Tonight's theme is "Girls Night" – Southern Girls Classic Car Club! The Invocation was given by Sharron Fowler. In observation of Ladies' Night, Dona Metts greeted new members & guests to the monthly meeting of the SGCCC.

Cares and Concerns: Please keep all of our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers. If any members know of fellow members going through issues, please let Dan know so we can reach out and send cards. Keep club member & First Vice President David Boyd & his family in your thoughts & prayers. David had a stroke & is currently at a LTAC facility in Gainesville Florida.

Special Presentation: Member Sue Worth did a special announcement that she is continuing to have a shop/garage clean-out & invited all members to come & get what they want. Thanks to those that have already come & taken what they can use.

Paul Hamilton, attorney at law, gave a 10 minute teaser about Trusts, Wills, Estate & Elder Law. He invited club members to attend the 90 minute session at his office on N. Oak St in Valdosta to hear about how to get your affairs in order. There is no charge or obligation for attending any of the informative sessions.

We played a "do you know your lyrics" trivia game with "Surf City" written by Brian Wilson and sung by Jan & Dean!

Minutes: A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes for the August meeting as e-mailed & published in The Driver's Seat.

Treasurer's Report:

Donna Roberson presented the Treasurer's report which was accepted.

Open Discussion: Open discussion allows members the opportunity to share anything that is on their mind in regards to the club and its activities.

Anyone wanting a car club t-shirt that we don't have in stock can let Dona & Steve Metts know so it can be ordered.

SGCCC Magnetic signs for the side of your car can be purchased from club member Al Nix at R&S Graphics in Adel.

Danny Seth had a picture of the Cruiser with SGCCC made for David Boyd that members are signing with well wishes.

Darryl & Jennifer Mayor's business on 84 was broken into recently.

Please send pictures for the directory to SGCCC1984@gmail.com

2025 SGCCC Goals: Club goals focus community interaction & youth involvement! Please invite potential members to our meet-ups at Gud Coffee, Dairy Queen & Five Guys.

Old Business: Cruiser Development – The cruiser is doing "ok" for now.

Membership:

The club currently has 116 members. To be a member you simply need to have an interest in CARS and pay your \$30 membership dues for the year. See Hardy or Fred! Let's all be prepared to welcome new members at cruise-ins with an SGCCC business card or membership application.

T-Shirts: Club t-shirts AND HATS (\$20 each) are for sale! Special requests & sizes can be ordered by e-mailing Dona Metts at donametts@yahoo.com See Steve or Dona Metts at any cruise-in or meeting to purchase.

First Saturday: Parked around the courthouse downtown & visited Gud Coffee

Meeting Minutes Continued

Second Saturday: Was held at Five Guys on Norman Drive in Valdosta. Great turnout! Good Location!

Third Thursday: This cruise-in at Dairy Queen was well attended as always in spite of the rain!

Fourth of July: @ the Cordes' home was a ton of fun with games, food, fellowship & fireworks. Thanks to the Cordes' for hosting the club.

Burton Brooks: It was a HOT day but we were there... Jerome Register led the caravan from Ameri-Med. Mr. Coleman drove his 1917 Model T

Play Loud: Was a HOT event! SGCCC won participation award, several members won trophies. Richard Rhodes took pictures.

Tifton Prince Cruise-In: Met at Amerimed in Valdosta & caravanned to Tifton (29 vehicles) with Kathy & Lee in the lead. Joe Simpson had some technical issues with the bug but had several folks jump in to assist in getting him safely back on the road.

Boston Sip & Stroll: Richard & Reggie met at the Racetrack at 4:30 on '84 to cruise over to Boston.

Upcoming Events:

First Saturday Sept 6th Downtown Valdosta 8am – Gud Coffee, Pavo Car Show

Second Saturday Sept 13th at Five Guys on Norman Drive at 5pm

Third Thursday Sept 18th at Dairy Queen on Inner Perimeter

Valdosta 200 October 11th – Need cars prior to 1940 – Contact Jessica Ganas to reserve your spot around the courthouse.

Camping World September 6th from 10-3 – Meet at The Farmhouse restaurant in Lake Park at 9:30 am

Echols Animal Car Show September 20th – Caravan from Hardee's on S. Patterson St (41) at 8am

Tift Area Hog Wild event – Sept 27th

Honey Bee Parade & Festival in Hahira – Oct 4th – need convertibles to ride the Queen Bees in the parade

Victory Baptist Church October 18th – Car Show on Sat – Yard Sale Friday the 17th

Boys Ranch Cook-out & Truck or Treat will be on Sat Oct 25th

VA Car Show in honor of Veteran's Day – @ VA clinic 348 Enterprise Drive, Suite B, Valdosta, GA 31601 on Nov 4th

Fall Classic Car Show – Saturday, November 8th at The Home Depot on Norman Drive. A committee has been formed to oversee the show. A list for volunteers has been created on Sign-up genius. Please share the post on social media. At 10am we will honor all veterans with the National Anthem.

Reminder – All SGCCC events are RAIN or SHINE! Please see Dan's e-mail for a complete listing of upcoming events.

SGCCC Succession Planning: Officers will cross-train in the event that one is unable to carry out their duties. This would be on a permanent basis going forward. Currently in effect.

Driver's Seat: Please continue submitting articles and pictures for inclusion in the Driver's Seat. We will have a new feature soon – Member Spotlight – Let us get to know you & your car better! Special thanks to James Brantley for jumping in & putting together The Driver's Seat for publication in David Boyd's absence.

Facebook: Chris Bremer is doing an extraordinary job posting – thank you Chris!

Photographer: Thanks to Danny Seth for catching memories

Webpage: James Brantley is continually working to improve our webpage. Check out the calendar! The classifieds section is ready for your ads of "stuff" for sale. Paid members can post items for sale/trade. Reminder – ongoing – sponsor a new member by voting for their car on Facebook. Starting in September we invite our sponsors to pony up \$30 to sponsor a new member to the club. This will be in the newsletter.

Sponsor Recognition: Please continue to support our sponsors in the community and mention SGCCC when you visit them! All are listed in The Driver's Seat each month.

50/50: \$80 was won by Steve Gardner \$80 went to the Cruiser Fund.

Meeting: Adjourned at 7:53 pm
Submitted by Dona Metts

October Events

- **Saturday, 4th** - First Saturday Cruise-In @ 8 AM. GUD Coffee. 133 N. Patterson St., Valdosta
- **Saturday, 4th** - Hahira Honeybee Parade. Line up at 11 AM and parade starts at Noon. The SGCCC will provide convertibles and/or specialty cars for 13 Honeybee Queens. All member rides are welcome. We will all ride together somewhere in the parade. The convertibles
- **Saturday, 4th** - Car Show and Pinewood Derby, 640 Hall Rd, Thomasville, Georgia. Starts at 8 AM and lasts till 4 PM. Put on by Northwoods Church of God.
- **Saturday, 11th** - Valdosta/Lowndes County 200 Year Anniversary Car Show, Downtown Valdosta around the Old Courthouse. 8 AM to 2 PM. Vehicles 1940 and earlier. Contact Jessica Ganus at 229-671-2492 to register. Call her ASAP.
- **Saturday, 11th** - 2nd Saturday Cruise-In @ 5PM. Five Guys. 1701B, Norman Drive, Valdosta.
- **Saturday, 18th** - Victory Baptist Church Car Show, 3229 Madison Hwy, Valdosta. Registration at 8:30 AM to 10 AM with awards at 1 PM. Registration \$25 and includes one free meal. This is SGCCC member Steve Ward's church and is always one of the best shows of the year. A garage sale and food in the fellowship hall. Over 50 trophies!!!!
- **Saturday, 25th** - The annual SGCCC Cook Out and Trunk or Treat at the Georgia Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Starts at 3 PM with riding in the cars and then we eat about 4 PM and Trunk or Treat at 5 PM. Do not miss this event at the Boys Ranch.
- **Saturday, 25th** - Jesus Festival 2nd Annual Car and Tractor Show, 204 E 4th Street, Adel, GA. 9AM to 3PM. Free.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tom Hunt	2	3 Conrad Seasholtz	4 Sue Bailey
5 Joey Wagner Randel & Beth McClellan	6 Karen Bucheit	7 William Avant	8 Jeff Simon	9	10	11
12	13 Alan & Laurie Davis	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Linda Coombs Anita Lilly Jason & Paige Smith	23 Jeff Fulp	24 Mike Wiggins Peggy Alderman	25 Jennifer Rothrock
26 Leslie Howell	27	28	29 Bobby LeFever	30	31	

1st Saturday @ GUD

Coffee



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MEET THE PRESIDENT

Dan Bremer

Vehicle: 1952 Chevy Firetruck. This truck came to my family farm in Missouri when I was six years old to put out a fire. I have distinct memories of this event.

Dream Car: 1940 Chevy Business Coupe.

Interesting fact about you: Several years United States Marine Corps, over 20 years a Federal Investigator.

Why did you join SGCCC?

Looking for help and advice on building and maintaining classic vehicles.

What inspired you to take on a leadership role in the club?

It looked like I could help the SGCCC goals.

What's one idea you'd like to see the club try in the next year?

Put on a SGCCC Music Event.

How do you think we can make the club more welcoming for new members?

Appoint a committee to ALWAYS greet new members at EVERY event and introduce the new members to others at EVERY event.

What's the longest road trip you've ever taken in one of your cars?

Los Angeles, California in a 1951 Chevy, 6 litre Vortec, 4L60E transmission, ghost flames on black paint, tuck and roll interior, Mustang II front and Camaro rear with locker.

If your current car could "talk," what would it say about you?

"This guy does not always take good care of me!"

What's been your favorite club memory or event so far?

Riding the Boys Ranch kids on the 1952 Chevy Firetruck

What role do you see car clubs playing in the community today?

Just being a draw to community events and showing support for their events.

What's the weirdest or funniest thing that's ever happened while you were driving?

Chris and I would dress in a Santa Suit and Elf suit and drive the 1952 Chevy Firetruck on Christmas morning to deliver goody bags to people who had to work that day. We were riding on Interstate 75 when a passing car almost wrecked trying to wave to us with their children.

MEET A MEMBER

Hello "SG Triple C"

I'm Bill Cordes, I've retired twice from the US Air Force, 1981-2002 active duty and 2002-2022 civil service. I enjoy the song "Driven around" by the Raspberries. Jayne my dear wife from Texas. She enjoys George Strait music, specifically "The Chair". Dusty the Pomeranian (that accidentally, got mixed with something from Jurassic Park) is our faithful companion.

I'm caretaker of a 1965 Ford Mustang. My fourth 1st gen mustang. Way back in 1964, someone ordered an early fastback (built 3 Nov 1964), with these extra cost items. 289 engine, Automatic transmission and Twilight Turquoise Poly paint. But must have said "I'm not spending \$10.70 for those back up lights!"

God has blessed us, I could have picked and Jayne could have bought me most any classic car for my retirement. I knew the Mustang was my dream car. Because "no other scratch would satisfy the itch".

My passion started at 16 in high school with a \$500, 1965 mustang coupe. A perfect example of an Ohio Rust Bucket. I did a lot of work on it myself, including putting a stolen high school lunch tray over the hole in the floor, changing the engine and transmission, fake Shelby scoop and even painting the car in our dirt floor garage. But, Oh the fond memories of driving my car while cruising Findlay, Ohio.

I think the most interesting and expected thing about me is writing poems. God has inspired a few poems that I'm happy to have written down. Starting with "The Final Hail and Farewell" written down after a powerful visit to Arlington National Cemetery. I've included "My First Car" poem remembering the feeling of car freedom.

"SG triple C" is the greatest car club. The world needs to know about these cool cars. I really appreciate the warm welcoming atmosphere. Members are prayed over and there is a love for our Republic. The club isn't a nitpicky group of folks waiting to show their car at the Concours D'elegance. The community cruise involvement and special connection with the Sheriffs Youth ranch is very rewarding. I met a guy who couldn't say enough good things about the Ranch and "SG Triple C".

Last, but not least, Jayne, Dusty and I needed to make some new friends, see new sites and find a good Christmas Party to attend. We found all of that the South Georgia Classic Car Club.





Monthly Club Meeting

October 7, 2025 @6:45 PM
Ole Times Country Buffet

1st Saturday Cruise-In

October 4, 2025 @ 8 AM
Downtown Valdosta/GUD Coffee

2nd Saturday Cruise-In

October 11, 2025 @ 5 PM
5 Guys Parking Lot

3rd Thursday Cruise-In

October 16, 2025 @ 5 PM
Dairy Queen

South Georgia Classic Car Club
Established 1964

42nd Annual Fall Car Show

9 AM - 1 PM
November 8th 2025

hosted by
THE HOME DEPOT

1825 Norman Drive
Valdosta, Georgia

\$25 Registration*
\$10 Display Only*

Registration 9-11 AM
No movement after 10 AM

20 Classes
3rd Party Judging

Proceeds benefit the Georgia Sheriff's Boys Ranch*



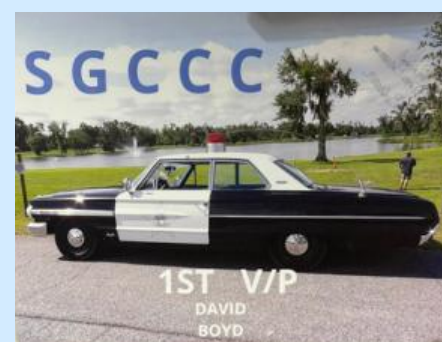
Editor's Comments

David Boyd, Editor

As I attempt to fill in for David, I've gotten the chance to see another side of our club—and it's been a real privilege. The South Georgia Classic Car Club is full of folks with amazing stories, experiences, and of course, some incredible rides. My hope is to share a few of those stories here in *The Driver's Seat*. From the cars we love, to the events we enjoy, to the smiles we bring to the community—it's all part of what makes this club special.

If you've got ideas, feedback, or something you'd like to see in *The Driver's Seat*, I'd love to hear from you. After all, this club runs on its members—you're what keeps it rolling!

-James Brantley



Club signed picture sent to David

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