

Driver's Seat



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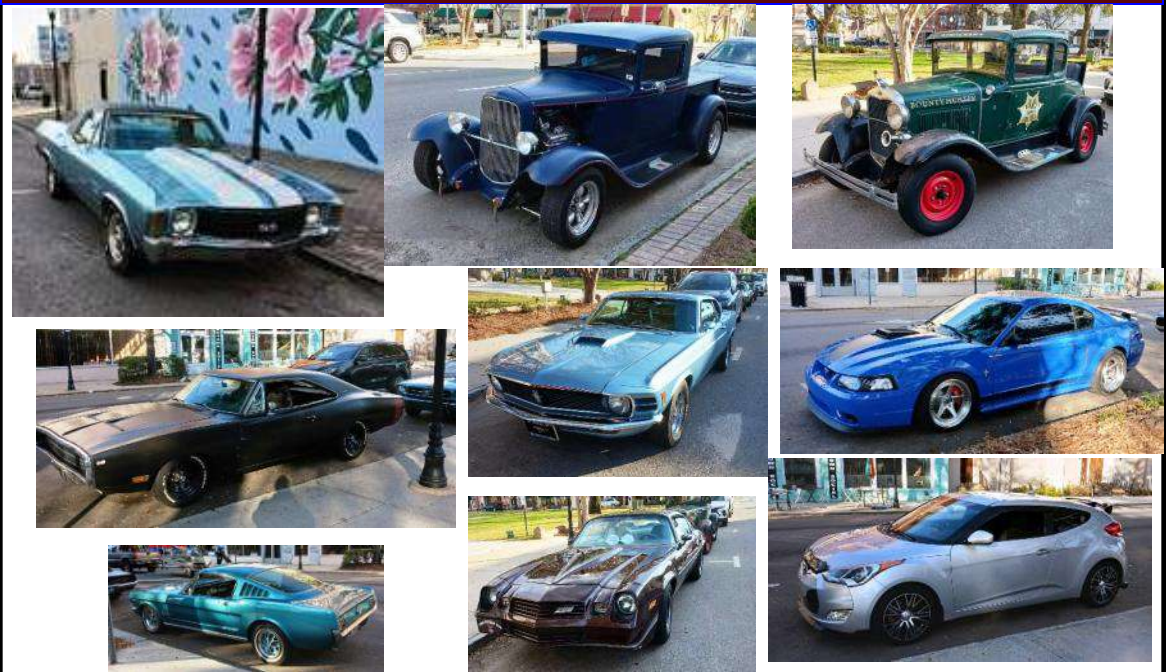
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1st Saturday—GUD Coffee Downtown



2nd Thursday—Ollies



Club Name Tags and Embroidery

- Name tags are available at **Harmon's** on West Hill Avenue.
- Club logo embroidery is available at **Arrow Screen-printing** on Gordon near Baytree

Minutes



March 4, 2025

Meeting: Club First Vice President David Boyd opened the March meeting at 6:45 pm at Austin's Cattle Company. Member Hardy Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 28 members in attendance. The Invocation was given by Bill Cordes. Club First Vice President David Boyd welcomed the members to the meeting. New member George Balmer from Savannah was in attendance. He was a member of the Dixie Land Cruisers, enjoys working on boats, motors, cars, etc. and we are looking forward to an article for *The Driver's Seat* about his vehicles.

Cares and Concerns: Please keep all of our members and their families in your thoughts and prayers, especially Club President Dan Bremer and First Lady Chris in the tragic loss of their Grandson. Keeping Lucy Bennett and Logan Birdsong in our 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.

Special: A very special Happy Birthday to our member Ed Woodruff!

Minutes: A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes for the February meeting as e-mailed to members and printed in the *Driver's Seat*.

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

Open Discussion:

Howard Beatty invited members to the Annual Easter event at Park Avenue Church "Carpenter of Nazareth" beginning March 22nd and running through March 25th. The nursery can accommodate 6 week through 3 year olds.

Lanier County prom is April 19th with a "Great Gatsby" theme. Members are invited to park at the Threatt Center in Lakeland starting at 6:30pm as the attendees walk the Red Carpet & take pictures with the cars. Caravan over from Bojangles on Inner Perimeter at 6:00pm.

Brooks County hospital is collecting donations of things like hats, gowns, t-shirts (especially larger sizes) for their patients. Donations can be given to Brianna Brantley at any club meeting or event.

A house mom at the Boys Ranch has asked the club to come & do an additional event at the ranch.

Ed Woodruff had an exceptional experience with Discount Tire recently while driving the Veteran's van and wanted to let members know.

Hospice of South Georgia in Jesup is having a senior prom on Thursday, April 17th with a theme of "At the Hop" and has invited members to bring their cars!

Cadillac Café has opened for breakfast and lunch in Nashville in the location of the previous Cadillac Ranch. You can see their menu on their Facebook page.

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

2025 SGCCC Goals: Club goals focus community interaction & youth involvement!

This year let's encourage more young people to join our club. Think about groups we can reach out to at local schools to recruit. Younger airmen also may be interested if any members have contact & can invite potential members to our meet-ups at Gud Coffee, Dairy Queen & Ollie's.

Old Business:

Cruiser Development – deferred to next meeting

Membership: The club currently has 78 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! See Steve or Dona Metts to purchase.

Spring Cruise-In will be held Saturday, June 7th at Five Points shopping Center in Valdosta GA

Fall Classic Car Show will be held Saturday, November 8th at Five Points as well.

February Events:

First Saturday on the square in Valdosta & Gud Coffee

Second Saturday at Ollie's had 37 cars

Third Thursday at Dairy Queen

The Home Depot Cruise-In had 33 cars on Saturday, February 15th

Hahira Chili Cook-off had 23 cars on Saturday, February 22nd

Hahira Black History celebration had 6 cars on Sunday, February 23rd

Cruise-In at the church in Moultrie had a couple of cars attend

March Events:

First Saturday (Mar 1st) on the square in downtown Valdosta at 8AM

Second Saturday (Feb 8th) at Ollie's at 5PM

President's Report



President Report

I have heard from several potential SGCCC members that "I don't own a classic car." The answer is always the same, "You do not need to own a classic car to belong to the SGCCC."

But on the other hand, one thing I know is that there are a lot of folks around South Georgia that do own a classic car and do not belong to the SGCCC. I think we should think of reasons for these classic owners to join.

It can't be that we don't have a newsletter. We have the best "Drivers Seat" of any car club anywhere. It can't be because we don't have great members. We have a fantastic array of great members. It can't be because members never get information about club plans or activities. Seems like we get 2 or 3 emails a week about that. It can't be because we don't have a great website or Facebook. James and Chris keep those in good order. It can't be that we don't have enough regularly scheduled events. We always have something going on.

Well, all the above reminds me that we do have a good car club and all of those potential members who own a classic car should be proud to join.

So how do we draw those classic owning car folks into the SGCCC?

Until next time.

Dan

March 8-9 Azalea Festival at Drexel Park – Car show is Sunday 10am until 4pm

Amelia Island Concours de'Elegance is March 8th and 9th

Boston Sip and Shop is March 15th

Third Thursday (Mar 20th) at Dairy Queen on Inner Perimeter at 5PM

Daytona Beach Florida – 35th Annual Spring Turkey Run March 21st through 23rd

Tallahassee Region AACA Spring Car and Bike Show March 22nd

Perry Georgia Auto Fair Swap Meet and Car Corral March 28th-29th

Drive & Dine Saturday March 29th to O'Neal's in Madison, FL. Meet at Hardee's on South Patterson St. Caravan leaves at 3pm

Upcoming Events:

Moultrie Car Swap April 3rd-5th at Spence Field

Bluesberry Festival April 11th-12th

Valdosta 200 October 11th

Please see Dan's e-mail for a complete listing of upcoming events.

Driver's Seat: Please continue submitting articles and pictures for inclusion in the *Driver's Seat*. David Boyd is our Editor. Be sure to check it out!

Webpage: James Brantley is continuing to work on our webpage. Check out the calendar!

Sponsor Recognition: Please continue to support our sponsors in the community! All are listed in *The Driver's Seat* each month.

Hardy Smith is working with Al Nix to get our sponsor sandwich boards updated.

50/50: \$41 was won by Janice Logue and \$42 went to the Cruiser Fund.

Meeting: Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Submitted by Dona Metts

Engine Oils & Additives

~ Richard Lasseter

There are many "caveats" to this subject and it would take many pages to cover them all, and since space is limited, I must be as brief as possible about some important issues regarding current engine oils. Maybe the first thing to mention is that if you feel that you must add any oil supplement to the oil that you wish to use, then you're using the wrong oil in the first place. These "supplements" are big money-makers for the many companies that offer them, and that's why auto parts shelves are full of them.

Today's oils are all excellent and already include the latest chemical innovations, so choose one for your application, pour it in and leave it alone! This even includes the excellent Wal-Mart Super Tech brand synthetic. And that story in itself might be for another time.

However, let's look at oils for an older "classic" with flat tappet lifters. You should first realize that necessary concentrations of ZDDP (zinc dialkyldithiophosphate) should be in an engine oil for such older cars with flat tappet cams and lifters. However, beginning in the late 1980s, ZDDP was beginning to be removed from nearly all engine oils, and this trend continued throughout most of the 1990's and on into the early 2000's. For older cars with flat tappet hydraulic or solid lifter cams, that lack of ZDDP often began causing numerous problems of valvetrain wear throughout those years. However, today there are plenty of engine oils with necessary solutions for our old "classics", including any necessary ZDDP.

Let's start with the ZDDP itself that's needed in classic car engines. The ZDDP molecule is a "polar" molecule (with a positive and a negative end) so it's attracted to carbon steel surfaces ... sort of like a magnet. When under both heat and load, the zinc and phosphorus in the ZDDP molecule create a sacrificial film on the metal surface. This protective film greatly helps in preventing metal to metal contact, which in turn reduces metal-to-metal wear particularly on any rubbing surface such as lifter faces and cam lobes.


As such, flat-tappet lifter faces, push rod tips, rocker arms, (and shafts), wrist pins, distributor gear teeth, engine bearings

and even valve spring retainers all benefit to some extent or another through the oil's inclusion of ZDDP. The chemical nature of ZDDP also inhibits oxidation, which is a fancy word for the chemical breakdown of the oil. However, as the engine runs over countless hours, this zinc film is depleted as it protects the engine. So oil changes using the proper oil is necessary to help reformat the oil chemistry needed to protect your engine.

When nearly all engines went to more fuel efficient hydraulic roller cams and lifters in the very late 1980's, ZDDP concentrations were significantly reduced. Why? Because if a newer catalytic converter equipped engine began to burn even small amounts of oil containing ZDDP, the zinc and the phosphorus (to a lesser extent) might begin to coat the platinum-palladium catalytic converter pellets and render them useless in breaking down exhaust emissions. So with greatly reduced levels of ZDDP, especially in the very late 1980's and 1990's, there were numerous cases of camshaft/lifter failure that resulted when ZDDP concentrations were significantly reduced. This was especially true if during engine break-in when ZDDP deficient oils were used. However, the newer late 1980's and above roller-ized engines didn't need nearly as much ZDDP as the older classics.

Today, this lack of suitable oils is thankfully not a problem. That is, if you know what kind of oil to look for. There are numerous boutique oils available that will fill the bill better than ever, and that even goes for numerous parts house shelf oils. There are many oils available that will do just fine as long as you choose the proper oil for your application. Just as an example, any store-bought Valvoline motor oil with "VR1" on the label will work great in higher stress performance old car applications. However, do not use oils intended primarily for racing in the engine of a street car. Dedicated racing oils are designed for more extreme usage and the critical additive packages used in them are designed to have a much shorter life and thus drain interval. But whatever oil you decide upon, just choose carefully and wisely and forget those unnecessary and expensive additives!

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April 2025

1. April 1st, Tuesday, April 2025 SGCCC Monthly Meeting at Austin's Cattle Company. Meeting starts at 6:45 PM but we get the room at 5:30 PM so we can eat before the meeting
2. April 3 - 5, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Moultrie Swap Meet, Spence Field, Moultrie, GA. 8am—5pmPM. Admission is \$10.
3. April 5th, Saturday, SGCCC First Saturday Cruise In, Downtown Valdosta around the old courthouse. Starts at 8 AM. Free coffee at the GUD Coffee Company.
4. April 11 and 12th, Valdosta Bluesberry Festival, Park around the Courthouse on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
5. April 12th, Saturday, Spring Car Show, Car Quest Auto Parts, 1321 S. Jefferson St, Monticello, FL. 9 AM to 2 PM.
2. April 12th, Saturday, SGCCC Second Saturday Cruise In at Ollie's, 1200 N. St. Augustine Rd, Valdosta. Starts at 5 PM
3. April 17th, Thursday, SGCCC 3rd Thursday Cruise In at the Dairy Queen, 3277 Inner Perimeter Rd, Valdosta. Starts at 5pm
4. April 19th, Saturday, Boston Third Saturday Sip and Shop, downtown Boston, GA.
5. April 19th, Saturday, Sylvester Annual Car Show, 8 AM to 4 PM. \$25 entry.
6. April 26th, Saturday, Dasher Day, Be in place by 10 AM at the civic center. Free lunch
7. April 26th, Saturday, Rose City Car Show, Downtown Thomasville. 10 AM to 2 PM
8. April 26th, Saturday, Fire Ant Festival, Parker Chevrolet, Ashburn, GA.
9. April 26th, Saturday, Spring Festival and Car Show, Downtown Dawson Georgia. 10 AM to 3 PM
10. May 3rd, Saturday, Packards Under the Oak, Rob Evans event at his home, 321 I Country Club Drive, 9am—3pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Jim & Sharron Fowler Steve Metts	2 Bob & Peggy Alderman Joe & Charlotte Simpson Beau Daniel & Nicole Sinclair	3 Sharron Fowler	4	5
6 Jennifer Strickland Steve Everett	7	8	9	10	11	12
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<p>April 12, 2025 2nd Saturday Cruise-in Ollie's Parking Lot</p>
<p>April 17, 2025 3rd Thursday Cruise-in Dairy Queen</p>
<p>April 26, 2025 Drive & Dine</p>



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Cover Photo
 Ken Eastin's truck at the Tallahassee Car Show

Editor's Comments

April 2025—Hope you are close to getting your income tax done. The IRS would like to have as much of our money as possible.

There are a lot of opportunities this month to be involved with our club and area car events. Check the calendar and watch for the emails fro Dan to keep up to date. .

Our new web page is up and running—take a look. James would appreciate any critique so it can be the best car club web page in this area.

Chris is always improving our Facebook presence, and Hardy and Seth continue to provide photos of our events.

We encourage all the members to take part in the monthly meeting at Austin's and help shape the activities for our involvement. Bring a guest. Invite some younger folks to join the club, come to a cruise-in or a car show.

We are always looking for articles from the membership to include in the *Driver's Seat*.

Send in articles and photos to me, either in person or by email— editor@SGCCC.org

Bring a kid to a a car show.
 Happy Cruising!
 David Boyd, editor



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