



November 2021

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President's Corner

It's bittersweet, but our cruises are history for 2021. I would like to thank everyone for all your dedication and hard work on making this year successful. Just a reminder if you have not paid your dues, please get them in by this coming meeting to be eligible to vote for the 2022 officers. A slate of officers was accepted at our last meeting and are presented in the minutes. We will be voting on them at our November meeting held at the Olive Tree on November 2nd. Dinner is at 6:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Hope to see everyone there.

Raylene Carroll

Vice President

Hello Cruisers,

Our Super Cruise-in held on Saturday October 16th was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at the Super cruise-in. We had a total of sixty-one paying vehicles at the show, plus our member's cars. We thank everyone that worked to make the Super Cruise-in a success. Our next scheduled activity is our annual Christmas party. It will be held on December 7 at the Little Hawaiian in Carrollton. We hope everyone will attend. Please contact Raylene to let her know if you plan on attending.

Although our cruise-in season is over, there are still a lot of car activities you can participate in. This is a great time to attend automobile museums or to work on our vehicles.

Please let us know when someone is sick or having difficulties so we can reach out to them or at least we can pray for them. Also please provide input as to how you wish the club to run and what activities you wish us to provide. Remember this is **your club**. We, the leadership, are here to carry out your wishes, not to dictate the club's direction/activities. This is why we need your input to accomplish the wishes of the membership. **Our next meeting is Tuesday November 2.** Hope to see everyone there.

Darrell Smith

Sponsorship Report

Sponsors due in November:

Advance Auto Parts, VR -	Danny
Carroll Food Mart -	Danny
Carrollton Car Stereo -	Danny
Southwire -	Nick

A special thanks to Rob Kusterer for another platinum sponsor, Joyce's Florist, Rockmart Road, Villa Rica!

Don Edwards

Secretarial Report

The minutes of our October meeting are attached. If you have any questions or need any additional details, please let me know.

Lynn Ware

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for October is attached to this newsletter. Please let me know if you have any questions. See you soon!

Don Reed

Our Next Meeting

Our November 2021 meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2nd, at the Olive Tree in Villa Rica. If you plan on eating, please be there around 6pm. Our meeting will begin at 7pm.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Don Edwards	11/15
Sharon Fichera	11/30
Penny Kusterer	11/10
Greg Marshall	11/20
Lynn Norris	11/8
Jeannette Ranero	11/26
Gloria Reed	11/23
Dennis Steed	11/6
Nick Ware	11/18

Happy Anniversary to:

Dennis & Judy Steed	11/15
John & Mary Thornton	11/1

Area Car Events:

Car Shows:

Nov. 7, Lineville, AL - 34th Annual Clay County Car Show & Swap Meet at

Lineville Recreation Park, Hwy. 9, 9-3 pm.

Info: 205-369-2856

Cruise Ins:

Cruise Ins are largely off for the season. There may still be a few, but none are known of in our area. Consult publications noted below for any up-to-date listings.

Compiled by Yvonne Davis

(For further details on these shows and more, refer to "Ragtops and Runningboards", or refer to websites like <http://southeastwheelsevents.com/>)

(Editorial Comment – Many thanks to Yvonne Davis for contributing this feature in our newsletter each month!)

Christmas Party 2021!!!

Golden City Cruisers will be having a Christmas Party this year on December 7th, which is our normal meeting night. The party will be at the Little Hawaiian Restaurant in Carrollton at 6:00pm.

Members will have to pay for their meals, but we are not limited to a specific menu. Ordering will be from the regular menu. We need a head count, so if you would like to attend, and have not already signed up, please let me know and I will add you to the guest list. Menu can be viewed at:

<https://www.littlehawaiianrestaurant.com/menu>.

Smile! (thanks to Rob Kusterer & Dave Kopp)



Two seventy year old men, Moe and Sam, have been friends all their lives. It seems that Sam is dying, so Moe comes to visit him.

"Sam," says Moe, "You know how we have both loved baseball all our lives. Sam, you gotta do me one favor. When you go, somehow you've got to find a way to get a message to me to tell me if there's baseball in heaven."

Sam looks up at Moe from his deathbed and says, "Moe, you've been my friend many years. This favor I'll try to do for you." And with that Sam passes on.

It is midnight a couple of nights later. Moe is sound asleep when a distant voice calls out to him, "Moe...Moe..."

"Who is it?" says Moe sitting up suddenly, "Who is it?"

"Moe, it's Sam."

"Come on. You're not Sam. Sam died." said Moe, coming awake.

"I'm telling you," insists the voice. "It's me, Sam!"

"Sam? Is that you? Where are you?" asks Moe.

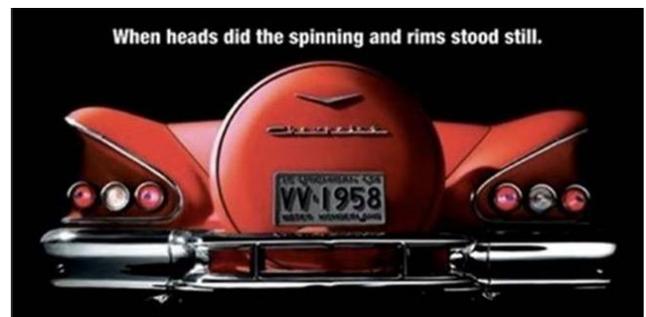
"I'm in heaven," says Sam, "and I've gotta tell you, I've got some good news and some bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," says Moe.

"The good news is that there is baseball in heaven."

"Really?" says Moe, "That's wonderful! What's the bad news?"

"You're pitching Tuesday!"



Remember When?

Today we get in our car, turn the key, and off we go in air conditioned comfort, a quiet engine, and all we need to do is add gas occasionally and change the oil at some extended interval. But do you remember when owning a car meant an appreciable amount of maintenance? Not only did we add gas, we checked the oil routinely, usually every time we bought gas! Every year or two it was time to change the coolant. There wasn't an extended life antifreeze available. Of course, we maintained our battery by topping it off with distilled water and cleaning the terminals.

Today most of us still drive those old cars. **When was the last time you checked your oil or changed your coolant.** Remember, they are still old cars!



Nissan Hires "Certified Smellers" to Test New Car Smell

Seriously...and people won't apply for jobs in the USA post Covid? How about signing up to be a certified sniffer for Nissan? Nick

For those of you fortunate enough to have been able to overcome all of the unique pandemic-related automotive supply chain challenges in finding and actually being able to afford a new vehicle — rejoice in the fact that Nissan is looking to safeguard the most precious of benefits when it comes to getting a new car or truck ... the smell.



That's right, according to a recent report on [DigitalTrends.com](https://www.digitaltrends.com), the Japanese automaker has begun employing "certified smellers" to ensure that that distinct olfactory sensation permeates throughout all areas of their new vehicles.

Tori Keerl is a materials engineer at a Nissan Tech Center just outside of Detroit, and according to her comments in a Nissan corporate video, that new car smell can improve the driver's experience. She feels that it takes them back to that memory of buying their first car and stimulates excitement

over what this new car could bring.

That's an interesting take, but personally, while I have a lot of great memories from the 1985 Grand Am that I picked up for \$1,200 as my first car, a new car smell is definitely not among them. And going a step further, I'm guessing most would prefer not to relive many of the odors that represent their first automotive purchase.

Regardless of our divergent views on memories of our first cars, there's no debate on the stringent standards Nissan has put in place to become a Certified Smeller. This includes multiple sessions where candidates are asked to smell and properly identify a wide range of odors. Once they're on the job, this panel of testers will need to smell various parts of the interior in listing the good and bad odors they're picking up in order to determine if the vehicle meets Nissan's certified fragrance levels.

Not only are these individual's smelling talents constantly being re-evaluated, but they need to demonstrate an ability to adapt over time. According to Keerl, new vehicle smells are currently going through a transitional period as automakers move toward more natural products.

By: Jeff Reinke

10/6/2021

<https://www.thomasnet.com/insights/>

California is Banning Small Engines

BY ROB STUMPF OCTOBER 14, 2021

www.thedrive.com

California Governor Gavin Newsom has signed legislation that aims to ban the sale of gas-powered lawn equipment, generators, and other small engines designed for off-road use.

This new law builds from the executive order signed by Newsom in 2020 that bans the sale of new passenger cars powered by internal combustion engines in 2035. In the same order, Newsom calls for "100 percent zero-emission off-road vehicles and equipment," the phaseout of which must now be road mapped by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in 2022 and officially put in place by 2024.

The text of the signed bill specifically calls for the banning of small off-road engines (SORE), calling out

emergency response equipment and generators as well as both residential and commercial lawn equipment.

However, the SORE category expands past the named items. CARB officially defines SOREs as off-road spark-ignition engines that produce 25 horsepower or less. Other equipment examples given by the board include industrial, logging, golf carts, and specialty vehicles. It's not yet clear how this will affect small off-road recreational and sport vehicles like ATVs and dirt bikes, though most exceed that 25-hp threshold.

“Small gas engines are not only bad for our environment and contributing to our climate crisis, they can cause asthma and other health issues for workers who use them,” said Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, a co-sponsor of the bill. “It’s time we phased out these super polluters, and help small landscaping businesses transition to cleaner alternatives.”



There are currently 16.7 million small engines in California, according to a fact sheet supplied by CARB. That's significantly more than the state's fleet of 13.7 million passenger vehicles. Approximately 77 percent is made up of residential lawn and garden equipment, while federally regulated construction and farming machinery make up 11 percent. The remaining 9 percent is attributed to commercial lawn and garden, which may be hit hardest by this legislation.

These fleets of small engines are responsible for a substantial amount of the state's emissions. In fact, CARB says that running a leaf blower for an hour is equivalent to driving a 2017 Toyota Camry for 1,100 miles.

Marc Berman, author of the legislation, recognizes that the transition to battery-powered equipment will be a hardship for some small businesses. He says that California will pledge approximately \$30 million to aid commercial businesses, but given that there are around 50,000 outfits in the state that'll be affected by the change, that works out to around \$600 each.

According to financial figures supplied to the Los Angeles Times by Andrew Bray, vice president of government relations for the National Association of Landscape Professionals, that simply isn't enough. A gasoline-powered commercial riding mower could cost a business anywhere from \$7,000 to \$11,000, while the zero-emissions equivalents often cost more than twice that.



Equipment cost aside, there are also logistical concerns. For example, Bray believes that a three-person crew would need to carry as many as 40 fully-charged batteries to complete a full day's work. Additionally, these small companies may even need to upgrade their workshops to handle the daily charging of this equipment.

Legislators have their concerns as well. Given California's history of brownouts and power grid problems, some lawmakers like Senator Brian Dahle say that banning critical fuel-based power backup mechanisms like generators makes no sense.

"[Fuel] is very sustainable. It's easy to access. And when the power is off, you can still use it," said Dahle. "You can still run a generator to keep your freezer going, to keep your medical devices going. But when your battery's dead and there's no power on, you have nothing."

California will require that the ARB determine the regulations which will govern small engines no later than July 1, 2022. The adopted regulations will be put in place 18 months later on Jan. 1, 2024.

Editorial Note: Most of you are now probably thanking the Lord that you live in Georgia...or anywhere other than California. But, like it or not, it's coming. If cars and trucks can be electric, so can string trimmers and blowers...eventually. The concern that I have is the same issue that we all asked early in the EV development. "How far can it go?" Or in the case of a battery powered electric generator, "How long can it run?" EGO Power makes a nice generator rated at 3000 watts, apparently comparable to a small gasoline generator. But if you do the calculations, you may be concerned. The pictured unit has 4 batteries, rated at 20 A-hr total. If you want to connect various items totaling 20 Amps at 110 Volts, that's $20 \times 110 = 2200$ Watts. So, we are okay on the total 3000W capacity. But the batteries will only last 20Ahr/20A, or 1 hour. Compare that to a gas powered generator that can use the fuel from your gas can, and when it is gone, the gas from every vehicle you own! You can run for days, which is needed in a snowstorm in the south. If it's okay with you, I'll keep my 4 stroke, minimally polluting, gas powered generator. Just another case of painting regulations with a broad brush. Old School Nick.



So THAT's a 20th Anniversary Super Cruise!

On October 16th, the Golden City Cruisers held its second "super cruise". The first one was forced by Covid-19, but this one was planned. Honestly, we had no idea if it would work! We decided to ask people to donate \$20 toward our charities to get in, and we offered no judging or trophies to take home. We offered a \$300 raffle not knowing if we could sell enough tickets to cover the cost. But otherwise, we tried to make it look like a car show. Then the day turned out rainy in the early morning hours with the promise of wind. We didn't know if the people would come, regardless of our incentives! BUT THEY DID! And they bought tickets to the raffle, and they had a great time, as we all did! The live music was good too, adding to the festive atmosphere. It speaks well for our club to have such a supportive group of fans and members. It was a great day!





Many thanks to Danny Davis for chairing the Super Cruise, and to Michael Valentine for his many wonderful pictures.

Golden City Cruisers Agenda – November 2nd, 2021

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- IV. Treasurers Report**
- V. Sponsorship Report**
- VI. Ailing Members Report**
- VII. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Update on Super Cruise In**
 - b. Update from Rick Horne - Committee on Member Benefits**
 - c. Christmas Dinner – Little Hawaiian**
 - December 7th at 6:00**
- VIII. New Business**
 - a. Election of Officers**
 - b. Questions or Comments**
- IX. Adjournment and Social Time**

(PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THIS AGENDA AND BRING IT TO THE MEETING)

Golden City Cruisers Car Club
Olive Tree Restaurant
Villa Rica, Georgia
October 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Darrell Smith at 7:00 p.m. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes and treasurer's report were both approved as published in the October newsletter. Don Reed passed a card from Bryant Deal thanking the club for remembering him with the hardship fund. Don Edwards, sponsorship chairperson, was absent but Billy Glover reviewed the sponsors that need renewals. Danny Davis moved we renew West Georgia Truck Accessories as a Gold sponsor for their in-kind donations. Billy Glover did the same for the West Georgia Shopper newspaper. Both motions passed

Dennis Steed has recently had carotid artery surgery. He is doing well and was at the meeting. Raylene Carroll's mother has been hospitalized for evaluation.

Unfinished business

The club had six cars attend the Temple parade and car exhibit. Billy Glover thanked our members who provided convertibles for the Villa Rica Gold Dust parade.

The membership benefit committee has not met.

Several details were discussed for the upcoming Super Cruise in October. Members were asked to be at the Mill at 8 a.m. to help set up. You may bring your car for display. There is a \$20 charity donation required to register a vehicle for this event. We have cups and hand sanitizer from Villa Rica Main Street to give to people when they register. Door prizes will be drawn from the registration tickets throughout the morning. There will also be a prize tree with nice gifts and money envelopes. Awards for the tree will be drawn from the registration tickets. A raffle will be held for a \$300 prize. Raffle tickets are available to any non-members and will be priced the same as our 50/50 (\$1 for one, \$5 for six, \$10 for arm length, \$20 for car length). Cakes for the Cake/ Hot Wheels walk will be provided by Darrell Smith, Danny Davis, and Billy Glover. The band Stil will provide live music. Danny Davis has completed the advertising and Darrell Smith has arranged for several signs commemorating this as our 20th show event.

Rob Kusterer presented details from Uncorked Restaurant for our Christmas party. They will open for us on our regular Tuesday meeting night provided we have a minimum of thirty-five people. The cost for buffet dinner is \$25. Rob was asked to contact Atlanta's Finest Catering for pricing comparison.

New Business

Membership dues of \$36 are due by November 1, 2021, to be eligible to vote for officers. All candidates for office must have paid their dues to run.

The nominating committee, Billy Glover and Rob Kusterer, presented the 2022 slate of officers:

President-Danny Davis

Vice-President-Bryant Deal

Treasurer-Domel Harris

Secretary-Lynn Ware

Sponsorship-Don Edwards

This slate will be published in the November newsletter and voting will be at the November meeting.

Millcreek.net that manages and hosts our website was approved to do so for another year at the cost of \$250.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ware

10/22/21	DEPOSIT	SPONSOR-AGAN SERVICES		250.00	
10/26/21	DEPOSIT	DUES PAUL SANFORD 36.00 KEN REED 36.00		72.00	
		TOTALS FOR MONTH	2053.00	1761.00	1353.55
		TOTAL OPERATING FUND			8824.56
		LESS HARDSHIP FUND			445.00
		TOTAL CASH ON HAND			8379.56

Our Club Platinum Sponsors

Through the generous donations of our sponsors, the Golden City Cruisers Car Club is able to continue our support of area charities. Please use these Platinum Sponsors when you have a need!



Our Club Gold Sponsors

Through the generous donations of our sponsors, the Golden City Cruisers Car Club is able to continue our support of area charities. Please use these Gold Sponsors when you have a need!

<u>Advance Auto Parts, Villa Rica</u>	<u>American Pie, Carrollton</u>
<u>Autozone, Carrollton</u>	<u>Autozone, Villa Rica</u>
<u>Carroll Food Mart, Villa Rica</u>	<u>Carrollton Car Stereo, Carrollton</u>
<u>Cecil Harris Insurance Agency, Carrollton</u>	<u>Chat and Choo, Villa Rica</u>
<u>J. Collins Funeral Home, Villa Rica</u>	<u>Danny Davis Trucking, Villa Rica</u>
<u>DKS Roofing Specialists, Douglasville</u>	<u>Don Rich Ford, Villa Rica</u>
<u>Great Classics 98.9, Carrollton</u>	<u>Haney's Drug Corner, Carrollton</u>
<u>Hearn Monument, Carrollton</u>	<u>Hyde Hauling, Dallas</u>
<u>Jacky's Landscaping Materials, C'ton</u>	<u>Kopps Creative Carton Co., Villa Rica</u>
<u>Lafitte Mop Company, Villa Rica</u>	<u>Lake Carroll Lawn Equipment, Carrollton</u>
<u>The Lazy Donkey, Carrollton</u>	<u>Lewis Thomas Body Shop, C'ton</u>
<u>Liberty Chevrolet, Villa Rica</u>	<u>Los Cowboys, Villa Rica</u>
	<u>McCord's HVAC & Refrig., Villa Rica</u>
<u>Morgan Oil Co. Carrollton</u>	<u>My Financial Services, Villa Rica</u>
<u>O'Reilly Auto Parts – Villa Rica</u>	<u>The Olive Tree, Villa Rica</u>
<u>Pro Tech Car Wash, Villa Rica</u>	<u>Shot Spot, Carrollton</u>
<u>Smith Brothers Supply, Carrollton</u>	<u>Wal-Mart Super Store, Villa Rica</u>
<u>West Georgia Truck Accessories, Carrollton</u>	<u>West Georgia Shopper, Carrollton</u>
<u>Wing Citi Café, Carrollton</u>	<u>Wrightway BBQ and Wings, Bremen</u>

10/24/21