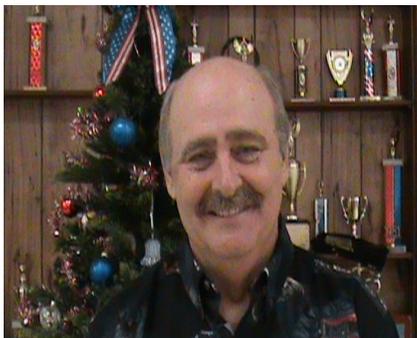




Editor: Charlie Wellborn

from the podium

Mike Walker President



Crazy busy month July! The meeting on the 13th was full. T-shirts were passed out to those who ordered and paid. Taft and Becky Stone volunteered to do the Silent Auction at the October show. Charlie reported that the show's sponsors have donated \$3310.00. That is great, but keep on pushing for more! If you signed up to contact a sponsor, please do it and check up on their donation. We agreed to cruise to the Windsor Care and Rehab Center on Palm Ave on September 10th. Bob Hull will conduct a cruise to Hog Wild on August 14, details to follow. It was approved to purchase traffic cones for Salt Springs cruise in and for the October show. Taft agreed to produce an ad for Mike Kelly's Cruise News for our October Show.

We had 2 cruise ins in July. The Pizza Boys started with a sprinkle and ended with a beautiful night. The cruise in at Salt Springs is our celebration of Collector Car Appreciation Month. At

Salt Springs we distributed 4 trophies and secured another sponsor at the Buck and Bass Sports Center who not only gave us a check, but also provided some great door prizes and things for the silent auction. We also had a cruise on July 10th to Bozzard Ford for lunch and on to Palm Coast for ice cream. Thanks, Bob for leading this.

Remember we have a diamond ring that we are raffling off. It has one carat of diamonds and is mounted on 14 carat gold. We are only selling 50 tickets at \$20.00 each. We presently have collected \$240.00. that a good start, but we are hoping for a lot more.

The October Show will be here before you know it. If you are going to a car show in August or September, please get our car show

See **PODIUM** Page 2

NEXT MEETING
American Legion
316 Osceola St.
Palatka, FL
Aug. 10, 2021
SNACKS / SOCIAL
HOUR Suspended
MEETING 6:30 PM

THE SPARK PLUG

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Second Thoughts

Philip Vaughn Vice President



Hello again!

Well it's been a very wet and hot summer! Since Mike's column covers the clubs monthly news I'm going to do something a little different and I hope it might be of some help.

As many of you know I have a seasonal job with St. Johns County's Anastasia Mosquito Control District. For the last six years, from May 1 to October 31, I'm a Inspector/Sprayer licensed by the state of Florida Department of Agriculture.

I thought I would give you a few helpful suggestions to aid you with mosquito "control".

First, for a little personal protection, any product with a 30% Deet content will give you the best protection for the longest time. When your in areas that may have mosquitoes, use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants.

The best way to prevent mosquitoes from breeding around your home: **Drain and** See **Thoughts** Page 2

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2021

- Aug 5 **Directors Meeting**
- Aug 10 **Club Meeting**
- Sep 2 **Directors Meeting**
- Sep 14 **Club Meeting**
- Oct 7 **Directors Meeting**
- Oct 12 **Club Meeting**
- Nov 4 **Directors Meeting**
- Nov 9 **Club Meeting**
- Dec 2 **Directors Meeting**
- Dec 5 **Christmas Party**
- Dec 14 **Club Meeting**

Directors meetings are 6 to 7 PM
Club Meetings are 6 to 8 PM
Dinners are 1 to 4 PM

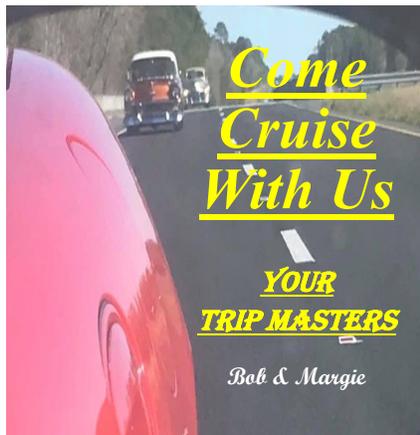
Thoughts

Cover. Drain anything holding water and cover your body as much as possible. The most dangerous mosquito is the ones that hatch and grow in containers, anything that holds water around your house: soda cans, pet watering bowls, a tarp covering your boat, a barrel used to catch water off your roof, your favorite Bromeliad flowers, even a child's toy.

My job includes inspection, finding the source of your mosquitoes, and then treating, to reduce the amount of mosquitoes in your area.

For more information you can look up the CDC or the Florida Department of Health. You can also contact me for more help or info.

Don't let those skeeters get you!
 See you soon at a cruise in!



DATE: Sat. August 14, 2021

There is a change to the Lunch Cruise on August 14th. We will be assembling at the NE corner of the Palatka Walmart @ 10:45, departing @ 11:00 cruising to Hog Wild Country Cafe (recently became a major sponsor for the car show). Our route will take us through Interlachen so those of you living in the area can tag along as we pass through. For dessert we will cruise to the historic downtown of Micanopy. We will do the Villages trip in October when is cooler for dancing. This event is for active club members, invited prospective members and guests only.

See You There,
Bob & Margie

PODIUM

flyers from me to distribute at these shows. We need every members help to make our annual show a success.

ADVICE FOR ANYONE MOVING TO ALABAMA:

1. Save all bacon grease. You will be instructed later how to use it.
2. If you do run your car into a ditch, don't panic. Four men in the cab of a four wheel drive with a 12-pack of beer and a tow chain will be along shortly. Don't try to help them. Just stay out of their way. This is what they live for.
3. Remember: "Y'all" is singular. "All y'all" is plural. "All y'all's" is plural possessive.
4. Get used to the phrase "It's not the heat, it's the humidity". And See *Alabama* Page 3

SPECIAL EVENTS

The below dates are tentative in Accordance with Covid 19 Rules and regulations

Downtown Palatka Cruise Ins

Dancing In The Street
 900 block of St. Johns Ave
 Pizza Boyz Parking Lot
 Every 4th Saturday
 5 PM—8 PM
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5th Saturday months
 July 31, 2021
 October 30, 2021

Quarterly Dinners:

(1 PM) 2021

Sept 5

Annual Car Show

October 2, 2021

Annual Club Christmas Party

December 5, 2021

1-2 PM Social Time

2-3 PM Dinner

3 PM Exchange and Open Gifts

Club Cruise

August 14, 2021



A Quick Word/Reminder From St. Augustine Cruisers

Every 3rd Saturday of the month, except none in December
LOCATION: Classic Car Museum of St Augustine
 4730 US 1 South, St Augustine, FL 32086
TIME: 5 pm to 7 pm



Club Minutes Feb. 2021

AZALEA CITY CRUISERS MONTHLY MEETING JULY 13TH, 2021.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 pm
ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS ;

PRESIDENT, MIKE WALKER PRESENT
VICE PRESIDENT, PHIL VAUGHN ABSENT
TREASURER, CHARLIE WELLBORN PRESENT
SECRETARY, LINDA PORTER PRESENT
SGT AT ARMS, JOE FOWLER ABSENT
DIRECTOR, LOU FABIAN ABSENT
DIRECTOR, GENNY WALKER PRESENT
DIRECTOR, TAFT STONE PRESENT

MINUTES FROM JUNE MEETING : Read by Mike Walker, Charlie Wellborn moved to accept Taft Stone 2nd, Motion passed

TREASURERS REPORT; We have a balance of \$ on hand

COMMITTEE REPORTS; Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced by Mike Walker. Congrats to the newlyweds and all July Babies.

Membership, no new to report

Scholarship - Genny Walker announced that we have received a letter from the Putnam Virtual school Program, thanking the club.

Trip Master - Bob Hull is doing an excellent job putting things together and getting notices out to members.

OLD BUSINESS : Charlie has received the shirts and is handing them out.

MusicWagon need someone to pull it in August

Sponsor Board - We now have 22 Sponsors for our show in Oct.

Mike Kelly's Cruise News is now coming to Mike Walkers house so will be available.

Ring Raffle - \$ 120.00 raised so far, only 50 tickets will be sold.

July 10th Cruise had 13 participants at Ford's Garage. Thanks Bob, excellent job. Will be a Cruise to the Villages August 14th, 2021. McCalls, Tavern Leaving at 11 AM

NEW BUSINESS : July 31st, 2021 Cruise In / Collectors Car Appreciation Day at Salt Springs Pizza Charlie Wellborn has asked for a Proclamation from the City,

but has not heard back. Charlie Wellborn also made a motion to set a budget of \$ 200.00 for the cones we need. Carol Lawhorn 2nd it. The Motion passed.

Publix has sent a donation for Aidens Angels of \$ 200.00 Carol Lawhorn is working really hard for them.

Charlie Wellborn made a Motion the we go to Windsor Care for a car display on September 10th, 2021. 10 Am to 2 Pm Linda Porter 2nd The Motion passed.

Becky and Taft will handle the Silent Auction for the Oct. Show. Many Thanks to them both.

Taft Stone will call Cruise News, re our Ad for the show. The Club will pay for a Black and White Ad, Art Reddick has graciously said that he will pay for the upgrade to color for the ad.

Motion to Adjourn by Taft Stone at 7:25 PM Kermit Lawhorn 2nd. Motion passed.

Linda Porter, Secretary

Alabama

the collateral phrase "You call this hot? Wait'll August."

5. Don't tell us how you did it up there. Nobody cares.

6. If you think it's too hot, don't worry. It'll cool down-in December.

7. A Mercedes-Benz is not a status symbol, a Chevy, Dodge, or Ford is.

8. If someone says they're

"fixin" to do something, that doesn't mean anything's broken.

9. The value of a parking space is not determined by the distance to the door, but the availability of shade.

10. If you are driving a slower moving vehicle, on a two lane road pull onto the shoulder that is called

"courtesy".

11. BBQ is a food group. It does NOT mean grilling burgers and hot dogs outdoors.

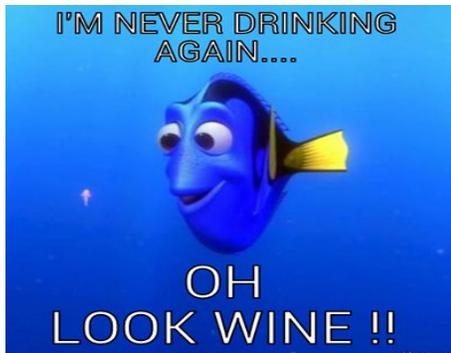
12. Yes, weddings, funerals, and divorces must take into account for Alabama and Auburn Football games.

13. Everything is better with Ranch, or Hot sauce, or BBQ sauce.

See **Alabama** Page 6

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Wine With Wellborn



Automotive Cruise Ins

Cruising is a social activity that primarily consists of driving a car. Cruising can be an expression of the freedom of possessing a driver's license. Cruising is distinguished from regular driving by the social and recreational nature of the activity, which is characterized by an impulsively random, often aimless course. A popular route (or "strip") is often the focus of cruising. "Cruise nights" are evenings during which cars drive slowly. A cruise can be a meeting of car enthusiasts at a predetermined location, organized predominantly through the internet (in recent times) but also largely through mobile phone, word of mouth or simply by a cruise being established enough that it becomes a regular event.

Some ethnic groups identify with lifestyles related to cruising, such as the Hispanos of New Mexico, Chicanos, and Mexican-Americans of the Southwestern United States along U.S. Route 66. Meets, like those at lowrider and auto shows, are popular across the United States and worldwide in large part due to these ethnic communities.

History

There is no clear-cut date when casual driving turned into cruising along a specific route, although it generally began in the years after World War II with youths of Mexican heritage driving lowriders in Southern California

towns, and it rapidly became a popular teenage activity.

Cruising culture was an evolution of old traditions of strolling down Main Street or around the town square. Although cruising was predominantly boys showing off their cars (ostensibly to meet girls), groups of girls joined in cruising as well. One appeal of cruising was that youths could evade the supervision of parents and family. Driving slowly down long, straight streets, preferably with many traffic lights to increase opportunities to talk to other cruisers or pedestrians, was only one part of cruising. Cruisers would also gather in parking lots, particularly those of drive-ins. As a Tucson journalist noted, "Cruisers, like moths and June bugs, eventually congregate around brightly lighted areas." Cruisers were also apt to arrange impromptu races with other cruisers. As early as the 1960s, some towns established ordinances to prohibit driving through parking lots without stopping and the police issued tickets for loitering and curfew violations. Increasingly, cruisers would travel from wider areas to gather on popular strips, with police viewing these visitors as troublemakers. Reports of clashes between groups of cruisers began to appear in local newspapers. However, cruising continued to remain popular, with wildly painted vans and pickup trucks joining hot rods and muscle cars in the 1970s. In many locales, there was a generally positive relationship with law enforcement. Racing in populated areas was discouraged by police surveillance and traffic, but cruisers engaged in other games such

as mooning onlookers, laying rubber when a signal turned green, and "chinese fire drills" in which all occupants of a car stopped at a light would get out, run around the car, and jump back in.

There was some decline in cruising in the 1970s, possibly connected to the rise of gas prices but also due to a growing change in community attitudes toward cruising. The San Francisco Bay Area had a "cruising summit" in 1977 for area police to discuss "our mutual problems with cruising". The gathering numbers of vehicles and increases in tensions and violence led many communities to begin looking

for ways to discourage cruising, despite many adults retaining a permissive acceptance of cruising with nostalgia for their own cruising days. Although business merchants and shoppers had been inconvenienced for years by cruisers, tolerance had dissipated and law enforcement was encouraged to step in.

During the summer of 1974, Los Angeles police began cracking down on cruising, first by banning parking along Van Nuys Boulevard and then in August making it a one-way street. The following summer, as many as 15,000 youths from as far away as San Diego converged on Van Nuys, encouraged by local disc jockeys. A similar crackdown on Whittier Boulevard led to the formation of a cruiser's rights group. Police barricaded portions of Whittier in an attempt to disrupt cruising, but even local adults objected to this practice. Other measures were tried, such as shutting portions of Whittier down completely at night. Cruisers moved to Highland Avenue, resulting in the arrest of 170 during the second weekend of September 1979. The following summer, a section of Van Nuys was closed after 9 p.m. The rationale for the blockade was that it only required fifteen police to close the road, but they would need at least 150 officers to police the 15,000 cruisers who had gathered there.

As quickly as one strip became unusable, cruisers would find new sites. It became a persistent battle between authorities and cruisers. In 1982, the California state legislature passed a law that gave cities express sanction to shut down streets being used for cruising, when driving "for purposes of socializing and assembling interferes with the conduct of businesses, wastes precious energy resources, impedes the progress of general traffic and emergency vehicles, and promotes the generation of local concentrations of air pollution and undesirable noise levels".

Efforts to stop cruising continued, with increasing blockades and mass arrests. In 1985, random checkpoints began to appear, with police stopping cars passing the spot more than once in a given timeframe. Computers were added in 1988 to help track the cars.

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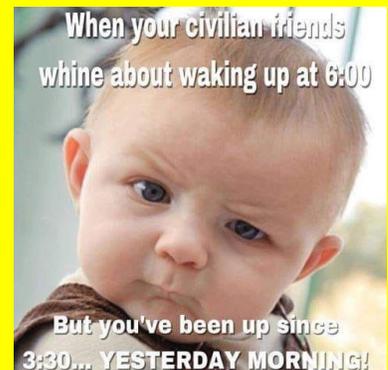
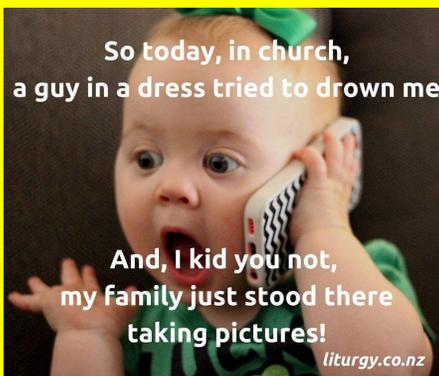


Club Member
And
Their Car

Victor and Victoria D'Agostino.



A previous member, Ron Kane, who sadly passed away from cancer in 2011. He was a great friend of ours and was extremely persistent trying to get us to join the club. Before joining we came to several of the club's cruisins and events with him. We felt we needed to have a classic vehicle to join. He continuously told us the club did not require members to own a classic vehicle. We were still hesitant. Victor, my husband, and his father bought and owned through the years more classic vehicles than you can imagine. One year at the Turkey Run in Daytona, while we were walking around looking at all the vehicles I said to him, "why don't you just tell me what vehicles you and your dad did not own. It would be easier". We laughed. Finally, it was because of our love of classic vehicles, the conversations and laughter with club members and our friend's continued persistence that we finally joined the Azalea City Cruisers. He was thrilled. It was the beginning of a great experience in our lives. Since joining we now own two classic vehicles. So, not needing to own a vehicle to join encouraged us to own two in the end. Sadly, our friend died before he saw our first vehicle, but we felt his presence, pride, and laughter every time we drove it. Now, we are members of 2 car clubs, and it's given us a great hobby and more friends to get together with every month than we have ever had in our lives. The Azalea City Cruisers Car Club will always be special to us because it was our first introduction to a fantastic life experience of being a car club member.



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Cruise Ins

New curfews for minors were established. Cruising in southern California was generally suppressed by 1990. Other regions used tactics similar to southern California's, with similar mixed results. Police in Galveston, Texas began arresting cruisers, but had to back down in the face of parental complaints. Joplin, Missouri attempted a ban on cruising, but had to repeal it. Merchants in Portland, Oregon complained that they were losing business because of the crackdowns. Multiple towns across the U.S. adopted the checkpoint system. Other towns tried creative alternatives, such as Laurel, Mississippi and Princeton, West Virginia, which both channeled cruisers onto routes that would not interfere with local businesses. Setting aside parking lots specifically for cruisers was tried in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Co-

lumbus, Indiana. The town of Big Stone Gap, Virginia chose to embrace cruising, awarding prizes for the best customized vehicles.

Cities continue to struggle with the problems of cruising into the 2000s. In 2006, Milwaukee, Wisconsin even explored letting police confiscate cruisers' cars. While communities try to prevent impromptu cruising, multiple towns have embraced organized cruising revivals. The Woodward Dream Cruise occurs on the third Saturday in August along the original cruising strip in Detroit's northern suburbs. The event is a tribute to the classic Woodward cruisers and attracts approximately 1 million people^[9] and 40,000 muscle cars, street rods, and custom, collector, and special interest vehicles. Waukegan, Illinois, has an annual summer cruising festival called "Scoopin' Gene-

see". and Modesto, California celebrates "Graffiti Summer" with an annual cruise parade. Renton, Washington hosts "Cruz the Loop" each summer, and in 2020 erected a sculpture to honor cruising the loop.

Alabama

14. DO NOT honk your horn at us to be obnoxious, we will sit there until we die.
15. We pull over and stop for emergency vehicles to pass.
16. We pull over for funeral processions, turn our music off and men remove hats or caps. Some people put their hand over their heart.
17. "Bless your Heart" is a nice way of saying you're an idiot.
18. No mater what kind : sprite, coke, pepsi, mtn dew, it isn't called soda or pop. It is all called coke or drank!
19. There will always be a tractor on the two lanes when you are running late, so allow time for that.
20. If you don't like the weather in Alabama, wait 15 minutes, it will change.

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