

CLASSIC RAMBLIN'S

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Monthly Meetings: 4th Thursdays
- Monthly Cruise-ins: 3rd Saturdays (March - September) - Red Elephant parking lot; Dothan

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- ***Get ready for our Cruise-In! Saturday, April 15 from 6 - 8 pm. If you'd like to join other members for dinner at the Red Elephant, please arrive by 5:30 pm.***
- ***Our April club meeting is Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 pm at Nate's Oyster Bar in Slocomb at 342 Lawrence Harris Highway, Slocomb, AL. Please come to eat about 5:30 pm before the meeting to give the cooks time to prepare.***

We want to know about



Each month we put the spotlight on one of our members.

If you would like to share your story, please email newsouthcruisers@gmail.com and we'll put you on our calendar.

The minutes were emailed to all members. If you did not receive your copy, please email newsouthcruisers@gmail.com and we'll send you the link to read them online or email them to you directly.

LESSONS LEARNED

From Our President

Most of you know I have owned my '55 Chevy for a long time, coming up on 23 years. Shortly after we bought the car some dear friends invited us to an Easter picnic at a local park in Phoenix. It was a beautiful day so Pam and I decided to drive the '55. After eating way more than I should have I invited a friend, Robert and his young son, Justin, to go for a ride. We cruised around the area for a while with Justin sitting between us in the front seat.

Fast forward about 20 years and Pam and I were invited to the wedding of Roberts oldest daughter, (Justin's big sister). At the reception Justin asked us if we still had the '55. He proceeded to tell everyone at the table about his ride in the old car some 20 years ago.

The point of this story is that if you take the time to take a young person aside and show them your car and a little about it you may be sowing the seeds for another car enthusiast. It may seem insignificant to you but it may be a big deal to them.

Stay safe
Bill

Make a Memory

It was the summer of 1967 and I had just purchased a 1960 Rambler American from my cousin. A rust-bucket with three on the tree and I was thrilled! It was a white, 4-door, with pretty good tires. As the months moved on I began hearing funny noises so I turned up the radio. It rode like a sofa easily taking rough railroad tracks like a champ! With the wind blowing through my hair, WLS on the radio, life was good!

As winter arrived, my little car was like a tank and did well in the snow. At a stoplight a man pulled up to my left and motioned me to roll down my window. He said, "your car is making a bad rattling noise when you're driving; better take it to a mechanic."

I had heard a rattling noise so I drove to our local mechanic shop. I told him what the man had said. They put it up on the rack. As I watched it elevate the rattling noise became very apparent. Before anyone knew it, the right passenger door fell to the floor with a horrendous crash! Fortunately, the mechanic offered to solder it back in place and I was back on the road in no time!

Bottom line ... check ALL the doors before buying a used car! Lesson learned!



Have something to sell? NSC members can now sell their automotive items on our website!

Visit newsouthcruisers.org and click GARAGE SALE.

Add your items and we'll help you get those unwanted items sold!

Want to see what is for sale? Click the SHOP button under Garage Sale on the website.

Upcoming Car Show Events

Sat.	4.15.23	Pensacola, FL	Cops, Cars, & Crawfish 23	Five Flags Speedway	7451 Pine Forest Rd, Pensacola, FL 32526	10:00 AM	2:00 PM
Sat.	4.15.23	Enterprise, AL	Weevil City Cruisers 26th Annual Car Show	Johnny Henderson Park	1901 Neal Metcalf Rd, Enterprise, AL	8:00 AM	2:00 PM
Sat.	4.15.23	Crestview FL	23 Annual Average Joe Car Show	Historic Downtown	Main Street, Crestview, FL	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
Sat.	4.15.23	Apalachicola, FL	24th Annual Classic Boat and Car Show	Apalachicola Riverfront Park	Water Street, Apalachicola, FL	10:00 AM	4:00 PM
Sat.	4.22.23	Ozark AL	5th Annual Charity Event Classic Car Show	Dale County Agplex	Ozark, AL	11:00 AM	3:00 PM
Sat.	4.22.23	Opelika, AL	Southeast Alabama Spring Automotive/Motorcycle Swap Meet & Cruise-In	USA Town Center Outlet	1220 Fox Run Pkwy, I-85 Exit 62, Opelika, AL	8:00 AM	12:00 PM
Sat.	4.22.23	Crestview, FL	Woodlawn Baptist Church Car Show	Woodlawn Baptist Church	824 N. Ferdon Blvd. Crestview, FL	8:00 AM	2:00 PM
Thur - Sat	4.27.23 - 4.29.23	Orange Beach, AL	14th Annual Bama Coast Cruisin	The Wharf	23101 Canal Road, Orange Beach, AL	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Sat.	4.29.23	Geneva, AL	River Junction Cruisers 27th Annual Car Show	River Junction (Robert Fowler Park)	S. River St., Geneva, AL	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
Sat.	4.29.23	Destin, FL	Emerald Coast Exotic Auto Show	The Palms of Destin Resort	4201 Indian Bayou Trail	4:30 PM	7:30 PM
Sat.	4.29.23	Hartford, AL	State Line Muscle Car	On the Square	Hartford Downtown	1:00 PM	until
Fri - Sat	4.29.23	Thomasville, GA	Thomasville Rose Show & Festival	Historic Downtown	Thomasville, GA	10:00 AM	4:00 PM
Sat.	5.06.23	Elba, AL	Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show	Historic Downtown Elba			
Fri	5.12.23	Auburn, AL	Annual Driving Through the Decades Cruise In	Drake Middle School	655 North Donahue Drive	8:15 AM	1:30 PM
Fri - Sat	5.12.20 - 5.13.23	Cairo, GA	35th Great Southern Antique Car Rally	Grady Cultural Center	101 1st Street Northwest, Cairo, GA	4 PM Fri - 8 AM Sat	10 PM Friday - 3 PM Sat
Sat.	5.20.23	Blakely, GA	Redemption Church 1st Annual Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show	Redemption Church	21862 Lucile Rd., Blakely, GA	8:00 AM	2:00 PM
Sat.	5.20.23	Columbus, GA	12th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration Auto Show	National Infantry Museum	1775 Legacy Way, Columbus, GA	9:00 AM	1:00 PM
Sat.	5.20.23	Taylor, AL	Taylor Made Festival and Car Show	Taylor Park	1469 South Highway 605	9:00 AM	2:00 PM
Thur - Sat	5.4.23 - 5.6.23	Ft. Walton-Destin	Burning Up the Beaches Cruise In Car Show	Destin Commons Mall-Saturday	4100 Legendary Dr, Destin, FL	8:00 AM	5:00 PM

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Member Spotlight

Tom Wyse

Tom has been a motorhead since the first time he drove a tractor at age 10! A partial list of cars he has owned includes a 1960 Ford convertible (blue), a 1966 Buick Wildcat convertible (red), and a 1970 Buick GSX (white), a 2004 Dodge Neon SRT-4 (black) ... all pictured. Plus, a 1968 Buick GS400 4-speed ... no car pictured, but the engine bay features the very rare "Star Wars" air cleaner (pictured).

But, that's not all. Like most car guys there were many others. You may wonder what got him into an electric vehicle. Tom says, "And then electric drive came into my life. My son in Chicago said I just had to see this ... whatever "this" was ... and it involved a 30-minute drive to Highland Park, Illinois. He pulled up to a Tesla showroom. This was his first occasion to drive a Tesla and he was amazed at the advanced technology and power. Now, how to buy one? Tom explained, "I actually, and unbeknownst to my wife, had my insurance man waiting for a VIN! Well, long story even longer, it was six months later while on a weekend getaway to St. Augustine when I told my wife there was a Tesla showroom directly on our route and would she please drive a Tesla. After that, it was only a matter of getting our ducks in a row."

Many years ago, Tom remembered being told about two women who would pack a picnic lunch and spend most of the day waiting, waiting, and watching for an airplane to fly overhead. Remembering that story, he said, "I thought about, perhaps, sitting on my porch waiting to see a Tesla drive by or I could be driving it (flying the plane!) Also, being older and having already decided my current car would be the LAST new car I bought but the temptation of experiencing the future before it's too late sealed the deal for me. I did not buy an electric car to save the world, I bought an electric car to experience the future of the automobile!"



The most fun I've had in a car!



Girls would pull up and say, "I sure would like a ride in that big ol' convertible!"



I bought the very same car 3 times!



I learned performance lives even from 4-cylinders!



Engine bay featuring the very rare "Star Wars" air cleaner.