



CLASSIC RAMBLIN'S

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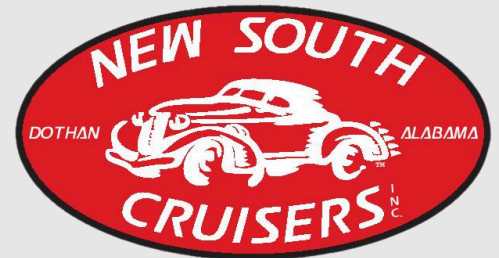
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BOARD MEMBERS

- Bill Stockton, President
- Steve Lowery, Internal VP
- Ken Barfield, External VP
- Linda Barfield, Treasurer
- Elizabeth Wyse, Secretary
- Joy Taylor; Membership
- Ray Taylor, Internet Publ.
- Jeff Ross, Club Chaplain
- Cliff Godwin, Member-At-Large

Pick up a decal for your car(s) at the next meeting or car show. See Bill Stockton!



Happy birthday ...

- 9 - Tim Fell
- 23 - Cheryl Doughty
- 23 - Dave Balogh

May

We show no anniversaries in May? Have we missed you?



If your special day is not listed or is incorrect, please email newsouthcruisers@gmail.com and let us know!



Member Meeting

Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 pm

Golden Corral; Dothan

Come at 5:30 if you plan to dine.

Member Spotlight

Guess Who?

Our Mystery Member Clues!

Dog Lover

Owned a

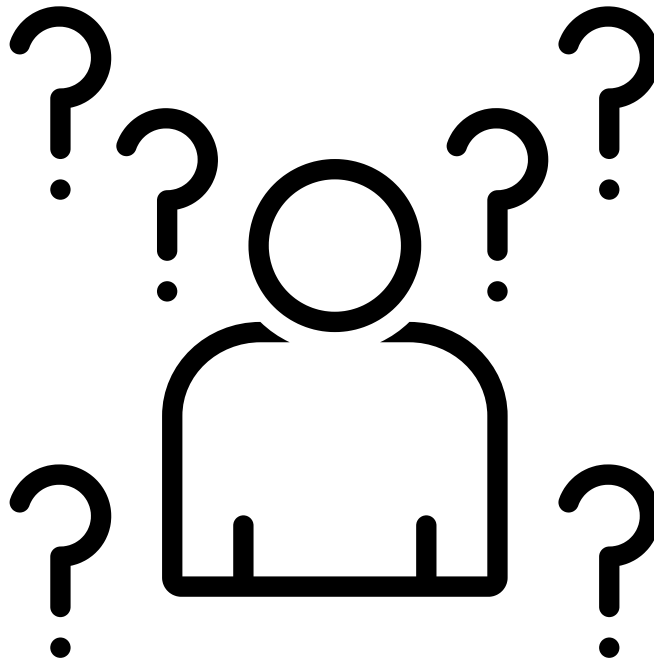
1970 white

Mustang with

a 351 4bbl

In the Army
for 4 years

Army AH-1
Cobra Gunship
Crewchief &
Mechanic



Cat Lover

Received a waiver
from US Senator Dale
Bumpers (AR) to
bypass an Army
regulation.

Married!

Was in radio
ad sales

Worked
Security at a
Purelator Oil
Filter factory

Left the Army in
1981 as a Buck
Sergeant

When you sign in at the next member meeting (Tues., May 28), grab a piece of paper and jot down who you think our Mystery Member is!

Car Shows and Cruise-Ins Coming Up

	DATE	LOCATION	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION	ADDRESS	START	END TIME
*Fri. - Sat.	05.10.24 - 05.11.24	Cairo, GA	*Great Southern Antique Car Rally	Grady Cultural Center	Cairo, GA	Fri. 6:00 pm	Sat. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sat.	05.18.24	Newton, AL	Cars, Crafts & Crown Extravaganza of Tribute honoring the late Robert Simpson	John Hutto Park	Newton, AL	9:00 AM	2:30 PM
Sat.	06.22.24	Chipley, FL	Panhandle Watermelon Festival Car Show 2024	Florida Panhandle Technical College	757 Hoyt Street, Chipley, FL	8:00 AM	1:00 PM
**Fri. - Sat.	07.26.24 - 07.27.24	Dalton, GA	*Ga Mountain Moonshine Cruizin	Dalton Convention Center	Dalton, GA	8:00 AM	5:00 PM

Visit newsouthcruisers.org/events for more information
 You can also follow [Wiregrass Car Shows](#) on Facebook.

DRIVING Through the Decades

J.F. Drake Middle School; Auburn Alabama

What an exciting event!

Club members Bill Stockton, Jimmy and Kathy Stallings, Steve and Sandie Lowery, and Tom and Elizabeth Wyse made their way to Auburn for a unique event focusing on nearly 1,000 sixth graders and the history of 70+ vehicles from 1917 to 2018!

140 students were tasked to provide a presentation board to the owners of their respective vehicles. They dressed in period clothing and they and 700+ students had an opportunity to check out all the cars. The energy, focus, and devotion of these students left a mark on the hearts of us all!

We are focusing on this event in this newsletter because of its impact on the seven of us. This event touched on our club founders original goals “... *the ownership, restoration, and preservation of all types of automobiles as well as teaching about their history and future were core ideals the organization sprang up around.*”



From the Opelika-Auburn News

There were 74 cars on display at J.F. Drake Middle School on Friday morning as a part of the sixth annual "Driving Through the Decades" car show.

From a 1917 Ford Model T all the way to a 2018 Tesla S75D, there were dozens of cars on display with sixth graders presenting various fun facts about their vehicles. The event started with a few cars from his friends, but it has grown rapidly and Friday's event was their largest yet.

"I think that it's a great program for kids to learn about the cars, learn about the mechanics from the beginning, and the changes and challenges that have been in transportation and what the future may be," said classic car enthusiast Tom Spicer.

Spicer started the event seven years ago with Beverly Helm, a social studies teacher at J.F. Drake Middle School. Spicer is the co-founder of Spicer's Music and a member of various car clubs in the area.

Helm said each sixth grade student picks a decade and researches it as the teachers help them prepare. Helm said the point is that the students become experts on the cars instead of the owners. Throughout Friday morning, the students present facts and info on their cars to fellow students and faculty and the students are often dressed in clothes from their decade.

Helm said that she and Spicer are old friends and that it was Spicer who first came to her with the idea. Helm has been at J.F. Drake Middle School for 19 years and she said the response from the students makes the event worth it.



A model Corvette sits on the hood of a 2003 Corvette during Driving Through the Decades at Drake Middle School in Auburn on Friday, April 26, 2024.



Bill Stockton

Photo by Tom Wyse

Photo by Adam Sparks



Tom and Elizabeth Wyse and Luna

Photographer Unknown



Jimmy Stallings with his students!

Photo by Kathy Stallings



Steve Lowery with his students.

Photo by Sandie Lowery



A 1962 Ford Galaxie, customized to resemble a Mayberry Sheriff's vehicle from The Andy Griffith Show, sits in the parking lot of Drake Middle School in Auburn during Driving Through the Decades on Friday, April 26, 2024.

photo by Adam Sparks



Students dressed in period appropriate clothing!



Photos by Tom Wyse





"We get so involved in just the logistics of it. But this morning, when I had the kids outside with their posters, and the cars started driving in, and the excitement and the enthusiasm from those kids made it so worth it," Helm said. "That's why we do it. I mean, they just love it. And they're so involved in it."

Social Studies teacher, Beverly Helms



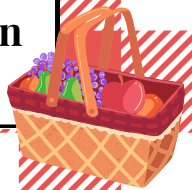
Photo by Adam Sparks



Photos by Bill Stockton



Saturday, June 15 is our summer get-together picnic and will be held at the home of Linda Bates! The Club will be providing the meat and all members are asked to provide a covered dish! More information next time!



At our last Member Meeting, Bill asked everyone to think about any charities or ideas about donating to a non-profit organization. We had a whopping 2 members respond to my email. Now I know email isn't everyone's thing, so if you have an idea, jot it down and bring it to me! I will compile everyone's input to present to Bill for review. I heard several ideas at the meeting so please share as much info as possible ... name of the charity, their location, their mission or goals, contact information, if available.