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GOLDEN CITY CRUISERS

NEWSLETTER



**December 2024**

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## Christmas Party!!!



*Don't forget our annual Christmas Party, at "Carrollton Chophouse", 206 Rome St. just off the square in downtown Carrollton, (the corner of Rome St. and Johnson Ave.). We hope you got your reservations in with Billy and are looking forward to joining us!*

*Just come hungry and enjoy each other's fellowship. The club is providing appetizers and a dessert tray. Entrees are on your own, ordered from their regular menu.*

*Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm*

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## ***President's Corner***

I hope everyone is doing well. Let me start off by saying "Thank you" to all the Board members who have worked with me for the past three years, and all the ones who have worked behind the scenes to help keep things going too. I hope to see a lot of you at our Christmas Dinner on Dec. 4th at 6:00 pm at the Carrollton Chophouse. Wishing my car club family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks.

*Danny Davis*

## ***Vice President's Report***

What a tremendous year our club has experienced this past year. I begin by giving recognition to a few of our members who performed critical roles in our club.

Danny Davis who has poured his heart and soul into his position as President. His commitment and hard work over these past three years has been second to none.

Kim Eckert who took on the role of Secretary. She stepped up and did an excellent job of recording the minutes and keeping all the members informed. This is not an easy job, but Kim demonstrated her passion for sharing and brought her strengths to the table.

Raylene Carroll our treasurer. There are many financial transactions that take place in our club during the year. Raylene stayed on top of all of them and inserted her great ideas to streamline our financial processes.

Don Edwards who is responsible for sponsorship. He held a key role in ensuring we had the money to support our charities. Don was meticulous in his record keeping and he ensured that each club member reached out to their assigned sponsors to get them renewed for their commitment for the following fiscal year.

I want to send out a special thank you to Billy Glover and Rick Horne for all their hard work in lining up activities for our club members to enjoy. They put together a list of events far beyond what was expected and every one of them was enjoyable and informative.

I also want to send out a special thank you to Nick Ware. He provides one of the best newsletters anyone would ever want to read. All the content he coordinates and includes in each issue provides an invaluable amount of information for each one of our members. He also maintains our website and he did an exceptional job of keeping all information up to date.

Lastly, I want to congratulate all our club members for their sacrifice and their hard work in making this one of the best car clubs to be a member. Remember, we are not just members of a club, we care for each other, and we are family.

In closing, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing each of you at future meetings, the Christmas dinner or next year's Cruise Ins.

*Jimmy Derrick*

## ***Treasurer's Report***

Attached is the November 2024 report for your review. If you have any questions, please let me know. Merry Christmas!

*Raylene Carroll*

## ***Secretarial Report***

The minutes of the November 2024 meeting are attached to this newsletter. Please let me know if you have any questions. Wishing you the happiest of Holidays!

*Kim Eckert*

## ***Sponsorship Report***

December sponsorship renewal:

American Pie Pizza-----Gene Duke

Don Rich Ford-----Danny Davis

Lafitte Roofing-----Danny

The winter months are now upon us and it's time for some serious work to be done on the two vehicles in my garage. The '67 Mustang is about to come back to life, having entered the ER for an engine transplant. The diagnosis with the previous engine was Rovid 19, a virus that affects autos... mask required. The replacement is resting in its new home awaiting a set of header gaskets. A few more goodies will be added to make the ol' girl snort and stomp with her new found energy source.

The Fairlane is being prepped for paint. I didn't intend to get involved with two restorations at one time. Definitely not advisable! Those of us who buy these old pieces know they are never complete, as we all have standards that must be met. I am not vowing these to be my last projects, even though I recently passed the 80 mark in my life cycle. I still love this hobby and always will.

Hoping you had a Happy Thanksgiving, and wishing a Merry Christmas to all of you.

*Don Edwards*

## ***Activity Committee***

We've had a fun year with some great activities! We hope you had a chance to enjoy some of them with the club. As our year winds down, we would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! And, please remember that this committee is an appointed position as an assistant to the club President. If Jimmy asks you for help in 2025, please consider it an honor and give it serious thought.

*Rick Horne / Billy Glover*

## ***Welcome Our New Member!***

At our November meeting, we were pleased to welcome Bob Walls into our membership. Bob lives in Mirror Lake and has a slick 2000 pewter colored Corvette convertible.

We look forward to getting better acquainted with Bob as we enjoy our club activities together! Welcome!

## ***Our Sympathies***

We were saddened to hear that Don and Deb Johnson, members in 2023, lost their son Justin Carey Johnson in a tragic motorcycle accident on 11/25/24. Obituary and arrangements can be found here. A sympathy card was sent to Don and Deb from the club. <https://www.jcollinsfuneralhome.com/obituary/justin-johnson>

## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to:

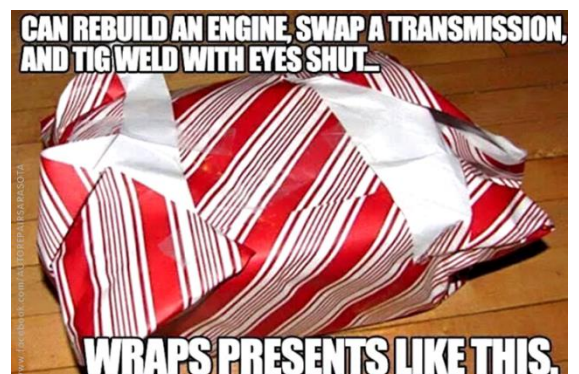
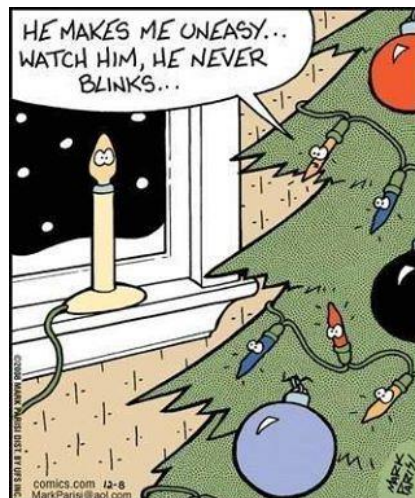
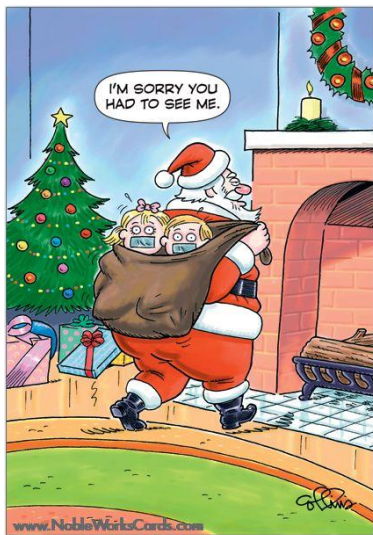
Tanya Debick	12/12
Katelyn Derrick	12/19
Donna Duke	12/4
Cherrie Glover	12/4
Leah Glover	12/16
Sharon Hearnburg	12/13
Judy Igarashi	12/6
Sandy Kopp	12/17
Dana Milam	12/29
Randy Thompson	12/6
Jannette Thompson	12/30
Bob Walls	12/27
Lynn Ware	12/13

### Happy Anniversary to:

Dave & Sandy Kopp	12/23
Gary & Carol Moyses	12/5

### Notice

We will not have a January Meeting. We will kick off the New Year on 2/4/25. The first Cruise-In is on 3/15/25!  
Happy Holidays!





## Nick's Reflection From 2024

Find me another car club where their city really embraces the club's activities. A city that has the club's logo on one of their facilities!

A city that, in cooperation with the car club, creates a fun photo op where people can enjoy a "ride" in a '55 Chevy, take pictures, and probably get some of the club's logo in the picture as well.



Find me a city who WANTS the car club to participate in their parades and activities, and whose Mayor writes a personal "thank you" note for responding.



*Mr. Glover,*

*Please accept my thank you and pass it along to the club. You all are always so good to share your cool cars with us for the city parades. We appreciate y'all. Btw, the Golden City Cruisers mural at The Mill looks great*

*Happy Thanksgiving,*

*Leslie McPherson, Mayor, City of Villa Rica*

Find a city that allows a car club to take over their amphitheater and schedules the city's activities around the club's! And then find me a city that helps the car club financially with donations and give away items



for special events, just for the privilege of having that car club in their town. That car club must be something special for the city to show so much support! Well, that's our club, and Villa Rica, Georgia is the city we adopted! They don't ask for much in return. Thank you, Villa Rica, and Merry Christmas from the Golden City Cruisers.



**Golden City Cruisers Car Club**  
**The Olive Tree Restaurant**  
**Villa Rica Georgia**  
**Nov 5, 2024**

Danny Davis called meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The club recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Matter- Danny Davis**

Announced birthdays and anniversaries. Happy birthday to all! Happy Anniversary to our couples!

**New Members - Danny Davis**

Bob Walls was approved. Welcome!

**Vice-President report - Jimmy Derrick**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the cruise-ins and with the Super Cruise. Also thank you for allowing me the opportunity to service as your Vice President this year.

**Secretary - Kimberly Eckert**

The October meeting minutes motion was made and seconded for approval. Majority voted and approved.

**Treasurer's report - Raylene Carroll**

The October financial report motion was made and seconded for approval. Majority voted and approved.

**Sponsorship report - Don Edwards**

Advance Auto Parts - in kind sponsor voted and approved.

Carroll Food Mart and Teal Body and Frame - Danny

Special thank you to the car club for supporting Don's Church fall festival

**Activity report - Billy Glover**

Very productive activity year. We still have a couple more activities.

Nov. 12th Carrollton Senior Center

Nov. 23rd Villa Rica Christmas Parade

Billy - Shoutout to Nick Ware for the wonderful newsletter.

**Unfinished Business - General Discussion**

Dues are due now. The Super Cruise did very well this year. We raised \$600+ on the silent auction table.

**New Business- General Discussion**

For the Club Christmas dinner we will be using the regular menu. Danny will also check and see if they can make us a cobbler for dessert. Remember the Christmas dinner is the first Tuesday of December at 6pm Brother's in Villa Rica.

Danny suggested we have a first aid kit in the trailer. Motion was made and approved for the purchase of the kit.

Danny - I want to thank everyone for all the support you have shown me the past 3 years during my time as President of the club. I appreciate all y'all.

New board members were introduced, voted and approved.

## 2025 Board Members

Jimmy Derrick - President  
Ronny White - Vice President  
Kimberly Eckert - Secretary  
Keila Spurling - Treasurer  
Judy Igarashi - Sponsorship

Thank you and God bless each and every one of you.

## Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm

*Respectfully submitted, Kim Eckert*

## Golden City Cruisers Treasurer's Report November 2024

DATE	CASH/CHECK #	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DEPOSIT	PAYMENT	BALANCE
11/1/2024		Balance	\$12,020.81		\$12,020.81
11/5/2024	Cash	Ken Eckert - Membership dues	\$ 36.00		\$12,056.81
11/5/2024	Cash	Kimberly Eckert - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$12,092.81
11/5/2024	Cash	Ira Gamble - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$12,128.81
11/5/2024	Check #1617	Bill Walls - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$12,164.81
11/5/2024	Check #51416	Smith Brothers - Sponsorship Renewal	\$ 100.00		\$12,264.81
11/5/2024	Check #975385	Phil Blair - Sponsorship Renewal	\$ 250.00		\$12,514.81
11/5/2024	Check #15919	Lewis Thomas - Sponsorship Renewal	\$ 100.00		\$12,614.81
11/5/2024	Check #2645	West GA Truck - New Sponsorship	\$ 100.00		\$12,714.81
11/5/2024	Check #1419	Danny Davis Truck - Sponsorship Ren	\$ 100.00		\$12,814.81
11/7/2024	Debit Card	Donation for Laney Valentine - St Jude		\$ 100.00	\$12,714.81
11/10/2024	GCC Check #3546	Nick Ware - MillCreek Web Design		\$ 250.00	\$12,464.81
11/11/2024	GCC Check #3547	Gradick Communication - Advertise		\$ 250.00	\$12,214.81
11/7/2024	Check #7844	Rick Horne - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$12,250.81
11/8/2024	Check #1126	Ken & Gloria Reed - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$12,286.81
11/12/2024	Check #389	Raymond Baker - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$12,322.81
11/13/2024	Check #1082	Paul Sanford - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$12,358.81
11/12/2024	Check #2355	Bill Hearnburg - Membership Dues	\$ 36.00		\$12,394.81
11/14/2024	Debit Card	First Aid Kit		\$ 47.30	\$12,347.51
11/15/2024	Debit Card	McEver's Awards		\$ 120.91	\$12,226.60
		Total Cash on Hand	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,226.60
		Less HardShip Fund			\$1,500.00
		Charity Fund - Villa Rica High School			\$1,000.00
		Total Operating			\$9,520.81

*Raylene Carroll*



# 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!***

<a href="#"><u>Advance Auto Parts, Villa Rica</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Lake Carroll Lawn Equipment, Carrollton</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>American Pie, Carrollton</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>The Lazy Donkey, Carrollton</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Autozone, Carrollton</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Lewis Thomas Body Shop, C'ton</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Autozone, Villa Rica</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Liberty Chevrolet, Villa Rica</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Brother's Bar &amp; Steakhouse, Villa Rica</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Los Cowboys, Villa Rica</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Brown Dog Eatery, Carrollton</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Main St. Guns, Gold, &amp; Pawn, Hiram</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Carroll Food Mart, Villa Rica</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>McCord's HVAC &amp; Refrig., Villa Rica</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Carrollton Car Stereo, Carrollton</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Morgan Oil Co. Carrollton</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Danny Davis Trucking, Villa Rica</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>My Financial Services, Villa Rica</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>DKS Roofing Specialists, Douglasville</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>O'Reilly Auto Parts – Villa Rica</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Don Rich Ford, Villa Rica</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>The Olive Tree, Villa Rica</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Great Classics 98.9, Carrollton</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Pro Tech Car Wash, Villa Rica</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Haney's Drug Corner, Carrollton</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Scott Evans Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Hearn Monument, Carrollton</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Smith Brothers Supply, Carrollton</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Jacky's Landscaping Materials, C'ton</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Teal's Auto Body &amp; Frame Shop</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Johnny's Pizza, Villa Rica</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Wayne Davis Concrete</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Kopps Creative Carton Co., Villa Rica</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>West Georgia Truck Accessories, Carrollton</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Lafitte Mop Company, Villa Rica</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Wing Citi Café, Carrollton</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Lafitte Roofing Products</u></a>	

8/15/24