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The Prez Says:

The holidays are just around the corner. Soon another year will be gone. There have been several well written editorials in The Speedster regarding the future of AACA and the hobby. We all should think about what we want out of GSMR for 2019 and beyond. Voice your thoughts and help work to steer things in the direction you want. Very special thanks goes to those who have helped. Our club could not exist without them. Best to all.

Steve Nordt

President

GSMR/Little Detroit UPCOMING EVENTS

11/20, GSMR monthly meeting, Bay Breeze restaurant, 1830 Asheville Hwy, Hendersonville, Dinner 6:00 pm, meeting 7:00

November 25, 2018: Forest City Christmas Parade @ 3 pm
{LINEUP BEGINS AT 12:30 PM}

11/27 garage tour(see details below)

11/29 LDC monthly meeting, Fat Tracy's 6pm(large meeting room, elections!)

The Brevard Christmas Parade will be Saturday December 1st. Line up is at Brevard High School Maintenance Service Rd below the Gym Line up at 2:15

12/7 Annual GSMR/LDC Christmas party, The Cedars, Hendersonville, 6pm (bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots, details will follow)

CRUISE IN'S

HENDERSONVILLE, 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH CARS AND BREAKFAST AT THE DIXIE DINER, HWY 64 LAUREL PARK

7:30-9:00 AM

Hendersonville, NC Cars & Coffee @ World of Clothing 2nd Saturday of the month

7:30-10 AM

Weaverville, NC Cruise In Every Tuesday, weather permitting @ Steak & Shake 5 PM-???

Franklin, NC Starting April thru October, Every Friday, Cruise In @ Sonic Drive In Hwy 441 Art 828 349 0986

Asheville, NC Starting May 25th, then the 4th Friday each month Cruise In at the Blossman, [170 Sweeten Creek Rd](#), just south of I-40 exit [Sweeten Creek Rd](#) 6-8PM Food & Refreshments benefits Meals on Wheels 828 667 0437

Spartanburg, SC Starting April 15th Every 3rd Friday Night @ The Beacon 5-9 PM

ON GOING EVENTS AND BENEFITS

- Breakfast Every Saturday 7:30 Sharp, Smith Drugs Forest City
- Columbus Cruise-in First Sunday every month Starts at 1:00pm.
- Ice Cream meet at Scoops in Columbus: Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6PM.
- [Donut Derelicts](#) meet for breakfast each Saturday morning, 7:00 AM at Pop's Diner, Five Points, Main Street, Hendersonville. Everyone is welcome to join us

BENEFITS:

- All GSMR & LDC Members free admission to Bennett Classics Forest City.

-Advance Auto Parts Forest City 10% off purchase. Just ask & show your card or name tag.
WEBSITES: aaca.org, & Little Detroit Chapter AACA on Facebook, www.gsmr.aaca.com

garage tour details

GSMR/LDC members

Your invited to join us Tuesday November 27 for a garage tour. We will visit four different garages to see what these club members have collected, restored or what current project they are working on. We have had garage tours in the past and everyone has always enjoyed this event. The four garages we are visiting belong to club members and have not been explored before. Please mark your calendar now.

Garage owners:	Location	Times	
Kim LaRowe	Mills River	10:00 – 10:30	
Mitchell Andrus	Etowah	10:45 – 11:15	TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE
David Parker	Hendersonville	11:30 – 12:00	
Barry Rudes	Hendersonville	12:15 – 12:45	
LUNCH	Piggys Restaurant	1:00 -	

I would also like to get a head count to help plan for garage parking and Piggys.

Please send your response to:

plarowe@morrisbb.net

I will send out address and telephone information several days prior to the tour. We will consider cancelling if weather will be severe.

Kim LaRowe

Previous Events

Highlands Motoring Fest Photos

Jeff Driebus



51st Annual Mountain Moonshine Festival

Dawsonville Ga. 10/27/18

Steve Nordt

I read about this festival and always looking for someplace to go decided to check it out. I figured if it had been going on for 51 years it couldn't be all bad! It is a combination car show and street festival. There were several hundred cars, mostly 50's and 60's American cars, mostly high performance or modified. Ford's were prominent as is the tradition here I guess. (some might remember "Awesome Bill (Elliott) from Dawsonville" and his super fast Nascar T Bird.) A special section of Fords included numerous "R" code 427 Galaxies and rare SOHC 427s stuffed in '56 Fords. The moonshine heritage was shown by several dozen '40 Fords from all original, to restored, to modified. Numerous very early Nascar race cars were present as well as other vintage race cars. The car event was held on the site of the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame. A variety of race cars were there including drag cars from famous Ga racers "Gas" Ronda and Hubert Platt.

The non automotive part of the festival included 100+ tent vendors selling the usual festival type stuff. Of course there were food vendors and music.

A highlight for me was I mapped out mostly all scenic and curvy back roads through the foothills of NC, SC, and GA for the trip so getting there and back was part of the fun.

It is a 3 day festival. Certainly not a "Concours" but a fun day of American cars and culture



AACA member stories

Valerie & Anthony Lacaria of LDC:

In October, we hosted our friends from Germany- Lutz and Marlena Schmidt. Both being car enthusiasts as well, we attended several events in the Little Detroit/Great Smoky Mountain area. I will try to hit the highlights of that visit.

October 3rd: we visited Bennett's Classic Car Museum and they got to meet Buddy Bennett. They really loved it and we

spent quite some time there. Later that afternoon, we visited Denny & Suzanne Trask of Fine Line Auto Works. It was an eventful time.

October 5th: Tom Fuery stopped by to visit.

October 6th: they attended Vintage Tin at Rumbling Bald Resort, where they met several members of LDC; Gary Barnett, Tim Hudson and Sam Farance.

October 10-14th: we attended the Fall Meet of the AACA in Hershey, PA. It was their second time there, and they did not let several days of rain hinder their excitement.

October 15th: Anthony took Lutz to Tim Hudson's Garage, which was a favorite place to go, he stated.

October 16th: we were invited to Henni and Yvonne Jacobs for a lovely afternoon of fellowship and enjoying their wonderful car, doll and memorabilia collections. We all especially enjoyed meeting another member of their family; Pretty Boy, the cockatiel.

October 20th: we attended the GSMR/LDC Picnic in Tryon at Harmon Field. Marlena was very excited to meet Helga Fisher, with whom she could converse in German. Henni and Yvonne introduced Lutz to some folks who could help with the sale of some of his rare cars.

October 24th: A wonderful visit to Keith and Helga Fisher's home, then to late lunch at Hanna Flanagans in Hendersonville.

We tried to show them as much of North Carolina as possible and its wondrous beauty, the kindness of its people, and a place to enjoy our cars in all seasons!



(more from the GSMR picnic)

It was a dreary, wet day and only a few "old" cars were allowed out of their shelters to attend the picnic. Getting to the picnic was hampered by what seemed like 1,000 cyclers in a race up Hwy 176, but there were no casualties. Around 75 GSMR/LDC members enjoyed a great layout of home made side dishes that were a great complement to the BBG pork and chicken served up by Jeanne Robertson and the crew of volunteers seen in the photo below.



It was April 1993

Jeff Driebus

In anticipation of attending the Charlotte AutoFair that year, my wife Dawn and I had well-prepared (or so I thought) for the trip our all-original 1970 Chrysler 300 that I had purchased a scant two months earlier.

I was exhausted from working on the car for the past week (along with my other shop duties at The Old Carb Doctor) . . . so I hopped into the back seat to take a nap on the way down to Charlotte Motor Speedway while Dawn took the helm. A Fuselage-era C-Body Mopar is a very wide car so the back seat was quite comfortable to stretch out upon.

Lying with my head toward the passenger side door, I awoke on I-40 a few miles west of the I-77 interchange to see the tops of 18-wheelers being passed at a pretty good rate of speed, and being passed in the right-hand lane at that. I could see the long horizontal speedometer from between the front seat backs . . . and it read "90".

Growling "Dawn! Slow down!" elicited a giggle from the driver's seat. I believe I mentioned not wishing to wake up dead in the back seat of my own car as did Hank Williams Sr. (albeit under different circumstances). She slowed down.

On I-77 about 20 miles from Charlotte we made a rest stop. As we got out of the car, I decided to check under the hood; perhaps I smelled something odd . . . ? And there it was: the ignition coil hanging by its wires and banging against the right hand exhaust manifold; its bracket had not been tightened adequately around it.

Oil was dripping from the end of the coil onto the manifold, hence the smell; it had apparently been that way long enough to wear a hole in the coil's case. When I discovered that there was still some oil inside it, my fast-thinking (and fast-driving) spouse quickly chewed some gum as I held the hot coil dripping-end-up using a rag as insulation.

With the gum applied to the hole and the coil secured in its bracket, we crossed our fingers and managed to make it to a Western Auto store (remember those?) in Charlotte where they luckily had a coil for my then-23-year-old car --- disaster averted!

That Chrysler was a great car; I wish I could say that I still own it --- oh wait, I can! As I celebrate my 25th year of ownership, the 300 still appears as it did then --- original yellow paint, original black vinyl top and all. And its original 440 4-barrel engine still runs smooth and powerful. It hasn't seen a lot of use lately, but if I can get a certain power brake booster brake problem resolved I intend to change that.



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