



May 2022

Headliners

Cruise-In

Another month another Cruise-in! It was a beautiful day as a large crowd gathered again at the Home Depot in Aiken. At this cruise-in, we signed up six new members and several existing members renewed their commitment to the club's mission of raising money for the Cumbee Center. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding with the Cumbee Center we did not have our customary 50/50 raffle, it should return this month.

If you haven't been to a Cruise-in for a while, they have really expanded. There are cars of several different makes and models and like Forrest's box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get! Swing by this month for a little while, we would love to see your car, and you too.



Looking forward to seeing you all at our next Cruise-In on May 7th from 4pm to 6pm.

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Cumbee Center Update

The Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons with generous donations from our friends and partners, CAAP has made significant improvements to its emergency shelter which serves women and children who are fleeing abuse. After a year of intense training for all staff in trauma-informed care, it is initiating changes in all aspects of the agency, including renovations to make our client spaces more inviting, additional training that allows staff to view clients through the lens of the trauma they have experienced, and incorporating survivor stories and feedback into how it shapes its policies and protocols.

Announcements!

- ♦ Spring Fling May 21st
- ♦ Volunteers Needed contact Club Officer to help

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Monthly Meeting

Our monthly club meeting attendance continues to rise and more people are becoming active in the club decisions and volunteering to help the club with the upcoming Spring Fling. Thanks again to all that came out and shared their time and opinion on the direction of the club. Again, a very large part of the meeting was spent discussing the upcoming Spring Fling Car Show. Our flyers have come out for the 20th Annual Spring Fling on May 21st from 9am to 3pm.

Volunteers

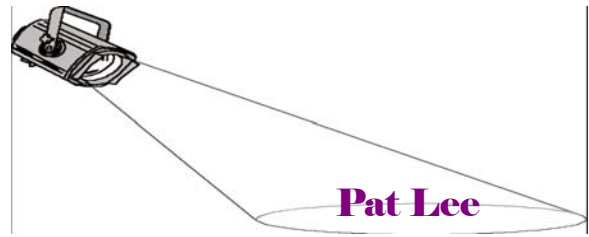
We are still looking for volunteers to help us run the Spring Fling Car Show. Some of the jobs are, registration, parking, judging, concessions, set-up, and clean-up. Let's make sure all of the club members have time to enjoy the show and show pride in their ride. If you would like to help reach out to one of the club officers for info.

Notes

We will also be adding to our newsletter a section for searching or selling. If you have parts to sell or cars to sell, we will include them. If you are looking for parts and cannot seem to find them, we will include them. This will allow the club to be a network in finding those hard to find parts or buyers. Take a look and help out a fellow club member if you can. Don't forget we also highlight our club member's businesses, if you have a business or parts to buy/sell contact Eric Johnson @ ericjohnson1@gmail.com to add to newsletter.

Desperately Seeking!

Member	Seeking



I have always been around and fixing cars from as early as I can remember. Both of my grandfathers were auto mechanics and there was plenty of “shade tree” mechanics with my Dad, Jerry Sanders. Now that he and my mom are living with us, there is still plenty of wrench turning going on at our FirmaLee.



I learned to drive on a 1964 Ford Fairlane, 4 door, three on the tree, with a clutch so tight, I had to use two feet to push it in sometimes. Of course, my parents had a driveway with a 30% incline, so I had to learn to clutch that thing quickly. My first sort of muscle car was 1970's old Mustang II Cobra, manual trans, and just enough engine to get me in a bit of trouble. I spent more time under that car than in it but learned a ton and it was the first time I remember getting excited about muscle cars.

In college, I owned a 1986 F-150 short bed, manual, straight 6 300, and loved that truck. Being from Rhode Island, I didn't need AC in my car so it didn't have any. When we graduated from college and entered Army active duty, our first duty station was Fort Hood, Texas. It was my first time pulling an engine and rebuilding it, lots of lessons learned on that one, especially about vacuum leaks. So after 3 years of no AC in Texas, I sold it.



Also during that time, my biological father in Virginia Beach, called and said he had a car for me but wouldn't tell me more. My lovely bride and I flew to VA Beach and he revealed a 1968 Chevy Camaro Convertible. It was primed grey with 4 sketchy tires, no radio and a hole in the top back window. Two cardboard boxes full of parts sat in the back seat. I was excited, my wife not so much. The engine was solid so we bought a sparkomatic radio at Kmart and two speakers, wired them up (laid them on the floor) and drove from VA Beach back to Killeen Texas.

Miss Gail and I will be married 30 years in June, we have had the Camaro for 28 of them. We have made 16 moves as a FamiLee over that time and the Camaro has been in tow for most of them. We spent 5 straight years overseas so it sat in storage during that time. There were a few times I wanted to sell it but



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she talked me off the ledge, wise woman. We nicknamed it the Millennium Falcon because it is never put together but somehow always runs.

Since my retirement from the US Army I inherited a 1955 Chevy Bel Air with a Lunati built SBC 408 CID nicknamed Crush and a 1985 F-250 XLT Lariat long bed with 460 CID that I affectionately call The Beast. My daily driver is a 2006 Mini Cooper S I call the Patmobile. Needless to say, there is always a vehicle to fix in my world, but I love it!

We are excited to be settled down in Aiken and to be involved with the club and such a welcoming group of folks. I am excited to pour my time and talents into the club and grow our impact in the community, help each other do life together, and display our rides. I always tell my kids that life is a team sport, and I am truly humbled to be a part of this team.



Pics



Send us pictures of your favorites or share on our Facebook page!



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Social Media Quotes:

- 350 turbo doesn't have reverse will have 2 be rebuilt
- I had the title but I lost it

Aiken Horsepower Association is a club of auto aficionados and car connoisseurs that meet to converse with others about their accomplishments and catastrophes concerning their pride and joys. Aiken Horsepower Association is open to anyone who has the desire to be a part of a club that hosts monthly cruise-ins and occasional special events.

Our fun and friendship has the specific purpose of raising funds to support The Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons, a well deserving local charity. There are occasional focused drives to support emergent needs at the center and around the holidays.

We are truly a "Come As You Are" group you do not have to have a show car to show up. We want to foster relationships around our common interest: cars. Chances are one of our members has been there or done that and can share advice on your projects.

Idea?

If you have any ideas for the newsletter, club events, or how to better support the Cumbee Center we are all ears! Either come to one of our meetings or contact a club officer. We are looking for club members to spotlight in upcoming newsletters, contact Eric Johnson if you would like to volunteer.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
05/07/2022	Cruise-In @ Home Depot Aiken	4:00 - 6:00 PM
05/09/2022	Club Meeting @ Habanero's Mexican Grill Aiken	6:00 - 8:00 PM
05/21/2022	2022 Spring Fling Car Show @ Millbrook Baptist Church	9:00AM - 3:00PM
06/04/2022	Cruise-In @ Home Depot Aiken	4:00 - 6:00 PM
06/06/2022	Club Meeting @ Habanero's Mexican Grill Aiken	6:00 - 8:00 PM

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Portions of the
proceeds benefit

Cumbee
center

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

9 AM

3 PM

MILLBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

223 S Aiken Blvd SE, Aiken, SC 29803

Car Registration: \$15 club members;
\$20 before the show; \$25 day of the show

Spectator's Registration: Free admission

Free to the public, bring your friends! Enjoy plenty of beautiful cars, trucks and motorcycles. There will be a 50/50 to benefit Cumbee Center, games for the kids and food trucks. Goody bags and a dash plaque for registered cars. Trophies for First, Second, and Third, People's Choice and Work In Progress. We proudly support the Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons (www.cumbeecenter.org). For more information or to register, email aikenhorsepower@gmail.com or call Pat Lee at 210-870-6141.

