



**March 2021**

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

March is upon us and I am really excited that we will be sponsoring our first cruise-in of 2021.

We are very thankful to the City of Villa Rica for opening up The Mill for us to resume our normal cruise schedule. The monthly meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Olive Tree with dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. Special thanks to Rick Horne for securing John Thornton as a guest speaker for the March meeting. Please come out and support GCC as we finalize our plans for the March 20th cruise-in.

*Raylene Carroll*

### ***Vice President***

Hello Cruisers,

We are about to start the 2021 cruise season and are looking forward to a great season as the Covid threat winds down. Our first cruise-in at The Mill in Villa Rica is Saturday March 20, which is the first day of spring. It will also be great to be back home where we belong. We are looking for large turn outs this year due to cabin fever created by the Covid pandemic.

We are grateful to last year's officers that managed our club's affairs the best they could during the pandemic. We managed to safely put on three cruise-ins and the four club picnic along with holding several in person club meetings.

That was quite an accomplishment during a pandemic. It is the intent of this year's officers to follow their example. That being said, we will need a lot of help from the members, which has always been the case. Club activities are only as good as the member's participation.

At the cruise-ins, Don Edwards and his crew of volunteers will be in charge of parking. We are asking that the members pick up from last year by doing the same jobs they had in the past if possible. Per Bill Roberts, we have enough tickets for fifty/fifty drawing at the 1st cruise-in. After that we will pick up a new supply. We agreed to start off with new drinks, so I will pick them up from Walmart before the cruise-in along with ice. We will need a volunteer to pick up the trailer and deliver it to the cruise-in and return it to Bill's place after we are done. Bill has graciously offered to allow us to store the trailer at his place.

One thing we would ask is for everyone to enjoy themselves, enjoy the cars/motorcycles, be gracious/helpful to the cruisers/attendees, and proudly wear your Golden City gear which will identify you as a Golden City member. These cruise-ins are our best recruiting tool for new members so don't be shy when telling what a great car club we have and what we do for the Villa Rica and Carroll County community charities.

*Darrell Smith*

## **Secretarial Report**

The minutes of our February meeting are attached. If you have any questions or need any additional details, please let me know.

*Lynn Ware*

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for February is attached to this newsletter. Please let me know if you have any questions. See you soon!

*Don Reed*

## **Sponsorship Report**

Guys and gals cruise time is almost here. Make sure we relay the news to our sponsors. We're looking for a great year, in spite of Covid 19, 2020. Our sponsors are our life blood and we need to promote their business at every opportunity. Danny, Donald Threadgill, and Don Edwards are up to bat this month. I am pleased to report that Wright Way BBQ returned as a sponsor although as a gold sponsor stepping down from his platinum status.

Rev up those engines and let's have a great time! Renewals due in March are as follows:

Hearn Monument, \$100, Danny Davis  
Haney's Drug Corner, \$100, Donald Threadgill  
Chat & Choo, \$100, Danny Davis  
My Financial Services, \$100, Paulette Swafford  
O'Reilly Auto Parts, In-Kind, Don Edwards  
Liberty Chevrolet, In-Kind, Danny Davis

*Don Edwards*

## **Our Next Meeting**

Our March 2021 meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Olive Tree in Villa Rica. If you plan on eating, please be there around 6pm. Our meeting will begin at 7pm.

We are pleased to report that Rick Horne has secured a guest speaker for this meeting, John Thornton of Thornton Dealerships. John will be



accompanied by his collections manager, and friend of the GCC and the AACA, Greg Marshall. Many of you will recognize Greg from our cruise-ins or AACA shows, driving one of the fine cars in his collection.

John grew up with cars, and was swapping and selling cars when he was a teenager. He has a passion for cars, especially those made by the General, but John is quick to admit his skills are in selling cars and running a car business, not keeping them running! He lets others turn the wrenches, including Greg.

John has a great collection of Chevy cars and trucks, as well as several Oldsmobiles, and Corvettes. There is also a C8 Vette in his storage building, although he claims it is owned by his business manager. Both John and Greg have issued open invitations for us to come hang out with their cars and feed our car fever.

John Thornton Chevrolet has been a Platinum Sponsor of ours for 7 years. You will want to come meet John, listen to his funny stories of managing a successful car business, and showing him that we appreciate his sponsorship. Rumor has it that if we extend our usual hospitality, we may get two new members out of this evening!

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Billy Glover	3/20
Dave Kopp	3/19
John Ranero	3/19



### **Happy Anniversary to:**

Danny & Yvonne Davis	3/2
Don & Carolyn Reed	3/19

## **Memberships**

All renewals are in for 2021. As usual, we had some shrinkage in our membership with Belk, Childers, Prator and Swafford not rejoining. In addition, we had one death, Paul Debick. Let's all get busy and build our membership to the 40-50 members we had at one time.

# Check Out China's Classic Corvette C1

OCT 1, 2020 BY [MARTIN BIGG](#) "CLASSIC CARS" / 19 COMMENTS

Wait until you find out what's under the hood!

The [2020 Beijing Motor Show](#) is in full swing, and it just wouldn't be complete without some new [Chinese copycat cars](#) that have an uncanny resemblance to their Western counterparts. At the show, China's Songsan Motors showcased its latest model, called the "SS Dolphin", which very clearly takes some inspiration from the original Chevrolet Corvette C1.



Okay, it's the Corvette's out-and-out doppelganger, with exactly the same styling cues - double headlights, chrome accents, white bodyside coves, rounded rear arches, and so on - as cars built between 1958 and 1960. About the only thing that's significantly different design-wise are the proportions; the SS Dolphin measures 189 inches long, 72.8 inches wide, and 54.7 inches tall. That makes it 11.8 inches longer and 3.7 inches taller than the original sports car. That explains why the proportions don't look quite right.

Granted, there are some other small changes on the exterior, like LED headlights and a chrome dolphin emblem that replaces the original Corvette badging. But while the body is clearly designed to shamelessly mimic the original Corvette, the retro-inspired, wood-trimmed interior is equipped with modern technology you wouldn't find in the original 1950s sports car, such as a digital dashboard, a floating infotainment system, and a multi-functional steering wheel.



And here's something else not on the C1: under the hood, there's a plug-in hybrid powertrain combining a turbocharged 1.5-liter engine and an electric motor. Yes, China has already built a hybrid Corvette before the rumored electrified C8 Corvette has arrived.



According to local media, a 16-kWh battery pack enables the Chinese not-a-Corvette to accelerate from 0-62 mph in 4.9 seconds and run on electric power for about 60 miles. Power is also sent to the front wheels, which seems sacrilegious in a Corvette. Customer deliveries of the SS Dolphin will start in early 2021.

Pricing for the coupe starts at ¥590,000 (\$86,613), making it considerably more expensive than a brand new [Chevrolet Corvette Stingray](#) in the US. Inevitably, the convertible will be more expensive, but pricing details haven't been announced for the open-top SS Dolphin yet.

Incensed? You shouldn't be; mimicry is the sincerest form of flattery. And besides, this isn't even the first time the classic Corvette has inspired copycat cars. Remember Japan's [Mitsuoka Rock Star](#) based on the Mazda MX-5 Miata?

## ***Chinese copycat cars: how do they get away with it?***

March 22, 2019, by [Luke Wilkinson](#), [AutoExpress](#)

[Jaguar Land Rover](#) has won a significant case in the Chinese courts against Jiangling Motors. Until recently, the Chinese car manufacturer produced a very convincing (and much cheaper) [parody of the Range Rover Evoque](#); an issue which JLR disputed on the grounds of copyright infringement and unfair competition.

However, JLR aren't the first victims of Chinese automotive copyright infringement. In the Chinese domestic market, manufacturers commonly draw heavy inspiration from western cars; a wander around any of the major Chinese motor shows, such as those in [Beijing](#) or [Shanghai](#), will reveal cars made by obscure brands which manage to spark an unusual sense of déjà vu. These are the Chinese copycat cars.

Many of China's domestic car brands have a less than proud history when it comes to copying car designs from other manufacturers. The practice is less common than it once was, but some Chinese models are still blatant rip-offs that are barely distinguishable from the vehicles that inspired them. Yet more are subtler imitations of the original source material.

In the past we've seen [McLaren](#) lookalikes, [MINI](#) rip-offs and even an attempt to replicate the grandeur of a [Rolls-Royce](#). So we've selected some of the best Chinese copy-and-paste jobs out there, and placed them side-by-side with their western doppelgangers for your convenience.

### **China's copycat cars: are they legal?**

In 2018 we spoke to Oliver Tidman, a solicitor at intellectual property law firm BRIFFA, to find out what legal standing a car maker has if it thinks its design has been copied by another.

At the time, he told us: “There is no international copyright law, but there are international agreements such as the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works. These require countries to recognise each other's intellectual property laws. Copyright laws vary from one country to another, and while the rules may differ, the principles are similar.”

And it's not simply a material object that would be the subject of breaking copyright law, but the original design itself. “In the UK, copyright law protects certain types of work, including artistic,” Tidman added. “In terms of car designs, it's likely that copyright would subsist in any original 2D graphic – on a computer screen or a drawing.”

If a company does think a design has been copied, however, it's not that easy to prove. “The company would have to prove that there has been copying by assessing the objective similarities and deciding whether those similarities are the result of independent creation, or whether the infringing design has been derived from the original design,” said our expert. “There must be a causal connection between the two works, which can be difficult to prove.”

In addition to copyright protection, it is possible to register designs. “If the design or prototype is deemed original, it is possible to obtain registered design protection for up to 25 years,” Tidman explained.

### **Copycat cats: Do these look familiar?**

*Check-out the copycat cars below, alongside the models they seem to have drawn inspiration from...*

*(Editorial Note: while this article is taken from Auto Express, it is shortened considerably. The entire article can be found on the website linked in the title.)*



## KDC Regola



This is the KDC Regola – a rather crude attempt at recreating a McLaren. While the distinctive headlights, dihedral doors and orange paint are all present, there is a distinct hint of shoddiness. KDC hasn't announced any official plans for production of its sports EV, but it is safe to assume there will be a couple of people in Woking who would have objections if they did...

## McLaren 570GT





## Dongfeng Jingyi S50 and Volkswagen Passat

The Dongfeng Motor Corporation has a long history of joint ventures with big western marques. [Honda](#), [Nissan](#) and [Renault](#) have all had dealings with them over the years. However,

### Jingyi S50



the Jingyi S50 saloon is the product of no such venture. Unless of course you count the fact its styling is apparently a homage to one of [Volkswagen](#)'s best selling cars, the [Passat](#).

### VW Passat



## Changan CS55



## Changan CS55 and Land Rover Discovery Sport

[Jaguar Land Rover](#) has in recent times created some of the most distinctive car styling devices of any manufacturer. It's particularly obvious then, when someone else takes 'inspiration' from its cars. The [Changan CS55](#) appears to do just that from the [Discovery Sport](#), mimicking the large curvy body of JLR's [compact SUV](#).

## Land Rover Discovery Sport



## Changan CX70 T



## Changan CX70 T and Land Rover Discovery

Changan appears yet again on this list and yet again for producing something that looks remarkably like a JLR product. This time around though, it is the full-size [Discovery](#)'s turn to inspire the designers responsible for the CX70 T. The end result is something which looks remarkably similar to the 2017 [Auto Express Car of the Year](#).

## Land Rover Discovery





### Eagle and Porsche Cayman

The Eagle is a car designed to show off the country's expertise in producing an electric sports cars, but there's no getting away from which cars the designer has taken his cues from. We believe it's powered by a tiny battery pack that gives just a top speed of around 70mph and a 160-mile range – a sharp contrast to the looks.



There's no getting away from how much like the Eagle looks like a [Porsche Cayman](#) with a Ferrari F12 nose grafted on. Even the badge is a near copy of the Porsche's iconic golden shield.

(The white car is the Cayman!)

### Geely GE and Rolls-Royce Phantom

Fancy the luxury of a [Rolls-Royce Phantom](#), but don't quite have the cash to cover the costs? Well the Geely GE might just be the thing for you. It's got the big chrome grille and even an imitation Spirit of Ecstasy on the bonnet. Just make sure nobody gets too close to see what it actually is.



### Rolls Royce Phantom



(Ed. - In 2019, China produced 26 million vehicles, or 28% of the worldwide production, placing it at #1 in the world. Second place in worldwide production goes to the United States at less than 1/2 of China's production, and a 12% market share.)

# **Golden City Cruisers Agenda – March 2, 2021**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Speaker – Mr. John Thornton**
- IV. Minutes of Last Meeting**
- V. Treasurers Report**
- VI. V/P Report**
- VII. Sponsorship Report**
- VIII. Ailing Members Report**
- IX. Unfinished Business**
  - a. Membership**
- X. New Business**
  - a. Villa Rica – Cruise In's**
  - b. Finalize Details for Cruise**
- XI. Adjournment and Social Time**

***(PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THIS AGENDA AND BRING IT TO THE MEETING)***



**Golden City Cruisers Car Club  
Olive Tree Restaurant  
Villa Rica, Georgia  
February 2, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President, Raylene Carroll, at 7:05p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rick Horne.

Minutes of the January 2021 meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was also approved as reported in the newsletter. Current balance on hand is \$2675.88.

Vice-President, Darrel Smith announced that our cruise-ins are back on schedule at The Mill in Villa Rica starting in March. Don Edwards will handle parking. Set up time is 3:30. After some discussion the club decided to pass out a flyer welcoming everyone to the 2021 Cruise-In season and stating suggestions for socially distancing while enjoying the evening.

Don Edwards, sponsorship chairperson, reported there are none due in February. Several of our sponsors have not been able to renew due to economic concerns associated with the current pandemic.

#### Unfinished business

Billy Glover has invited the mayor of Villa Rica to our meetings but has had no response. It was suggested that one of the council members might be contacted to facilitate our getting a speaker for a meeting.

All members from last year have been contacted by a club member. Those not responding to emails will be called. Nick Ware will call Lee Culberson, Billy Glover will call Paulette Swafford and Raylene Carroll will call Hannah Childers. If dues are not paid by February 9, 2021, that member will be dropped from the roll. It was suggested that our focus next month should be ways to increase membership. President, Raylene Carroll, challenged each member to bring one suggestion next month.

#### New business

Billy Glover will visit with the director of Main Street for continued support. Raylene Carroll requested a bereavement committee be formed to handle flowers/donations. Cherrie Glover volunteered to chair that committee. A new Hot Wheels game for the kids will be tried at the March cruise-in. It will use the same cake walk circle but feature actual Hot Wheels cars as prizes. 50/50 ticket will also be sold as usual.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Ware

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## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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## *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**

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<a href="#">Advance Auto Parts, Villa Rica</a>	<a href="#">American Pie, Carrollton</a>
<a href="#">Autozone, Carrollton</a>	<a href="#">Autozone, Villa Rica</a>
<a href="#">Carroll Food Mart, Villa Rica</a>	<a href="#">Carrollton Car Stereo, Carrollton</a>
<a href="#">Cecil Harris Insurance Agency, Carrollton</a>	<a href="#">Chat and Choo, Villa Rica</a>
<a href="#">J. Collins Funeral Home, Villa Rica</a>	<a href="#">Danny Davis Trucking, Villa Rica</a>
<a href="#">DKS Roofing Specialists, Douglasville</a>	<a href="#">Don Rich Ford, Villa Rica</a>
<a href="#">Great Classics 98.9, Carrollton</a>	<a href="#">Haney's Drug Corner, Carrollton</a>
<a href="#">Hearn Monument, Carrollton</a>	<a href="#">Hyde Hauling, Dallas</a>
<a href="#">Jacky's Landscaping Materials, C'ton</a>	<a href="#">Kopps Creative Carton Co., Villa Rica</a>
<a href="#">Lafitte Mop Company, Villa Rica</a>	<a href="#">Lake Carroll Lawn Equipment, Carrollton</a>
<a href="#">The Lazy Donkey, Carrollton</a>	<a href="#">Lewis Thomas Body Shop, C'ton</a>
<a href="#">Liberty Chevrolet, Villa Rica</a>	<a href="#">Los Cowboys, Villa Rica</a>
<a href="#">McCord's HVAC &amp; Refrig., Villa Rica</a>	<a href="#">Morgan Oil Co. Carrollton</a>
<a href="#">My Financial Services, Villa Rica</a>	<a href="#">O'Reilly Auto Parts – Villa Rica</a>
<a href="#">The Olive Tree, Villa Rica</a>	<a href="#">Pro Tech Car Wash, Villa Rica</a>
<a href="#">Shot Spot, Carrollton</a>	<a href="#">Smith Brothers Supply, Carrollton</a>
<a href="#">Wal-Mart Super Store, Villa Rica</a>	<a href="#">West Georgia Diesel &amp; Auto Repair, C'ton</a>
<a href="#">West Georgia Truck Accessories, Carrollton</a>	<a href="#">West Georgia Shopper, Carrollton</a>
<a href="#">Wing Citi Café, Carrollton</a>	<a href="#">Wrightway BBQ and Wings, Bremen</a>

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