



**June 2020**

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

I trust all our members are doing well. I spoke to Danny D by phone yesterday. He's doing well, all things considered. He is walking with the assistance of a walker from the rehab section of The Oaks all the way back to his room. That's quite a distance. He has a roommate so he has someone to talk with while not doing rehab. The rooms at The Oaks don't have telephones. Call him on his cell phone if you'd like to check in on him, 770 328-9663. No visitors are allowed at this time.

Our Online Meeting was successful with input from many of our members. The vote was unanimous to extend the calendar year for our sponsors to 15 months for 2020 only.

Hopefully we'll be able to have some Cruise-In activity in the near future. I have received several calls from those interested in attending one of our Cruise-Ins.

Paul Debick has set up the Romeo's Breakfast for those gearheads interested. The resumption date is July 2nd, 8 AM.

Change the oil in your cars and go for a drive...if it ever stops raining that is.

Happy Motoring,

Rick Horne

### ***Vice President's Voice***

Hello All,



I hope everyone is doing well. Now that the weather is improving, and you have all that spare time, your cars should be looking great by the time we can Cruise again.

*Bill Roberts*

### ***A Minute with the Secretary***

The minutes for May are attached to this newsletter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

*Raylene Carroll*

### ***Treasurer's Testimony***

The Treasurer's report for May is attached to this newsletter. Please let me know if you have any questions. Stay safe out there.

Don Reed

## ***Sponsorship Snippets***

Hello Cruisers,  
I want to say hello to Danny! He's still in rehab.  
Get well soon!

A reminder to our recruiters... **Sponsors are getting 15 months for the price of 12 months.** Even though we are still in a pandemic, we have had recruiters and Sponsors stepping up for our charities. Those paid are:  
Quality Coating Supply, Rick Horne  
Wal Mart, Danny Davis  
Olive Tree, Danny Davis  
Liberty Chevrolet, Danny Davis  
Jacky's Landscape, Danny Davis  
Hart Chrome and Restoration, Rick Horne  
Danny Davis Trucking, Danny Davis  
DKS Roofing, Danny Davis  
Thank you all!

Sponsors up for renewal in June with a new renewal date of September 2021 are,  
Shot Spot, Gene Duke  
Thompson Grading & Clearing, Danny Davis  
Hollingsworth Concrete, Danny Davis  
Eagle Transmission, Danny Davis  
LaFitte Mop Company, Danny Davis  
Leigh Shirley Insurance Agency, Billy Glover  
J. Collins Funeral Home, Danny Davis  
Don Rich Ford, Danny Davis  
Phil Blair All State Insurance, Paulette Swafford

I'm goin to list those that have not paid.  
Remember recruiters that I will add 3 months to their next renewal date:  
Young's Barbeque, 2/6, Danny Davis  
Lazy Donkey, 3/1, Danny Davis  
Los Cowboy's, 3/12, Danny Davis  
Thornton Chevrolet, 3/7, Nick Ware  
Hearn Monument, 3/12, Danny Davis  
Haney's Corner Drug, 3/12, Donald Threadgill  
Hyde Hauling, 3/25, Danny Davis  
Chat & Choo, 3/25, Danny Davis  
My Financial Services, 3/31, Paulette Swafford  
Lake Carroll Lawn Equipment, 4/1, Gene Duke  
Villa Rica Board of Tourism, 4/6; Billy Glover  
Smith Brothers Supply, 4/12, Nick Ware  
Morgan Oil, 4/14, Gene Duke  
Lewis Thomas Body Shop, 4/14, Gene Duke  
Cecil Harris Insurance, 4/14, Gene Duke  
Agan Services, 4/15, Nick Ware

Wing City Cafe "In Kind", 4/14, Danny Davis  
Mayfield Body Shop, 4/15, Danny Davis  
McCord Heating & Air, 4/20, Danny Davis  
Carroll Food Mart, 5/7, Danny Davis  
Southwire Company, 5/12, Nick Ware

As I said at the beginning, Danny is still in rehab. When he does go home, it appears he may need some recruiting help. Would anyone be willing to ask him and check on his accounts?  
Thank you all,

*Cherrie Glover* 😊🍒

## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **Happy Birthday to:**

Jeannette Prator	6/3
Ken Reed	6/11
Bill Roberts	6/19
Lela Roberts	6/19
Mike Russo	6/24
Paulette Swafford	6/22

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

Steve & Virginia Busby	6/6
Victor & Raylene Carroll	6/16
Gene & Donna Duke	6/15
George & Carol Engert	6/8
Rob & Penny Kusterer	6/18
Bill & Lela Roberts	6/29
Darrell & Karen Smith	6/27
Donald & Carolyn Threadgill	6/11
Nick & Lynn Ware	6/22

## ***Area Car Events:***

Due to the many cancellations of these events, this section will be suspended until further notice.

## ***Our Next Meeting***

Our next meeting is postponed until further notice. Who knows?



# **Old Tires on Your Car Can Have Tragic Consequences**

**Steven Rupp**

**Editor, HotRod.com**

**Nov 4, 2019**

We usually try to keep things on the lighter side here, but sometimes a serious topic needs to be brought up. This is about safety and how a small thing can lead to big consequences. Many of our hot rods don't see a ton of street miles compared to our daily drivers, and therein lies the rub. You see, parts don't just wear with use, they also wear over time. That's why oil change intervals have time, as well as mileage, attached. This also applies to tires. If you drive your car a few hundred, or even a few thousand, miles a year then chances are they are going to age out well before they wear out. Yeah, you'll look at the tread and think they are great, but, in fact, they aren't. The number one cause is dry rot, also called sidewall cracking. Many factors cause this, including oxygen, ozone, heat, UV light, long periods of sitting, etc. And while you can slow it down, eventually time always wins and a tire becomes unsafe even though it looks fine at first glance.

At an event this summer a participant, Jerry "Waco" Andres, tragically died when a tire blew out on his '55. An older tire failed and the car rolled. After this I began looking at date codes on cars at the event and saw quite a few that were over 10 years old. The tires all had a ton of tread left, which is what most people look at to determine if it's time for new tires. But, when cars aren't driven much, time wins the race before wear.

So, inspect your tires regularly, look for unusual wear (especially on the inside edge), watch for strange bulges, as well as any small cracks, which are the first signs of dry rot or other tire problems. Remember



that sometimes the tires can crack on the inside, where you can't inspect. If you notice your tires don't hold air well, then that's also a sign of a possible problem. All tires are stamped with a date code. This code tells where the tire was made, but more importantly it gives the week and year they were made. Typically it's four digits, for example 1709, which would be the 17th week of 2009. A good rule of thumb is to replace tires that are older than six years. But if you see any signs of cracks replace them immediately. So let's have fun out there with our car, but also stay safe as well!

*Editorial note: It was earlier this week when I witnessed (from a distance) a boat on a trailer being sold to someone. The bass boat, and outboard motor, had been sitting for probably 15 years. Who knows how old the tires were when it was parked! The new owner put air in the little flat 12 inch tires and pulled away with his new project. Personally, I would not have left the driveway with those little tires spinning around like they do. Perhaps others are blessed with good luck, and I hope he was too. He needed it. I don't know the outcome for this guy and his obvious unawareness of a big potential safety issue. But I do know that the above article often applies to knowledgeable car guys who just forget, or don't want to incur the expense of new tires. Whether the proper replacement time is 6 years, or 12 years, is up for debate and depends a lot on the storage conditions. Regardless, be careful out there. Nick*



## ***More on Reading Tire Codes...***

Each tire has an imprinted DOT code. The four-digit DOT code is usually located in a window on the tire sidewall.



There are a lot of letters and numbers on a tire sidewall. Only one set is important to finding the date code. It is the one without any letters! In the above picture, let's find the date code:

**M5EJ or 006X** – Wrong! Do not use codes with letters! You need only the numbers.

**3811** – Correct! It's the 4 digit number, 3811 in this example.

The **first two digits** of the code represent the week of production during the year (from 1 to 52). In this case, the tire was produced during the 38<sup>th</sup> week of the year.

The **second two digits** represent the year of manufacture. In this case, that would be 2011

If your DOT code is a 3-digit number, it means your tire was produced before 2000. Of course, this would not be a great tire to be driving on the road, and you may be WAY off when you read the date code, since the year repeated every decade. So a 427 date code would be the 42<sup>nd</sup> week of 1997, or 1987, or 1977, etc. If you have a three digit code, throw that tire away fast, or hang it from a tree for the grandchildren. Below is a handy online tire age calculator. Just plug in your date code.

[CLICK HERE TO OPEN A TIRE AGE CALCULATOR](#)

Now go out there and check your tires. You've got nothing else to do.

## MAY 2020

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**Golden City Cruisers**  
**Meeting Minutes – May 5th, 2020**

President – Rick Horne  
Vice President – Bill Roberts  
Treasurer – Don Reed  
Secretary – Raylene Carroll  
Sponsorship – Cherrie Glover  
Immediate Past President – Danny Davis

No Physical meeting was held due to the Shelter In Place Order.

May 1<sup>st</sup> Nick Ware made the following proposal:

Nick has come up with an idea to make GCC more attraction to our sponsors. We haven't been able to toot their horns at the Cruise-Ins all year. All they have gotten for their money is the satisfaction of helping GCC help others and the 24/7 advertisement on our website.

Nick has suggested we temporarily offer our sponsors three months extra sponsorship at no additional cost. In other words their sponsorship would be for 15 months instead of 12. We have sponsors that are most likely struggling. This might make it easier for our recruiters to approach current renewing sponsors.

This would require a bylaws interruption. This would not be a permanent change but a temporary suspension of our 12 month sponsorship policy.

"Any existing sponsors renewing in 2020, and any new sponsors joining in January through May of 2020, will receive a one-time grant of three extra months of free sponsorship by extension of their renewal date. Any new sponsors joining in June of 2020 or later will join for a normal one year membership. The intent of this provision is to compensate those sponsors who were on record during the months of March through June, when we did not have our regularly scheduled cruise ins due to the COVID-19 cancellations."

The Board unanimously voted to approve this proposal.

May 7<sup>th</sup> Rick sent out an e-mail to all GCC members for an online vote.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Our online meeting has ended. The vote to accept the temporary Bylaws exemption has passed by a vote of 31 for and 0 opposed. Thank you for participating.

Paul Debick has spoken with The Trading Post Restaurant. The Romeo's Thursday AM Breakfast will resume on the first Thursday in July (July 2nd 2020). As always this is open to any and all motor heads. Starts at 8 AM. Drive your old car.

We have received sponsorship renewals from the following:

\$100.00 DKS Roofing

\$250.00 - Hart's Chrome

Members Under the Weather:

Danny Davis has broken his femur. Surgery went well and Danny was moved to the Oaks for Rehab. Please keep Danny and Yvonne in your thoughts and prayers.

## *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!**




Margot Washington  
Hair Designer  
770.778.4577 cell  
  
Main Attraction Salon  
320 Newnan Road  
Carrollton, GA 30117



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