

# MAY 2012 CSRA ROAD ANGELS NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENTS BLOG**

Bubba's blog: May 2012 CSRA ROAD ANGELS NEWS LETTER.....We had a good meeting at Harbor Inn on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>. After the welcome, the pledge of allegiance, introductions and prayer everyone enjoyed their meal.

When the meeting was called to order, we discussed the cruise in at Hooters on April 13<sup>th</sup>, where we had a great time with over 65 vehicles and raised \$150 with the 50/50 drawing. We also discussed the trophy plaques for 1<sup>st</sup> Friday shows and the fact that we have sponsors from 3 states; Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama. Our sponsors come from all corners of the CSRA; Augusta, Belvedere, Aiken, Johnston, Barnwell, Thomson, and Waynesboro. We discussed the new website [www.csraroadangels.com](http://www.csraroadangels.com), thanks to Tony and Tony Jr. It looks good and we will continue to expand the features in the near future, like a swap & sell page, and features on different members each month. This month's feature is "John and Cindy Shea". We discussed the picnic coming up at Bruce Hager's place in August. It was agreed that the cost would be \$5 each if you bring a side dish and \$8 each if you don't. Shorty Hall will be doing the cooking and we will need everyone to RSVP so that we will know how much bar-b-q to supply. (Now I understand from Buck that the Aiken Horsepower club is paying \$10 a head for their members who rsvp.) Before we change the way we have agreed on, the club should vote on it and we will take that up at our meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Harbor Inn at 6pm.

I will be contacting Mr. George Bugg in Athens to arrange for us to caravan up to his place to see his car collection on one of the Saturdays that the Varsity is having their cruise ins. We can go see his collection, then go to the Varsity and then caravan back home afterwards. It should make for a very enjoyable day. Those of us who have attended the Varsity's cruise-ins know that they always have a great selection of vehicles to look at, plus great door prizes and 50/50 drawing. Our next meeting will be May 31 at Harbor Inn at 6pm which is where everyone agreed is a good place to hold all of our meetings this year instead of bouncing around to different other restaurants. We also agreed to have our summer picnic at Mistletoe State Park this year just like we have in years past. (A word to the wise; if Rosa Ann brings

one of her cakes, don't eat it. I will make the sacrifice of hurting myself by eating the entire thing so that none of you gets sick). I will let you know the date of the picnic ASAP.

Well our 1<sup>st</sup> first Friday of the year May 4<sup>th</sup> was a bit of a disappointment as we only had 37 vehicles registered. Some folks did not want to register but we insisted. If you are going to park in the show, you have to register folks. It's only \$10 and we give back half of that in cash. We gave top 30 plaques out along with one BEST OF SHOW. In years past when we only had top 20, we only allowed you to win once per year. This let everyone win a trophy during the course of the year and everyone seemed to appreciate it. This year, because we have top 30 plus best of show: some folks may win more than once. You can win top 30 and still be eligible for best of show. We gave away \$180 in cash plus \$75 for the 50/50 and we picked up 5 new members; Larry & Malinda Perea, Doug Tilley, Chris Carroll, Bill Elliott, and Frank & Teresa Sappington. All in all we had a great time and really appreciate all that pitched in and took care of everything. When it came time to put everything back in the club trailer we had a great team effort that put everything back better than it was before. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED. Genie is now putting a new flyer together for the FIRST FRIDAY SHOWS and we ask that you all take some to shows that you will be attending and pass them out. We don't need any duplication so we ask that you coordinate with Genie on which shows you will be attending. Our treasurer's report showed that we collected \$6,400 in sponsor money and the plaques cost us \$3,400. leaving us about \$3,000 in the black. Our balance in the checkbook stands at \$5,060.55.

I will start working on the sponsors for the Pumpkin Run November the 3<sup>rd</sup> next month. Please be thinking about the show and how we want to do the awards. I'm thinking that with \$5,000 in prize money for car show participants we should have a huge attendance. We already have one pre-registered. Can you guess who that is?..... I think that the Drive thru Judging can be simplified so that we don't have to have 6 judges on a team. Two judges can handle the job just as well. Each takes a look at the exterior, the interior, the engine and writes down the score. Let's face it, it is not rocket science, it is just common sense. We will discuss any changes we want to make for the show at our next meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our good friend and former member Mike Rhodes had a bad accident after the Thomson show with his beautiful 57 Chevy 2 door post. The car can and will be fixed back to the condition it was before the accident, knowing Mike. We are just glad that Mike is ok (sometimes it is good to have a hard head.) We saw former president and member Craig Butler at the Kiokee Kruisers's show and he was laughing about going to the show at Ft. Gordon with his Lambo and getting beat by two Volkswagens. Some people don't have a clue about what they are doing when they judge a show.

Genie, Jackson, Paul and I hope to see all of you soon and often till then DRIVE EM LIKE YOU STOLE EM.....Bubba

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**GEORGIA VP MESSAGE: Bobby Burnley**

Lots of “car” activity for April and May. April 28 attended the show at the depot in Thomson. Good turnout with many “quality” cars. May 4<sup>th</sup> the CSRA Road Angels First Friday at hooters was fun and delicious chicken wings at Hooters. Lower turn out than I expected (about 36 or 37 cars), but I saw several new faces – even some who were interested in joining our club. The Kiokee Kruisers cruise in at the old store in Appling was well attended. Plenty of food and fellowship. Don’t know yet how much we raised for the youth’s mission trip this summer but all food etc was donation only and amount looked good. Planning to go to Washington, GA this Saturday evening (May 12<sup>th</sup>) 6pm to 9pm for the annual cruise on the square. Always see a few cars there that we do not normally see at the Augusta – Aiken shows. Good steaks at the Jockey Club on the square!! Would like for the Road Angels to plan a trip to Hendrix Motor Sports in Charlotte, NC to see Mr. Hendricks car collection and Nascar facilities – Will work on that.

Need to discuss the trip to Bruce Hagers in Aiken and BBQ by Shorty – Will work on that. Also would like to plan a meeting at Charles Durands restaurant – will work on that also. Any suggestions on any club activity – trips – projects etc ? Call me or Jan  
Bobby Burnley, GA VP

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**SOUTH CAROLINA VP MESSAGE: Cindy Shea**

Hi everyone.....I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather. We had a good turnout at Harbor Inn for our meeting. It looks like everyone enjoyed meeting there. The first Friday was great. We had a lot of fun and the weather was perfect. I hope everyone has a good May and I’ll see y’all at the next meeting.

Cindy Shea

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**SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT: Genie Holley**

Jan writes such an extensive report, that the only thing I can say is “Ditto”. We had a good 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, just wish it could have been larger – maybe next month! Welcome to our new members, I hope you enjoy the club as much as the rest of our members do. I will be calling Mistletoe state Park and get a date set for the Beach house and let you know the exact day. If there is anything you would like to put in the newsletter, (buy – sell – or trade) please email me or call and we will get it in the newsletter.

Checkbook	\$5,060.55
Plus deposit	669.00 (1/2 of 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday gate, 50/50, New members & Sponsor)
Total	\$5,729.55

Until next time.....Genie

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# WE SHINE OUR HEADLIGHTS THIS MONTH ON OUR MEMBERS JOHN & CINDY SHEA.....

## CSRA ROAD ANGELS



A very unique member family, John and Cindy Shea are truly into cars. With John as the builder of fine cars and race cars and Cindy as the “lady that is most happy when her hair is on fire at 170 + MPH” they make a great pair of racers and car lovers.

The Shea’s last race car was a 230” wheelbase rear engine dragster. It had a 372 cubic inch Chevrolet small block that cranks out over 600 horses. With quarter mile times of the low 8 second range and trap speeds of 170 + MPH, it was a car to be reckoned with Cindy is in the driver’s seat. This made Cindy the fastest member of the family in Drag Racing. She also got her Top Dragster License at Orangeburg Drag Strip in this car.







The dragster was painted by Steve Biggs of Carolina collision and the graphics were done by Communigraphics.



Their race car before the Dragster was a 1962 Nova also dubbed "Carolina Thunder II" that ran 9.90's in the 1/4. This was the second Carolina Thunder race car and Cindy went to the finals 3 times in her second year in the car, winning 2 of the 3 finals. They also finished in IHRA Pro-Am Hot Rod series in the top ten 2006, 2007. This car would run 6.24 @ 111 MPH in the 1/8th mile, and 9.90 @ 140 MPH in the 1/4 mile. At this time John was still the fastest driver in the family at 150 MPH. They went to Pinks All Out in Rockingham but did not make the final 16. Cindy got interviewed twice because they really liked her and the car. As a result of the interview it has been aired about 120 times on Speed Channel in the past 4 years.



The first "Carolina Thunder" was a 1975 Nova that would run 1/8 mile times of 7.00 @ 100 MPH. Cindy went bracket racing with this car and she went to the World Bracket Finals twice in it, and finished 4th at the Super Chevy Show in Atlanta GA.



John started drag racing in the early 60's with a 62 Nova A-Gasser. This car would run in the 10's @ 150 MPH. By the end of the 60's he had transitioned to the sportsman division of NASCAR (which today is the Busch Series) where he ran tracks like Savannah, Myrtle Beach, Columbia Downtown, and Greenville-Pickens. In those days he ran with people such as Tiny Lund, Leroy Yarborough, Cale Yarborough, both Allison brothers, David Pearson, and Jack Ingram. By the late 1980's he left racing "he thought" because of the high expenses. In the 1990's he got back into racing when he and Mike Saye (3 time world champion) built this rear 4-link 1969 black Camaro. The Camaro ran C Automatic Super Stock in NHRA. This car was a 427 CU Chevy, had to weigh 3515 lbs. This car would run 9.90 @ 144 MPH.



Cindy went to Lowes Motor Speedway in Charlotte North Carolina to attend the Richard Petty driving school. She drove 18 solo laps and the last 10 laps were at 140 MPH which was the fastest she was allowed to go. This made her the fastest driver in the family in NASCAR and in Drag Racing



John is also building a '34 Ford Coupe. The chassis is now rolling complete and the body, hood, doors and trunk, engine, exhaust and drive shaft has been fitted. And the seats and Dash are installed. He never gets a chance to work on his '34 because he is always working on Cindy's cars.





Cindy's new Hot Rod is a 1967 SS 396, 350 HP Chevelle.







If you would like see John and Cindy's cars in action, check it out at:

<http://carolinathunderracing.com/>