

THE OLDIES BUT GOODIES CLASSIC CRUIZERS CLUB HISTORY

The OBGCC car club was formed on September 1, 1998. The club was formed to bring together people who have an interest in cars and trucks 20 or more years old and to help support charities that improve the lives of children. The club has helped to raise and donate thousands of dollars to various charities. The club was incorporated as a non-profit organization in January 2003 and received its federal exemption status under Section 501(7) of the IRS regulations.

Club meetings are held once a month at the Enon Fire Station on Thursdays at 7pm. Meeting dates are listed on the calendar page.

Please use the contact page to get in touch with us if you are interested in the club or have questions or contact one of our officers listed at the bottom of this page.

The club actively participates in car shows, cruise-ins and runs. The first car show the club sponsored was in October 1999 to benefit the families living in the City of Franklin, Virginia, due to the damage caused by Hurricane Floyd. This was a joint effort with several other car clubs located in the Metro/Tri-cities area. The combined effort raised over \$5200 in one day, despite heavy rains.

Christmas in September 2003 was held at the Children's Hospital and raised over \$2000 in cash and items for the kids. The "Oldies" has also helped with shows to benefit MDA and has helped raise over \$89,000 since its beginning. The club has attended events for nursing homes, church youth rallies and participates in parades for the City of Hopewell, Town of Chester and Prince George County. The "Oldies" Christmas float won first place at the Hopewell Christmas Parade 2003.

2004 was an outstanding year for us in fund raising, donations and just plain fun. We established a new Friday night cruise-in at Pietro's Italian Restaurant in Chester, Virginia. These cruise-ins have allowed us to raise thousands of dollars for the kids. We sell 50/50 tickets, and offer door prizes donated by various businesses and supporters in the area.

Our 50's night produced an array of poodle skirts, greased hair and a tremendous amount of classic, muscle and original cars. The members of our club put together theme baskets of items, such as cleaning supplies, pet baskets, toiletries, etc which were put up for silent auction. This night was a huge success and netted much in donations for our biggest charity, the Children's Hospital in Richmond.

Our largest event last year was our 2nd annual "Christmas in September" cruise at the Children's Hospital. Each participant was asked to bring items suggested by the hospital on the children's wish list. Our club cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the patients and their families, a small tree decorated with toys, etc. was set so that the kids could come in their wheelchairs and choose items. Santa, McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog visited those that could not come outside. Many clubs supported this cause and when everything was over, an unbelievable amount of \$10,000 in cash and items was given to the hospital. Not only did it surprise the area but it surprised our members as well. Other clubs have asked to become a part of this event in 2005.

Twice this year a representative of "Make A Wish Foundation" attended our Friday night cruise-in to accept toys and cash collected at our weekly functions. We have made donations to MDA, Juvenile Diabetes, St Jude Hospital, Enon Volunteer Fire Dept, and to several individual children with disabilities to help better their lives.

In 2004, our club attended 21 car shows and numerous cruise-ins and was in 3 local parades. We have regular socials with our club members, friends and potential members. Our members have proven themselves to be hard workers for the children's causes and we just enjoy being around each other. This club is one of the most active car club organizations in Virginia. Our members can be seen traveling together to other car club functions or to various shows and events in or outside the central Virginia area. "Oldies but Goodies" is recognized as an outstanding asset to the community and members wear their "colors" with pride. We have a diverse group of people, automobiles and trucks in our organization and we enjoy doing what we do and are very enthusiastic about the coming year.

In 2005 the OBGCC became dubbed "The little club with the big heart." With charitable donations totaling well in excess of \$20,000 in cash toys and gifts. This has been a remarkable year in both awards and fund raising. Members have won 4 "Club Participation Awards" and 53 individual awards for their vehicles.

Our weekly Friday night cruise-in began on April 8th this year. We had both a Country & Western night and a 50's night. Through cold, hot and rainy weather we enjoyed a total of 25 cruise-in nights and attendance by hundreds of cars and participants.

C&W night drew a crowd of boots, cowboy hats, horseshoes, calf roping, hog calling and dancing to the great sounds of "Little Rock."

Poodle skirts, saddle shoes, greasy hair and leather jackets dominated the landscape as cruisers enjoyed the night's festivities. Hoola hoops, Limbo, bubble gum and dance contests were the agenda for the night. A silent auction of theme baskets was held raising money for our Children's Hospital Fund.

The highlight of our year was our "3rd Annual Christmas in September." WOW!!!! When the festivities were over, a total of over \$18,000 in cash and gifts were presented to the Children's Hospital. Patients, families, and cruisers were treated by a visit from Santa, McGruff and Sparky the fire dog. A horsepower challenge between Vipers and Vettes saw the Vettes winning by only 244hp. Our thanks to "Little Rock" once again providing the great sounds for our entertainment. Patients once again chose their gifts from the "tree" and Santa made his special visit to the kids that were unable to come outside the hospital. Plans and challenges are already in progress for next year's event.

2006 once again was another year of growth of the club and charity donations. Members attended 34 car shows and brought home 71 individual awards and as usual member participation has netted several club awards. With the culmination of our "4th Annual Christmas in September" an astonishing \$24,000 plus was donated to the Children's Hospital. This included toys, wheelchairs, walkers and cash. Our cruise-ins, raffles etc..have allowed us to make charitable donations to Make A Wish, McGuire VA Hospital, Boy Scouts, Rescue and Fire Departments to name a few. Between cash, toys and equipment 2006 donations will surpass an amazing \$30,000. Food was also collected for a family at Christmas along with gift cards to ensure them a better Christmas. The club participated in 3 parades and sponsored out of town runs for not only our club, but for other clubs to join in the fun. 2006 has been not only a record year for us, but a phenomenal year for those we helped.

What can we say about 2007 and what our club members accomplished? In 2007 we had our raffle, silent and live auctions and a bake sale was added to our Country and Western Night to raise money for our children charities. During the beginning of the year, loads of donations were being brought to the Children's Hospital as they came in and a record of the donations was being kept. As our "Christmas in September" came near, we figured we had an estimated \$7900.00 already taken to the Children's Hospital in donations of toys, wheelchairs, canes, even a wheelchair carrier and wheelchair lift for a van.

Our "Christmas in September" saw a few more cars coming in than previous years and the Viper - Corvette challenge brought many cars to our event. At the end of the day, once the money was counted up, we had donated more than ever before! Without all the businesses and generous members who donate items and time to this cause, the growth of this club could not have happened. Our thanks to the members who also donated for our new club trailer this year ...a new trailer was very much needed and was paid for entirely by our members.

Our club members participated in 23 car shows in 2007, bringing home 4 club participation awards and 1 acknowledgment award for hosting the children games at the NSRA show in August. Our members brought home 66 personal awards from the different car shows attended including 4 national event awards. Our club participated in 3 Christmas parades bringing home an award for "Best Vehicle Group" for the Hopewell Jaycees's Christmas parade.

Our members should be proud of what they do every year and look forward to our accomplishments in 2008!

I, President Paul West, would like to thank all past and present OBGCC Club members and officers for all their help in 2008. For without their hard work and efforts this club wouldn't be where it is today. Changing with the times has been one of the club's greatest achievements, also with helping others that need help and having fun. And also have good relationships with each other. The OBGCC has put forth a great effort in supporting other clubs in the area. And in return we have been able to have their helping hands for us in our events. We have explored new ideas this year and they have turned out to be great working ideas for us. Please keep new ideas coming.

The club has had a busy year; we moved our cruise-in to the Crossing Shopping Center on Route 36 in Hopewell Va. for April to October on Friday nights. The club had 30 cruise-in's at our new location; we have traveled to 29 car shows in 2008. Our members have received 106 awards for their cars in shows for the year. We have helped out with 11 other shows sponsored by other clubs. The club has done children's events and one national show [NSRA] in Richmond Va. The club partnered with River City Diner and Whitten Advantage to put on the first Capital City Car Classic show at the Shoppes at Bellgrade. The club put on the 6th annual Christmas in September Show at the Children's Hospital. We did a fund raiser show for Michael Hall's son who was hurt in an accident. The club was represented at 6 national events and 3 local Christmas parades, the club won Best Vehicle group award in the Hopewell Jaycee's parade for 2nd year in a row. The Oldies But Goodies Classic Cruizers had a lot to be proud of in 2008. From the bottom of our hearts, thanks to everyone who helped us in achieving our goals.... and having FUN at it.

In 2009, the OBGCC continued its heritage of showing our cars, having cruises and continued to raise money for our charities. The year turned out to be a good year even with the economic slump that all of us felt. By year's end, our club had been represented at 25 local shows and we went to 2 church events for their youth groups. We participated in 3 out of state shows, 2 of which were National events. Our club also made 3 long cruises and had 2 cookouts. Our club continued in its fundraising for the Children's Miracle Network and made a large donation of food to the Food Bank of Richmond, Virginia.

Thanks to everyone for this year. Without the hard work of all of our club members and the people who support us, none of this would be possible. This club is the BEST and our achievements show it.

The "Oldies but Goodies" car club is also a proud member of the Car Club Council of Virginia.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our site and will return often.