



The Sparkplug



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50 Years of Antique Auto Hobby

The Deep South Region was proud to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our chapter. We celebrate this milestone in a big way with a banquet! Our honored guests included past presidents like Ray Harper and Steve Goren and long time members like Buddy Givens and Bobby Peterson as well as the president of AACA, Tom Cox and National VP Kelly Adams and the President of the Gulf Coast Region of Texas, Jim Johnston. Local celebrities like Senator Bill Hightower and Mayor Sandy Stimpson each talked about how important the car industry and the hobby is to our culture and special guest Carl Schneider from California spoke about his love for cars.

The banquet was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mobile. Even members of the club who could no longer attend contributed to the decor.

Dinner was catered. Zeno emceed the event and entertained us all. Don Benson provided great music for the entire event.

The celebration was a magical walk down the history of our club and a great time to celebrate among many car enthusiasts from all parts of the country.

You could even pose for a selfie in front of a road trip theme backdrop. - Charlotte

Preserving the Past - Investing in the Future



Above: Foy Bobo, Walt Fuller, Mayor Sandy Stimpson, Martha Fuller and Judy Bobo stop for a photo



Above: Zeno Chaudron introduced our much loved Mayor Sandy Stimpson



Above: Senator Bill Hightower speaks to the group about the strong influence Alabama has had on the auto industry



Above: Frank Piper and the Mayor enjoy a conversation



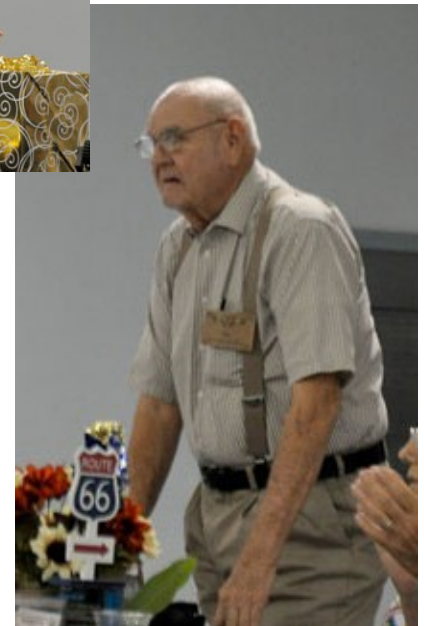
Tom Cox talks to the crowd about our hobby



Above: Jim Johnston presents a gift from the Gulf Coast Region.



Left: Charlotte Dahlenburg, Tom Cox and Zeno Chaudron enjoy some of the activities of the banquet



Right: Former president Ray Harper talks about the first car show





Left: Don and Jennie Vermillion, Foy and Judy Bobo and Walt and Martha Fuller dress in period dress for their vehicle. Above: Walt Fuller enjoying the program



Above: Sandra and Jim Johnston from Houston Texas enjoy the banquet.



Above: The boy scouts entertain themselves with their phones.

Right: Lisa Piper and Sandra Johnston smile for the camera



Left: The Fuller, Bobo's, Buddy Givens and Stellsa enjoy time together



Right: Jim Henderson





HENDERSON COLLECTION

Antique & Classic Cars

Jim and Nancy Henderson opened their private collection to members of DSR and their friends on July 22. The cars were displayed for the best viewing possible. There were so many visitors to the collection.

It was nice to see the new arrangement of cars and the event was truly a nice event with so many friends with a love for the hobby hanging out.

The Henderson's hosted an awesome event that started the day of celebration of our 50th year.

- Charlotte



Darrin Dahlenburg, Nancy Henderson and Clyde Smith enjoy the museum



DSR members mingle at the open house



Lou Lartigue, Zeno Chaudron, Tom Cox and Kelly Adams stop for a photo





Charlotte Dahlenburg, Lou Lartigue, Zeno Chaudron, Tom Cox and Kelly Adams



Steve Goren and Nancy Thoms take a moment to pose for the camera



Travis Henderson, Scott Henderson, Kay Montgomery and John Pendergrass talk with guest to the museum



The 1964 1/2 and it's Great Race awards take center stage



Sandra Johnston, Vicki and Art Bolton and Jim Johnston take a break and enjoy refreshments during the open house.



Even the kids had a great time at the museum



Jim Henderson, Brian Daly and Darrin enjoy the open house



Lou Lartigue and David Ladnier pose in front of the bookmobile



A
NOTE FROM
THE PRESIDENT

August 2017

Hope all of you are doing well. We are not to far from fall being in our mist which most of us will be looking forward to.

I wanted to comment on our 50th Car Club Anniversary Banquet (July 22) which was a very outstanding evening by all. We had a very good turn out, plenty of food and special guests made for a great time. Many thanks to all who made this event happen with the time planning and the hard work by our members. We were happy that Tom Cox, President of the AACA was with us, as well Kelly Adams AACA National VP, Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson and Alabama State Senator Bill Hightower to help us celebrate the occasion. In attendance from the AACA Central Texas Region was Jim and Sandra Johnston and, considered a friend by us flew in from California, Mr. Carl Snyder to help us celebrate. There's so many people we could mention over the years for this Car Club to exist and make it what it is today. A Special Thank You from your President

est,

Zeno



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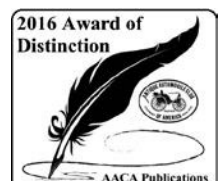
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Ford Marks a Century of Building Trucks



1918 Ford Model TT stake bed.

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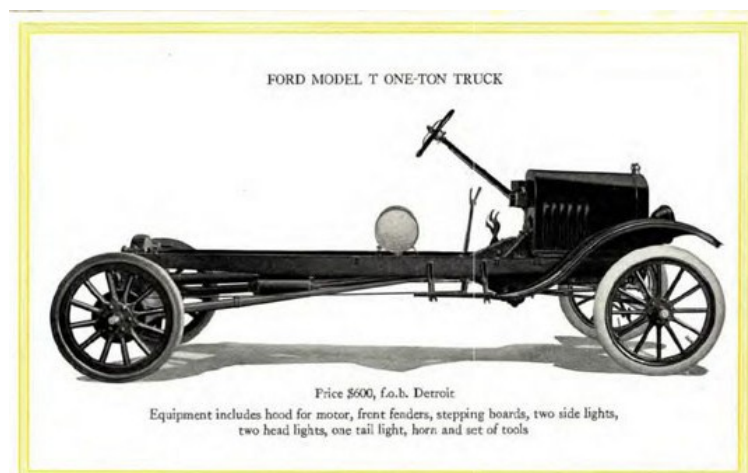
Announced on January 11, 1917, and introduced to the public six months later, Ford's one-ton truck chassis — later identified as the Model TT — was intended to fill a niche previously occupied by aftermarket suppliers. Originally available only as a rolling chassis, the Ford TT, which marked its 100th birthday on July 27, laid the groundwork for every Ford truck that would follow, including the perennially best-selling Ford F-150 pickup.

As soon as Henry Ford's Model T was launched in 1909, aftermarket suppliers began to adapt it for commercial purposes, adding stake beds and van backs to carry cargo. Sensing the opportunity, Ford supplied its customers and dealers Model Ts in rolling chassis form for conversions, some of which included strengthened frames and wheelbases longer than the T's 100 inches. For those seeking utility with less carrying capacity, Ford's Commercial Roadster, introduced in 1910, offered a small pickup bed (which could be adapted for use as a flatbed) and a removable third seat.

By 1914, third-party suppliers were building heavily modified versions of the Model T chassis capable of hauling up to three tons of cargo. The company began to receive more requests to build a heavy-duty platform of its own, but Henry Ford found himself distracted by several projects, including the

development of Fordson tractors and a December 1915 trip to Europe to negotiate an end to the first World War. His efforts in regards to the latter proved unsuccessful.

As Pat Foster writes in *Ford Tough — 100 Years of Ford Trucks*, Ford sent a letter to its dealer network in 1916, advising them that conversion of Model T chassis for heavy-duty purposes was henceforth prohibited, citing safety reasons. While this may have been a valid excuse, Ford itself was in the process of developing a one-ton truck chassis, and hoped to eliminate the



1917 brochure image for the Model TT. Image courtesy of Old Car Manual Project.



competition prior to its launch.

In January 1917, the United States' entry into the war still seemed uncertain. With an eye towards business, Ford formally announced its one-ton truck chassis on January 11, proclaiming a base price of \$500. A production schedule wasn't announced, which proved to be a good thing: On April 6, 1917, the U.S. formally declared war on Germany. The conflict which Henry Ford feared had come home, and the automaker turned its attention to increasing production for the war effort. By the end of May, Ford had been given an order for 2,000 Model T chassis to be converted for use as ambulances, and ultimately, the conflict served as a proving ground for both the Model T and the Model TT.

Though the war delayed the introduction of the Model TT, it didn't prevent it, and the chassis reached the market in July 1917. Its price had risen for the estimated \$500 to \$600, but for their money buyers received a reinforced frame stretched



Hemmings own 1934 Ford Model BB wrecker, on the beach in Wildwood, New Jersey, for the 2016 Race of Gentlemen. Photo by author.

to a 124-inch wheelbase, a heavy-duty suspension, and a worm drive axle that could be ordered with either standard final gearing (delivering a top speed of 15 mph) or optional gearing that allowed the TT to achieve the breakneck pace of 22 mph. A higher-output engine wasn't available, meaning the TT got by with the same 20-horsepower, 177-cu.in. inline four-cylinder engine found in the Model T.

Buyers were also on their own, at least initially, for cabs and bodies. In 1924, Ford debuted the C-cab, named for the shape of its rear pillar, along with a selection of commercial bodies. A fully enclosed cab was added to the mix in 1925, and the number of body offerings from Ford was increased. By the time that Ford's 1.5-ton Model AA replaced the TT in 1927, prices for the latter had fallen to \$325, and total production had reached 1.3-million units.

Ford continued to advance its truck product line over the years, adding features and capabilities demanded by commercial customers. The postwar years saw a shift in the market, and with many returning veterans moving from rural to urban areas, pickup trucks went with them. The F-Series debuted in 1948, with the number (F-1 through F-7) initially denoting its class and payload. In 1953, the F-100 replaced the F-1, initiating a naming convention that remains in use today.



1975 Ford F-150, the first to use to carry the F-150 name.

Specifications of Ford Model T One-Ton Truck

Axles—Front axle of I-beam construction, especially drop-forged from Vanadium Steel, insuring the highest quality of axle strength obtainable. Rear axle also of Vanadium Steel, and enclosed in a tubular steel housing. The differential is of the two-pinion type; all gears are drop-forgings made of Vanadium Steel.

Brakes—Dual system. Service brake operates on the transmission and is controlled by foot pedal. Expanding brake in rear wheel drums serves as emergency brake. It is controlled by hand lever on left side of car.

Carburetor—Float feed automatic with dash adjustment. Specially designed to give maximum power, flexibility and easy starting, with economy of fuel consumption.

Clutch—Multiple steel disc, operating in oil.

Control—On the left side of car. Three foot-pedal controls, low and high speeds, reverse, and brake on the transmission. Hand lever for neutral and emergency brake on left side of car. Spark and throttle levers directly under steering wheel.

Cooling—By Thermo-Syphon water system. Extra large water jackets and a special Ford vertical tube radiator to permit of a continuous flow of water and prevent excessive heating. A belt-driven fan is also used in connection with the cooling system.

Final Drive—Is of the worm type, enclosed in a dust and oil-proof housing. Direct shaft drive to the center of chassis; only one universal joint is necessary. A ball and socket arrangement in the universal joint reduces shocks and strains caused by the unevenness of the road.

Gasoline Capacity—Cylindrical tank of 10 gallons capacity mounted directly on frame. Lubrication—combination gravity and splash system. Oil is poured into crank case through the breather pipe on the front cylinder cover. All moving parts of motor work in oil and distribute it to all parts of the power plant.

Magneto—Special Ford design, built in and made a part of the motor. Only two parts to the Ford magneto, a rotary part attached to the flywheel and a stationary part attached to the cylinder casting. No brushes, no commutator, no moving wires to cause annoyance on the Ford magneto.

Motor—Four-cylinder, four-cycle. Cylinders are cast in one block with water jackets and upper half of crank case integral. Cylinder bore is three and three-quarter inches; piston stroke is four inches. The Ford motor develops full twenty horsepower. Special Ford removable cylinder head permits easy access to pistons, cylinders and valves. Lower half of crank case, one-piece pressed steel extended so as to form bottom housing for entire power plant—air-proof, oil-proof, dust-proof. All interior parts of motor may be reached by removing plate on bottom of crank case—so “tearing down” of motor to reach crank shaft, cam shaft, pistons, connecting rods, etc. Ford Vanadium Steel is used on all Ford crank and cam shafts and connecting rods.

Springs—Both front and rear springs are semi-elliptical transverse, all made of specially Ford heat-treated Vanadium Steel. Ford springs are the strongest and most flexible that can be made.

Steering—By Ford planetary reduction gear system. Steering knuckles and spindles are forged from special Ford heat-treated Vanadium Steel, and are placed behind front axle.

Three-Point Suspension—Each of the Ford units is suspended at three points of the chassis. This method of suspension insures absolute freedom from strain on the moving parts.

Transmission—Special Ford spur planetary type, combining ease of operation and smooth, silent running qualities. Clutch is so designed as to grip smoothly and positively, and when disengaged to spring clear away from the drums, thus assuring positive action and maximum power.

Unit Construction—There are four complete units in the construction of a Ford car—the power plant, the front running gear, the rear running gear and the frame.

Valves—Extra large, all on right side of motor and enclosed by two small steel plates.

Wheel Base—Model T Truck has a wheelbase of one hundred twenty-four inches. The standard tread for all cars is fifty-six inches. Model T Truck will turn in a forty-six foot circle.

Wheels and Tires—Wooden wheels of the artillery type with extra heavy hubs. Only tires of the highest grade are used on Ford cars. Front, pneumatic, 30x3 inches; rear wheels, hard rubber tires, 32x3½ inches.

Carrying Capacity—One Ton.

LUBRICANT FOR WORM—An A-1 heavy fluid or semi-fluid must be used to lubricate differential in Model T Truck.

1917 Model TT specifications. Image courtesy of Old Car Manual Project.





You are the Sales Team

by: *Wayne Tuck*
Vice President, Membership

Being newly elected to your national board of directors and not knowing what my assignment would be I was reluctant to accept the nomination for president of the New Jersey Region. After much persuasion I agreed to accept the position and was put on the ballot unopposed. The New Jersey Region is the tenth oldest region in the country, having been in existence since 1951.

Membership, much like the national, has remained constant for many years. Providing regular monthly meetings, tours, annual car show, parades and attending numerous charity events, this region offers a lot of fun and friendship to members. Upon learning my assignment would be VP - Membership I became very aware that our region was missing out on some great opportunities to recruit new members. Putting the subject on the meeting agenda brought forth many great ideas from members who were very enthusiastic about getting involved with a recruiting initiative. As a result a membership recruitment committee was formed. Recruitment literature, displays, banners and plans to attend more events where potential members would be present were put in place. The new "Red Mustang" cut-outs provided by national were included with our recruitment package. Our recruitment committee has been very encouraged by the early positive results of their efforts and are planning many more events to grow our region membership.

What does your region do to recruit new members? Does your region or chapter attend events that other old car enthusiasts participate in? Do these events afford the opportunity to set up a membership table to promote membership? Does your club have literature available for members to carry with them promoting the benefits of region membership? Do you have a committee to coordinate member recruitment? What activities does your club provide that would interest other old car enthusiasts? Do you have region members that belong to marque clubs such as Buick, Packard, Hudson, Model A, etc.? Do they promote the fact that belonging to an AACA Region enhances their hobby?

Finally, what can national provide to help you with your efforts? I'm anxious to hear from you with any ideas you can share that work for your region. Our region members are our best salespeople. Your efforts can help us grow and remain strong!

Market Place

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Ads can consist of anything related to:

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Please submit new listings for The Market Place

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Charlotte Dahlenburg 3155 Dog River Road, Theodore, Al. 36582



1929 Model A Ford for sale. All original recent service, modern points, four blade cooling fan, leak less water pump Contact: Phillip Grice 251-656-2304 \$18,000 OBO



20 foot Open Car Hauling Trailer - Original MSRP - \$8,500 Purchased in March 2010 - new. Current Condition – Excellent (used only 5 times. Empty weight – 1,400 lbs. Carrying capacity – 10,000 lbs. Current asking price - \$7,000.00 OBO Dean Forbes. 713-465-3603



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Mike : 228-424-1294 Ocean Springs, MS



I'm looking for a Studebaker! Contact Ernie Rogers at 251-345-1254.



Kenworth presents its history where it began at historic Weyerhaeuser mill



An early Kenworth log truck. (Photo: Kenworth)

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Written by Tom Quimby

It's hard to resist a good history lesson, especially when it's told from the site of what was once the world's largest lumber mill where some of Kenworth's first trucks went to work in the 1920s.

Kenworth recently took reporters to the sprawling and tree-lined location where Weyerhaeuser lumber mill once stood and produced seemingly endless board feet of lumber for the U.S. and abroad in the small town of Snoqualmie, Wash.

Before reporters hit the road and went off-roading in Kenworth's latest T-880 vocational stalwarts, Kenworth Marketing Director Kurt Swihart gave a brief talk on the history of the lumber business in the northwest region of the Evergreen State.



Here's the site today. Notice the smokestack in the background and the absence of the log pond.

"It was really in this context that Kenworth was founded in the early 1920s," Swihart explains in the roughly 3-minute long video below. "You look back to those early pictures of the 1920s Kenworths and you see these logging trucks that are driving out back in these hills. Those logging trucks is where Kenworth earned its mettle."

About 40 seconds into the video you'll see that the mill's old smokestack still stands. You'll get a sense for its size by noticing how it dwarfs the cars parked below it. We've posted an old picture of the smokestack alongside one taken this past week. You'll notice the absence of the log pond in the most recent shot.

The mill opened in 1914 and closed its doors in 2003. It is now home to DirtFish Rally School.

Visit to see a great video :<http://www.hardworkingtrucks.com/kenworth-presents-its-history-where-it-began-at-historic-weyerhaeuser-mill/>



The Snoqualmie Falls Lumber Company, circa 1917. It was later acquired by Weyerhaeuser.



The Ultimate Scavenger Hunt

The goal was Hershey but sometimes you just don't get the brass ring. The journey to restore the 55 Fairlane started many years ago and several people have had their hands in the pot.

Many factors have slowed the process, the economy, personnel change over and more. Over time the parts have disappeared, deteriorated or were destroyed. Searching through boxes and piles have lead to some interesting days.

Slowly the Fairlane is coming back to life. Building the air conditioning with it's two stage motor was a challenge. Many piece had to be fabricated because they just don't exist anymore.

Locating books for the 55 Fairlane was a challenge in it's self. Thankful for google and the many people across the nation that are in this hobby.

After installing the air conditioner assembly in the dash it was found in a picture that showed there was a missing switch.

Countless days and hours have been spent looking for parts that were once there but no longer exist. Fabricating flat body



This is the state the car was in when Darrin started



Waiting on a motor



Factory air out of the dash blowing straight up

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Parish



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The inside of the dash



Going together

panels out of curved sheet metal has become a challenge.

Identifying the correct clips, nuts and bolts in dozens of little unmarked bags of hardware is very time consuming.

Everyday stirs up a new adventure in problem solving. For every two problems that come up one gets solved. The end is in sight.

Many new fiends have been made nation wide that are experts in the 55 Ford. And I have become some what of an expert on the 55 Ford myself. - Darrin

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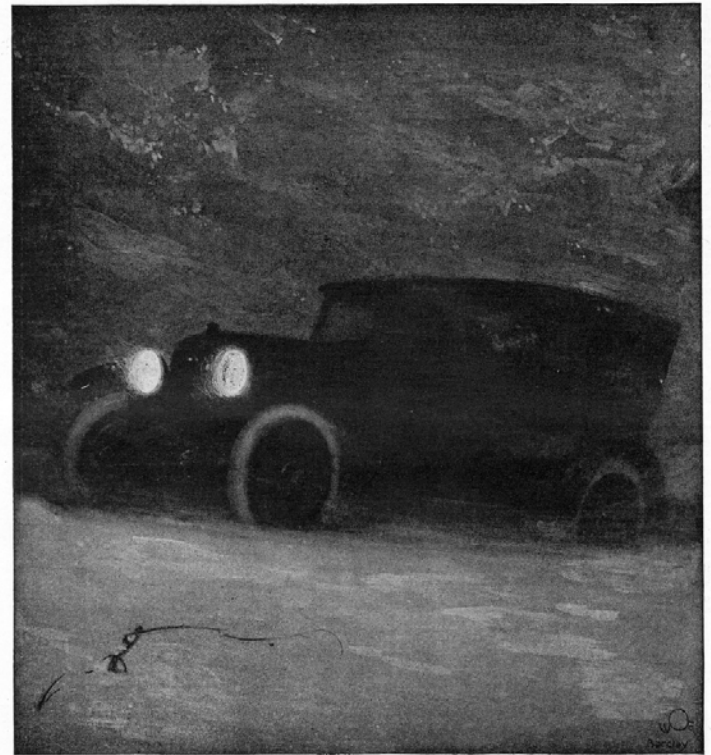
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Electric vocational vehicles need inspirational spark



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Electric vocational vehicles need inspirational spark

As Carlton Rose, president of Global Fleet Maintenance & Engineering at UPS, pointed out recently at ACT Expo, the package delivery giant utilized electric package vehicles in their New York City fleet from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Something else replaced them.

Competition. Supply and demand. Laissez-faire. The free market. The bottom line. A profit margin.

In the 1960s, UPS and any other company could more easily make the decision to yank an alternative-fueled vehicle from its fleet, based solely on profitability.

Now, greater emissions and public image concerns vis-à-vis constant news cycles and social media must be taken into account when considering the roll alt fuel vehicles will play at a company.

Improved technology combined with generous tax incentives are improving the outlook of electric vocational vehicles, but not necessarily their sales.

Forbes recently ran an article in which it points out that sales at electric pickup manufacturer Via Motors are anything but electrifying. It questions the pickup's viability in one of the automotive industry's most competitive segments.

The Via Motors Vtrux is billed as the "world's first extended-range pickup truck." It runs on electric power the first 40 miles then switches to a 4.3-liter V6 engine which will charge the batteries and get the truck up to its 400-mile range.

The truck looks impressive. It can deliver 120 and 240-volt exportable power. A full charge typically costs less than \$2, the company states, which comes out to about 5 cents per mile. Vtrux can be serviced at Chevrolet dealers and it qualifies for a \$7,500 federal tax incentive.

However, Forbes points out that the truck's electric range will take a quick nose-dive when it does what pickups are apt to do: towing and hauling.

While Via Motors lists the Vtrux' payload capacity at 1,000 pounds, it does not offer any towing specs.

But it's not just range limitations that pose concerns for electric vocational vehicles. It's also the use of lithium-ion batteries.

Environmentalists have voiced concerns for years about the amount of energy used to produce the batteries and the hazards posed by their disposal. The batteries, derived from limited resources, have also caught headlines for causing fires. Granted, most auto manufacturers have extinguished fears of battery fires through competent engineering, but in short, lithium-ion batteries are not exactly pillars of conservation and safety.

"Electric cars are major hypocritical BS already (just passes the alleged 'bad' fuel burning somewhere else), but an electric truck?!" a reader wrote in a comment following an article HWT ran in March of 2015 announcing Via Motors' electrification of a Chevrolet Silverado 4x4.

Research into safer, more abundant and environmentally friendly sodium-ion batteries continues, but to date, challenges still largely stem from slow discharge and recharge rates.

As most alternative vehicle proponents are apt to do, Via Motors points out that the volatility of the oil market makes their electric trucks and vans a more promising option. The latest media post on their website from April features a report from Bloomberg News which predicts an oil market crash.

While government tax incentives are attractive to some buyers, they offer no guarantee on the vehicle's impact on the company's bottom line.

Companies and the people they serve want vehicles that offer the most return on investment while minimizing environmental impact.

With that in mind, Forbes has endorsed fuel-cell electric vehicles. However, the hydrogen-based technology is too expensive at this point to warrant widespread production. It still is promising, though: fuel cell stacks replace heavy batteries to power electric powertrains.

Until electric vocational vehicles catch up with the notions of profitability and the bottom-line, they'll still have to continue to rely on government mandates and tax credits to get a head-start.

And even with that kind of help fueling their advancement, they're still largely getting left behind.





Refreshments

August 24 - Pot Luck September 28
 - Italian Dinner October 26 - Scott
 Henderson
 November 16 - Thanksgiving Dinner
 December 14 - TBA

Up Coming Events

Our next meeting is Thursday, August 24 at 7 pm for
 the meeting at the club house. See you there!

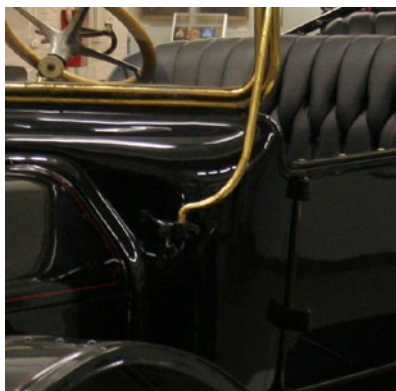
Birthdays & Anniversary

Bobby Peterson	August 1, 1947
Connie Graham	August 11
Greg Koch	August 28
Joyce Ladnier	August 30, 1948
John Pendergrass	August 31
Ernie Rogers	September 10, 1952
Bobby Sue Koch	September 12

Jim & Nancy Henderson	August 22
David & Joyce Ladnier	August 29
Steve & Christina Goren	August 31

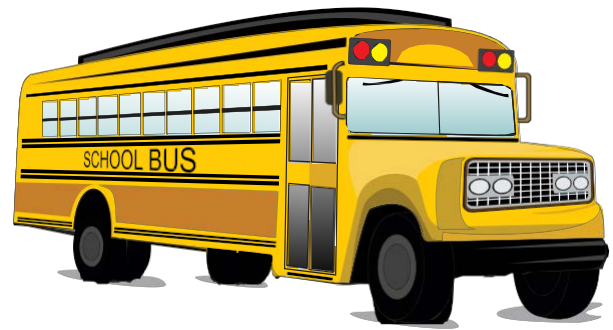
Thoughts Go Out

Also Keep good thoughts for Buddy & Patt Paquet,
 Anne Givens, Carl Bailey, Bob White, Lyncyle Crowdus,
 Ed Grimes, D.R. Jordan and the Henderson family.



**Guess what this
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*Answer for last
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 Darrin*



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What have you been up to?



We are so honored, as well as humbled, by your giving us such a meaningful memento. It's hard to believe 27 years have gone by so quickly. And they have been such rewarding years. For those newer to the club, it is not just a group of people with a common interest; it is a family that cares deeply about each other. The club family has seen us through many ups and downs during those years and since we don't really have a biological family of any size, it meant so much to know our backs were covered.

Rarely does a week go by that either the club as a whole or a member will come up in conversation. It makes us rather sad that we can't be participating members as in the past but there comes a time when we have to make decisions we don't really want to.

We hope we can be of some help when this year's Fish Fry rolls around but we will just have to wait and see.

Again, thanks to all of you for your remembering us so nicely.
Buddy & Patt Paquet



We have had several Club Members inquiring about who does the Logos on our club shirts.

Joyce Young asks that you call before you come.

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As you plan for the coming year we want to make you aware of a change voted upon at the 2017 AACA National Board Meeting in Independence, Missouri. AACA national dues have remained at \$35 since 2008. Your Board of Directors have resisted dues increases while most clubs have had increases. It has been the goal of AACA to find alternative revenue sources to keep dues low and that has been successful for the club over time. However, overhead continues to mount and ambitious plans for the future necessitates a minimal increase for 2018 to \$40 (Foreign - \$50.) It is the goal of AACA to continue to deliver the greatest service, the most benefits and the highest quality magazine to its members while being very cognizant to keep dues increases to a minimum.

A colorful poster for the 40th Anniversary Celebration and Antique Car Show. The text reads: "Family Fun Antique Car Rides", "Face Painting Door Prizes", "40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ANTIQUE CAR SHOW", "Saturday, September 16, 2017", "9:00 AM 'til 1:00 pm", "JUDGING BEGINS AT 11:00 AM", "VEHICLES 1992 & OLDER - ORIGINALS - MODIFIEDS - STREETRODS", "\$10 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE - \$15 ENTRY FEE PER VEHICLE DAY OF SHOW - SPECTATORS FREE", "GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO PRE-REGISTER OR CALL 423-336-6855 FOR MORE INFORMATION.", "BRADLEY SQUARE MALL - East Side", "PAUL HUFF PARKWAY - CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE". The poster also features a photo of a group of people, a photo of a red vintage car, and a photo of a green vintage car. The Cherokee Valley Region AACA logo is also present, along with a Facebook link and the website "www.CherokeeValleyRegionAACA.weebly.com".



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REWIND

WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO
from the August 1992 Sparkplug

Hot weather is about to come to an end - (which of course, brings on our hurricane season!), and a lot of activities for the car clubs! Pensacola's AACA Show at Seville Square was held last Saturday in the rain. Even though it rained, they had 68 cars!! 15 DSR members attended but with only 2 cars. But get prepared for lots more activity! Coming Thursday is our regular meeting - -

don't miss it! Then Sunday, August 30th at 4:00 pm is our ice cream party at the club house. Please bring a freezer of homemade ice cream or cake or cookies to go with it. We will have a great time! Then Fri., Sat., and Sun., Sept. 4, 5, & 6 is Eric and Paula's outing to Excel! On Sunday, Sept. 6 is Gavin & Gladys 50th anniversary celebration in Agricola, MS. Then the big Labor Day Car Show

on Monday, Sept 7, at the Fairground. Be sure to make this one.! Also mark your calendar on Dec. 12 for our Christmas Party at Korbet's. Things are a -poppin'! Lots more in October, but we will announce them in the September newsletter.

So let's talk about all this at the meeting Thursday night, Aug. 27 at 7:30 PM!!!! See You There!!!!!!!

Letter from the Editor

We have had a fun year so far. We held our 50th Anniversary Car show and it was an inspiring success. Our 50th Anniversary Banquet was an event that we will talk about for years.

Our club is pulling together to promote our hobby and hang out together. It is time for the club to start growing. Invite and Invest in our club. I challenge you to bring a friend to the next meeting.

August is almost over and fall is on the horizon. Car shows kick into gear again. In September we can attend many car show that include First Baptist Church in Foley, Holey Name of Jesus Catholic Parish Open Car Show, The Emerald Coast Car Show in Florida, Souped up Saturday in Gulf Port, the Cruiser's on a Mission open car show in Denham Springs, LA. October brings us Crusin' the Coast in Gulfport and Dauphin Way Baptist Church Car show right here in Mobile

It is a great time for a tour in your car. We are planning to visit Buddy Givens again this fall. We also have a few ideas up our sleeves!

David Ladnier has done an awesome job this year planning so many events for us to participate in. We need to thank him for all his efforts.

With all these events we can reach out to other car enthusiast and bring them in to our club for more fun events. so let's go and let's grow.

- Charlotte

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Minutes from the July Meeting

The Deep South Region monthly meeting was held on July 27, 2017. This month was the annual Soup and Sandwich Dinner which took place prior to the business meeting. Prayer was led by Walt Fuller before dinner.

At 7 PM, Tracy Metclaf called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Zeno Chaudron and Vice President Jim Graham were absent. Connie Graham was appointed to take minutes for the meeting. Tracy Metclaf asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the last 2 months published in the Sparkplug newsletter. Bobby Peterson made the motion. Second by Brian Daly. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Dagenais gave the Treasurer's report. Charlotte Dahlenberg moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by David Ladhier. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Under old business, Charlotte Dahlenberg discussed the 50th Anniversary Banquet which included recognition of volunteers and read a letter of appreciation from Patt and Buddy Paquet.

Under new business, Tracy asked the club to consider reimbursing AACC President Tom Cox for his airfare expenses to Mobile. Jim Henderson made the motion to approve. Second by Walt Fuller. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Tracy Metclaf discussed the Executive Board's decision to award Buddy Givens a lifetime membership to AACC in recognition of his years of membership with the Deep South Region. Herb Thoms made the motion to approve. A second was made by Walt Fuller. The members approved unanimously.

DSR by Law revisions were discussed. The revisions must be in accordance with AACC new by law changes. Tracy Metclaf

moved to approve the appointment of Walt Fuller as By Law Review Committee Chairman. Jim Henderson seconded the motion. The members approved by unanimous vote. The revisions and changes will be presented to the members at a later meeting. The members will vote on these changes before the end of the calendar year.

The March 3, 2018 Car Show was discussed. Charlotte Dahlenberg reported that pre-registration and payment will be done online. It was also reported that agreements with the city had not been completed. The discussion also included early advertising and corporate sponsorships. Tracy Metclaf asked that further discussion on these topics be held by the Car Show Committee. Jim Henderson and Tracy Metclaf volunteered to be part of the committee. An update will be given at the August meeting.

Darrin Dahlenberg discussed the need for additional yard maintenance to manage shrubs and undergrowth. Tracy Metclaf will speak to the landscaper about the additional work and get a quote.

New member recruitment was discussed. Charlotte Dahlenberg was appointed Chairman of New Member Recruitment by Tracy Metclaf. A committee will be formed. Ideas will be presented for increasing membership at the August meeting.

The 50/50 drawing was conducted by Paul Dagenais. Connie Graham won the 50/50. A motion was made by Herb Thoms to adjourn. Second by Bobby Peterson. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Graham

Do You Know About the Mileage Award Program?

Reprinted from the AACA July Online Spedster Newsletter.

If you enjoy driving your antique vehicle, start your engine and get recognized for driving your AACA-approved vehicles throughout the calendar year with the Mileage Award Program (MAP). Participation is voluntary and tracking mileage is your responsibility. Any time a vehicle is driven - anywhere for any reason - the mileage counts towards the award level. Once you sign up, you will receive a badge and awards at 2,000, 5,000 and each 5,000 mile increment thereafter. The cost to become a MAP member is a one-time fee of \$25.

Go to http://www.aaca.org/images/pdf/AACA_Mileage_Award_Program_Application.pdf for a Mileage Award Program application.





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Why join the Deep South Region (DSR) of AACA

Belonging to AACA includes: voting privileges, exhibiting your cars in national meets, enjoying tours hosted by Region Chapters all across the United States, and competition for national annual awards and prizes, and the bi-monthly Antique Automobile Magazine. As a DSR member, other perks include the opportunity to learn more about your antique or classic car(s) from other members; hear interesting guest speakers at special programs; find parts and dealers; socialize with other owners; complimentary subscription to our DSR newsletter The Sparkplug, and the opportunity to feature your vehicle(s) on our Club's website.

Howto join DSR:

- 1) Come as a guest to one of our meetings - open invitation - no further invitation necessary. We meet on the fourth Thursday every month at 7:00 pm. Generally, our meetings are held at the DSR Clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive, Mobile, Alabama. Check our website for location changes.
- 2) You may join DSR by first joining the National AACA organization. You can access membership online: aaca.org and click Join/Renew Today. The annual dues are only \$35 per year. You have not checkout the AACA website, now would be a good time to learn about the national organization.
- 3) After you have joined AACA, complete the following information and bring it to one of our meetings, or you may mail it with a \$20.00 check for DSR annual dues to our Club Treasurer: Paul Dagenais, 58 South Julia Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604.

Deep South Region AACA - Mobile, Al

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Note: You must be a member of AACA to join Deep South Region. Our annual dues are \$20.00 for couples or singles for a complete calendar year.

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Life Membership - \$600.00 (includes spouse if applicable). Life members enjoy the same privileges as the annual membership.

Student Membership - \$12 Open to STUDENTS ages 13-25. Verification of student enrollment is requested. Enjoys same privileges as the annual membership.

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National Car Shows

October 2017

4-7 - Eastern Fall Meet • hosted by Hershey Region

February 2018

8-10 - AACA Annual Meeting • Philadelphia

March 2018

2-3 - AACA Special Winter Meet/ Special Annual Grand National • San Juan, Puerto Rico

April 2018

5-7 - Southeastern Spring Meet • hosted by Hornest Nest Region • Charlotte NC

20-12 - AACA Western Spring Meet • hosted by Tucson Region • Tucson Arizona

May 2018

11-12 - Central Spring Meet • Auburn, Indiana

31- June 2 - Annual Grand National Meet • hosted by Western PA Region • Greensburg, Pennsylvania

September 2018

12-15 - AACA Central Division Tour • hosted by Amarillo Region • Texas Panhandle

October

10-13 - Eastern Fall Meet • hosted by Hershey Region • Hershey, Pennsylvania

21-26 - Founders Tour • hosted by S. Illinois Region, Ohio Valley Chapter • Metropolis, Illinois



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Every Thursday	Sonic in Bay Minette	Bay Minette, AL (Feb-Nov)	
1st Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy. 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
1st Saturday	KFC Tilman's Corner	Tillman's Square, Hwy. 90	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
2nd Friday	Hooters	Daphne, AL (Feb-Nov)	
2nd Friday	Downtown Cruise	Ocean Springs, MS	
2nd Saturday	Dillard's	Eastern Shore Mall, Malbis (Jan - Nov)	Eastern Shore Cruisers
3rd Thursday	Sonic	Foley, Hwy. 59 (Mar-Nov)	
3rd Saturday	Beef O' Bradys	Spanish Fort, Hwy. 90	
3rd Saturday	Bay City Grill	5675 Hwy. 43 Satsuma 4-8 pm	
4th Saturday	Ingalls Engineering Complex	Passacaglia, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
4th Saturday	10126 Grand Bay Wilmer Rd	10 am - 1 pm	Grand Bay Country Cruiser
4th Saturday	Stoney's BBQ 5-8 pm	Hwy. 43, Saraland	Northside Cruisers
Last Saturday	Sonic - Hwy 59 South	Robertsdale, AL (Mar-Oct)	251-747-2022



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Local Car Shows

- Sep 2
First Baptist Church of Foley 8am - 4 pm
- Sep 8-9
Shades of the Past Pigeon Forge, TN www.shadesofthepast.com/
- Sep 9
Knights of Columbus Car & Truck Show \$25 8 am - 1 pm.
Annunciation church, 5370 Kiln-Delisle Rd., Kiln, MS
- Sep 9
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Parish Open Car Show 2275
Snow Rd N, Semmes AL 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Sep 9
Niceville FL Emerald Coast Car show 8 am - 4 pm
- Sep 30
Souped Up Saturday 3 pm - 8 pm free. Bible Baptist
Church, 12200 Dedeaux Rd, Gulfport MS
- Sep 16
Cruiser's on a Mission open car show 8 am - 2 pm. Southside
Baptist Church 7572 Vincent Rd. Denham Springs, LA
- Oct 1-8
Cruisin' the Coast Gulfport, MS www.cruisinthe coast.com
- Oct 14
British Car Festival 2017, Fairhope Alabama
- Oct 14
Navarro Beach Car Show
- Oct 21
The 8th Annual "Shirley Looney Memorial" Car Show
Dauphin Way Baptist Church. Registration opens at 8:00
am. Entry fee is \$20 if received by October 12, and \$25

- day of show. For more info call Dauphin Way Baptist Church
at 251-342-3456, and ask for Robin.
- Oct 21
Foley Benefit for Teen Challenge Car Show
- Nov 3-5
Slamber Party 2017 Little Black Creek, Little Black Creek
Rd, Lumberton, MS
- Nov 8-11
Emerald Coast Cruizin' Fall Event, Panama City, FL www.emeraldcoastcruizin.com/
- Nov 11
Pensacola Arts and Crafts Show 9 am - 3 pm
- Nov 23-26
Turkey Run Daytona, FL www.turkeyrun.com

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