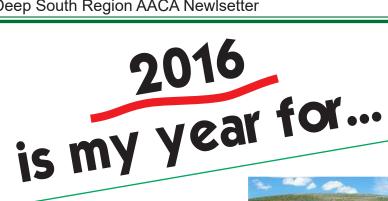






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resolution for my ride

res-o-lu-tion

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noun

noun: resolution; plural noun: resolutions 1. a firm decision to do or not to do something. synonyms: intention, resolve, decision, intent, aim, plan

It is January and it is time for the famous resolutions that we all make and we all break. This year let's do something different. Let's keep the intention and decision to restore our rides to their previous glory.

Let's make those commitments to something we all love so much. Here are a few suggestions for resolutions for your ride:

- 1. Get your vehicle's body into shape. Start the year strong with a simple maintenance regime. Check your fluids and oil levels, check for leaks once a month and do regular tune-ups.
- 2. Remember your tires. They play a big part in both your vehicle's fuel efficiency and handling. Check your tire pressure and consult your owner's manual if you still have it.
- 3. Take a road trip. Many people make it their resolution to visit a place they've never been before, so why not take your car with you? Road trips are fun, cost effective and if you can't get that time off work, just go for a weekend!
- 4. Get a makeover. Pamper your car this year with a full detailing and restore its former glory. Don't forget to buy some "new car smell" air fresheners.



January 2016

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to this year and what it might have enstored for us. We have a new field of Club Officers that we met, most of them at the Saturday morning breakfast on the 16th of January. It was good to see everyone that was there since we had our last meeting in 2015. Our regular scheduled January meeting will be on Thursday, January 28 at 7 pm. You have a special invitation to kick off our new year.

The club was contacted by Charlie Frochlich about there club possibly (2) clubs coming to Mobile to visit the Henderson Museum. Charlie was a member of our Club for years until they moved west several years ago. It will be great to see them. The date will be February 13. We will have more information at our meeting pertaining to this. Please mark it on your Calendars.

Walt Fuller and Charlotte Dahlenburg are our cochairs for this years Annual Mothers Day Car Show. They will be expecting your input at the meeting to start laying the ground work for the event that comes up in May. Looking forward to seeing you.

Best,

Zeno

Letter From the Editor

This is my first issue of The Sparkplug. Thank you for voting me in as the editor for 2016. I think this is a good time to give a little bit of background about Darrin and I.

Darrin and I moved to the area just over a year ago. The first thing we did when we arrived is to find the local chapter of the AACA. We have been members of AACA since 2009.

Darrin grew up around cars. His father owned an auto body shop. I spent lots of time in the back seat of a porche with 5 of my brothers and sisters as a kid while my parents drove in road rallies. Yes I said back seat of a porche.

Darrin's family were race car drivers on dirt tracks. We have made many road trips that involved stopping at many race tracks all over the US. We even spent our honeymoon at the Pocono Raceway in Pennsylvania.

I have many hobbies that include photography, quilting, cake decorating, and running. This year I ran my first half marathon.

I look forward to serving you as editor

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Check out the Deep South Region Website at:

Deepsouth.aaca.com

Also, members should visit our Facebook page.









Refreshments

January 28: Lycyle Crowdus and the Paquets **February 25:** Chilli and Soup Dinner at 6 pm

March 24: April 28: May 26: June 23:

July 28: Soup and Sandwiches at 6 pm

August 25:

September 29: Italian Dinner at 6 pm

October 27: November 17:

December ?: Christmas Dinner

Up Coming Events

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse which is located at 951 Forest Hill Drive in Mobile, Alabama. Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by the Paquets and Lycyle Crowdus. Maybe Lycyle will bring brownies. There will be ham salad and chicken salad for sammies and other snacks.

Westminster Village Parade - January 30 at 1 p.m.

Chili and Soup Dinner - February 25 at 6 pm at the club house.

Mother's Day Car Show - May 7, 2016- Forming a committee to plan the event. Do you have ideas or suggestions to improve our event contact Walt Fuller or Charlotte Dahlenburg.

Annual Membership Dues are Due



Membership Dues

The annual dues for the car club are due. The dues are \$35.00 for the regional and \$20.00 for our local: Total of \$55.00 per year.

We can handle both the national and local dues. For those who wish to mail their dues, they can make the check out to DSR and mail it to:

Paul Dagenais, Treasurer. 58 S. Julia Street Mobile, AL 36604





2016 Westminster Mardi Gras Parade

Parade to be fun for all

Join us for the Annual Westminster Mardi Gras Parade January 30 at 1 p.m. Meet at 12:30 This is a popular event for these folks. Those that are unable to get out of their rooms will be viewing the parade from their windows. We can make a difference in their lives.

There was a good turn out from the Club last year. Two Cars had ties with Westminster, a 1970 Malibu Convertible & Ross's Mustang Convertible. The previous owners of these vehicles both lived at the facility. We all had a great time as did the folks who were waiting for the throws.



The Project Car

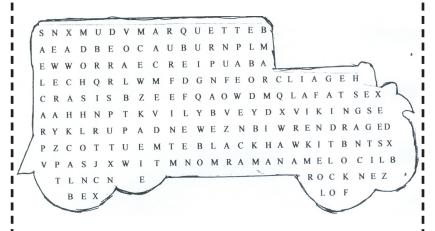
Excerpts from www.restore-an-old-car.com

Finding a suitable project car is probably the most fun you'll have with your restoration until it's completed. It's also the most important decision you'll make. Having a good idea of what you want will help target your research efforts better. This project car column will provide you with some tips to help you make the best decision.

Research Your Choices

How desirable is the car? Almost every car made has websites devoted to them, with the more popular ones having dozens, perhaps hundreds of sites. While time consuming and confusing, doing some homework on the web helps you gain important information about the particular year and model car that you're interested in.

Are aftermarket parts readily available? Be careful here - companies will advertise replacement parts, but they don't really have them; they'll wait for a big enough demand before actually making them. This has tripped me up several times, and held me up for months because I could not get the part necessary to continue onto the next step. After doing some research, you may decide not to buy a particular car for this reason.



1930 Word Search

Find all the car brands that actually started and/or ceased production in the 1930s using the words contained within the automobile shape. The words can be found horizontally, vertically or diagonally. They may read forward or backward. GOOD LUCK!

| ACME | ELCAR | NEW ERA |
|-----------|------------|--------------|
| AUBURN | ESSEX | PIERCE ARROW |
| BLACKHAWK | GARDENR | ROCKNE |
| CLINTON | LA FAYETTE | STUTZ |
| COLEMAN | MARMON | VIKING |
| DERR | MARQUETTE | WHIPET |
| | | |





Barn Find! 1969 Dodge Daytona Charger Discovered In Alabama!

Written by Johnny Hunkins on November 17, 2015 Published by hotrood.com

Charlie Lyons and his two sons Kody and Marcus consider themselves lucky. All three are fortunate to share a love of vintage Mopars and operate a restoration shop together, that being Charlie's Classis Cars. Their little shop in Irvington, AL specializes in bringing old Chryco machinery back to life, but they also work on other makes, depending on the customer's needs. It was actually a '70 Chevelle that got our fantastic story started. When Charlie got a call from a gentleman with a '70 LS6 for sale, he drove down to take a look at it. As the visit wound down, the Chevelle seller happened to drop a bomb on Charlie, who had always wanted a real 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona. As Charlie told us: "In the process, he started talking about a couple of wing cars, one being a Superbird and one being a Daytona. During the story, he told me the Superbird was an original

Charlie Lyons always wanted a real 1969 Dodge Daytona, and when he finally found one he was ready to bite!

440 six-pack four-speed car that hit a hog, and they had put a regular Road Runner front end on it."

The '70 Superbird was cool, but Charlie knew the Dayton, with only 503 ever built, was the real news. The story was just getting started. Says Charlie, "The Daytona he told me about was a two-owner car, so after I looked at the Chevelle I took a drive over to see the Daytona. After knocking on the door of the man's house, he agreed to show it to me. It was an unmolested car



The 1969 Dodge Daytona Charger as is looked when it was pulled from the barn.

sitting in a shed with two owners and 20,000 miles on it. Of course, it was a barn find, it's weathered, with surface rust. At one point in its life, he let his pet sleep in the driver's seat, so it's a little tore up, but it's all complete, all number's matching, even down to the hose clamps on the radiator hoses."

The visit went well, but Charlie could tell the owner was still pretty attached to the car, and he didn't want to push his luck. "He wouldn't sell it, and he told me the car has never been for sale," says Charlie. "We were there an hour or two, and at some point in the conversation he admitted that he'd probably never get around to restoring it. At that time I told him if he was ever interested in selling it at all, I'd be interested in buying it, and left it at that."

Charlie and his sons thanked the Daytona owner and bid farewell, but not until Charlie made note

of the man's contact information. This would be a lead he'd have to follow up on. If nothing else, he had made a new friend who owned a Daytona—the next best thing to actually owning one. Charlie told us: "As time went by, I continually texted him, keeping my name in the hat, letting him know I was interested in buying it. It was a process of a few months, and I would text him every week or so. Then out of the blue, he texted me one day. He told me if he was going to advertise it for sale he would ask a certain amount of money,









and if I wanted it, I could have it for that price. I immediately told him I'd take it. Last Saturday, we went up there and spent the day airing up the tires, freeing up the brakes, and pulling it out of the barn."

What you see here are pictures of that visit to Glenwood, AL, a small outlying town near Montgomery. We're keeping the transaction price and the seller's name confidential, but we'll tell you some of the background information on this particular Daytona, which is pretty interesting. We know that relatively few Daytonas were built with bucket seats, automatic transmission, and a console, and this is one of them.

It's also a four-barrel 440 car with original Charger Red paint. The original owner was the town judge, and bought it for his wife to drive. In 1974, that owner went back to the dealership he bought it at, and had them sell it for him. (We've included a picture in the gallery of the storefront that used to be this Dodge dealership.) The second owner—then just 18—bought it for \$1,800. His family was in the timber business, but he was destined for medical school to become an anesthesiologist. The memorable thing here was that he wanted this wild-looking Daytona to drive down to Spring Break in Panama City, so he had a local painter lay on those outrageous flames that are still on the nose cone to this day.

Charlie bought it from this gentleman who has had it ever since 1974, and who says has kept it running until about four years ago. "Based on the conversation that we had," says Charlie, "that consisted of starting it up and moving it around the yard." What eventually took the car out of service was a

small accident where a car backed into the nose, crunching it in slightly.

Right now, Charlie is just amazed that he even owns the car, which he jokes that he bought for a shoebox full of folding money. "Pinch me, I can't believe it," Charlie told us. "This is the first and only Daytona I've ever seen out in public and not in a museum. It's the first time I've been able to purchase one." He hasn't decided whether he's going to restore it back to new, or simple get it running and driving in its current condition (we dig the moss growing on the rear wing!), but he is over the moon about his latest find. We'll be following this closely in the coming days and weeks, so stay tuned!





Charlie Lyons is a the owner of a local restoration shop here in the Mobile area. Charlie is currently at Mecum Auction in Florida to sell this car. This car is worth \$150,000 to \$180,000 just like it is.









What is our local club all about?

We participate in a variety of activities during the year.

- National and Regional AACA meets and tours.
- Antique and classic car shows
- We host a show of our own in the spring of each year.
- Participation in various parades in and around Mobile and Baldwin County such as: Mardi Gras parades, Veterans' Day parade, Mobile's Christmas parade and more.
- Displaying our vehicles for the residents of local health care facilities
- Outings
- Tours to members garages to see their facilities and learn from what they have.
- Annual club Thanksgiving lunch.
- Annual Christmas party
- · Monthly meetings.

Why join the Deep South Region of AACA?

- To enjoy the benefits of belonging to the AACA. National AACA
 Membership, dues \$35.00 per year. This membership is for both husband and wife if
 applicable. Both enjoy voting privileges, are eligible to join an AACA local organization
 and are eligible to exhibit cars in national meets, to participate in tours
 hosted by Region/Chapters all across the U.S., and compete for national
 prizes and annual awards. Membership includes a copy of the bi-monthly
- Antique Automobile magazine.

 To participate in activities related to antique and classic vehicles.
- To learn more about your antique of classic car from other members guest speakers, and programs.
- To help find parts and dealers who supply parts for the hobbyist maintain his/her vehicle.
- · To socialize with other owners.
- Our monthly award winning newsletter.
- The opportunity to have your vehicle/s featured on our web site.

How do I Join?

- 1. Come as a guest to one of our meetings (no further invitation is necessary). Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. The meetings are held at the Deep South Regions' clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive Mobile, Alabama.
- 3. You may join any time by joining the National AACA organization. Go to aaca.org and click on Join/Renew Today for only \$35/year. If you have not previously checked out the AACA web site, now would be a good time to learn about the national organization.
- 4. Once you have joined AACA, complete the following and bring it to one of our meetings or mail with \$20.00 for local dues to Paul Dagenais, Treasurer, 58 S. Julia Street, Mobile, AL 36604.









Deep South Region AACA Mobile, Al

National AACA Membership Number_____(You must be a member of AACA to join Deep South Region)

Dues for Deep South Region are \$20.00 for singles or couples for the calendar year.

| Name: | | |
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| Spouse: | | |
| Street: | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: |
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| Email: | | |
| Total Enclosed: | | |
| Applicant's Signature: | | |
| Date | | |

Note that General and junior Memberships in the AACA are open to all individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique automobile hobby. Ownership of an automobile is not a prerequisite of membership.

Annual Membership - \$35 (includes spouse if applicable) Members receive bi-monthy issue of ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE magazine. Members are eligible to join an AACA region and/or chapter. Members can exhibit vehicles & compete for national prizes and annual awards. Members receive unlimited free admission to the AACA Museum. Members receive limited free research by the AACA Library & Research Center staff.

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.

Junior Membership - \$10 Any child up to 12 years old may join, whether or not parents are members of AACA. Junior members will receive one Membership Card, one Membership Badge, and a Newsletter four times a year, February, May, August, and November. Special activities are encouraged for Juniors at National (and local) Meets. An educational program is planned to acquaint Juniors of AACA history, its structure and mission, and a general overview of vehicles and their workings, plus a basic understanding of the judging system, all at a level they should find interesting and entertaining.







Bama Coast Cruise Presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts

April 28-30, 2016

Location: Orange Beach, Alabama

Bama Coast Cruise is open to ALL makes, models and years. So bring your dream ride and cruise with us. This year's event will feature VIP PARKING on Main Street, judging for the Top 25, Special Awards, Cash Drawings, Door Prizes and our 2016 Grand Prize Giveaway Car! For more information and to download your registration form, visit: BamaCoastCruise.com

DSR AACA 2016 33 Mother's Day Car Show May 7

FREE ADMISSION! Doors open at 8 am (early set-up on Friday, May 6). For more information contact: Walt Fuller 251-602-1931 or Charlotte Dahlenburg 256-783-2261

Cruising the Coast 2016

October 2-9

Join us on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the 20th Annual Cruisin' The Coast featuring all your favorite activities like cruise-ins, headline bands & oldies entertainment, a swap meet, the CTC/Vicari Auto Auction and much more! For more information visit http://cruisinthecoast.com

February 2016

11-13 - AACA 80th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

March 2016

- 5 Wilmington, NC 44th Annual Cape Fear Chapter AACA Show - Contact: Ashby Armistead, President -910-612-0470; trashbya@aim.com
- 12 West Friendship, MD AACA Chesapeake Region's 43rd Annual Antique & Classic Car Swap Meet. Contact: Tom Young - 443-744-6338, tbirdtoms60@ verizon.net, www.chesapeakeaaca.org
- **16-19 -** Winter Meet Naples, FL hosted by Naples-Marco Island Region
- 19 Jefferson, OH Western Reserve Chapter of OH Region's Swap Meet. Ashtabula County Fairgrounds, North Elm St., Jefferson, OH - contact: David Payne, 3518 Austinburg Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004 - 440-997-7751; Walt Elliott - 440-254-4991

April 2016

- **7-10 -** Southeastern Spring Meet Charlotte, NC hosted by Hornets Nest Region
- 25 26 AACA SMR 46th Annual Antique Auto Swap Meet. FREE ADMISSION! Doors open at 8 am (set-up 10 am on Thursday 3/24/16). Carroll County AG Center, 706 Agriculture Center Drive, Westminster, MD 21157. For more information contact: Robert Clubb 301-829-2000, Email: smraaca@aol.com, Fax 301-831-5144.
- 30 May 1 Lindsay, Ontario, Canada 45th Annual AACA Ontario Region Flea Market, Lindsay Fairgrounds, Hwy. 7 & 35, Lindsay, Ontario Largest and longest running flea market east of Toronto. Camping on site as well as hotels near by Hours 7 a.m. 5 p.m. Contact: Leon Butterworth, 705-760-6564, Ibutterworth@cogeco.ca, www.aacaontario.ca, www.facebook.com/aacaontario

May 2016

5-7 - AACA Special Meet • Auburn, IN • hosted by AACA National







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| 1st Monday | Lighthouse Restaurant | Bayou LeBatre | Mobile Bay Mustang Club |
| 1st Saturday | Edgewater Mall | Hwy 90, Biloxi MS | Jimbo 228-596-0664 |
| 1st Saturday | Po-Boy Cruisin' | Tillman's Square, Hwy 90 | Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643 |
| 1st Saturday | 5 Guys | Airport At University | Brenda Drinkard 675-9226 |
| 1st Thursday | What-A-Burger | Airport & Snow Road | Bubba Blanton 251-610-4032 |
| 2nd Saturday | Dillard's | Eastern Shore Mall | Eastern Shore Cruisers |
| 3rd Saturday | Steak 'n Shake | Schillinger Road | Donnie Tanner 649-5397 |
| 3rd Thursday | RPG Paint | I-65 Service Rd & Moffat Rd | Mobile Bay Mustang Club |
| 4th Saturday | Burger King | Highway 43 in Saraland | North Side Cruisers |
| 4th Saturday | Northrop Complex | Pascagoula, MS | Magnolia Classic Cruisers |
| 4th Saturday | Hooter's Restaurant | Airport Blvd. | Don Benson 251-680-9533 |
| 4th Saturday | TA Truck 'Stop, | Grand Bay I-10 exit | Grand Bay Country Cruzer |
| Last Saturday | Sonic - Hwy 59 South | Robertsdale, AL | 251-747-2022 |



WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO

from the January 1991 Sparkplug

Irvington Christmas Parade

The annual Irvington Christmas Parade was held Dec. 22 and was a great success. T group left O. D.'s BBQ (following a tasty lunch) at 1:15 traveling down Hiway 90 where we were put in line for the parade. It was a good turnout with 2 Heplers, 1 Francis, 2 Bells, 2 Crowdus, 5 Nettles, 1 Mosley, 1 Pope, 2 Harpers, 2 Ellis, 1 Jarvis, 1 Dillehay, 9 Hendersons, 2 Paquets,

4 McLaneys for a total of 33 people in 14 cars. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Catahoula Outing

Feb. 22-23-24 is the weekend for this annual get-together at Jerry and Linda Page's home on Hiway 43 near Catahoula. MS. The Model A Club of New Orleans is donating the pig and the Biloxi, MS AACA club has contributed \$50 toward expenses. Attendance last year was right around 300. Everyone from all the neighboring car clubs is invited to attend.

There is plenty of parking for motorhomes, tag-a-long travel trailers, tents, etc. Also there are plenty of motels nearby for those who don't want to camp.

Please bring some type of covered dish for the Saturday night supper. See you there!

DIRECTIONS: Take the Hway 603 exit off I-10. Stay on it until you come to Hway 43 on The left going toward Picayune, MS. Jerry and Linda's home is on the right not too far after you get on Hway 43.





How to restore Classic Car Brakes

Excerpts from www.restore-an-old-car.com

Classic Car Brakes

All hydraulic brake systems are prone to failure, simply from age and mileage. Even if they feel right, brake parts should be inspected periodically. Check for leaking fluid from calipers and wheel cylinders, low brake pedal, old brake fluid with high moisture content, swollen brake hoses, and rusted brake lines. Take no shortcuts when rebuilding your old car's brakes. Having correct working brakes is the most important part of any old car restoration.



Steels Lines and Rubber Lines

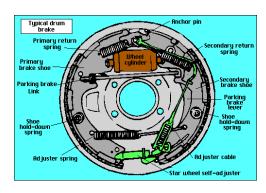
The flexible rubber brake lines under your old car dry out and crack, causing a leak or a soft brake pedal. Bend each line and check to see if you see any cracking in the

rubber that opens up. If in doubt, replace them. Check all of the metal brake lines under the car and make sure there isn't any major corrosion or rust on the lines.



Similar to engine oil being changed, brake fluid needs to be changed periodically, or it could contaminate other brake parts. A quick look in the owner's manual shows manufacturers' recommended maintenance of replacing brake fluid at is at least every three years

Drum brakes may not be high-tech, but that's what stopped most cars from the thirties to the sixties. If you have never changed brake shoes before, a good idea is to do one side at a time. This way if you get lost, you can use the other size for reference.

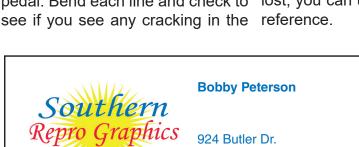


Read how to overhaul the drum shoes and drum at http://www.restore-an-old-car.com/drum-brake-shoes-overhaul.html

Brake Bleeding Procedures

After you have replaced the classic car brake components, bleed the system to remove air bubbles from the line. Check the brakes by taking the car for a test drive.









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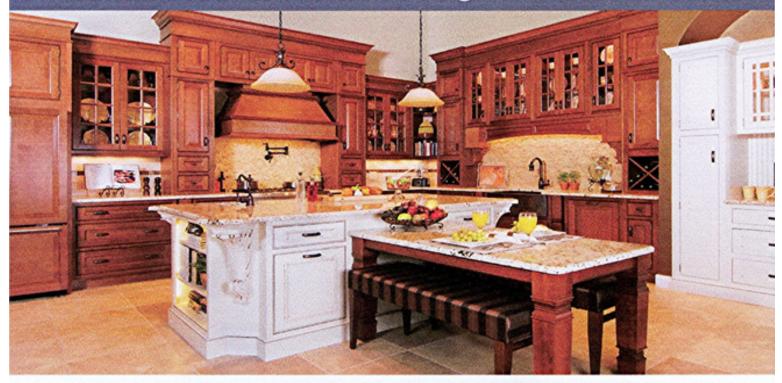
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