



The Sparkplug



Deep South Region AACA Newsletter

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50 YEARS of Car Enthusiasm in the Deep South Region



Preserving the Past Investing in the Future

50 years this is our story

Written by Ernie Youens in 1997

On January 19, 1967, twenty-nine Mobile area antique automobile enthusiasts met and applied for a charter in the Antique Automobile Club of America as the Deep South Region. A charter was granted and issued on March 7, 1967 and Deep South Region (DSR) became a reality with Pierre Fontana serving as our first president.

In August 1962, before DSR was organized five antique car enthusiasts met and organized the Old South Antique Car Club, independent of any national affiliation. The five were: Rod Culpepper, Wayne Culpepper, Rudy Hearn, Deward Kyser and Vic Stinger.

The Mobile Chapter of Veteran Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA) was chartered in 1968 and hosted the Glidden Tour in Mobile in October 1970. In 1972 the Deep South Region on VMCCA was deactivated and disbanded. The Old South Antique Car Club and DSR remained active.

In late 1972, Old South attendance had dropped drastically and a motion was made



1931 Cadillac Owner: Geary Polk

at their meeting for members to become members of the Deep South Region, AACA. A special meeting was called by their then president, Pierre Fontana (he was active in both Old South and DSR) to be held in the old Mobile TB hospital for the vote with nearly all members present. The vote was passed unanimously and the Old South Club members became DSR members.

The Old South name was retained as a figure head for financial reasons, because AACA, at the time, prohibited the club from engaging in promotional and commercial events for fund

raising. In 1979, AACA rules were considerably relaxed through an interpretation by their National Legal Advisor, Mr. George E. Orwig's.

In 1976, the Old South Antique Car Club broke off from the DSR group. Both group continued to grow. By 1983 DSR had grown to the point where it was difficult to find a meeting room large enough to accommodate the membership at our meetings. Also adding the difficulty, was the fact that insurance companies were forcing businesses with such rooms to stop letting others use them.

In July of 1983, DSR spent



Car Parade Mobile - Veterans Day



Deep South Region open house September 21, 1985.



two days on an annual week long tour visiting and sightseeing in Murfresboro, Tennessee. The Stones River Region hosted one of the meals at their own clubhouse on leased city property. That gave DSR and idea for our own clubhouse. At the time 50 plus members would attend meetings at Dr. W. T. Wrights office.

To get a clubhouse with our very limited budget would be a big undertaking. Leasing city property seemed a logical step, so after several months and of searching we finally sound a "lost and abandoned" two acre tract at Ziegler and Forest Hill Drive that was partly



Early Club house photo before moving it.

is also an antique car lover, (who isn't?) only smiled and agreed to the \$1000.00, which was well below his own cost. The building was on the lot and all utilities connected. Renovated by club members at as little cost as possible. Fund raising by yard sales and the donation of a 1957 DeSota helped.

At the September meeting president Lloyd Crowdus announced the clubs debt free status.

On January 24, 1985 DSR held its first meeting in the new, but still unfinished club house with 67 members present. Renovations and additions continued on the

clubhouse as it still does today.

In 1997 the club house began to serve as our headquarters for the annual car show. The official dedication of the "Lloyd Crowdus Memorial Clubhouse" was on September 21, 1997.

The club house has been the meeting place for our club for 20 plus years. We have gathered at the club house for car shows, cruise-in and day trips. It has been the place to talk cars and just have a good time. And remember as the 1997 Nation Director, John Myer once said, "May the Deep South Region never run out of gas!"



1980 - Hotel in Medenhall, Mississippi

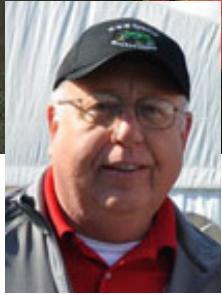
overgrown with underbrush, in a good neighborhood and adjacent to the Municipal Park. After many attempts and rejections by the city, DSR finally acquired the 2.2 acres with the same agreement as the Garden Club next door of \$1.00 a year for 20 years with an option for another 20 years.

An old kindergarten wood frame building with no interior supporting walls was located at Airport and University and acquired for \$500.00. Lloyd Crowdus, in his untiring efforts, made a plea to a house mover to move the building for \$1000.00. Mr. Cliff Fauver, the house moving contractor who



2007 Thanksgiving dinner at the clubhouse





1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z28
Zeno Chaudron
President

I have been president for 6 years now. I was born in Maine but has been a resident of Mobile most of my life. I feel that family is most important. Bobby Peterson introduced me to AACA.

My 1969 Chevrolet Camora Z28 was bought from local friends about 25 years ago. I enjoy automotive machine work on engines.

I have enjoyed drag racing most of my life. At 15 I drove my first drag car ad 55 chevy at Dauphine Island dragstrip.

If I could trade vehicles with anybody it would be Bobby Petersons 1967 SS 396.



1929 Ford Model A Closed Cab Pick up
Jim Graham
Vice President

The most interesting jobs were the expat assignments. One in particular with the Central Bank of Moscow in 1994 was very interesting. The best job was a summer job at the post office in my home town. I was born in Gainesville, Texas but escaped to Marietta, Oklahoma 3 days later! I grew up helping my family raise cattle.

I learned about AACA from Zeno. I bought my truck and needed a recommendation for someone to transport it to Mobile. I am still working on my truck so I guess that is my favorite project.

If I could trade vehicles with any one any of Jim Henderson's would be nice to trade with.

2017 WINTER NATIONAL MEET
 FEBRUARY 23 - 25, 2017
 OCALA, FLORIDA
- Horse Capital of the World -




HOSTED BY:
THE SUNSHINE STATE REGIONS & CHAPTERS OF THE AACA

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION
 OCALA REGION - KINGDOM OF THE SUN
 KING OF THE ROAD CHAPTER
 THE VILLAGES REGION

This AACA National Meet will be located in the heart of horse country at The College of Central Florida in Ocala, Florida. Beautiful Ocala is located within 80 miles from all of Florida's major attractions, including Daytona Beach, the Gulf of Mexico, Disney, Universal Studios and Busch Gardens.



 The College of Central Florida is the higher education hub for Marion, Citrus and Levy counties.

FOR EVENT DETAILS, VISIT [HTTP://MEMBERS.AACA.ORG/LOGIN.ASP](http://members.aaca.org/login.asp)

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2017 AACA Western National Spring Meet
 March 23 - 25 • Palm Springs, CA
 Hosted by Palm Springs Region AACA

Events and Activities
 Thursday: Meet & Greet & Private Garage Open House
 Friday: Tour the World Famous Palm Springs Air Museum
 Saturday: Car Show, Evening Social Hour, Awards Banquet

Host Hotel Quality Inn 1269 E. Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Springs, CA 92264 760-323-2775	Meet Registrar Kent Robbins 816-695-7408 kentcars@aol.com
Mention "AACA" \$119 + tax per night Reserve by Feb 23!	Meet Chairman Frank Wenzel 760-774-3377 carbuffps@yahoo.com

Information & Registration:
palm Springsregionaaca.com
 Registration Deadline: February 23!






1964 Comet Convertible

Tracy Metclaf Secretary

First joined AACA and DSR in 2005 after attending select events and getting to know members.

First assignment with DSR was serving as financial manager for the ASCA Southeastern meet hosted by DSR in 2005.

Patt and Buddy Paquet talked me into the job that included handling all "treasury" operations as well as negotiating and writing contracts with suppliers. What a terrific experience that meet was for DSR under the Paquet's leadership.

Subsequently, Paul Dagenais and I purchased the 1964 Comet convertible from the Paquets and I became an official antique automobile owner.

I am "Granddad" to nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren who are spread across Texas, Indiana, Michigan and Georgia.

As DSR Secretary this year, I want to put into place a system that will allow us to be sure we have all membership records in place with special attention to making contact with members who do not regularly attend meetings.



1956 DeSoto Fireflite Convertible.

Paul Dagenais Treasurer

I'm from Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. I got a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from the University of Ottawa, then a Master's from Northern Michigan University and a PhD from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in Speech and Hearing Sciences. I worked at UAB before coming the USA. I can't go further south without being a better swimmer. As a colleague said " Paul wasn't born in the south, but he got here a quick as he could". I'm a nationally certified, licensed speech-language pathologist and professor at USA.

My most unusual job has been when I worked for the Algoma Health Unit in the Algoma District in Northern Ontario in the 1970's. For this job, I ran around in a pick-up and took water samples and checked on field beds for new septic systems. I really enjoyed being out as it was summer and I met a lot of very unusual but friendly people. The blackfly bites felt like they had mini-chainsaws however.

I first learned about AACA through my dentist. I had just bought my DeSoto (in 1999), and mentioned needing advice on restoration. He told me about Ernie Youens who I contacted. He asked me to join DSR.

The DeSoto has been my favorite project, obviously. I enjoy the hunt for parts. One of my proudest moments was getting second place at the National DeSoto Convention in Chattanooga. The car was barely finished (as finished as it's ever gotten).

I bought in Dallas. It had been sitting a farmer's field in Oklahoma since 1968. It was the classiest car I remember as a child. I love the tail lights and the minor fins. It's a limited production convertible.

If I could switch cars with anyone I could cause havoc going through Jim Henderson's collection.

In the next 10 years I'm thinking about restoring a 55-57 Chevy 3100.

My advise to new club members is to get involved. My hopes for or hobby is that it will persist. I enjoy cars from the 1950's because I was a child then, so those cars mean something to me. I don't see many more current cars that can raise such interest.

AACA Southeastern National Spring Meet
April 8, 2017 at Charlotte AutoFair
 Hosted by Hornets Nest Region, AACA
 Meet Email: aacaclt@windstream.net

AACA Spring Meet Information Region Office 704-841-1396 Anytime



Host Hotel
Embassy Suites Hotel
 5400 John Q. Hammons Drive N.W.
 Concord, NC 28027
 Phone Direct: 704-455-8200
 (Located one mile from Speedway)
 Ask for "Antique Auto Club Rate"



CHARLOTTE
 SPRING MEET
AUTOFAIR
 CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY
April 6-9, 2017

Hornets Nest Region
 Antique Automobile Club of America
 9307-H Monroe Road
 Charlotte, NC 28270



Vehicle Registrations Will Be Handled With the Customary AACA Process.





1955 Chevy Bel Air 2 door Station Wagon

Charlotte Dahlenburg Editor/Webmaster

I am a graphic designer by trade and an old car enthusiast by blood. I have lived on all sides of the country. I am married to the most amazing man.

We have several cars, all in different states of progress. 1955 Chevy Bel Air is a work in progress but in a state that can be shown in hobby class. The Buick Apollo is all original except the engine. The Model A truck is a basket case right now. It will not be restored original but will be a hot rod. The 1967 Ford Pickup is 100% original driver in need of a restoration.

The 55 Chevy Bel Air is special because it was a special order two door wagon. Only 800 of them were ever made.

The most surprising thing about myself is that I have been locked up abroad. (on a mission trip in Thailand I worked for two weeks in the women's prison system)

The aspect of my role I enjoy the most as Editor I enjoy the most the hunt for a story. Each month I try to feature stories on a subject. The research is the thrill. As Webmaster I enjoy tricking HTML into doing creative things.

I first learned about AACA when we went to a car show at the Train Depot in Huntsville, AL in 2009. My favorite project with AACA has been planning the 25th Founder Tour.

My wish list for the next 10 years includes to tour at least once a year and judge as many show as I can. I also want to become an expert in the brass era cars.

My favorite part about working with old cars is learning the history of each car. If I could switch cars with anyone else within the car club I would want Walt Fuller's red Model A. I just love the brass era.

My advice to new club members is to get involved and to participate in any event you can. The sooner you get to know the members the sooner you will feel part of the group. This is a fun group of people that love to do thing with their cars that make a difference in other peoples lives. This group of people love to visit the assisted living in the area, parade their cars for the young at heart and the young to see and take rides together.

My hopes for our hobby is that it continues to grow. I hope that the younger generation not only falls in love with the cars they grew up with but also to love the cars of their grandparents.



1964 Ford Galaxie 500 Convertible

David Ladnier Activities

I heard about AACA through a neighbor Pat McCabe, also Zeno Chaudron, and Lou Lartique;

My proudest moment has been to drive my antique car in the parade.

I am a native of Mobile. I attended Catholic schools 1-12th grade. I graduated from Univ. of South Alabama. I am from a large family with six children.

My most unusual job has been delivering milk for Barber's Dairy.

Something that would surprise us: " nothing would surprise y'all about me."

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In my new role as Activity Chairman, I am trying to arrange for a lot of activities for club members and families that would involve all of the antique cars.

My car is a 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 Convertible. I got a good deal and ran with it. I bought it in Millbrook, AL. I have owned car for 7 months now.

My favorite movie line is "Go ahead and make my day" from Dirty Harry. When asked if I was messy or organized I would have to say messy.

The best vacation I ever took was to Hawaii.

I have been given the nickname Elo Fudpucker.

To me success is having a lot of friends and living somewhat comfortably. If I could change one thing I would change subjective reporting of mainstream news.

My advise to club members is to participate in as many activities as you can.

If I win the lottery I would buy a brand new Corvette





1929 Roadster

**Walt Fuller
Member at Large**

I spent most of my childhood in Greenville, AL, moved to Fairhope in the 10th grade and then to Mobile in the 11th grade. Met Martha that year, she invited me to a Backwards Week formal and that is all she wrote. We were married in 1960 this will be our 57 year together and we have three children, one son and two daughters who have given us five grandson. This makes me proud.

My most interesting job was a pul/paper research technologist. I am a certified Stephens Minister. The first concert I attended was the Do Whop! in South Carolina in 1962.

I am happy with my life, family and friends. Would not trade places with anyone. It might surprise you that I had a Grit paper route as a youngster and sold Rose Cream Jelly.

Space travel and all its benefits to me have been the most important innovation of my lifetime.

My wish list for the next 10 years is good health and driving my cars on tours. I define success as my life today. The three word that I think best describe me are fat, dumb and sassy.

My favorite project has been restoring my Model A's the 1929 Model A Roadster and Fodor. I am in the process of building 1930 Model A Roadster Pickup.

I have owned the 1929 Roadster from 1986, 1929 Fodor from 1993 and Roadster from 2010. I got my cars form old car hobbyists. My cars are special because they were depression cars and saved the country from bankruptcy. My favorite part of working with old cars is that it is like working on a jigsaw puzzle.

I picked this car because Martha likes them.

I first learned about AACA by accident, searching for a Model A Club. Advice I would give to new club members is to attend meeting and take an active part. I have been held every role in our club.

I would consider myself an organized mess. I like to do as little as possible in my spare time. My nick names have been "Birddog" and "Colonel".

I am happiest when Martha is happy.



1929 Ford Model A Closed Cab Pick up
**Connie Graham -
Program Chairperson**

Jim and I have been married 28 years. We have two grown children. A daughter and son. We have lived many places including twice abroad. We have been in Mobile for 10 years. I was born here.

**Touring Historic Gold Country
2017 AACA Western Divisional Tour**

**Sonora, California
April 25-27, 2017**

The Mother Lode region AACA invites you to tour the historic
Gold Country of Central California

Join us for a journey through Historic Gold Rush towns, local wineries,
and Big Trees State Park

All antique vehicles 25 years old or older are welcome

Tour Chairman - Duane Bennett danmarcia@att.net (209) 532-7090	Registrar - Pam Smith pamela24@comcast.net (209) 586-9586
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HOST HOTEL
 The Hotel at Black Oak Casino Resort
 19398 Tuolumne Road North
 Tuolumne, CA 95379
 Telephone # (877) 747-8777 or (209) 928-9300



Hope all of you had a great Holiday season. Here we are in the middle of January 2017. I'm excited about this year and the possibilities we have to extend what our Car Club is about. I'm looking forward to what lies ahead. Are You?

The Club is celebrating it's GOLD ANNIVERSARY! 50 years. What a accomplishment wouldn't you say. Look forward to seeing you at our January meeting.

Bes ,

Zeno



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Program Chairperson: Connie Graham	251-
Webmaster: Charlotte Dahlenburg	256-783-2261



Mike Barrious
Feb 3 1954 0 Jan 1, 2017
We will miss you

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Deepsouth.aaca.com

Also, members should visit our Facebook page.

THE TRIPLE-THREAT MEET

Central Spring Meet

• May 11-13, 2017 •

Auction Park, Auburn, IN

ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

CLASSIC CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

AUCTIONS AMERICA

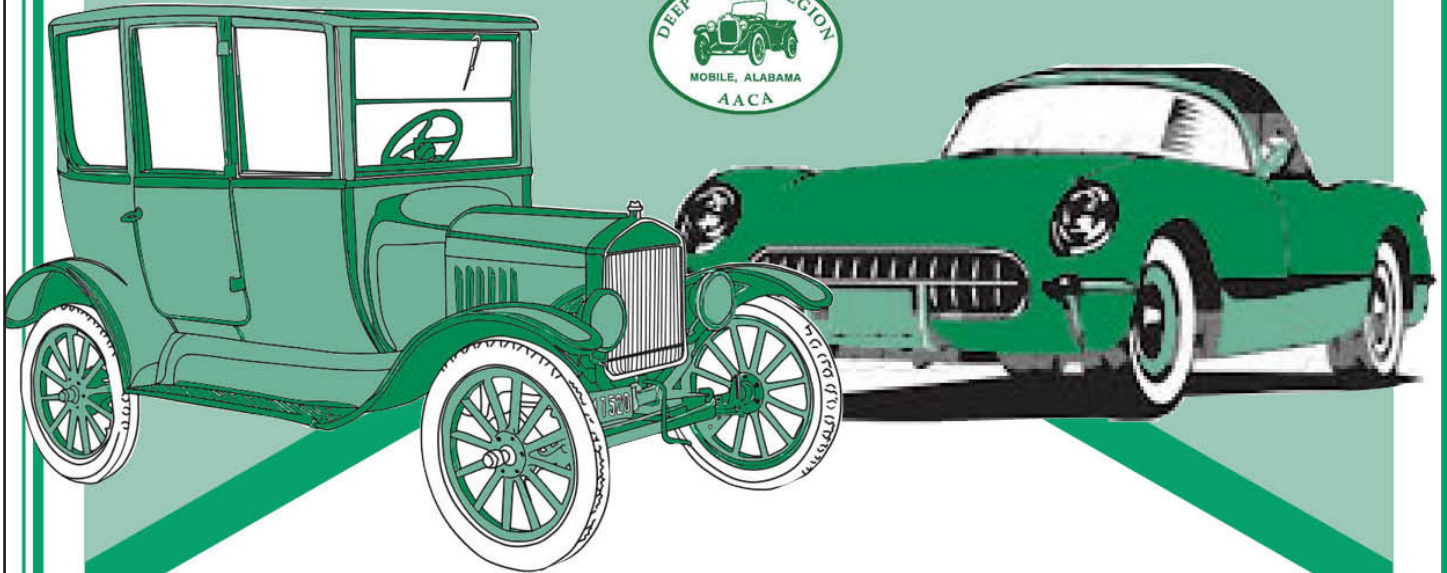
AACA teams up with CCA and Auctions America for this historic meet



AACA Deep South Region 2017
50th Anniversary
Car Show

DASH PLAQUES TO THE FIRST 100

ENJOY FOOD, MUSIC, CARS



951 FORREST HILL DR, MOBILE, ALABAMA

May 13, 2017

9 AM - 2 PM

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS WITH 50 TROPHIES

PRE-REGISTRATION \$20.00 per vehicle **Day of Show \$25.00** per vehicle

(Pre-registration must be received by May 8, 2017 checks payable to DSR Car Club, and mail to Tracy Metclaf, 58 Julia Street, Mobile, AL 36604. For information call Charlotte Dahlenburg (256) 783-2261 - or visit our website deepsouth.aaca.com Entrants release DSR, AACA, and anyone else connected with this show and it's sponsors, from any and all known or unknown damages, losses, claims and/or judgements from cause whatsoever, that may be suffered by any entrant to his/her person or property.

Free RV & Camper Parking Friday Night. First Come First Serve Basis. No Hook-Ups



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REWIND

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

Come to the Important Meeting

Come to the DSR meeting this coming Thursday night at 6:30 and hear some of the most important things of the year for the DSR! We ate moving forward! We have at least one new member to vote in and maybe more. We got 6 last time we met. And Geary needs support from the membership! This looks as if it's going to be the something to boost Geary - he needs all of our help to handle

a show this size! Hear Lloyd tell about the 100 very old cars coming into Mobile on June 23 with the coast to coast Great American Race. They will be arriving at the Bel Air Mall parking lot and be timed as they go through an arch that will be built there. Tell us what you think of the first annual Muscular Dystrophy all club - all car show we hope to help put on, on Saturday, August 8 at the Municipal Auditorium Expo Hall.

Don;t forget the ads for our

DSR Show Program must be in by this meeting as the printing must begin right away in order to get them in time for tour show!

Don't forget too, this March meeting is the 25th anniversary of your Deep South Region! We will have a big anniversary cake with cold drinks or coffee to celebrate! We may have several visitors join us for our celebration! This is one meeting you won't want to miss!!!

We will see you there!!!

AACA Eastern Spring Meet

May 26-27, 2017 • Huntington, WV

Hosted by the Huntington Region AACA

Meet Chairman

Jim Lackey
110 Deer Run Road
Huntington, WV 25704
304-429-1180
jhlackey@aol.com

Registration Chairman

Tammy Cox
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Blue Ridge, VA 24064
540-819-5850
pinball1403@gmail.com

Chief Judge

Herb Oakes
102 Converse Drive
Jacksonville, NC 28546
910-358-2491
hoakes@gibralter.net

Host Hotel

Pullman Plaza Hotel
1001 3rd Ave
Huntington, WV 25701
304-691-5413
Mention AACA for discount
room rate of \$108

Registration Deadline:

April 28, 2017

1926 Chandler
Comrade Roadster
Owned by:
John W. Chandler



ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB

2017 of AMERICA

Grand National Meet


Kansas City Region AACA

June 14 - 17

Save the Date!

- Three Different Tours
- Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show
- Inaugural Zenith Award Presentation
- Host Hotel - Hilton Garden Inn - 816-350-3000
- Grand National Chairman, Jim Streeby 816-729-8513
- Registration Chair, Trish Lee 816-868-8034
- Register Early! Limited Space Available

Silverstein Event Center
19000 East Valley View Parkway
Independence, Missouri 64055



Letter From the Editor

Welcome to a new year. This year to me is exciting! I love a reason to celebrate and everyone knows I love a reason to bake a cake.

50 years as a car club. Wow. That is a big deal. I am looking forward to having a party and I am looking forward to our 50th Anniversary Car Show in May.

Deep South Region has a rich history. The club has gone on many tours together. We have hosted AACA National meets. And over the years have participated in the Great Race twice.

The club has put on a Mother's Day car show of 35 years.

Through it all we can also boast that we still have an original member on our rooster.

This great group of car enthusiast has been so much fun to be around and I am looking forward to all the events that we will have this year.

I encourage everyone to get out and participate in as many events as you can this year.

Charlotte

Market Place

Ads in The Market Place are free to members and run for three months, unless removal is requested earlier.

Ads can be anything from *For Sale* to *Looking For* and *Wanted to Buy*. If you want your ad to continue for an additional three months, please notify Charlotte Dahlenburg.

Please submit new listings for The Market

Place by the 12 of the month to:

DSR36608@gmail.com or Charlotte Dahlenburg, 3155 Dog River Road, Theodore, AL 36582



1999 Camaro Z28 Street/Road Course Car for Sale. \$9,500. Contact Ernie Rogers at 251-345-1254.



1964 Plymouth Valiant V200 Station Wagon for Sale. Contact Ernie Rogers at 251-345-1254.



1929 Model A Fordor for sale. All original recent service, modern points, four blade cooling fan, leak less water pump Contact: Phillip Grice 251-656-2304 \$18,000.00 OBO

**KEEP
CALM**

AND

**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

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



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Refreshments

- January 26: Connie & Jim Grahm
- February 23:
- March 23:
- April 27:
- May 25:
- June 22:
- July 27:
- August 24:
- September 28:
- October 26:
- November 16:

Up Coming Events

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 26 at 7 p.m. at the club house. See you there!

Birthdays & Anniversary

Patt Paquet	February 18
Scott Henderson	March 8
Travis Henderson	March 10
Janice Sellers	March 16
Leslie Sellers	March 25

Thoughts Go Out

Also Keep good thoughts for Buddy Paquet, Anne Givens, Robbie Lyles, Carl Bailey, Bob White and Mike Barrios Family



Guess what this is? What does this go to? Email your answer to dsr36608@gmail.com.

Answer for last month: 1932 Duesenberg SJ



AACA National Meets in Auburn Indiana

John McCarthy

Vice President, Finance and Budget

In May 2013, AACA hosted a National meet in Auburn, Indiana on the grounds of and in conjunction with a major auction by Auctions America.

It was such a success that AACA National Meets have been held in conjunction with these auctions in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Another is planned for May 11 to 13, 2017. There is also an auto related flea market and while not very large, it has grown nicely each year. Within a few miles of the auction site is the world-famous Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, the National Truck Museum, the Early Ford V-8 Museum, the National Military Museum, the Hoosier Air Museum, the Kruse Automotive and Carriage Museum, and a large automobile related indoor flea market. I always like to take in as much as possible while on the road and in 2014 stopped at the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI and in 2015 the Air Force Museum in Dayton OH, both of which are less than a two hour detour depending on the direction you are coming from.

Plan on getting to this event early Friday morning and you will have a good opportunity to look at the cars being auctioned over the weekend. If you go to this meet and judge, Auctions America provides you with a bidder number and paddle for free and preferred free parking. The auction begins around noon on Friday and runs through the weekend. When we see large auctions on television the cars auctioned almost all appear to be expensive muscle cars, sports cars, classic cars etc. The mix of cars at Auburn include many lower priced cars and when the gavel goes down it is in the \$3,000 to \$10,000 range. Keep in mind that you are sort of in the middle of America and things are less expensive. This past May there was a really nice 1978 Lincoln Mark V with 20,000 miles that went for \$11,000, a 1967 low mileage Thunderbird that went for \$12,000 and the list of reasonably priced cars went on. It is not often that you see Canadian built cars in the U.S. but each year there is a nice selection of Canadian built cars like the Pontiac Parisienne and Mercury Meteor which have different trim and engines than their U.S. built counterparts.

If you have not been to Auburn put the meet on your calendar for May 11 to 13, 2017. It is an enjoyable meet with plenty to do.





Unfortunately, the DeSoto will not be ready by February 1st dead line for the AACA Ocala Florida Meet. We have some stainless and potmetal off for repair and plating. The new hood is not in place and there is painting to be done. Grrr. The new gas tank popped a small hole which set the entire process back also.



Here are a couple of pictures: One shows the right front looking naked without its chrome and stainless. The second shows the repaired gas tank. There is small patch on the right.

We continue on...

Paul

The Mobile Chocolate Festival Cruise-in March 4

Cars should start arriving between 9-10 am. Cars will not be required to stay all day but the Committee would appreciate them staying as long as they can. Registration is free and gets 2 tickets for the Festival just for participating in the Cruise-in. Before they leave they would need to let one of the parking

people know so we can make sure their exit is safe for everybody. Note: This is only for Show Cars, not just for parking so daily drivers that are not put in Car Shows will not be allowed in the Cruise-in area and will not receive free tickets.

Mobile Chocolate Festival.com

9th
Annual

March 4th

at

The Grounds

Proceeds to benefit Penelope House

10am - 4pm

Admission is free for children 13 & under

General admission \$3.00 in advance, \$5.00 day of the event

Featuring:

- Vendors with Samples and products
- Children's Area
- Mobile Fixture Demonstration Area
- Chocolate Challenge
- Project Yum Way
- Chocolate Martini Tasting
- Cupcake Booth
- Chocolate Milk Mustache Booth and more.





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Why join the Deep South Region of AACA?

Belonging to AACA includes voting privileges, exhibit cars in national meets, tours hosted by Region/Chapters all across the U.S., and compete for national prizes and annual awards. Membership includes a the bi-monthly Antique Automobile magazine. Also learn more about your antique or classic car from other members, guest speakers, and programs, find parts and dealers, and socialize with other owners, our monthly newsletter and 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. Normally held at the Deep South Regions' clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive Mobile, Alabama. Check Website for changes.
2. 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.
3. 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.

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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Total Enclosed: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

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Annual Membership - \$35 (includes spouse if applicable) Members receive bi-monthly 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.

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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.



CAMELLIA CLASSIC 2017



Mobile Bay Mustang Club

24th Annual OPEN Car Show
Bellingrath Gardens and Home
April 1, 2017 (Rain or Shine)

Gates Open @ 8:00 am
Gates Close @ 11:00 am
Registration: 8:00 - 11:00
Judging: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Award Presentation: 2:30 pm

This Year's Charity of Choice

- Feeding The Gulf Coast
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100 Pre-Registered Entries
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- Door Prizes
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1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies awarded to all classes, 10 Honorable Mention Awards, Special Awards for Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Restoration, Best Vintage Original, Children's Choice and Sponsor awards.

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Rescued Twice

Have you ever thought you had it all together and everything was fine, then everything fell apart. Upon removing the engine from my recent project a 1930 Model A Roadster Pickup. I delivered it to Zeno's shop. I was very proud of my motor because it has a very low motor number. Later I received a call from Zeno telling me to come to his shop. Upon disassembly he had discovered the engine was not what I expected. We had to make a major decision, the complete engine needed to have a major overhaul. The rods need repairs, needed new valves along with new boring and pistons. Zeno and Freddie had completed this project with great attention to detail. This was our first rescue.



Zeno and Rick help Walt put the motor in the Model A.

After completing the first class rebuild of my engine. I was happy to bring my engine home. I quickly discovered I could not put the engine in the frame by myself. Again, Zeno, Rick and a 2x4 came to the rescue. The frame had to be spread so as to allow the engine to be installed. This was not a one man job. Thanks to my very knowledgeable buddies, we were able to complete the installation. No more scratches on freshly painted firewall. This will make mom happy. This was our second rescue. Thanks again to my AACA DSR buddies, and a 2x4. – Walt Fuller



Zeno and the 2x4.

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National Car Shows

February 2017

9-11 - AACA Annual Meeting • Philadelphia, PA
 23-25 - AACA Winter Meet • hosted by North Central Florida Region

March 2017

23-26 - AACA Western Spring Meet • hosted by Palm Springs Region

April 2017

6-9 - Southeastern Spring Meet • hosted by Hornets Nest Region
 25-28 - Western Divisional Tour (up to 1992) • hosted by Mother Lode Region

May 2017

11-13 - AACA Special Spring Meet • Auburn, Indiana

26-27 - AACA Eastern Spring Meet • hosted by Huntington Region

June 2017

4-9 - Founders Tour (1932-later) • hosted by Gettysburg Region
 15-17- Annual Grand National Meet • hosted by Kansas City Region

August 2017

17-19 - Central Fall Meet • hosted by Mississippi Region

September 2017

17-22 - AACA Glidden Tour (AACA hosted) • hosted by Nebraska Region

October 2017

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



Cruise Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
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	5 Guys In Tillman'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	Pascagoula, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
4th Saturday	10126 Grand Bay Wilmer Rd	10 am - 2 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





Local Car Shows

Feb 4

Winter Classic Gulfport Dragway Car & Driver \$20, Spectator \$10 9 am. Gulfport Dragway, Canal Road, Gulfport, MS.

Feb 24-26

R.O.D.S. Run Ramblin' Oldies of Denham Springs \$30 Gerry Lane Cadillac/Hampton Inn, 11271 Reiger Rd., Baton Rouge, LA.

Feb 25

VFW Auxiliary Post 3253 Car & Truck Show \$25 8 am - 2 pm. VFW, 208 Third Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Mar 4

Going to Town Car Show \$15 8 am - 3 pm. Downtown Magee, Railroad Street, Magee MS.

Mar 4

Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson Car Show \$25. 791 W I-10 Service Road, Slidell, LA.

Mar 4

Swamp Stomp Boneyard Kreepers Car Club 8am Larose Civic Center, 307 E 5th Street, Larose, LA 70373

Mar 5

Cars and Coffee 8 am - 11 am. Baja Beach, 1785 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS

Mar 8-11

Emerald Coast Cruizin' Spring Event Panama City, FL www.emeraldcoastcruizin.com/

Mar 11

A Day at Henderson's Car Show MS Coast Mustang Club \$25 8 am - 3 pm. Henderson Ford, 105 US 90, Waveland, MS 39576.

Mar 11

William F. Green Veteran Home Car Show Gear Jammers Car Club \$25 9 am - 3 pm. 300 Faulkner Dr, Bay Minette, AL 36507.

Mar 17-19

Dixie Rod Run MS Street Rod Association \$25. Trustmark Park, 110 Bass Pro Drive, Pearl, MS 39208

Mar 18

Pine Hill Festival \$20 9 am - 3 pm Downtown Wiggins, MS

Mar 17-18

Brittanys Project Car Show, Tractor, Motorcycle, Rat Rod \$30. Hwy 323, Oaklawn, Franklin, LA.

Mar 17-19

Orange Beach Invasion The Wharf Orange Beach, AL

www.orangebeachinvasion.com

Mar 17-19

Wild Wheels Car Show Superdome, New Orleans www.wildwheelscarshows.com/

Mar 18

MS Gulf Coast VW Show \$25 9 am - 3 pm. Edgewater Mall, Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS rain or shine.

Mar 24-26

Annual Gulf Coast Mustang and National Mustang Club of America and All Ford Show Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds, 6655 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola, FL www.gulfcoastmustangclub.org/2017show.html

Mar 24-26

Spring Turkey Run Daytona, FL www.TurkeyRun.com

Mar 25

Gnat Nationals Misfits \$25 8 am - 3 pm. Our Lady of the Gulf Church, 228 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis.

Mar 25

Forest County Fire Rodeo Car Show 8 am \$25. Forest County Multi-Purpose Center, 962 Sullivan Dr, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.

Mar 25

Loose Caboose Festival and Car show Newton, MS 8 am - 2 pm.

Mar 31-Apr 1

Gulf Coast Auto Show Coast Cruizers \$20. Best Western Plus, 9475 US 49, Gulfport, MS 39503

Apr 1

Camellia Classic Open Car Show Mobile Bay Mustang Club 9am - 3 pm. Bellingrath Gardens, 12401 Bellingrath Gardens Rd., Theodore, AL 36582.

Apr 1-2

Picayune Street Fair, downtown Picayune, MS

Apr 8

Seabee Days Car Show 9 am - 4 pm. Naval Mobile Construction Center, Gulfport, MS

Apr 8

Crosspoint Cruisin' for Missions \$20 9:30 - 2:00. Crosspoint Church, 15046 N Swan Rd., Gulfport, MS 39503.

Apr 7-8

C10 Round-Up All Chevy trucks! Friday 4 pm - 8 pm Saturday 9 am - 5:30 pm. Harrison County Fairgrounds, County Farm Rd., Gulfport, MS.



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