

# The Sparkplug



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## DSR 2015 Mother's Day Car Show Awards List

Category	Owner	Vehicle
1. Pre-War 1942	1. Mike Branford	1942 Willys Jeep
	2. Walt Fuller	1929 Ford
	3. Travis Henderson	1939 Chevrolet
2. Post-War 1946 - 1959	1. Bob Gechijan	1958 Corvette
	2. Obie O'Neal	1947 Ford
	3. David Rooney	1959 Corvette
3. Post War 1960 - 1969	1. Shane Billiot	1966 Corvette
	2. Paul Baker	1965 Mustang
	3. Jay Williamson	1967 Chevrolet
4. Post War 1970 - 1980	1. Dick Cashdollar	1980 Corvette
	2. Jordon Smith	1974 Corvette
5. Street Rods, Modified, Rat Rods	1. Donnie Bray	1967 Camaro
	2. Calvin Ratcliff	1932 Ford
	3. Ken Tow/Kyle Bosage	1967 Mustang
6. Muscle Cars Pre-1980	1. Buddy Jones	1970 Oldsmobile
	2. Brian Williamson	1971 Nova
	3. Buddy Fechter	1969 Camaro
7. Trucks	1. Neel Lavender	1950 GMC
	2. Charles McLeod	1955 Chevrolet
	3. Buster Pierce	1971 Chevrolet
8. Imports	1. Jerome Smith	MG
	2. Brian Daly	MG
Best Engine	Neel Lavender	1950 GMC
Best of Show – Pre War	Mike Branford	1942 Willys Jeep
Best of Show – Post War	Paul Dagenais	1956 DeSoto

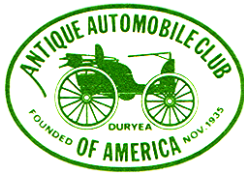
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## Message from the DSR President

The Mother's Day Car Show is in the books with a day of extra nice weather & participation for the show. Plenty of sunshine & nice Antique vehicles to make the show a success. We are always in competition with school graduations & vacations starting for folks at this time. I thought we still had a good turnout for the event. As many of you know this is our main event for the year to raise money to keep the club going from a monetary standpoint and for all our Sponsors & Volunteers who helped our club, THANK YOU. We are one of the few Car Clubs that have our own Club House. It goes without saying it takes money to keep everything going. Thank You, again. We will have our final results at this Thursday night meeting. Hope to see you there at 7:00 pm. All of you have a great summer, stay cool.

See all of you Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Club House.

Zeno



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## Mother's Day Car Show

For once, we had great weather for the Mother's Day Car Show on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We ended up with slightly more cars than last year. Hopefully sending flyers to the other clubs to post on their websites helped to get the word out there. It was encouraging to see so many of our club members helping to make the show successful. I do admit, I'd have



preferred to be in the clubhouse as opposed to turning into a sweaty mess outside. We owe a special thank you to Rick Chisolm for bringing his grill and manning it and to Herb and Nancy Thoms who sold drinks. Hopefully there will be more comments to be made and reported at this week's monthly meeting.



The Best of Show for the Pre-War category was the 1942 Willys Jeep owned by Mike Bradford and the Best of Show for Post-War category was the 1956 DeSoto Fireflite convertible owned by Paul Dagenais.

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## Lady of Lourdes Parish Annual Lawn Party

The Lady of Lourdes Parish celebrated another Annual Lawn Party at the Church on Sunday, April 29th. It was held starting at 12:00 PM til 4:00 PM. There was a very good turnout for the event. Lou & Betty Lartigue were in their "ZONE" as they always are, working hard as always, cooking, serving, etc. for a very good cause. I'm glad that they are a part of our Car Club. The food was great with a wide variety for everyone. Arts & Crafts, potted plants and not leaving out playing Bingo if you wanted to. Lou & Ms Betty never hesitate to help no matter what is going on. Our Club was in attendance with a few vehicles. Jim Graham, Rick Chisolm, Rheba & Zeno Chaudron, Bobby Peterson, Lou & Betty Lartigue. We also had a couple of our friends, Buddy Jones & Pat Copeland.

Reported, Zeno Chaudron

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## Mopars at the Battleship, Saturday April 30th, 2016

On a total whim, I decided to take the DeSoto to the Mopars at the Battleship Car Show sponsored by the Southern Mopar Association. It was a blustery day with a lot of rain forecast. I had been to this car show a few years ago when someone had a 1956 DeSoto Fireflite sedan on a trailer. It was for sale and needed a total restoration. So, I thought my DeSoto might find a beleaguered buddy in that sad relic. Not so. When I pulled onto the lot, I was directed to park front and



center. Looking around I saw that I was surrounded by late 1960's and post 2000 Mopar muscle cars. There were few true vintage vehicles, and those that were there were in fairly rough shape. There was one 1956 Dodge that had been modified and was a beautiful flame red color. As I parked the car, Ed Grimes came up and said "Yes, they want this car up front as it obviously is best of show". This made me feel good. The car really did stand out from the rest. It's a lot larger, and the color is unique. It drew a mess of interested folks.

The weather was closing in and after a long delay, the judging was complete. I decided to take the car home before the serious rain started. I was coming out of the Bankhead Tunnel when the bottom fell out and the car and I swam home. Tracy Metclaf and I went back in my regular car to see if I had won anything. When we got there, they were announcing winners as slowly as they did the judging. This was the Saturday when the bad weather caused the boating regatta disaster.



The winds came up the bay fairly quickly and started to tear at the large tent. One corner came down on Tracy. As the rest of the tent came down, everyone pretty well raced to their cars and slogged home. I had no idea as to the outcome.

Sunday evening I got a phone call, which I missed, that told me I had won three prizes, top 40, best pre-1960 and Best of Show. Amazing. As requested, I drove the convertible to the monthly meeting of the club which is held at the PDQ on University Blvd. They took a lot of pictures of the car as it will be on the t-shirt they will give away next year. No a bad outcome for acting on a whim, eh?

**Paul Dagenais**

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### **Student Chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers at the University of South Alabama**



Last of the spring car shows....nice way to end the season!

Small show put on at the University of South Alabama sponsored by the Student Chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

My "A" really fascinated the many engineering students involved. Don't think that many of them had ever seen a drivable car this old.

Dick Cashdollar

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**NEXT DSR MONTHLY MEETING IS THURSDAY MAY 28<sup>RD</sup> AT 7:00 PM**

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## Website Update

Herb Thoms, our webmaster reports that the trouble with the website persists. Charlotte Dahlenburg has created a Facebook page for the club. The name of the page is Deep South Region Antique Automobile Club of America. It is still being constructed.

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## DSR members clean up clubhouse - the easy way

President Zeno Chaudron and Car Show Chairman Walt Fuller are deeply appreciative to some dedicated DSR members who generously donated funds to have the clubhouse cleaned and put back in order following our Mother's Day Car Show on May 9th. The grounds were in good shape thanks to many hands helping before everyone left that day.

However, the clubhouse was another story. By the time the outside was squared away, those hands were on the downside of tired. And there was time to spare before the May 28th meeting. When you get there that night, you will find the building cleaned from top to bottom. A "Cleaning Kitty" was put together and thanks to **Mike and Judy Barrios, Lycyle Crowdus, D.R. Jordan, Kay Montgomery and Buddy and Patt Paquet** everything is squeaky clean. This contribution will eliminate taking money from the hard earned car show receipts.

There was a bit of money left over in the kitty after paying for the cleaning and you will see some other changes, if not this month then soon. The hot sun has done a number on the blinds which have apparently come close to melting but a bit of fabric and some sewing can make the windows look much better.

The only thing lacking now are storage containers for all the left over cooking supplies. A trip to one of Mobile's many thrift stores will solve that problem so they are clean and ready to use next year.

**Patt Paquet**

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## Minutes DSR Monthly Meeting: April 23, 2015



### Under Old Business

- 1) The approval of the March minutes reported in the Sparkplug was motioned by Buddy Paquet and seconded by Jim Graham.
- 2) Car Show preparations (by Walt Fuller)
  1. Need more flyers dispersed at car shows/cruise-ins. Besides that, everything is up-to-date. Everyone that plans to attend needs to be here by 7:00 AM the day of the show. There will now be a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy called runner-up.
- 3) Silent auction (by Patt Paquet)

1. There are now enough items to have a successful auction. The beginning price has been set. The items not sold will be returned to the previous owner.
- 4) Jim Henderson introduced a guest named Mike. Mike owned the 1954 Crestliner that was sold to Jim Henderson. Mike has been invited to join our local club.
- 5) Zeno Chaudron introduced Morris Cody who owns a few cars including hot rods.

#### Under New Business

1. Zeno Chaudron introduces new members Charles Chapman and his new wife Brenda.
2. For our silent auction, there will be a record turntable in the silent auction. Tim Lawrence donated it and has asked for it to be sold at a minimum of \$50.
3. Herb Thoms reported that the existing webpage is still running and up, but just cannot be changed or edited. There is a new page but it is not up yet.
4. Bobby Peterson presented the monthly financial report and it was approved.

The motion to adjourn was made by Patt Paquet with a second from Tracy Metclaf. Judy Bobo won the 50/50 drawing of \$22.

**Mallory Henderson, Secretary.**

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### Cruise-Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Kentucky Fried Chicken	Tillman's Square, Hwy 90	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	5 Guys	Airport At University	Brenda Drinkard 675-9226
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	Hooters	Daphne	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	What-A-Burger	Airport & Snow Road	Bubba Blanton 251-610-4032
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Sam's Super Burger	Grand Bay	Southern Bay Cruisers 251-442-6877
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Dillard's	Eastern Shore Mall	Eastern Shore Cruisers
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Steak 'n Shake	Schillinger Road	Donnie Tanner 649-5397
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	RPG Paint	I-65 Service Rd & Moffat Rd	Mobile Bay Mustang Club
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Burger King	Highway 43 in Saraland	North Side Cruisers
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Northrop Complex	Pascagoula, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Hooter's Restaurant	Airport Blvd.	Don Benson 251-680-9533
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Grand Bay Cruzer	TA Truck 'Stop, Grand Bay	
5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	American Legion Post 1992 3824 Old Spanish Trail	Gautier, MS	Sons of the American Legion
Last Saturday	Sonic - Hwy 59 South	Robertsdale, AL	251-747-2022

### Car Shows

June 6<sup>th</sup> --- Gulf Coast Mopar Mania, Fort Walton Beach, FL.  
 June 6<sup>th</sup> --- Cruise Car Show, Dauphin Island, AL  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> --- Grand Bay Watermelon Festival, Shine and Show, Odd Fellows Festival Park  
 July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> --- Baytown Throwdown, Mobile, AL



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