





Deep South Region AACA Newsletter

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Celebrating Christmas Together at the Clubhouse

On December 14 we celebrated Christmas together. We had a pot luck dinner with entertainment. The evening started with the Sweet Adenines singing Christmas Carols for us. Nancy Thoms and Jennie Vermillion sang so beautiful.

John Pendergrass' family joined us for the evening. They brought with them some of Johns favorite things to eat, Snicker bars and a veggie tray. Zeno made sure there was coffee going in honor of John.

We all had a good time together - Charlotte



John Pendergrass' family joined us for our Christmas Party



Mallory Henderson made it home in time to enjoy the Christmas party



What a great spread for the Christmas Party



Everybody enjoyed the meal and fellowship

John Ambrose Pendergrass Jr. Mobile, Alabama Aug 31, 1925 - Dec 7, 2017

John Ambrose Pendergrass Jr, 92, died on Thursday December 7, 2017. The son of John A. and Maude (Price) Pendergrass, he was born in Fort Payne, AL and has resided in Mobile, AL since 1998. Pre-deceased by his loving wife of 59 years, Dolly Ruth Liles Pendergrass, he is survived by three children, John A. Pendergrass, III (Carol Adaire Jones), Judith Ann Pendergrass and Nancy Jean Pendergrass; one sister, Price Pendergrass Hicks; his special friend for the last 5 years Kay Montgomery; 9 nieces and nephews and their spouses; 12 grand nieces and nephews and their spouses and 3 great grand nieces and nephews. He served in the US Navy during WWII and Korea (1943-1946, 1951-53), and then in US Naval Reserves, retiring as Lieutenant. He received his Bachelor of Science, from The University of Alabama, 1948, and his Master in Public Health, from the University of Michigan, 1956. His distinguished



Celebrating John's 90th Birthday

as a public career health professional included serving as a biologist, chemist and industrial hygienist at Tennessee Valley Authority, Muscle Alabama Shoals, (1948-1956); Industrial Hygienist for Boeing Corporation, Wichita, Kansas (1956-1957); Corporation Industrial Hygienist for American Cyanamid, Wayne, New Jersey (1957-1964); **Associate**



Medical Director Department (1964-1979) and Manager of Hazard Aware Production (1979-1986) for 3M Corporation, St. Paul, Minnesota. President Ronald Reagan appointed him as Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, United States Department of Labor, Washington (1986-1989). Since 1989, he was President of Pendergrass Associates. A highly esteemed member of the industrial hygiene profession, he served the American Industrial Hygiene Association as President (1974-1975) and as a member of the Board of Directors (1967-1970), and continued to attend AIHA meetings through this past year. He also served on the American Board Industrial Hygiene Board of Directors (1981-1987), the Board Certified Safety Professionals Board of Directors (1974-1977), and as a member of the American Academy Industrial Hygienists. He collected antique cars over the last four decades, including a Model A Ford Town Sedan, three MGs, a replica of a 1927 Bugatti boat tail racer, and his current car, a 1937 Packard convertible. Members of The Minnesota MG T Register





during the 1970s and 1980s, he and Dolly enjoyed traveling with the club to many gatherings of the faithful around the Midwest. Most recently he was an active member of the Deep South Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, Mobile Alabama. He was a long time member of Christ United Methodist Church of Mobile Alabama. Funeral services were held at Christ United Methodist Church of Mobile Alabama on Saturday December 9, 2017 at 12 noon. Interment will be in his home town Fort Payne, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Industrial Hygiene Association or the Mobile Symphony Orchestra are welcome.



John with his 1937 Packard at the 50th Anniversary Car Show



December 2017

Greetings to you all,

First I do want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We all have a lot to be thankful for this year. This year is just days of being completed. We marked 50 years of the Car Club's existence with a great celebration in July. This is quiet a accomplishment for any organization. Next year shows to be a new experience for a lot of us with the 2018 AACA Winter Meet being held right here in our home town in March. I'm proud to be associated with you all as the club continues on our journey to keep (Antique Vehicles) alive and well for future generations. Rheba and myself joined DSR in 2009 and don't know where the time has gone. We have a made so many new friends through our passion of our hobby. We have new club officers for the New year. Let's get behind them with our support and input to make the club bigger and better. I've enjoyed the seven years that I have been your club president. My job was easy on account of your participation helping the club grow. Again I look forward to another great and exciting year. I will see you in January for our next meeting.

Best,

Zeno



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Who Needs a Sleigh? Hagerty's Top 5 Christmas Movie Cars

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Let's face it, it just wouldn't be Christmas without Christmas movies. They warm our hearts. They lift our spirits. They make us laugh. And if they happen to include a memorable classic car or two, well, all the better.

We all have our favorite holiday films and automobiles, but here is our list of "Top 5 Christmas Movie Cars" (technically, four cars and a truck):



Old Man Parker's 1937 Oldsmobile Six in "A Christmas Story" (1983)

The film, set in 1940s Indiana (but filmed in Cleveland), may have centered on a 9-year-old boy's quest for a Red Ryder BB gun, but the family car played a starring role.

In real life, Oldsmobile touted its 1937 Six and Eight models as "Modern to the Minute!" and the "Best Looking Cars of the Year!" Olds' advertising touted the cars' size, durability, power and economy, and also highlighted the unique attributes of each: "Two great new cars ... entirely different from each other." The Old Man's Six, had he purchased it new (and we know he



didn't), started at \$685 – equal to only about \$11,500 in today's economy. That's a screaming deal. But in the film the Old Man screams more at the family's demonic furnace than he does at the Olds. Still, the car doesn't escape his frustrated sarcasm.

"That hot damn Olds has froze up again! That son of a b#\$*& would freeze up in the middle of summer on the equator!"

The '37 Six featured Art Deco styling cues, including a turret top and a large grille with horizontal bars, and it had a 230-cid, 95-hp inline-six engine under the hood. But in the movie, the tires — one in particular — set the stage for a most memorable scene. "My old man's spare tires were actually only tires in the academic sense," Ralphie recalls. "They were round ... they had once been made of rubber ..."

And when one goes flat, Ralphie's mother encourages him to give his father a hand changing it — a first-time opportunity. When Ralphie accidently spills the lug nuts his father had tossed inside the dog-dish hubcap for safe keeping, Ralphie blurts out "the 'F-dash-dash-dash' word!" As punishment, he gets a mouthful of soap.

In 2012, the U.S. Library of Congress declared "A Christmas Story" to be "culturally, historically and aesthetically significant," and it was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry. Let's not forget the Old Man's Oldsmobile, either.

Editor's note: Check out our "Christmas Story" parody video, "A Cruisemas Story."



2. Clark W. Griswold's Family Truckster in "Christmas Vacation" (1989)

We know. It isn't nearly as famous as its older sibling, the frighteningly ugly – or ridiculously cool, depending on your point of view – Wagon Queen Family Truckster from "National Lampoon's Vacation" (a heavily modified 1979 Ford LTD Country Squire). But the 1988 Ford Taurus wagon that transported the Griswolds on their Christmas adventures is still awesome.

The Taurus takes center stage when it's time to cut a Christmas tree and the Griswolds head out for a little F3 (Forced Family Fun). On the way, Clark's competitive nature gets the best of him, and the car launches itself – literally – into Christmas movie history.







3. George Bailey's 1919 Dodge Brothers touring car in "It's A Wonderful Life" (1946)

One of the most beloved Christmas films of all time, "It's A Wonderful Life" is chock full of great automobiles. Some we remember well — Ernie's taxi cab, Burt's police car and Sam's Duesenberg, for instance—and many that we don't. But the most cherished of them all is the 1919 Dodge Brothers touring that Jimmy Stewart crashes into a tree, sending him over the edge as he contemplates what life would be like if he'd never been born.

The open-air Dodge might otherwise be forgettable, but its role in Frank Carpra's magical story makes it special. The car, which still has its original movie studio ID badge, was displayed in a museum for years before passing into private ownership. Five years ago, it was purchased by a movie-loving Colorado couple. The Dodge was up for auction in 2014 but didn't change hands, perhaps because – like the movie – its owners ultimately decided that it was priceless.



4. Ghost of Christmas Past's 1970s Checker taxi cab in "Scrooged" (1988)

In "Scrooged," David Johansen scares the hell out of Bill Murray – which is exactly the point – by taking him on a wild ride in a 1970s Checker taxi cab.

Technically, the iconic yellow cab is a Checker Marathon, which retained the same basic design during its 22-year production run from 1961-82. The Marathon, produced in Kalamazoo, Mich., was built to take a beating, as would be expected of any taxi cab, particularly those that roam New York City. The Checker is an

underappreciated keeper, and so is "Scrooged."

Bonus Christmas taxi tidbit: Will Farrell gets hit by a yellow cab while crossing a New York City street in "Elf" (2003). Don't think about it too much. It's funny.



5. Martin Riggs' 1985 GMC C-3500 Crew Cab Wideside Dually in "Lethal Weapon" (1987)

What's that you say? "Lethal Weapon isn't a Christmas movie?" Au contraire, my friend. It is indeed a Christmas movie; it just doesn't give us the warm fuzzies we're used to receiving from holiday fare — unless you like action, explosions and kick-ass trucks. And we do. Which means we really dig Mel Gibson's 1985 GMC C-3500 Wideside Dually. The thing is a beast. It's so tough that it brings down the house — an actual house. Hope Santa wasn't inside.

Honorable mention: Argyle's 1988 Lincoln limousine in "Die Hard" (1988)

The "Lethal Weapon" GMC reminds us of an automotive hero in another "That's a Christmas movie?" movie: the black 1988 Lincoln limousine that gives Bruce Willis a lift from LAX to Nakatomi Plaza in "Die Hard." Who knew that in the end, the limo and its driver, Argyle, would become heroes? 'Tis the season.

Honorable mention: Willie's 1969 Chevy Impala in "Bad Santa" (2003)

Forgive us in advance, but there's something about the beatup 1969 Chevrolet Impala that Billy Bob Thornton drives in "Bad Santa" that we just can't get out of our heads. What's that, you ask? Let's just say the car's best feature – in the movie, at least – is its generous leg room.

Honorable mention: Plymouth Woodie Wagons in "Holiday Inn" (1942) and "White Christmas" (1950)

We find it amusing – and hopefully interesting – that two movies often mistaken for one another both cast similar-looking Plymouth woodie wagons in essentially the same roles.

In "Holiday Inn" (1942), a fresh 1942 Plymouth Special DeLuxe wagon is used to transport guests to the Holiday Inn. In "White Christmas" (1954), a 1950 Plymouth Special DeLuxe wagon is used to transport guests to the Columbia Inn. Two Plymouth woodies, two country inns, two iconic Christmas musicals.

As far as we're concerned, you can't go wrong with either car or movie.





Letter from the Editor

Registration is about to go live on the AACA website for the Winter Meet. The next issue of Antique Automobile will have a half page ad for our 2018 Winter Meet.

The schedule for the meet is as follows:

Thursday, March 22

7 am	Show Car Trailer Parking Open
11 am	Tour and Lunch at the Battleship
12 pm - 4 pm	Registration Pick-up Host Hotel
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12 pm - 4 pm Hospitality Room Open

5 pm - 7 pm Free Ice Cream Social at Henderson Collection

Friday, March 23, 2018

9 am - 4 pm	Registration Pick-up Host Hotel
10 am - 4 pm	Hospitality Room Open
10 am -	Mobile History Trolley Tour

11 am Race Car and 2 - Wheel Certification

11 am - 2 pm Silent Auction Viewing and Ticket Sales Host

Hotel

12 pm - Mobile History Trolley Tour

1 pm - 2 pm Round Table Discussion at Host Hotel

2 pm - 4 pm2 pmJudges School at Host Hotel2 pmMobile History Trolley Tour

4 pm - 5 pm Social Hour with cash bar - Battle House

Renaissance Hotel, Salon B

5 pm - 7 pm Social Hour and Southern Fried Chicken Dinner at the Battle House Renaissance Hotel, Salon B

Saturday, March 24, 2018

6:30 am	Judges Parking Opens
7 am - 11 am	Registration Pick-up on Meet Field
7 am – 11 am	Show Cars enter Meet Field
8 am	Judges Breakfast Battle House Renaissance
	Hotel, Crystal Ballroom
9 am	Judges CJE
10 am	Owner Briefing Show Field
11 am	All Vehicles must be on the field
11 am	AACA Judging Begins
1 pm	Youth Program - Show Field
3 pm	Vehicles may leave AACA Meet Field
5 - 6 pm	Social Hour - Cash Bar - Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile
	Convention Center
6:00 pm	Award Banquet - Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile

Now it is time to get our committees together and make each event something that attendees will remember. It is also time to sell the ads for our show book.

Convention Center

- Charlotte

2018 Winter National Meet • March 22~24, 2018 Mobile, Alabama

Hosted by the Deep South Region

Events and Activities:

Thursday, tour the USS Alabama Battleship and Ice Cream Social at the Henderson Collection. Friday, board the Mobile History Trolley for a tour of Mobile, evening Social Hour, and dine on Southern Fried Chicken at the Battle House. And Saturday, Winter Meet on the waterfront, evening Social Hour and Awards Banquet.

Host Hotel:

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel 64 S Water St, Mobile, AL 36602 Phone: (251) 438-4000

Ask for the AACA 2018 Winter Meet Rate of \$119 a night

Meet Chair:

Registration Chair:

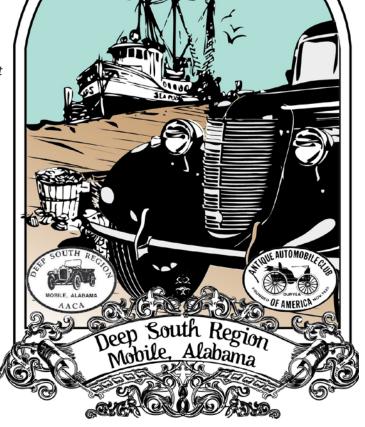
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Registration Deadline: March 1, 2018











Trailering to Shows Jim Elliott Vice President, Finance and Budget

There are many advantages to trailering your precious beauty to a show. You don't need to worry about a breakdown from an exploding hose, broken belt or brake issue. Your pride and joy arrives clean with no paint chips or windshield stars.

However, trailering is not to be undertaken lightly.

Many trailer options exist but the bottom line is you want to arrive safely. Your truck and trailer combination is always a bigger concern than simply driving your show car.

My preference is to pull the smallest and lightest trailer possible with the biggest and longest truck available. My crew cab long bed pickup with dual rear wheels has kept me safe for over twenty years with very few unintentional "exciting" moments.

There are some trailer basics that can make your trip uneventful. I have my trailer brakes, breakaway brake, and wheel bearings checked annually. Always check your lug nuts prior to leaving and again at your first gas stop. I carry a spare set in case one is lost.

Having a flat tire on the trailer is never fun. I hate to wait on AAA to change a tire so I carry the correct size lug wrench, (which will invariably be a different size than needed for your vehicle) as well as a battery powered impact gun. Some friends carry an aluminum floor jack but I have found the trailer ramp made by EZ Jack to be my preference.

I usually carry two trailer spare tires and wheels. If you need a second one on the road, Tractor Supply Company carries most sizes premounted on a rim.

Always check your hitch. A receiver hitch and trailer ball with a 6,000 pound rating cannot be used if your loaded trailer exceeds 6,000 pounds. The hitch should have a weight rating equal to or larger than the ball.

Lastly, and probably most importantly, check your tires - the higher load rating the better. A tire with a load capacity of 1,750 pounds on a dual axle trailer results in a maximum weight of 7,000 pounds. That means your show car, trailer and other supplies loaded in your trailer must not exceed a total of 7,000 pounds. Inflate your tires to the recommended pressure. Soft tires increase friction and therefore more heat.

Find the date code on your tires and replace them whenever they reach five years old. Storing your trailer with the tires on the ground can lead to belt separation and flat spots so rotate the tires regularly.

If trailering seems too complicated, take the easy way out. Drive your antique and enjoy the waves and admiring looks you receive along the way.

Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box

Market Place

Ads in The Market Place section are free to members and will run for three months unless otherwise noted.

Ads can consist of anything related to:

For Sale – Want to Buy – Looking For

Your ad(s) can run for an additional three months by Contacting Charlotte Dahlenburg.

Please submit new listings for The Market Place by the 12th of the month to:

DSR36608@gmail.com or to

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



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 OBO



1931 Chevrolet. 2 door; 2 seat Sedan. All original as I am the third owner. Runs great and has new tires. Original radiator needs reconditioned for longer

I have owned for 33 years. \$11,000 OBO.

Mike: 228-424-1294 Ocean Springs, MS



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

Joyce Young askes that you call before you come.

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Trucker's Christmas tree story lands on homepage of Fox News

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Tom Quimby | November 26, 2017

No doubt, loading a Christmas tree in the back of a pickup and getting it home is a very important mission.

Loading and delivering the nation's Christmas tree for display at the U.S. Capitol is the job of a lifetime.

This year, owner-operator Larry Spiekermeier of Whitewood Transport was the lucky driver chosen to transport the 2017 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. His

wife, Mary Ann (shown above next to Spiekermeier) made part of the journey with him.

Spiekermeier, who drove a special Kenworth T680 Advantage adorned with graphics of Christmas trees, wrote about his 3,500-mile journey for foxnews.com. The opinion piece made the home page of foxnews.com earlier today.

"I'm one of 3.5 million professional truck drivers on America's roads working to safely deliver the goods that keep our lives and economy moving, but on my latest trip, my truck is longer and heavier than usual and I couldn't be prouder. With a 79-foot-tall Engelmann Spruce in tow, I'm the driver who's been safely traveling across the country to deliver this year's Christmas tree to the U.S. Capitol," Spiekermeier writes in the opening paragraph.

Spiekermeier, 70, began his truck driving career in 1968. He's driven 3.5 million miles without an accident and is the first driver in Montana to receive two Driver of the Year awards from the Motor Carriers of Montana.







Refreshments

December 14 - Christmas Party

January 25 -

February 22 -

March 22 -

April 26 -

May 24 -

Up Coming Events

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 14 at 6 pm at the club house. We will be celebrating Christmas with a dinner together. See you there!

Birthdays & Anniversary

December 18 Nancy Henderson Martha Fuller January 2 Tracy Metclaf January 3 Frank Piper January 10 Paul Dagenais

January 12, 1953

Ed Grimes January 16

Don and Jennie Vermillion December 17, 2011

Thoughts Go Out

Also Keep good thoughts for Buddy & Patt Paquet, Foy & Judy Bobo, Buddy & Anne Givens, Bob White, Lycyle Crowdus, the Pendergrass family and D.R. Jordan.



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

Answer for last month: A 24hp. 6 cylinder Light Four-Seater from 1921

KEEP CALM AND **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Annual Membership Dues are Due

The annual dues for the car club are due. The dues are \$40.00 for the regional and \$20.00 for our local: Total of \$60.00 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



The 82nd AACA Annual Meeting will take place February 8-10, 2018, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. If you have never been to an AACA Annual Meeting in the City of Brotherly Love, you are missing a great time. The trade show, car exhibit, educational seminars and the awards banquet are just a few of the highlights you'll experience during the meeting. Registration materials and seminar information for the 2018 Annual Meeting will be available soon.

> We hope you will consider joining us for this very special event!

Speedster articles courtesy of AACA Speedster October 2017





What have you been up to?

Tilman's Corner Christmas Parade, December 2, 2017



Mamun Siddiq drives the 1957 T-Bird



Teddy drives the 1960 Buick Electra



JD Jones drives the 1957 Chevy Bel Air convertible



Marty Dykes drives the 1964 1/2 Mustang

On Saturday, December 2 the Henderson Collection sent out 10 antique cars to participate in the annual Tillman's Corner Parade. The parade has grown to be one of the largest parades in the Mobile area.

Armed with lots of throws the cars trilled the crowd. Nine antique cars lead the parade down Three Knotch Road. Several of DSR members drove cars in the parade. - Charlotte



David Ladnier drives Commissioner Jerry Carl in his 1964 Ford Galaxie



Darrin Dahlenburg drives the 1978 El Camino



Joe Stager drives the 1929 Model A Shay





Mark Magee drove Captain Lee in the 1937 Cadillac



Karl Johnson drives the 1976 Cadillac

Grand Bay Christmas Parade, December 2, 2017

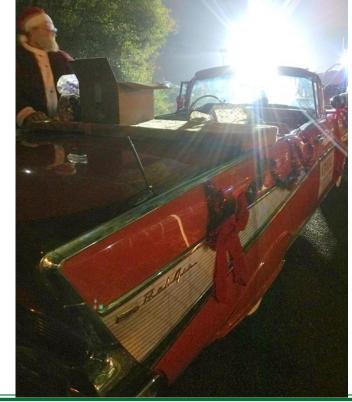


The 1964 1/2 Mustang decked out for Christmas



The 1955 Chevy Bel Air ready to drive Santa in the parade









Dawes Christmas Parade, December 9, 2017





Mamun Siddiq drives the 1976 Cadillac



Frank Piper drives the 1937 Cadillac



Garry Bailey drives the 1957 Chevy Bel Air

The Dawes Christmas Parade is one of the newer parades to the area. With Pastor Brad Sullivan as the organizer for the parade the Deep South Region and the Henderson's always support this parade.

The mile and half parade route is crowded with children of all ages ready to catch the throws and get a glimpse of Santa. This is a fun parade for both the driver and the spectator.

- Charlotte



Darrin Clanton drives the 1929 Model A Shay



JD Jones drives the 1964 1/2 Mustang





Sydney Breland drives the 2007 "Rent-A-Racer" Shelby



Following the '29 Model A is always fun



Darrin Dahlenburg drives the 1978 El Camino



Nathan Ivy drives the 1957 T-Bird

Semmes Christmas Parade, December 9, 2017







Top Left: Robert Salters and his Cavalier, Above: Paul Dagenais with his Comet Left: David Ladnier, Connie Hudson, Joyce Ladnier and Dennis Hudson pose for a photo before the parade. Not pictured is Ross Sloan who drove his Mustang,

Christmas Outing at the Hank on December 10





Zeno and Rheba Chaudron, David and Joyce Ladnier and Darrin and Charlotte Dahlenburg met at Hobby Lobby for the Deep South Region's outing to see the Christmas Lights at the Hank. After touring the lights the group went to McAllisters for dinner and fellowship. - Charlotte





Dauphin Island Parkway Christmas Parade, December 16, 2017



Left: Robert Salter's Cavalier.

Bottom Left: David Ladnier's 1964 Ford Galaxie and Ross Sloan's Mustang.

Below: David Ladnier, Barbara Drummond, State

House District 103 and Joyce Ladnier

All photos taken in the staging area for the Parkway Christmas Parade December 16









Dollar General Parade, December 22, 2017



Darrin Dahlenburg, Travis Henderson, Haleigh, John Weichman, Robert Salters, Cheryl Ramsey, Dwight, Sean Carroll, Frank Piper, Mamun Siddiq, Jd Jones, Paul Dagenais and Sydney Breland ready to participate in the Dollar General Bowl Parade.



Travis Henderson with the 1964 1/2 Mustang

The night started with rain looming over the Mobile area. Sprinkles here and there for the few hours before the parade had us questioning on going home or staying.

Just moment before the start of the parade the rain stopped and the Mardi Gras type parade went of without a hitch. - Charlotte



Frank Piper driving the 1937 Cadillac



Robert Salters with his Cavalier



Paul Dagenais with his Comet.







Sydney Breland with the 2007 Shelby



JD Jones with the 1960 Buick Electra



Mamun Siddig with the 1976 Cadillac El Dorado



John Weichman with the 1957 T-Bird

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WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS **DOING 24 YEARS AGO**

from the September 1993 Sparkplug

The 1993 DSR Christmas Party

The Christmas Party on Saturday, Decmeber 11th, was on to the best the Deep South Region has ever had in it;s 26 years of existence! it was held at Krobets Restaurant a the Loop with the "Happy Hour" cash bar from 6:00 to 7:00 PM with the banquet stating at 7:00. There were 59 present including 3 guests. Our chaplain, Hershel Whigham, asked a blessing and we began a buffet style delicious meal with a choice of many courses available. The tables were beautifully decorated.

After eating, Lloyd thanked everyone for coming out and for the assistance the members gave during 1993. President Buddy Paguet requested all 1994 elected

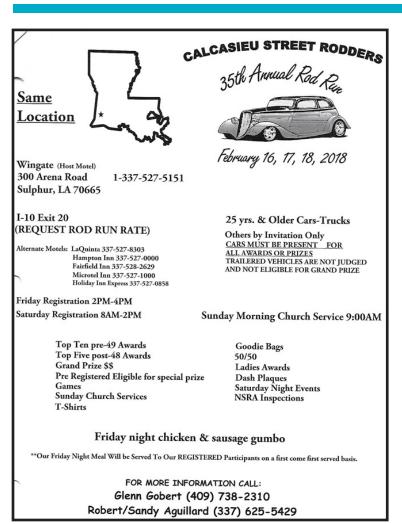
officials so come forward for their institution and thanked all retiring 1993 DSR cars that participated in the annual Secretary Jane Bruton then told of the DSR's "Angel Tree: donation of \$150, taken from the treasury by an earlier vote, to make a good Christmas for 3 needy children. Jane had volunteered to do this on behalf of the club and a plate was passed around to reimburse the treasury. 200+ was donated \$50 more one more needy child gifts.

The Prez then announced that an Activity Chairman, Lloyd Crowdus! application for membership had been present.

President Buddy then told us that the Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade on December 4th had won the "Best of Show" plagues for the DST, he showed us the very pretty plague and announced it will be placed on display at the cub house.

The Danbury Mint 1932 Cadillac V-16 model that was donated to the DSR by our member Melvin Stein, to be raffled of for than needed so a vote was taken to give our building fund, had the winning ticker drawn ---- and who won it but our retiring

Retiring calling committee chairman, received from Richard and Katie Berry Eugenia Youens, then presented a and they were voted in by the members small gift to all the 1993 callers on the committee, in appreciation of their help during the year.





Minutes from the November Meeting

President Zeno Chaudron called the November 16, 2017 meeting to order. The call to order was followed by prayer and pledge of allegiance.

President Chaudron reported a profit of \$1600 from the October Fish Fry and Cruise-In, and he expressed thanks to Charlie Lyles for once again making the fish fry a possibility. It was noted that costs for all expenses of the fish fry, except the purchase of the fish, were covered by club members or supporters.

The Secretary, Tracy Metclaf, moved for approval of the October 26, 2017 meeting minutes as published in SparkPlug. The motion was seconded by David Ladnier and was unanimously approved by the members present.

Walt Fuller discussed some changes to the By-Laws to be included in the next publishing of the roster. A motion was made by David Ladnier to approve the recommended changes and seconded by Jim Henderson. Approval was made by acclimation.

A report of the nominations for 2018 Officers was presented and upon motion by Herb Thoms and second by Jim Henderson, the nominees were elected by acclimation of the members

Paul Dagenais, Treasurer presented the Financial Report

which was unanimously approved upon motion by Charlotte Dahlenburg and second by Zeno Chaudron.

David Ladnier presented a list of activities including car shows and parades. Brian Daly will investigate availability and cost of producing magnetic signs that may be displayed on DSR member cars in various shows and parades.

Discussion was held about the AACA National Winter Meet that will be held in Mobile March 22 - March 24, 2018. The Deep South region will be the host for this major undertaking. Charlotte Dahlenburg is Show Chairman for the event

Upon motion by Tracy Metalf and second by Zeno Chaudron it was agreed that for the recipients of the four free 2018 AACA memberships, DSR will provide a free 2018 DSR membership. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ken Jordan, CPA has handled tax return and other accounting needs for the Deep South Region for a number of years without charge. Upon motion by Jim Henderson and second by Ross Sloan, a vote unanimously approved providing Ken with 2018 membership to AACA and to DSR.

Motion to adjourn was made by David Ladnier and seconded by Brian Daly. After unanimous approval by the members present, the meeting was adjourned.

Sentimental Tour



Ninth Annual

"Winter Wonderland" Food Festival A TASTE OF FRENCH SETTLEMENT

Sunday, December 3, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church

15710 La Highway 16, French Settlement, LA

A TASTE OF FRENCH SETTLEMENT: Selection of French Settlement's Finest Foods 10:00 AM until 5 PM

SELECT FROM: Chicken Fettuccini, Jambalaya, Seafood Gumbo, Chicken & Andouille Gumbo, Seafood Pistolettes, Boudin Balls, Fried Fish, Chicken Tenders, French Fries, etc.

SWEET SHOPPE: Featuring a large selection of Homemade Candy, Cakes, and Cookies

FATHER JASON'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE: A display featuring over 450 pieces, showcasing a

Over 40 Craft Booths - Handmade woodwork, Paintings by local artist, Jewelry, Wreaths, Plants, Bows, Purses, Gift

Children's Hay Ride and Train Ride FREE Children's Activities and SANTA will be there



Show: wards:







Natchez, Vicksburg, Vidalia, The Natchez Trace, Native American Sites, Settler and Explorer Sites, Battlefields, MORE!

For details, Contact Tour Chairman Charlie Froehlich at (601) 749-9935 www.aaca.org www.visitnatchez.org www.visitvicksburg.com





A Tale of Two Cities...









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 \$40 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 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 - \$40 (includes spouse if applicable) Members receive bi-monthy issue of ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE magazine. Members 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.

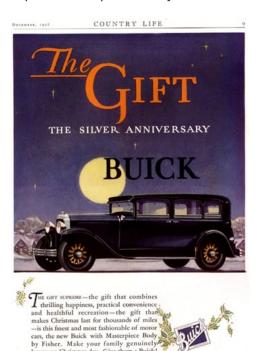
Junior Membership - \$10 Any child up to 12 years old may join, whether or not parents are members of AACA. Junior members will receive one Membership Card, one Membership Badge, and a Newsletter four times a year, February, May, August, and November. Special activities are encouraged for Juniors at 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.





Seven Great Classic Christmas Car Ads

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WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT . . . BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

py on Christmas day. Give them a Buick

Buick, 1929

Back in the good old days, cars and the ads to sell them were pretty much produced by hand. That makes this artful old ad from Buick something special. After all, when was the last time you laid eyes on a car ad suitable for framing?



Give Them a Magic Carpet for Christmas



Lincoln, 1941

While it's hard to imagine in today's

economy, there was a time when average working Americans so routinely bought and gave away cars at Christmastime that targeting prospective buyers became a mainstay of holiday car advertising throughout the 1940s and '50s. This ad is but one example suggesting that the old days were very good, indeed.



a Christmas to remember.

This year, the beautiful old Yuletide sentiment — "peace on earth" — means something far more real to most of us than it did at any previous Christmas ... In this ever-memorable year of 1945, peace is a dearly won and precious acquisition we know we must treasure vigilantly . . And so, as the lights of this inspiring Christmas twinkle at our hearthsides, as carolers sing their joyous roundelays and community trees gleam with friendlines, our nation hopefully, confidently and resolutely faces the opportunity to shape its destiny

> * STUDEBAKER * Builder of cars worthy of America's home

Studebaker, 1945

In an ad that reads like a Christmas card to post-war America, Studebaker subtly pulls at the heart and the wallet strings with this portrait of holiday perfection.



Christmas season car ads definitely aren't like they used to be. And that's a shame. Some of the earliest holiday car advertisements in magazines and newspapers were nothing short of an American art form. Take a look at some of our classic Christmas favorites.

Mercury, 1948

Here's one more reason to love classic holiday car advertising—the admen of old didn't give a rip about consumerism dominating the Christmas spirit. Here's a great example of how Mercury built a classic holiday ad around that more-isbetter mentality so prevalent in the years after the Second World War.



"My Daddy's been a good boy too—and he wants a new PLYMOUTH!"

Plymouth, 1948

After WWII, Plymouth ran a number of holiday ads like this one—a simple formula that combined a single line of dialogue and a hyper-idyllic scene oozing with sentimental, Rockwellian sap. Never in the history of America has a department store Santa and Christmas shopping with the family looked so good. But therein lay the pitch: A Plymouth could make all your impossible dreams come true.



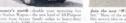


Yours for a Merry, Merry Christmas with the World's Most Modern Car!









Nash, 1951

Let's just slap a big red bow on the door and call it good. Outside of wondering if the creative team at Nash simply gave up trying to come up with a solid new idea for a holiday ad, the only other question about this one is why the man of the house isn't out in the garage with a highball of holiday cheer and hollering at the kids to get their grubby mitts off the new car.

Cadillac, 1956

The dazzling blond and the angel over the shoulder says you live a charmed life; the little jewelry gift box contains (surprise!) not a diamond ring or necklace but the real keys to a women's heart-a brand new Caddy.







St. Elmo-Irvington Volunteer Fire Department

Iosh McKeever, Fire Chief

SEIVFDOffice@gmail.com StElmoFire.org

First Annual St. Elmo-Irvington Fire Department Car & Truck Show

Please join St. Elmo-Irvington Fire Department in our first ever car & truck show! The show will be on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM. This exciting first-time event will be held at the Mobile Dragway (7800 Park Boulevard, Irvington, AL 36544). This event is rain or shine.

- Pre-Registration forms available on our website: StElmoFire.org
- Registration begins at 8:00 AM on the day of the event.
- No fee to register. Donations are appreciated.
- There will be asphalt parking for the show cars.

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

- 1st Place Overall
- 2nd Place Overall
- **Best Under Construction**
- Best Vehicle Showman (Impress the crowd, friends!)
- Kid's Choice Award

This family friendly, alcohol-free event will feature Fire safety booths, raffles and food and drink booths. All monies raised go to support the VOLUNTEER fire department as we continue the 40-year tradition of serving our community. All types of cars and trucks are welcome.

Email Joey Turner at StElmoFireDept@gmail.com or call (251) 751-9426. You can also leave a message at the station: (251) 957-2316.

Respectfully,

Josh Mc Keever

Josh McKeever

Chief, SEIVFD

Note: This is a car and truck only show. Motorcycle show will be scheduled in the Fall of 2018.



Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruizin July 12 - 14

Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In is a annual event held in Hiawassee, GA the event site is at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds on beautiful Lake Chatuge.

No Pets Allowed inside the Fairgrounds Gates Camping is available "Stay right at the show site".

Enjoy three fun filled days of good ole mountain hillbilly fun. See a Pioneer village, real moonshine still in the works, mountain crafts, and plenty of hot classic cars, trucks, bikes, rat rods and more!

www.gammoonshinecruizin.com

Post Office Box 308

St. Elmo. Alabama 36568

251-957-2316







National Car Shows

February 2018

8-10 - AACA Annual Meeting • Philadelphia

March 2018

22-24 - Winter Meet • Mobile AL

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

July 2018

11-14 - AACA Eastern Spring Meet – Chesapeake Region - Gettysburg, PA.

August 2018

20-24 - AACA Reliability Tour — GVACS & Wayne Drumlins Region - Canandaigua, NY.

September 2018

12-15 - AACA Central Division Tour • hosted by Amarillo

Region • Texas Panhandle, TX

6-22 - AACA Glidden Tour - VMCCA - Twin Falls, ID.

October 2018

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



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	Po-Boy's Cruise In 5-8 pm	Tillman's Corner KFC, 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	
3rd Saturday	Bootleggers Pizzeria	1913 Pass Rd, Biloxi	228-324-6444
3rd Saturday	Orange Grove Kruiser's	Acadian Pizza on Hwy 49 Gulfport, MS	
4th Saturday	Hot Wheels & Wings Cruise-In	Hooters Hwy. 98 Daphne 3-6 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 Cruzer
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

January 2018

- 6 Gulfport, MS The 2018 Gulf Coast Car/Truck/Motorcycle Event Planning & Scheduling Meeting will be held at the Clarion Inn, (phone 228-868-3300) Hwy 49, Gulfport, MS. (Exit 34 I-10) meeting will start at 10am. This is an open invitation to all car & motorcycle clubs, civic organizations and church groups to inform the public of their planed events taking place during the 2018 season. If you have any questions, please call 228 596-0664 or e-mail jimbo@ dixiepress.com
- 12 Lucedale, MS 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Hardees in Lucedale, corner of Old Hwy 63 & Cowart Street from 8:30am till. For more info call Mike Lachaussee 228-369-1431
- 13 Gulfport, MS Second Saturday Cars and Coffee at The Busted Wrench Garage and Museum, located at 2311 29th Street, Gulfport, from 8am-10am. Join us for FREE coffee and conversations. All vehicles welcome!! Contact for more info: 228-864-9082
- 13 Pearl, MS Annual Planning Meeting for all MS street rod February
- 3 Gulfport, MS Gulf Coast Winter Classic at Gulfport Dragway.

 1st race of the season so bring your cars, trucks, bikes, pro stocks, muscle cars, dragsters out for a day of racing.

 Gates open at 9am www.gulfportdragway.com
- 9 Lucedale, MS 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Hardees in Lucedale, corner of Old Hwy 63 & Cowart Street from 8:30am till. For more info call Mike Lachaussee 228-369-1431
- 23-25 Baton Rouge, LA 40th Annual R.O.D.S. Run at Gerry Lane Cadillac / Hampton Inn in Baton Rouge, LA. Hosted by the Ramblin' Oldies of Denham Springs car club. Pre-49 only. Food & Drinks vendors, music, free swap meet. Benefits the Hospice Foundation of Baton Rouge. For more information call Lee 225-673-8562
- 24 Bay St. Louis, MS 5th. Annual VFW Auxiliary Post 3253 Open Car & Truck Show 208 third street Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520. Dash plaques to first 50 registered vehicles, top 20 cars, top 5 trucks, 5 specialty awards, best of show, Commanders choice award, John Parent memorial award. Registration 8am-noon. Awards 2:pm. Entry fee day of show \$25.00. Silent Auction, Food, Drinks, and dessert

available. For more information call bobby 228-493-2033 or Elaine 228-216-9571

March

- 3 Bay St. Louis, MS 20th annual GNAT Nationals Open Car Show. Saturday, March 3, 2018; 8:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M. Our Lady of the Gulf, 228 South Beach Blvd, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 Charities CASA and Senior Citizens of Hancock County. Awards presented at 2:00 P.M. Pre-registration \$20.00 by February 21, 2018 \$25 day of show. Top 25 Awards, Furthest Driven, Sponsor Awards, Best of Show. Awards to be voted on by Registered Participants. Info: Bobby 228-493-2033 or Donna 228-332-3006 Misfits Street Krewzers · P.O. Box 2101 · Bay St. Louis, MS 39521. Rain Out date March 10th at the Depot in Bay St. Louis
- 3 Brookhaven, MS Fielder's Pro Shop Goin' To Town Car Show in beautiful historic downtown Brookhaven, MS. this show is sponsored by Fielder's Pro Shop, Tourism council, and Advance Auto Parts. Mention show for special room rates at the Hampton Inn 601-823-3800 or Comfort Inn 601-835-0055. Pre Entry \$10 or \$15 day of show. for more information: T-Tommy 601-833-8620 or Brookhaven Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce 601-833-1411
- 9 Lucedale, MS 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Hardees in Lucedale, corner of Old Hwy 63 & Cowart Street from 8:30am till. For more info call Mike Lachaussee 228-369-1431
- 10 Bay St. Louis, MS 2nd Saturday Cruise-In at the Harbor. 4pm - 8pm. Music - 50/50 - Prizes. Enjoy local restaurants & 2nd Sat Shopping downtown. Open to all Car/Truck/ Bikes Everyone Welcome. (March thru September)
- 16-18 Pearl, MS 40th Annual Dixie Rod Run Presented by: Mississippi Street Rod Association March 16, 17, 18, 2018 Trustmark Park, Pearl, MS. Pre--74 Show Pre-registration: \$20.00 After March 1, 2018: \$25.00 For more information; call, Mike Summerlin at 601-832-8771 Or e-mail: AAAScale@aol.com Top Ten; pre- 49 Top Ten; Pre- 74. 50/50 drawing, Friday night BBQ for registered entries, dash plaques, NSRA inspections, swap meet, trophies, games, cash prizes, Grand Prize 350 engine, must be present and registered to win. Ladies Tea: theme; 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s attire.



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