



The Sparkplug



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The Fullers go touring in Ashville, NC Area, Sept 22-25, 2016

"On the road again" headed to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Four couples from the Gulf Coast Model A Club hooked up their trailers and headed north. Everyone arrived at the Log Cabin Motor Court on Thursday afternoon just in time to meet and greet old friends or touring buddies. For you that have not toured before you make lots of lasting friendships and meet new Model A enthusiast. After our meet and greet we all shared a BBQ dinner and pulled up chairs and had a tour meeting to layout the rules for our tour.

First day of touring we drove 136.1 miles on the Blue Ridge Parkway, stopping at several points of interest



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along the way. (i.e. Craggy Gardens, Apple Orchards, Falls, Winery and many scenic overlooks.) We were all told to check our brakes before starting our tour, we all knew why by the end of this tour. We encountered many switch-backs both up and down hill this required second gear and braking for miles. Much to our surprise we encountered about four miles of curvy dirt and gravel road.



Must say this was not an good surprise. We were to meet at the Glass Onion Restaurant at 5:00 pm for dinner, however one of our cars decided to stop, all our roadside mechanics gathered quickly to access the situation and found the problem to be a faulty battery cable. I guess the gravel road shook it apart. That was easily fixed once back at the motor court. Thank goodness there was BBQ left from the evening before. Thanks to Happy Begg, Tour Director for the food.

Second day we drove 126.4 miles this time there were four lane flat roads for the most part. We set out south for Brevard, NC a unique small town with a great downtown lots of shops, good restaurants and the White Squirrel Festival! Next we were

off to Hendersonville, NC a larger version of Brevard and home of the NC Apple Festival, as you pass Hendersonville there were apple orchards on both sides of the road. Now is the time to gather apples. Then on to Chimney Rock Park and Lake Lure this was definitely hill country, but not like the previous day. Lake Lure sits in the Hickory Nut Gorge, surrounded by lush mountaintops and granite cliffs. We all gathered for lunch at Larkin's on the Lake. After this we were on our own for the remainder of the day. We had reservations at 6:00 pm at the Bavarian Restaurant next to the Log Cabin Motor Court. Food was good, service took 2 hours. We enjoyed just sitting and visiting after two busy days.

Weather was great for a tour, leaves were beginning to turn a little in the mountains. We were up early on Sunday to load cars on trailers and head south.

- Walt and Martha Fuller



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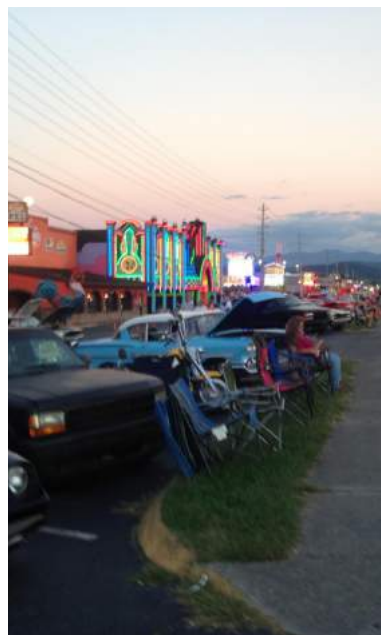
Two Guys and Three Days

On Thursday, September 15 Bobby Peterson and Jerry Bailey set out in Jerry's Chevy Camaro SS. This is one of the few times that Bobby did not get a speeding ticket. Even though they intended to get an early start and leave at noon, 6 pm worked just as well.

The two made it to Gadston, AL and visited Unique Motorcars. Unique Motorcars is known for building replica cobras. The two toured the shop and looked at some of the cars that were in the process of being built for customers.



Unique Motorcars of Gadston Alabama. Top left: All the parts in the parts room. Top Right: Customer cars. Left: Body in the process of being built. Far Left: Showroom floor



That afternoon they headed to Pidgin Forge, TN for the Rod Run. The Rod Run is a smaller version of Cruising The Coast. Inside the pavilion they had the show cars and some of the more elite vendors.

Bobby's job while on this trip was to keep Jerry from spending too much money. In the process Bobby managed to spend \$10 on a clutch gearing ball for the vette. The two watched a lot of the cruising and visited a lot of vendors.

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The next day they made their way to Maggie Valley North Carolina. As a bonus the VW show was taking place. They met the tie dye guy at the show. He lived in his camper. Bobby saw a lot of wild looking custom VWs. The one that caught Bobby's

eye had a 350 V8 engine in it. There were a lot of strangely dressed people at the show.

They next visited the Wheels Through Time Museum. The museum was mostly motorcycles with a few old cars. Everything in the museum ran.

Bobby spotted a 1916 Cadillac that had previously been in the Great Race. The owner of the museum likes to get on any one of his bikes and do burn outs in the middle of the museum.

- Written for Bobby Peterson by Charlotte



The bonus VW Show and the Wheels Through Time Museum.



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Hope all of you and Family are well. Fall seems to be right around the corner and it can't get here quick enough for me. We have had a pretty busy month planning for our Fish Fry & Bake Sale that's coming up this Saturday the 29. I'm looking forward to eating some Fish & trimmings.

At last months meeting we put together a Nominating Committee for next years club officers. I hope you would consider one of these positions. Sometimes a new face & ideals can(HELP!) tremendously within the club. We will have a list at our Thursday night meeting the 27 at 7:00 pm for our new officers. We also want to recognize our newest members. Look forward to seeing you.

Best,

Zeno

Letter From the Editor

This month I have enjoyed so many adventures. The most recent is the trip to Galveston, Texas for the Central Fall Meet. I made some new friends and have caught up with some old friends.

One of my friends from Huntsville had moved to the Huston area and he drove down to Galveston and spent a few hours with us.

This meet was the third meet where I got to judge for AACA. I again judged the Drivers Participation Class. I was teamed with Ron White again and really enjoyed learning more from him.

One of the great opportunities that we, as members, enjoy is the free training that AACA offers to judges. In New Bern I took a class in Model A's. This time I took a class in chassis. I was amazed how much I learned in a 45 minute crash course.

I highly recommend that if you have the opportunity to attend a AACA meet that you invest your time in one of these classes.

AACA has a meet coming up in February that is not to far from home. I hope each of you consider making the trip to Florida to show your car or go look at all the cars that are entered. While you are there take advantage of a judges school.

Charlotte Dahlenburg



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How to plan the perfect road trip for a perfect tour.



Planning your perfect trip to the car tour can be an exhausting ordeal.

The Great American Road Trip can become even greater when you look at your approach.

While it does seem that the “On the Road” experience of getting in a car and just going for the sake of going is in decline, the statistics prove that more Americans than ever are taking to the roads.



Plan Your Route and Stops Before You Leave...

You know your destination, but deciding on your route and stops can really depend on your travel style. Make sure everyone is on the same page before you leave to avoid being stuck in a car with unhappy passengers for 8 hours a day.

Make a plan, but not a rigid one.

If you’ve got a time limit (as most people do), it’s smart to plot out which city you’ll will stay in each night before setting off. Plan so your driving time is eight hours or less per day.

These two services can help you plan.

- **Roadtrippers:** The service uses Google-Maps based directions to lay out your route and helps you find all the stops along the way.

- **OnTheWay:** The app can show you stops and restaurants along your route, but it can also help you find interesting things like museums, parks, and roadside attractions.

If you plan on winging it with your GPS-enabled devices, GPS services aren’t always 100% accurate. Try bringing two different GPS devices with you. You might even spot a quicker route on one that’s not visible on the other.

You need to investigate the weather beforehand too. One route may look shorter on the map, but weather can turn that short route into a long and hazardous road. You can check the weather for your route with the Weather Channel Trip Planner.

No matter how much you plan, you should expect things to go differently. Road construction, bridges being out, and messy accidents are almost guaranteed to slow things down along the way.

It’s also a good idea to keep loose plans because you never know when fun and interesting opportunities will on the horizon. You could be driving by one of most popular roadside attractions along the way.

Have a Solid Budget...

Driving somewhere can cost you less money than flying there, but it still comes with hidden costs. For example, be sure to include food and lodging in your budget, as well as any tourist trap along the way you may want to visit.

Your big expense is going to be gas, and there are a couple things you can do to save:

- **Fill up your car the day before you leave.** You already know where the best prices for gas are around you. This will give you a solid start.

- **Keep the weight of your cargo to a minimum.** Your passengers’ weight is set, but you can adjust how much stuff you pack in your vehicle. The lighter your ride, the longer she’ll glide.

- **If it’s time to get gas look for an exit with multiple gas stations and tons of fast food chains on the signs.** The prices will be

lower here because there’s competition, and you’ll be able to compare and pick the best option for you.

- **Drive the speed limit.** Not only is it safer to drive the speed limit, it can save your gas mileage anywhere from 5% in town to 33% on the highway.



Your second biggest cost is food. Packing your food beforehand in a cooler.

- **By packing yourself, you get to control the nutrition of you and your family.** When you’re on the road without food, you’re left to forage the wilds of the truck stops for people fuel. That means eating fast food and tasty, but oh-so-bad for you snacks.

- **You also get the gift of time.** By bringing your own food, you can eat whenever you want and your stops can be much more efficient.



Make Sure Your Ride is Ready...

In the weeks leading up to your adventure, you need to make sure that your vehicle is in primo condition. This is important for you and your passengers safety, and a healthy vehicle won’t break down on you in the middle of nowhere.

Make sure all of the scheduled, preventative maintenance you need to have done on your vehicle is taken care of. Last but not least, make sure you have all the proper tools you need to change a flat in your trunk, and that you’re spare tire is

ready to rumble.

...And Pack Your Car Like a Pro

Okay, you've got your route set, your budget planned out, and your car ready to travel the open road. Now it's time to pack. Make sure you have all of the important stuff first. The internet has many lists of all the essentials you should keep in your car, and those are even more important for a long road trip.

Consolidate and pack your bags to



maximum capacity. And remember, only take what you think you'll need. If you pack light you'll save on gas and have room to bring stuff back.



If it will take more than one day to arrive at your destination pack a day pack with your overnight things so when you arrive at your hotel you only need to bring in the one bag.

Also pack light so there's room to collect. It will be such a bummer if your trunk is too full of suitcases to stow these finds.

Stay Entertained on the Road...

Once you're on the open road, you need something to keep you from getting bored. Anything from music, to books on tape, to classic car games can help keep the boredom away.

Prepare For Your Voyage Back

When it's time to head back, there's a few

things you can do to make the ride back just as easy. Safety is number one, so inspect your car for all of the usual stuff. It's also important to keep your car clean. Nothing is worse than cleaning the mountain of mess leftover in your car at the end of a really long drive. It's easier to clean up before you head home and every time you make a stop.

Everything you check before leaving applies before heading home. Check your route for hazards and weather, find the cheapest gas before you leave, and try your hardest to stick to your set budget. The way home can be weary, but don't slip and spend all the money you saved just because you're exhausted!

The road trip can be an unforgettable adventure for you and your family, but it can also be a stressful experience if you don't take the time to plan. The open road awaits.

Here's wishing that your road tripping finds you on time and in the right place, even when you least expect it.

- Charlotte Dahlenburg

Road Trip Hacks

1. Find the "world's largest" everything. Map out all those places that claim to have the "world's largest" version of whatever, because they make for some hilariously off-beat sights.

2. Bring a real, actual map and a really big Sharpie. Google Maps is awesome for driving directions, but it's a lot more fun to track your progress on a real map. Trace your route on the map as you go along, then hang it in your bedroom or office to smile at every day.

3. Practice making new friends. A road trip is not the best time to do so. Chat up your grocery store cashier. Ask the motel staff for shopping suggestions. Locals know their area best, and they'll lead you to the best activities once you break the ice.

4. Announce your whereabouts. Text someone the name of the place you stay each night and which city you plan to reach by the next night. In the very rare event that anything sketchy happens, it's good to have a public record of where you are.

5. Make up your own road games. Unlock the "are we there yet?" child within and use your pent-up creativity to pass the time. Play a game of "seven questions" instead of 21. Re-cast your favorite movies using you and your trip mates as the actors. Count how many times you see the word "chicken" on a billboard. Get funky with it.

6. Ask a local where to eat. Nine times out of ten, a local will lead you to a tastier, cheaper dinner with better ambiance than a guidebook could ever suggest.

7. Limit phone calls to the outside world. Road trips are all about being wild, abandoned and free on the open road. They're also about bonding in a special way while spending hours and hours together in that tiny box on wheels.

8. Bring a spare car key. It might sound like a no-brainer, but there are some people who have not been so wise.

9. Follow those weird billboards. You know, the ones that say "Free Chocolate Samples This Way" and "Second-Friendliest Yarn Store in The Universe." These places aren't creepy; they're cool.

10. Embrace the gas station. Some are gourmet. Some, less so. But they've got cheap eats, classic candies, bathrooms, and fuel all in one.

11. Take pictures! Road trips are prime fodder for beautiful scrapbooks and bulletin boards once you get home.

12. Get off the highways. Unless you have a specific destination and a strict schedule, there is little point in hitting the roads to see the country if you don't spend some time on the back roads.

13. Have an escape plan to get off country roads.

14. Anticipate trouble spots. If you are grinding out long miles on a road trip, it's not hard to find yourself in the wrong place at the wrong time.

15. Tend to division of labor. Some people are good at navigating; others couldn't read a map if they tried. Some people are good at planning meals, while others think a big bag of chips counts as a good dinner.

16. Join a roadside rescue service. If you take enough road trips, eventually you will end up stranded on the side of the road outside. Having that 800-number that immediately ties you in to approved local tow services and mechanics is going to save you a lot of hassle, and also shield you from some of the dangers of the road that none of us wishes to encounter.

17. Have your documents and a clean record. It sometimes seems like my new insurance card takes days or weeks to get into my glove box. If you are traveling without current documentation of license, registration or insurance, you could be in for a world of hurt if you are pulled over for any reason.

18. Know when to hold 'em, and when to fold 'em.





It is always bigger in Texas

We left Mobile at 5 am to head to Galveston. Jim, Zeno, Frank, Darrin and I took six cars. The 1940 Sedan Delivery, 1949 Chevy Panel Bookmobile, 1951 Ford Crestliner, 1951 Ford Custom Convertible, 1960 Ford Thunderbird and the 1962 Chevy Impala SS. A fine line up of cars!

It was the effort of many people from our car club that helped with getting these six cars ready to go to a show. All six cars were cleaned inside and out, including the engine compartment. I remember once during cleaning the cars that Zeno had asked me to look at an engine and see if it was clean enough. My response was that he had missed a few areas. Zeno thought to himself "Maybe I don't need to be cleaning these engines."

About two hours into the trip the front tire on the Topkick blew and took the fender, turn signal and headlight right off the truck. Zeno was in the Excursion pulling the single car trailer pulled off the road with Darrin and Frank. Jim and I went on to the next rest area to arrange for the tires to be changed.

While the guys were waiting for roadside service they had a roadside service. The guys told us about the adventure with the tire man. Apparently the man had been working for them for about a year. He arrived and got the tire off and then set the new tire on top of the rim. Then he said I think it is the wrong size tire. He must have thought that the tire was going to jump on the rim.

Next the man put the wheel back on the truck and had changed the rim from aluminum to steel and the lug nuts were wrong. When Darrin told him that it would not work the man told Darrin "Sir, I am a professional."

Mr. H decided that we should go ahead and go to Galveston. One exit from arriving at our destination we blew a tire on the trailer. We arrived in Galveston around 2:30 pm. We parked the rig and Jim Johnston took us around in his golf cart to register our cars and to get all our rooms taken care of. Jim Henderson has never met a stranger in his life and neither has Jim Johnston.

After getting some food we knew the guys would be late so Jim went to his room and rested. I went and hung out with Sandy Johnston and



While the guys were waiting for roadside service they had a roadside service.



Above: Jim, Dale Roth, Marty Roth, Zeno and Charlotte talking about Buzards Breath. Right: The guys on the beach.



her crew of registrars. They had a welcome reception on Thursday evening at the host hotel that I attended and met some new people.

After the reception a group of us went to the hospitality room and enjoyed some cookies. I had a great time talking and later making the table decorations for the banquets.

The guys arrived at 1:30 in the morning. I walked over to the entrance of the hotel to greet them and guided them to where they needed to park.

Friday morning we checked on the cars and went to the Technical Session on Gasoline. It was interesting to learn a few new things. The session mostly talked about oil and lubrication.

Galveston is an island that is on the coast of Texas. We drove down the main road beside the beach till we found a little restaurant to eat lunch. Then we drove down past the Strand and Pier 21. At the end of the Island we got out to check out the beach.

When we returned to the hotel I attended the Members Roundtable. It was interesting to see where other clubs were struggling and hear some of the solutions that National had to offer.

After the roundtable we all went to clean up for the Island Banquet. The banquet was a beach theme with a buffet style dinner. The band "The Fab Five" played for us. Jim Johnston gave



Jim Henderson and Jim Johnston



Mr. H a signed beach ball and one of the ladies at the table got the entire band to sign a beach ball for Mr. H.

The next morning was show time. Six cars to get on the show field in 3 hours. Not such an easy task.

As much as you plan ahead to make sure the cars are ready to go seams like something always goes wrong, a battery will not start the car, your missing the gas cap key, the brakes fail and a number of other things.

But sure enough one by one the cars enter the show field and are positioned for judging. There is a certain amount of pride you feel with you see Mr. H drive off to the show field in one of his cars.

Right at 11 am the judges are all over the cars like ants. They are looking closely at everything. They walk around the car and look at different parts and the Team Captain talks to the car owner and greets him or her. If there are any questions when the judges meet together after viewing

the Team Captain is the only one that talks to the owner.

After judging is done then you have time to walk around and see all the cars and talk to all the owners.

At three o'clock they release the cars and it is a mad dash to get the cars put away. It takes team work to accomplish the task in time to go to the awards banquet.

Galveston put on an evening of fun and elegance. The cars all got the awards that they came for. (even if I had to go question the VP of Judging)

One of the ways the host club raised money for their event was through a silent auction. They just ran it a little different with raffle tickets and bags.

You might want to ask Frankie about the raffle and all of his "found" tickets.
- Charlotte



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2016 Coker Challenge & the 64 1/2 Mustang



Photos by Jim True, North Alabama Region



Scott Henderson just completed his fourth year at the three-day Coker Tire Challenge in Chattanooga. The rally began with registration and tech inspection on Thursday, September 15, followed by food and fellowship at Corky Coker's museum. The ensuing race began Friday, September 16, and ran through Sunday, September 18.

Attendance for the race was up this year from roughly 40 participants to around 52. There were quite a few rookies participating this year with the intention of preparing for The Great Race next year.

Scott's first year at the Coker Tire Challenge was spent with his daughter Mallory as navigator, who, of course, has since gone on to become a multiple "Ace" wielding, four year Great Race veteran. While I know Scott would love to have his adorable little fireball Mallory by his side so that his scores would be less humiliating, the last three years at

the Coker Challenge have been spent with, well, me, Linda Grant, reluctant girlfriend, as navigator.

Scott sensibly enters the races strictly for fun, knowing that his directionally challenged navigator of the last three years will probably fall short of a take home victory. (On my behalf, however, I did wise up this year and wrote a huge "R" on my right hand so that we would not go in continual circles like we did last year.) Scott takes it all in stride, however, because he is in it for the challenge, the beautiful Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama countryside, and the genuinely warm people who participate each year. I, too, have fallen in love with the atmosphere fostered by Corky Coker and his staff.

The weather was perfect for the race every day. The 64 1/2 Mustang purred like a kitten through back roads and majestic Blue Mountains, and Scott kept his cussing to a minimum as he skillfully screeched around corners and turns. We finished the race toward the middle (very late middle on the last day) of the pack each day, but we were happy and invigorated by the chase as we pulled in to accept our scores at the end of each day.

The race culminated with mouthwatering barbeque and customary awards ceremony. We can't wait until next year..., hope some of our members will join us in 2017.

- Linda Grant



Celebrating 58 years

September 24, 2016 marks 58 years of marriage celebration for Herb and Nancy Thoms. Where else would you celebrate than at the car warehouse?

Weeks of planning and inviting payed off. Nancy bought a few decorations and a few balloons. I made a cake and Nancy brought some drinks.

Slowly one by one family arrived. Then friends began to arrive.

Nancy is one of the sweet Adaline's. The group sang 5 songs that told the story of the Thoms in song. It was so sweet to watch.

After the songs they cut the cake. Then Herb spoke. He said he wanted to highlight 3 years cause he didn't have time to talk about each. The first was 1963 when Herb went to Vietnam and left Nancy in charge of the kids. The second was in 1964 when Herb went to Vietnam and left Nancy in charge. And again in 1965 when Herb went to Vietnam and left Nancy in charge of the kids. Nancy spoke up and said I am still in charge of the kids. We all laughed.

- Charlotte



Is Your AACA Region Growing?

Recognize the hard work of your region or chapter and apply this year for the I.C. Kirkham Award. This is a little too early to actually apply, but we wanted to get the information in front of you. We suggest that you complete and mail this form immediately following your last meeting in 2016 at which you would accept new members.

Remember, small regions can compete with big regions as it is a weighted formula. Take home the big award at the National AACA Annual Meeting in February for proving to other clubs that you can increase membership with a little hard work and determination.

Completed forms must be at AACA Headquarters by December 10, 2016.

Thank you to the Hendersons for the tile outside the bathroom, the windows and fixing the bathroom light





Refreshments

October 27: Martha & Judy
November 17: Ross Sloan
December ?: Christmas Dinner

Up Coming Events

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the club house. See you there!

Fish Fry, Bake Sale & Cruise In is Saturday, October 27 from 11 am - 2 pm. at the club house. Sell your tickets and bring your car out for the Cruise In and Fish Fry.

Birthdays & Anniversary

Birthdays

Buddy P	October 23, 1937
Rheba's	October 23
Jim Henderson	October 26
David Ladnier	November 3, 1951
Zeno	November 17
Walt Fuller	November 24
Charlotte Dahlenburg	November 28

Anniversaries

Zeno & Rheba's	November 15, 1975
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Thoughts Go Out

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



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

Answer for last month: 1948 Chrysler Town and Country.



Oh No! Strategic Planning!!

By Bernie Golias, VP of Strategic Planning and Special Projects

Why are some people afraid of the term "Strategic Planning" and why do many people have a hard time sitting down and writing out a plan, or better yet a strategy?

Maybe it's because they do not understand the basic definition and think "Strategic

Planning" is a highly complex intellectual process that only our military or some large organization can implement. However, we all use it to some degree everyday by setting a goal. According to Merriam- Webster, a strategy "is the skill of making or carrying out plans to achieve a goal." And what is a goal? A goal is "something that you are trying to achieve." The goal of the Antique Automobile Club of America is "To be America's Premier Resource for the Collector Vehicle Community."

On a national scale, the strategic planning committee set up three main objectives that are important to help us achieve our goal. The first is to increase membership, second expose the club through marketing efforts and third develop regions and chapters. We have several strategies in play to develop these objectives.

So how can you structure a strategy to achieve your goal? The first step is for your chapter or region to define its purpose or goal; the "why" your group exists. Then start by writing out your group's specific strategy or strategies (there can be many to work from) to help achieve the goal. And keep in mind there is "only one goal" your reason why your organization exists or its purpose. Start with one sentence, e.g. "Strategy number one is to increase membership by two percent by January 2017". To simply state "to increase membership" is not a strategy, it is a concept. Then list the tasks, specific "actions" that will help accomplish the strategy, determine who in your organization will be held accountable to make sure the group works toward getting the job done and by a specific date. I use a grid chart to develop an action plan. It helps breakdown and summarizes all aspects of the strategy, i.e. the goal, the objective, the tasks (what) accountability (who) and time frame (when) it will be accomplished.

Still sounding complex and over the top?

Believe me it's not. However, if you need some additional insight into helping your group achieve its goal, write me at berniegolias@aol.com.





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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.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total Enclosed: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

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

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

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.



Minutes from the September Meeting

September Meeting 9/22/2016 At the club house

Zeno opened with a thank you for dinner.

Zeno mentioned all the people that we need to keep in mind. Walt & Martha Fuller traveling, Henderson's out with family health, Pat and Buddy Paquet - Buddy not able to sit, Pat had a procedure, Mike Barrios with cancer, Bobby Peterson with fever and sinus, Buddy Givens - Ann doing better, Charlie and Robbie Lyles - Robbie with 24 hr care.

Herb and Nancy Thom's 58th wedding Anniversary on September 24 , 2-4 pm no gift & casual. Sweet Adelines will be singing.

Old Business

Fish fry and Cruise-In to raise money to offset the cost of our club house. Ticket will be 10 to a packet \$8.50 a ticket. The date is Oct. 29 11-2 pm. Charlie Lyles with be cooking fish, baked beans, hush puppies. Need volunteers to help out. Zeno will check into music. Maybe a drawing for a prize.

Jim Graham motioned that minutes from the August meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter Lou Lartique seconded, vote approved.

Sumerby's Fall Festival on Oct 22 was discussed. Tracy Metclaf made a motion to make this a club event. Paul Dagenais second the motion vote approved. It was decided that everybody would meet at the club house at 1:30 and travel together.

Zeno brought up several events that were coming up, Paint store cruise in on Oct 15. Oct 22 Sumerby Retirement Village, Oct 2-9 Cruise that Coast. October 29 Fish Fry and Cruise in.

New Business

Nominating committee was organized for searching for new officers. Brian Daly, Jim and Connie Graham and Charlotte Dahlenburg agreed to be on the committee.

Brian made motion to approve the financial report and Jim second, Vote approved.

We received 4 free AACA memberships and we have three left.

Sing our front need to be painted.

Charlotte will talk to Scott about the windows that were broke and the bathroom light.

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What have you been up to?

All I can do is give you some history. My first car in high school was a 57 four-door hardtop I bought from my cousin. I drove it my senior yr. In 1982 I bought my 57 Chevy BelAir 2 door hardtop! I have been dragging it around in pieces ever since. It was in and out of storage, 4 kids, several moves, and a divorce. I remarried an awesome lady that has really encouraged me to get serious on it!! I knew how I wanted the Chevy to look from the first time I dissembled it, back in the day! But now with knowledge, time, my wife's encouragement, and most of our kids are grown, etc., it's coming together!! I replaced the entire floor last year. I'm still working the body. I had a 9" rear axle narrowed so my Coys 20x10 rims will tuck under the quarters! The interior is being worked on now! After I finish repainting the frame, I can hang my Borla exhaust and suspension, some of which was chromed in the early 90's! The body will be painted Cadillac CTS Red PPG Water Born, while the roof will be Cadillac pearl white!

We are encouraged to be a part of this club! Thanks, Don & Jennie Vermillion

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.



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Car Shows National



November 2016

5-11 - Reliability Tour • Savannah, GA • hosted by Savannah Region AACA and Low Country Region HCCA

25-28 - Western Divisional Tour (up to 1992) • hosted by Mother Lode Region

February 2017

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

May 2017

11-13 - AACA Special Spring Meet • Auburn, Indiana
26-27 - AACA Eastern Spring Meet • hosted by Huntington Region

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

June 2017

4-9 - Founders Tour (1932-later) • hosted by Gettysburg Region

April 2017

6-9 - Southeastern Spring Meet • hosted by Hornets Nest Region

15-17 - Annual Grand National Meet • hosted by Kansas City Region

Car Shows in the Region

December 3 Gulfport, MS. 3rd Annual North Pole Rod Run Charity Christmas Show at the Best Western Plus (228-864-0050) & Clarion Inn (228-868-3300) There is plenty of room for show car parking as well as the cruise-in cars. Vendors are welcome and the public will have free access to your area. Entry Fee... your donations of Wal-mart Gift Cards, New unopened Toys and Non-perishable food items. Items collected will be distributed to Toys For Tots, Hope Haven Children's Services & Feed my Sheep here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Both Hotels are located on Hwy 49 South of I-10 exit 34. Info: Jimbo 228 596-0664 www.NorthPoleRodRun.com.





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	KFC In Tilman's Corner	Tillman's Square, Hwy 90	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
2nd Friday	Hooters	Daphne, AL (Feb-Nov)	
2nd Friday	Downtown Cruise	Ocean Springs, MS	
2nd Saturday	What-A-Burger	Airport & Snow Road	Bubba Blanton 251-610-4032
2nd Saturday	Dillard's	Eastern Shore Mall	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	251-747-2022

Cruise-Ins in the Region

October 29 Fish Fry - Bakes Sale and Cruise In - Deep South Region Club House - 915 Forest Hills Drive Mobile 11-2 pm. All cars welcome for free cruise in with a fish fry \$8.50 a plate and bake sale. Call 251-423-0946 for more information.

November 5 Slidell LA Open Cruise Night North Shore Square Mall, Northshore Blvd. and I-12, Slidell, La. Coastal Cruisers of Slidell Open Cruise Night 5-9 pm. Call John at 985-400-4527 for information.

November 7-12 Panama City FL 12th Annual Emerald Coast Cruizin'. Classic cars, hot rods, custom cars and trucks week long festival. Aaron Bessant Park next door to Pier Park, will host over 3000 hot rods, and cool classics. 125+ top automotive vendors, huge swap meet and auto car corral. Each night is full

of activities from cruising, great bands, and special shows.

November 12 Wiggins, MS Second Saturday Cruise-in at Wendy's in Wiggins. 4 pm.

November 19 Pass Christian, MS 3rd Saturday Night Cruise-in. 4-8 pm at the West end of the New Pass Christian Harbor. (behind MotherCluckers and Keith's Super Store)

December 2 Pass Christian, MS 1st Friday Night Cruise-in. 4-8 pm at the West end of the New Pass Christian Harbor. (behind MotherCluckers and Keith's Super Store)

December 10 Wiggins, MS Second Saturday Cruise-in at Wendy's in Wiggins. 4pm.



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