



The Sparkplug



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AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet October 4-7, 2017

We have been doing Hershey for a lot of years. Arthur's first Hershey was 1969 and mine was 1982.

We have flea market spaces and sometimes we set up and sometimes we don't. Sometimes we actually sell stuff and sometimes we don't.

This year has to rank up there as one of the best. The weather was positively spectacular, very little rain and moderate temperatures.

We left Friday and started out for Hershey. We always do the whole week which means about 10 days on the road. We stopped the first night at a Walmart, and got up Saturday morning and headed up I-81.

We usually take our time heading up because the trip home is long and hard. So we meandered up and did a little sightseeing. Our main stop was a visit to the New Market Battlefield in Virginia. I have always wanted to stop, but the

timing has never been right. There are actually two museums near the battlefield. The first one is a private museum and collection owned by one man. The museum was very thorough and very interesting. There were a lot of exhibits. Outside there were stone memorials scattered about the field marking troop placements. The next museum is actually on the edge of the battlefield and near the old family farm that was caught in the middle of the battle. The farm and battlefield were purchased by a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute to honor and memorialize the sacrifices made by the students that were killed during the battle. Both the museums presented the historical facts in a very tasteful and thought provoking manner. Absolutely worth a visit, plan to spend several hours!

Sunday night we made it into Hershey and spent the night in the Bob Evans parking lot. We always get a good meal there! Monday we checked into the Suites of Hershey which is where

Preserving the Past - Investing in the Future



Hershey has a huge Car Coral area



This is our vendor Spot



Show field photo of a motorcycle

we can go to take showers during the flea market, because once we get the motor home into the flea market, it is almost impossible to get it out!

Monday we went up to Huntingdon to visit the Swigart Museum. They have some really interesting vehicles including two Tuckers!

Tuesday it is time to enter the flea market. This year was really good because we managed to get an extra space, for a total of 4. This gave us a little room to spread out a bit. And the 32 ft RV and 18 ft trailer definitely need a little room, especially once we set up the canopy and tables. We actually sold enough this year to pay for the spaces which doesn't happen often. I think that is partly due to the weather and also due to the fact that we moved our spaces a couple of years ago.

And finally the big day is here! Saturday is the day for the car show. One reason I really like the Hershey car show is because of the unusual cars and trucks. You see fire trucks, big commercial trucks, lots of HPOF vehicles and more of the real early cars!

After the show, it is time to head home, first finish putting everything up, hook everything up, and hit the road! 850 miles, more or less. Drive Saturday till you can't drive anymore, get up Sunday and do it again! This year the drive home was a little harder thanks to wind and rain from a little hurricane!

But that is what makes Hershey such a great vacation, you never know what the week will bring.

- Vicki Bolton



Show field full corvettes





Highlights from the



Show Field





We Lost Carl Bailey on October 16, 2017

Carl L. Bailey, age 80, a native son of Alamosa, CO and a resident of Robertsdale, AL since 1958 passed away Monday, Oct. 16, 2017. Carl has been an active member of the Robertsdale First Assembly of God Church for many years. He joined the U.S. Navy in Dec. 1954 and served until Nov. 1958. Carl then worked at Brookley AFB until the base closed after which he transferred to O & R at NAS Pensacola, which allowed Carl and family to stay in Baldwin County until his retirement in 1986. He is a Life Member of the VFW Post 5660, American Legion Post 99 and served 50 years in Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Bailey also served many appointed and elected offices of the State Department of Alabama DAV. Carl was selected AL DAV Veteran of the Year in 2009 and received this award

from Governor Bob Riley. He also received the Willie A. Pruitt Memorial CSO of the Year Award in 2009-2010. Carl has put in many voluntary hours driving a DAV van to Biloxi MS, which transported veterans to the VA Medical Center for medical care and/or treatment. Mr. Bailey was also a member of the Gulf Coast Model A Club and the Gear Jammers. He is survived by his wife, Janice Marie Davis Bailey, daughters, Sandy and Paula, sisters, Donna Day and Jackie Day, six grandchildren, Kristi, Kira, Kim, Scott, Josh and Dillon and 11 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Friday, Oct. 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Robertsdale First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Michael Lynn officiating. Burial will be in the Baldwin Memorial Cemetery, Robertsdale, AL.

Italian Dinner Meeting

Once a year we start our meeting early at the club house with the Italian Dinner. Everybody pitches in and brings something Italian. It is a popular meeting with many of the members showing up



A
NOTE FROM
THE PRESIDENT

October 2017

Another year is just about in the history book. We are winding down 2017 with a lot of things going on in the Club. This being the 50th year for the Club it has been exciting for all of us. Our annual Mothers Day Car Show along with the 50th Anniversary Banquet we had was just outstanding. I again what to express my many THANKS to all of you for the effort put forth to make these events possible. We have a GREAT group of people that has made this a very fun and entertaining year. We are now on the threshold of our Fish Fry, Bake Sale and Cruise'in coming up this Saturday, October 28 from 11:00 till 2:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you.

Our next club meeting will be this Thursday October 26 at 7:00 pm. Will see you there.

Best,

Zeno



IMPORTANT!!! 2018 AACA National Board of Directors Election

In the September/October edition of Antique Automobile is a postpaid ballot for the 2018 Board of Directors election. It is your ONLY ballot and must be filled out according to the instructions or it will not be counted.

Please read the biographies of all the candidates listed in the magazine and vote for the 7 of your choice. Our candidates this year come from widely different backgrounds, so please give serious consideration to those who match your ideas of what is important to the future of the club. All ballots must have 7 names selected or they will be considered "not valid" and will not be counted.

Your ballot must be postmarked by November 15, 2017.
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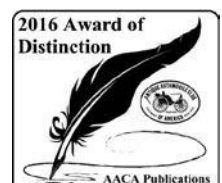
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Why AACA?

By Mary Bartemeyer
Vice President - Publications

Many times I am asked "Why should I belong to AACA?"

Perhaps this is one woman's opinion but here is what I have found from personal experience. I am lucky enough to have several vehicles, partly because I'm old and have never sold any of the cars I purchased new.

But I didn't realize how old I was until my first brand new car became an antique at 25 years. Each of my vehicles has a club devoted specifically to that vehicle and I'm sure they are great clubs however there is not enough time in the world to do justice to each and every one. AACA has given me the opportunity to show and drive all my vehicles. From my Dad's 26 Model T Ford to our 78 Chevrolet Suburban, all have a place in AACA. At each show you can run the gambit from the early 1900's to 1992. Not only fully restored vehicles, but also original and driver participation entries. Where else can you get all that history all in one place? There are tours that specialize in early and later cars, with something at a speed for every car.

Of course we have a world famous publication "Antique Automobile" with an Editor, West Peterson, who pours his heart and soul into every issue. Our Library continues to grow.

New collections are arriving all the time. If you need information about your auto, I'll bet you can find it there. Along that same line is the knowledge of our club members. One local Region member wanted to buy a new vehicle but was hesitant since he didn't know all the ins and outs of the vehicle and what to look out for. After one phone call to a member he not only had his info, but 3 other members to augment his thoughts. The depth of knowledge that our members contain is undeniable, as is their willingness to help.

Last but not least, I have made so many friends from all over the country.

I have expanded my knowledge of not only my vehicles but all the vehicles of the AACA. At our last meet in Auburn we had a joint meet with the Classic Car Club of America, not only did our member vehicles shine, those of the Classic Car Club enhanced our experience. I guess it gets down to this – Why not AACA?

Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box

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:

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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

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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 trips. 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.

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Refreshments

- October 26 - Pot Luck
- November 16 - Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 14 - TBA

Up Coming Events

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 26 at 7 pm for our meeting at the club house. See you there!

Birthdays & Anniversary

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| David Ladnier | November 3 |
| Ross Sloan | November 10 |
| Zeno Chaudron | November 17 |
| Walt Fuller | November 24 |
| Charlotte Dahlenburg | November 28 |
| | |
| Zeno & Rheba Chaudron | November 15, 1975 |

Thoughts Go Out

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



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

Answer for last month: 1967 Plymouth Belvedere

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



What have you been up to?



Family Festival at Trinity Episcopal

Trinity Episcopal Church, Mobile's second Episcopal Church held its Family Festival on Saturday, September 23. The event had crafts, art, food and music. One of the features to this event was that there were old cars on display.

Walt and Martha Fuller displayed their 1929 Model A. David and Joyce Ladiner displayed his 1967 Galaxie 500 convertible. Bobby Peterson brought out the 1929 Phaeton. Frank Piper brought the 1957 Chevy Bel Air Convertible and Mamun Siddiq drove the 1964 1/2 Mustang that belong to Jim Henderson.

All members that attended had a great time. All enjoyed a beautiful church along with all the crafts for sale and the beautiful artwork. - Charlotte



Paul Dagenais' 1956 Desoto Fireflite Convertible



I found this car in a Hemmings Motor News ad in January 1999. It said "not for the faint of heart". They weren't kidding. We brought it back from Dallas. It had been sitting in a farmer's field in Oklahoma since 1968. The Fireflite model was second only to the Adventurer which came only as a hardtop. The Adventurer convertible was really a Fireflite with a different trim. As a top-of-the-line DeSoto this car has power steering, brakes, windows, seat and top. The AM radio has a "seek" option and two (count'em!) rear antennas. The clock is shaped like a bullet sitting on the center of the dash. The engine is a 330 DeSoto Hemi (not to be confused with the 331 Chrysler Hemi) paired with the Powerflite 2 speed automatic transmission.



When we got it, the car had no floors in the passenger area or the trunk area. The quarter panels were rusted through to above the wheel wells. If it hadn't been a convertible, it would have been trashed. We disassembled the car for a frame-off restoration. This involved an initial chemical dip to remove the paint and rust resulting in even more of the car disappearing into the vats. In the process of restoration, we've replaced the trunk lid (from New Jersey), the right quarter panel (from Washington state), the left quarter panel (local manufacture), the driver's door and hood (a parts car from Dallas), the rear panel below the trunk lid (salvage yard in Montana) and passenger area flooring (Massachusetts). We've learned to shape metal and have become proficient in MIG and TIG welding. I found a windshield on EBay. The motor and transmission came from Kentucky. The lens for the front parking lights come from New Zealand. As seen in the last pictures, the car had been media blasted, epoxy primer coated, reassembled, and been in the body shop since July 2008. I reversed the original color scheme to sage green with a white sweep down the side. The top will be white and the interior will be forest green and turquoise leather. To date it has had 9 coats of color and 12 coats of clear coat. Currently it is being wet sanded and buffed so we can start replacing the chrome.



Update September 1, 2009

Here are two photos of the DeSoto, taken over the past week. A lot has been done since the last report and the car is about done at the body shop. We did have a crisis over the windows. The driver's window would only rise to about an inch below the quarter window (they should be even). This was a real problem because the front of the window was at the top of the vent window assembly - basically, the entire door was sitting cockeyed in the car. I am so glad I wasn't around when Larry Smith (of Larry's Paint and Body) fixed the problem. He had a grin on his face when he told me that he had taken a power pack and wedged it between the main body brace for the car (the back seat covers this brace) and the top of the front threshold of the door opening - this is just below the pillar where the side of the windshield ends. He pushed the front threshold forward about 3 inches and when it relaxed, he had an end result of about 3/8 inch wider threshold. This means he pushed the entire side of the car, at the bottom of the windshield, 3 inches and the windshield didn't crack. I'd have had a heart attack if I had been there! Larry just smiled as the blood slowly returned to my face. He said it was no problem as he just made sure all the bolts were loose. EEEEEKKKKK!! Okay, I left a minor piece out - these windshields are extremely scarce as they are about 2 inches shorter than the ones used in sedans and hardtops. I found this one which is NOS on eBay about 3 years ago as a total, fortunate, non-repeating fluke.



When we get the car back, we have to fix some suspension problems, install the wiring harness, assemble all the components under the dash and send it to the upholstery shop. I'm hoping the end is in sight.... But this is car restoration so who knows.

Update: January 6, 2011

Here is a shot of the DeSoto getting loaded on a flatbed and on the way to upholstery.

It went to the upholstery shop for interior and the canvas top. I am so friggin' excited about this - on January 20th it will be 12 years we've been working on this project.



Update: January 2011 – January 2012

I went by the upholstery shop to delivery leather and they were nearly finished working on the back seat. Here are a few shots. Its unfortunate you can't see the tinsel piping because it really makes it pop.

I went by the upholstery shop again and they were hard at it. Almost all the interior panels are done and the top just needs some tweaking. The front seat was sitting up on a work table. They are currently working on the boot liner for the convertible top as well as various other small things. The photos do not do them justice. The guys are doing a great job.





Update: January – March, 2012

Here are the first pictures of the car back from upholstery. The dash had to be installed and other tweaking needs to be done. It has to go back to the body shop for final paint and the upholstery shop for adjustments.



DeSoto Update – July 2017

In July of 2012, we trailed the DeSoto to the National DeSoto Convention which was held in Chattanooga TN. We came in second for our class, losing to a black and gold 1956 Adventurer.

In the spring of 2015, I entered the car into two car shows, the Annual Mopars at the Battleship show and the DSR Mother's day show. The car did very well, winning best of show for the Mopar show and best era for the DSR show. For the Mopar show, the club puts the winning car on the poster for the following year. I ended up donating the trophies back to the DSR for recycling.

Due to other projects, the convertible pretty much sat until Late 2016. We added factory stamps to jazz up the appeal.



After some encouragement from club members, we decided to get the car ready for a AACA National Meet. There were a few places on the chrome bumpers where weather checking was showing so we had all the bumpers and bumperettes re-chromed along with several potmetal pieces that were in need. When inspecting the paint, we found several areas where the paint were bubbled. Fearing rust, we ground down the paint to find clear metal, which we treated anyway and are currently building back up with primer filler.

We also decided to wet sand the entire car to remove paint flaws since the paint couldn't be matched with the repaired sections. This involved stripping all the bright work and glass out of the car.



2017 Cruisin the Coast

This year the popular event called Cruizin the Coast started with a lot of fun events. Darrin and I took Barrett to one of the Cruise-Ins in Gulfport on the first weekend. Barrett enjoyed looking at all the cars but really wanted to ride the train around that parking lot.

We did spend sometime just watching the cars go by.

Darrin Dahlenburg and Frank Piper made their way over to Gulfport on Thursday and spent a few days hanging out. They did make it to the swap meet and bought a bunch of stuff they really didn't need. Darrin, Bobby Sue and Barrett did check out the burn out contest.

But Hurricane Nate had other plans for the event. The bands for both Friday and Saturday night combined to Friday night. Many of the events planned for the weekend were canceled. The city encouraged everybody to head home before the storm hit on Saturday. - Charlotte



Distinguished Gentleman's Ride-Mobile

Bobby Peterson participated in the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride in Mobile, Alabama . The event was held on September 24, 2017. The ride started at 8 am at Rosie's 1901 and finished at the Fairhope pier.

The event was world wide and raised over 3.5 million dollars. There were seventy thousand riders world wide



British Car Show



The 27th Annual British Car Festival brought together 113 vehicles up to 87 years old in one of the most diverse displays in the In the last 27 years here. The theme car was the Triumph Spitfire, of which a fine example took center stage, a 1962 baby blue Mk1. The car was completely period correct for the US Market, including the whitewall tires.

The beautiful Venue was at the Fairhope United Methodist Church. Complete with spacious grounds and trees, and the Christian Life Center providing an ideal space for the Friday night welcome party and for vote counting, it is a church with the most wonderful and welcoming Pastor, and congregation.

The weather was a bit of a squeaker. We could say dodging a few raindrops. It rained Friday before due to the entrails of Hurricane Nate, and it also rained Sunday, the day after, but climatology actuarial figures favored the Festival.

It all ran like fine Swiss clockwork. A year of work planning put forth by the show's volunteers cannot be overstated. There were no unmet challenges and even those working hard to show our guests a good time actually had an opportunity to enjoy themselves. We'll let our photos tell the story. And if you missed it, you missed a fine British Car Festival. Enjoy the photos! - Brian Daly



2017 Theme Car-Triumph Spitfire: This a 1962 Mk1, 1147 cc I4

Theme Car- Triumph Spitfire: This is a 1962 Mk1, 1147 cc 14



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1970 Lotus Europa

1956 Lotus Eleven

1970 Lotus Europa and 1956 Lotus Eleven



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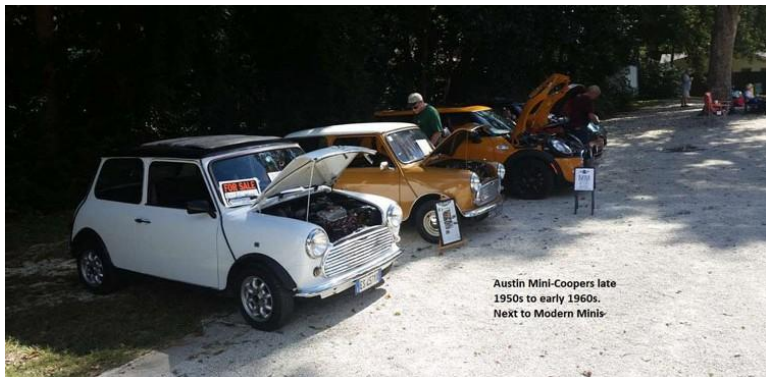




Triumph TR3, Triumph TR2, Triumph TR4, Triumph TR4, Triumph TR4, Triumph, Triumph TR5/Tr250 (1968 was the only production year of this 6 cyl predecessor of the 1969 TR6)



British bikes – classic and contemporary



Austin Mini- Coopers late 1950s to early 1960s. Next to modern Minis



MGB Mk 1 and Mk 2 1963 early 1973



MGA's 1960 – 1962. 2 1600 Mki's and 4 1600 MkII's Regret no 1500's Twin cams or deluxe models



1946 MGTC, 1955 MGTF-1500, 1930 MG M-Type Midget, 1955 MGTF-1500. This is the second year the M-Type visited us. The M-Type was the first production run of MG's having the octagonal MG badge and distinctive radiator, by the Abingdon factory. Prior to that, the 14/28, 18/80 its racing version, the 18/100 Tigress came out in the mid/late 1920s with the bull nose Morris radiator. The MG trademark was in use around 1925. The M-Type was launched ca. 1929



Morgan F-Series three-wheeler (1932-1952). Propulsion provide by Ford side valve engine



Morgan Plus 8. Rover V-8 powered, production 1968 – 2004 with various engines starting with the Buick 215 which was eventually revamped by Rover



Early 1970s and late 1970s MG Midgets. The rubber bumpers were for compliance with US safety laws.

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Brian loved this more than any car there!



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Henry Ford

Reprinting from the Model A Club Traveler

A few facts about the man. Carved above one of his fireplaces are the words, "Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice."

Six times between 1915 and 1924, Ford took extended vacations by car. The idea of vacationing by car came to him in 1914 during a trip to Fort Myers, Florida to see Thomas A. Edison's newly completed retirement home. Ford and Edison took a drive with their families to the Florida Everglades and it occurred to the two friends that the automobile was a great way to see the countryside. The first trip was in August 1916 through the Adirondack Mountains of New York. His second trip during the summer of 1917 was scheduled, but was postponed due to the United States involvement in World War 1. They postponed that trip until August 1918., when Firestone, Edison and Ford met at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh. From there, they went through the mountains of West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia.

On one of his camping trips, the famous naturalist, John Burroughs, joined the three and became one of Henry Ford's closest friends. Henry Ford was born in 1863, Thomas Edison in 1847, Harvey Firestone, in 1868 and John Burroughs was born in 1837. The differences in ages was not a factor in their friendship. It was once said that those four men were more like brothers than important icons of America.

Letter from the Editor

It is that time of year to set the stage for next year. We will be electing officers at our November meeting. Our club officers are so important to the life of our club. Each officer takes on responsibilities that bring great value to our club. We have had the pleasure of having some of the best officers in the past. I am looking forward to see who steps to the plate this next year.

We are look forward to all our events next year. Some with a twist. Our annual car show will get a new venue in downtown Mobile. Planning this event has begun and will head into full swing. We also will be headed to our 3rd Annual Fish Fry, Bake Sale and Cruise-In.

If you do not feel like a position as an officer is what you want to do, maybe you could head a committee for some of our events or even create a new event. This club enjoys doing things and you may have an idea or the skills to make the event happen. Our club has traditionally enjoyed participating in the events.

Take a little bit of time and think about what you are willing to do.

Charlotte

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REWIND

WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 24 YEARS AGO
from the October 1993 Sparkplug

Come to the Meeting

At this writing the DSR has 10 antique cars on display at Mobile's new Convention Center in conjunction with the International Auto Show for 1994 models. For this, the DSR received a very nice donation! Come to the meeting and hear Buddy tell about it! And new officers are always important to the club. Please also, come to the meeting and hear Buddy announce the slate of DSR candidates that have been nominate for 1994. Be there to hear nominations from the floor that

may be made! Hear the plans for the help to your club officers if you will bring DSR Christmas Party and installation of your renewal slip and check for your officers on December 11th. Hear about AACA and DSR dues (all in one check is the many coming events before 1993 OK) and give it to our secretary, Frances ends! Come join in the good fellowship Whigham, at our meeting Thursday that our meetings always have at the night. Frances has agreed to do this and clubhouse on Thursday night, October 28th, at 7:30. We'd like to see everyone turn out!!!

An Easy Way To Pay National Dues!

Did you notice that your AACA renewal notice was in the wrapper of your AACA magazine? It will be a big

DSR dues to the meeting

Cup holders: From nothing to gyroscopic genius

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Ford's new cup holder design was recently published by the U.S. Patent Office.

Cup holders have come a long way.

Some of you, like me, might be old enough to remember when vehicles didn't come with cup holders. My 1965 Mercury Comet? No cup holders, but the chrome on the dash more than made up for it.

For a while, there were those glove box lids that dropped down and offered two shallow, circular indentations where, if you were brave enough, you could put a soda can. Of course, any big pothole or sudden stop meant disaster for anyone sitting in the passenger seat.

And that's the other thing. Assuming you had no passenger playing the role of drink handler, you'd have to stretch across the vehicle to reach for your drink.

I don't think the brakes on my old pickup are as complicated as this. My hat's off to Ford for coming up with new ways for keeping my coffee confined to its cup.

Personally, I can only recall one person ever using a glove box lid as a drink holder. My son, who was around 7 at the time, thought he had discovered the coolest thing until I explained how unstable it was. I didn't like raining on his

parade, but I didn't like the idea of his pants and the carpet getting soaked.

There were those window-mounted cup holders. They weren't too bad assuming you didn't have to roll the window up and down too often.

An interesting trend in the 80s that didn't even involve a cup holder were those narrow-necked, anti-spill coffee cups. Thanks to its thick, rubber non-slip bottom, you could just park it on the dash and watch that hot coffee fog up the windshield. Most of us still have one of those relics in the cupboard somewhere.

Of course now, cup holder design has been taken to a whole new level. For instance, engineers at Nissan not only gave the Titan XD pickup 16 cup holders, they also made sure that some of those beverage holsters could accept popular 32 oz. drink bottles. You have to appreciate thinking like that.

Now Ford is reaching for new heights with its motion sensitive drink holder. Published recently by the U.S. Patent Office, this cup holder features a gimbal set that compensates for vehicle movement to minimize spills. Sounds great for people like me who would rather go without the top on their thermos cup. While there's no guarantee that it will make it to market, I'd love to test one. Makes me want to do doughnuts just thinking about it.

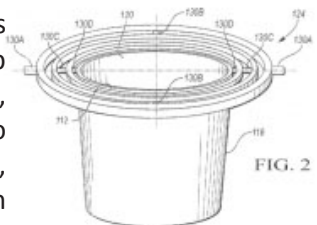
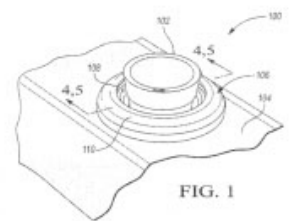
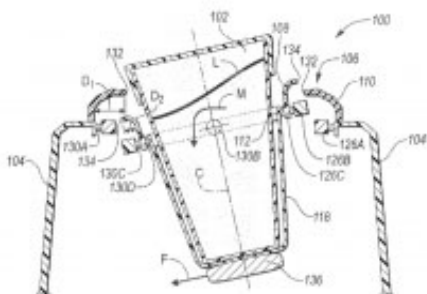


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Minutes from the August Meeting

President Zeno Chaudron called the meeting to order. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

Ms. Karen Dollar, an invited guest, discussed the history and features of the upcoming Dauphin Way Baptist Church annual car show. This year's show will be held at the church property on October 21, 2017.

President Chaudron announced the receipt of the four AACA free memberships that may be awarded to new, first time AACA members.

A motion was made by Tracy Metclaf, Secretary, to approve the August meeting minutes as printed in the Sparkplug. Lou Lartigue seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Paul Dagenais, Treasurer, presented the September 28, 2017 Financial Report which was approved upon motion from Brian Daly and seconded by Zeno Chaudron.

Charlotte Dahlenburg presented business cards provided by AACA that may be used to promote membership in both AACA and DSR.

David Ladnier, Activities Director, presented a list of upcoming car show and cruise-in opportunities in the area. Discussion as held concerning the DSR Fish Fry and Cruise-in on October 28, 2017. Various needs for supplies and staffing were discussed.

Herb Thoms made a motion for adjournment of the meeting which was seconded by Brian Daly.

Respectfully Submitted, Tracy Metclaf, Secretary

Sentimental Tour 2018

Antique Automobile Club of America
Hosted by Louisiana Region

A Tale of Two Cities...
How Chance and Circumstance Changed the South

November 5-9, 2018, the 10th Sentimental Tour, with a focus on the Antebellum South, featuring Natchez and Vicksburg, Mississippi. For vehicles 1928 through 1958.

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

AACA Harvey & Irma Fund

By AACA National Board

The recent horrific scenes in the Houston area and other parts of the Southwest are a tragedy for those affected. The damage in Florida is immensely concerning to us. We are sure there are many of our club members that have been impacted, a loss of cars and a general hardship for our brethren.

More experienced disaster survival organizations need to take the lead, but our national board does not want to simply stand by and do nothing. While it is hard for us to know what to do, we must do something. As events unfold over the next days, we want to be proactive as an organization that cares about our members and all of society. We will do

our best to work with our regions and chapters in the coming months to see if there are things we can do.

While we cannot always come to the rescue or fund every need, the circumstances with having two hurricanes hit our country in such a short span and the devastation they have caused makes this a special time to do what we can.

So, our first step is to help raise money for families that have been hit by these storms. While we may not be able to raise a huge amount of money, we are sure that every little bit helps. So, your national board is donating \$5,000 on behalf of its membership to a GoFundMe site. If you would like to join us in this effort, please click here to make your donations.

By using Charity Navigator, we will donate the money to those charities that will put the vast majority of the money into actual use for those affected by the storms. AACA's executive committee will ensure that the donations are used for the maximum effect.

Please consider joining us as we try to make a small difference.

Current total raised: \$12,175

We will close out this fund at the end of October

and announce where the money went. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED!!

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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 checked out 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

National AACA Membership Number _____

Note: You must be a member of AACA to join Deep South Region. Our annual dues are \$20.00 for couples or singles for a complete 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 - \$40 (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.





Images via Google Street View.

AACA to buy larger building for HQ and library; aiming for move-in date in 2019

Written by Daniel Strohl, Courtesy of Hemmings Motor News at www.hemmings.com/blog/

While the Antique Automobile Club of America's current digs have an undeniably exceptional provenance as a former dormitory for the Milton Hershey School, they lack in one key element — space — leading the club to sign an agreement to purchase a larger building a little more than a mile away to house its headquarters and library.

As revealed in an email from the club to its members late last week, the club will purchase the existing Pennsylvania American Water Company building on Hersheypark Drive, located right next to the AACA Hershey Region Fall Meet show and swap meet fields. The club and the library currently operate out of a building on Hershey's Governor Road.

"We've known for years that we needed more space," said Steve Moskowitz, the AACA's executive director. "That's why five or six years ago we approached the museum to find a new home. This property didn't come up for sale until after we realized we'd never be able to build at the museum site. Our board went nuts over it — it's the most perfect location in the whole wide world."

Built in 1981, the 34,500-square-foot, two-story building sits on 5.9 acres and includes a six-car garage. The building currently houses a data center and hosts about 100 employees, so it should include enough room for the club administration's 13 or 14 employees, the growing library, and display space for

"quite a bit more" than the half-dozen or so cars currently on display at the club's headquarters.

"We're close to doubling our current size," Moskowitz said. "It's almost a clean slate, so we'll be able to do some groundbreaking things."

The club won't be able to begin renovations for a while, though. It won't close on the building until the water company moves to the new headquarters its building in nearby Harrisburg, expected to take place in the first quarter of 2019. In the meantime, the purchase agreement is subject to a 120-day due-diligence period during which the club will be able to go through the property with its architect, structural engineer, environmental engineer, and inspectors.

That renovation will bring "substantial costs to do it right" to the club, Moskowitz said, noting the special reinforcements, fire-suppression systems, and climate-control systems necessary for the library.

Moskowitz said the purchase price remains confidential under the terms of the purchase agreement; the Loopnet listing for the property included an asking price of \$3.99 million.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get a building on Hersheypark Drive," he said. "This will probably set the club up for the next 100 years."

The current club headquarters, (pictured below) though not off the beaten path, does not attract many drop-in visitors, which does not help the club meet its goal of spreading the word about the collector-car hobby to the general public. The new building will offer the club far greater visibility.

Moskowitz said the club intends to sell off its circa 1936 current headquarters building — which it bought in 1970 — once the move to the new building is complete.

The AACA currently includes more than 58,000 members.





National Car Shows

February 2018

8-10 - AACA Annual Meeting • Philadelphia

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.



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 Piza 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 Cruiser
4th Saturday	Stoney's BBQ 5-8 pm	Hwy. 43, Saraland	Northside Cruisers
Last Saturday	Sonic - Hwy 59 South	Robertsdale, AL (Mar-Oct)	251-747-2022





Local Car Shows

- Oct 28, MS EFAA'S 11th Annual Car Show classic car/truck, motorcycle, & 4x4 show at the Ellisville First Assembly Academy, 312 Highway 11 N., Ellisville, MS 39437. Registration: 8 am - 10:30 am Awards at 2 pm. For more info: Kevin Hunnell. 601-319-3634 or 601-319-1159. kevin.hunnell@gmail.com
- Oct 28 Gulfport, MS Vintage Airplane and Car Show hosted by Boy Scout Troop 333, Registration \$20.00 per car. 9am till noon awards at 2pm. 50/50, door prizes, food & drinks available on site by Boy Scout Troop 333. 18320 Hwy 53 Gulfport, MS. Event info Carroll 228-213-0311, car info Andy 228-547-9030, airplane info Janet 228-861-4795
- Oct 28 Perkinston, MS "Day on the Level" Big Level Car-N-Truck Show. Saturday 9am-3pm. Top 15 cars & top 10 Trucks. Arts & Crafts, Food, Vendor booths. Turkey Shoot sponsored by the Big Level Fire Dept. Full day of Fun and entertainment. info call 601-528-1172
- Nov 3-5
Slamber Party 2017 Little Black Creek, Little Black Creek Rd, Lumberton, MS
- Nov 4
Gulfport Octane, Downtown Gulfport starting at 9 am. 70+ Exotic cars
- Nov 3-4 Hattiesburg, MS Corrosion Explosion at Hub City Dragway. Friday Nov. 3, 2017 Cruise from Hub City Dragway to Hooters at 7pm. Sat Nov. 4, 2017 Show. Gates open at 9am. \$20 admission (Kids under 12 - \$10) Food Vendor on site. Hub City Dragway, 331 Eatonville Rd., Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Info call Mitchell Bond 601-408-3377 presented by Rawhyde Garage.
- Nov 4 D'Iberville, MS 24th Annual Santa Cruise Open Car Show. 9am-2pm Santa arrives at 10am. Door Prizes, 50/50, Top 15 Awards. Registration \$15 or New Unwrapped Toy valued at \$15. Show is at the Big Ridge Baptist Church, 3230 Big Ridge Rd., D'Iberville, MS. For more info call Morris 228-209-7101 or Joey 228-596-5159
- Nov 4 Luling LA. 11th Annual Car Show by the Louisiana Custom Cruisers, at 13825 River Road, Luling, LA 70070. Registration 8am-12pm. Show-N-Shine 11am-6pm. Dash plaques for all entries. Registration \$30 Music, Food and drinks, Door Prizes & More!!! Info 985-785-8494
- Nov 8-11 Panama City FL 13th Annual Emerald Coast Cruizin'.
- "The South's Best Blast from the Past". There will be over 125 + top name automotive vendors on hand, as well as a huge swap meet and auto car corral.
- NOV 10-12 Lakeland FL Fall Florida AutoFest Bigger is indeed better! SUN n FUN complex in Lakeland, Florida. Adult Admission: \$10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday / Event Pass \$20 Kids 12 and Under FREE. Event Hours Fri.-Sa. 8am-5pm , Sun. 8am-3pm.
- Nov 10 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
- Nov 11
Pensacola Arts and Crafts Show 9 am - 3 pm
- Nov 11 Columbia, MS 5th Annual Veterans Picnic Car, Truck & Bike Show 9 am - 3 pm at the Columbia Water Park. Entry Fee \$25.00. Additional vehicles \$10.00 each vehicle. For more info 601-736-2239 or 601-466-7001 or 250 Broad St., Set. 13, Columbia, MS 39429
- Nov 11 D'Iberville, MS Bishop Insurance Car Show November 11th, 2017 Veterans Day Event will be held at Warrior Stadium in D'Iberville, MS from 9 to 5. Open to all Cars/ Trucks. Contact Jody Entekin (228) 207-3553 jody@bishopins.com
- Nov 11 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
- Nov 18
Hurricane Relief Car and Cycle Event. 9 am - 2 pm Cottage Hill Presbyterian Church. Pre Registration \$15, \$20 day of show. For more info call 251-661-9506.
- Nov 23-26
Turkey Run Daytona, FL www.turkeyrun.com
- Nov 24 Kiln, MS 4th Friday Night Cruise-in at the Cruise In Café. 16331 Highway 603, Kiln MS. from 5pm - 8pm, Award for Best Car, Oldies Music and Food Specials. For more info. call Randy at 228-254-5270
- Nov 25 Long Beach, MS 4th Saturday Night Cruise-in at the Long Beach Harbor. 6pm-9pm. Everyone Welcome



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