

The Sparkplug

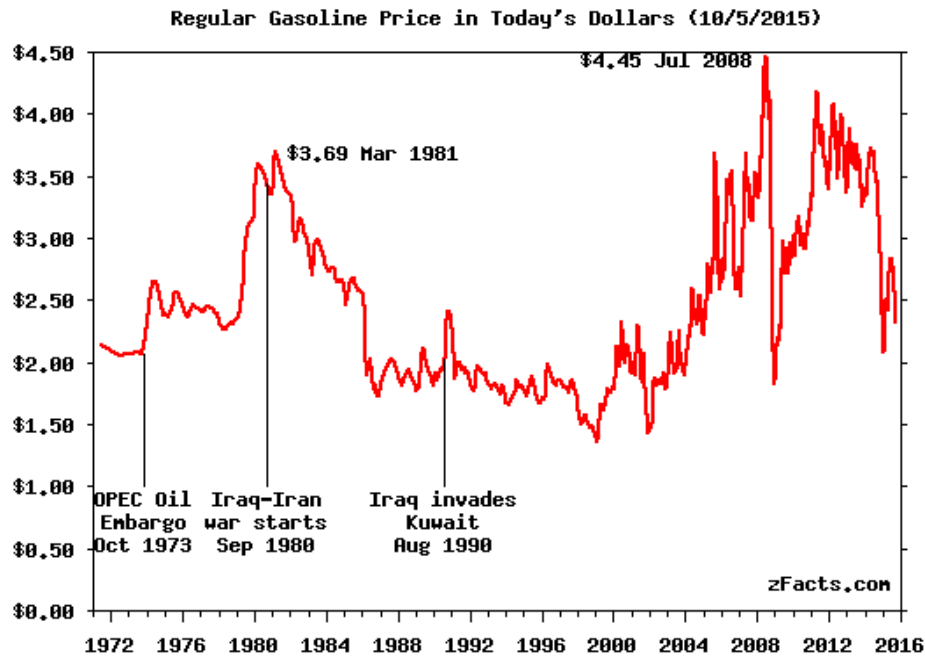


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Patt Paquet sent this photo along to try to jog folk’s memories about gas prices. I asked her what the era was for these phenomenally low prices. She didn’t know and it probably was long before her time. However, she did start me thinking about how gas prices have changed. Here is what I’ve found.

Gas Price History Graph



Average Cost – Gallons of Gas

1930 - \$0.10	1940 - \$0.11	1950 - \$0.18	1960 - \$0.25	
1970 - \$0.36	1980 - \$1.19	1990 - \$1.34	2009 - \$2.51	2013 - \$3.80

(So Patt’s picture must be from the early 1960’s – about when she was born...)

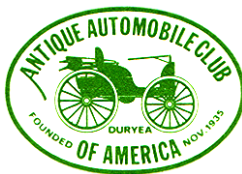
Message from the DSR President

Hope all is good with each one of you. The weather has been just great for a lot of the Cruise In's & Car Shows.

As most of you know it's that time of year for our election of officers for 2016 year. We ask that anyone that wants to be involved & help the club in a positive way to participate in one of these positions. We will ask several of you to be on a Nominating Committee at this month's meeting. Your job will be to seek out our members for office. November we will exercise our election for the new Officers.

Happy Motoring, Zeno

The next monthly meeting is October 22,
2015 at 7:00 pm at the club house



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Mr. Thoms,

I've been unable to send a contact message using your AACA DSR web contact page. Could you be so kind as to forward this to your club board members. Thank you.

We would like to invite your membership to participate in our free Old Spanish Trail December 10-12, 2015 Centennial Conference in Mobile, Alabama. Information and registration on www.oldspanishtrailcentennial.com. All highway enthusiasts are welcome.

Thank you,

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Ice Cream Social on Dog River.

Saturday September 26th was a beautiful day for a car ride. My friend Melissa and I took the Comet, top down, out to the Dahlenburg's new home on Dog River. We were the only ones to bring an old car. We were joined there by the Paquets, the Chaudrons, the Thoms, the Cashdollars and Jim Henderson. Sitting out on their back deck was quite enjoyable and it was evident that folks were getting re-acquainted with members who typically don't make the monthly meetings. Others were invited indoors to view the house and get a look at Darrin's collection of dispensing machines. Considering they had been in the house for about 2 months at that time it looked like things were getting ship-shape. The ice-cream Sundays that Charlotte was doling out were "right tasty".

Paul Dagenais

An Old Fashioned
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Deep South Region members and families
you are invited to an
OLD FASHION ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, September 26
at 2 O'Clock pm
3155 Dog River Road, Theodore
GET YOUR CARS OUT AND TAKE THEM FOR A RIDE!

Please **RSVP** (so we have a head count and will have enough)
to 256-783-2272 • 256-783-2261 • realracegirl@yahoo.com

Check out the Deep South Region Website at:

deepsouth.aaca.com It's New!!!!

<http://local.aaca.org/deepsouth> ...It's Old and Frozen

Also, members should visit our Facebook page.

What it takes to get a 16 year old into a car

My Godson Tommy turned 16 in September. His father decided that he had to get a car as they live out in a fairly secluded part of West Mobile county. To that end, he arranged, somehow, to obtain a 2003 Mini Cooper for Tommy. His reasoning was that it was under powered, low to the ground and has more airbags than can be imagined. Hopefully the kid, who drives go karts will not kill himself as he seems to know “stop” and “flat out”.

Securing the Mini has been of interest. First of all, it was obtained by the usual mechanics’ “give and take”, “favours done and owed”, etc. First the Mini was priced from a known local garage for \$2000, then \$1000, then for nothing! The car came with no transmission. The previous owner had taken it to the garage (from which it was obtained by Tommy Senior) to have transmission work. The transmission was removed and sent to a shop for rebuilding. When the cost came back, and the previous owner, who is either Asian or Hispanic, walked away. The transmission was not returned and the various other parts have been scattered to the winds. Did warning signs light up? Not really. Tommy Senior is the person who pretty much is responsible for the DeSoto restoration. After that adventure, you would think he would know about the horrors of “missing parts”, especially for an off-brand like the Mini Cooper which is now made by BMW.

However, the car was “free”, right? Has anyone ever located and priced a used transmission for a 2003 Mini Cooper? Frankly they ain’t cheap and they ain’t local. But they can be found in Shreveport for a LOT of money.

Remember the other missing parts? Start with a core support. No too pricey, but the darn thing is made of plastic with a handle on top behind the radiator (also new as it was unfound). You can



literally pick the whole thing up with one hand. In addition, both axels were shot as well as the rotors and calipers for the front brakes. (Cha-ching, Cha-ching). The box that holds the battery in place had to be ordered from Germany – more expensive plastic. Did I mention that the transmission requires special, Mini specific oil? (ching, ching, ching). I think the free Mini was closing in on about \$3500 at this point.

When last seen, the usual Father – Son

arguing was continuing about the readiness of the car. While it is now running, the power steering doesn't work ("Dad, it's okay, I can handle it!" "No, you can't". "Yes, I can!", etc – this is the time when you sneak away home). I'm not sure why they were arguing about the car. The title transfer got screwed up as the previous owner signed the title incorrectly (first name last on front, first name first on back), and there is the issue of insurance. For the family it has doubled.... And they are still arguing over readiness. Tommy Junior for some reason is walking around with the key in his pocket to a car that has no license, has no proof of insurance, apparently dry-rotted tires and a missing windshield wiper – at the very least. An added concern is that he loses keys on a regular basis. However, hope springs eternal, especially as he is assuming he will not have to borrow his mother's Silverado 2500 for the next high school dance.

Paul Dagenais

Minutes
DSR Monthly Meeting:
September 9/24/15

Call to start meeting was made by Zeno and followed by the pledge. Attendance: 27

I. Old Business

- a. President has no old business.
- b. The motion to approve the month of August's Sparkplug minutes was made by Charlie Lyles and seconded by Tracy Metclaf.
- c. If any articles are being sent, just make sure to signify where they are from in case of any issues with copyrights.
- d. The new website is up and running—new and old things are on there and ready. The new webpage address is deepsouth.aaca.com.

II. New Business

- a. President has no new business.
- b. On September 27th around 12 o'clock, Charlotte Dahlenburg has offered to take pictures of Jim Henderson's cars at his house in Grand Bay. Any volunteers to drive from the Museum to The Farm please contact Jim Henderson.
- c. The motion to approve the financial report for August was made by Charlie Lyles and seconded by Brian Daly.
- d. The Veteran's Day Parade is at 10 a.m. November 11th.
- e. A woman from Panama City called about a cruise. It's an annual cruise and should be taken into consideration for the future.
- f. On Saturday October 24th, there will be a Shirley Looney car show at Dauphin Way Baptist Church we have been invited to participate in. There is a flyer on the website.
- g. This Saturday, there will be the Ice Cream Social at Charlotte Dahlenburg's house off Rangeline at 2 o'clock. If need of directions, call Charlotte.

- h. A motion to approve the plumbing expenses was made by Patt Paquet and seconded by Scott Henderson.
- i. A motion to approve the creation of nametags was made by Charlotte Dahlenburg and seconded by Scott Henderson.

A motion to adjourn was made by Buddy Paquet and seconded by Jim Henderson. The 50/50 drawing was won by Buddy Paquet in a total of \$54.

Submitted by Mallory Henderson



Cruise-Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
1 st Monday	Lighthouse Restaurant	Bayou LeBatre	Mobile Bay Mustang Club
1 st Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
1 st Saturday	Po-Boy Cruisin'	Tillman's Square, Hwy 90	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
1 st Saturday	5 Guys	Airport At University	Brenda Drinkard 675-9226
1 st Thursday	What-A-Burger	Airport & Snow Road	Bubba Blanton 251-610-4032
2 nd Friday	Hooters	Daphne	
2 nd Saturday	Dillard's	Eastern Shore Mall	Eastern Shore Cruisers
3 rd Saturday	Steak 'n Shake	Schillinger Road	Donnie Tanner 649-5397
3 rd Thursday	RPG Paint	I-65 Service Rd & Moffat Rd	Mobile Bay Mustang Club
3 rd Thursday	Beef O'Bradys	Spanish Fort	
4 th Saturday	Burger King	Highway 43 in Saraland	North Side Cruisers
4 th Saturday	Northrop Complex	Pascagoula, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
4 th Saturday	Hooter's Restaurant	Airport Blvd.	Don Benson 251-680-9533
4 th Saturday	TA Truck 'Stop,	Grand Bay I-10 exit	Grand Bay Country Cruiser
Last Saturday	Sonic - Hwy 59 South	Robertsdale, AL	251-747-2022

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