



The Sparkplug



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Slate of New DSR Officers for 2016

The November meeting of the DSR was held after a wonderful dinner at Café 615 which was hosted by Martha and Walt Fuller. Thanks to them for a very near to traditional meal. Those in attendance were 2 Chaudrons, 2 Bobos, 2 Dahlenburgs, 3 Hendersons, 2 Lartigues, B. Peterson and friend Donna, 2 Fullers, P. Dagenais, T. Metclaf and R. Sloan. The new officers were installed at that time with the exception of the Vice President who was subsequently appointed. The officers are:

President:	Zeno Chaudron
Vice President:	Jim Graham
Secretary:	Mallory Henderson
Treasurer:	Paul Dagenais
Editor/Web Master:	Charlette Dahlenburg

Thanks to the nominating committee: Charlotte Dahlenburg, Bobby Peterson and John Pendergrass.

Membership Dues

The annual dues for the car club are due. The dues are \$35.00 for the regional and \$20.00 for our local: Total of \$55.00 per year.

After discussion with Bobby Peterson, our out-going treasurer, it was decided that you could send your dues to Paul Dagenais as the incoming treasurer.

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 me at the following address:

Paul Dagenais
58 S. Julia Street
Mobile, AL 36604



Open House

The Dahlenburgs are having an open house the Tuesday after Christmas from 5:30 – 8:30.

All are invited.

Location: 3155 Dog River Road, Theodore. (256) 783-2272 or (256) 783-2261.

Message from the DSR President

We are 8 days from a New Year. Rheba and I want to express the joy of the Holidays with you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Let's not forget about our men and women serving this country here and abroad to keep our homeland safe. Let's also remember our Club folks who have been under the weather with different health issues.

As most of you know we do have new club officers voted in for the 2016 year. I do want to take the time to thank those who served the 2015 year. We will set either a breakfast or lunch meeting the first part of January to recognize our new officers. This will complete the 2015 year. We will send an email out giving the date & time.

Our regular scheduled meeting will follow on the 4th Thursday in January (the 28th) at the club house.

Again be safe and enjoy family and friends during this time.

Best regards,

Zeno



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Dawes 4th Annual Christmas Parade December 12, 2015

The weather could not have been any better for the parade sponsored by the Dawes Business Connection. This appeared to be the biggest parade yet, both in parade participants and those waiting along the route for all the goodies. The parade began at Living Word Church on Dawes Road, proceeded north to Cottage Hill Road, then east on Cottage Hill Road, to end in the Winn Dixie parking lot.

Jim Henderson and his crew were there with several convertibles for the VIPs to ride in. Ross Sloan, Jim Graham, and Nancy and I were also there. My arm was a little stiff the next day, the result of throwing 144 moon pies. Nancy did her share with beads, toys, and other goodies. There were lots of “throw me something” to be heard. There also was on gentleman who said “Throw me your car.” Nancy obliged with a toy car which he reluctantly let a child scoop up. All-in-all, we had a good time.

Herb Thoms



Congratulations!

DSR member Lou Lartique is the President of the South Alabama Veterans Council. Here's Lou congratulating Bill Riales, WKRK-TV 5, Honored as Flags of Glory Veteran Supporter of the Year 2015.



Fairhope Christmas Parade

I was asked by a coworker if I would let her daughter ride in the Comet for the Fairhope Christmas Parade on December 4th. Her daughter is Caroline Hill who is this year's Distinguished Young Woman for Baldwin County. Her sister Sarah Beth rode up front with me.



This parade winds through the downtown streets of Fairhope which are not very wide. They also do not have many barricades. They do have some roped-off areas. They have a large number of Rotary volunteers wearing lime green vests who are assigned to various floats and vehicles. We had two that we shared with the small elf-driven jet in front of us. My hat is off to these folks as riders throw mostly candy and there are children bolting out from the sidewalks. The volunteers keep the parade moving and everyone safe. Regardless, I

was a nervous wreck by the time the parade was over. I was afraid I'd mash 5-year old under a tire. The parade seems to take forever as it is too long and winds back on itself. We ended up stalled for about 15 minute intervals twice during the parade. I have to admire all the Overall, there was an amazing number of people who turned out for this very chilly night.

Paul Dagenais



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Confessions of a Vintage Battery Abuser

Good afternoon, Antique Auto Battery.

Good afternoon, I like to see about getting a replacement battery for my classic car.

Yes Sir, may I have your zip code?

36604

Thank you. (pause) Are you Paul D... D...?

Dagenais, yes, that's me.

I see that you have a 1956 Chrysler product. Are you buying a battery for a second car?

No, I need one for my DeSoto.

Sir, is that the car that you purchased a battery for in 2012?

Yes it is.

Oh, my, I see you also purchased on in 2007. Was it also for the same car?

Yes it was....

Oh, my, Sir, what are you doing to these batteries?

I use them...??.

But why do you need a new one? We have some customers who keep a battery for 15 years. Sir, what have you done to these batteries. We send out very specific directions on their care.

Well, it was not holding a charge so I put it on a trickle charger.

What? You Did What? Sir! These are very expensive batteries

I know...tell me about it...

And, they are sealed batteries that have specific requirements. A trickle charge will absolutely kill one of our batteries. How could you do that? Didn't you read the instructions?

Well, obviously I didn't. Or, I forgot what I read...?

(Very deep, long sigh) Sir, we take our batteries very seriously and they need to be taken care of with respect.

Okay. So, if I promise to treat a new battery better and follow the instructions, will you sell me a new one?

Please hold.

(musical interlude)

Hello, this is someone new. How may I help you?

Well, I'd like to buy a replacement battery, but the other lady didn't seem inclined to do so.

Oh, well, Sir, you just have to understand she loves her job and these batteries. (more softly) I swear she'd take them home at night if they'd let her...

Well, will you sell me a battery?

Oh, yes Sir, I most certainly will. That's what our business is, selling batteries.

Okay, excellent!

And Sir, if you blow this one up, like the last... two? hmmm.... Well, we'll just have to sell you one after that. We sell batteries Sir and we'd like to stay in business.

Alrightee then, let's proceed....

Paul Dagenais

Hopefully reformed battery abuser



Cruise Ins

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