



The Sparkplug



Deep South Region AACA Newsletter

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Beverley Hughes

Mardi Gras season has begun

Saturday, January 13 the first Mardi Gras parade of the season kicked off. Krewe De La Dauphine Parade started at the Sea Lab on Dauphin Island and traveled down Bienville Blvd all the way to the first public beach.

I led the parade with Uncle Henry as this years Grand Marshal in the 1960 Buick Electra. Uncle Henry and his grandson Alex threw everything from moonpies and beads to giant stuffed animals.

David Ladnier, Ross Sloan and Robert Salters all participated in the parade. Each of them drove the princesses in the parade.

-Charlotte



Above: Robert and Tina Salters in their 1994 Cavalier driving Wendi and Lynn

Right: Ross Sloan in his 1965 Mustang driving Kara and Sarah

Preserving the Past - Investing in the Future



Far Left: Lining up at the staging area at Sea Lab on Dauphin Island

Above: David Ladnier in his 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 with Garnett, Emmy Lou and Chrissy

Left: Charlotte Dahlenburg drives the 1960 Buick Electra

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Friday Registration 2PM-4PM
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February 16, 17, 18, 2018

25 yrs. & Older Cars-Trucks

Others by Invitation Only
CARS MUST BE PRESENT FOR ALL AWARDS OR PRIZES
TRAILED VEHICLES ARE NOT JUDGED AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GRAND PRIZE

Sunday Morning Church Service 9:00AM

Top Ten pre-49 Awards	Goodie Bags
Top Five post-48 Awards	50/50
Grand Prize \$\$	Ladies Awards
Pre Registered Eligible for special prize Games	Dash Plaques
Sunday Church Services	Saturday Night Events
T-Shirts	NSRA Inspections

Friday night chicken & sausage gumbo

**Our Friday Night Meal Will be Served To Our REGISTERED Participants on a first come first served basis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
Glenn Gobert (409) 738-2310
Robert/Sandy Aguillard (337) 625-5429

Behind Kenner City Hall
Veterans Memorial Park
1801 Williams Blvd
Feb 24th, 2018

Benefit is to help Jimmy Packard in order to purchase the latest technological Glasses (esight). These glasses will improve his quality of life. His condition is Optic Neuritis with Optic Nerve damage that makes him legally blind. These glasses will restore his sight to a point that he can use his eyes to do everyday tasks except driving operations.

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Band : Playing from



2018 Winter Meet Update

Plans are underway for every aspect of the Winter Meet. If you are not part of a committee, it is not too late to volunteer to help. Below you will find a list of the committees and Chairs:

Registration - Vicki Bolton

Chief Judge - Stan Kulikowski

Chief Marshal - Zeno Chaudron

Trailer Parking Chairman - Scott Henderson and Bill Atkeison

Banquet Chairman - Darrin Dahlenburg

Trophy Chairman - Pat and Buddy Parquet and Brian Daly

Merchandise Chairman - Joyce Ladnier

Hospitality Chairman - Walt and Martha Fuller

Sponsorship/Show Book Chairman - David Ladnier

Ice Cream Social - Rheba and Zeno Chaudron

Finance Chairman - Paul Dagenais

Silent Auction - Frank Piper

Youth Program - Bobby Peterson & Bobby Sue Koch

Each one of these Chairs will need your help. You may want to recruit a friend to assist you as you help with one

or more of these committees.

Zeno will need help on both Friday night laying out the show field and on Saturday morning escorting show cars to their assigned spot. Scott and Bill will need help on Thursday and Friday parking trailers and RVs. Darrin will need help with decorations for the banquets.

Martha and Walt with hospitality and Joyce with merchandise sales will need volunteers to make this happen on Thursday, Friday and Saturday as well as Sunday morning.

David and Frank need your help right now. We need to sell the show book ads and we need everyone to be collecting items to put in our silent auction.

You may not be able to run from one end of the show field to the other but you may be able to sit at registration and pass out the registration packets. You may be able to attend the packet stuffing party or greet our guests in the hospitality room or bake the cookies and brownies.

Please take a few minutes to think about how you can help each of our chairmen with their jobs.

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

Hosted by the Deep South Region

Events and Activities:

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

Host Hotel:

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

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

Meet Chair:

Charlotte Dahlenburg
256-783-2261
dsr36608@gmail.com

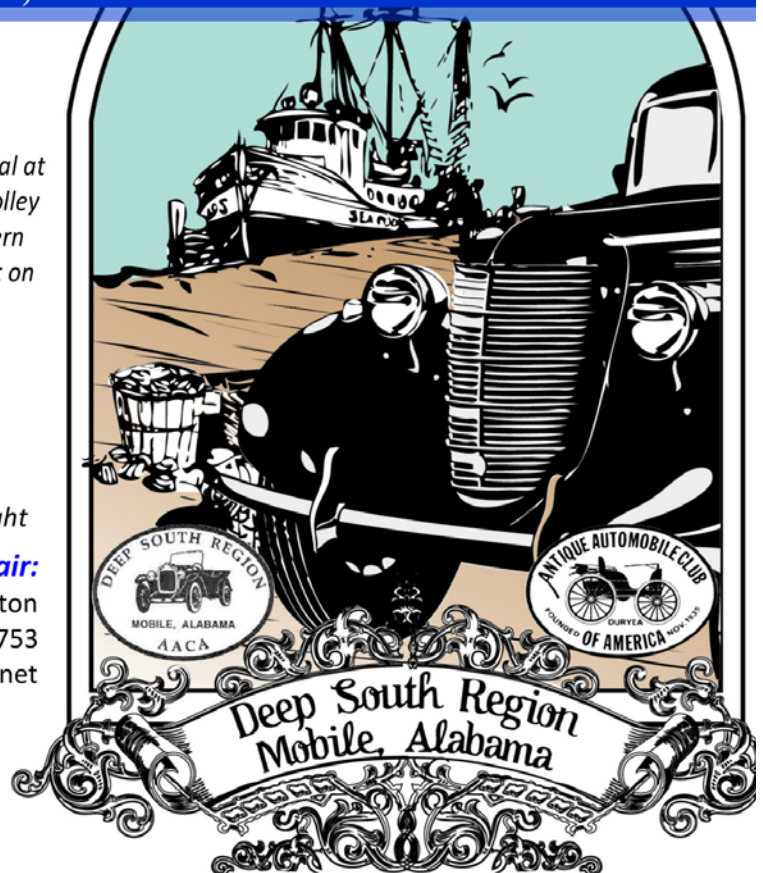
Registration Chair:

Vicki Bolton
205-223-3753
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Chief Judge:

Stan Kulikowski
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Registration Deadline: March 1, 2018



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Grand Bay Country Christmas winners of the 2017 Christmas Parade were announced. The winner of best car was the 1964 1/2 Mustang Convertible owned by Scott Henderson.

2018 Western Spring Meet in Tucson, AZ

By Roy Ireland, Tucson Region,
royireland802@gmail.com

Western Region Spring Meet

Tucson, AZ

April 19-21, 2018

Registration Deadline: March 30

As a feature of the 2018 National Western Spring Meet (April 19-21), the Tucson Region is offering a private tour of the Tucson Auto Museum, also known as "Wayne's Toys," after its owner, Wayne Gould. Wayne has collected a variety of impeccably restored vehicles and automobilia from around the country and has recently opened his facility to the public. There are between 50-60 vehicles on display. Those who register to attend the tour of the museum receive admission and transportation from the headquarters hotel and back for a charge of \$15 per person. There will be a cash bar and

light snacks available at the museum.

Although the museum tour is the only scheduled event during the meet, Tucson has many nearby attractions that will make arriving early or staying over an enticing option. Among them are the historic San Xavier del Bac Spanish mission and the world-renowned Pima Air Museum, as well as Saguaro National Park and the Franklin Museum - all within a short drive from the headquarters hotel. Plan to spend an extra day or two in Tucson to enjoy some of the local sights.

Meet activity request cards were in the November-December issue of Antique Automobile. Note that your 2018 dues must be current in order to register for the meet. The registration deadline is March 30.

Contact the host hotel, Tucson Hilton East, at 1-800-445-8667 and mention "AACA" to receive the special \$109 group rate.



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Happy New Year Everyone,

First of all I want to thank everyone for their support to the club over the past years, and especially to all of our members for their help to me now.

I am sure this will be a great year for our club as well the City of Mobile. We are fortunate to have the AACA Winter Meet held in Mobile this March 22 – 24.

Everyone I have talked with about the National Meet is excited about having the opportunity to have such a big show in the Gulf Coast Area.

I am hoping we will recruit new members this year, and with the activities we are planning – I am sure that will happen.

I pray we will have a healthy, and prosperous year ahead and will make time to enjoy the hobby we all enjoy so much.

Best,
Bobby P

Letter from the Editor

A new year brings new hopes and dreams. All I can say is wow to how this year is set to play out.

I am beyond excited about going to my first Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. AACA has been a large part of my life for the last 10 years. I have loved hanging out with so many people that have the same interest as me.

I am humbled by the fact that I will be receiving 3 awards and that I will be meeting with National committees while at the Annual Meeting.

Right around the corner we will be hosting the 2018 Winter National Meet. This is an amazing opportunity to show the country what an amazing place Mobile, Alabama is.

Planning and organizing is one of my favorite things to do. Serving as Meet Chairman I have been blessed to have such a strong club. Each and every member has been so willing to make this show one of the best.

The rest of the year holds many new surprises. It is going to be fun and filled with trips, tours and time together.

- Charlotte



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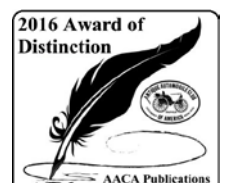
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Deepsouth.aaca.com

Also, members should visit
our Facebook page.





Rummage Box



Let's Make a New Year's Resolution!

Wayne Tuck
Vice President,
Membership

How many of you have ever made a New Years Resolution? Lose weight? Go to the Gym three times a week? Get the house trim painted? Get that old car out and drive it at least once a month? I'm sure many of us have made some type of resolution.

Now how many of you have broken that resolution? We usually have some excuse. Sometimes circumstances just make it impossible to accomplish. Sometimes our resolutions are overly ambitious.

Let me suggest we make a resolution that we can all accomplish if we put in a little effort. Sign up a new AACA member. That doesn't sound too hard does it? The world is full of old car fans. Shouldn't they all be members?

Stacy Zimmerman's recent Speedster article regarding AACA being a "Best kept secret" was a real eye opener. We all know what a great organization it is and all the benefits AACA has to offer. Why aren't we out there spreading the word? Most of us pay a lot more attention to a friend or acquaintance making a referral or recommendation than we do to paid advertising. Why keep it a secret?

I challenge you to each join me in celebrating the new year with the following resolution:

I resolve to sign up at least one new AACA member in 2018!

Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box



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

Joyce Young asks that you call before you come.

Azalea Monograms & Design

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251-661-9361

Market Place

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

Ads can consist of anything related to:

For Sale – Want to Buy – Looking For

Your ad(s) can run for an additional three months by

Contacting Charlotte Dahlenburg.

Please submit new listings for The Market Place

by the 12th of the month to:

DSR36608@gmail.com or to

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



1929 Model A Fordor for sale. All original recent service, modern points, four blade cooling fan, leak less water pump Contact: Phillip Grice 251-656-2304 \$18,000 OBO



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

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Mike : 228-424-1294 Ocean Springs, MS



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

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



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Refreshments

January 25 -
 February 22 -
 March 22 -
 April 26 -
 May 24 -
 June 28
 July 26
 August 23
 September 27
 October 25
 November 15

Up Coming Events

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 25 at 7 pm at the club house. See you there!

Birthdays & Anniversary

Nancy Thoms	February 10
Patt Paquet	February 18, 1949
Jim & Connie Graham	February 25

Thoughts Go Out

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



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

Answer for last month: 1970 Ford Torino Cobra Sportsroof Chioloro

DSR Activities 2018

February

17 - 8 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tilman's Corner

March

22 - 24 AACA Winter Meet Downtown Mobile

April

7 - Camellia Classic

21 - 8 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tilman's Corner

29 Our Lady of Lourdes Lawn Party Car Display

May

19 - 8 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tilman's Corner and Day Tour

June

Overnight Trip

16 - 8 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tilman's Corner

July

21 - 8 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tilman's Corner and Garage Crawl

August

18 - 8 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tilman's Corner

25 Day trip to Derailed Dinner and Train Museum in Foley

AACA Southeastern National Spring Meet April 7, 2018 at Charlotte AutoFair

Hosted by Hornets Nest Region, AACA
 Meet Email: aacacit@windstream.net

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April 5-8, 2018

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 (Located one mile from Speedway)
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Hornets Nest Region
 Antique Automobile Club of America
 9307-H Monroe Road
 Charlotte, NC 28270



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What have you been up to?

Christmas get together at Zeno's Show

Zeno had a small gathering at his shop to celebrate the Christmas season on January 18, 2017. We were all treated to Rick's grilling and Rheba's and Violet's wonderful treats. It was a fun time.



Claude, Freddie, Rick and Zeno's son Trey pose for a photo at the gathering



Claude, Freddie and Jackie enjoy the Christmas gathering



Charlotte, Martha and Darrin enjoy time together



Robbie, Violet and Rheba enjoy some great food



St. Elmo-Irvington Volunteer Fire Department

Josh McKeever, Fire Chief

SEIVFDOoffice@gmail.com
StElmoFire.org

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

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

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

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories:

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

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

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

Respectfully,
Josh McKeever

Josh McKeever
Chief, SEIVFD

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



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Blaize, Rick and Calleigh pose near a motor



Everybody serves themselves so many treats

Ernie Rogers new Purchase

I purchased the Studebaker from a wonderful family in Wilmer.

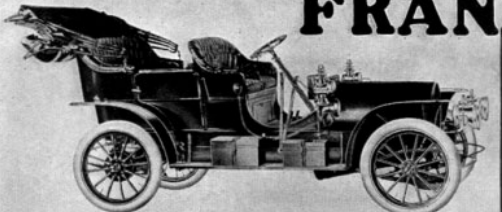
It was purchased it from a wonderful lady in Mississippi. She drove up to Milwaukee, WI and trailered the car back to Mississippi. While on the trip, she learned the car was originally from Minnesota.

The car was named Scarlet Star by the lady in Mississippi.

- Ernie Rogers



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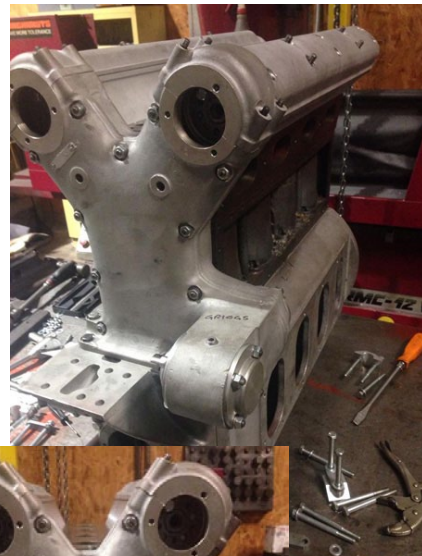
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Bringing a 1948 Offenhauser Engine to Life

Even though it's cold outside, the old Machine shop keeps running. I thought I would share a little about one job we are doing that has elicited a lot of interest. We have a 1948 Offenhauser engine we are attempting to bring back to life. It has not been an easy chore since parts for these engines are so rare to get. These engines were used in Marine applications then made their way into Race cars, Indy, sprints etc. We are making some head-way on it. Freddie and myself have researched, what few books we can find for information on this engine with the help of the owner. Oh and by the way the owner is a AACA member in Panama City, Fl. The one we have is a four cylinder with DOHC (Dual Overhead Camshaft) 16 Valve naturally aspirated (2 Carburetors). It will be installed in a 1948 Indy race car. We are having a set of forged pistons made by Diamond Piston Co. We are also making a set of Intake and Exhaust Valves. These pictures show where we have mocked the engine up checking clearances for the timing components. I'm thinking about doing a little update periodically as we make head-way on the engine. From the Machine Shop, Zeno reporting.



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2018



APRIL 20-22, 2018 • TUCSON, AZ

Meet Chairman Tom Mulligan (520) 325-7247 tmulligansr@aol.com	Registration Chairman Roy Ireland (520) 591-1140 royireland802@gmail.com
Chief Judge Roger Irland (602) 999-6594 mopar37206@att.net	Headquarters Hotel Hilton Tucson East 7600 E Broadway Blvd Tucson, AZ 85710 1-800 Hiltons (445-8667) Mention "AACA" for group rate

Registration Deadline:
March 30, 2018

For more info, call 520-325-7247 or visit www.tucsonaaca.org
 Hosted by the Tucson Region, Antique Automobile Club of America



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 717-534-1910

Central Spring Meet Chief Judge:
 Norman Hutton, Normhuttonracing@gmail.com

Central Spring Meet Registration Chair:
 Pat Buckley, pbuckley@aaca.org

AACA teams up with The Nash Car Club of America & RM Auctions for this year's Central Spring Meet



WWII Exhibit at the Naval Air Museum

On Saturday December 30, 2017 Bobby Sue, Barrett and I made a trip over to the National Naval Aviation Museum. There were many airplanes in the museum but what intrigued me were all the military vehicles on display.

- Charlotte



One of the many vehicles on display



Barrett checking out a military vehicle



Part of the WWII exhibit



1948 Harley Military Motorcycle



Another of the WWII displays



The 1940 Plymouth produced by the Chrysler Corporation. During WWII Chrysler Corporation produced vehicles for both the U.S. Army and the U. S. Navy. This car was produced during the war as a staff car.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____



A New Project Comes Online



While the DeSoto has been hibernating, we have been looking for a new project. Having done a full restoration with the convertible, I decided to change it up and do a restomod. After looking around I decided I wanted one of the first true muscle cars, a GTO.

GTOs are getting very pricey with a minimum asking price for driver being around \$30,000. As we are planning a total re-do with upgraded chassis, drivetrain, etc., it would be ridiculous to get a perfectly fine car and destroy it.

It took about 4 months to find one that met our

requirements – it had to be an automatic (as the consoles are different from manual shifts) and it had to have had factory A/C so the firewall would be set up. I found a 1966 GTO on one of the websites that was located in North Carolina. I sent off contact information and nothing happened. About a month after initialing trying to contact the seller, I got a call that the car was still available. Someone had approached the seller before me but upon seeing the car, decided not to buy. He wanted the seller to drop the price.

My buddy Tommy and I made a mad dash in October to North Carolina, up on Saturday and back on Sunday. Tommy has a Silverado 2500 and we were lucky to get a relatively new UHaul trailer in Charlotte. This car would normally be called a barn-find, but in this case, it was a “beside the barn, under a tarp” find. Tires were flat, the back window was plexiglass and there was no driveshaft. The interior is relatively complete, although we suspected it had been a home for rodents at one time. The father of the man who was selling the car had collected Impalas starting from 1958. Most were in fair shape. The GTO was an odd ball that had been rescued from a crusher then basically ignored. The owner thought it was last driven by a high school student in the mid-80’s.

Fortunately, it was a gorgeous day in the mountains and loading the car was relatively easy. As we were leaving, the temperature dropped and a northwest wind picked up. If it wasn’t for Goggle Maps, we’d probably still be roaming around NC trying to find I-20. Despite the wind bucking the car, it rode like a champ on the trailer. For once we made it back to Mobile without incident.

The first thing we did was put cheap (well, kind of cheap)



2018
Annual
Grand National Meet
GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
May 31 - June 2, 2018
Show Field - University of Pittsburgh
Greensburg Campus
Limit 500 Pre-registered Cars
No trailer parking at the show field.
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to the show field, approximately three miles.
Host Hotel - Greensburg Ramada
For developing information visit our website:
westernparegion.org/grandnational





tires on the car to get it to roll. Then we started to strip it down. We are a bit brighter than when we stripped the DeSoto. We've labelled everything, despite how rusted and/or mangled it is. We found the car had been hit both in the front and the rear at one time. As we disassembled, it became apparent that we would need new floors in the passenger area and trunk. Also, we realized we need to replace the rear light panel, front grill panel and the lower rear quarters. Further decisions will have to wait until we have it sand blasted.

The one thing that will make this restoration easier is: Everything is available on the web. There are many shops dedicated only to GTOs (ok, Goats, although I hate the nickname) or to A-Body GMs (e.g., Chevelles). So far, we have been stockpiling floors, fender panels and, of course, the first purchase was all the emblems! It will be quite a while before we can use them, but they are there to fondle if wanted/needed.

Our first tasks has been to get the car ready for blasting. The roof was in terrible condition with rust holes and lots



of fiberglass. We were afraid the body would get twisted when it comes off the chassis because there was not roof strength. So, we replaced it. It required a lot of delicate metal shrinking around the sail pillar, but its mostly done at this point.

I am wondering how much of the original car will be left when we are done.

- Paul Dagenais



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SNEAK PEAK at the Brand New Official 2018 AACA Meets & Tours Shirt!!

Here is your first look at the brand new 2018 AACA Meets & Tours shirt... These will be available in black and navy as t-shirts, long-sleeve t-shirts and sweatshirts. As soon as the shipment arrives here in our office in January, we will put them on the AACA website store so you can purchase them. For those coming to Annual Meeting, we will have them at the AACA merchandise booth in the trade show.

We have never done a shirt design like this and hope that you are as excited about it as we are!

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REWIND

WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 13 YEARS AGO from the January 2012 Sparkplug

New Business: President Chaudron reviewed the slate of nominees for 2012 officers which follows: President – Z. Chaudron, V. President – W Fuller, Secretary – none, Treasurer – B. Peterson, Activities Coordinators – Tim & Stacy Lawrence, Editor – Paul Dagenais and Member at Large – Peter Pearce. Buddy Paquet moved to accept the slate by acclamation, motion seconded by Jim Henderson and approved by a vote of the membership. VP Fuller had no new business. At this point, the President announced that although W. Fuller had previously declined chairing the 2012 Mother's Day Car Show, he had thought it over and with the help of a full Car Show Committee he would take the job again this year for which he received a round of applause. Secretary Wilson had no new business. B. Peterson, Treasurer passed out the December Financial

Statement which he orally reviewed. There being no questions, he asked for a motion to accept. Motion made by K. Crowell, seconded and passed. Activities Coordinator answered a question about members' name tags and suggested they remain at the clubhouse so they are available to put on when arriving.

Jim Henderson posed two questions: (1) When would the Car Show Committee begin holding meetings and (2) Stated he had been contacted by a local judge who asked for an antique car for his daughter's wedding and asked if anyone was interested in doing it. If not, he would furnish a car/driver in the name of the club. W. Fuller answered that he would have a schedule for Car Show Committee meetings by the January 2012 meeting.

Webmaster H. Thoms requested members to submit pictures/stories of their vehicles for our DSR website. He

also suggested members take a look at the site since its having been updated recently.

At this point, the President recognized Patt Paquet who stated that although she had previously stated she preferred to not have any responsibilities this year, the club could not function properly without a secretary and that it was unfair to the President to have to do double-duty. Therefore, she would serve as the 2012 Secretary if no one else would. A motion by W. Fuller to accept was seconded and approved. She was thanked by the President.

President Chaudron noted that we have three new memberships and that when he went to pick up cases of fruit to be distributed among the members attending the meeting from Brian Elliott, one of the new members, he very graciously donated it.



THE ELEGANCE
AT HERSEY

Photograph by Michael Roman

June 8-10, 2018 • The Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA





The Sparkplug



Why join the Deep South Region (DSR) of AACA

Belonging to AACA includes: *voting privileges, exhibiting your cars in national meets, enjoying tours hosted by Region Chapters all across the United States, and competition for national annual awards and prizes, and the bi-monthly Antique Automobile Magazine.* As a DSR member, other perks include the opportunity to learn more about your antique or classic car(s) from other members; hear interesting guest speakers at special programs; find parts and dealers; socialize with other owners; complimentary subscription to our DSR newsletter *The Sparkplug*, and the opportunity to feature your vehicle(s) on our Club's website.

Howto join DSR:

- 1) Come as a guest to one of our meetings - open invitation - no further invitation necessary. We meet on the fourth Thursday every month at 7:00 pm. Generally, our meetings are held at the DSR Clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive, Mobile, Alabama. Check our website for location changes.
- 2) You may join DSR by first joining the National AACA organization. You can access membership online: aaca.org and click Join/Renew Today. The annual dues are only \$40 per year. You have not checkout the AACA website, now would be a good time to learn about the national organization.
- 3) After you have joined AACA, complete the following information and bring it to one of our meetings, or you may mail it with a \$20.00 check for DSR annual dues to our Club Treasurer: Paul Dagenais, 58 South Julia Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604.

Deep South Region AACA - Mobile, Al

National AACA Membership Number _____

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Name: _____

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Total Enclosed: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

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See ya, '17! A quick look back at some of the biggest old-car stories of the last year



Daniel Strohl on Dec 31st, 2017 at 8am
Vespa taillamps. Photo by Hugo Cardoso.

Every day of the year we're pounding the pavement to dig up the most informative, newsworthy, and entertaining stories from the collector-car scene, so after a year, it all becomes a little bit of a blur. Still, as we take a moment to review headlines from the year that was, several stood out for one reason or another, so let's take some time to revisit them before we jump right on in to 2018.

1. Route 66 resuscitation in the works. The movement to preserve Route 66 in some way or another ramped up this year, prompted in part by its placement on endangered lists and in part by the pending conclusion of a funding program. To address the latter, we've seen a number of proposed solutions, including the Route 66 Centennial Commission Act, a proposal to recommission Route 66, and legislation aimed at making Route 66 the next National Historic Trail. Expect to see more action on the National Historic Trail designation next year.

2. Significant cars see the sun again. While this list doesn't necessarily rank our most-read stories from the year, it does keep them in consideration, and two of our most-read stories concern long-thought-lost significant—or potentially significant—vehicles that automotive sleuths turned up. One, a 1951 VW Microbus Deluxe, sat in a German field for 50 years before a German collector determined it was the second-built Samba; it's now under restoration. The other, a 1968 Ford Mustang, appeared in Mexico with enough clues to reportedly identify it as a car used in the filming of Steve McQueen's Bullitt; it too is now under restoration.



Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruizin July 12 - 14

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3. Dune-buggy owners take on Texas ban. The roots of this story date back to 2013, but dune-buggy enthusiasts in Texas began sounding the alarm about the state's DMV revoking titles for their dune buggies, sand rails, and kit cars earlier this year. The Texas DMV subsequently scheduled a briefing on the issue and discovered that it's a thorny, complicated issue, one that may have national implications. A working group is expected to hammer out some solutions early next year.

4. Auto racing in Europe faces big challenges. Another story that's been brewing for a few years concerns the EU Motor Insurance Directive and a 2014 court ruling that may cause EU residents—including those in the UK, for now—to get insurance for any motor vehicle, regardless of whether it operates on public roads. The British tabloids reliably freaked out about nan's mobility scooter requiring insurance, but motorsports organizations also saw an existential threat in the court ruling's implications. Both the EU and the UK concluded consultations on the issue this year, but a recent UK court ruling seems to indicate that things are as dire as European motorsports enthusiasts have warned.

5. U.K. gives classic cars an official cutoff age. Also across the Atlantic, the EU, and the UK have been figuring out exactly how to define historic cars, which is not as trivial an issue as it first sounds. A vehicle's historic status may, for example, exempt it from city-wide old car bans, or exempt it from roadworthiness testing. And those definitions aren't just based on a vehicle's age, as we saw with the release of the Charter of Turin Handbook.

6. The coming of the electric collector car. Perhaps our

April 1 story was more predictive than preposterous? With plenty of governments across the world setting sunset dates for the internal combustion engine and with electric vehicles capturing headlines left and right, perhaps we should expect more EV conversions of classic cars or more manufacturers to launch electric-powered replica/continuation/homage vehicles as Jaguar did this year with the E-Type Zero?

7. We go deep on ethanol, the Darien Gap, and more. One addition we made to the Hemmings Daily this year was the Sunday Hemmings In-Depth series, in which both Hemmings editors and contributors spend a little more time than normal exploring an issue. Matteo Giacomini has made good use of the series to enlighten us about Italian cars while Jim Van Orden has used it to tell some tales from his youth that many can identify with. We've also used the series to do some mythbusting—specifically of John D. Rockefeller's relationship with ethanol and whether Henry Ford designed the Model T as a multi-fuel car—to tally up all the various adventurers who have crossed the uncrossable Darien Gap on both two-wheels and four, and to list all the vehicles definitively lost to history.

8. Explosions of feedback. It probably shouldn't be a surprise at all that the two Hemmings Daily articles that garnered the most comments in 2017 were Open Diff pieces—designed specifically to start conversations and get reader opinions. It's also unsurprising, knowing our readership, that Kurt's question about what modern carmakers just don't understand and Joe Essid's question about the most archetypal car song would generate the most discussion.

Sentimental Tour 2018

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National Car Shows

February 2018

8-10 - AACA Annual Meeting • Philadelphia

March 2018

22-24 - Winter Meet • Mobile AL

April 2018

5-7 - Southeastern Spring Meet • hosted by Hornest Nest Region • Charlotte NC

20-12 - AACA Western Spring Meet • hosted by Tucson Region • Tucson Arizona

May 2018

11-12 - Central Spring Meet • Auburn, Indiana

31- June 2 - Annual Grand National Meet • hosted by Western PA Region • Greensburg, Pennsylvania

July 2018

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

August 2018

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

September 2018

12-15 - AACA Central Division Tour • hosted by Amarillo Region • Texas Panhandle, TX

16-22 - AACA Glidden Tour – VMCCA - Twin Falls, ID.

October 2018

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



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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 Cruiser's	Acadian Pizza on Hwy 49 Gulfport, MS	
4th Saturday	Hot Wheels & Wings Cruise-In	Hooters Hwy. 98 Daphne 3-6 pm	
4th Saturday	Ingalls Engineering Complex	Passacaglia, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
4th Saturday	10126 Grand Bay Wilmer Rd	10 am - 1 pm	Grand Bay Country 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



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Local Car Shows

February

- 3 Gulfport, MS Gulf Coast Winter Classic at Gulfport Dragway. 1st race of the season so bring your cars, trucks, bikes, pro stocks, muscle cars, dragsters out for a day of racing. Gates open at 9am www.gulfportdragway.com
- 9 Lucedale, MS 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Hardees in Lucedale, corner of Old Hwy 63 & Cowart Street from 8:30am till. For more info call Mike Lachaussee 228-369-1431
- 23-25 Baton Rouge, LA 40th Annual R.O.D.S. Run at Gerry Lane Cadillac / Hampton Inn in Baton Rouge, LA. Hosted by the Ramblin' Oldies of Denham Springs car club. Pre-49 only. Food & Drinks vendors, music, free swap meet. Benefits the Hospice Foundation of Baton Rouge. For more information call Lee 225-673-8562
- 24 Bay St. Louis, MS 5th. Annual VFW Auxiliary Post 3253 Open Car & Truck Show 208 third street Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520. Dash plaques to first 50 registered vehicles, top 20 cars, top 5 trucks, 5 specialty awards, best of show, Commanders choice award, John Parent memorial award. Registration 8am-noon. Awards 2:pm. Entry fee day of show \$25.00. Silent Auction, Food, Drinks, and dessert available. For more information call bobby 228-493-2033 or Elaine 228-216-9571

March

- 3 Satsuma Swamp Fest 2018, Northside Cruisers & Friends for Satsuma Schools, Satsuma High School Campus, 1 Gator Circle. 8 am - 3 pm Top 30 awards, Best Mortorcycle, Best Rat Rod, Best of Show, Best Engine, Best Paint, Best Interior, Longest Distance drivine and Sponsor Troupphies. Pre-Entry \$20, \$25 Day of Show, More INfo Don Brooks 251-401-8610.
- 3 Bay St. Louis, MS 20th annual GNAT Nationals Open Car Show. Saturday, March 3, 2018; 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Our Lady of the Gulf, 228 South Beach Blvd, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 Charities CASA and Senior Citizens of Hancock County. Awards presented at 2:00 P.M. Pre-registration \$20.00 by February 21, 2018 \$25 day of show. Top 25 Awards, Furthest Driven, Sponsor Awards, Best of Show. Awards to be voted on by Registered Participants. Info: Bobby 228-493-2033 or Donna 228-332-3006 Misfits Street Krewzers · P.O. Box 2101 · Bay St. Louis, MS 39521. Rain Out date

March 10th at the Depot in Bay St. Louis

- 3 Brookhaven, MS Fielder's Pro Shop Goin' To Town Car Show in beautiful historic downtown Brookhaven, MS. this show is sponsored by Fielder's Pro Shop, Tourism council, and Advance Auto Parts. Mention show for special room rates at the Hampton Inn 601-823-3800 or Comfort Inn 601-835-0055. Pre Entry \$10 or \$15 day of show. For more information: T-Tommy - 601-833-8620 or Brookhaven Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce 601-833-1411
- 9 Lucedale, MS 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Hardees in Lucedale, corner of Old Hwy 63 & Cowart Street from 8:30am till. For more info call Mike Lachaussee 228-369-1431
- 10 Bay St. Louis, MS 2nd Saturday Cruise-In at the Harbor. 4pm - 8pm. Music - 50/50 - Prizes. Enjoy local restaurants & 2nd Sat Shopping downtown. Open to all Car/Truck/Bikes Everyone Welcome. (March thru September)
- 16-18 Pearl, MS 40th Annual Dixie Rod Run Presented by: Mississippi Street Rod Association March 16, 17, 18, 2018 Trustmark Park, Pearl, MS. Pre--74 Show Pre-registration: \$20.00 After March 1, 2018: \$25.00 For more information; call, Mike Summerlin at 601-832-8771 Or e-mail: AAAScale@aol.com Top Ten; pre- 49 - Top Ten; Pre- 74. 50/50 drawing, Friday night BBQ for registered entries, dash plaques, NSRA inspections, swap meet, trophies, games, cash prizes, Grand Prize 350 engine, must be present and registered to win. Ladies Tea: theme; 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s attire.
- 17 Gulfport, MS Gulf Coast MOPAR Showdown at Gulfport Dragway. MOPAR'S ONLY Gates open at 4 pm for time trials & Eliminations start at 7 pm. Gulfport Dragway is located I-10 exit 31. Go South on Canal Rd, cross over the railroad tracks. Go about 1 mile, turn left onto Racetrack Road and continue to Gulfport Dragway. 228 863-4408

April

- 6-7 Gulfport MS 6th Gulf Coast Auto Show Open Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show & Cruise-in at the Best Western Plus (228-864-0050) & Clarion Inn (228-868-3300) These hotels have adjoining parking lots and offer ground floor outside room entrances. 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.



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