



The Sparkplug



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You call this winter?

During the weekend, a woman was coming towards us as we were leaving the Walmart in Daphne. She had on a fairly substantial mid-blue hoodie that she was holding close to her face. She wore gloves and looked like she was freezing to death. It really wasn't that cold. Her pants were short and on her feet she had rhinestone covered flip-flops. I thought "Really? Are you kidding me?" Over the years, I've had students complaining about how cold they were and that the university should raise the heat; and there they were, wearing a sweatshirt over a t-shirt, shorts and flip-flops, in January no less.



So, why is this bothersome? Take the picture to the left. This is my older sister, Suzie, at 5 months. You will note that she's trussed up in a snow suit and hat. This is a winter outfit. Of course, this picture was taken near Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, where the annual snow fall is about 240 inches (thank you Lake Superior "lake effects"). People know how to dress. Do you see a flip-flop?

The weather pundits are carrying on about the weather here as well as up north. I suspect that folks like

Kevin Crowell and John Pendergrass who have lived up north can appreciate the cold. They probably appreciate the picture to the right which was taken in January 1981 in Marquette Michigan. School was cancelled and I was trudging to the corner store for libation and took my tripod. Marquette gets even more snow than the Sault as it sits on the southern shore of Lake Superior (which as Gordon Lightfoot sang, never gives up her dead).



The picture, left, was taken at the Brownstone Inn in the Upper Peninsula. 'Snort the Wonder Plymouth' was fairly good at getting around in snow. AND she never, ever wore snow tires. She did eventually rust up to her door handles. Currently, there is a law in Ontario requiring cars to have four (4!!) snow tires. Most people mount them on separate rims and pay to have them stored at the tire dealers (Cha-Ching!).

So, I've seen lots and lots of snow. My father
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Message from the DSR President

Happy New Year to you. We welcome you to 2014 and all that it will bring. Some of the things we will plan and some we will be made aware of when the time comes. I hope your New Year will be filled with good health & happiness. There was a lot that went on last year for our club which ended in December with all kinds of Holiday & Christmas celebration. If you wanted to participate in a parade, there were plenty to go around for all. Seemed like more parades than we had classic cars to fill the need. I want to thank you all (DSR Club) for your kindness & concern for the people and families we have helped over the years that were in need financially with some kind of crisis in their lives. To me I think this is so important to reach out when we are asked. We don't ask anything for ourselves but speaking for myself it is very gratifying knowing we can help in some small way that is always remembered by those in need.

The January meeting we will install our 2014 officers for the car club. I would like to extend a Challenge to our members to step up to the plate and participate more in our club to make it even more successful. Remember, this is your club and what we do is very important to keep it going. Our meetings have always been the 4th Thursday of every month and I ask you circle these dates on your calendar. If you have some ideas or thoughts you would like to see implemented this year, Please! let us know.

In closing I want to send out a heart warming thank-you to all of our past officers for a job well done. See all of you on Thursday January 23rd, 7:00 pm at the Club House for our meeting. Zeno



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bought a snowblower AFTER I went away to school. Anyway, I was interested in showing the equipment that has been used to remove snow over the years to southern friends who freak out at temperatures as they approach 32F. No, I didn't have to walk miles to school, but I did walk to school in -30F with a wind chill. I also remember trudging through three foot snow drifts to get home (mostly laughing my head off with my friend Susan who still lives in the frozen north).

These pictures were taken from a site showing snow removal in Montreal over the years. I'm not sure what I like best in the one on the right, the horse or the fur coat. Of course that was a bit before my time. I do remember the sidewalk cleaner shown below. The ones in Sault Ontario were either red or yellow and I they moved at a good clip. You had to get out of the way.



The accumulation of snow on the streets could build up to over 10 feet high. A couple of times a year the city would use front end snow blowers to chop down the banks. I remember my mother's little black Pomeranian being quite confused when they came by and took away the snow bank she loved to perch on.

Lastly, I remember, with ire, the snow plows that cleaned up the streets. Just as you would finish shoveling out the end of the driveway, here they would come and push it all back at you. I swear they would time it perfectly just as you had the very last bit moved.



People ask me if I am interested in moving back to Canada when I retire. The answer is a definite No.

Paul Dagenais

Announcement:

Most members are acquainted with John and Suder Bogle and remember their great '37 Ford Sedan. They have decided not to renew this year due to age (John is 94 and Suder is 92) and ongoing medical issues. However, Suder continues to enjoy her sewing. She makes lap robes for Vets, kimonos for newborn babes at USA Children and Women's Hospital and turbans for women who have hair loss due to cancer treatments. The lap robes are made from most any type fabric but the kimonos are from flannel and the turbans from stretchable knit. If you have any of this on hand that you would like to dispose of as well as it going to a good cause, Suder would love to have it and put it to good use. We will miss them even though they were not able to participate too much over the past few years.

Patt Paquet

Monogramming: Lou Lartigue tracked down where to get monogramming of club shirts: Joyce Young, owner of Azalea Monograms & Designs, has moved to 4082 Leroy Stevens Rd, Mobile, AL, 36619. Her number is 661-9361.

Membership dues are due! Club dues are \$15.00 per year and AACA dues are \$45.00. Please pay Bobby Peterson at the club meeting this Thursday.

**AACA Deep South Region
Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2013**

Pursuant to the club vote in September, the Deep South Region November meeting was held following a Thanksgiving luncheon at the home of Patt and Buddy Paquet.

After the luncheon some business was discussed mostly concerning the commitments made by DSR for participation in various parades during the Christmas and holiday parading season. President Chaudron reported that most of the officer positions had been filled, but there were a few places that would be filled by the beginning of 2014. Reminder was noted that 2014 dues were due in the amounts of \$35.00 for AACA and \$15.00 for DSR. Members are encouraged to make their payments to Bobby Peterson as soon as possible.

There was discussion that there would be no meeting of the club in December due to the timing of the Christmas holiday. The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled meeting on January 23, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted
Tracy Metclaf

Check out the Deep South Region Website at:

<http://local.aaca.org/deepsouth>



Cruise-Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
1 st Thursday	What-A-Burger	Airport & Snow Road	Bubba Blanton 251-610-4032
1 st Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
1 st Saturday	Kenducky Fried Chicken	Tillman's Square, Hwy 90	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
1 st Saturday	5 Guys	Airport At University	Brenda Drinkard 675-9226
2 nd Thursday	5 Guys	University at Airport	Port City Corvette, Mobile Bay Mustang Club
2 nd Saturday	Sam's Super Burger	Grand Bay	Southern Bay Cruisers 251-442-6877
2 nd Saturday	Dillard's	Eastern Shore Mall	Eastern Shore Cruisers
3 rd Saturday	Steak 'n Shake	Schillinger Road	Donnie Tanner 649-5397
4 th Saturday	Mings Café	Highway 43 in Saraland	North Side Cruisers
4 th Saturday	Northrop Complex	Pascagoula, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
5 th Saturday	American Legion Post 1992 3824 Old Spanish Trail	Gautier, MS	Sons of the American Legion
Last Saturday	Sonic - Hwy 59 South	Robertsdale, AL	251-747-2022



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