



# The Sparkplug



Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Newsletter, Vol. 48, No. 1 & 2, January/February, 2015

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## Trying to catch up...

A belated happy New Year to you all. I had hoped to start the first newsletter of the year with an interview of new club members. It is heartfelt that over the last year we've been able to attract new, interesting members. Unfortunately, due to my screw-up, it will have to wait.

It seems a long time since I had the pleasure of seeing many of you at the recent meetings. We were unable to attend the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting because Tracy, my sister Suzie, and I had to meet up with a cousin and his wife in New Orleans. As I hadn't seen them in well over 20 years, their visit trumped the club meeting. Sorry. One of the many topics covered over lunch was the idea of gathering together all of the Poulin cousins. My mother was a Poulin. She was one of 15 brothers and sisters who survived to adulthood. We have cousins who live outside Vancouver that no one has actually met.

Suzie was here for about 5 weeks which included Christmas. She had a five day overlap with my cousin Tom who is here until the first of March. Since the idea of a cousins' reunion has appeared, we have had a lot to reflect upon and to review as a couple of other cousins have started a "Poulin Family" Facebook page. What we've discovered is that there are, to best of our accounting ability, 50 first cousins. Some cousins speak primarily French, some English. A lot only speak one language. Only two live in the USA and only one is a Ph.D. (which would be me). According to Tom, my mother broadcast that fact far and wide (something I didn't find out until well after she passed). Someone reported today that my Grandmother's sister married a Paquette (So, cousin Buddy....)

So, what, you may ask, has this to do with old cars. Well, frankly nothing. I remember that my Uncle Jack (youngest of the 15) had a 1956 black two-door hardtop Mercury with a baby blue interior. When I was a kid, it was the coolest car around. Another vehicle related fact was that three of my uncles were fire chiefs.



With the recent cold weather, I was reminded of some of the stories I used to get about fires during winter up north. When looking for a photo of winter fires, I found another photo that would represent a total winter disaster to the beer-loving Poulin family. If you change the name on the side of the trailer to "Molson", you can imagine many family members in mourning. Of note, this photo was actually taken in North Alabama recently. **See Page 3**

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**Message from the DSR President**

Our New Year has started off pretty busy. Two meetings in the same month with a great Saturday morning breakfast at the first one. The food was fabulous a long with all in attendance. There were several different casseroles with Biscuit's & Gravy included. It made for a very nice change in venue. I think more of these should be on our request list. Thank you all who prepared the delicious food.

I would ask everyone to be thinking & volunteering for our Car Show coming up May 9th of this year. Your input helps make decisions on what can make the show better. We did have some of you volunteer at our meeting to be involved in the process & I Thank you.

Remember Thursday the 26 at 6:00 pm is our Soup & Chili supper and our meeting will follow. Hope to see you there & bring someone with you.

Best Regards,  
Zeno

**Remember: Soup & Chili Supper at the Club house. This Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm.**



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## **One more Winter Reference**

My sister sent me this:

Two priests died at the same time and met Saint Peter at the Pearly Gate. St. Peter said, "I'd like to get you guys in now, but our computer is down. You will have to go back to Earth for about a week, but you can't go back as priests. What'll it be?"

The first priest said, "I've always wanted to be an eagle, soaring above the Rocky Mountains ." "So be it," says St. Peter, and off flies the first priest.

The second priest mulls this over for a moment and asks, "Will any of this week 'count' St. Peter?" "No , as I told you the computer is down, so there's no way we can keep track of what you are doing." "In that case" says the second priest, "I've always wanted to be a stud." "So be it" says St. Peter, and the second priest disappears.

A week goes by, the computer is fixed, and the Lord tells St. Peter to recall the two priests. "Will you have any trouble locating them?" He asks.

"The first one should be easy," says St. Peter, "He's somewhere over the Rockies, flying with the eagles."

"But the second one could prove to be more difficult."

"Why?" asks the Lord.

"He's on a snow tire, somewhere in Northern Ontario."

**(See, it is a car joke).**

**Submitted by Paul Dagenais, Editor**

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## **DSR Membership Dues**

Annual dues are now \$20.00. Dues for AACA membership are \$35.00.

You can pay both AACA and DSR in one check payable to DSR and mailed to Bobby Peterson 5800 Innsbruck Drive Mobile AL 36608. He will forward the \$35.00 for AACA for you. Or you can bring payment to the February meeting.

The Membership Roster is due at AACA HQ on March 1. Without your payment of dues, you won't be listed.

### **DSR finds 2015 club secretary**

My name, as many of you know, is Mallory Henderson. I am 17 years old, and I attend St. Paul's Episcopal School. Sadly I can't really admit to having any athletic hobbies—unless vigorously studying and old cars count. I grew up with old cars (being that my grandfather is Jim Henderson that comes as no surprise). I actually learned to drive in a 1929 Model A. I was 8 years old and at the farm with Pop when he decided to let me have a go at the wheel, only 5 minutes later to jump off and leave me stranded. I recently got my certificate from the AACA for my life membership, and I was—at the time—the youngest member of the DSR when I first joined. I have attended many shows across the country with grandfather and my father. Three years ago, thanks to Pop, I got an amazing opportunity to go on The Great Race with my dad. At first, I was hesitant but once I got there I LOVED it. The Race has helped me to appreciate first my grandfather and father, and secondly old cars. I can't wait to be the secretary of this amazing club I have grown to love and hold dear to my heart.



**2014 Prom Night**

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### **Jim & Nancy Henderson receive DSR Life Membership status by Patt Paquet**

It was my pleasure to nominate and see unanimous approval for Jim and Nancy to become life members of the Deep South Region AACA at the November 2014 meeting. They more than meet the time requirement as well as having provided outstanding service to DSR over those years. They join a rather small group that includes Jewel Bell (deceased), Lycyle Crowdus, Don Dillehay (deceased), Geary Polk, and Ernie and Egenia Youens (deceased). This should not be confused with Life Membership in AACA which is designated by a "L" following the AACA number. At this time there is nothing that signifies Life Membership in the DSR Roster.

As an aside, Jim and Nancy's daughter Stacy Galloway along with her daughter, Taylor, who is a freshman at Auburn and a graduate of St. Paul's Episcopal School went with the school to Rome and Frascati Italy. They went because Stacy's son, Tripp, is a senior at St. Paul's and is in the choir. The chorus and marching band were invited to participate in events surrounding and on New Year's Day in the two cities. Tripp and the chamber choir sang at the Church of Gesu in Frascati, the Papal Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, in Santa Maria del Miracoli Church in Rome and the highlight was performing in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The

Pope watched from above in a special room and sent down a vocal message to the priest. He said "Bravissimo!" and offered a return invitation.

The choir also sang in Pompeii and the Pantheon. The St. Paul's School marching band also paraded in the Frascati Street Show and in the New Year's Day Parade through the most famous streets of Rome. Seems Jim and Nancy have some very talented grandchildren.. Congratulations to both of you.

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### **Westminster Village Mardi Gras Parade**

We started out driving through downtown Mobile on a cool & clear day with signs of Mardi Gras everywhere. We were heading to Ed's Seafood Restaurant at 11:00 am to meet others and have lunch then travel on to Westminster Village for their Annual Mardi Gras Parade. I have to say it's always a challenge with these Old Vehicles; what mood will they be in when you get ready to venture out on the roads? Patt & Buddy's car decided for them that they were not going to make the trip. Patt called me and said the engine went to missing but they had made it back home safe.

We did have a good turn out from the Club: Charlie & Robbie Lyles, Rheba & myself, Jim Henderson and friend, Loren Parker, Jim & Connie Graham, John Pendergrass and Ross Sloan with his daughter & 2 grandchildren. We had 2 Cars that have ties with Westminster which was the car we were driving, a 1970 Malibu Convertible & Ross's Mustang Convertible. The previous owners of these vehicles both lived at the facility. Marion Brent which owned our car is still a resident there. We all had a great time as did the folks who were waiting for the throws. Of course coming home we couldn't, go back through town on account of parades going on so the Grahams & us made a hold your breath run through the Wallace tunnel & got off at Texas St Exit to avoid the Interstate that reminded you of a race track. A very good time overall.



Summited by Zeno Chaudron

**More Westminster Village Pictures taken by Connie Graham are on the next page**





**DSR ends 2014, kicks off 2015 with...what else?.....an eatin' meetin'**  
**by Patt Paquet**

Your mother told you more than once "Breakfast is the most important meal of the day!" You would be surprised how many DSR members remembered that when the buffet line opened just as the clock hit 9:00 am on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015. Several were heard to comment "This is as good or better than [take your pick] Hardee's-McDonalds-Golden Corral. The only ones not mentioned in the "better than" category was Cafe 615, Spot of Tea or T.P. Crockmeirs. Although Café 615 does need a big round of applause for the sausage, egg and cheese casseroles. Yuuummm!

In addition to the above, there were pancakes with all the trimmings, hot biscuits with sausage gravy, a fruit salad that hit the spot on a cold January morning, hashbrown potato casserole and KK doughnuts plus a multitude of other goodies. There was plenty of coffee, OJ and cranberry juice to wash it all down.

This get-together was actually the December 2014 meeting that was postponed due to the holiday season and everyone being twice as busy. NOTE: The January 2015 meeting will be held, as usual, on the fourth Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015.

A fair amount of business was taken care of, the most important of which was the 2014 Officers being re-elected by acclamation for 2015. The minutes can be read elsewhere in this issue. This event produced one of the better turnouts in recent memory. In attendance were 2 Bobos, 2 (Z) Chaudrons, R. Chisolm, L. Crowdus, D. Dalhenburg, 2 Fullers 2 Grahams, 2 (J) Hendersons, 2 Lartigues, 2 Lyles, 2 Paquets, J. Pendergrass, B. Peterson, 2 Thoms, and B. White.and several guests.

My camera stayed right where I put it before loading everything else in the truck. Charlotte Dallenuerg was not there with her trusty camera so I have no pix to add. Sorry, gang – will try to do better next time.

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**Minutes**  
**DSR Monthly Meeting**  
**January 3, 2015**

We had a Saturday morning breakfast at 9:00 am which included our Dec 2014 meeting for the installation of our 2015 Officers. Following the breakfast, Walt Fuller led in prayer and with our Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were 26 members and 3 guests. Jim Henderson made a motion to retain the Officers from 2014.It was 2nd by Buddy Paquet. Walt Fuller said we would have to approve the motion by acclamation since there was no one voted on. All agreed.

Herb Thoms informed us that pictures were posted on the website on the Christmas parades we attended. The club received a donation for a \$150.00 for the Dawes Parade.

Our January 2015 meeting will be Thursday 22nd at 7:00 pm. We passed a sign up sheet for our monthly refreshments.

February will be our annual Soup & Chili Supper.

Walt Fuller made a recommendation that the Treasure shop for a better rate on our Insurance for the Club building. The meeting was adjourned with the 50/50 drawing which Pat McCabe won. The pot was \$86.00

Submitted by Bobby Peterson

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**Minutes  
DSR Monthly Meeting  
January 22, 2015**

The meeting opened with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. We had 22 members present. Prayers were requested for Martha Fuller & Anne Givens. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> Minutes for December 2014 were read by the President & approved by the club members.

We planned our Soup & Chili supper for the February meeting. A sign up sheet was sent out for who was bringing what.

The club discussed our up and coming Mother's Day Car Show on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the club house. Our Committee volunteers are as follows: Walt Fuller, Charlotte Dahlenburg, John Pendergrass, Jim Graham & Zeno Chaudron. We discussed doing away with the 100 point judging & possibly having a Top 40 with a best overall. Foy Bobo said he would do the flyers, posters & dash plaques.

The financial report was presented and a motion to except was made by Charlie Lyles and 2nd by Jim Graham with club approval.

Meeting was concluded with the 50/50 drawing won by Judy Bobo

Summited by, Bobby Peterson

**Check out the Deep South Region Website at:**

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





**Cruise-Ins**

| <b>Time</b>              | <b>Location</b>                                  | <b>Address</b>              | <b>For More Info Contact</b>          |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday | Edgewater Mall                                   | Hwy 90, Biloxi MS           | Jimbo<br>228-596-0664                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday | Kentucky Fried Chicken                           | Tillman's Square, Hwy 90    | Jo Jo Johnson<br>251-367-6643         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday | 5 Guys   | Airport At University       | Brenda Drinkard 675-9226              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday   | Hooters  | Daphne                      |                                       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday | What-A-Burger                                    | Airport & Snow Road         | Bubba Blanton<br>251-610-4032         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday | Sam's Super Burger                               | Grand Bay                   | Southern Bay Cruisers<br>251-442-6877 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday | Dillard's  | Eastern Shore Mall          | Eastern Shore Cruisers                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday | Steak 'n Shake                                   | Schillinger Road            | Donnie Tanner 649-5397                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday | RPG Paint  | I-65 Service Rd & Moffat Rd | Mobile Bay Mustang Club               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday | Burger King                                      | Highway 43 in Saraland      | North Side Cruisers                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday | Northrop Complex                                 | Pascagoula, MS              | Magnolia Classic Cruisers             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday | Hooter's Restaurant                              | Airport Blvd.               | Don Benson 251-680-9533               |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday | Grand Bay Cruzer                                 | TA Truck 'Stop, Grand Bay   |                                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> 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                          |



## Car Shows

February 28 --- Car Show at the Bass Pro Shop, Spanish Fort, Alabama. Hosted by the Port City Corvette Club, scroll down for flyer info

February 28 -- Seafood Festival and Car Show at The Wharf, please visit [www.obparksandrec.com](http://www.obparksandrec.com) for more information and scroll down for flyer

March 7 --- Po Boy Cruise In @ KFC in Tillman's Corner, Mobile, Alabama [www.bad-to-the-bone.com](http://www.bad-to-the-bone.com)

March 14 --- Northside Cruisers 8th Annual Car Show at the Saraland High School, 8AM-3PM, scroll down for flyer and registration information please

March 14 --- Ensley PTA presents Wildcat Car Show at Ensley Elementary, 501 E. Johnson Ave, Pensacola, Florida. Scroll down for flyer and registration information

March 21 --- William F. Green Veteran's Home Car Show hosted by the Gear Jammers and the North Baldwin Chamber of Commerce to benefit the Veterans and the Veteran's Home. 9AM-3PM, \$20 Registration fee. Please scroll down for flyer information

March 28 --- Lillian United Methodist Church Car Show, 8AM-4PM, registration fee is \$25 day of show. Registration and Flyer information is below!

April 4 --- Po Boy Cruise In @ KFC in Tillman's Corner, Mobile, Alabama [www.bad-to-the-bone.com](http://www.bad-to-the-bone.com)

April 25 --- Mopars At The Battleship 20th Annual Mopar Show and Swap Meet, pre-registration \$25 which includes a free T-shirt. Show proceeds to benefit the Mulherin Custodial Home. Scroll down for flyer information

April 25 --- 5th Annual Spirit of Satsuma Band Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, 10AM-3PM, free sandwich and drink included in \$20 registration fee. Scroll down for flyer information



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