



The Sparkplug



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DSR's Mother's Day Car Show update

As anyone who has monitored their email account recently knows, there has been some dialogue about the viability of having this year's Mother's Day Car Show. The bottom line has been that unless we can get a sponsor to pay for the majority of the expenses for the show, it would be self-defeating to proceed as it would be financially disastrous for the club. As Walt Fuller has stated (and with full agreement by club members), the purpose of the car show is two-fold: advance the interest in vintage, antique and classic cars and raise funds to sustain the club. To be sure, when there is a good year in fund raising we have donated to worthy causes around the area. However, we are the only club in the region that has its own clubhouse and it costs to maintain it. The insurance costs, power, and building/yard maintenance continue to rise.

On this past Sunday afternoon, a group of club members met at the clubhouse to discuss the fate of the car show. Those in attendance were Foy Bobo, Zeno Chaudron, Lycyle Crowdus, Paul Dagenais, Walt and Martha Fuller, Tracy Metclaf, Patt Paquet, and John Pendergrass. Walt is the chairman of the Mother's Day Car Show. Walt stated that between him and Zeno (along with others) they have determined that there is enough sponsor support for the car show to proceed. There may not be a primary sponsor as in years past, but there are enough sponsors who have agreed to lesser amounts of support to have the show.

That being said, discussion shifted to the actual show itself. It was decided that there will be eight categories for judging. Walt stated that in order for a car to receive an award, the car must be of pre-1980 manufacture. As he stated, this is an Antique Car Club and we are a chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America. A total of 18 awards will be given out. There will be a winner of each category and one runner-up. The eight categories are:

1. Pre 1942 (pre-war)
2. 1946 – 1959 (post-war)
3. 1960 – 1969
4. 1970 – 1980
5. Street, Modified and RatRods
6. Muscle cars pre-1980
7. Trucks
8. Imports

There will be a Best of Show – PreWar and Best of Show – PostWar.

This year, as in years past, we will sell 50/50 tickets with a second drawing for a Special Mother's Day Prize. There will be a Silent Auction for 10 quality items. The winners of the Silent Auction will be announced hourly. It was discussed as to whether there would be door prizes this year with the consensus that they be eliminated. As far as food, BBQ sandwiches and

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Message from the DSR President

Happy Spring time to all,
At the time of these notes the Car Show committee would have had the 2nd meeting putting together the final touches on our 2015 Car show for May 9th.

Our committee chairman, Walt Fuller is doing another outstanding job as always. We do want to thank everyone who is participating in the organization of the show. If you haven't volunteered to help the day of the show please contact Walt at [251-602-1931](tel:251-602-1931). We will also have a sign up sheet at the next 2 club meetings.

The other day I talked with a gentleman named, Chris Hanley about the USA Car Show presented by The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) to be held at the USA Campus at the corner of Old shell Rd & Jaguar Dr. on Saturday, April 18th from 10am to 2pm. Admission is \$15.00 per vehicle. They will be unveiling the 2015 SUPERMILEAGE VEHICLE @ 1:00 pm. Chris is the project leader. Endurance USA is going to the SAE Supermileage Competition June 2015. Their Vehicle is capable of 1250 MPG. Sounds crazy but I'm all for them. I will have some flyers this Thursday at our meeting. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully yours, Zeno



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Mother's Day Car Show (continued)

grilled corn will be sold. During the early part of the morning, coffee and grilled donuts will be sold. Member are asked to donate canned soft drinks and/or bottled water to be sold. Folks may defer from bringing drinks and contribute \$10 to the cost of the show. (Note: Tracy Metclaf has agreed to be the treasurer for this year's show and any contributions should be given to him.)

With regards to judging, Buddy Paquet has agreed to work the red book (I didn't know what that was, by the way) and to train all volunteer judges. He hopes to recruit judges from other car clubs and/or other AACA members.

Finally, we would like to sell awards to sponsors. It will require \$60.00 to sponsor a category which includes the costs of the Best of award and the runner-up. If anyone knows of a person or business who would like to sponsor a category, please contact Walt, Zeno or Tracy.

Submitted by Paul Dagenais

Anyone Interested in an Old Mercedes?

Herb Thoms received an email from Kolja Berg, a gentleman in Germany who works for Rheingold-Klassische Automobile, a classic car retailer. They are looking for Mercedes Benz W111 convertibles built from 1961 to 1971. They want to import them back to Germany to restore then sell. I sent the Mr. Berg an email asking why there was interest in these cars. His response was very vague, just saying that this is what the company thinks their customers want. When I told Herb about his response, he responded that regardless of their reasoning it was quite fulfilling to know that people around the world are reading our newsletters. I went looking on the web for some photos. Perhaps Tim Lawrence can explain the interest?

Paul Dagenais and Herb Thoms



Note: A representative from the Assistance League of Mobile will be at the March DSR meeting.



The “Little League” that Could
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Assistance League® of Mobile began in 1991 as a ‘guild’ of a national philanthropic organization. In league terms, a guild is a newbie group/arm of Assistance League, small in number. It must meet certain requirements including establishing programs to fill previously unmet and under-served needs in the community and have a membership of 40 to reach chapter status. By 1997, the Mobile group had become a full-fledged chapter.

Today, the Mobile chapter has a membership approaching 60. It supports three programs. **Operation School Bell®** is a national program that contributes uniforms, books, and school supplies to three adopted Title One elementary schools (Craighead - where members also read weekly to the younger students), Fonde, and Maryvale). **Assault Survivor Kits (ASK®)** is also a national program. Through it, clothing and hygiene kits are distributed to the Rape Crisis Center. **Tender Loving Care**, a Mobile chapter developed program, provides hand-made therapy dolls to hospitalized children. More than 125,000 people in our community have benefited from these programs.

Mobile’s Assistance League ladies work hard and quietly and, most importantly, as true volunteers. There are no overhead expenses so all monies are returned to our community. Programs are funded by fundraisers and grants. The league’s biggest challenge has been spreading the word about Assistance League in the community. It is not that our members seek ‘fame’ for their good works. Rather, because of the anonymity of Assistance League’s name and its programs, obtaining resources can be daunting. Yet, Mobile’s Assistance League members are dedicated in their commitment to philanthropy and to giving help where it is most needed.

WEBSITE NEWS

Herb Thoms reports that he has contacted AACAHQ about the problematic website. They are providing new software for the website. At present, a new site is under construction. Stay tuned.

Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club Honors Member's Brother By Nancy Thoms



As a teen, I remember always having a vehicle of some kind being worked on in our garage. My Dad and brother, Fred Burdge, were always putting something together out there. My first car, a 1946 Mercury coupe body, a Ford engine, and various parts were all put together to make Nancy's Blue Bomb. Eventually my Dad gave up doing this, but my brother Fred continued. As he grew older, he began building modified stock cars to race. His wife would not let him drive so he had others who drove for him. His number "57" car finished first many times at Wall Stadium in New Jersey. Wall is a 3/10 mile, high banked, asphalt oval located in South Wall NJ. Fred's cars also ran, and won, at other tracks in NJ and at Pocono

Raceway. With the #57 he became very popular and known as one of the best owner/builders in the business. He eventually opened his own repair shop. "If Fred couldn't fix it, it couldn't be fixed." Fred passed away a few years ago and was buried in his racing team jacket. My whole point of this is to say that I recently found out that he is being inducted into the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club Hall of Fame in the "Owner" category. According to the club web page, "Since 1992, the club has honored individuals who have made significant contributions to stock car racing in New Jersey."



The building and property where my brother's auto repair shop was once located is now the site of the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Kitchen, a "pay what you can restaurant".



DSR Neighborhood News

There is, as always, bad news and good news among our membership.

First, let's get the bad news out of the way: DSR Forever member Geary Polk had a heart attack 2 years ago and mended well. Unfortunately, he had another this past Jan 22 but a stent here – a stent there – and now he is doing very well. GOOD LUCK in the future, Geary!

Kay Montgomery's brother, who had been ill for some time, passed away the first part of this month. It was one of those "know it's going to happen" but never really ready for it. The club will make a donation to Kay's charity of choice when we know the organization that will get it. Our sincere condolences to Kay. To make matters worse, it happened on her birthday.

Now for some better things to deal with...Anne Givens is doing better and celebrated her (?th) birthday on Mar. 20. Daughter Stella did a birthday dinner for her which Anne very much enjoyed and stayed up 2 hours later than usual for her. KEEP ON HAVING THE B'DAYS, Anne!

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Carl Bailey who recently welcomed his 11th great grandchild. He has 6 "grands" and there are some beautiful young ladies among them and the g/grands.

A round of BIG APPLAUSE to returning-to-the-fold-of-DSR member Dick Cashdollar on taking the prize for Best Engine with his 1929 Model A at the Christ United Methodist Church Show on Feb. 21. Understand they had a large turnout - mailed registration forms to all of the previous entrants. Something to be learned here?

Patt Paquet

Who really worked for Whom Rich Carroll Co-Editor. Rummage Box

Answers will be found at the bottom .

A. This man started a company with his own name. He later sold his portion of the company, keeping his own name, but leaving the company intact. The company took a new name, Cadillac. Who started the company that became Cadillac?

B. One of the largest machine shops in Detroit sold to everyone in the industry in its early years, these brothers finally started an automobile that is still successful today.

C. In 1898, this engineer purchased Winton #12, and complaining of the defects to Alexander Winton, who told him to build a better car if he was unhappy. He did, building cars until 1903 when he sold his interest, The company retained his name manufacturing automobiles until 1958.

D. The man who purchased the above company in 1903 would successfully run for U.S. Senate in 1918 against Henry Ford. Name him.

E. Ford, Dodge, Maxwell and Hupp learned under this man, but he sold the company with his name in the title long before the name became a household word.

F. Built the engine for the curved dash Olds, organized Cadillac, and after walking out at Cadillac , organized the Lincoln Car Company.

G. A Lumber magnate from the north of Michigan, he financed the curved-dash Olds.

H. E.R.Thomas and Hugh Chalmers were both early successful builders. They combined their resources in 1909 with the aid of a Detroit department store owner. They were joined by Roy Chapin and Howard Coffin, both veterans of Olds. They named the car after the store owner Who was he?

I. An early Detroit plumbing supplier, he started to manufacture cars in 1899, but by 1904 had sold his company so it could become one of the starting blocks of General Motors. His name is still used on a best selling car.

J. During the financial panic of 1907, he took over Overland in Indianapolis, Indiana, and moved it to the Pope Manufacturing plant he purchased in Toledo. Subsequent cars had his name which was _?

K. Started his own company in 1908 with his good name after working for Olds, Ford and Regal. He left the company in 1912, although the company continued until 1941.

L. Started out and finished in the same company, all of his own doing. Turned Henry Ford down for a job in 1899. First hired Barney Oldfield in 1903.

M. Bought Buick in 1904, added Cadillac, tried twice to purchase Ford, and had General Motors almost to the point of dissolution by 1910.

N. An orphan and a runaway, this man became head of Buick because Buick owed money to the Durant-Dort Carriage factory for automobile bodies. Became President of General Motors in 1912. Left GM in 1916 and bought the Thomas Jeffries company, renaming it with his own name.

Answers A. Henry Ford, B. Dodge Brothers, C. James A. Packard, D. Truman S. Newberry, E. Ransom, E. Olds, F. Henry Irland, G. Samuel, L. Smith, H. J. L. Hudson, I. David D. Buick, J. John North Willys, K. Robert C. Hupp, L. Alexander Winton, M. Billy Durant, N. Charles W. Nash

Minutes
DSR Monthly Meeting
February 26, 2015

Following the annual Soup and Chili dinner, the monthly meeting of the DSR was called to order by President Zeno Chaudron. Zeno introduced Brad Solomon, pastor at Living Word Church on Dawes Road. Pastor Solomon thanked the club for participating in the Dawes Christmas Parade.

Under Old Business, Zeno stated that the Westminster Parade had been a success with a good turnout and pleasant weather.

- Walt Fuller, who is the chairman of the Car Show Committee, stated he was getting organized and had a series of questions that needed answering. These include the provision of soft drinks, the need for volunteers and any ideas as to how to make the show more successful. He wanted suggestions on how to handle plaques or trophies. He said he would be calling a meeting for those interested in helping during the first of March.
- WebMaster Herb Thoms announced that the website had locked up and that there were problems with the server. He was in contact with AACA to help resolve these issues.

Under New Business:

- Pastor Solomon announced that his church is sponsoring a men's retreat and would appreciate having members bring 15 – 20 cars to the retreat.
- Bobby Peterson presented the monthly financial report. After a correction was made, a motion to accept the report was made by Walt Fuller and seconded by Jim Graham.
- A proposal was made for a club activity to drive to the aquarium on Dauphin Island with possibly a picnic at Cadillac Square.
- Patt Paquet announced that the Annual Roster was being assembled the first week in March and was to be distributed.
- A motion was made by Zeno Chaudron to have more car business during meetings and less talk about money. The motion was seconded by Connie Graham and passed.
- Foy Bobo said he would be making name badges for new members and anyone who needed another one.

Patt Paquet suggested the club consider a red beans cook-off as a fundraiser for the club. Member comments included Membership feedback included suggestions that it be held in the fall, that a committee be formed, that Rouse's be approached as a sponsor and that a gift certificate to Rouse's be raffled or given away to contestants. Patt stated she would provide further information in upcoming issues of the Sparkplug newsletter.

Buddy Paquet moved to adjourn with second from Connie Graham and Herb Thoms. Mallory Henderson won the 50/50 draw.

Submitted by Mallory Henderson, Secretary.

Check out the Deep South Region Website at:

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



Cruise-Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
1 st Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
1 st Saturday	Kentucky 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 Friday	Hooters	Daphne	
2 nd Saturday	What-A-Burger	Airport & Snow Road	Bubba Blanton 251-610-4032
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
3 rd Thursday	RPG Paint	I-65 Service Rd & Moffat Rd	Mobile Bay Mustang Club
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	Grand Bay Cruiser	TA Truck 'Stop, Grand Bay	
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



Car Shows

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

March 28 --- Fun in the Sun Cruise In @ Sonic, Robertsdale, Alabama April 4 --- Po Boy Cruise In @ KFC in Tillman's Corner, Mobile, Alabama www.bad-to-the-bone.com

April 4--- Po Boy Cruise In @ KFC in Tillman's Corner, Mobile, Alabama

April 11--- Easternshore Cruisers Cruise In @ Dillard's parking lot, Eastern Shore Centre, Malbis, Alabama

April 11 --- Camellia Classic 2015 hosted by the Mobile Bay Mustang Club at the Bellingrath Gardens in Theodore, Alabama. Gates open at 8AM.

April 11 --- 28th Annual Baldwin County Strawberry Festival Open Car Show, registration 8-11AM, trophies at 3PM.

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.

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



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