



# The Sparkplug



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## The Great Race

Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a clear and very hot day. Club members showed up and parked in two places, along Dauphin Street and the parking lot on the northwest corner of Bienville Square. In fact, it was a while before I realized that there were folks on Dauphin Street. When I arrived around 9:00 a.m. as requested, I was not sure what our task would be and for the first part of the morning I watched our President Zeno zip here and there while I sat with Stacy and Tim Lawrence. At the start, the parking lot was full of Mobile Police cars. The policemen and women were staring at us with deadpan stares as if we were invading their space and many of us were staring back with expressions that said “move your cars already, they may be old and beat up, but they sure are not vintage.” We did notice a bus taking what I assumed were the homeless out of the park. Tim, Stacy, Buddy Paquet and I eventually followed Zeno who had been joined by Rick Chisolm into the park. We helped to distribute garbage drums and police the area for trash.



I roamed over to Dauphin Street where Foy Bobo, Ed Grimes, John Pendergrass and Brian Daly had their cars. Mixed in with these cars was an enormous 1955 two toned green Cadillac. With its faded paint, it looked fairly

unmolested by restoration. I did appreciate the license plate that said “CADZILLA”. The city officials were quite concerned that Brian has parked his black MGA in front of a fire hydrant. I tracked him down to move it and both of us were in a quandary as to why there was this need to move the car when the street was closed off. However, we live to serve, and apparently avoid a ticket (sheesh...).



As lunch rolled around various groups headed down Dauphin Street in search of lunch. Tracy Metclaf joined Stacy, Tim and me at T.P. Crockmeyer’s. As we were headed back to the park, a pale looking woman

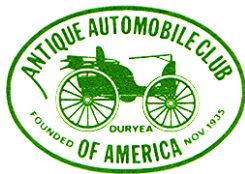
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## Message from the DSR President

Well, we are on the down side of 2013 & what a busy 6 months we have had. The next couple will be slowing down so we might be able to catch our breath with most of the Car Shows behind us.

If you were not able to participate when THE GREAT RACE came to town it was a very fun & exciting time for our Car Club. I wanted to thank all who helped welcome these folks to our city. Mobile Bay Mustang Club had a large group with their gas grill & fixings. I have to say they came prepared to enjoy the day. It was a very down home southern hospitality atmosphere in the air. As I watched the teams arrive at Bienville Square, it was quite a celebration at the finish line. Of course our favorite team was our own Scott & Mallory Henderson that made the day special. All I can say that the race staff & rally teams did a great job. It was good to witness the event. Hopefully we will hear some more details on their journey from the Henderson's at our next meeting July 25th. Hope to see you there. Zeno

Zeno Chaudron, Pres.



See pictures taken at the Mother's day car show by WebMaster Herb Thoms at our website:

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

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## The Great Race (continued).



asked me if I knew where she could buy water. She was busy fanning herself and looked really hot. she could buy water. She was busy fanning herself and looked really hot. I asked if she was alright and she said “I guess, I’m from Alaska and I can’t believe how hot it is”. I repressed the urge to tell her to come back at the end of August and sent her off to The Peanut Shop. I saw her again a while later, still fanning but without water. I thought “Welcome to Mobile”.

When I got back to the park, Judy Bobo and Martha Fuller had encamped themselves in front of large fans that were provided by CarQuest. Even at 40 feet away you could feel these fans. Foy and Walt would appear then vanish over the course of the afternoon. Rheba Chaudron sashayed in looking very cool.

As 2:00 p.m. approached, a small crowd was gathering around the inflated arch that acted as the finish line for the Great Race. Team Alabama with Scott and Mallory Henderson (driver and navigator respectively) were third across the finish



line, no doubt a concession to being from Mobile. I do know that Corky Coker announced their placement, and that it was good for novices, but I don’t remember what it was. Unfortunately, the crowd was such that getting a good picture wasn’t possible. I’d have probably needed to club an Azalea Trail Maid out of the way.



To be honest, there is only so long people cared to watch the various teams finish the race. I survived about half way through and noted that I finally had a clear view of the finish line but with the heat and the redundancy, I, too, wandered off to look at the cars as they were being parked. And there were Zeno and Rick directing the cars into their slots. I think my favorite was the 1931 Rolls Royce Woodie Wagon with about six riders.

They all came tumbling out of the car wearing bright orange jumpsuits.

Submitted by Paul Dagenais

AACA Deep South Region  
Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2013

Following an excellent meal, President Zeno Chaudron called the June 27, 2013 meeting to order. The Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were the first orders of business.

The President offered a recap of the June 8 Car Show. All who were involved or attended agreed the show was a major success not only for DSR but for the title sponsor, Car Quest. Notable mention was made of the outstanding contribution Car Quest employees made on the day of the show.

Buddy Paquet made motion that the May 23, 2013 Minutes be approved as presented in the Sparkplug. John Pendergrass seconded the motion which was passed by the membership.

Treasurer Bobby Peterson presented the June Financial Report. Walt Fuller moved that the report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Paul Dagenais and passed by the membership.

Webmaster, Herb Thoms stated that the Car Show is pictured on the webpage. Herb also noted that Scott and Mallory Henderson, accompanied by proud Granddad, Jim Henderson, were participating in the Great American Race and were doing well mid-way in the race.

Patt Paquet requested use of the Clubhouse. The motion to grant permission to use the Clubhouse was made by Zeno Chaudron and seconded by Herb Thoms. The motion was passed by the membership.

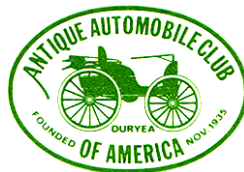
A discussion was held concerning the Club's participation as the host club for the Great American Race that will conclude in downtown Mobile on Sunday, June 30, 2013. Members were asked to bring their cars beginning at 9:00 A.M. Parking for display is to be at the corner of Conception and St. Francis Streets. Members were requested to wear their red shirts and ID badges.

Motion to adjourn was made by Foy Bobo and seconded by Paul Dagenais. The motion passed.

**Tracy Metclaf, Secretary**

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**NEXT DSR MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY July 25<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 AT 7:00 PM**



### Cruise-Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	What-A-Burger	Airport & Snow Road	Bubba Blanton 251-610-4032
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	Down Town Cruise	Ocean Springs, MS	N/A
Every Saturday	Burger King	Pensacola Nine Mile Rd at Chemstrand	N/A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	5 Guys	University at Airport	<a href="mailto:info@mobilebaymustangclub.org">info@mobilebaymustangclub.org</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Kenducky Fried Chicken	Tillman's Square, Hwy 90	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	5 Guys	Airport At University	Brenda Drinkard 675-9226
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Mings Café	Highway 43 in Saraland	North Side Cruisers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Sam's Super Burger	Grand Bay	Southern Bay Cruisers 251-442-6877
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Northrop Complex	Pascagoula, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
Last Saturday	Sonic - Hwy 59 South	Robertsdale, AL	251-747-2022



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