

The Sparkplug



Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Newsletter, Vol. 47, No. 9, September, 2014

About the Concours d'Elegance

Last week I received an email from my friend Larry Zappone. Larry lives in the Seattle area. He sent me some photos from the 2014 Pacific Northwest Concours d'Elegance. He was invited to participate in the "American Tail Fins" class. He didn't win anything ("What could possibly be more *elegant* than a 1956 DeSoto Pace Car?" he asked). Here are a couple of shots he sent. Larry also has a hard top Adventurer in the same color scheme that he got in the 1960's. His wife referred to it as "Old Thunder". Larry previously was Concours winner, he says he was the only entrant in his class. Anyway, as I know little about the Concours events I did a little research. The following was snagged, bagged and edited from various websites.



The Concours d'Elegance has its roots in 17th century France, when the aristocracy would parade their horse-drawn carriages through the parks of Paris. With the advent of the automobile, Concours d'Elegance events evolved into competitions between automobile manufacturers, custom coachbuilders, and owners, whose vehicles were judged on the beauty of their design.

Notable American Concours d'Elegances include Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance (Michigan), Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance, Ault Park Concours d'Elegance (Cincinnati), Keeneland Concours d'Elegance (Kentucky), and Louis Vuitton Classic in midtown Manhattan.

Judging at a Concours d'Elegance

Prospective entrants must submit an application for each car, and the Concours field is selected from each year's pool of applicants. Many collectors spend years and hundreds of thousands of dollars purchasing and restoring a car in hopes of being chosen. Once a car is accepted to the Concours, it cannot again be entered in the event for ten years, with three exceptions; the ownership of the car has changed, the car has been restored, or if the featured marque is obscure, the Concours car selection committee can reach out to invite cars of varying restoration quality - or cars that have previously been entered in the Concours - in order to provide a healthy representation of the marque for exhibition. Many of the competing cars are valued in the

Continued on Page 3

Message from the DSR President

We are jam in the middle of September. Time is moving faster than I can stay organized, whatever that means. Our monthly meeting last month was very good I thought. Jim & Nancy Henderson were so gracious to allow us to infiltrate their Antique Car museum. The doors were opened at six o'clock so we could take in all the vehicles on the grounds. The Trolley made a tour through the Tillmans Corner Commercial area. What an enjoyable time for all. It was Ice Cream & Banana Splits for desert thanks to Kay Montgomery & John Pendergrass. The Henderson's supplied Fried Chicken with all the fixens. I can't remember how many we had in attendance but we had about twelve visitors present including some folks with Airbus here in Mobile.

Just to let you know it's that time of year again to appoint a 2014 nominating committee to search out for new officers for the 2015 year for the club. Let's all be thinking about this. Hopefully all of us know what's going on at our Thursday night meeting starting at 6 o'clock (Italian Dinner). Lasagna will be the Entree & several of you are bringing sides to go with it. Our meeting will follow.
Final Note: Hooters Cruise-in, Saturday Sept 27th from 5:00 till 8:00 pm
Zeno



DSR Officers for 2013

President: Zeno Chaudron251-423-0946
Vice President: Foy Bobo251-661-6133
Secretary: Tracy Metclaf251-689-2926
Treasurer: Bobby Peterson251-342-8960
Editor: Paul Dagenais251-610-4533
Activities: John Pendergrass ..251-607-0028
Member-at-Large: Charlie Lyles
.....251-973-2078

Appointees and/or Volunteers

Chaplain: Kevin Crowell..... 251-802-4640
Historian: Paul Dagenais.....251-610-4533
Program Chairman: Patt Paquet
.....251-661-4009
Refreshments: Pat Paquet.....251-661-4009
Webmaster: Herb Thoms251-654-2933

The Sparkplug is published by the Deep South Region (DSR) chapter of the Antique Automobiles of America organization. The Sparkplug is non-profit and published for the information of club members and friends. DSR meetings are held every fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse located at 951 Forest Hill Drive in Mobile, Alabama. Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America is required to be a member of this Region. Annual local dues are \$15.00; AACA national dues are \$35.00. Ownership of an antique vehicle is not a requirement for membership.

Views expressed in the Sparkplug are not necessarily those of the Region officers, members or AACA. Permission to copy material is hereby granted provided the source is disclosed and credit given to the author. Some material maybe be copyrighted and permission to use is granted to this publication only. Contributions to the Sparkplug are welcome and encouraged. The Editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

The Concours d'Elegance (continued)

hundreds of thousands of dollars, and more recently into the millions of dollars. For this reason, Continued along with its remarkable setting and amenities, the Pebble Beach Concours is considered the premier concours in the world



Poster Concept Color Study by Charles Maher

The Pebble Beach Concours Web site says that, "automobiles are judged for their historical accuracy, their technical merit and their style" There are two types of judges at each event. The first is the class judge. Each car starts out by being judged in their respective group by a class judge. The class judge is a recognized expert in the category and they are assigned to judge each car based on the originality and authenticity of the vehicle. These two traits are very important because a Concours d'Elegance focuses much of its attention on preserving automotive history. Each car must be correctly restored without blemishes, dents or marks on any part of the vehicle. Each vehicle is striving for a perfect score of 100, and whichever vehicle comes closest to that score in their class is awarded the First in Class honor.

Once a car wins the First in Class award, it's able to move on to the top round with the rest of the First in Class winners to compete for the Best of Show award. The Best of Show is

awarded by a second round of judges called honorary judges. Honorary judges take a more subjective approach to judging each car and focus their attention on the design, style and elegance of a particular vehicle. As each automobile drives along the First in Class ramp to receive its award, the honorary judges observe each vehicle. The cars are reviewed once again in the winners' circle and each honorary judge independently marks a ballot to indicate which car they believe should win the top honor. Once all the judges have voted, the best of show honor goes to the vehicle receiving the most votes.

But aside from the First in Class and Best in Show awards, there are several other Concours d'Elegance honors that contestants may be eligible to receive. A "barn find" preservationist class was added in 2001 and in 2009 a motorcycle class was added.

2014 Featured Classes at the St. John Concours d'Elegance.

Pre-war Classes

American Classic Closed Pre-war 1929 to 1942

American Classic Open Pre-war 1929 to 1942

Pre-1916 motorcycles

Gas light prior to 1914

Jazz Age 1915 to 1929

Auburn Cord

American Popular 1930 to 1942

Pre-war European Classic

Duesenberg Model J

Post-war Classes

The Evolution of the Sports Car 1900 to 1975

Super Cars

Muscle Car

American Post-war 1946 to 1959

American Post-war 1960 to 1975

European Post-war

Special Classes

Drag Bikes

Racing Through the Ages

High-Style Haulers: Pickups of the Jet-Age

Featured Designer Retrospective Virgil Exner

Mustang Anniversary

Lamborghini Anniversary

Classes are subject to change.

Paul Dagenais, Editor

The next club meeting will be September 25th at 7:00.

Member should come at 6:00 for the Lasagna Dinner!

Check out the Deep South Region Website at:

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

Cars, Fried Chicken and Banana Splits

Thanks to Jim and Nancy Henderson for inviting us to their car museum for our August club meeting. We never get tired of seeing all those beautiful cars. And of course, we are a group who know how to eat. Thanks to the Henderson's for the chicken and to John Pendergrass and Kay Montgomery for providing desert. Martha and Zeno certainly enjoyed their banana split!



A Recycling Opportunity

Hopefully, Patt Paquet will inform us at Thursday's club meeting about a recycling opportunity for all of us to get rid of our old computer equipment and other items lying around the house or garage.



An Evening out in Mobile

When I moved to the state of Alabama, I was told that it did not matter that I had graduated from Tennessee. I was required to decide if I was an Alabama fan or an Auburn fan. I had the opportunity to teach a course at Alabama, so I have always swayed in that direction. However, College Football has come to Mobile and I've been enjoying going to the games with my friend Melissa. At the inaugural game, it was very apparent where loyalties lay. The crowd was a mix of crimson and orange. That has changed over the few years. The



crowd at Ladd Peebles Stadium now sport a solid mix of red, blue and white. I'd suggest you keep your loyalties to whomever. But Midtown Mobile is a lot closer than Tuscaloosa, Auburn or Baton Rouge. Come out, get a beer and a dog if you want, and enjoy a fall Saturday.

Paul Dagenais, Editor (Vol and Jags fan)

New Cruise-In Information

Our Prez, Zeno would like you to know about the Hooters' Cruise-In. He's had several people say they've looked on the internet and couldn't find any information about it. It's every 4th Saturday of the month from 5:00 until 8:00 pm on Airport Blvd. Contact # Don Benson 251-680-9533/ Zeno Chaudron 251-423-0946. So, it's on this coming Saturday.

Thanks to Ed Grimes who gave me a flyer for the new cruise-in at Automotive Painters Supply at Moffat Road and I-65 Service Road. This event started in August and will be held every 3rd Thursday. They are offering a 50/50 drawing, games and door prizes as well as a well-lit area and drinks and snacks



**AACA Deep South Region
Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2014**

The August 28, 2014 meeting of the AACA Deep South Region was held at the Henderson Antique Car Museum courtesy of Jim and Nancy Henderson. The meeting was called to order by President Zeno Chaudron and included a thank you to the Henderson's for their invitation to the museum. The Pledge of Allegiance preceded recognition of a large number of guests and introduction of the Club officers.

Dr. Jim Downey of the Antique Motorcycle Club spoke briefly about the Motorcycle Club activities and withdrew his request to use the DSR Clubhouse facilities.

Mr. Joachim Hehemann introduced himself and his wife whom have recently relocated to Mobile from southern France to continue his position with Airbus Corporation. He recently purchased a truck from Clyde Smith, and we hope he and his wife will become new members of the Deep South Region.

The minutes of the July 24, 2014 DSR meeting were approved upon motion by Charlie Lyles and a second by Brian Daly.

Herb Thoms explained how to access the 2014 Membership Roster on the website, and note was made that Bobby Peterson had paper copies of the roster for anyone who needed one.

Treasurer Bobby Peterson reviewed the financial report which was approved upon motion by Herb Thoms and a second by Brian Daly.

John Pendergrass explained the request for participation in the Veterans' Day parade to be held in downtown Mobile on November 11, 2014. Club participation in the event was approved upon motion by Foy Bobo and a second by Jim Henderson.

Just after the meeting's adjournment, banana splits were served by John Pendergrass and Kay Montgomery. (Yum!)

Upon motion by Brian Daly and a second by Charlie Lyles, the meeting was adjourned.


Respectfully Submitted

**Tracy Metclaf
Secretary**





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 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
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



Bobby Peterson
924 Butler Dr.
Mobile, AL 36693

(251) 665-7170 Office
(251) 665-7172 Fax
(877) 547-3776 Toll Free
bpeterson@southernrepro.net



NEW SHOWROOM NOW OPEN!

Mobile's Premier Kitchen Design & Resource Center



Discover Remarkable Value in Beautiful Kitchens

COAST DESIGN 
KITCHEN & BATH

A Division of Mobile Lumber & Millwork

Our Resource Center is available for 24/7 client consultations by our Certified Builder & Remodeler program participants. Contact us to find out how your organization can take advantage of our facility to grow your business!

- √ Locally owned & operated since 1975
- √ Large selection for every style & budget
- √ Huge in-stock inventory ready to ship
- √ 25,000 sq ft cabinet assembly facility
- √ Service in Alabama, Florida & Mississippi
- √ Remodel & New Construction Experts
- √ Professional kitchen & bath designers on staff
- √ On-site consultation, sales & service
- √ Professional installation
- √ Pre-closing punchout services
- √ Model home & rebate programs
- √ Commercial credit & financing available

5253 Highway 90 West • Next to Mobile Lumber • Tillman's Corner
Phone (251)666-7920 • Fax (251)666-7923