



The Sparkplug



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An interview with Stacy and Tim Lawrence

Stacy and Tim live in a very handsome historical home in the Oakley district. When I first entered their great room at the back of the house all I could think of was "Wow, Teddy Roosevelt lives here!". The Lawrences are a taxidermist's dream. There are heads of all sorts staring at you from as high as about 15 feet. Some are really, really big, such as one of the two elks. Stacy casually (?) stated that, yes, everything I was staring at had been killed by either Tim or their son Andrew. However, all three of them had eaten everything. Not being a hunter but possibly a conservationist, I had to appreciate the fact that they didn't just leave carcasses lying about.



Stacy was born in Mobile, spent some of her early years in Montgomery, then returned to Mobile as a teenager. Tim was born in Paragould, Arkansas, but the family moved to Mobile when he was an infant. Stacy grew up in Springhill while Tim grew up in the Forrest Hill area (between Semmes and Wilmer). They both attended high school at Davidson but didn't know each other. Stacy obtained two degrees from the University of South Alabama while Tim started to work in the car repair business. It did not take long for Tim to start his own business which he has run successfully for years. Currently, Stacy is a reading specialist with the Alabama State Department of Education.

The Lawrences have been married for 29 years. Tim quipped that 29 years wasn't too bad for something others stated was doomed to fail. They met at a Thanksgiving party and were married by Easter. After getting frustrated with the extensive wedding plans, Tim left work, bought some flowers, drove to the school where Stacy was teaching, begged the principal to get her out of class, and asked her to marry him. Stacy said they WERE getting married. Tim said he wanted to get married right then. Stacy said yes and they were married at the court house later that day. This will explain the pink romper that Stacy is wearing in the photos as well as the exquisite brown plaid shirt Tim has on. The older lady in the picture is Nanny, Stacy's Grandmother, Mattie Lou Gray.

Tim and Stacy have one son, Andrew, who is finishing his studies at the University of Montevallo. How Andrew came into their lives



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Message from the DSR President

Greetings & Salutations to all. I'm as ready as you may be for some fall like weather. The Car shows & Cruise In's will be starting to pick up the pace the next couple of months leading us toward the end of the year. Of course we have Cruising the Coast in October & I received a flyer from Dauphin Way Baptist Church for their Car Show on the 27th of October. So knock the dust off the old rides & get ready.

I understand we will have some conversation at our next club meeting concerning another Road Rally, possibly in conjunction with our Thanksgiving Dinner. Also we have a Club outing at Foy & Judi Bobo's October 13th on the river, so be making plans for this.

As most of you know it is time for the Club to assemble a nominating committee to search for a new team of officers for the upcoming 2013 year. I think everyone that is an active Club Member should get involved with one of the Executive positions if you would like to serve your Club in this capacity. I would like to say I have enjoyed the past two years serving as your President and I can think of several people in our club that could do a good job in this position.

I have one request I want to share with you. David Leff, a very close friend of mine, was diagnosed with lung cancer. If you have ever done any business with McDonald Muffler on Highway 90 & Azalea Road then you know to whom I am referring. Just a couple of years ago we had a fund raiser at 5 Guys Burgers for David's son Harrison who has muscular dystrophy. I, along with others, have been working with David to get his 1969 Camaro Z28 back together for Harrison. Anyway, Joan Fowler and Billy Jones of CarQuest are going to have a Benefit at McDonald Muffler on November 10th from 9.00am to 2.00pm for David's cause. Joan told me they would

have some flyer's in the next few days to start handing out. So please bring your ride and join us for food & entertainment with all proceeds going to help out this Family during this time. I ask you keep David and his family in your prayers.

Zeno



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New DSR Member

The DSR welcomes new members Tom and Linda Weikel. They own a 1969 Corvette.

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An Interview with Stacy and Tim Lawrence (continued)

is a charmed story. A customer of Tim's who knew they had been trying to have a baby and, failing that, adopt one, casually mentioned the possibility of a private adoption. Tim reports that, not thinking she was serious, forgot about the conversation and, of course, never told Stacy. A few months later, he got a call from the customer who said something like "well, the baby's ready, when are you coming to get it?" A rather stunned Tim raced from work, went to Stacy's school and begged the principal to speak to Stacy. Stacy came to the office and Tim immediately asked her if they wanted a baby and that she had to make a decision immediately. I gather it was Stacy's turn to be stunned, but a positive decision was made. Later that day they were in possession of Andrew and were totally clueless about what to do. They had nothing. When they arrived home, the house was full of friends, family and co-workers who had brought various items needed for a new born. Further, they had a neighbor who had a seven-month old, and she provided a lot of initial guidance.

Along with the good comes some bad. About 10 years ago, they were both diagnosed with cancer. Tim was first diagnosed with throat cancer, then Stacy with breast cancer. As Stacy was recovering, Tim was re-diagnosed. They account themselves extremely lucky as they now are survivors of notable standing.

Tim has always been a car buff. His first car was a 1960 Thunderbird. He bought and sold the same 1966 Chevelle three times. One of his favorites was a 1968 Oldsmobile 442 convertible. He sold that car to start his business. They've had many cars including MG's and Triumphs, a Saab Sonic, 1958 Volkswagon truck, an Austin Healey 3000 and a 1974 Triumph Stag convertible. Stacy said one of her favorites was a white Cadillac Sedan de Ville with its enormous red leather front seat.

The Lawrences have always pursued hobbies vigorously. They were into car racing, having a team that neared Nationwide status. They collected ceramic villages and electric trains. When Andrew asked to learn how to hunt, they jumped in. Thus, they acquired all the heads (and other stuff) in their house. They have hunted locally, but prefer to go on extended hunts for big game. For example, they have been to Alaska, British Columbia and northern Ontario, both hunting and fishing, with everything being processed and sent home. A favorite area is around Santa Fe. They both agree that it's the experience that's important, not what they bring home.

Submitted by Paul Dagenais

Southern Bay Cruisers and Classics Show

Sheila Miller wanted to share these pictures from the Southern Bay Cruiser's show from Saturday evening, June 8, 2012 at Sam's in Grand Bay, AL.

There were 13 cars present. They said this would be their last car show of the year. Tommy thought, just as a suggestion, next year we might have a cruise and eat (perhaps to the catfish restaurant just across the MS state line) then drive back by this car show to visit them and help boost their attendance. Just an idea we can toss about as an activity.



Directions to the Bobo's Riverhouse for the October 13th get together:

I-10 W to Exit 68 (in Mississippi)

Turn right on Exit 68 (Hwy 613N) for 2 miles

Turn left on Hill Ave (tree-cutting trucks ARE parked on right side of Hwy 613N)

Go 200 yards to end of road (there's an old church building on the right)

Turn right at end of road, go 100 feet and turn left on Cochran Ave

Continue on Cochran for 9/10th mile to 8312 Cochran Ave (on your right-facing the river)

If you continue past 8312, there are 3 more houses - then the swamp - turn around and come back

Welcome to the Pascagoula River

Foy says they are looking forward to the DSR club members' visitation next month.



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Deep South Region AACA General Membership Meeting Aug. 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Z. Chaudron with 23 members, six of whom were officers. He asked member Buddy Givens to give the invocation in the absence of Kevin Crowell, Chaplain. The President then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business: *President* Chaudron noted that examination of the clubhouse steps had been carried over from a previous meeting. He had checked them thoroughly and said they were in serious need of repair. A motion by B. Paquet that was seconded by T. Metclaf to replace the steps was made. The President stated that he had had a suggestion that when the repair was done, some type of “presentation platform” be built as well. A short discussion ensued. Member F. Bobo made a generous offer to repair the steps at no cost to the club. This received a well-deserved round of applause. The motion on the floor died for lack of vote. *VP W. Fuller, Chairman of Building and Grounds*, stated that he had contacted Chris Musgrove with Y-Paint right after the July meeting about the small wound in the vinyl siding on the southeast corner of the clubhouse. He had not heard from Chris and the job has not been done. He said he would take care of it himself and the Prez offer to assist. A request to approve the minutes of the July meeting as printed in the August newsletter if there were no corrections, additions or deletions was made by *Secretary P. Paquet*. A motion by C. Lyles was seconded by B. Peterson, motion approved. The Treasurer, Editor, Activities Chairs and Member-at-Large (absent) had no old business.

New Business: The President, VP, and Secretary had no new business. B. Peterson, Treasurer, reviewed the current financial statement that had been presented. Being no questions, a motion to approve was made by T. Metclaf with a second from M. Fuller. Motion carried. Editor P. Dagenais noted that it was a real pleasure working with former DSR President Pierre on the article about our club in the current newsletter. He plans to do a follow-up before the end of the year. Activities spokesman T. Lawrence announced the September Saturday Breakfast would be at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 1st at the Golden Corral in Tillman’s Corner. There was also the possibility of getting together at Ozzie’s BBQ for a Saturday lunch during September. The Activities Coordinators will work on this and e-mail members the info. He asked J. Pendergrass if he had been able to get a date for the club to display our cars at the Somerby Retirement Center. The answer was negative. T. Lawrence suggested we go ahead and approve the exhibit and when the date is determined, we can proceed. A motion to approve was made by B. Paquet, seconded by C. Lyles and approved. Also on the agenda was the October outing to the Bobo’s riverhouse. The hosts will furnish the entrees’ (‘burgers & ‘dogs) and asked members to bring accompanying side dishes. Further details will be discussed at the Sept. 27th meeting. A motion to accept the Bobo’s hospitality was made by M Fuller, seconded by S. Lawrence, motion approved.

The 50/50 Pot drawing was won by R. Chaudron which was very unusual in that both Judy Bobo and Charlie Lyles were in attendance. A motion to adjourn came at 7:26 p.m. by B. Paquet, seconded by S. Lawrence and approved by members as they fled the meeting room for the kitchen where refreshments were waiting.

Respectfully submitted by Patt Paquet

Upcoming DSR Activities

October

October 6th: Breakfast at The Whistle Stop on Florida St @8:30

October 13th: Bobo's on the river (See directions on Page 4)

October 20th: Cruise In at Automotive Painters Supply on I-65 9-4

October 20th: South Alabama British Car Club Annual Show in Fairhope

October 21st: Springhill Baptist Church has asked for cars to be present from 12-2 during a church function at the Semmes Community Center. They will serve us Chili and Nachos

October 27th: Dauphin Way Baptist Church is having a benefit car show for Shirley Looney.

November

November 3rd: Breakfast TBA

November 10th: Benefit for David at McDonald Muffler where he works on Azalea Road. He is battling cancer.

November 12th: We have been invited to participate in the Veterans Day Parade in Mobile.

November ROAD RALLY TBA

We will update with times and additional dates as they come in. We will discuss these at the next meeting. This is just a heads up that we have a lot of opportunities to do some things in the next couple of months.

Submitted by Stacy and Tim Lawrence



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• TOP 25
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• BEST OF SHOW

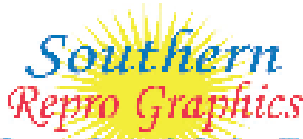
• Cruise-In @ 8 a.m.
• Judging starts @ 10 a.m.
• Winners @ 2 p.m.

• Participants are encouraged to bring treats for children and dress in your finest Halloween garb

• Silent Auction, DJ, Food, Kids' Events & More!


Cruise-Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
1st Thursday	What-A-Burger	Airport & Snow Road	Bubba Blanton 251-610-4032
1st Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
2nd Friday	Down Town Cruise	Ocean Springs, MS	N/A
Every Saturday	Burger King	Pensacola Nine Mile Rd at Chemstrand	N/A
1st Monday	Lighthouse Resturant	Bayou La Batre	info@mobilebaymustangclub.org
2nd Thursday	Five Guys Burgers	University at Airport	info@mobilebaymustangclub.org
1st Saturday	Krystals: Po-Boy	Hwy 90 beside Skyline Bowling	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
1st Saturday	5 Guys	Airport At University	Brenda Drinkard 675-9226
4th Saturday	Mings Cafe	Highway 43 in Saraland	North Side Cruisers
2nd Saturday	Sam's Super Burger	Grand Bay	Southern Bay Cruisers 251-442-6877
2nd Saturday	Dillards	Eastern Shore Mall	Eastern Shore Cruisers Fred Minke 709-5900
3rd Saturday	Steak and Shake	Schillinger Road	Past Time Cruisers Tom Ebel 379-0211
4th Saturday	Northrop Complex	Pascagoula, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
Last Saturday	Sonic - Hwy 59 South	Robertsdale, AL	251-747-2022



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