



The Sparkplug



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Pondering the Comet's Status

As many of you know, we own a 1964 Comet Caliente convertible. We bought in 2004 from Patt and Buddy Paquet. Tracy and I bought the Comet to have something to buzz around in and to participate in club activities while the DeSoto was being restored. The DeSoto continues to have some problems which is why it's not seen much. Adding to this, the Comet also needs ongoing attention. We also are having space problems. So, it's time to consider saying a fond adieu to the Comet. Our problem is deciding on a fair price to ask.

The Comet was bought as a driver and we aspire to keep it like that. We have resealed the motor (289 cu in), replaced the carburetor and intake, rebuilt the transmission and replaced the drive shaft. The front end has been mostly replaced and it has new front shocks. The radiator was replaced with the appropriate size and the additional electric parade fan was also replaced. An alternator has replaced the generator. We added front power disc brakes. The interior is in excellent shape as is the convertible top. We replaced the carpeting. The glass is good, but there's a chip in the windshield. The body is becoming quite problematic. When Buddy got the car it had very poor paint that he buffed out for weeks. There is some rust on the rear quarters which does not extend far (we looked when we had the interior panels off when replacing the carpet). The side aluminum trim is fair. There are a couple of VERY OBVIOUS dings on trunk lid. The car needs some body work and a paint job.



Rupert, one of our Scotties, loves the bench seat.

So, I got on the web and found the article "Understanding the Condition Rating System by Tony and Michele Hamer (<http://classiccars.about.com/od/buyingadvise/qt/ratingtip.htm>). They summarize how to rate your classic car. So I thought I would present the guide and use it to evaluate the Comet. Price guides use 6 categories to rate the condition of a car along a range they define as "pristine" to "basket case".

To appraise your car and determine what category it fits into, there are 20 items you rate. Each one is worth up to 5 points. Thus you can get a score for your car that is out of 100 points (20 items times 5 points). The following is the breakdown of the categories:

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Message from the DSR President

Greetings,

You know I always start my few remarks each month wanting to know how all of you are doing. I think it's very important with kinfolks and friends to be concerned with others' well being. I say all of this because none of us are guaranteed what the future holds. We all know this by being involved with our car club & the number of phone calls we get to help with fund raisers for people we know and some we don't, who are experiencing serious health issues. I have been a member of the Deep South Region Car Club since 2009 and have participated in numerous fundraisers that have helped not only the individual it was for but also their family and friends through our club. We always are hoping to do all that we can to help our fellow men, women & children during these times of hardship. Reaching out to these individuals is so very gratifying because of the help all of us give through goodness of our hearts and our Club. It's one thing to share the hobby we love but using it as a tool to better our land is better.

Our Club in conjunction with Carquest Auto parts had a fund raiser at their store in Tillman's Corner yesterday, October 19th for Kristi Keller. It was a very wet day with a low turnout of vehicles. Some of these cars are not real safe or weather proof to bring out under these conditions. However I would like to report we had a very good turnout. People were bringing donations and items to be sold to help the cause. We also got to talk to people about our (Wet) rides so it was a fun time for all. Joan Fowler reported that we cleared \$4000.00 dollars to go to Kristi to help with this time she and her family are facing. Not bad for a wet day. Special Kudos go out to the 74 Club that handled the cooking chores and Tommy English (who donated the meat) and to everyone that braved the weather to help. I say a special THANKYOU! to all

At our Thursday meeting we will finalize our Thanksgiving Dinner plans for our November meeting. We also have our Nominating Committee Chairman & volunteers working on our 2014 Officer elections. Be thinking about this for it is fast approaching. Our Committee Chairman is Bobby Peterson with John Pendergrass & Brian Daly helping in the search.

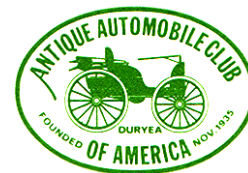
Looking forward to seeing you at our Thursday night meeting
Zeno Chaudron, Pres.

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Pondering the Comet's Status (continued)

- Category 1 would be a 90+ point car
- Category 2 would be a 80-89 point car
- Category 3 would be a 70-79 point car
- Category 4 would be a 60-69 point car
- Category 5 is would be a 40 - 59 point car
- Category 6 is any car under a 40 point car

Here is the breakdown on how to get to 100 points:

1. Inspect and Rate the Exterior (20 points)
 - a. Body
 - b. Doors
 - c. Hood and Trunk
 - d. Top
2. Inspect and Rate the Paint, Glass and Trim (15 points)
 - a. Paint
 - b. Trim
 - c. Glass
3. Inspect and Rate the Interior (20 points)
 - a. Dashboard and Instrument Panel
 - b. Upholstery
 - c. Floor Coverings
 - d. Interior Trim
4. Inspect and Rate the Mechanics ((30 points)
 - a. The Odometers Recorded Mileage
 - b. Engine Operation
 - c. Engine Compartment
 - d. Breaks and Steering
 - e. Transmission
 - f. Undercarriage
5. Rating the Authenticity, Special Features and Desirability (15 points)
 - a. Authenticity
 - b. Special Options
 - c. Desirability



Over the next month, I'm going to go over the Comet and come up with a score. Some areas are looking good and some already make me want to cringe. Stay tuned.

Submitted by Paul Dagenais

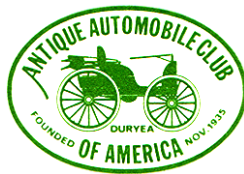
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Announcements

Monogramming: Lou Lartigue tracked down where to get monogramming of club shirts: Joyce Young, owner of Azalea Monograms & Designs, has moved to 4082 Leroy Stevens Rd, Mobile, AL, 36619. Her number is 661-9361.

DSR Thanksgiving Dinner to be held Nov. 23rd at clubhouse: I am sorry that Buddy and I will miss this month's meeting but we have a really good reason. Our youngest foster son (a/k/a exchange student) will arrive on a 4:30 pm flight from Vienna, Austria. He will be with us through the following Tuesday. He doesn't get to come over often so we want to spend every moment with him. Martha Fuller has graciously agreed to take care of what needs to be done at the October meeting with regards to the dinner. Patt Paquet



Veteran's Day Parade:

Lou Lartigue talked to the guy who helps line-up the entries. He said he never said they only wanted convertables and five cars. He stated that Jim Henderson had. The reason he put us at the rear is they never know how many cars are coming and he has the spaces/vehicles etc. marked in rows that are numbered.

I still have the registration form which is attached. He will take it until mid week.

My recommendation is that if we can give him a number of cars and ask not to put us at the rear we probably will be ok. The alternative is to let folks do it as individuals and send them a copy of registration. Can send by email. Your call.

**PARADE ENTRY FORM
Veterans Day - 2013
10:00am Monday November 11, 2013**

Parade entries for (organization name) _____ to participate in the Veterans Day Parade, November 11, 2013.

- 1. BAND: _____
NAME OF DIRECTOR: _____ SIZE: _____
- 2. MARCHING UNIT: _____
NAME OF COMMANDER: _____ SIZE: _____
- 3. FLOAT: (Describe float theme and size) _____

- 4. OTHER: (Explain) _____

- 5. HISTORICAL INFORMATION, AWARDS, ETC. _____

Individual designated as point of contact for the parade from your organization:

TYPE/PRINT NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
 SIGNATURE/POSITION: _____
 PHONE: (OFFICE) _____ (HOME) _____

NOTE: Return this form with the pertinent information as soon as possible, so plans can be completed in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Hunt at the Mobile Chamber at 431-8621, or you may e-mail her at chunt@mobilechamber.com. Please return the form to:

Parade Chairman
Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission
P.O. Box 2187
Mobile, AL 36652-2187

**AACA Deep South Region
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2013**

The September 26, 2013 meeting of The AACA Deep South Region was called to order by President Zeno Chaudron. The invocation had been given by Foy Bobo at the dinner preceding the meeting. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve Minutes for the August meeting as published in the SparkPlug was made by Brian Daly and seconded by Ross Sloane.

Following a discussion of a CarQuest fund raising activity to benefit the seriously ill wife of a CarQuest employee, a motion was made by Tracy Metclaf and seconded by Patt Paquet that the Deep South Region participate in the event scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2013. Motion passed.

Lou Lartigue discussed events surrounding the annual Veteran's Day celebrations in Mobile. An event to honor the crew of the USS Coronado will be held at 2:00P.m. on November 10, 2013 at the Memorial Gardens.

The nominating committee was named for selecting the 2014 DSR officers. Bobby Peterson will serve as chairman of the committee to include Brian Daly and John Pendergrass as members. Please let one of the committee members know if you would like to serve as an officer for 2014. The committee members were appointed following a motion to appoint made by Charlie Lyles and seconded by Patt Paquet.

The Financial Report for September was presented by the President in the absence of the Treasurer. A motion was made by John Pendergrass to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Charlie Lyles.

President Chaudron noted that there are four free memberships for AACA available for first time members. Contact Zeno if you have a candidate.

The Webmaster, Herb Thoms, renewed his request for photos of activities and member's cars for posting on the DSR Website.

Tim Lawrence, Activities co-chair, presented a list of possible activities:

1. The show at Somersby Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013. The time is still undecided. Ten cars are requested. Club participation was approved at a prior meeting.
2. British Car Club and Dauphin Way Baptist Church are also holding events that include the opportunity to display antique vehicles on October 26.

3. The Stockton Sawmill Days Lumberjack show is scheduled for November 2, 2013. Some legal requirements requested by the show organizer may block DSR from participation. Tim Lawrence will check to see if those requirements are firm and report back at a later date.
4. The Mobile Bay Bears holds a charity event November 9 and 10, 2013. Participation is an individual choice.

Objections to participation in the November 11 Veteran's Day parade were made based on treatment of the club's participation by officials of the Veteran's Day parade in past years. Lou Lartigue will talk with Parade officials to secure a guarantee that such treatment and placement in the line-up will not happen this year. If satisfactory assurances are made to Lou, based on a motion made by Tim Lawrence and seconded by Patt Paquet, DSR will participate.

Motion was made by Tracy Metclaf and seconded by Brian Daly to move the regularly scheduled November meeting to Saturday, November 23, 2013 when the meeting will be combined with a Thanksgiving Dinner. Also based on a motion by Brian Daly and seconded by Patt Paquet, there will be no Christmas dinner this year. Both motions were approved.

Following the 50/50 drawing, won by Walt Fuller, the meeting was adjourned.

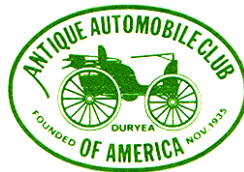
Respectfully submitted, Tracy Metclaf, Secretary.

Check out the Deep South Region Website at:

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



NEXT DSR MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY October 24th, 2013 AT 7:00 p.m.



Cruise-Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
1 st Thursday	What-A-Burger	Airport & Snow Road	Bubba Blanton 251-610-4032
1 st Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
1 st Saturday	Kenducky 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 Thursday	5 Guys	University at Airport	Port City Corvette, Mobile Bay Mustang Club
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	Past Time Cruisers
4 th Saturday	Mings Café	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



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