

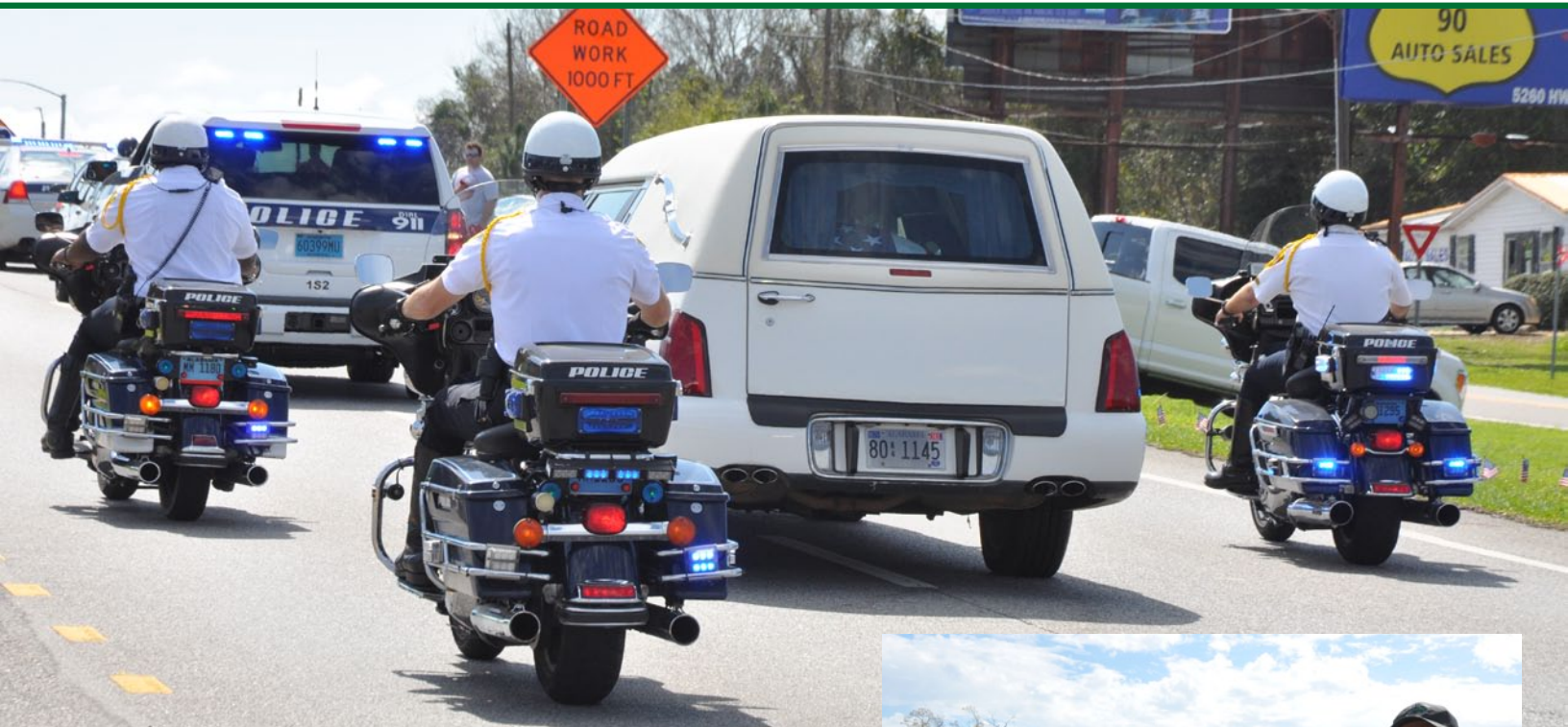


The Sparkplug



Deep South Region AACA Newsletter

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Paying Respect to Our Fallen Officer

Paying respect to Officer Justin Billa for his commitment and dedication to our safety. With over 540 police and first responders in the procession it took an hour and a half to travel from the funeral to the cemetery. Thirty One states sent officers to honor this young man. Deep South Region came out together to show support. Justin Billa 2-20-2018 End of Watch.



Rick, Freddie, Walt and Zeno help line Hwy 90 in support of Justin Billa's family



Ray Harper and his wife wait for the procession to pass by



David and Joyce Ladnier came out to show support

Preserving the Past - Investing in the Future



Deep South Region members talk with the Home builders Association that gathered at the Henderson Collection



540 police and first responder vehicles in the procession



DSR members gather to show support



Support for Officer Billa lined Hwy 90



Jim Henderson arrives to watch the procession after attending the funeral



Darrin Dahlenburg and Frank Piper line the Hwy 90



Jim Henderson greets members as they wait for the procession to pass by



David Ladnier is interviewed live on TV



What have you been up to?

Chocolate Festival

Ed Grimes and his son Eddy Grimes attend the Chocolate Festival on March 3 at the grounds. For displaying your car at the festival you received free entrance to the Chocolate Festival. The event took place at the Grounds.



Ed Grimes T Bird on display at the Chocolate Festival



Best part of a car display is hanging out with other car enthusiasts

Fingers Crossed.....



Here's the DeSoto on Friday, March 9. They will start "hanging" it tomorrow. Finally the color is correct. Hold your breath! - Paul

The DeSoto is registered in the 2018 Winter National Meet to hopefully get a First Place Junior.



Visit to Walt's garage after breakfast

On February 24 several of DSR Members met at Golden Corral for our breakfast with the Model A Club. Zeno and Rheba Chaudron, Darrin and Charlotte Dahlenburg and Walt and Martha Fuller were present. After an nice breakfast of all you can eat and plenty of visit time several of us followed Walt Fuller home.

Walt is the process of restoring a Model T pick up. Walt was ready to put the top on.

It took a little ingenuity to get it to fit. It was fun to hang out with Walt and Martha. - Charlotte



Walt unveils the Model T



Checking out the Model T



Fitting the top



Walt explaining the Model T spare tire mount



Checking out the Model T

"I LOOKED INTO MY BROTHER'S FACE"

Even now, I can't sleep. All night long the distant thunder of the guns was like the sad sound of surf along the shore at Manassas when we spent last summer. And all night long I heard again the words I said bounding over the litters as the wounded came in -

"Where are you hurt, soldier?"

Now, not even the blessed numbness we pray for in this place can keep me from living over and over again the moment when, spurring away the dark red mud, I looked into my brother's face.

He said, "Don't cry, Sis." And suddenly we were children again, playing nurse and wounded soldier on the battlefield of our yard back home, and I was crying because it seemed so real and I was scared.

I grew up last night.

Out here, I've seen my share of war. Women straddled in the streets . . . hospitals bombed . . . tipped sleepers, splintered beds, the living and dead tumbled together. And I've stood it, because I'm an Army Nurse and that's my job.

But a nurse is a woman, first. And when someone you love is wounded, something breaks inside, and the war hits home.

This home to you . . . and to your mother and dad in the little Iowa town where you were born. Hits home to the heart of America. And then you know why we're out here. Not for glory. Not for new worlds to conquer. Not for the sake of great, high-sounding words. . . .

But to make sure we keep on having the kind of America my brother and I grew up in . . . to make sure we'll always have a hand and a voice in helping to make it an even better land to live in. To make sure that we'll come home to the America we've always known . . . where we can make our lives what we want them to be . . . where we'll be free to live them out in peace and kindness and security.

That's what my brother and I are fighting for. Keep it that way until we come back!

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Fitting the top on the Model T



Finding cool stuff on a shelf

Trip Down Memory Lane

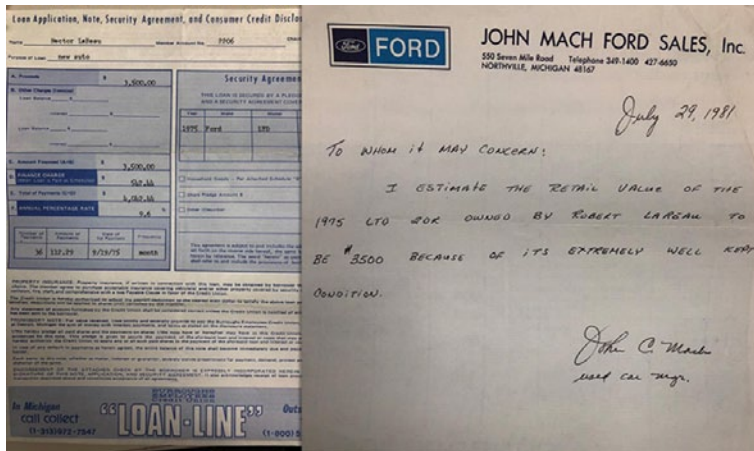
Technology has come a long way since I first took a liken to vehicles. My Dad was always a Oldsmobile and Pontiac man. The year was November 1958 and we took a trip to my Grandparents, Mom's folks in the north west part of Michigan, Benzie County in our 1955 Pontiac Star Chief. My Grandpa was a Apple and Cherry farmer. This was the farm where my Mom was born and raised up. Grandpa had 80 acres of fruit and he also raised Cranberries on another 40 acre plot. Then he had 40 acres that was full of Scotch Pine Christmas Trees. I remember the big barn where he stored Apples to be taken to market. You could have been blind folded walking toward the barn and knew you were there by the spell of Apples. I celebrated my 5th Birthday while we were there. I remember cutting my Christmas Tree to bring back to Mobile, Alabama. Yes that's me in the picture with Grandpa and Dad loading up for the trip home. - Zeno



A look to the past, to see the future without personal car ownership

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By Jamie LaReau

Forty years ago, car deals could be done on a couple sheets of paper.



Buying a car can be such a drag now that many young people are indicating apathy toward personal car ownership. Who can blame them?

The purchase process, the cost of ownership and the proliferation of ride-hailing suggest the idea of personal car ownership could be headed toward becoming a relic of the past.

But before that happens, let's remember there was a time when owning a car was more than just buying a machine. It was part of the human experience.

Recently, I was sorting through items from my parents' house when I found a clear plastic bag with a piece of scrap paper taped to it that read, "Auto Papers," in my mother's handwriting.

I was ready to scan and toss them out. Instead, I was mesmerized.

There, buried in the middle of the papers, was a loan application with my grandfather's name on it for a 1975 two-door Ford LTD. The loan was dated Aug. 19, 1975. The whole thing fit on one small page. He paid \$4,042.44 for the car, financing \$3,500 in a 36-month loan at a whopping 9.6 percent interest rate, making his monthly payments \$112.29.

Ah, I remember that car well. It was dark red. When Grandpa got the keys, he and Grandma drove straight to our house. I was 5 years old and had not ridden in a car for more than a year following a bad accident that frightened me. Little did I know what I'd end up doing for

a living.

But, on that day, Grandpa was so proud of that LTD that my mother told me I would hurt his feelings if I refused a ride in it. So, with white knuckles, I climbed aboard, and we went to dinner at a Chinese restaurant.

Grandpa only enjoyed his car briefly -- he died later that year. So, my dad bought it from Grandma and spent years immaculately tending to it. It stayed in our garage most of the time, driven only on sunny days and holidays.

Which leads to the second interesting artifact I found: a handwritten, signed note by the used-car manager at a metro Detroit Ford dealership.

"To whom it may concern: I estimate the retail value of the 1975 LTD 2-door owned by Robert LaReau to be \$3,500 because of its extremely well kept condition."

The letter is written on the dealership's letterhead and dated July 29, 1981. A Google search revealed the dealership is now an abandoned building, having shuttered its doors in the early 2000s. Still, I don't think you'd find a used-car manager willing to write such a note today.

My dad never sold the car. He kept it until the fall of 2006, when, at age 80 and deep in Alzheimer's, he found its keys, which my mother had hidden. He snuck out for a joy ride. It would be his and the car's last ride. When Detroit police found dad some 10 hours later, no one was harmed, but the car was totaled.

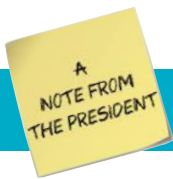
My mom and I watched as it was towed away for scrap metal. She sobbed; I did not. At the time, I considered the car merely a road appliance designed to get a person from point A to point B.

Now, I realize it was so much more. It was a story. I was there for the beginning of the story -- the day my grandpa brought his new car into our lives. And, I was there for the end of it, when my dad took it out.

No matter what shape the auto industry takes in the future, it is with a bit of nostalgia that I realize the life experiences that twist and twine between humans and their cars will become as antiquated as the auto papers I found in that old house.

Editor Note: After contacting the writer of this story, Jamie LaReau informed me that the old building that she drove past everyday without notice turned out to be the dealership her grandfathers automobile was purchased.





March 2018

Good Morning,

Can you believe how fast this year is moving? The time changed, then we are only days away from the first day of spring (March 20), then our March meeting on Thursday March 22 at 7:00 pm, followed by our 2018 National Winter Meet (March 22 – 24) being held in downtown Mobile. This is really an exciting time for our club members and the city of Mobile. With all of the events planned I am sure our members and guest will have a great time.

It is great to see all of our members working together to make this National event one of the best ever and to think of how quickly it is coming together is amazing. Our members are the best! I for one would like to say thank you for all of your planning and hard work.

In Mobile we also celebrate what is called allergy season where everything outdoors is covered in yellow pollen – enjoy. Our cars will probably have a yellow tint while being judged.

As we celebrate the meaning of Easter we have so much to be thankful for.

Let's enjoy our springtime.

Best,

Bobby P

Letter from the Editor

AACA Headquarters and the AACA Library and Research Center are moving to a new home. They have found a beautiful “new” building that will allow them to grow.

Libraries have been an important part of my life and the life of my children. If you read this month Rummage box you can see how the Library would like for you to help preserve the information about our beloved vehicles.

The Library will grow to house the most information about antique vehicles in the world. This will help to grow our hobby. AACA will be the leading information center for the world.

The “new” building will need renovation to accommodate such an important part of our history. We all need to consider monetary donations to the building fund. Our club could do a fund raiser just for the building fund this year.

- Charlotte



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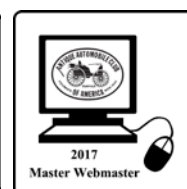
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Check out the Deep South Region Website at:

Deepsouth.aaca.com

Also, members should visit our Facebook page.



2018 Winter Meet Update

Thanks to the efforts of so many people we are just about ready for the 2018 Winter National Meet.

With a low car count National sent out a email blast to every member of AACA and asked that each person consider attending the Meet (See Below). We have over 100 cars registered at this time.

The next week will be crazy with last minute details! We need your help to make this a successful Meet. If

you can bake a few items for the Hospitality Room or Silent Auction. Consider giving a few hours to help with: selling merchandise, registration, hospitality, decorating for banquets, taking tickets, serving ice cream, parking cars on the show field or delivering water to judges.

It takes all of us working together to show that a small club can do a big event.

Email Blast From National:

Winter Meet Deadline Extended to March 7!!

The Deep South Region is excited to host a winter meet in Mobile, Alabama, from March 22-24! The meet will be held at Cooper Riverside Park. This 3-acre park along the Mobile River has outdoor sculptures, paved walking paths & benches. It will be a great setting. The host hotel will be the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel at 64 S. Water St. in Mobile. Rooms will cost \$119 per night and you can call 251-438-4000 to make your reservations.

AACA is very grateful for the willingness of this region to jump in at the last minute! Let's support the Deep South Region by registering lots cars and judges!

It's not too late to register! The deadline has just been extended to March 7!

2018 Winter National Meet • March 22~24, 2018 Mobile, Alabama

Hosted by the Deep South Region

Events and Activities:

Thursday, tour the USS Alabama Battleship and Ice Cream Social at the Henderson Collection. Friday, board the Mobile History Trolley for a tour of Mobile, evening Social Hour, and dine on Southern Fried Chicken at the Battle House. And Saturday, Winter Meet on the waterfront, evening Social Hour and Awards Banquet.

Host Hotel:

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel
64 S Water St, Mobile, AL 36602
Phone: (251) 438-4000

Ask for the AACA 2018 Winter Meet Rate of \$119 a night

Meet Chair:

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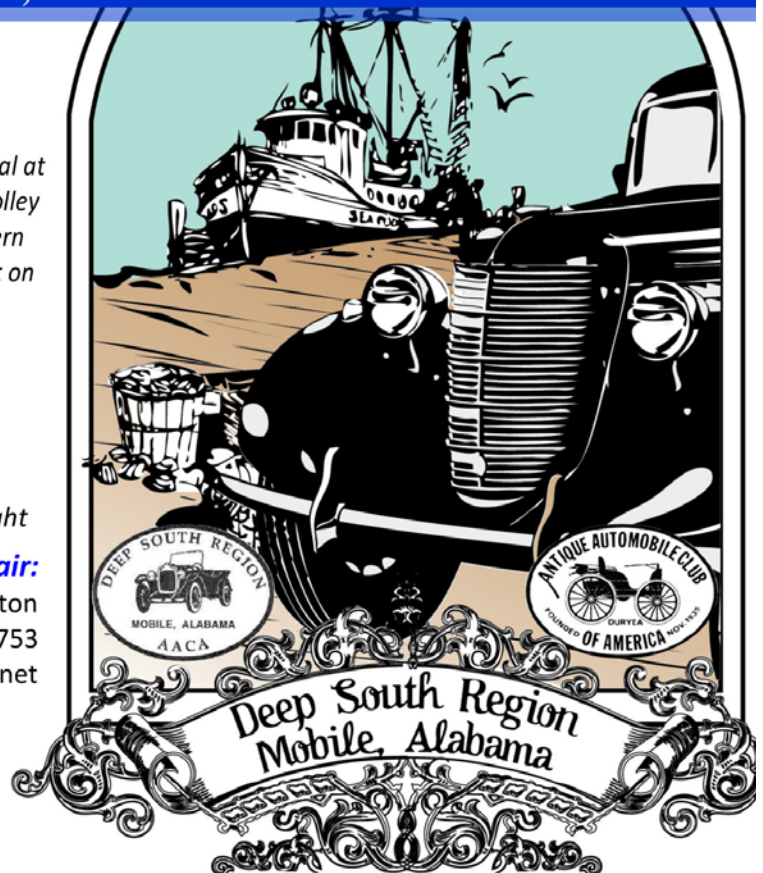
Registration Chair:

Vicki Bolton
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Chief Judge:

Stan Kulikowski
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Registration Deadline: March 1, 2018



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*Lars Anderson
Vice President,
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You've had an antique vehicle for years, you belong to the finest car club there is. It provides lots of good times and years of memories. You are part of a community, a national community of old car enthusiasts. You share the experience of belonging with many thousands from across the country. You also have another common trait. You've collected an array of literature, documents, magazines, and other types of printed matter. More than you really need. What are you doing with the duplicates? Perhaps you sold a vehicle and now have a file cabinet of material which has no meaning to you. How are you going to dispose of it all? You really don't have the heart to throw it away.

Well here's a good feeling move you can make. Your AACA Library can use your collection to further their responsibilities as America's Automotive Library.

They would really appreciate receiving it to add to their files. And so would the researcher who hasn't been able to find the document you donated and now here it is in our library. It's all tax deductible as the Library and Research Center is a 501.C3. organization. They'll send you a nice thank you letter and receipt of material. It's your responsibility to place a value on it. Call the Library, 717-534-2082 ask for Chris Ritter or email critter@aaca.org. Do it now and start glowing.

Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box



Do You Know a Military Veteran Who Would Like to be an AACA Member?

The Military Sponsorship Program is available to all of the Military Veterans that have proudly served to protect our homeland and freedoms. With this program, AACA is extending a limited number of complimentary 2018 memberships for first-time AACA applicants. More information on this program and an application can be found on the AACA home page under member information and drop down to Military, or simply click here.

These complimentary 2018 memberships are for first-time AACA applicants and are limited by the funds available for this program. These complimentary applications for membership are intended for individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique car hobby.

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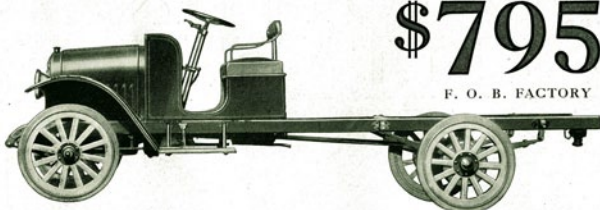


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Roosevelt's Limo

HERE IS A BIT OF HISTORY YOU MAY NOT KNOW...

Story Submitted by Dick Cashdollar and reprinted with permission from Ocmhz.com

Hours after Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to Congress the next day, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely.

The White House did already have a specially built limousine for the president that he regularly used, it wasn't bulletproof, and the Secret Service realized this could be a major problem now that the country was at war. FDR's speech was to take place at noon December 8th, and time was running out. They had to procure an armored car, and fast.

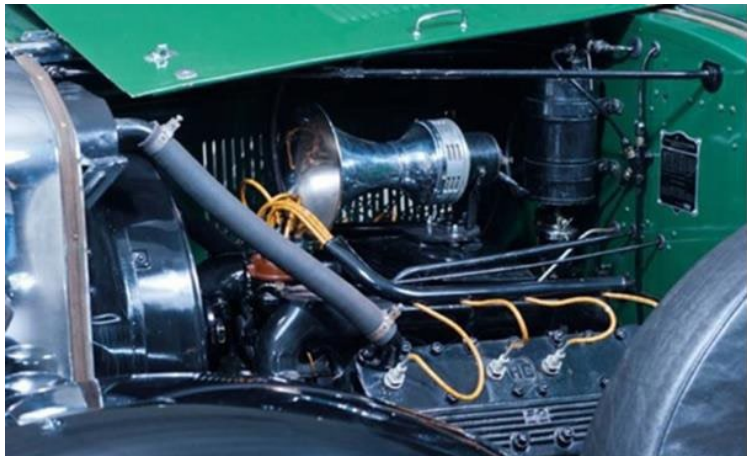
At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750 (\$10,455 in today's dollars), so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that. One Secret Service agent was a quick thinker. The federal government did already have in its possession a car that just might fit the bill: Al Capone's, which had been sitting in a Treasury Department parking lot ever since it had been seized from the infamous mobster during the IRS' tax evasion suit years earlier.

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac V-8 Town Sedan became the President's Limo December 1941.



Capone's car was a sight to behold. It had been painted black and green so as to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time. It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner radio. To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac 341A Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armor and inch-thick bulletproof windows. Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief.





And run properly it did. The car apparently preformed perfectly, so good that Roosevelt kept using it, at least until his old car could be fitted with identical features (and to this day, Presidential limousines have specially installed siren and flashing police lights hidden behind their grilles).



Previous Owner

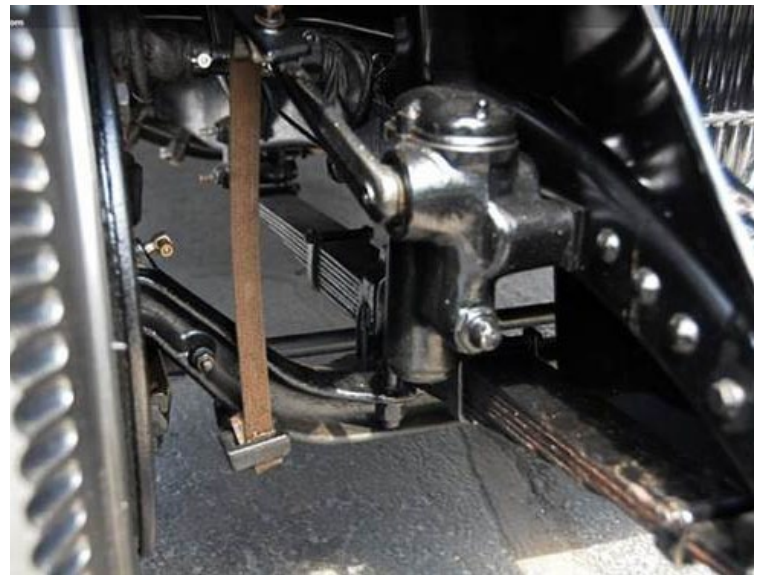
The old car below was a 1939 Lincoln V12 Convertible built by Ford (and affectionately nicknamed the "Sunshine Special," supposedly because FDR liked to enjoy the sun while riding around with the top down... hardly safe, although the use of presidential convertibles was not eliminated until after JFK's assassination). Roosevelt was apparently so enamored with his convertible however that he had it bullet-proofed. The Lincoln was now undoubtedly worth more than \$750, so the White House got around the spending cap regulation by making a



FDR in his limousine convertible, before and after bulletproof glass and armor was installed.

special arrangement to lease it from Ford at the rate of \$500 per year.

When he was told his car's origin (probably on December 8th as he rode to Capitol Hill), Roosevelt reportedly quipped, "I hope Mr Capone won't mind."



Footnote: The car sold at auction in 2012 for \$341,000.00.

Market Place

Ads in The Market Place section are free to members and will run for three months unless otherwise noted. Ads can consist of anything related to:

For Sale – Want to Buy – Looking For

Your ad(s) can run for an additional three months by contacting Charlotte Dahlenburg.

Please submit new listings for The Market Place by the 12th of the month to: DSR36608@gmail.com



1972 Ford F100 for sale. New 390 Long Block, New Edel Brock 4 BBI carb. New Radiator. Contact: Lisa Whetstone at 214-952-8694



1980 Model A Shay. One of only 50 with automatic transmission. Only 4500 miles. \$19,000. Contact Buddy Givens at 251-777-1840



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Not Actual Car

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Mobile, AL 36604





Refreshments

- March 15 -
- March 22 - 24 2018 Winter National Meet
- April 26 -
- May 24 -
- June 28
- July 26 - Soup and Sandwich Dinner
- August 23
- September 27 - Italian Dinner

Up Coming Events

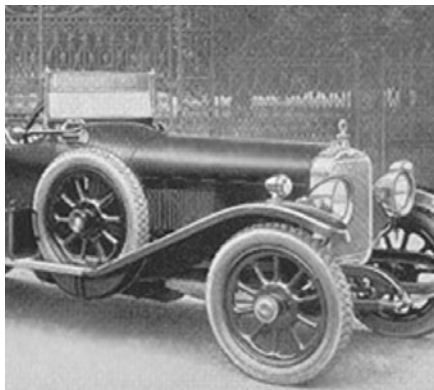
Our next meeting is Thursday, March 15 at 7 pm at the club house. See you there!

Birthdays & Anniversary

Janice Sellers	March 16
Charlie Lyles	March 21
Leslie Sellers	March 25
Bob White	April 7
Arthur Bolton	April 22
Jennie Vermillion	April 24
Leslie & Janice Sellers	April 14, 1984

Thoughts Go Out

Also Keep good thoughts for Buddy & Patt Paquet, Foy & Judy Bobo, Buddy & Anne Givens, Bob White, Lycle Crowdus, and D.R. Jordan.



Guess what this is? What does this go to? Email your answer to dsr36608@gmail.com.

Answer for last month: 1968 Shelby GT 500

DSR Activities 2018

March

- 15 - Regular Meeting at the Clubhouse
- 22 - 24 AACA Winter Meet Downtown Mobile
- 31- 9am-2 pm Baumhour Church Fish Fry - Car Show and Cruise-in

April

- 7 - Camellia Classic
- 28 - 8:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tillman's Corner
- 29 Our Lady of Lourdes Lawn Party Car Display

May

- 19 Day Tour
- 26 - 8:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tillman's Corner

June

- Overnight Trip
- 23 - 8:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tillman's Corner

July

- 28 - 8:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral in Tillman's Corner and Garage Crawl

August

- 25 Day trip to Derailed Dinner and Train Museum in Foley

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Signed: _____ Date: _____





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May 31 - June 2, 2018
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 Limit 500 Pre-registered Cars
No trailer parking at the show field.
 Trailer parking locations are an easy drive to the show field, approximately three miles.
 Host Hotel - Greensburg Ramada
 For developing information visit our website:
 westernparegion.org/grandnational



2018eastspringmeet.aaca.com
 Registration Deadline: June 1, 2018

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REWIND

WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS
DOING 25 YEARS AGO
from the April 1993 Sparkplug

The 8th Annual Gold Cup Race

The Miracle Strip Region of AACA in Panama City held its annual Gold Cup Antique Car Race from Panama City to Apalachicola, Florida on Saturday, April 3rd. Four couples from the DSR participated - and nope, we didn't win! Lloyd and Lycyle in their 1965 Mustang, Melvin and Betty in their 1923 Model T barn hack, Buddy and Patt in their 1964 Comet and Ernie and Eugene in their 1965 Mustang all tried - but lost! 36 cars registered in 4 classes for the race and there were some real beautiful antiques in the race. Saturday was a beautiful day, we all sported magnetic

numbers for identification and check points on our cars and we were given a route on state and federal highways that we were required to take. There were check points along the way timing us. It was a whole of a lot of fun and our hats are off to the Miracle Strip Region members for their work and preparation and for making us feel so welcomed! It was well done and I know it took many long hard hours to organize! I'll assure you that we were kept busy all day, a scavengers hunt, guessing a name pasted on your back, solving a murder mystery (a pretty girl with a knife in her back); and a super

banquet! Patt says we have got to get eight couples from the DSR to go next year! It was a miniature, one day, "Great American Race".

While Saturday was a real beauty of a day and most pleasant, we got up Sunday morning at the Gibson Inn in Apalachicola to start home in threatening weather with rain coming down on us most of the way home. But we all enjoyed every minute of this very pleasant outing! Melvin said he has figured out a way to win the race next Year! Let's bring the Gold Cup to Mobile next year!!!

Minutes from the February Meeting

DSR MONTHLY MEETING, Thursday, February 22, 2018, 7:00 pm

NOTE: Soup and Sandwich Supper held by members from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. (Prayer/Blessing was given at the Soup and Sandwich Supper.

PRESIDENT: Bobby Peterson called to order with all members saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

SECRETARY: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: Charles Lyles asked again about the lighting near the driveway, with the possibility of putting in Solar powered lighting. Scott Henderson volunteered to check this matter out.

MOTION AND SECONDED to get the lighting problem fixed near the driveway.

OLD BUSINESS: Charles Lyles said his church, Baumhauer Baptist Church near Fowl River, will be having their Fish Fry on March 31, 2018, from 9 AM to 2 PM. All members were invited to go.

OLD BUSINESS: Reminder that on the calendar for AACA members is going to breakfast at the Golden Corral in Tillman's Corner on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 8:30 am. All members were encouraged to attend.

EDITOR'S NEWS: Charlotte Dahlenburg was congratulated again for the three awards she received in Philadelphia, PA

recently. She received the Editor's Award, the Webmaster's Award, and the Service Award, which were all very well deserved by Charlotte. She and Darrin enjoyed the President's Dinner, the Awards Banquet, and visiting with many people they knew, plus meeting new people. She brought her awards for everyone to see.

She asked the AACA Club what would the members like to see on the website?

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR: David Ladnier discussed the upcoming National Meet to be held March 22-24, 2018 at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel. Many members are selling ads for the booklet. At this time, there are 56 cars registered for the National Meet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Charlotte Dahlenburg mentioned a Sister Program in Galveston and what they are doing. They will work together with Car Shows. There are three regions within the AACA; they possibly will host a tour or meet in each Region. National AACA will probably approve this. There will be more info at a later time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: given by Paul Dagenais. Financial Report was approved.

50/50 DRAWING was won by Leslie Sellers (\$15.00)

27 Members attend this meeting (list attached to minutes).





The Sparkplug



Why join the Deep South Region (DSR) of AACA

Belonging to AACA includes: *voting privileges, exhibiting your cars in national meets, enjoying tours hosted by Region Chapters all across the United States, and competition for national annual awards and prizes, and the bi-monthly Antique Automobile Magazine.* As a DSR member, other perks include the opportunity to learn more about your antique or classic car(s) from other members; hear interesting guest speakers at special programs; find parts and dealers; socialize with other owners; complimentary subscription to our DSR newsletter *The Sparkplug*, and the opportunity to feature your vehicle(s) on our Club's website.

Howto join DSR:

- 1) Come as a guest to one of our meetings - open invitation - no further invitation necessary. We meet on the fourth Thursday every month at 7:00 pm. Generally, our meetings are held at the DSR Clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive, Mobile, Alabama. Check our website for location changes.
- 2) You may join DSR by first joining the National AACA organization. You can access membership online: aaca.org and click Join/Renew Today. The annual dues are only \$40 per year. You have not checkout the AACA website, now would be a good time to learn about the national organization.
- 3) After you have joined AACA, complete the following information and bring it to one of our meetings, or you may mail it with a \$20.00 check for DSR annual dues to our Club Treasurer: Paul Dagenais, 58 South Julia Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604.

Deep South Region AACA - Mobile, Al

National AACA Membership Number _____

Note: You must be a member of AACA to join Deep South Region. Our annual dues are \$20.00 for couples or singles for a complete calendar year.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Total Enclosed: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Note that General and junior Memberships in the AACA are open to all individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique automobile hobby. Ownership of an automobile is not a prerequisite of membership.

Annual Membership - \$40 (includes spouse if applicable) Members receive bi-monthly issue of ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE magazine. Members are eligible to join an AACA region and/or chapter. Members can exhibit vehicles & compete for national prizes and annual awards. Members receive unlimited free admission to the AACA Museum. Members receive limited free research by the AACA Library & Research Center staff.

Life Membership - \$700.00 (includes spouse if applicable). Life members enjoy the same privileges as the annual membership.

Student Membership - \$12 Open to STUDENTS ages 13-25. Verification of student enrollment is requested. Enjoys same privileges as the annual membership.

Junior Membership - \$10 Any child up to 12 years old may join, whether or not parents are members of AACA. Junior members will receive one Membership Card, one Membership Badge, and a Newsletter four times a year, February, May, August, and November. Special activities are encouraged for Juniors at National (and local) Meets. An educational program is planned to acquaint Juniors of AACA history, its structure and mission, and a general overview of vehicles and their workings, plus a basic understanding of the judging system, all at a level they should find interesting and entertaining.





2018 AACA "ROAD TRIP" NATIONAL EASTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR



June 25-29, 2018

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National Car Shows

March 2018

22-24 - Winter Meet • Mobile AL

April 2018

5-7 - Southeastern Spring Meet • hosted by Hornest Nest Region • Charlotte NC

20-12 - AACA Western Spring Meet • hosted by Tucson Region • Tucson Arizona

May 2018

11-12 - Central Spring Meet • Auburn, Indiana

31- June 2 - Annual Grand National Meet • hosted by Western PA Region • Greensburg, Pennsylvania

July 2018

11-14 - AACA Eastern Spring Meet – Chesapeake Region - Gettysburg, PA.

August 2018

20-24 - AACA Reliability Tour – GVACS & Wayne Drumlins Region - Canandaigua, NY.

September 2018

12-15 - AACA Central Division Tour • hosted by Amarillo Region • Texas Panhandle, TX

16-22 - AACA Glidden Tour – VMCCA - Twin Falls, ID.



Cruise Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
Every Thursday	Sonic in Bay Minette	Bay Minette, AL (Feb-Nov)	
1st Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy. 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
1st Saturday	Po-Boy's Cruise In 5-8 pm	Tillman's Corner KFC, Hwy. 90	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
2nd Friday	Hooters	Daphne, AL (Feb-Nov)	
2nd Friday	Downtown Cruise	Ocean Springs, MS	
2nd Saturday	What-A-Burger 5-8 pm	Airport & Snow Rd	
2nd Saturday	Dillard's	Eastern Shore Mall, Malbis(Jan - Nov)	Eastern Shore Cruisers
3rd Thursday	Sonic	Foley, Hwy. 59 (Mar-Nov)	
3rd Saturday	Beef O' Bradys	Spanish Fort, Hwy. 90	
3rd Saturday	Bay City Grill	5675 Hwy. 43 Satsuma 4-8 pm	
3rd Saturday	Bootleggers Pizzeria	1913 Pass Rd, Biloxi	228-324-6444
3rd Saturday	Orange Grove Kruiser's	Acadian Pizza on Hwy 49 Gulfport, MS	
4th Saturday	Hot Wheels & Wings Cruise-In	Hooters Hwy. 98 Daphne 3-6 pm	
4th Saturday	Ingalls Engineering Complex	Passacaglia, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
4th Saturday	10126 Grand Bay Wilmer Rd	10 am - 1 pm	Grand Bay Country Cruiser
4th Saturday	Stoney's BBQ 5-8 pm	Hwy. 43 , Saraland	Northside Cruisers
Last Saturday	Sonic - Hwy 59 South	Robertsdale, AL (Mar-Oct)	251-747-2022



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Local Car Shows

March

- 16-18 Pearl, MS 40th Annual Dixie Rod Run Presented by: Mississippi Street Rod Association March 16, 17, 18, 2018 Trustmark Park, Pearl, MS. Pre--74 Show Pre-registration: \$20 After March 1, 2018: \$25 For more info; call, Mike Summerlin at 601-832-8771 Or e-mail: AAAScale@aol.com
- 17 Gulfport, MS Gulf Coast MOPAR Showdown at Gulfport Dragway. MOPAR'S ONLY Gates open at 4pm for time trials & Eliminations start at 7pm. Gulfport Dragway is located I-10 exit 31. Go South on Canal Rd, cross over the railroad tracks. Go about 1 mile, turn left onto Racetrack Road and continue to Gulfport Dragway. 228 863-4408
- 31 Baumhour Church Fish Fry - Car Show and Cruise-in 9am-2 pm

April

- 1 Ratty Rods of the South Car Show benefiting Home of Grace for Women. Redemption Church in Saraland. 8am - 2 pm; Registration 8 am -12 noon info 251-359-4243
- 6-7 Gulfport MS 6th Gulf Coast Auto Show Open Car/Truck/ Motorcycle Show & Cruise-in at the Best Western Plus 228-864-0050 & Clarion Inn 228-868-3300. Car show entry of \$20. Both Hotels are located on Hwy 49 South of I-10 exit 34. Hosted by the Coast Cruizers. Info Jimbo 228 596-0664
- 7 25th Anniversary Camellia Classic Mobile Bay Mustang Club at Bellingrath Gardens and home 8 am - 3 pm
- 7 Biloxi, MS Cruise-in at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS 6pm - 9pm This monthly event is hosted by the Coast Cruizers, Gulf Coast MotorSports Magazine and the Merchants of Edgewater Mall. Info Jimbo 228 596-0664
- 13 Lucedale, MS 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Hardees in Lucedale, corner of Old Hwy 63 & Cowart Street from 8:30am till. For more info call Mike Lachaussee 228-369-1431
- 14- 15 31st Annual Strawberry Festival Open Car show 9 am -4 pm Awards at 3 pm
- 14 Bay St. Louis, MS 2nd Saturday Cruise-In at the Harbor. 4pm - 8pm. Music - 50/50 - Prizes. Enjoy local restaurants & 2nd Sat Shopping downtown. Open to all Car/Truck/ Bikes Everyone Welcome. (March thru September)
- 20-21 Gulfport, MS ATOMIC BLAST 7 Open to ALL Vehicles. Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles & Antique Bicycles. Rat Rods, Street Rods, Hot Rods, Antique & Classic Cars, \$20 at the

gate covers all activities Gate opens at 4pm Friday, & 8am Saturday. Entrance to the track is \$20 (kids under ten \$10). Everything is at Gulfport Dragway, 1 Mile South of I-10 (MS Exit 31) on Canal Road, Gulfport, MS info 228 863-4408

- 28, Hattiesburg, MS 7th Annual Deanash Children's Village Open Car Show. 8 am til 1 pm, Pineview Baptist Church 19 Tower Road located at the back entrance to Paul B. Johnson State Park Live music featuring Damascus Road at 10. Cruise through the park at 11:15. Door prizes, T-shirts, Games, Food, 50/50. Vendors welcome info call Stan Anderson 601-467-1138. Proceeds to support the Deanash Children's Village.

May

- 5 Biloxi, MS Cruise-in at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS 6pm - 9pm This monthly event is hosted by the Coast Cruizers, Gulf Coast MotorSports Magazine and the Merchants of Edgewater Mall. Info Jimbo 228 596-0664
- 12 Panhandle Cruizers National Car Show, Five flags Speedway Pre registration \$20 Day of Show \$25 registration 8-12 Judging at noon Awards at 3 pm. Car Cottal ans Swap Meet
- 12 Bay St. Louis, MS 2nd Saturday Cruise-In at the Harbor. 4pm - 8pm. Music - 50/50 - Prizes. Enjoy local restaurants & 2nd Sat Shopping downtown. Open to all Car/Truck/ Bikes Everyone Welcome. (March thru September)
- 19 Cruisin on the River Car, Truck and Bike Show. Pre-1975 Pre registration \$20 before 5/5/2018 Day of \$25 info Joe at 304-382-1731 or Lyle 958-502-4152

June

- 2 Biloxi, MS Cruise-in at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS 6pm - 9pm This monthly event is hosted by the Coast Cruizers, Gulf Coast MotorSports Magazine and the Merchants of Edgewater Mall. Info Jimbo 228 596-0664
- 9 11th Annual Blueberry Jubilee Car/Truck/Bike Show. 7am Downtown Poplarville, MS. Arts & Crafts booths and lots of fun stuff going on. All the usual top this and that awards plus some great extras.
- 9 Bay St. Louis, MS 2nd Saturday Cruise-In at the Harbor. 4pm - 8pm. Music - 50/50 - Prizes. Enjoy local restaurants & 2nd Sat Shopping downtown. Open to all Car/Truck/Bikes Everyone Welcome. (March thru September)



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