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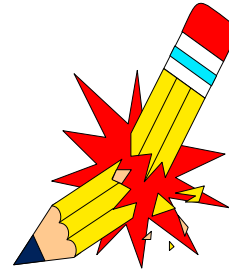
Things you “auto” know in 2011

- Sept. 22 Monthly club meeting
- Oct. 2-9 15th Annual Crusin' the Coast— Need more be said ?
- Oct. 5-8 HERSHEY!! Nuf' said!
- Oct. 15 Fallen Heroes Memorial Cruise In 9a-3p at Battleship Park
Donation \$10 per car—Dash plaques to first 200 entries
Ceremonies at 11 am with flyover of vintage airplanes
- Oct. 22 Mobile—Shirley Looney Memorial Car Show at Dauphin Way Baptist
Church Parking Lot—Registration opens 8:30 am Judging 12 Noon
- Oct. 22 Fairhope, AL—21st annual South Alabama British Car Club show
Faulkner State Community College (450 Fairhope Ave) Registration
9a-Noon Awards 3 pm BBQ Lunch available 11a-2p
Partnering with the Fairhope Sunset Rotary Club's Oktoberfest in downtown
Fairhope www.fairhopesunsetrotary.org/oktoberfest or (251)509-3277

Check out the Deep South Region Website at <http://local.aaca.org/deepsouth/>

September 2011 News & Notes from the Prez...

If you are wondering why the graphic to the right shows a broken pencil, it is because I didn't think I had much to write about this month. The club hasn't been all that active during the hottest months of our year but now that things are cooling off, I hope I will see some of you out and about at upcoming shows and other events. There really is a full calendar for the rest of the year, provided we can scrape by with no more "tropical weather" issues.



I want to thank Jim Henderson for inviting us to have our Sept. 22nd meeting at his "Car Barn". It will be a nice change of location and sometimes that is what it takes to get folks back on track and into the Fall routine. The meeting will begin, as usual, at 7:00 p.m., but if you want to have time to look at all the vehicles and see if there is anything new since your last visit, the doors will open at 6:00 p.m.. Jim will also allow some time after the meeting for browsing.

At the August meeting a Nominating Committee for 2012 Officer Candidates was assembled.. It consists of R. Estes, M. Fuller, C. Lyles, B. Peterson, and myself. We are working toward putting together a slate that will be presented at the October meeting. If you think you would like to help out in any way, please let one of us know where you would like to lend a hand. The slate will be either voted on in November at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner/Meeting.

All of the left over drinks from our Mother's Day Car Show, with the exception of filling the fridge and putting a few cartons aside along with all of the water, were donated to the Mulherin Custodial Home. The director, Rose Pugh, was very grateful and wanted to let everyone know that some were used Labor Day Weekend when the residents enjoyed a cook-out between rain showers and that the drinks were a big hit. She said soft drinks are quite a treat because their budget does not usually allow for purchasing them.

I want to thank all of you who responded to the question of how you celebrated the Labor Day weekend. Personally, I was literally under the weather with a sinus attack (comes with the territory of weather systems moving through) and actually hardly moved from my recliner the entire three days. That's why you don't see anything in the article from us. And just so you know, Rheba took really good care of me. Hopefully, you will enjoy reading how our members took advantage of the extra day off from work or just shared with everyone what is or has been going on in their lives.

Zeno

Our member, Jim Henderson, has requested that we have our DSR September Monthly Meeting at his car museum on Government Blvd (Hwy 90). Upon further discussion with our Pres, V-Pres, and Treasurer, we have decided that DSR will have our September 22 (4th Thursday) meeting at Henderson Car Museum at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be furnished. We are looking forward to seeing our members at the meeting. Members are guaranteed not to be bored, for the museum is filled with beautiful antique vehicles.

See you at the museum, Foy Bobo DSR Activities Coordinator

To all DSR members: We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the beautiful plant – I think it is a Peace Lily (I know more about cars than I do about plants) the club sent when my mother passed away recently. Also it was nice to see those of our friends who could make it at the funeral.

Ed & Eddie Grimes

DSR members find various ways to while away rainy 2011 Labor Day weekend

From the **Godfreys**...our family went to Perdido Key for the weekend with relatives from Indiana. We had reservations and didn't want to waste them. We watched the high surf, high water and high wind in between heavy rain bands. We did get some beach time each day with plenty of cards and dominos during the worst weather. Jake and I even did some boogie boarding when the waves settled down some.

I have worked on the brakes on my Model A again. They work better than ever and I have the hand brake working for the first time. I transported a couple from their wedding reception on Aug. 20th and may have another couple to drive the weekend of Sept. 10th.

Tracy Metclaf said ...I wish I had some exciting news, but I don't. Just did not want the HEX!

The **McCuskers** were in Montauk Point, Long Island, New York for the holiday. They drove up on Thursday before arriving on Saturday. Ed's sister and her husband purchased a vacation home there last winter and invited them to visit. The home is in a vacation area right near the Atlantic Ocean. Ed says that after living in Mobile for almost 20 years, the water temp in the ocean is downright cold compared to the Gulf. They were planning a fishing trip for Monday with Ed's nephew then just do some R & R.

Ernie Rogers' daughter, Elizabeth, took a bad fall at Troy University just before the holiday dislocating her elbow, tearing the muscle and ligaments and breaking part of the bone. She had surgery on Friday, Sept. 2nd and being the good father he is, he spent the weekend taking care of her. He asks that we keep her in our thoughts/prayers for a quick recovery and a successful and as much of a pain-free as possible rehab.

Oh my gosh! A HEX for the rest of the year! OK but y'all might wish I hadn't shared. Saturday and Sunday I was sick and pretty much just laid around and read. Monday I felt better and spent the day preparing lectures and assignments plus grading papers. (Now don't you feel mean making us with boring lives confess?) said **R. Estes**.

The **Lyles** mostly dodged the rain, cooked up some ribs and chicken on the grill, Charlie pulled a few cars from the sand on Dauphin Island and watched some football. They said they feel very lucky to not have any damage from the tornado that hit only one street east of them.

Ross Sloan said was spent honoring workers everywhere because he worked *and* rested.

As it happened, **Paul Dagenais'** luck with grilling continued to be wet. There are some photos of him under an umbrella, rain pouring down and smoke billowing from the grill. This, of course, happens during summer vacation weekends and Labor Day w/e was no different. A lovely red snapper, a grill and Tropical Storm Lee. It wasn't a total loss because he found that while the trees were waving and bending and the rain blowing horizontally, it happens to be true: fish fillets are beautifully done when they are grilled on each side for only two minutes!

The **Crowell's** son, Danny, and grandson Aiden came down from Nashville for a family birth-day party to celebrate Aiden turning two years old. They had planned to do it at Gulf Shores but decided (wisely) home would be best. It was fun just being together as a family.

Spinning wheels

Steering wheel knobs represent a most obscure form of collecting
By Carl Bomstead

Perhaps the most infamous of automotive aftermarket devices is the steering wheel knob. For this, we can thank a daredevil named Steve Brodie who actually had nothing to do with the device. His connection is more spiritual. Under a cloud of controversy, he claimed to have jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge in 1886. He passed away in 1901, but his name became synonymous with doing anything dangerous or flamboyant. In his honor, hot rodders of the '50s would use their steering wheel knobs to spin the wheel back and forth while rapidly accelerating, thus, "laying a Brodie."

Healeys. He was attracted to the knobs as an early teenager while perusing the local American Auto Parts store. He says he liked their unique colors, or perhaps it was the scantily clad ladies decorating many of them.

About 15 years ago he started using them on all his cars. He mentions having been stopped a couple of times for minor infractions and the officers pointed out that the knobs were illegal in Pennsylvania. After Sable's five-minute dissertation on their history, he was let off with a warning.

Sable says he has about 200 knobs, and although



From left to right: Fulton Bakelite "Steernob"; Perfection "Steering Control Knob"; "Palmgrip" steering knob by Cal-pan; Rainbow Plastic "Palm Knob" with scantily clad blonde; aftermarket Ford knob from Santay; early knob uses Japanese compass; plastic and aluminum knob is of unknown origins; NOS plastic knob by Rainbow Spinner Knobs. Images by Michael Furman.

Steering wheel knobs are often referred to as "suicide knobs," "wheel spinners," and "necker knobs." The "suicide" moniker came from the fact that a rather small movement of the knob could cause a rapid and unpredictable reaction of the car. For those of us who were James Dean fans, how can we forget the scene from *Rebel Without a Cause* when a guy catches his leather jacket on a knob and goes over the cliff? The "necker" designation came from the era of bench seats – you could have your arm around your best girl and steer the car with your necker knob.

For a number of reasons the wheel knobs are now illegal in most states, but they sure are collectible. Just ask Dr. Paul Sable, who collects unusual cars such as Dual-Ghias, Hudson Italias and Nash-

in his garage. Many of the knobs are illuminated; some are made of Bakelite and others are colorful plastic. He also has an in-the-box "Out of Way" knob by Allstate that folds down. The more mundane run about \$20, but unusual ones such as a palm spinner can run several hundred dollars. The more common knobs feature the aforementioned ladies, and Sable wonders if Marilyn Monroe or any other star of the era was ever featured on one. So his quest continues.

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Members' Labor Day weekend fun

The **Cashdollars** reporter they had a really quiet Labor Day weekend. In fact it really was a "labor" day weekend! According to **Dick** - "we are in the middle of a major kitchen overhaul. Got new granite countertops installed Friday and spend the next couple of days disassembling, cleaning and repainting cabinets - a job that will probably continue for the next several weeks before it's complete.

I'm also in the final stages of some major overhaul work on my Model A. It's been in Bob Gechjian's shop for the past several months getting a complete brand new braking system (historically accurate - no mod's). In addition, under the hood hat a major rework as well - a brand new Zenith carb plus a complete engine re-paint. Several leaks, including a pesky transmission leak, were also repaired and new fluid all around. A complete chassis lube rounds out the work list.,

As soon as Bob puts the finishing touches on all of this mechanical work, "Gertie" goes to the upholstery shop for a complete new interior. Four huge boxes of interior parts are sitting in my shop just waiting for this next phase to begin.

So...by the time the Fall show season gets underway, Gertie should be a fundamentally different car. I'm really looking forward to having a car I can drive a little more frequently without safety or breakdown fears - plus she should also look great with the new engine and interior work."

The **Fullers** stayed dry by keeping indoors while Walt was in a healing mode, especially when he takes his "little red pills." He goes to sleep and dreams about the Ice Cream Social at Ross Sloan's home on D.I. (although he wasn't there! - maybe it was the ice cream?!) picking blueberries at the Wilsons and boat rides in the Delta along with touring in our Model A. He woke up to watch his favorite teams play football but he was caught talking in his sleep about the upcoming AACA Glidden Tour in Cumber, MD. Now, let's just hope he can get through the night without being attacked by the gargoyles. Those little red pills make you see and do some crazy things. Otherwise, he's getting better every day...as long as he stays out of the porch swing.

The Jim Hendersons took the holiday a week early by traveling to Highland, NC to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary. They were staying at the Highland Inn which is 160 years old. Upon arrival, they found their room was hardly more than a closet - room situation rectified next day! - where they enjoyed spending the next five days while exploring their surroundings. On the way home, they stopped in Augusta, GA where they have inherited Jim's old "home place" from his Uncle Addison who passed away not too long ago. It has just recently been added to the National Registry of Historical Places because of having been constructed in the 1840s and the only changes being modernization of kitchen and baths. He and Nancy have spent immeasurable hours working on the property to bring it up to standard and enjoy taking occasional trips there sans work.

This past Labor Day weekend, the **Suttles**, minus Collin Anne, were in God's Country watching the Auburn Tigers play football and tailgating with friends. Daughter Collin Anne stayed home in Vinegar Bend with the Grandparents, taking it easy and going out to eat.

Then on Monday, it was truly a "Labor Day" for Stella and the children as it was back to the school books (just in case you don't know - Stella home schools both of them). Bill spent most of the day watching golf and after school, the family played some pool and worked on a puzzle before dinner. Actually, quite an enjoyable weekend.

My Labor Day weekend was spent somewhat honoring workers everywhere because I not only worked, but I rested some as well....**Ross Sloan**

WILL ETHANOL BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU?

By Vic Donnell, Central Texas Region AACA



I recently had a discussion with Kent Spreen, one of our members from San Antonio. Kent is an engineer at the Southwest Research Institute (SWRI). His discussion started like this. "Do you or other old car folks have any concern over the proposed 15% ethanol in gasoline? I have some concern over it, more so than the much discussed motor oil changes. I'm hearing things such as ethanol attacking the leather piston cup on accelerator pumps, eating up old fuel lines, and massive

problems with vapor lock."

Well now. That started me thinking. And then I got a headache. I think everyone with an old car is concerned about ethanol. I thought all gas already had some level of it. Most of the modern gas can already be used as an effective paint stripper. All the currently supplied fuel pump kits claim to be ethanol tolerant and all parts store supplied flex fuel line is also supposed to be. If modern flex fuel lines start failing, we'll have to install all solid lines.

Can a 15% solution be that much more damaging? I don't know. If it will attack a leather carburetor pump cup then I am concerned. I hadn't heard that. Some of the modern carb kits are coming with synthetic cups but the vintage kits that I find for prewar carbs are all leather.

I've had to treat vapor lock in most cars by treating symptoms. I install an electric fuel pump to keep a steady "push" on the fuel. Sometimes a fuel vapor return line is also required. That can be achieved by installing a fuel filter in the line between the mechanical fuel pump and the carb. The special fuel filter has a vapor relief vent that can accept a line that returns to the fuel tank. There are more elegant ways of doing this too.

Now, what do all of us need to do? We need to inspect ALL of our vehicles to determine whether they may be vulnerable to a higher concentration of ethanol.

There are at least three locations in the main fuel line that could have a section of flex hose in place. The first is between the fuel tank and the frame rail usually at the rear of the vehicle. The second location is near the engine running from the frame rail to the engine driven fuel pump. The third location could be between the mechanical fuel pump and the carburetor when there is a fuel filter involved. An ethanol attack of these rubber lines could cause a problem. A leak in either of the lines between the fuel tank and the mechanical fuel pump will cause a gravity type or low pressure fuel leak. That would be a smelly nuisance but MAY not be a too serious hazard unless there is an electric fuel pump in the circuit near the fuel tank. If there is a leak between the fuel pump and the carburetor, then there is a sure enough fire hazard since there will be raw gasoline in the presence of a hot manifold and high voltage ignition system. That's not a good thing. To inspect these rubber lines, first find them. Look them over. They should show obvious signs of having woven fiber imbedded in the rubber. They should be a uniform diameter over their entire length, i.e. there should be no swelling of the hose. The rubber coating should be firm but neither spongy nor hard or brittle. There should definitely be no cracks or kinks in the rubber lines. If you see any bad signs, replace them right away. Be sure the replacement hose specifies that it is for fuel use. It will be printed right on the hose.

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More Members' Labor Day weekend fun

Bert and Jean Sells spent the weekend at home with the exception of church on Sunday. (Folks who are smart enough to stay in out of the rain...your typist)

Carl Bailey said Mostly I watched it rain. We in Robertsdale, AL got 12.2 inches of the wet stuff. Miss Dixie - my '31 Model A - is sick. The engine had problems almost a year ago and I was too ill to mess with it. I sold the other two vehicles. I had owned the 1946 Dodge pickup for 38 years and hated to sell it but just could keep three vehicles up.

Three of the guys from the Model A club - Dick, Mac and Wayne - came over the latter part of August and pulled the engine for me. I took it to a "motor Doctor" in Crestview, FL for a diagnosis. It wasn't good and I had to come up with another block. He looked at the newest one the first part of the week after the holiday and gave me the news - he hopes to have it finished in a couple of weeks.

My health is now good - I am cancer free and praising God for that. The way the surgeon re-plumbed my insides, the food I eat doesn't stay in my body long enough for a weight gain. I am still at 125 pounds but that is OK. I can live with that. I really enjoy reading the news bulletins and keeping up with all of you.

It's good to know that I am still remembered by DSR folks, although they might be some who've been around for awhile and to be asked to contribute something to the newsletter. For those who are not aware, my nephew, Darren Polk, deals with severe intractable epilepsy since almost from the day he was born. In 2009 at UBA, the left parietal lobe of his brain was removed to try to control his seizures. It helped some but he still has one occasionally. They still have to continue adjusting his medication. Sometimes one will break through and won't stop so I have to take him to the ER for them to medicate him to stop the on-going seizure.

I have dedicated my life to taking care of him and trying to protect him from hurting himself when he has the intermittent seizure. My day includes making sure he gets all of his medicines which I put into individual doses for him and making sure he gets three nutritional meals each day.

We have periodical trips to Oschner Medical Center in New Orleans or to UAB Hospital in Birmingham. There really isn't much difference between one day or another. We did watch the Alabama game on Saturday of the holiday weekend and then went to church on Sunday. See, sometimes we do have good days. Take care...**Geary Polk**

Bobby Peterson said "I hope that everyone had a more exciting weekend than mine! On Saturday morning, I went to the office planning to just post a few invoices then go to Zeno's shop to work on my project there. It never stopped rain-ing and I didn't leave work until 4 P.M.

On Monday, I had a pretty good cleaning session with my Chevelle and have it ready for Crusin' the Coast. I also watched a tall tree fall behind my house - read that as NOT ON my house. Maybe I should have just made up something that would have been somewhat more thrilling??!"

The weekend for the **Thoms** began with a Rutgers victory over NC Central. On Friday, our son, Steve, and his wife, Clarise, visited with us. They and Nancy did some shopping while I doggy-sat with Molly, our Westie and Cream Puff (yes, Cream Puff), the son's family's Pom. Fortunately, the two dogs wore each other out roaring around our back yard and the three of us were able to take a nap,. We were joined in the evening by our daughter, Cathy, and went out for Chinese food. The rest of the weekend was basically Herb watching football and Nancy face booking with relatives in NJ. There was so much rain here that several times it was necessary to dash out between downpours to empty excess water from our pool.

The **Paquets** tried to run errands on Saturday between rainstorms. Unfortunately, they didn't get done before the weekend and sharing lunch with a friend of some 40+ years. Sunday they met their foster son and family at R & R on the Causeway to celebrate the second birthday

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of their number two granddaughter. Monday was going to be a usual day starting with a gym workout but turned out the closed without notifying members. From there on it was pretty much just watching the trees bend in the wind and seeing the "hummers" trying to get on the feeder.

A dark and dreary weekend is what it was according to **Charlie & Ardie Froehlich**. Fortunately, they had no specific plans. Charlie says they try to avoid making them for Labor Day weekend as almost invariably there is a tropical system - or worse - somewhere around. So what did we do? Nothing of special interest...read the paper and caught up on a few magazines that had stacked up. Also he had been planning to get the 1937 For pickup ready for the AACA Glidden Tour in Cumberland, MD (that makes two DSR couples planning to go). It was not suitable weather for test driving but he did spend a few hours in the car barn polishing the truck and doing the lube job.

On Monday afternoon the weather started to break around their place in Picayune, MS so he called a bachelor friend to invite him over for an indoor Labor Day picnic. Good idea! Then the lights went out. All through the storm we had power and now that it was clearing, something happened. About two hours later, the electricity was back on so the picnic proceeded. As the old saying goes, "A good time was had by all."

John & Dolly Pendergrass said with the exception of going to church on Sunday they stayed home, listing the top three (3-day holiday) reasons to not go out. It came down to: #3 We don't want to. #2: We don't have to. #1 We will let whatever happens come to us rather than visa versa.

Well, since Lee rained us out, I was pretty well hosed the Labor Day - pardon the pun. On Saturday I got called in to work 6AM to 6PM at the National Weather Service. I was responsible for one of the radar work-stations. As you probably remember, we were under a tornado watch all day. I was watching mostly velocity data over reflectivity data, firing off tornado warnings left and right every time I saw a little red area (outbound wind) close to the right of a little green one (inbound). That means we have an anticlockwise circulation. The further away it is from the radar, the harder it is to detect because the beam gets too large and too high above the ground. These types of outer rain band tornados are normally short fuses, and short lived but capable of terrible damage, injury and death, especially to occupants of manufactured homes. Conversely, the tornadoes of last spring usually have a much longer lead time and track a hundred or more miles as they did April 27. When I got home that evening, I was pretty well whacked so vegged out in front of the TV. Anything about Lee I skip-ped so watched Route 66 (love that Corvette!!) and the Rifleman on Retro TV network.

Monday it cleared up so I mowed the yard that afternoon since Lee formed a cold front and dropped the temperature into the upper 70s. We felt that for at least a week - hope everyone enjoyed it while it lasted.

Now for something a bit different. On Tuesday I went with the Warning Coordination Meteorologist, Jeff Garmon, to survey the damage in Stone County Mississippi. We did find several manufactured homes with damage. One was strapped down but the wind broke the straps and moved it 10 feet or so. Tore off half the roof, impaled it with a tree limb and broke the windows out. The guy living there injured his arm holding onto the door to avoid getting sucked out. Then we went to Leakesville. That one struck on April 17. I was in Pattaya, Thailand at the time and woke up on Saturday morning (Friday evening here) and turned on the TV in my hotel room. The first thing I saw was a pile of lumber captioned "Leakesville, Mississippi". I immediately went to the Internet Café and found the storm was rated a strong EF-3, wind speeds between 136-165 mph. There was one fatality. Jeff showed me the area hardest hit and there is very little rebuilding going on. That's a worry for Leakesville's future.

My MG is fine, hoping to get it out for some exercise and a good shakedown drive. So far, the only 100% gas I've found around Mobile is a little station at I-65 and Springhill Avenue. The Chevron on Dawes doesn't have it anymore last I saw. Eight gallons' worth of BTU's to make 6 gallons of ethanol.

Members' Labor Day weekend fun concluded

What are they thinking? (For those who want/need it, try the station on Hwy 90 at the Irvington-BLB Hwy turnoff or Bama Bait Shop on Dauphin Island Parkway. They show it as "Marine fuel".)

Steve Goren was attacked by a nasty virus that laid him low starting on Saturday before Labor Day. He finally beat it down enough to return to work on Monday, Sept. 12th. Stay well, guy!

Our Prez, Zeno Chaudron, was also under the weather. Literally! He had a great big old sinus attack jump own him, courtesy of Tropical Storm Lee, which put an end to any good times but he is back to his usual good-natured self, working hard on behalf of DSR.

Last, but certainly not least, from Garrette and Frieda Dylewski who are in the middle of restoring the 1970 Ford Custom F-100 pickup, lamented all the rain. They could not spray paint and prayed for the wet weather to END! Tuesday, Sept. 6th arrived bright and clear so they were able to get the paint on and hopefully the clear coat as well. At that point, reassembly could begin - Hooray! The weather was so good that week they were hoping to accomplish both. With only primer on the truck parts and all the rain, they couldn't do much until the weather system moved out. Below is a pix of where the truck was on 9/6/2011, covered in plastic waiting for the rest to be sanded and get put back together. It will be a beautiful tow truck for their trailer carrying their vintage Sprint race cars.



Ethanol concluded

If ethanol attacks the rubber bellows of your mechanical fuel pump or causes a serious vapor lock, the symptoms will be very similar. Your vehicle will starve for gas or seem to run out of gas even though there is plenty in the tank. Both symptoms can be treated with an electric fuel pump. But you should know that all fuel pumps are not created equal. I have only had success with continuous service, vane type pumps. They are usually priced between \$80-150. The less expensive, vibrator type pumps will fail if pressed into continuous service. You need to know that there are some hazards involved when using an electric fuel pump in line with a mechanical pump. If ethanol has ruptured the diaphragm in the mechanical pump, then pressurizing the system with an electric fuel pump will very likely send raw gasoline directly into the engine crankcase. That's not a good thing. You should also note that pressurizing the fuel line from the gas tank forward will cause pressure leaks at any breaks in the rubber fuel lines.

Well, that should be enough good news for now. Will the addition of 15% ethanol to our gasoline be a problem? Beats me. But I'm sure taking all the fail safe measures I can think of in making my cars as safe and road worthy as I possibly can. You should, too.

Deep South Region AACA General Membership Meeting Aug. 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Z. Chaudron at 7:00 p.m. with 24 members and three officers in attendance. He asked Chaplain Kevin Crowell for the invocation then he led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business: The President had no old business. Vice President Walt Fuller asked for help in getting rid of the left over soft drinks from the Mother's Day Car Show. In that no one was going to be in the Tuscaloosa area, the discussion died. (Following the meeting, he spoke with several members who had no ideas and he asked B. Paquet if he would deliver them to the Mulherin Home, a local facility for physically/mentally challenged residents. This was a done deal.

Secretary B. Wilson asked that the minutes of the July meeting as printed in the Bulletin be approved. A motion by Buddy Givens that was seconded by Ross Sloan was approved by the membership. The Treasurer, the Activities Chair and the Member-at-Large were all absent. Webmaster H. Thoms had no old business.

New Business: President Z. Chaudron asked for volunteers to make up the Nominating Committee who will do a search for 2012 Officers. Members of the N/Committee are R. Estes, C. Lyles, M. Fuller, B. Peterson and Z. Chaudron.

The President also stated that a meeting with the Mobile Area Homebuilders Assoc. had recently been held. Discussion centered on (1) DSR assisting with putting on a car show again in 2012 with a show date of March 2 & 4. DSR representatives at the meeting stressed that this date was a long-standing one for the Christ United Methodist Church Car Show and would have to be approved by the DSR membership. Vice President Walt Fuller expressed that it was not a profitable show for DSR this year and that it was unfair to go against an already established local car show. After discussion, a vote was called for. W. Fuller motioned the club decline the Homebuilders Show due to a date conflict, a second was made by Herb Thoms. It was a unanimous decision to not participate this year. Prez Chaudron stated that there was one outstanding expense for advertising which would be paid and this would finalize all expense for the show. If the Homebuilders want to have cars just for display, it is likely the club can accommodate them at a cost of \$50 per car per day.

Mr. Fuller also noted that the 2011 Mother's Day Car Show was good and the President noted that he had been contacted by Wind Creek Casino and it is hoped they will hold their show on a different weekend.

The Secretary had no old business. In the absence of Treasurer Bobby Peterson, a motion to accept the August report is pending.

Webmaster Thoms reported the pictures of the Ice Cream Social at Ross Sloan's Dauphin Island retreat are posted on the club's website.

The 50/50 drawing of \$32 was won by Rheba Chaudron. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wilson

Just for the ladies....

|(1) To eliminate calories and fat, run cottage cheese through the blender with some chives, onions, etc for |
 |toppings. (2) To clean that just used blender, add a couple or 3 drops of detergent, a bit of HOT water and |
 |turn it on for a few seconds then just rinse in more hot water and drain dry. (3) Love that old cast iron skillet |
 |but hate all the burnt on outside gunk? Spray it with a commercial oven or grill cleaner, let set for 2 hours |
 |then wash in a 50/50 mixture of vinegar and water. (4) Speaking of vinegar, run a cup of white vinegar |
 |through the entire cycle of your dishwasher to remove all film and odors. More next month...maybe. |
