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**2010 Dates to Remember**

- Oct. 28** Monthly meeting in clubhouse—nomination of 2011 officers
- Oct. 30** Ghosts, Goblins & Chariots Open Show hosted by AAECM at the Busted Wrench Garage (Hwy 49 & 29th Street in Gulfport, MS) rain or shine
- Nov. 6** ADK Show in Robertsdale, AL—no details
- Nov. 13** Fountain of Life Church (Saraland, AL) Car Show—no further info
- Nov. 13** Dauphin way Baptist Church (I-65 & Dauphin St) Fall Open Car Show  
Registration form at [dwbc.org](http://dwbc.org) or call Gene Looney (251)666-1290
- Nov. 11** Mobile Veteran's Day Parade—DON'T MISS IT!
- Nov. 20** Tentative date for DSR November club meeting/Thanksgiving Dinner  
More info at the Oct. 28th meeting

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

**To put a smile in your day**

Two California Highway Patrol Offices were conducting speeding enforcement on I-15, just north of the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar. One of the offices was using a hand-held radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching the crest of a hill. The officers were suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 mph. The officer attempted to reset the gun but it would not reset, then turned off.

Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had, in fact, locked onto a USMC F/A-18 Hornet that was engaged in a low-flying exercise near the location.

Back at the CHP HQ, the Patrol Captain fired off a complaint to the USMC Base Commander: The reply came back in true USMC style:

“Thank you for your letter. We can now complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it, which is why it shut down.

Furthermore, an air-to-ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had also automatically locked onto your equipment location.

Fortunately, the Marine pilot flying the Hornet recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile system alert status and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched to destroy the hostile radar position. The pilot also suggests you cover your mouths when cursing at them, since the video systems on these jets are very high tech.

Sergeant Johnson, the officer holding the radar gun, should get his dentist to check his left rear molar. It appears the filling is loose. Also the snap is broken on his holster.

Thank you for your concern.

Semper Fi



## DSR road trip to Busted Wrench Garage & Museum

By Dick Cashdollar

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, was a beautiful - but HOT - day for a car outing. A great turnout of members gathered at the Henderson Car Museum & Cathedral at the early hour of 8:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts before starting a trip down Memory Lane for Brenda and I, as we used to drive this route in the early '70s from New Orleans to Mobile when I was a single young Coast Guard officer (before I-10) to visit her family while we were still dating. We hadn't been back along this road since getting transferred from New Orleans to Key West, FL in 1974.

It was an uneventful drive - for most. Unfortunately, the 1955 Ford belonging to the Paquets seized up a rear left brake enroute, leaving Buddy and Patt stranded on the roadside in the heat. Several club members stopped to offer assistance. Jim Henderson came to the rescue however...a call back to Henderson Central produced a transport truck which rescued Buddy's car, and permitted the guys to catch up with the Club at the Museum. As always...thanks Jim! You are truly a generous friend.

While the drama of the car rescue was unfolding, the remainder of the Daytrippers gathered at the White Cap Restaurant in Gulfport, MS for a nice lunch before the short drive to the Busted Wrench Museum.

Hats off to John and Dolly Pendergrass..they toughed out the heat in that wonderful, classic '37 yellow Packard convertible without putting the top up! Downside - Dolly forgot and left her handbag on the floorboard (where it had

been from the time they left Mobile) before going into the restaurant. There must have been some of those "unsavory character" types roving the parking lot while we were enjoying lunch that spotted it and made off with the booty. Sadly, her wallet with all the credit cards, etc., was in the purse, which necessitated hours on the telephone later that day and the next to salvage an identity theft before it happened.

I must say that the Museum was somewhat of a letdown...about 25 cars of dubious collector status, mostly in need of serious restoration. There were several gems though; a LS6 Chevelle convertible, a Porsche Speedster and a pretty nice XKE, a great older Porsche 944.

The highlight of the stop for me was the Museum Gift Shop...in the process of being fully stocked for an upcoming Corvette event. Tons of great Corvette stuff. A shopping credit card receipt later, Brenda and I

headed home via I-10. It was a good lesson on the impact of the Interstate system on car travel. The trip to Gulfport via Highway 90 took two hours. The return trip via I-10 Took less than one hour (OK...I pushed the speed limit a bit...the Hummer just wanted to run!.)

Enjoying the day were **2 Bobos, J. Bogle, Brenda and myself, 2 Chaudrons, 2 Dillehays, 2 Fullers, B. Givens, E. Grimes, 2 J. Hendersons, 2 Lyles, 2 Paquets (maybe not as much as other trips), 2 Pendergrass, B. Peterson, 2 Smiths and 2 Thoms.**

I am told multiple pictures are available for viewing on our club's website and in the 2010 scrapbook which will be at the Oct. 28th meeting.



**From the driver's seat**



What a great time of the year it is and has been for the last month for taking our antique vehicles out for a drive or to an event. Can't help but love it.

Crusin' the Coast was approaching pre-Katrina numbers. The crowds were so large on Friday and Saturday, it took hours to drive just a few miles. I actually had someone on foot make it to the Mall area before I did in my car in Biloxi. Despite the crowds, the time spent at CTC was great. I saw a lot of people having a great time, both with their cars while others were just "eyeballing". And there was plenty of eye candy to see.

There have also been some shows in the Mobile area where people were showing their car for good causes. I know we need the rain, but for the sake of the events coming up during the rest of this month and at least part of next, hopefully the dry weather will continue.

If you haven't had an opportunity to get out with your car or truck, I encourage you to do so before the weather changes. But then again, here on the Gulf Coast we think nothing of doing Christmas parades. I understand there is a Region in Alaska that does them in their Model Ts and As. Just goes to show that we can get a little wimpy with mostly warm weather.

It is always a grand occasion when previous members turn up for a DSR meeting. This was especially true when Mrs. Jeanne Dobbs joined us for the September meeting while visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and John Bright. Mrs. Dobbs and her husband, Bill, were members in the late 1970s and early 80s when the club was experiencing growing pains and contributed much to the growth.

Until next time, try to keep it between the lines and I hope to see many of you at the Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

***Thought of the month:*** If you want a different perspective of the Deep South Region, you should plan to be an officer this coming year! From that position, you become more aware of what is going on behind the scenes. There is always someone willing to give assistance and to supply missing pieces of information which only long-time members possess.

I hope experience has taught me a few things so I can help members in the future.

*Steve Goren, President*



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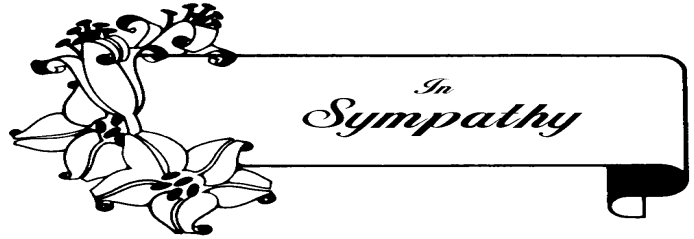
**From the Editor...**

This month, rather than telling you what a great organization we all belong to and why you should pay your dues at the October meeting, I want to take this space and opportunity to recognize all of the men and women who have made it possible for us to have the

freedoms we enjoy on an every day basis. Can you imagine what it would be like to not go about your daily business without having to prove who you are and where you are from? Neither can I.

DSR and all of its members are blessed to have many who have served in various military branches so that we may do as we choose, within the laws of our United States. The club will be participating in the Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> Mobile Veterans' Day Parade which is a way to offer a salute to any and all who have served.

I have chosen to use as this month's Vintage Ad of the Month pictures of past military equipment from WWI, WWII and the Korean Conflict. I am aware of more recent and current military actions but there is a space limitation. God bless all who have served.



DSR members wish to extend our condolences to Tracy Metclaf and family on the death of his mother, Mrs. Willie Mae Weldon Metclaf who would have been 91 in December. "Miss Willie", as she was affectionately referred to, had two sons, Tracy, Jr. and Burt, 7 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren.

In her later years, her greatest joy came from being a member of the First Baptist Church of Hoover, AL. She was one of a group of older, mostly widow-lady church members who could be depended upon for all sorts of church activities. They had a pew that they pretty much commandeered for each service. Unfortunately, with Miss Willie's passing, the membership sitting there now is down to three.

A memorial donation in Mrs. Metclaf's memory will be made when a recipient is selected by the family.



**Vintage Ad**

**WWI Tank**

**of the**



**WWII Jeep**

Photo # NH 96998 Marine pilot mans his F4U, 1950



**Month**

**Korean Air Craft & Crew**

**DSR + IRS = good outcome**

It is good to report that thanks to fine record keeping by our 2007 Treasurer, Judy (Martin) Bobo, and Tracy Metclaf who has handled our books 2008-10, we are 100% square with the Fed Powers That Be and off the hook for any monies other than the fee for a top-notch accountant, Ken Jordan.

Mr. Jordan, who is well versed in filing returns for non-profit organizations (that's us), was brought to the club's attention by Zeno Chaudron who uses him as his personal and business accountant. Our delinquent returns were filed electronically before the Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> deadline thereby eliminating the \$100 penalty. In addition, Mr. Jordan's fee is very nominal.

Sometime prior to May 15, 2011 the club will receive a "Post Card Form" that will require nothing more than filling in the blanks and returning it by the current Treasurer and DSR will continue to be on the high road.

## Second annual Beverly Burton Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Fundraiser

by Buddy Paquet

It was both an honor and a privilege to have been asked for a return appearance to this event. It debuted last year, and although the crowd seemed smaller in the early part of the evening, we hope it continued to grow after we departed the venue.

Just a bit of background info to pave the way for our appearance. Beverly Burton lost her life in a plane crash after giving a speech on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club in Natchez, MS. In an effort to make a lasting contribution to the organization Beverly loved so much, the Burton family became determined to do something that would memorialize her overwhelming dedication the Boys and Girls Clubs forever.

Therefore, the Beverly M. Burton Scholarship Trust was established which is a charitable 501c(3) supporting organization to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Funds raised do not directly support the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama. Instead the Mission of the Trust is to provide scholarships each year to

the Youth of the Year Award recipient (as selected by a committee of the Boys & Girls Clubs) in the states of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. These three states represent the area in which Beverly served while on the National Area Council. With all that said, and I felt it needed to be, it was a totally “unstuffy” evening of attendees showing immense appreciation of our cars while asking questions and offering thanks for the club’s participation in what in club-speak is a community service display.

It was a real hoot when Foy Bobo came driving up in the “Blue Goose” race car sporting a long white coat and goggles. Tail gaiting with lots of ahh-oogas was Walt Fuller decked out in not only a red club shirt but knickers held up with colorful suspenders atop argyle knee socks. Who says DSR can’t put on a show? The Henderson clan had arrived only moments before but had to leave the cars so Jim and grandsons could go watch DSR Junior member and Jim’s granddaughter, Mallory

Henderson’s, last soccer game of the season. Her team won two out of the three games.

DSR members were invited personally by Phillip Burton, Beverly’s son, to come into the ballroom to check out all of the silent auction bid items.- I know a few of our participating members put down their names and some \$\$ amounts on the bid sheets. Two of the big-ticket items were “Game Day with the Saints” that consisted of four 50-yard line tickets to a New Orleans Saints home game, dinner before in a well-known NO restaurant plus an overnight stay in one of the top hotels following the game. The other was four tickets to a University of Alabama home game with dinner and overnight stay plus breakfast on Sunday morning.

We don’t have a final tally on the proceeds from the Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> event as of yet but I am told that as soon as the info is available, we will be put “in the loop”. Those bringing vehicles for display were **F. Bobo, R. Burroughs, 2 Chaudrons, W. Fuller, E. Grimes, J. Henderson, T. Henderson, 2 Paquets, 2 Pendergrass, B. Peterson & guest, R. Sloan, 2**

**Smiths, and 2 Thoms.**

A Thank-You note from coordinator, Ann Davis, says in part...”once again our Sock Hop was a hit with the addition of your beautiful vintage cars. There is nothing like them to get those attending “in the mood” like walking up to the entrance seeing those beautiful vehicles. Bless all of you for donating your time to the cause.”

We spent the two hours, plus or minus a few minutes passing the time very enjoyably visiting with our fellow members and chatting with guests. It was a bit warm when we arrived but as the evening passed, it cooled down making being outdoors just about perfect. For those who couldn’t make it, sorry you missed a really good time.

Our Webmaster Thoms has posted many pictures of the event on our DSR website (<http://local.aaca.org/deepsouth/>) so if you’re not at the meeting to see the scrapbook, get on the web. Herb does a good job but can use members’ help, too.



DSR’s personal chef set up on the patio

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Crusin' the Coast By Herb & Nancy Thoms

You can't write anything about this year's event without commenting on the weather. No way could it have been any better. The only complaint anyone could have had was about the very large and very numerous Dragon Flies. They were huge and everywhere. Rumor has it four of them picked up a street rod and flew off with it – it's still missing.

After setting up the motor home at the Hollywood Casino campground on Monday, we set off to register. (We know more than 4600 vehicles eventually did.) Word quickly came that the lines at the registration site extended for blocks. Since we were heading for the Long Beach parade, we continued on to meet with friends of our son, Steve, who own a small snow cone business and allowed us to park our cars in their parking lot right on the parade route.

They set up a BBQ grill and started cooking sausages, ribs, shrimp and hot dogs – we pigged out. The local TV reported that about 700 cars were lining up for the parade. After watching them go by, we were sure there were more than that.

Tuesday we again headed for the registration site and this time just walked right in – no line, no waiting. From there we went to the Biloxi VA Cruise-in. It was supposed to start at 10 a.m. but many, many people were there before that time which created an overflow of cars at the site. There was a great Elvis impersonator plus all the cars to look at.

The Hollywood Casino has a reduced price buffet for Seniors on Wednesdays and Fridays so we went there for lunch on Wednesday. In addition to saving on the meals, Nancy hit the slots for a small chunk of change – I was not so lucky. However, Lady Luck was sitting with me that night at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Show at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. The Cougar was selected as the "People's Choice".

Thursday we took off for the swap meet. One had to be impressed with what they have done with the Coliseum. Same vendors and pretty much the same stuff, but if you needed something, you probably could find it. We ran into **Clyde Smith** and **Charlie Lyles** strolling along. In the parking lot, riding on the Beach Road and just about everywhere you went were cars with "For Sale" signs. This was true last year, too. I guess it is a sign of the economic times. There was even a hearse for sale. Since we do not have a vehicle appropriate for VIPS to ride in at the Mobile parades, I

thought about taking a look at the hearse. On second thought, probably not the best idea I've ever had.

We spent Friday at the Bay St. Louis venue. It was great that they were able to put it back on Main Street. We found some shade and settled in for most of the day. Dennis Gage, of the TV program "My Classic Car", and his crew walked past us. I called out to him and he gave me a wave, but continued on his way.

The entertainment included a "Tribute to Elvis" which was very good.

We had such a good spot that day, we went back there again on Saturday. Although it was supposed to be hotter, we had a breeze off the water that was wonderful. Unlike the previous day when the area filled up slowly, the word was out and there was little space left when we got there. Just being able to walk down Main Street again was so satisfying and indicative of how much has been done to bring Bay St. Louis back.

Our neighbors in the campground were from Louisiana and big LSU fans. They had friends over and were cooking Cajun. We were invited to join them and had some really good chow. Oh! Dat was some good sausage gumbo!! Quite a change from all the "Street Burgers" we had been eating.

All good things must come to an end, so on Sunday we headed back to Mobile – me driving the Cougar and Nancy following in the motor home towing the Vue. Since deciding against the hearse, we considered trading in our motor home for the one you see here but they wanted too much for it!!



The Cougar purred like a kitten and the 12 year-old motor home had no trouble keeping up. Before we left, we made reservations for next year.

If you've not been to CTC before, you really should put it on your bucket list.

## 2011 Mother's Day Car Show

By Walt Fuller, Chairman

The 2010 Annual Mother's Day Car Show Committee recently met and discussed that show's outcome. I am glad to report we all agreed we had put on a pretty good show. It seemed to be routine from previous years and that all had went well, but we think some changes could be made to improve our 2011 event.

It should be noted at this time we all volunteered for the 2011 show and self-approved ourselves as committee members. This action was approved at the September DSR meeting. With the exception of Scott Henderson, all members from last year are on the 2011 committee (Foy Bobo, Zeno Chaudron, Kevin Crowell, Bobby Peterson and Yours Truly accepted Chairmanship.). Although some members were not able to attend, they can be counted on for the 2011 show.

The new tax requirement for our club has dictated the need for change in some areas for next year. It seems that we should not have anyone performing activities that could be considered employees (i.e. vendors selling food or providing a service that would have to get a 1099 at year end), therefore our overall duties were considered. We are still going to have a super DSR Mother's Day Car Show.

The overall core functions are going to stay the same. The food/drink area was really researched. Final decision is that we are going to run our own refreshment area. We think this will be a success, while presenting a family picnic atmosphere. Members will cook hamburgers/hot dogs and sell refreshments. In years past, many members asked "What can I do to help? It is boring just sitting by my car."

We ask that every member bring a 12-pack of soft drinks beginning with the October meeting. The club should have enough drink inventory on hand for the May, 8, 2011 show date.

The trophies were discussed, especially the number in each class. The committee has not made a decision to reduce the number in each class, but may do so just to create a little more competition. No other changes were made but a couple of special trophies may be considered, such as a "Peoples Choice".

Fliers, banners and dash plaques have already been designed and await release. We will utilize last

year's banner for the show. Publicity will be a major area of concern as we want more than 69 cars next year. Portable potties and the PA system will be the same.

We are happy to announce that it seems Advance Auto Parts will sponsor the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual DSR Mother's Day Car Show in 2011. A proposal has been forward to them for consideration.

I will be happy to answer any questions. Just give me a call (602-1931). I will not be at the October meeting.

## Veterans' Day Parade



DSR has been invited to participate in this event again this year. It is an excellent opportunity for us, not only as a club, but as individuals, to let the area's veterans know how much we appreciate them and what they did for us.

If you missed the September meeting and sign-up, you can do so at the October meeting or by calling Foy Bobo (661-6133). Of course, they do want convertibles, but all other club vehicles are welcome as well.

Get out your flags or any other patriotic decorations you want to put on your vehicle and be at the designated meeting place (and time TBD).

## You might be a car enthusiast if...

- ...you know what citrus hand cleaner tastes like.
- ...you buy kitty litter but don't have a cat.
- ...your garage has more square feet than your house
- ...the Emergency room doctor asks your blood type and you reply "10W40".
- ...you drive with the radio off just to enjoy the sound of your engine.
- ...you've memorize your car's option codes and your customer number with suppliers but can't remember your Social Security number.

## Sonrise Baptist Church Military Benefit Car Show By Dick Cashdollar

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, was a perfect early fall day for the Fifth Annual SBC Military Benefit Car Show. Like past shows, it was held in the parking lot of Baker High School Stadium. A smaller local show, but run by a bunch of really nice people. About 60 cars were entered this year, mostly muscle cars and street rods – so I didn’t think Gertrude (my Model A) had much of a chance for taking home an award.

DSR regulars Herb and Nancy Thoms along with our Prez, Steve Goren, were there as well as Bobby Peterson and Zeno Chaudron representing our club. Lots of food, live music and the Azalea Trail Maids added spice to the show. Also – and really appreciated by all – the awards ceremony was held at 1:00 p.m. instead of holding everybody hostage until 3 p.m. This may have been tempered by college football more than anything else – but the early out was greatly appreciated, as the afternoon was heating up.

I got a real shock at the awards ceremony...Gertie scored her first “hat trick”! #1: Top 20, #2: Best of Class (Roaring ‘20s) and #3: BEST OF SHOW! A really delightful surprise. I understand that both Zeno and Bobby took prizes but don’t know about the Thoms or Steve.



Gertie

Who says cars can’t talk? After the triumph at the awards presentation, Gertie would not start for the trip home! After about 15 minutes of “car show guys” help, a plugged fuel line was cleared and she fired up fine. I swear the car was saying “Don’t get smug...”.

What’s happening to all of our local car shows??? Last October I wrote a clever (At least I thought it was clever) article for the newsletter commenting on the fact that I had been in four car shows that month and had done well in all of them with both of the cars I show – Gertie and my ’95 ‘Vette. This year, only the Sonrise

show for the whole month! Can’t say whether the economy can be blamed for all of this, but something bad is definitely going on. There is some hope for November however, with several new shows being advertised. The Fountain of Life Church Car Show in Saraland is set for Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and the ADK Car Show in Robertsdale on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Guess I’m just lazy – I liked all of the shows here in Mobile. Guess I’ll just have to start driving further.



### DSR member shares license plate info

Club member Ross Sloan was the speaker for our Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, giving a very interesting presentation on early Alabama license plates. He brought his collection of Mobile pre-state license plates which date 1909-10-11 for display. This particular set was acquired “on the run” when Ross was in Huntsville for an insurance seminar and heard about the license plates being in an estate sale which he immediately made arrangements to attend.

He also has the only known collection of Alabama “pairs” (front and rear) license plates which begins with 1912 and goes through 1976.



Ross, an avid collector of nearly anything having to do with license plates, brought several of the miniature license plates that came in boxes of Wheaties cereal in times past that he has assembled into a collection of all 51 states and framed with other pertinent memorabilia. It is another “one-of-a-kind” which he presented to his granddaughter on her sixth birthday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.



## A Motor Romance

Supply the missing word with an auto or part (Prior to 1931)

Alice and her beau one day,  
 went riding in his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Her beau was fat, his name was Frank,  
 and he was somewhat of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It was too bad he wasn't smarter,  
 but he didn't know how to work the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 She showed him how, the little dear,  
 and also how to shift the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Away they went, but something broke,  
 'twas just a measly little \_\_\_\_\_.  
 He fixed it with a piece of wire,  
 then something popped - it was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 'Twas mended soon, but next, ker-plop  
 they struck a branch and smashed the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 "Dear me!" cried Alice, "that's too much!",  
 next something happed to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Then next poor Frank, the unlucky dub,  
 just grazed a rock and smashed a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 They crossed a brook but missed the ford,  
 and quickly sank down to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 "Oh Frank!" cried Alice with a squeal;  
 "I think we're going to lose a \_\_\_\_\_".  
 They climbed a hill and then it was seen,  
 the tank contained no \_\_\_\_\_.  
 They coasted downward toward the lake,  
 but Frankie couldn't work the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 They struck a post a moment later,  
 that almost wrecked the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 So both climbed out, and poor old Frank  
 bought gasoline and filled the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And gathered up from the road and field,  
 the fragments of the broken \_\_\_\_\_.  
 They fixed the engine tight and snug,  
 but had to use a brand new \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Just then he slapped at a pesky mosquito,  
 and dropped a wrench, breaking the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 "Twas useless then to sweat and toil,  
 nothing would run, except the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 They journeyed home with Franking pushing,  
 while Alice sobbed on a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 So poor Frankie's hopes were doomed to blight,  
 and Alice married \_\_\_\_\_.

## Automobile Trivia

1. Who asked Americans "to see the USA in their Chevrolet at the end of a TV show?"
2. What was the first car to use a high beam light indicator?
3. What is IROC?
4. Who was the founder of Firestone?
5. What car company produced the "Henry J"?
6. What country has the most cars per mile of road?
7. What does white foamy oil indicate in an engine?
8. In what years was the two-seater Thunderbird built?
9. Where did Lee Iacocca work before Chrysler?
10. What car of the 1950s featured a step-down floor?
11. When were 4-wheel brakes introduced on the Corvette?
12. If you drove a "Studillac" in the '50s, what was it?
13. Where did the word "KLAXON" com from?
14. Who built the "Boss"?
15. What vehicle did Ransom Olds build after he left Oldsmobile?
16. What did Charles Kettering invent that saved Many a broken wrist of early drivers?

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## *Just for the ladies...remember playing with your Paper Dolls?*

*By Patt Paquet*

Paper dolls first appeared in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. They found a place in the gay atmosphere of royal French society but on the other side of the English Channel, during this time, the proper British printers mixed fun and virtue by printing moral stories on the flat sheets that comprised the dolls. Therefore, these whimsical toys were used in very different ways and were accurate reflections of very different cultures.

Early European paper dolls often depicted state actors and actresses and were intended for use with toy stages.

### **Early American Paper Dolls**

In Pioneer America, paper dolls had a more humble beginning. Here, paper was a prize resource and it was rarely wasted on toys. If children were lucky enough to get paper dolls, they treasured them between the pages of a book or in a carefully guarded box. Later, this changed with the invention of mechanical grinding machines, which became a ready source for pulp paper. As it became less of a luxury, paper dolls were mass produced on inexpensive cardboard and became readily available to children.

Until the development of chromolithography printing, paper dolls were colored by hand. In America, Civil War widows often earned money by embellishing the printed paper dolls, i.e. they would create a series of beautiful brides – “Belles of the South”, “The Belle of the West” and “The Belle of Saratoga”.

Interestingly, the early printed paper doll clothes did not include the tabs for dressing the dolls as was a common feature. Instead, children painstakingly attached the clothes with tiny drops of sealing was. They took care to press gently when attaching the clothes lest they tear the paper doll.

### **Dress fashions for paper dolls**

Early paper dolls were available in various stages of modesty. Some, like the European actors/actresses

came with permanently printed clothes. Others were designed to wear multiple layers of clothes while there were those who had on printed underwear and required only outerwear. By the 1800s, most commercial paper doll clothes featured tabs. Handmade clothes for paper dolls quickly adapted this new, more convenient fashion. Homemade paper wardrobes often rivaled the silken fashions worn by real ladies and gentlemen. Small artists used bits of cloth, lacy Valentines, tissue paper and magazine pictures to create beautiful ball gowns. The children often protected the delicate finery with cardboard support. Young ladies earned spending money by selling such unique creations.



### **Paper dolls in magazines**

At the turn of the Century, department stores discover paper dolls to be an ideal fashion advertisement. Specially designed dolls promoting gowns and new patterns appeared in ladies magazines such as Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, The Woman's Home Companion and McCall's. Today, the paper dolls from these magazines are sought after by collectors.. Additionally, eager newspaper editors began to realize the appeal of these “flimsy whimsys” and began to feature them in newspaper supplements.

### **Celebrity paper dolls**

The century progressed and paper dolls soon began to depict real life celebrities such as Ava Gardner, June Allyson, Tyrone Power, Betty Hutton, Claudette Colbert, Greer Garson, Sonja Henie, Mary Martin, Judy Garland and many others. These are extremely highly sought after by today's paper doll collectors and are among the hardest to find.

Just recently, I read about a collector, although not an avid one, who scours old store that are closing for a find. A few years ago, with her daughter, found a cache of 50 books at, of all places, the LA Airport. She bought all 50 for the original price of 50 cents each!



## AACA DSR General Membership Meeting Sept. 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Steve Goren who offered the invocation and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-four members were present establishing aquorum.

The guest speaker, DSR member Ross Sloan delivered an excellent presentation on Alabama license plates and provided a display of early tags which are believed to be the only ones in existence.

**Old Business:** President Gorum expressed his regret in not being able to attend the Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> day trip to the Busted Wrench Garage due to his Biscayne being down. He also made another plea for members to volunteer to form the Nominating Committee but there was no immediate response. Vice President W. Fuller noted a final meeting of the 2010 Car Show Committee had finally been held. Those members on the 2010 Committee self-appointed themselves to serve as the 2011 Committee with Walt being the Chairman. Acting Secretary John Pendergrass was absent but a motion to approved the minutes of the August meeting was offered, seconded and passed. Treasurer Tracy Metclaf gave an update on the Club's requirement for filing with the IRS of the 2007-08-09 IRS returns. After his review of the situation and some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried that a CPA be retained to handle this very complicated situation. (Shortly after the meeting, a club member contacted Tracy with a name of a CPA skilled in filing non-profit organizations returns. Contact was made but no immediate cost was determined. Hopefully an update will be available at the October meeting. Foy Bobo, Activities Coordinator, reminded everyone of the display on Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Editor, Member-at-Large and Webmaster had no old business.

**New Business:** The President, Vice President and Secretary had no new business. The Treasure presented the current financial statement for members' review which was followed by a motion to accept that was seconded and approved. The Activities Coordination responded that he had no information when a question was posed regarding DSR's participation in the Mobile Veteran's Day Parade. The Former AC will follow up to determine why he'd not received the request. The 2011 Car Show Chairman Walt Fuller asked to be recognized in order to give an overview of plans for the coming year's show. A proposal was given to last year's sponsor, Advance Auto Parts, but a reply is yet to be received. Walt will provide a written report to be put in the Sparkplug so that those who might not be in attendance will be aware of proceedings for 2011.

Prior to the 8:10 p.m. adjournment, our guest, Jeanne Dobbs, mother of Debbie Bright was recognized and Debbie won the 50/50 pot.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patt Paquet

### Answer to Auto Trivia

(1) Dinah Shore (2) Cord 810 (3) The International Race of Champions (4) Harvey Firestone (5) Kaiser Corp. (6) Britain (7) Water in the oil (8) 1955 & 1967 (9) Ford (10) Hudson (11) 1965 (12) A Studebaker with a Cadillac engine (13) From Greek "to shriek" (14) Ford (15) The REO (16) The electric starter



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### Some things to think about

1. How do deer know to cross the road only at those yellow signs?
2. Did you really think drive-in restaurants would catch on except during rainy weather?
3. A bumble bee is considerably faster than your riding lawnmower.

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