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2009 Dates to Remember

May 28 DSR monthly meeting—clubhouse– 7:00 pm

New Date due to rain

June 6 Mobile, AL USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park Operation Iraqi/Enduring Freedom Memorial Fund Cruise-In. Dash Plaques to all participants, food & drinks available on site. 3 Awards given by the Battleship Staff. Door Prizes, \$10 donation per vehicle and ALL money raised will be given to the Iraqi/Enduring Freedom Memorial Fund. Memorial to be built on the Battleship Park site. Hosted by the Gear Jammers Car Club of Baldwin County. Information: Bob Schoolcraft 251 945-1227 or 251 508-1790 email bobnoleta@gulftel.com

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June 25 DSR monthly meeting—clubhouse

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26th Annual Mother's Day Car Show

By Dick Cashdollar

A record crowd of 88 vehicles registered on Saturday, May 9th, to participate in the unofficial end of the 2009 spring car show season. By 7:30 a.m. the grounds at the clubhouse were already filling up as the clever "early birds" rolled in to claim the best of the shady spots. Their efforts were rewarded; the day turned out to be a high humidity scorcher that had a lot of folks doing repeated tours of the silent auction inside the building to take advantage of the air conditioning.

Hard work by Scott Henderson, Chairman, and our DSR President Steve Goren plus a host of other members to get out over a thousand advertising flyers paid off with a great turnout. There were quite a few "new" cars never before seen in the Mobile car show circuit. The word seems to have spread beyond those entering vehicles in the show as well – the crowd of show spectators also seemed much larger this year.

This was the third year of DSR's partnership with the Friends of the Mobile Animal Shelter (FOMAS). This joint venture is showing all the signs of becoming a fixture of the show for the foreseeable future. It clearly benefits both entities. FOMAS has added a pet adoption, vendors and a bigger silent auction each year to the program – real attractions that add variety to the entertainment value of the show, and which also helps in raising money. In the end, the show has become a substantial revenue generator for both organizations – the best kind of partnership.

The judging categories were expanded this year in the club's continuing efforts to be fair and inclusive of all the diverse categories of machines that open car shows draw. The inventory and the quality of the trophies awarded at this show is clearly the gold standard for Mobile car shows – no other local show even comes close. This fact is becoming widely known in the circle of car folks and is certainly one reason for the steady building of attendance at this event.



DSR workers assisting competitors with entries

DSR members were out in force, with the Henderson clan entering their usual array of vehicles. The Bobos also had multiple entries and the regulars – the Gorens, Bob Gechjian, Yours Truly and others were also present with our single entries. Bob G's 1958 'Vette was the DSR car attracting the most trophies earning a Top 10 in category and two of the really nice "Best of" trophies. I lost count of the number of trophies the Henderson collection got but it's evident Jim will soon need to add a bump-out trophy room to his new car museum.



FOMAS volunteers ready and waiting to help silent auction attendees

With yet another successful show completed, thoughts naturally turn towards next year – and the pursuit of that still-unattained goal of 100 registered entries. Given the steady growth we've seen, perhaps Mother's Day 2010 will be the year that DSR finally achieves that long-sought goal.

The 2009 Car Show Committee will be holding a meeting to critique this year's event to see how it can be improved for 2010. See about this on Page 2 in this newsletter. More pictures are on the DSR website at <http://local.aaca.org/deepsouth/>



From the driver's seat



Another Mother's Day Car Show is in the books. I feel that even before the total dollars

have been calculated from the registration and silent auction, the show can be viewed as a great success. The reason for this is not only measured in numbers or dollars, but in teamwork and effort. So many people came together to contribute their time and talents to make this show run so well. I can't thank all of you enough who contributed so willingly.

Teamwork is important in keeping the club moving forward. As we go through the rest of this year, let's remember to support other clubs so they will, in turn, support us. Continuing to cooperate as we did this year and turning out in numbers at other club's functions will help us reach that 100 car mark we are so close to.

Thanks again for all the hard work so many of you stepped forward to do. You are all winners in my book.

Steve Goren, President

Put your two cents in

The 2009 Car Show Committee did an outstanding job on this year's DSR/FOMAS Car Show. This group of fellows also figured out that you can never plan too early for next year.

They have asked that DSR members who attended the May 9th show and have suggestions for improving the event next year to please put those suggestions in writing and give them to Scott, Steve, Kevin or Walt at or before the May 28th meeting. If for some reason you can't make it to the meeting, E-mail your response to dsr951@bellsouth.net with a title of 2010 Car Show Improvements.

Quote of the month: The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.



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From the editor...

“Teamwork” is a word that has been used a lot in the last few months around the DSR. I really like that word and would like to point out that our monthly bulletin is a team effort. I want to thank those who are willing to put together a story concerning events which DSR is a part of.

Regulars are Dick Cashdollar, Charlie Froehlich and Herb Thoms. Other good storytellers are Foy Bobo, Walt Fuller, Ed McCusker and Ross Sloan. Earlier in the year, John Bogle told a great story about his 1937 Ford. There are more of you out there; you just haven't let it be known yet.

All of this is said in order to encourage and keep the stories and articles coming in. I am happy to take care of the Feature Article each month but there is a lot more to an enjoyable newsletter than just that. Now that car show season is starting to fade, without your input, the newsletter will get skimpy. Besides, your fellow members are interested in your adventures with your favorite ride.

Don't worry about spelling or grammar. There are a couple of buttons on the computer to solve those problems.

Some important “you auto know”

Our President is working on a list of businesses or supplier/vendors that our members can feel comfortable using when parts or repair work is need for their vintage vehicles.

If you have had a good experience with a place or supplier, and would feel comfortable give a recommendation to your fellow hobbyists, please feel free to do so. Write down the name, type of supplies or work, the address and phone/fax numbers. Give this to Steve at your earliest opportunity.

Sharing this kind of information is just one of the advantages of belonging to DSR. Now days, it's critical that you know who you are dealing with and what you can expect.

Meet DSR's new members

Zeno Chaudron came to Mobile at the ripe age of 17 months as a military brat after having been born in Limestone, ME. He was bitten by the car bug about 35 years ago when he saw an ad in the newspaper for a 1969 Camaro Z-28. Long story short, he saw it, he got it and considers himself the second owner since the original second owner kept it for only two weeks. It was a stand-out while Zeno was a student at Theodore High School in the 1970s. He is good friends with DSR member Bobby Peterson who persuaded him to join AACA/DSR.

In 1974, a young lady from Choctaw County moved to Mobile and settled across the street from Zeno. Time passed and they soon realized they were mutually interested in each other and will be married 34 years November 2009. Zeno has been in the automotive parts and machine shop business since 1972. You can see his business card on Page 7. Rheba is a nurse with Vision-America. They have one son, Trey, (III). Trey and his wife, Evelyn, have two children, Zeno Blaize (4 years) and Calleige Faye (21 months).

When they're not working, Zeno enjoys cooking and tinkering with his two cars while Rheba goes for more sedate things like sewing, reading and working in their yard. Rheba also helps Zeno with anything that he needs to do on either car. They both enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and vacationing in Tacoma, WA with Rheba's brother and family. Rheba loves the area for the country, and Zeno for the muscle car dealership.

A 1969 Chevy Camaro X-28 and a 1972 Nova SS call the Chadron garage home.



The Chaudrons with their Camaro and the Nova race car which runs the Irvington & Montgomery drag strip tracks

Showin' – not singin' – in the rain...
Old South Antique Auto Club's 47th annual car show
 By Dick Cashdollar

As one of the oldest continuous car shows in Mobile, the Old South show, held at the Abba Shrine Center, is one eagerly anticipated by Those Addicted to the car show circuit. One of the fun aspects of this show in addition to the cars is that it is held in conjunction with the Abba Shrine Antiques Show. Registration for the show gets you admitted to the antiques show and its dozens of diverse vendor displays, which are always fun to browse. I've yet to get through this show with-out finding at last one small treasure that I absolutely had to buy. In addition to the antiques, the kitchen in the Shrine is always open so we had the benefit of a full lunch menu and a nice air-conditioned place to eat as well.

Those of us planning on attending closely watched a very "iffy" weather prediction for days in advance of the Saturday, April 18th, show date. Weather predictions a week in advance indicated 30% probability of rain, with worse weather rolling in during the afternoon. On Friday, however the forecast improved significantly, with the probability of rain lowered to only 10%. The "GO" decision was made.

Saturday morning produced a surprise though. That weather report had downgraded significantly to 50% probability of rain with some frontal activity showing up on the radar. Since it was not raining when I opened the garage door, I decided to tempt fate and headed Westward in my Model A for an

uncertain day. My resolve faltered, however, when a light rain started to fall even before Gertrude ("Gertie for short my Model A) and I arrived at the show. By the time I reached the Abba Shrine Center at about 8: 15 A.M., the light rain had increased to the point where it made no sense to start prepping the car. Several other intrepid souls and I put up our tops and retired to the antiques show to (hopefully) await improving weather. Luck

was with us and with Old South for by 9:00 A.M the rain had stopped. While it threatened to start again several times during the day, it never did.

There was considerable concern that the early rain would have a serious effect on attendance, but that fear proved groundless. Most folks just waited out the rain and showed up a little later than usual. In total, about 85 cars registered.

DSR participation was light, with only four vehicles. DSR members Don Dillehay, Jim Henderson and Bob Gchijian who was still recovering from back surgery Were amongst the show spectators.

We members did pretty well in the judging with Steve and Cathy Goren winning Top 40 plaques for both their cars. Jim's grandson, Ramsey Burrough's 1952 Ford black and red pickup also won a Top 40 plaque. Gertie had an outstanding day. A first-ever perfect 100-point judging sheet, resulting in a Top 40 plaque and a nice Best of Show Pre-War trophy. The old girl just keeps getting better and better.



The Goren's '96 'Vette & 1958 Biscayne



Congratulations to D. Cashdollar on making a clean sweep of the trophies

Alabama, the beautiful, and Dixie Region AACA host 2009 Southeastern Divisional Tour

By Charlie Froehlich

This event was presented by the Dixie Region AACA in Birmingham, Alabama April 15-19. L.A. (lower Alabama) and LA (Louisiana) were both well represented. If you allow us to do so, Ardie and I can say we represented both locations. At any rate, L.A. was represented by the Fullers, Preselys, Standleys, Thompsons, Chastang & Miller as well as ourselves. LA was represented by seven couples plus a couple of other people. So, I say congratulations to all from the south who participated in this fine tour.

Before going into tour specifics, let's look at the facilities. How about a hotel that not only serves a complimentary multi-course hot breakfast but also an open refreshment hour in the evening? Add to that the hospitality room run by the Dixie Region with plenty of snacks, the daily coffee stops and then the bountiful meals and you easily end of with a 10 pound tour. Oh well, we will have to diet this week.

Touring began in earnest on Thursday morning with a drive to the Barber Vintage Motorsport Museum. We were advised to arrive before their usual opening time for a "behind-the-scenes"

tour of the Lotus race car collection not open to the general public. Then at museum opening time we were able to visit the largest motorcycle collection in the world. All of this happened while Ford Mustangs were running laps on the road course – the 45th anniversary of Mustangs was being held at the Barber complex. A visit to the new Bass Pro Shop was followed by lunch at a church. After lunch, professor Dr. Leah Atkins addressed the group with an interesting history lesson concerning the Birmingham area. She really set the scene for what we were going to see the next day. We then proceeded to the beautiful Aldridge Botanical Gardens for the final tour stop of the day. However, the return to the hotel did not end the day as that evening Steve Rinaldo gave a presentation about the 1909 New York to Paris Great Race.

Friday was another beautiful touring day. After a coffee stop we headed on to Tannehill Historical State Park. Tannehill pretty well covers all of the 1800s life of

the early settlers. It includes a cotton gin, gristmill, cabins, etc., from the early days. But the most interesting part to me was the Iron and Steel Museum as well as the restored massive stone furnaces of the early iron industry. Most of us know that iron and steel was made in Birmingham, but here we were able to see how it actually started. To say the least, it was impressive. After absorbing all the history we could stand, it was on to another fine lunch. Then we traveled to Vulcan Park on Red Mountain overlooking downtown Birmingham. At the top of Red Mountain, high on top of a pedestal, is the Vulcan statue. Vulcan is the world's largest cast iron statue and is over 100 years old. He was built for the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and was eventually retired to

this spot. A climb up the 159 stair steps, or a ride up the elevator, to the top of Vulcan's pedestal really provided a great view of the city in all directions. Then it was back to the hotel for another calorie infusion.

The final touring day, Saturday, was a tour of collections. First we visited the Ron and Liz Moore Antique Automobile Collection and enjoyed a

coffee break. This is a really fantastic group of fine cars ranging from Model As to V-16 Cadillacs. Many of the vehicles have received AACA Senior, Grand National and Senior Grand National awards as well as other prominent recognition. If you ever have a chance to visit this location, be sure to do so. From the Moore's we traveled to a different type of collection, the Southern Museum of Flight. This museum covers flight from the earliest days to modern jets. I am sure everyone had their own special favorite, but I was drawn to the "Lake Murray" B-25 WWII bomber. This airplane was recovered from a South Carolina lake about 60 years after it was lost on a training mission. It will not be restored but will be maintained in an "as found" condition. This plane interested me in that I have a friend who has told me stories about flying a surplus B-25 in Alaska in the 1970s.

Our final collection, and also a great bar-b-que lunch, was at Old Car Heaven. This place has over (> Page 6)



Vintage vehicles can turn a parking lot into a thing of beauty

DSR member tapped for MAFCA

By Nosey Norma

My spy tells me the Fullers recently took a trip to Dallas, TX and would you believe they were invited to a surprise birthday party for Mr. Goodwrench? Yes, the surprise actually happened as he was caught with his work clothes as he approached the garage door. Then the party really began shortly after he greeted everyone and got into party dress. Needless to say, it was a party!

As luck would have it, the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) was having an Open Quarterly Meeting in Dallas. The Fullers were able to attend and Walt was instrumental in getting some very important policy matters completed. You know he always has an opinion on important matters. There was lots of arm twisting going on and it is a possibility Walt was persuaded to run for the MAFCA National Board of Directors.. You know how much he likes Model A Fords.

Now for the really good stuff. Members of the Model A Ford Foundation have drafted him as a Trustee. This organization is also dedicated to the preservations of the Model A Ford. This is yet another way to support our great hobby.

SE Div Tour concluded

200 collectible cars, heavy in Mopars but also including most other makes. These vary from restored to unrestored cars of interesting body styles. Many people spent a lot of time looking at these cars as about half of the collection is going up for a No Reserve Auction in June. "No reserve" means they will be sold regardless of the high bid. This could be a good opportunity to acquire an interesting vehicle. After Old Car Heaven, we drove back to the host hotel. The day, and the tour, concluded with an evening banquet. At the banquet, Alice Ramsey (aka Sally Barnett) spoke about her 1908 transcontinental trip and the reenactment that will occur this summer.

This concludes my story of what happened at this Divisional Tour. But there is a sidelight to all of this. For years, I've traveled through Birmingham on the highways, maybe stopped for a meal or maybe spent the night in a motel. But I had never seen Birmingham. On the tour, we traveled some beautiful streets, saw fantastic residential areas, viewed beautiful vegetation and learned some interesting history. What we saw was nothing like driving through on the Interstates. And this is the beauty of going on organized tours. You will see things that you would never find on your own. I urge all who read this drivel to think about what you are missing. Get out and drive your antique, classic, collectible or whatever on a tour and enjoy our great country.

2009 Corporal Chris Mason Memorial Car Show

By Herb Thoms

The Baker High School football stadium parking lot was the perfect venue on Saturday, 2 May 2009, for the second Corporal Chris Mason Car Show. Cpl. Mason, a native of Mobile, was killed in Iraq on 28 November 2006. The purpose of the show is to raise money for the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund. The fund "honors the bravery and dedication exhibited by Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships to their children". (<http://www.freedomalliance.org/>) It was a follow up to the cruise in and cemetery ceremony held last year in memory of Chris.

The choice of Baker HS as the location was an excellent one. There was plenty of blacktop, a concession stand and large, clean restrooms. Adding to the show were the 95 KSJ Music & Sound Truck plus live entertainment. The colors were presented by the Baker HS Junior ROTC color guard and a ceremonial laying of a wreath. In addition to the usual 50/50 drawing, an autographed copy of Oliver North's book was auctioned off. Participants also received a very well done T-shirt.

DSR participants included the Goren's corvette, two Musgrove cars and the Thoms' Cougar. Former DSR member Eddie Anderson was on hand with his beautiful Mustang.



The remembrance was very nice but, fortunately, not as emotionally difficult as last year.

Gordon Oaks Spring Fest By Herb Thoms

Their wheels may turn a lot slower now; after all, they are the wheels on walkers, wheelchairs and scooters. But they love to look at the cars of their past. With DSR providing six cars as a part of Gordon Oaks April 24th Spring Fest, many of the residents were able to glimpse a part of earlier times.

Participating DSR members included Jim Henderson with three vehicles – his 1929 Model A Shay, a burgundy and gray 1953 Chevy pickup and the 1964 1/2 Mustang convertible. The latter was driven to Gordon Oaks by Sarah Sells, with Bert riding shotgun, who admitted she spent the previous evening practicing how she would wave to those she passed on her way to the display. Herb and Nancy Thoms were there in their 1968 Mercury Cougar, as was Lycyle Crowdus with her '65 Mustang rag top. But as far as the residents of Gordon Oaks were concerned, the star of the day was John and Dolly Pendergrass' 1937 Packard. It was variously described as a Rolls Royce, a Cadillac, a Buick and yes, even as a Packard.



L to R, D. Pendergrass, J. Henderson, H. & N. Thoms and L. Crowdus

Gordon Oaks put on quite an event for the residents and their guests. Many subjects of interests to seniors were presented in various workshops, including a "Virtual Dementia Tour" (which we all chose not to take). It was at this point I remembered someone at the meeting a few days before asking if we were being compensated for our display to which the answer was no. Jim Henderson asked why those providing cars couldn't at least get a few free nights, turning the meeting into hysterics.

Inside the complex were a variety of games, arts and crafts, a bake sale, food and more. DSR members,

were treated to hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings to recognize our support of the event.

Our vehicles were parked in the circular drive at the entrance to the main building. There was a constant flow of the residents and their guests coming by complimenting us and remembering when they had one like *this* one or so-and-so had one just like *that* one. The area was shaded so we were able to be there to answer their questions.

Jim Henderson provided us with magnetic signs to all would know it was the Deep South Region providing the vehicles. He also shared with us a unique magnetic sign he had made to warn those who might be tempted to touch our babies. He made it a point to indicate the signs did not apply to the current venue.

All in all, it was a day with great weather, a wonderful locations and very appreciative spectators.



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DSR adds to sock hop nostalgia

By Herb Thoms

Our club's members enjoy displaying their cars any time, but they especially love doing it for a good cause. On Thursday night, May 7th, there were seven beauties from the 1950-1960s on display at the Mobile Country Club.

The occasion was to support a fundraiser for the Beverly Burton Scholarship Trust, a supporting organization of Boys & Girls Clubs in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Each year the Trust provides \$10,000 scholarships to recipients in those states who have been recognized for their outstanding commitment to their community, church, family and their club. (See more at www-beverlyburtontrust.org). Mrs. Burton was active with the B & G Clubs for over 25 years prior to her death in an airplane crash in January 2006 returning from a speaking engagement.

Surely none of the attendees, most dressed for the occasion in their best 50's and 60's styles, could have missed us since we were strategically placed along the curved drive at the main entrance to the MCC. Those coming and going stopped to admire the cars and chat. Some of them remembered having similar ones themselves.

We were all invited in to see the period decorations and enjoy the evening's menu of mini-burgers, hotdogs and sausages plus other culinary treats prepared by a club chef.

Participants could not have asked for more pleasant weather or a more appreciative audience. Furnishing cars were L. Crowds, S. Goren, T. Henderson, 2 Paquets, R. Sloan (complete with tobacco products rolled up in his T-shirt sleeves), 2 Smiths, 2 Thoms plus friends of Travis, Garrett Austin and Sara Bolin,



Steve & Beverly's Mother-in-law, Jane Burton

driving Jim's '57 Chevy.

I am told the organizer of the event had an anonymous donor who contributed a very substantial amount of money. Her personal goal was to match that amount. She not only matched, but exceeded the goal so there will be a sizable number of young men and women receiving scholarships this year.

As always, go to our website

at <http://local.aca.org/deepsouth/> to see more pictures.

More DSR sock-hopping

By Cathy Goren

I was introduced to Linda Goodson, a fellow teacher whom I'd not previously met, at the May 9th car show



when she stopped at the Registration Table to see about getting a 50-60s car to be displayed on the following Friday night at Phillips Preparatory School for their Fifties Dance.

Steve, myself and my friend, Carole Bolt took the '58 Chevy for photo ops for the kids. Ms. Goodson had told them only that there would be a "surprise" for pictures. The kids were really excited when they saw the Chevy, parked in front of the school, right near the entrance to the dance. Of course, the parents had to get the kid's pictures, posing with the car. We put on the drive-in tray and speakers for added pizzazz. The gymnasium was decorated in 1950-60s style and looked spectacular. We tried as best we could to dress the part, with rolled up jeans and saddle shoes, but unfortunately, no poodle skirts.

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**Deep South Region, AACA
General Membership Meeting April 23, 2009**

Call to order/Invocation/Pledge: In the absence of the President and Vice President, Treasurer Tracy Metclaf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kevin Crowell gave the invocation.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Secretary: Acting Secretary Herb Thoms asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made by Scott Henderson, seconded by Paul Dagenais and unanimously approved.

Treasurer: Tracy Metclaf asked for a motion to approved the financial report. Motion was made by Charlie Lyles, seconded by Kevin Crowell and unanimously approved.

- Activities: The members listened to a request from Billie Blackwell, Greater Gulf Coast Fair manager, for the club provide up to 20 cars at the Fair on Oct. 31. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this as a club activity.
- The members also voted to support National Nursing Week with cars at Gordon Oaks on May 15th.

Car show chairman: Scott Henderson brought up several points regarding the May show. All is going well. Anchor sponsor has been secured, as has a food vendor. New flyers and posters were given to several members for distribution at events and placement in appropriated locations. Scott also asked members to donate items for the silent auction.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Crowell, seconded by Scott Henderson and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Herb Thoms, Secretary Pro Tem



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