

2007 Dates to Remember

- July 26** **MONTHLY MEETING IN THE CLUBHOUSE with a FREE Salad Supper starting at 6:00 PM followed by guest speaker**
- Aug 18** **DSR Garage Tour – See page 8 for complete details
Lunch reservation form below at bottom of page**
- Aug 23** **Monthly meeting in the clubhouse 7 o'clock**
Aug. 23-25 ***AACA Central Fall Meet – Moline, IL***
- Sept 1** **“It’s All About Kids” Car Show benefiting 2 girls with cancer, 1 AL and 1 in MS ~ Pre-registration \$20 first vehicle/\$15 second
Pre-registration deadline Aug. 8th ~ DOS registration \$25 first Vehicle & \$20 second. Proof of insurance required. Location Same as last year (Theodore Middle School) Info: (251)661- 5017**
- Sept 6-8** ***AACA Western Fall Meet – Canyon, TX***
- Sept 22** **Brewton Lion’s Club Car Show in downtown Brewton. Flag Ceremony 9 AM, awards 3 PM. Top 40 and 15 “Best of” awards
More Info: (251) 867-4781**
- Oct. 1-7** **CRUSIN’ the COAST !**
Oct. 10-13 **HERSHEY !!**

Deep South Region’s Garage Tour Reservation Form

The DSR garage tour will be August 18, 2007 starting at the clubhouse at 8:30 am with coffee and donuts. We will tour four garages of DSR members. There will be a catered sandwich buffet with roast beef, smoked ham, turkey and chicken salad w/ lettuce and tomato, potato salad and chips, ice tea and cookies at a cost of \$8.95 pp.

Pre-paid reservations are required by August 15, 2007. Mail to Paquet 4963 Freeway Lane Mobile, AL 36619

Name _____ Number of Persons _____ Amount paid _____



The Sparkplug



Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Newsletter Vol. 41 No. 7 July 2007

A day in the park for "Gucci" By Herb Thoms

No, it was not a chance to buy Gucci products at reduced prices, or even to buy Gucci knock-offs. It was a day to raise funds for the most famous dog in Mobile and probably the state of Alabama

In 1994, when Gucci was a puppy, teenagers set him on fire. Doug James, came to his rescue and has been taking care of Gucci since then.



Gucci makes an appearance

Doug now needs help in raising funds to pay for procedures to relieve painful paralysis resulting from a pinched nerve in Gucci's neck. The Friends of the Mobile Animal Shelter helped set up Gucci Day as part of a fund raising effort. Diane Roberts and two very able assistants spearheaded this event.

DSR volunteered to participate in the day's activities by displaying vintage automobiles to stimulate additional interest. In addition to the cars, there was entertainment provided by Mike Fulford,



Cashdollar Model A

Ford Model A Roadster with a newly installed sparkplug (?) whistle, Paul Dagenais & Tracy Metclaf with their 1964 Mercury Comet Caliente Convertible with troubling light problems, Walt & Martha Fuller in their 1929 Ford Model A Roadster that had a VERY HOT SEAT, Steve Goren with his 1958 Chevy Biscayne that



now has a lot bigger garage to live in as of 6/30/07 Ed & Barbara McCusker in their '31 Chev-



Three beauties lined up for inspection

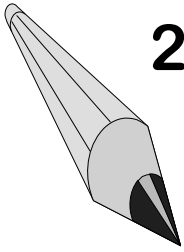
rolet Sedan that has true-to-the-period bud vases in the back seating area. Also Buddy & Patt Paquet with their 1963 Buick Convertible that wishes it had its air conditioning working, Herb & Nancy Thoms in their '68 Mercury Cougar (GRR), and Richard & Sylvia White in their '69 lemon sunshine yellow (never use the words "lemon" and "car" in the same sentence) Vette. Unfortunately, they had to load and leave in a hurry following a phone call from their alarm company alerting them their home/garage alarms were going off. We'll let them tell us the rest of the story.

Despite it being a very hot day, it was a worthwhile activity. Those who were on hand enjoyed the music and camaraderie. According to Ms. Roberts, they raised \$727.26 despite a low traffic flow and very little pre-event publicity. She stated they had multiple pledges so a final total is yet unknown.

One thing that stood out and attracted a lot of attention was a small size modern pick-up with a sign on the front stating "Son in Service" with a large



American flag banner over the hood and a placard inviting people to put a message and/or just sign their name. Several of our members put their messages on it. It was reminiscent of something called a "Service Flag" which was a banner with a deep blue star for each living family member who was in the military and a gold star for those who had died in the military that hung in the window of the family residence. It started in WWI continued through WWII.



2 the point

Well, it seems the summer “dog days” are really upon us. Now is the time of year we pay for those mild winters!

Speaking of dogs...thanks to those who came out in support of Gucci Day at Municipal Park. A worthy cause for a dog that literally changed the animal cruelty laws in our state.

We have an interesting outing coming up in August – our first progressive garage tour. Sounds like a lot of fun. Please join your fellow members and help keep participation in club outings high. While “eating” events are fun – we really are a CAR CLUB! Let’s keep focused on that. More details are included in this newsletter so fill out the form and mail it as indicated. You will be glad you did.

The dash plaques for the May car show have finally been produced. I found a vendor in Indiana on the internet who did 85 3” x 4” plaques for us for less than \$1.50 each, threw in some free extras and didn’t charge shipping. I am very pleased with his product and hope to get them in the mail with a form letter to all show participants ASAP. If you were a show participant you can get yours at the July 26th meeting.

A “Salad Supper”, starting at 6:00 PM, has been arranged in conjunction with the July meeting along with an interesting speaker.

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Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the attic, basement or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store some of *their* stuff there!

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Make your next vacation an old car tour

By Patt Paquet

Can you think of anyone who doesn't want to get the most "bang for their buck" while having a really good time? An easy way to do both is take advantage of old car tours whether it is AACA or another vehicle club. I can't speak to any other than AACA or their spin-offs such as Regional/Chapter mini-tours but I can tell you the aforementioned are fun, relatively inexpensive, kid-friendly, and educational plus becoming increasingly popular.

The Antique Automobile Club of America has six types of tours offering something for nearly everyone. The five National Tours are vehicle-year specific, while Divisional Tours usually are open to any vehicle 25 years or older.

The *Reliability Tour* is held on even numbered years and is for brass era vehicles built in 1915 or earlier. It began in the mid-1960's to compliment the Glidden Tour® and test the reliability of earlier vehicles, hence, the name. The 2008 event will be in Chattanooga, TN during Sept 8-12.

The *Revival AAA Glidden Tour*® is sponsored in alternating years by AACA and the Veteran Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA). AACA hosts it odd-numbered years and VMCCA is the host in even-numbered years. This is the most prestigious of all antique automobile tours in the nation. Originally held annually from 1904 until 1913, it has been recreated by a number of hosts in different parts of the country. ***In 2006 AACA and VMCCA jointly agreed to permit vehicles manufactured in 1942 or earlier to participate in the tour.*** This year it will be held Sept. 9-14 in Gettysburg, PA.

The *Founders Tour* is sponsored annually for all vehicles (except race vehicles) manufactured 1936 through 25 years prior to the tour year (i.e. as if in 2007 it would be a 1982 model). This year's tour was held in western Vermont and you can read all about how much fun four DSR members had participating in it further on in this newsletter.

The *Vintage Tour* is held during odd-numbered years and is designed for vehicles built in 1927 or earlier. It was designed to provide additional touring opportunities for the earlier models. This tour is going on in Fredrick, MD as you read this newsletter.

The latest addition to AACA National Tours is the *Sentimental Tour*. After two prototype tours, the first

National Sentimental Tour was held in 2004. This tour is offered on even-numbered years and is for 1928 through 1958 vehicles. The third National Sentimental Tour will be held June 2-6, 2008 in Burlington, NC.

Last, but certainly not least, and one of the most fun, are the AACA Divisional Tours. There are two each year; the Eastern and Central may be offered in even-numbered years, while the Southeastern and Western can be during odd-numbered years. These are shorter than the National Tours which are traditionally five days. The hosting Region is free to decide which vehicles may participate as long as they are 25 years or older prior to the tour year. The Western Divisional Tour is coming up Sept. 24-27 in Sonoma, CA. This year it will be a huge hit with all the wine lovers in our AACA family. The Southeastern Divisional Tour will be Nov. 11-14 this year in and around Tallahassee, FL. As a less structured, shorter duration and less expensive event, these tours offer an ideal way to find out if you would enjoy this part of the old car hobby.

Finally, there are the Regional/Chapter tours that are put together mainly for the benefit of their members. I have to say that some of the best I've ever been on were those over in Louisiana. The groups that put on the tours in this beautiful state can find something interesting to show you in the middle of a sugar cane field with nothing else around! DSR has had multiple week-long tours in years past as well as some shorter ones. Helen, Georgia ; Murfreesboro, TN; Meridian, MS; Morganfield, KY; and Hot Springs, AR for the longer ones. We've had several overnights to places such as Monroeville and Northport AL and Springhill, TN as well as others.

We have members in various other marque clubs such as the Mobile Mustang Club, the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club and the Ford Model A Club. I don't know about the local Mustang Club but both the MCMC and the Gulf Coast Model A Club members do enjoy touring and driving their cars. You can read an account of a big Model A Tour enjoyed by two of our members on Page four.

Summertime in our area can be unbearable for those without AC but early spring and mid to late fall is an ideal time in the South. Maybe we should start thinking about a mini tour for DSR in the early spring of next year.

2007 Founders Tour

By Charlie Froehlich

This year's Founder's Tour in Vermont was attended by two DSR couples, the Musgroves and the Froehlichs. In a somewhat unusual start for a National tour, a pre-tour visit to Hemmings Motor News in Bennington, VT was arranged. It was purely optional, but it seemed most of the participants elected this option. After all, who wouldn't want to visit the home of Hemmings Motor News? This visit occurred on a Saturday so the office building wasn't open but we did view the auto collection and the Hemmings-operated full service gas station. When did you last have someone pump your gasoline, clean the windshield, check the tires, etc? And this was all done at the same price as the nearby self service stations. We left Hemmings and drove northward to Burlington where the hub tour was headquartered. Another optional stop on the way to Burlington was a visit to Hildene, the former home of Robert Todd Lincoln.

Activities in Burlington started on Sunday, June 3rd with visits to the Shelburne Museum and Vermont Teddy Bear. It did not take long to see how Teddy Bears are made, but the Shelburne Museum held our interest for most of the day. It is spread over 45 acres and contains a diverse collection of items related to northern New England life. Among the more interesting to us car geeks were a depot with a private railroad car and an engine plus the side-wheeler steamship Ticonderoga which had been moved two miles inland on an especially constructed railroad. Also, there was a huge collection of horse drawn carriages and wagons plus about 35 more buildings, collections, etc. That evening, the opening banquet was held aboard a cruise ship on crystal clear Lake Champlain.

On all days of the tour, rain was threatening. On Monday the forecast was for 100% chance of showers. Well, it did rain before we left the hotel and it rained after we got back. But the tour itself was conducted under cool, cloudy skies. Our tours for the day included a large marketplace, the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Crown Point, NY and the University of Vermont's Morgan Horse Farm. Good stops all.

Tuesday we visited a very interesting open pit granite mine. We had a tour guide with us who explained how the granite blocks were cut out then raised to the surface. We were then able to visit the shop where the blocks are cut into slabs for sale as raw materials or are made into finished monuments. With this history, we were then taken to a cemetery where we were shown some unusual monuments, one of which was a racecar. The trip continued on to Montpelier for a visit to the Vermont

State House (i.e. Capitol building). Our final stop for the day was, oh! so sweet, at a sugarhouse, the source of pure Vermont maple syrup.

We began Wednesday with a drive through the scenic mountainside. This area is known as the Green Mountains and the Green Mountain Region was our host club. There were so many beautiful views of the countryside. After lunch, things got even better – a visit to Ben & Jerry's of ice cream fame. Complete with samples! If that wasn't enough we also stopped at a cider mill and a chocolate shop. Good, but not good for the waistline.

Our final day of touring on Thursday was kind of a "do it yourself" day. The tour book included instructions to use in finding and driving over six covered bridges. It was not planned by the Green Mountain Region to be a challenge, but it was. It is the old thing that when up north, there are two seasons; winter and road repair. And did we run into road repair with many detours; at least one of which ran into a dead end. It was quite a test to find all of the bridges. We succeeded in locating five of them. Some others did not do nearly as well. Naturally, we closed out the tour with a banquet that evening. The guest speaker was Richard Lentinello, Editor in Chief of Hemmings publications.

It was a nice tour in a very scenic part of the country. Morning temperatures ranged from around 42 to 45. There were about 125 vehicles participating. The Green Mountain members are very friendly and gracious hosts. One of the interesting things about the Region is that they are new and small. The Region received its charter in 2003 and has about 15 families in the club. That they were able to host a National tour speaks very well for them.

It was a safe trip for both couples; the Musgroves were in their motor home pulling the trailer with their 1962 black Ford Galaxy convertible inside. They had some problems with the motor home trying to overheat shortly after leaving Mobile on the outbound trip. Unfortunately, things weren't any better on the return trip. It was only wishful thinking hoping for rain to keep things cooler but no such luck so they drove straight through in just over one and one-half days hoping to be a lot closer to home in case of trouble.

Ardie and I took our 1957 Ford Fairlane Club Sedan, driving it somewhere in the neighborhood of 4400 miles total and, I am happy to say, with no problems. Car shows, the local ones as well as the National meets, are a part of our hobby but there are some of us who enjoy the tours more. Just proves there's something for everyone.

The Model A's Came Roaring In By Walt & Martha Fuller

AHOOGA! That was the sound of the day in Tyler, Texas as the Model A's roared into town for the 44th Texas Tour June 15-17, 2007. The event had 264 Model A's, some from as far away as California. There were at least 594 fans of Mr. Ford's second successful effort at building cars in attendance.

The Tyler Model A Club worked very hard to provide parking for all the trailers. Since there had been no heavy rains in the area to soak or soften the ground, the hotel was most accommodating letting us park on their beautifully manicured grounds. However, Tyler was about to find out what rain is all about.

We had hardly gotten our Model A, "MERN," out of the trailer when the sky began to darken. We got the tarpaulin out of the trailer, pulled it over the car, snugging it in nice and cozy, then proceeded into the hotel to take care of registering. We were really excited to be with our Texas friends for three days of what we expected to be beautiful weather and fun touring with our cars.



(L) Robert Davis of Birmingham, AL and (R) Lloyd Murrah of Iuka, MS, members of the Rambling A's Club

When you drive as far as many of the Model A'ers had driven just to get to Tyler, what is a little rain?" Well, it rained for the next three days! Those who brought closed vehicles and a few of the open A diehards weathered the torrential rains. Many others, such as ourselves, rode with friends who had modern cars available. Approximately 400 of us attended the driving tours to the London Museum in New London, TX and the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore, TX.

History tells us that East Texas was a very rich oil field during the 1930s and supplied most of the petroleum reserve for the Allies during WW II. Drilling increased from seven wells every two weeks to seven wells a day and then to 100 or more a day. The first oil produced sold for \$1.10 per barrel, but the price dropped to 15 cents as supply flooded the market. The East Texas Oil Museum depicts life during this era.

The London Museum is a memorial to the town of New London, TX, an oil town that lost 311 students, teachers and visitors during a tragic explosion that destroyed the London school. That explosion brought about the addition of the odor you now smell with raw natural gas.

Our group covered approximately 110 miles in driving rainstorms. We often heard the sounds of "Rain, rain go away! Model A'ers want to play!" Although touring is a major part of our gatherings, we always enjoy being with friends, hearing news of their children and grandchildren or new additions to their families. Even if the new addition is a "new" old car.

Friday evening was a delight for everyone. It was a judged fashion show of original or period dress relative to Model A times. We didn't enter the show, but we both think it would be fun. Maybe next time.

The second evening was the traditional Awards Banquet. It was a "dressy casual" affair that created a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere. We didn't bring home an award but we did bring home memories of an unforgettable trip doing something we enjoy.

Just as a matter of note, there were six cars, the Rambling A's Club, and seven folks from Alabama on this tour. One couple, David and Carolyn Miller of the North Alabama Region AACA received the Longest Distance Driven in a Model A Award.

It is our belief that everyone left with a renewed commitment to continue to "Honk and Wave" as we drive our Model A's.

We took a side trip to Dallas, TX to spend some time with old friends before we returning home to get Martha's mom back to her assisted living place.

Time Capsules

By Dick Cashdollar

We all have them – at least the lucky ones of us do. They are generally found in the bottom of old cardboard boxes stored away. We inherited them from loved ones. We have decided they are too valuable to throw away, but too irrelevant to our daily lives for a more prominent storage space. They contain hundreds of blurry old black and white photos, carefully adhered to dark pages of crumbling paper. Most have slightly illegible hand-written dates. It's as if the author never even considered that those who viewed them in later life would have any difficulty identifying when the pictures were taken.

Of course I'm talking about the now-almost-forgotten practice of building scrapbooks of photos and other memorabilia that chronicles lives mostly completed. I'm as guilty as others. I've had these family heirlooms for years – a gift from my mother who became the family historian after the deaths of my father and grandparents. One of the benefits of



My grandfather and father with their "new" but used 1923 Dodge

my recent retirement, and of my advancing age, is that I now have the time to review these records of my past – and the wisdom to appreciate them.

One fun aspect of looking back into these lives is looking at the times when cars first became a part of family life – and gave the gift of mobility and summer vacations before the automobile.

The first cars in our family appeared as well used ones in the early 1930s. Mom's folks bought a 1923 Buick, and Da



My mother and her parents with their "new" used 1923 Buick

These photos reflect the intense pride of ownership of something entirely new. My Dad's first car

was also a well-used old "clunker" – a late 1930s Plymouth that he bought to commute to college before WWII changed his priorities.



My father before WWII and his first car, a 1930s Plymouth

My first vehicle was a 1966 Plymouth Barracuda. This wonderful car was a graduation gift from my parents when I graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1968. My folks were so grateful that I had paid for my own education; I got a car as a reward!

Going through these old photos has been great fun, and a valuable lesson in where my family came from. I heartily recommend that others look in the bottoms of those old storage boxes as well – the lucky ones will be able to take a journey into the past.



My first car – a 1966 Plymouth Barracuda

Some auto "firsts"

1. When was reverse gear an option on an automobile and what make was it?
2. What year was metallic paint first used?
3. When were Phillips head screws first used on vehicles?
4. What year were sealed beam headlights first used?
5. When did nylon convertible tops and interior material start being used for vehicles?
6. What year was power steering introduced?
7. When were hydraulic power brakes first put on cars?

(See Page 8 for answers)

Member News

By Ima Nosey

Barbara Breland and daughter, **Nancy**, are doing better as of now. Barbara is enjoying her 20 months old granddaughter, said it's like bringing up Nancy all over again. **Mickey Cox** is recuperating from an outpatient procedure and is not yet up to full steam. **Mike Ebl** says his vacation was a lifesaver. He spent a week visiting family and friends in St. Louis, MO and taking in the St. Louis Municipal Opera's open air version of "Grease". The location is in Forest Park which is the remains of the 1904 World's Fair. **Walt & Martha Fuller** spent the past week in Ocala, Florida taking two of their Mobile grandsons with them to visit their youngest daughter and her family. Thanks to **Ed Grimes** and his son, **Eddie**, the lights around the outside of the clubhouse are now working. Thanks, guys!! **Judy Martin** was "lunching out" with her daughters to celebrate her July 7th birthday birthday. **Tracy Metclaf** took his nine-year-old granddaughter with him to Katy, TX to visit his son, daughter-in-law and two of his other grandchildren. He says that having OnStar in his new bright red Buick Lucern is like traveling with your own paramedics and pit crew; just push the button and whoever is needed will come running! **Herb & Nancy Thoms** spent some time with their camping club the second weekend of July. Sorry to report that **Eugenia Youens** fell sometime the first part of June. Fortunately, no broken bones but she started to deteriorate and around the end of June was moved to Mercy Medical on the Eastern Shore. If you care to send her a card, the address is 101 Villa Drive, Daphne, AL 36526. Not hearing much from many of you...the heat must be keeping everyone quiet.

It's a salad supper and it's FREE !

Who doesn't enjoy it when some of the DSR cooks show off their culinary skills? There may not be such a thing as a free lunch, but there sure is a free supper. The only thing you have to do is be there to enjoy it. No advance reservations are needed.

It will be in conjunction with the July 26th meeting so you can accomplish two things; attending the meeting as well as getting a nice meal you don't have to make. The food will be available starting at 6 o'clock and until after the meeting is concluded.

Another reason to join your fellow members is to hear **Shane Palmer** from Bay City Tire & Wheels speak on what you need to know about buying tires, whether for your vintage vehicle or for your modern iron. Hopefully, **Steve Maples**, owner of the business, will be back in town to accompany Shane to our meeting.

Now's the time to put your thinking cap on and write down all the questions you want to ask tire experts. Both men have been in the tire business for a long time here in Mobile and have excellent reputations.



Hot weather outing opportunities

The Museum of Mobile's exhibit "Forgotten Stories ~ Confederate Mobile 1863" will be available until Aug. 5. Admission is \$3 over age 55, \$4 for ages 21 to 55 and \$4 for ages 6-21. We can go as a group on Saturday, July 28 or Aug. 1. Maybe have lunch before or after.

The Phoenix Fire Museum has approximately 14 major antique fire apparatuses available for viewing. There is no charge but most likely donations would be appreciated. Perhaps Aug. 25 for a tour then someplace for an afternoon ice cream stop?

We can talk about it at the July 26th meeting. Maybe someone has some other ideas, too.

DSR's newest members

DSR welcomes two new members to our family, **Sterling Bingham** from Fairhope, AL and **Mallory Henderson** of Mobile. Ladies first for a short bio...Mallory is nine years old, is a Junior AACA member, which entitles her to be a Region member. Her father and grandfather are DSR members **Scott** and **Jim Henderson** respectively. **Scott's** son, **Travis**, is a Student AACA member but has not yet joined DSR.

Mallory attends school at St. Paul and her hobbies are gymnastics, soccer and old cars. She has grown up in the hobby; riding in antique cars with "Pops" almost from the time she was out of car seats and still does it today.

DSR garage tour coming in August

Earlier this year, Leah Musgrove suggested DSR have a garage tour. The first one will be held on Saturday, August 18th. It's not necessary that the garage be big or fancy; a good part of the outing is the enjoyment of sharing interest in the hobby and with a good bit of fellowship thrown in. The pleasure of seeing each other's vehicles, whether complete or a work-in-progress is on the plus side, too.

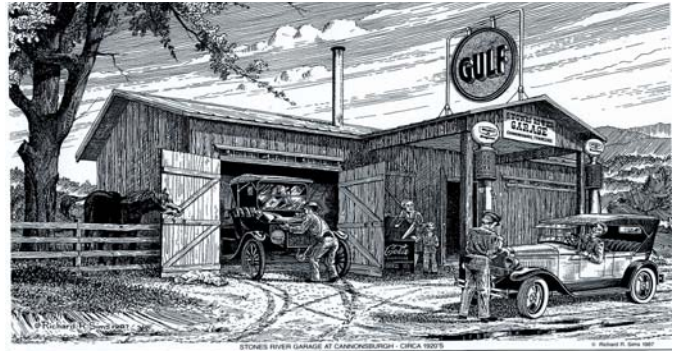
The schedule, somewhat flexible, is as follows:

- 8:00 AM Coffee & doughnuts at clubhouse
- 8:30 AM Depart for Cashdollar garage
- 8:45 AM Arrive at same
- 9:15 AM Depart Cashdollar's to R. & S. White
- 9:45 AM Arrive at White's garage
- 10:15 AM Depart Whites to Jim Henderson
- 10:45 AM Arrive Henderson's garage/museum
- 11:45 AM Depart Hendersons to Paquets
- 12:00 Noon Arrive Paquets for tour & lunch

The times are not carved in stone. Lunch will be picked up as the group leaves Hendersons. It will be set up buffet style so everyone may eat whenever they choose. You can drive any vehicle you wish, vintage or modern.

Neither is it necessary to do the tour to participate. If you want to join your fellow members for lunch, that is permissible.

There is a reservation form with this newsletter that **MUST** be filled out and sent with your check by Aug 15th as indicated on the form.



From the editor...

I hope you enjoy the new "Time Capsule" and "Auto firsts" in this issue. I plan, with your help, to make this page a monthly feature.

This came about through some suggestions at the June meeting. Our President sent me the first batch of pictures and the story behind them. I have one for next month but certainly need more.

You find the pictures, come by my house with them in hand, I will scan them and give them back so they are never in any danger of being lost or damaged. Start looking now and bring them with you when you come to the August garage tour or the lunch as mentioned above and we take care of it then.

It will take me a while to locate mine and the same is true for Patt, but we plan to sit down one afternoon and start looking through albums and boxes.

If you just absolutely can't find a car picture, then find one of yourself or you and your family when you were in your younger days and we can make it a "Guess Who This Is" which can be a lot of fun, too.

Mail Call !



Dear Mr. Cashdollar:

On behalf of the City of Mobile, thank you for your club's participating in the Battlehouse Hotel and RSA Dedication. Your cars were a wonderful addition to this event and this celebration was a success because of civic-minded groups like the Deep South Region AACA.

Thank you again and good luck on your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Ann Rambeau, Manager
 City of Mobile Neighborhood & Community Services
 Division

Deep South Region AACA Minutes of June 28, 2007 General Meeting

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The Chaplain gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business: There was a lengthy discussion of the changes needed to bring the clubhouse up to present city codes. The Building Committee will meet and present some ideas as to the modifications for consideration at the next meeting.

The President recognized Jim Henderson for contributions to the success of the recent car show benefiting the Friends of the Mobile Animal Shelter.

The Vice President reported the Club had approximately \$1600 benefit for our share of the income from the show. This amount will be transferred to the Club's bank account. Our co-sponsor, Friends of the Mobile Animal Shelter, had an equal share. It was agreed the co-sponsorship was an advantage for both organizations. A firm decision has not yet been made regarding co-sponsorship for next year. The special bank account set up for the 2007 car show will remain with a five dollar balance pending that decision with Tracy Metclaf as signatory.

There was no additional Old Business.

New Business: There was no June Treasurer's Report nor a Secretary's report.

The Editor requested stories and pictures from members about special vacations, pictures of family cars or personal favorites, what you learned to drive, etc. He would like material that would make the *Sparkplug* truly Club personal. There was no report from the Activities Chair; however there was a lively discussion of possible future activities including a visit to a Corvette maintenance shop, a progressive garage visit whereby volunteers Dick Cashdollar, the Richard Whites, the Paquets and Jim Henderson agreed to host the first one on August 18th. The event would originate at the clubhouse at 8:00 AM.




The Gucci Benefit at Municipal Park on July 7th was voted to be a club event. We will provide vehicles for display from 9 AM until 3 PM.

Following the 50/50 drawing, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

John A. Pendergrass
Secretary

Answers to "Auto Firsts" on Page 6

(1) 1902 Pierce (2) 1927 (3) 1935 (4) 1940
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