



The Sparkplug

Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Newsletter Vol. 41 No. 5 May 2007

DSR Spring Car Show successful in more ways than one

By Patt Paquet

A long standing tradition was broken this year when, after twenty-three years, DSR's annual show moved from the Saturday before Mother's Day to the following Saturday. I don't believe that it made a great deal of difference in the number of entries, but I do believe the new format drew more spectators than recent years.

Partnering with Friends of the Mobile Animal Shelter who set up a silent auction inside the clubhouse plus securing six vendors as well gave the participants and spectators something to do besides sit in the shade and/or look at the vehicles. A pet adoption at one o'clock drew a very large number of folks wanting an addition to their home.

The long curve at the front of the property was a veritable showcase of vintage, classic, street rods and modifieds, muscle cars and two motorcycles that you would rarely see; an Orange County Chopper and a Chip Foose original. The grounds on the east side of the clubhouse were scattered with mostly antique vehicles and tents displaying wares of two of our trophy sponsors. The west side had the "Henderson Collection" with three cars on an open trailer plus three to be judged belonging Jim's grandchildren. He also had a Model T Speedster (Nancy's favorite!) on a rollback. This is one of the two times each year he invites special guests, his employees, the residents of the Mulherin Home, and others to a day of relaxation and a shrimp/crawfish boil

It was good to have a portion of Thurmon Bell's

collection of vehicles lending a different aspect to this year's show. He and Mimi joined AACA/DSR at the show last year but due to his hectic work schedule, he's rarely in town to attend meetings or events. We appreciate the fact that although he was able to be there for only a few minutes, he arranged to have several of his favorites there. Sorry he wasn't on hand to collect the hardware to take home!

A high light of this year's show was having Denna Mullins, who has an absolutely beautiful

voice and is the daughter of former DSR members Bill and Jeanne Dobbs, sing the National Anthem as the flag was raised to open the show. Another treat, the Sweet Adelines, Sound of the Bay Chorus, was in store for those at the show on Saturday, May 19th. Thanks to our very own Nancy Thoms, a member of the of group, was instrumental in making this possible. (A donation of \$75 will be made to them.) This was a big hit during the early afternoon lull when judging was complete and scores were being tallied.

This is a good place to say how much we missed those of you who could not be

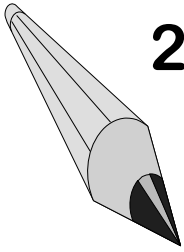
with us for a variety of reasons, especially Lycyle Crowdus who has done registration for so many years. Hang in there, lady, and feel better soon.

As Chairman of Building & Grounds, I'd like to take this time and space to thank DSR members Jim Henderson for furnishing the equipment and Scott Henderson for bringing his grounds crew to the clubhouse the week before the show. Three days and many loads of debris later, the grounds were in the best shape since May 2005. Thanks, guys!

You all know that with an event of this magnitude you cannot get everybody in one place at the same time. The following members were at the show in some capacity. Just pretend you see their smiling faces here!

Thurmon Bell, John & Suder Bogle, John & Debbie Bright, Dick & Brenda Cashdollar, Paul Dagenais, Don Dillehay, Mike Elb, Jerry Finley, Bob Gechjian, Buddy Givens, Steve, Cathy & Trevor Goren, Ed Grimes, Jim Henderson, Scott Henderson, Mallory Henderson, Ed & Barbara McCusker, Tracy Metclaf, Lambert & Reecie Mims, Buddy & Patt Paquet, John Pendergrass, Geary Polk, Herb & Nancy Thoms and last but not least, Richard & Sylvia White!

Within the next few days, if you go to our DSR website, you can see a list of the winners plus a multitude of pictures taken at the meet. If you need help negotiating the Internet to find our website, go to aaca.org. When you get the front page, look to the right to see Regions/Chapters and the word "find". Right click on Alabama, which will bring up all the Regions/Chapters in the state then right click on Deep South Region and you are there. You can see the show, the Friday & Saturday Battle House affair and the Bellingrath Gardens display.



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May certainly was a busy month, at least so far, for DSR! The RSA gala held May 11th featured four DSR cars – John Pendergrass’s Packard and three of Jim Henderson’s cars, thanks to his son and DSR member Scott. These cars set the stage for the big celebration that evening. I’m sure you all saw one of Jim’s cars in the foreground of the tower on the front page of the newspaper. On Saturday afternoon, May 12th, the City threw a big downtown “block party” with music, performers and free food with many Mobile car clubs invited to participate. DSR had a section of Bienville Square (Thankfully in the shade! It was 92 degrees by mid-afternoon!), and a number of members showed up for the fun.

I apologize for the late notice about the RSA events, but it wasn’t my fault. After objecting to paying a stipend to the Club for our involvement with the Friday night Gala, the City stopped communicating completely, so I assumed they didn’t want our involvement – until I got a call at 4 o’clock on Monday afternoon, May 7th stating they wanted us Friday evening as well as Saturday. Problem was. I was leaving town on business the next morning and wouldn’t be back until Friday afternoon. Buddy and Patt were leaving Wednesday for an out-of-town car show and Jim Henderson was leaving early Thursday for the same event. We did what we could given the “box” we were in.

The display at Gordon Oaks Retirement Community on Fri-day, May 19th to end National Nursing Home Week was a nice success with six cars put on view. This time the cars were placed, appropriately, at the entrance to the Nursing Home unit.

Our annual May car show had a different date this year plus our affiliating with Friends of the Mobile Animal Shelter. This seems to have worked out extremely well for all concerned.

Now that the car show is over, it looks like we are running outta of gas as summer approaches. But that doesn’t have to happen. There are lots of fun things to do with our cars if the members participate and a few of you step forward to organize something. How about a Sunday afternoon ice cream run? No question that all of us enjoy a good meal so a Saturday night dinner at a local restaurant would be fun...maybe some Causeway seafood? Think about it and let’s keep those tires rolling.

Dick Cashdollar, President

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AACA Southeastern Division Spring Meet By Jim Henderson

Not yet being one of those persons of leisure, sometimes referred to as a retiree, I don't get to go to as many automotive events as I would like. But I was able to work into my schedule the AACA Meet in New Bern, NC and am so glad I did.

Getting up before 3 o'clock is not what I normally do but it's not a lot earlier than my usual time to rise if not always shine. I met with Pete DeLung and Clyde Smith, both car enthusiasts who are also longtime friends and traveling buddies, shortly before 3:30 AM on Thursday, May 10th who were ready and waiting to hit the highway. We made good time and in about 12 hours we were in Fayetteville, NC where we spent the night. This meant we could have the luxury of sleeping in on Friday with only another 150 miles to go.

I have to tell you this story. My car hauler is a diesel truck and with a trailer hooked on, it is 72 feet long. The way the truck came from the factory, it was geared with a top speed of 65 mph. After taking several long trips of approximately 2,000 miles round trip in it and at 65 mph and everything on the road passing us,

Clyde, being a professional over-the-road owner-operator truck driver, suggested I change the rear end to gear the truck to go faster. I took his suggestion and after putting a new rear end with 433 ratio gears, this car hauler will now run 90 mph. However, don't be alarmed; we never drove above 80. Can you imagine us running down the interstate passing those Peterbilts at 80 mph with these valuable antique cars in the back? I couldn't so I told Clyde to slow down, but the truck was raring to go and wouldn't driver slower than 75 mph all the way to the car show.

We arrived in New Bern around noon on Friday, found our hotel after driving 847 miles and got the tow vehicle and trailer situated so we would be able to unload easily on Saturday morning. We walked to the host hotel to pick up the registration packages, say hello to some AACA friends, a few of whom I had not seen since the AACA tour in Mobile back in 2001, then do some exploring.

New Bern, NC is one of the earliest settlements on the east coast. Occasionally, you can see buildings

that have endured over two hundred years with little change. We spent the afternoon doing what you are supposed to do at an AACA meet; seeing the sights, looking over the competition and visiting with folks who enjoy the same things. Friday night we experienced something new to me, North Carolina bar-b-que. Although it was good, it had a rather vinegary taste, which identifies it North Carolina bar-b-que. It was served along with fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw and iced tea. They also have the best crab cakes I have ever eaten in New Bern.

I was told this was only one of many Meets the First Capital Chapter of the North Carolina Region has put on. That was evident from the start. What makes this meet unique is that the cars are parked in the

downtown area on streets that are closed to traffic starting Friday at midnight. Each class has its designated parking area although there may be only a very few cars in that particular class. This allows the participants the opportunity to mingle with the spectators who enjoy asking questions and talking with the owners. Another plus is being able to visit the small shops, cafes, and other places of business, all of which are open

all day. Many of them are very unique and interesting.

West Peterson, Editor in Chief, of the *Antique Automobile* magazine had me move the Crestliner out of the line and took some pictures, which may be in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

That evening was the Awards Banquet, which all the competitors look forward to. I am glad to see this is becoming less formal and more "member friendly", allowing everyone to be relaxed and comfortable. It was good to spend some quiet time before the meal with Buddy & Patt Paquet who had been there since Wednesday taking care of registration and trying to solve all the problems that go along with that part of a meet. The five of us had a table near the front of the room and a good view of all the presentations. I was thrilled to received a Senior Award for the 1951 Ford Crestliner that got its Junior Award in Punta Gorda, FL last February. The 1960 pink Thunderbird received a Preservation Award, having already acquired the Junior and Senior awards.

(See *New Bern* Page 6)



2002 GMC "Top Kick"

Original Hershey's Kissmobile on display

By Nancy Gates, Director of AACA Museum Operations

The original Hershey's Kissmobile Cruiser is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and we're excited to have the opportunity to showcase the Kissmobile Cruiser at the AACA Museum. The Kissmobile will be available for visitors to see through Oct. 14, 2007.

The Hershey's Kissmobile cruiser is a 12-foot tall, 26-foot long custom-made vehicle resembling three Hershey's Kisses – a classic Hershey's Kisses Brand Milk Chocolate, a Hershey's Kisses with Almonds and a Hershey's Hugs Brand Milk Chocolate.



This is a promotional shot of the first Hershey's Kissmobile Cruiser (courtesy of the Hershey Co.)

This specific Kissmobile Cruiser, one of four that have been built, has reached the end of its tour life. It will now stay in the Hershey area as an important part of the Hershey Chocolate story.

Since the creation of the Hershey's Kissmobile in 1997, the cruiser has traveled over 250,000 miles and distributed samples of over 2,000,000 Hershey's Kisses Brand Milk Chocolates.

The mission of the Kissmobile is to create an emotional connection with Hershey's consumers and to raise donations and awareness of the Children's Miracle Network. All money raised locally stays in the community and benefits the Children's Miracle Network hospitals.



The Kissmobile on display in the Museum's Lower Level Gallery.

Editor's Note: The foregoing is from *The Rumble Seat*, the Membership Newsletter of the AACA Museum, Inc. Winter 2007 Issue.

2007 marks the 100th anniversary of the Hershey's kiss

Hershey's Kisses were introduced on July 7, 1907. Lore has it that the treat was named for the lip-smacking sound of the machinery "kissing" the conveyor belt during the manufacturing process. Automated wrapping replaced traditional hand wrapping in 1921 but it was 1924 before Milton S. Hershey, the corporation's founder obtained a registered trademark for the confection.

The bite-size chocolates were not produced between 1942 and 1949 because of the rationing of silver foil during and after WWII. Instead, ingredient mixing units in the Kisses' molding department were used to temper chocolate paste for the military ration bar, producing more than 3 billion units during this period.

Arriving just in time for Christmas, the traditional silver foil Kiss was joined by red and green ones in 1962. It would be another six years before wrapping colors changed coming in pastel blue, pink and green for Easter.

In 1976 a trademark was obtained for the configuration of the Kisses with their familiar foil wrap. The red and silver kisses for Valentine's debuted in 1986 and the Fall Harvest Kisses joined the product lineup in 1991. While almonds were added in 1990 it wasn't until 1993 that Hugs came into being. The years of 2002, 2003 and 2004 each brought changes to the Kisses with different flavors; some on a limited basis while others remained permanent. Way back in 1989, the Kisses became the fifth most popular candy in the U.S.

Few confections can match the iconic Kiss featured on a postage stamp launched on Jan. 13, 2007 which is only the beginning of an advertising blitz that will "smother you with Kisses" this year.

Old South Antique Auto Club holds 45th Annual open car show

by Dick Cashdollar

Saturday April 21st was a practically perfect day for a car show – blue skies and not too hot. “Old South” was appropriately rewarded with 82 cars registering, including some really fine cars that I’ve never seen in local shows before.



Bob G with his Canopy Express truck

This show is always fun, as it is held at Abba Temple in conjunction with a big antique show and sale, giving car show participants an air conditioned retreat and some

thing else of interest to do while waiting for the 3 PM awards ceremony. As usual, the Old South folks had loads of door prizes and a nice fat \$280.00 50-50 drawing.

DSR was well represented with Walt Fuller, Bob Gechijian, Steve Goren, Herb (*The Cougar*) Thoms, & Yours Truly (\$\$) entering their cars. Bill and Leah Musgrove



Cashdollar Model A with memorabilia

were also in attendance, but unfortunately didn’t have a car to enter due to their recent disaster. Walt, Steve, and I were rewarded with nice “Top Forty” plaques, and I was doubly blessed when my Model “A” won a nice trophy as Best of Show – PreWar.



The Goren’s 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne stands out with its bright Turquoise paint



From the Editor...

There is really a lot going on this month. The AACA Southeastern Meet in New Bern, NC May 10-12 followed by our DSR car show May 19th makes for not only quite a bit of work, but a lot of fun as well.

Time turned out to be a big factor with this issue so rather than one extensive feature article, I decided to use several short ones. And speaking of this issue, were it not for being able to send 95% of the newsletters via E-mail, this month would probably be considerably smaller in content. Copying, folding and stapling the newsletter took at least one full day. I want to thank all of you who took the time to write the articles on what the club has done this month. It is a really big help plus I get to enjoy reading what someone else has written.

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DSR member participates in U.S. 90 Bridge reopening

Thursday, May 17th was perfect for putting the top down on Jim Henderson’s 1957 Chevy BelAir to drive to Bay St. Louis, MS for the opening of the new Highway 90 Bridge over Bay St. Louis between Harrison and Hancock counties. Before Hurricane Katrina destroyed it, roughly 19,000 cars per day crossed the bridge daily.

A Mississippi car club to participate extended the invitation. Not one to go alone if he can take along some friends, what started out as a “couple of hours” turned into nearly eight when Jim, Pete Delung, Buddy Paquet and Clyde Smith left Mobile at 1:15 PM and finally got home about 8 PM. (The Chevy was car # 130 in the lineup to make the crossing!)

Member News

Well, as our President said, it's been a busy month. On the **Crowdus** front, hope you saw the pictures of her nieces Susan and Karen relative to Tanner Williams Heritage May Day in May 4 Neighbors section of the Press-Register. DSR members, along with Lycyle, have watched Susan and Karen and now their children grow up. The bad news is Lycyle was in the Emergency Room May 12 and in Providence Hospital overnight May 16 which was her birthday. Hopefully, this all behind her now. Sorry to have to say that **Buddy and Anne Givens** daughter, Malia, is another victim of cancer that was diagnosed after her recent surgery. She lives in Auburn and sister; Stella Suttle is her caretaker of the moment. We send our prayers.

Now for some good news! Our very own **Lambert Mims** was prominently featured in the May 4 Metro section of the Press-Register. He donated more than 130 boxes of his personal papers covering his 20 years as a public servant to USA Archives.

Congratulations to **Barbara McCusker**, the club's newest retiree. She is closing in on one month of retirement from Providence Hospital.

Back to the bad news which the **Musgroves** seem to be producing a lot of lately. They were leaving for the Louisiana Tour in Natchitoches, LA the first weekend of this month. Pulling out of their driveway, their motor home decided to have a quick love affair with their mailbox that is enclosed in a brick pillar. Needless to say, the mailbox now has a new coat of paint over the brick. But that's only the beginning of their continuing rotten luck. A few hours later, rolling along on the interstate, Bill saw something in his mirror that no one who tows ever wants to see. The trailer with the tour vehicle on it was cruising along *beside* the motor home. Somehow it had come loose from the hitch in back and was attempting to pass which is not a good thing. Fortunately, being an experience tow driver, Bill got things under control without any further damage to the motor home or the trailer and its load.

More good news is that **Herb and Nancy Thoms** adopted a Schnauzer at the show Saturday to add a little pazzaz to their household. Way to go, folks!

New Bern concluded

We were up early again Sunday morning, pulling out of the parking lot at 3:30 AM. It was a long day but with Pete and Clyde switching up driving and myself lying in the back on the bed sleeping, we were in Mobile by 8 o'clock that night. Round trip from when we left my car museum in Mobile was 1,692 miles. (Ed. **That's because they won't let him drive!!**)

I can't remember any other AACA meet that I have enjoyed as much as this one. And that is totally aside from bringing home an AACA Senior Award for the '51 Crestliner and a Preservation Award for the '60 Thunderbird. Until recently I did not know what a Preservation Award is. If you are like me and don't know either, I will try to explain. When a vehicle has won an AACA First Junior Award and a Senior Award (you have to get a First Junior before you can compete for a Senior Award) and is entered again in a national meet and it scores at least 350 points, you receive the Preservation Award which is a 11" x 16" walnut plaque with a 7" x 9" pewter plaque and another smaller one engraved with your name and the vehicle. You can receive a Preservation Award recognition 200 times or more as long as the car scores the required number of points.

Local shows like we have here in the Deep South Region do not use the same criteria for judging as does national meets. For example, at our local show the best car in the category wins. At a national meet, cars are judged against the book and not other cars. Everyone should go to a national meet, at least once. Not only is it fun, but you meet lots of nice car people from all over the country, in all walks of life and best of all, they're all on a first-name basis.

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DSR creates special venue for Battle House Hotel grand re-opening

By Scott Henderson

I am not a history buff and therefore don't remember much about the Battle House Hotel except it was a landmark in Mobile for almost two centuries. Originally built in the early 1800s, it burned down around the end of the century but reopened again in 1912 and was shuttered in 1973. More than one US President slept there adding to the heritage of this fine old structure. In its day it was *The Place* for weddings, civic gatherings, Mardi Gras balls, proms and the place to be seen. Being only nine years old at the time, its closing wasn't of any great importance to me.

Afterwards, it became a place of disuse and disrepair. But not any more. Following more than five years and millions of dollars of renovations, it is now one of the premier Renaissance Hotels.



The Henderson's 1940 Packard, 1929 Shay and the 1937 Cadillac with the Pendergrass' 1937 Packard

It was a pleasure, and a bit of an honor, too, for me to coordinate the DSR automobile display for the Grand Opening Gala on Friday night, May 11th. Being part of the history of this beautiful building will be a story to tell my grandchildren. Unfortunately, one of the cars, a 1935 Buick, refused to attend the event as the accelerator rod broke at the last minute. However, having survived the 4 p.m. hail and rain storm, Mark and Pam Glenn with their beautiful four-year-old granddaughter, Dakota, Roger Byrd, Joey Williamson and myself along with my daughter, Mallory, and my lady, Lou Ann Meaut took my dad's 1929 Shay, 1940 Packard and my mom's 1937 Cadillac downtown to meet John & Dolly Pendergrass with their 1937 Packard for the big event.

There was a computer-programmed light show highlighting the 91-foot tall spire of the RSA Tower in colors of yellow, green, blue and purple prior to a sit-down \$250 per-person dinner in the Moonlight Ballroom. Regrettably, that was not on our agenda (Bummer!) but we did get to tour the hotel. Having never been in the

Hotel during its day, I cannot give a comparison on the renovation. However I must say it is fabulous. The well-known Excelsior Band led the 600 guests into the lobby.

The cars were required to be on site from 6:30-9:00 PM. This allowed plenty of time for us to get a real good look at the newest addition to what has been referred to as the newest addition on Mobile's "string of pearls".

It was an extremely pleasant evening and something that will not happen again. I am glad that DSR was asked to be a part of it and that I was one of the lucky members involved.



Dakota Glenn & Mallory Henderson
"looking good"!

DSR entertains Gordon Oaks Nursing Home Unit Residents

By Tracy Metclaf

It was another beautiful afternoon in Mobile on Friday, May 18 when Dick Cashdollar and his Model A, the Fullers and their Model A, Tracy Metclaf with his Comet, the Paquets and their Buick, the Pendergrass and the Packard, and the Thoms with their Cougar met at Gordon Oaks Retirement Community to arrange a display of antique cars for the residents there.

We all enjoyed visiting with each other and with the residents who came to see the cars and visit with us. A number of the residents had stories of their own about similar cars. You could see a special gleam in the eye of those who looked so fondly upon the rumble seats!

Tempting us to be there, the display coordinator who shall remain nameless, promised cake, ice cream, etc. We were there, but alas, no goodies. We plan to discuss this in more detail with her at a later date!

Next time there is an opportunity to share our cars with these folks, please make an effort to join in the fun. It is a good way to spend an afternoon.

DSR, other car clubs help celebrate reopening of the Battle House, a Renaissance hotel

By Herb and Nancy Thoms

When writing about the historic Battle House Hotel, Gary Mitchell of the Associated Press said it has been "...battered by fire, hurricanes, termites and hard times." You could not tell that on Saturday, May 12, 2007. The same thing could be said about the many antique and classic cars parked around Bienville Square as part of the celebration. Termites might be pushing it a little, but I don't know about some of those really old As, Ts, Woodies and whatnot.



The Pendgrass Packard and the Cashdollar Model A drew a lot of attention from spectators.

It really was a splendid day to be out with our rides and our friends. We were fortunate to pick a side of the Square that kept us in some shade all day. Present from DSR were Dick Cashdollar with his 1928 Ford Model A Roadster, Walt Fuller and his 1929 Ford Roadster, Steve and Trevor Goren with their 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne, the McCuskers in their 1931 Chevrolet, John and Dolly Pendergrass in their 1937 Packard convertible, and Herb and Nancy Thoms with their 1968 Mercury Cougar.

The venue was great and passersby very appreciative of our vehicles. There were free hot dogs from Mobile Gas Company, free Coke products and free ice cream for everyone who came to the event. Those that brought cars got a ticket for a free meal from one of the restaurants on Royal Street. Three bands, well known to residents of Mobile, provided some fantastic music. Steve felt the cars of different eras and things like the famous Excelsior Band added to the ambiance of the day and made it feel like going back in time. It surely

gave him a positive feeling about the direction in which Mobile is going.

Nancy, Steve, Trevor and other DSR members braved the long line in the sun to tour the newly renovated hotel. Even though Nancy ducked into the shade every time she could, Steve and Trevor stayed in the sun the entire time. But, the wait was worth it!

The tour, which took about ten minutes, began in the lobby where the controversial carpet is located. It is not as bright as it looks in the newspaper but does fit in with the décor. The tour also included the Crystal Ballroom, along with several others and some of the banquet rooms. Steve had been to the hotel with his parents in the 1960-70s and again later on when it was in a sad state of repair. For him, the restoration turned back the clock. He said it was like a movie that recaptured the grandeur of what Mobile once was and is not back. He recalled the "whispering arches" where voices carried a long way. Steve was reminded of the MGM studio in Orlando.



Left to right is the McCusker's Chevrolet, the Groin's Chevrolet and the Thoms' Cougar.

For Trevor, his perception of downtown Mobile was changed from that of rundown buildings to one of a rebirth of that part of the city. He said it was "cool" to see it redone. He hopes that perhaps his prom will be held there. At the end of the tour, each person was given a ceramic coaster commemorating the event. Luckily, the rain held off until we were all back home or at least close to it.

Deep South Region AACA General Membership Meeting April 26, 2007 Minutes

The President called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. The Chaplain gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were reports on ill members and wishes for speedy recoveries expressed.

Old Business: *President* Dick Cashdollar gave an account of the club's display at Bellingrath Garden's 75th Anniversary celebration. The club's participation was greatly appreciated.

The *Vice President* gave an update on our annual Spring car show scheduled for May 19th. Flyers advertising the show had been printed and many distributed, some as far west as Bay St. Louis, MS. Arrangements for the distribution of more were made and a good showing is expected. The Whites are working hard signing up trophy sponsors for the event.

A City Inspector reported that the clubhouse does not meet city codes for a handicap restroom in a public building. There was considerable discussion regarding the applicability of the code to this property. It was settled that, like it or not, the City codes do apply. Jim Henderson had been asked to investigate current conditions and recommend to the necessary alterations could be accomplished and at what cost. Following his report, there was more discussion and recommendations.

A planning/building committee consisting of Jim Henderson, Tracy Metclaf, Walt Fuller and Patt Paquet was appointed to consider the project.

Gordon Oakes Retirement Community requested six cars to be on display May 18th 2:30-3:30 on May 18th. They will be a trophy sponsor for our car show in exchange for the display.

New Business: *President:* The Director of Bellingrath Gardens expressed that there could be future requests for the club to participate in additional events. He would like to have some assistance in locating an old (mid-thirties or older) Coca Cola truck.

The club had been contacted to display five classic cars for the events of the opening ceremony of the Battle House Hotel and the RSA Tower on Friday, May 11, 2007. It was moved, seconded and passed the club would do this at a cost of \$50 per car and the President is to advise the City representative.

Our and several other local car clubs have been invited to display cars on Saturday afternoon in downtown Mobile in conjunction with an open house for the hotel and office building. Volunteers were requested.

Congratulations were extended to Buddy and Patt Paquet for receiving the Fiala "Old Faithful" award at the AACA Annual Business Meeting in Philadelphia this past February.




Vice President: No report *Editor:* No report

Secretary: Requested approval of the minutes of the March meeting as published in the newsletter, approved.

Treasurer: Presented the April financial report and requested its approval. Approved.

New member, John Bright, who donated it back to the club, won the 50/50 Pot. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

John Pendergrass, Secretary

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May 24

May 25-26

MONTHLY MEETING IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT 7:00 pm

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(Off I-110 & west on Automall Parkway) Info: (228)392-3954

May 28

Memorial Day – Fly the flag!!

June 9-10

Southern Hospitality & Ford Products show inside Gulf Coast Coliseum
sponsored by Mississippi Coast Mustang Club ~ Info: (228) 872-5622

June 9-10

“Vettes by the Shore” show inside Gulf Coast Coliseum sponsored by
multiple Corvette clubs ~ Info: (601) 799-0670

June 15-17

AACA Central Spring Meet ~ Detroit Lakes, MN

June 16

Brewton (AL) Blueberry Festival & Car Show in downtown Brewton
9 am-3pm ~ Info: Sam Archer (850)937-8894

June 28

MONTHLY MEETING IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT 7:00 pm

June 28-30

AACA Eastern Spring Meet ~ Binghamton, NY