



THE SPARKPLUG



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DSR assists with Mobile Police Department's Family Fun Day By Patt Paquet

Some call it a party, some call it a picnic, others call it a lot of hard work and there are those who call it Excedrin headache #13. No matter what you call it, the MPD officers and their families enjoy and look forward to it each year. There has to be much advance planning and preparation to make an affair of this size work with as few glitches as possible but there is always the unexpected.

Nov. 11, 2006 was the 12th annual event sponsored by Mobile Lumber & Millwork along with the Midtown Optimist Club to honor the men and women of the Department for their work and commitment.

The atmosphere was somewhat restrained this year due to the untimely death of one of Mobile's finest who was killed in an auto accident on the way to the farm on Friday to help with last minute details.

One of the most unusual things to happen, as far as Buddy and myself were concerned, occurred on Thursday prior to the big day. We had picked up the refrigerated truck, stopped by a couple of vendors to on-load some of the foodstuffs and were on our way to the farm. Buddy was driving the truck with me following in our Suburban when we came upon a line of twelve police cars ahead. The lead and last cars were new models but the ten in between were all vintage vehicles. All twelve had the roof lights twirling and sirens singing; what a sight and sound to behold!

Twenty-something DSR members were on hand at some point during to day. Some drove their antique vehicles and parked them along many others in front of the Henderson home. The house sits on a small

knoll a short distance from where the tents and food service was set up. It made for a splendid display site. Between the Henderson's collection of antique vehicles and farm equipment and those of DSR and Mississippi Coast Mustang Club members, it was a most unusual sight.

The early morning dreary weather didn't seem to deter the nearly 1,000 guests on hand to enjoy the day's activities. One had a choice of volley ball, soft ball, checkers, dominos, hay rides, canoeing, and for the younger crowd, face painting and a rock wall/slide was in place to keep them entertained.

The first invitees began arriving, along with the sun, shortly after 9 a.m. and were shown by DSR members directly traffic to the parking areas. Fortunately, coffee and doughnuts were available for the early birds. From then on, time flew. Fish was frying, burgers and dogs were grilling, red beans being re-heated, rice cooking, table being designated to received the food, tea brewing, bottled water being iced down, the Coke trailer opening up (and foaming over!), buckets of coleslaw and potato salad being transferred to serving pans, various types of bread

moved to the proper serving lines, workers finding their position, the dessert contest being judged... suddenly it was 11 o'clock! Time to open the lines and serve the visitors!

For about 1½ hours, there was a steady line of guests under the tents. Outside, the hayrides were starting; games were getting under way and *a cold front was moving in*. By 1:00 p.m., the cloud cover had returned, the wind was blowing across the lake dropping the temperature (See Page 4)



From The Drivers Seat

If October was a busy month, don't even think about what December will be like. November has been hectic for me and mine, but after the weekend of November 18, we plan to get a couple of weeks rest.

I hope that any of you who have been contacted to fill the 2007 Officers positions have responded positively. If you weren't contacted and are willing to help keep the club between the ditches this next year, give any current officer a call. Whether we continue to have an active Region depends on you, the members. The same core group of 10-12 cannot continue to keep it going. It would be sad to see the DSR go into "Inactive Status" with AACA but it surely is a possibility as I write this.

There have been at least seven displays/shows/parades within the last four to five weeks for you to participate in. I hope you took advantage of our beautiful fall weather to do so showing off your vehicle as well as DSR/AACA.

The 2006 DSR Christmas Party will take place on Dec. 9th with a catered lunch at the Paquet home. A reservation is included with this newsletter for your convenience. The deadline for it being in our mailbox is Dec. 6. Serving will begin promptly at 12 noon followed by (hopefully!!) the installation of 2007 officers. Members are welcome to stay as long as you like. There will be no "Dirty Santa" so gifts are not necessary. Plan to bring a guest if you wish.

The Christmas party will take the place of our December meeting. I hope you can attend to enjoy food and fellowship with your friends who have the same interest as you. Until then...as a friend with a neighboring region says..."Just because they are antiques doesn't mean they can't be driven!"

I have spoken with *Lambert Mims'* son, Dale, who tells me his father has been moved out of NICU to a regular room. He is now able to move his right arm and hand a bit, is eating small amounts occasionally and communicating on a limited basis. Please remember this faithful DSR member in your prayers. Reecie is spending most of her time at the hospital with him so cards and calls are OK.

Bless each of you during this upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. We all have so much to be thankful for.



Watch out for old women in small cars using cell phones!

Patt Paquet, President



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Alabama opens and closes AACA National Meets for 2006

By Patt Paquet

Southern hospitality was alive and well beginning with the third weekend of March and through the first weekend in November for AACA members and guests attending the first and last of the National Meets this year. There were eight others in between that will be outstanding for lots of individuals but 2006 will be long remembered by the two regions that hosted the first and last meets of the season.

The Central Alabama Region (CAR) members are well experienced at hosting AACA Meets, this being their fourth. They again selected Blount Cultural Park for the show site. It is an unusually beautiful location and shows off all of the vehicles to their very best.

Montgomery, Alabama is in the south-central part of the state and is the capital city. It was named after Gen. Richard Montgomery, a Revolutionary War hero. It was chosen in 1861 as the capital of the Confederacy that was later moved to Richmond, VA. One of its hottest attractions is River Skate Park, which features a 5' mini ramp, and every week BMX riders come from all over the country to skate and have fun. It was the filming location for the 1990 movie "The Long Walk Home" and in 2003, "Big Fish" was filmed there. Well known residents include Nat "King" Cole and Hank Williams, both musicians and Bart Starr of football fame.

Leaving Mobile mid-morning on Thursday, Nov. 2, the weather was "iffy"; overcast and cool, but the trees on both sides of I-65 North were showing off their colors. We checked into our hotel room early, said hello to some friends who were also early arrivals, got some lunch then received our work assignments from the Meet Registration Chairman.

A ladies Vintage Fashion Seminar held at the host hotel that evening which was a big hit.

There was a lot of anticipation regarding the tour of the Hyundai Assembly Plant scheduled for Friday as well as the Lightning Route Trolley tours of downtown. A trolley ran about every 20 minutes so riders could get on/off at will. The tour include the Hank Williams Museum (free

tickets were provided by the region), the Alabama State Capitol where Jefferson Davis took the oath of office as President of the Confederate States of America, Old Towne Alabama, a collection of over 40 restored Alabama structures depicting life in the 19th and early 20th centuries, the Cattleman's "Mooseum" plus many other interesting attractions.



The Region had set up the Roundtable Discussion followed by the Judging School on Friday afternoon. Later they had arranged a very nice evening get-together that featured terrific heavy hors d'oeuvres, a wide selection of sweets, soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea and coffee. Most attendees hated to called it an early night, but show day would dawn early on Saturday.

The show field opened at 7 AM for

those who wanted to get a premature start.

Manning the AACA Membership Table gave me a prime spot to see every car that entered the field. It was like watching automotive history roll by; everything from a 1909 Sears Motor Buggy, about 20 different "two-wheelers", a large group of 20s and 30s vehicles, and lots of 50s, 60s and 70s. What was surprising was there were only five from the 1940s. An excellent showing in the DPC and HPOF classes drew hundreds of the spectators to that part of the field. The shocker of the day was when John Schneider of *Dukes of Hazzard* fame came roaring through the gate in the General Lee. Kids and adults alike flowed like water going downhill to the site to get pictures and autographs which he willingly gave.

The Saturday night Awards Banquet was the grand finale'. DSR's own **Jim Henderson** received a Senior Award for the 1960

Thunderbird convertible that got its First Junior in Mobile and a First Junior for the 1962 Chevy HT SS that moved from DPC to class judging. Also names you will recognize are **Eddie Anderson** getting a Senior for his 1965 Mustang coupe which also picked up its First Junior at the Mobile meet and **Greg McDonnell** received a Senior for his 1966 Cadillac Fleetwood convertible, another First Junior winner at the Mobile meet.



DSR member Jim Henderson picking up one of two awards he received

Pigs in the Park

By Nosey Norma

I just couldn't pass up the chance to find out what some DSR members were up to when I saw a couple of them heading out Highway 98 early Saturday morning, Oct. 21st. Trailing behind at a distance so as to not be recognized, it quickly became clear there was going to be a parking lot pow-wow. Before long there were seven old cars plus one being towed on a trailer. A pickup seemed to be part of the group, too.

Following them out of the parking lot and tagging along, I find myself near an abandoned service station in the big city of Lucedale Mississippi! Soon, here comes another old car and the group all falls in behind it. Staying back far enough not to be seen, "we" end up on a side street facing City Hall. I hear the driver of the car that met the Mobile folks say the parade will start soon and everyone will end up at the park. Well, I can't get in the parade so I head for the park so as to get a good "spy spot".

L to R T. Godfrey, B. Givens, H & F Whigham, B. Paquet, L. Crowder, D. Dillhey, E. Grimes (III) D. Whites, E. Grimes, J. & D. Pendergrass and between the Pendergrasses is M. Brent in the background



Well, what did I find when I got there?! There were BBQ stands all over the place, musicians all over the place and all sorts of other food to be had. I had to wait until the DSR members arrived and parked to see where to go. They all meandered down through the park and up a hill to what looked like a prime location. Now, how do I get there without them catching me? Never mind how I did it, just know I did. They took over a small pavilion with a picnic table, set up their chairs in the sunshine and just hung out together. Their new member was explaining how he really wants to get his car running so he can have some driving fun, too.

It wasn't long until the BBQ started smelling up the air and they had to find their lunches. Me, I am too health conscious to eat that sort of thing so I settled for some cotton candy, pork rinds and a diet drink. They stayed around until about 2 that afternoon then got themselves on the road back to Mobile. I was a ways behind but I know the Model A had some problems. However, it kept on pattering along and made it home. They all had a good time and so did I, spying on them.



From the Editor...

Before I do anything else, I want to thank those DSR members (and Nosey Norma, too) for helping get this issue together. Dick and Herb, I couldn't have done it without you. All of you know from experience, it's impossible, as much as one would like, to get to everything our club participates in. That's why the members are so important; you are the eyes and ears of our organization.

Due to the amount of events DSR participated in between the October issue and this one, I decided not to include a feature article this month or next.

Our "official farm photographer" Mike Ebl has given me three CDs with at least 300 pictures on them. I plan to bring them to the DSR Thanksgiving Dinner and run them as a slide show on my laptop PC. Sure hope you are there to see them. A happy Thanksgiving to everyone and remember those who are far from home making sure we are safe and secure.

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a good 8-10 degrees. Anyone who had a sweater, jacket or blanket was lucky.

The afternoon started drawing to a close around 2 PM due to the weather. Within an hour, the food had been stored, the equipment given a quick cleaning and replaced on the supply trailer, and the grounds cleared of debris.

The DSR members attending were John & Suder Bogle, Paul Dagenais, Mike Ebl, J. Finley, Walt & Martha Fuller (plus Martha's sister), Buddy Givens, Steve Goren, Ed Grimes, Jim & Nancy Henderson (the hosts), Scott Henderson, Tracy Metclaf, Bill & Leah Musgrove, John Pendergrass, Herb & Nancy Thoms and Richard & Sylvia White. Oh yeah, the Paquets were there, too.

Many thanks to the MCMC for bringing their cars and making this a joint outing. Members of the Gulf Coast Model A Club, Mobile Bay Mustang Club and the Southern MOPAR club were on hand as well.

4th Annual Fun in the Sun Open Car Show
Faith Fellowship Church, Robertsdale, AL
 By Dick Cashdollar

Saturday, Oct. 21st was a perfect day for a car show, mostly clear skies and moderate temperatures. Folks responded, and 114 great cars and motorcycles registered for this show. In the past several years, Faith Church has worked to make this a great annual event, which features the show (118 trophies and awards presented this year!), burnout competition, police K-9 demo, silent auction, "general store", raffles, and a great church-provided food court.

The centerpiece car on display this year was a 1937 V12 Cadillac Limo. The car is owned by a man in Pensacola, has only been repainted once, and still has its original interior in pristine condition. It was used in the first 11 episodes of the TV series "The Munsters" years ago, and is the only remaining 1937 Cadillac V12 Limo in existence. Great car!



Wouldn't you just love to go for a ride in this? Talk about getting attention!!

The show featured a different format from that which I have seen in other shows. Instead of parking, setting up and prepping your car with the judges coming to the cars, this show featured "drive-up" judging. When you arrived, you were parked and given ample time to prep your car. When ready, you then drove to the judging area, got in line, and drove to where you were judged. You then returned to your "spot" and set up for display. The system worked OK, but cars were constantly in motion throughout the day. Personally, I like the method where the judges come to you better.

While the show was heavily "street rods", there were a number of true classics on display as well. Overall "Show Stopper" winner (a 7-foot tall trophy!) was a great 1957 Chevy Bel Air 2-door hardtop. I entered my 1995 Corvette, which I've just started showing. I started



Dick C's other toy

as an "excuse" to go to some car shows that were simply too far away for me to drive my Model A. But I've been pleasantly surprised – two shows – two trophies! All in all, a great show that I'd highly recommend that other DSR members attend in the future. I certainly plan to be there again next year. But if you plan to go – call me for directions. This church is really out in the middle of farm country east of Robertsdale!

The Great Pumpkin Party

We were asked to display a few cars to add some oomph to Springhill Baptist Church's 2nd annual Fall Festival and Great Pumpkin Party. And display we did with a '65 Mustang, a '63 Buick, a 1929 Model A Ford Sedan, a '64 Comet and last but not least, a 1937 Packard. The location was around the Activities Building across McGregor Avenue from the church which actually faces Old Shell Road. This set the stage for the cars in that they were parked just inside a main gate which all visitors to the event had to enter. There was lots of the usual "ooing and aahing" along with the older generation (look who's talking!) stopping to reminisce about having "had one just like that but it was (1) a 4-door (2) different color (3) had a rumble seat".

This is where DSR members Steve, Cathy and Trevor Goren attend church so it was a pleasure for us to participate.

It is considered part of our "community service". There was face painting, a pumpkin carving contest, games, air slide and bobbing for donuts for the younger crowd while



DSR members chatted with visitors about the cars. We were scheduled from 3 – 5 PM and about "tea time" as some refer to four o'clock, we discovered a full pot of fresh coffee and (do you believe this?) free apple or pumpkin pie. This made the last hour pass rather quickly for Lycyle



Crowdus, Paul Dagenais, Don Dillehay, Tracy Metclaf, Buddy & Patt Paquet and John and Dolly Pendergrass.

**DSR General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2006**

President Patt Paquet called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led 15 members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lambert Mims gave the invocation.

Old Business: President Patt Led a discussion of the DSR's participation at the Henderson Farm 12th annual Family Fun Day to be held Nov. 11th.

Vice President: Steve Goren -- No report

Secretary: John Pendergrass not in attendance. Motion by Richard White to accept the September minutes as published in the newsletter; seconded by Herb Thoms; motion carried.

Treasurer: Judy Martin not in attendance. No old business.

Editor: Buddy Paquet -- No report

Activities: Lycyle Crowdus: Display at Springhill Baptist Church 3-5:00 p.m. Oct. 29

Veterans Day Parade 10:00 a.m. Nov. 10

DSR Thanksgiving Dinner (clubhouse) 12:00 Noon Nov. 18

Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade 10:00 a.m. Dec. 2

DSR Christmas Party (Paquet home) 12:00 Noon Dec. 9 (RESERVATIONS)

Mobile Christmas Parade 1:30 Dec. 16

Member at Large: Walt Fuller not in attendance

Nominating Committee: Steve Goren reported the slate of 2007 officers as President -- vacant, Vice President -- Vacant, Secretary -- Vacant, Treasurer -- Vacant, Editor -- Buddy Paquet, Activities -- Vacant, Member at Large -- Vacant

President Paquet announced they and the Whites (Richard & Sylvia) will co-chair the Mother's Day Car Show.

New Business: Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Lambert Mims to combine the November meeting with the Thanksgiving Dinner, seconded by Don Dillehay motion carried.

A request was made by Vice President Steve Goren to use the DSR clubhouse for the Springhill Cardiac and Pulmonary Outpatients Services (he is head of the unit) Christmas Lunch on Friday, Dec. 8. Steve stated he would assume full responsibility for the use of the building. Motion by Sylvia White to proceed, seconded by Lambert Mims, motion carried.

Secretary -- No Report

Treasurer -- President Patt distributed copies of the treasurer's report to the membership, motion to approve by Richard White, seconded by Don Dillehay, motion carried.

Editor -- Buddy Paquet announced the November newsletter would be handed out to those attending the Thanksgiving Dinner thus saving some postage expense.

Activities -- Lycyle Crowdus reviewed a request for cars for the Mt. Hebron Church on Oct. 31, 5 pm to 8 pm, invitation declined due to it being Halloween plus danger of cars out after dark.

Announcement: Reminder of Jackson, AL car show on Oct. 28

A motion to adjourn came at 8:05 pm, seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia White, Secretary Pro-Tem



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Dates to Remember

2006

- Nov. 18- DSR Thanksgiving Dinner in Clubhouse
- Dec. 2 Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade—Lineup at Griggs School 10:00 am
- Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—Fly the Flag !!
- Dec. 9 DSR Christmas Lunch (Catered) at Paquet home 12 Noon
- Dec. 16 Mobile Holiday Parade—Lineup at Mobile Civic Center 1:30 pm
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

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