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2008 Dates to Remember

**Oct. 23 DSR Meeting at Clubhouse with a Pot Luck Stew Dinner starting at 6:00 PM –
Please remember to bring your magazines for re-labeling to be left in hospital
waiting rooms and other high-traffic areas.**

**Oct. 25 Mobile, AL 9th Annual " Cars for a Cause " Open Show. New Location this year is at
the Marriott Hotel (I-65 / Airport Blvd.). Awards include Fab 5, Top 25 (participant judged),
Nifty 50's, Sexy 60's, Super 70's, Awesome 80's, Naughty 90's, Dandy 00's, Best Import, Cool
Convertible, Cool Chevy, Classy Chevy, Fabulous Ford, Just Because, Memory Lane Pick,
Mighty Mopar, Misghty Muscle, Roarin' Rat Rod, Show Stopper, Terrific Truck, Longest
Distance Traveled (\$100 cash). Event includes 50/50 Drawing, Live Auction, Music and Great
Food. Net proceeds go to the Child Advocacy of Mobile, and other needy causes. Pre-
Registration deadline is Oct. 15th - \$ 20.00 Day of Show \$ 25.00.
www.pasttimecruisers.com for more info and pre-registration form or contact Jim Crocker
251.454.8789 or Clarence Perkins 251.605.6160.**

**Be ready to sign up & participate in display for Springhill Bapt. Church on Sun., Oct. 26th 3-5 PM.
Let's support our incoming Prez, Steve Goren, by showing our cars for his church's Great Pumpkin
Party!**

**Nov. 1 Jackson, AL Jackson Fall Festival & 26th Annual Bob Smith Memorial Antique
Auto Show hosted by the Old South Antique Car Club. Loads of fun for everyone, 1st, 2nd &
3rd place trophies plus Best of Show for Pre & Post War, Longest Distance Driven and more.
Info (251)246-3251 or E-mail blu54chevy19@bellsouth.net.**

Nov. 4 Election Day—Don't forget to vote

Nov. 8 GCMAFC's Thanksgiving Outing

**Nov. 8 Assist Penople House with fund raiser by displaying our cars 10am-3pm in
Municipal Park at the Bandshell. To be voted on at the Oct. 23rd meeting**

**Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Parade—If you haven't signed up to drive please call Lycyle Crowdus
661-8486**

**Nov. 20 DSR Meeting at Clubhouse 7:00 PM - 1 WEEK EARLY DUE TO THANKSGIVING
HOLIDAY**

Nov. 22 DSR Thanksgiving Dinner at Clubhouse starting at 12 Noon

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DSR loves “Mickey D’s”

Saturday, September 27, 2008
By Cathy Goren

What could possibly be better on a beautiful, sunny Saturday than “I’m lovin’ it” fast food? It could be showing off our cars in conjunction with the Grand Opening of a new McDonald’s unit.. Oh yeah, that is definitely a good Saturday thing to do.

Although my friend, Carol, and I arrived late, after my husband and parents, we did get there in time to enjoy visiting with the other seven or eight other DSR members as well as some guests who had heard about the “goings-on” from not only the unit manager but nearly everyone else in the small city of Grand Bay.

Had it not been for the fact of hubby Steve leaving early in our ’58 Biscayne, leaving my friend and I to make our way there without the benefit of one of those talking get-you-there thingies called a GPS device, who knows what might have happened?

Just a little side note...my Mom took the family motor home to a Sweet Adelines competition last year in Chattanooga in order to keep all of the group together. They had no more than left Mobile before they renamed the GPS “Naggy Aggie”.

Now, back to the event I am responsible for telling you about. We had a very nice grassy area in front of the restaurant to circle the cars and lots of shade for our requisite chairs. It wasn’t long before several locals who brought their very nice vehicles to show off joined our display. We answered many questions about our vehicles, our club and the various area represented.

It proved to be a very busy day for the new McDonald’s unit with many people stopping by for lunch and to look at the cars. Among them were



The Goren’s ’58 Biscayne in front of the new unit

Bill and Sidney Whiting with daughter, Margaret, on their way to an equine competition in Mississippi where said daughter would continue her quest in becoming a champion horsewoman.

The new unit is located directly across Grand Bay-Wilmer Road from the T & A Truck Stop on I-10. We were front and center from the numerous trucks exiting back on the road and many a driver honked, air-horned and waved as they passed by getting back on the road.

In a situation like this, when conversation wanes, it doesn’t take much to entertain us. Some unexpected excitement occurred when an errant driver made a dangerous turn. Everyday occurrence, right? Well, not really. This one did it directly in front of a Mobile County Sheriff’s car and was immediately blue-lighted and pulled over into the parking area. We couldn’t hear what was said between the officer and the driver (maybe that was best??!!) but I would be willing to bet when the driver left, he had at least one more piece of paper than he did previously.

Thanks to the good memory of DSR members Clyde and Janet Smith, we heard a story of distant friends of theirs who previously lived a short distance behind where the restaurant now stands in...no less than a TREE HOUSE!! See, you just never know what you miss by not being at these events.

We certainly enjoyed the hospitality of the owner and manager of the new McDonalds who treated all of us to free lunches and later surprised us with ice cream sundaes. What better way to spend a Saturday but with our friends and our cars. DSR members participating on Saturday were **Lycyle Crowdus, Paul Dagenais, Buddy Givens, 2 Gorens, K. Houk (Yvonne was not up to par) 2 Paquets, 2 Pendergrass, 2 Smiths, and 2 Thoms.**

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From the President's desk...

first, I am happy to report I am home, although I did have a minor set back and had to

spend a couple of days in the hospital a week or so back. I have tell you all that I am truly blessed to have so many faithful supporters in DSR. Your prayers have helped get me through this ordeal.

Next, I want you to know how much I appreciate those of you who have volunteered to serve on our 2009 leadership team. You are the glue that holds our club together.

You can't imagine how proud I am of all the members who have participated in events since our last meeting. You have covered a good part of our great country, all the way from the Mississippi coast to "Chocolate Town" and places in between.

There are more events in the near future that will need our help. Patt has kept me up to date on what we are being asked to do and all of them are very worthy of our participation. In addition, it give us very positive exposure.

I do hope to see all of you again soon.

Lambert Mims, President



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on to a friend
to enjoy!

McDonald's display

Honking and waving on Sunday

By Walt Fuller

"Yes, we are going to early Church" was the reply I gave when asked if we would be available for the new Grand Bay McDonald's grand opening.

We were greeted with lots of honking and waving by numerous car owners getting an early (a whole week!) start on their way to Crusin' the Coast. But the biggest and best was from the truckers leaving the T & A Truck Stop across the road. They let you really know who much they enjoyed seeing all the good-looking cars. Everyone of those on display were bright and beautiful.

Martha and I were taking a leisurely drive down to the new "Big Mac" when all of a sudden, we met up with Buddy and Patt Paquet. We just cruised on down to Grand Bay following them. I figured if Buddy had been a Deputy Sheriff patrolling south Mobile County for all of those years, he should know where he was going. Both vehicles got lots of "thumbs up" from on-coming motorists. There were even some Harley folks who liked our cars. An old Model A following a Buick to the show...life is great!



The Sells Model T Ford and the Henderson T-Bird

We got there a little early and found a nice shady spot under the overhanging oak trees. Shortly, others began to arrive and soon we began to draw a crowd. Members, guests, locals, you name them. It was nice to meet some of the folks from down in that area who have the same interests as we do. Membership information was handed out to all those expressing interest in our organization which, hopefully, will get us some new members.

Lunch was a get-it-when-you-are-ready-to affair so the group sort of splintered; some eating inside, some out in their chairs by the cars and some on the very nice outdoor area of the restaurant. The weather was warm but not intolerable.

We solved all the world's problems, or at least those in our little corner of it, during the short afternoon and most of all, enjoyed each other's company. Sunday's participants were 2 Crowells, 2 Fullers, 2 Henderson grandsons - Travis and Ramsey - 2 McCuskers, 2 Paquets, 2 Sells and 2 Whites plus several guests. What a great way to enjoy on hobby. Why not tell a friend about a way to spend some quality time?

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Membership Dues Renewal

The treasurer is now collecting 2009 membership dues for the coming year. All dues must be in to national headquarters by Feb. 28, 2009 but sooner is better. Those members who will be holding office in DSR should pay at the Oct. 23rd meeting for their names to be on the official ballot.

As in the past, if you wish to write one check, payable to DSR for both national and local dues, the Treasurer will forward the AACA portion to Hershey. If you choose to pay your national dues directly to HQ, please provide the date of payment to the treasurer at the time you pay your DSR dues. You must be a member in good standing of AACA in order to be a DSR member.

Dues for 2009 remain the same as last year, \$35 per membership for National and \$15 for DSR. If married, your spouse is covered by the fees for both. PLEASE put your membership number on your check.

This is also the time we gather information to produce the 2009 Membership Roster. If you have had a change in address, telephone number or vehicle collection, please provide that information along with your dues payment. If you want to have your E-mail address listed in the Roster, please provide that as well. Mail your check and other info to Tracy Metclaf

58 South Julia Street AACA & DSR: \$50
Mobile, AL 36604 DSR only: \$15

Bylaws reviewed; change to be considered

The following changes have been submitted for members to vote on at the November 20th meeting. If you have any comments or questions, please bring this page to the Oct. 23rd meeting and discussion can be held. The existing Section 4 of Article IV is on the left, the revised, if changed, is on the right.

Article IV - Section 4: TREASURER - (A) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Region. The Treasurer will establish and manage an account, or accounts in such bank as may be designated by the Executive Board.

(B) The checks or drafts in the name of the Region can be drawn with the signature of two of the following (non-family) members: Treasurer, President, Vice President or Secretary.

(C) The Treasurer will pay insurance bills, public utilities, and Regional publication expenses upon receipt. All other bills will be paid when approved by a majority vote of members at meeting.

(D) Any funds set aside for the annual car show expenses shall be so designated on every Treasurer's report. All bills concerning club sponsored car shows may be paid by the Treasurer upon receipt.

(E) The Treasurer shall collect all dues and keep record of same.

(F) The Treasurer shall render a financial report to the Region at regular meetings, and whenever the President or the Executive Board requires such a report.

(G) In the case of a special event that requires a separate bank account be established, the President with agreement of the executive Board, may appoint a voting member in place of the Treasurer to manage any special account.

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(B) Checks or drafts in the name of the Region may be drawn with the signature of two of the following (non-family) members: Treasurer, President, Vice-President or Secretary. Bank accounts shall be so structured.

(C) The Treasurer will pay all insurance, public utilities, taxes, regional publication and postage expenses upon receipt. The Treasurer may pay all others bills not to exceed \$100. The Treasurer, with the approval of the President or the Vice President, shall, in an emergency situation, provide payment for any expenditure directed by the President or the Vice President. All expenditures shall be presented to the membership for review and approval by the majority of those attending the next following regularly scheduled Region meeting. All other expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of members attending the meeting at which approval is requested.

(D) The Treasurer may pay all bills concerning club sponsored car shows upon receipt. The payments shall be listed separately on the Treasurer's report for review and approval at the next following regularly scheduled meeting. A separate report of the car show's receipts and expenses shall be presented to the membership.

(E) The Treasurer shall collect all dues and keep records of the same. The Treasurer may pay all membership dues payments collected on behalf of the Antique Automobile Club of America national office.

(F) The Treasurer shall certify membership dues payments to the preparer of the annual Region Roster for purposes of inclusion in the roster.

(G) The Treasurer shall render a financial report to the Region at the regular meetings for approval by the majority of the members present at the meeting, and whenever the President or the Executive Board requires such a report.

(H) In the case of a special event that requires a separate bank account be established, the President with the agreement of the Executive Board, may appoint a voting member in place of the Treasurer to manage any special account.

Article IX – Section 2: These bylaws should be reviewed on an annual basis with changes and revisions made for the welfare of the organization. All changes and revisions shall be approved by a majority vote of the Regional members in good standing upon written notice to all Regional members stating the proposed changes. This notice will be postmarked at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.

Change last sentence to read: "This notice will be sent at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date." **Reasoning:** This will allow for the use of E-mail as we currently send the newsletter and eliminate a separate mailing except in a case of extreme urgency.

The solution to rolling blackouts? Rolling electricians!

By Ed McCusker

My father-in-law, Henry Schleyer, was a licensed electrician who worked out of his “work” car. He had just about everything he needed to wire, or rewire; be it a house, apartment, factory, horse stable or wherever people wanted a wire to go. The work car had to cost no more than a few hundred dollars and it had to be old, but in fairly good shape.

A retired German carpenter, Charley Persinger who was his friend, told him that he wanted to get rid of his 1949 Packard Woody Station Wagon. His son had worked for the local Packard dealer as a mechanic and told his father about a good deal on a station wagon that the dealer was having a hard time getting rid of. His father went to look at it and immediately fell in love with all the wood the car had attached to it. A price was settled on and the car had a home for the next 15 years. It was used as both a family and work car. As a work car, the man did side jobs when work as a union carpenter got slow. He and his wife had a vacation home about an hour drive from their city home. They liked to go there almost every weekend and this is where the family use came into play.

After 14 years, the engine got a little tired as did the suspension system. The carpenter’s son decided to do a ring-and-valve job on the engine while he was still working as an auto mechanic, although not for the Packard dealer who had gone out of business by this time. After another year of driving, it was decided by the carpenter’s wife it was time to move on (When turning, it seems the car had a tendency to roll into the turn), as in “We need a better car!”. My father-in-law arrives on the scene just in time. This car fits his profile for a work car and has a rebuilt engine. For \$150, he decided he had made a good choice.

I heard about the sale and when I saw the car for

the first time, my father-in-law had it packed just about full of electrical supplies. Needless to say, the rear end seemed to have a certain sag to it. He drove it for about three years doing his electrical work, but one cold morning, it refused to start. It sat there for the next six months as a stationary warehouse. In the meantime, another work car was purchased, a 1953 Plymouth sedan for \$300. The Cycle started all over again. The Packard had always been garaged until my father-in-law took ownership. The wood took a real beating, left outside all the time. After about three years, the car was in really bad shape. The junkman came by and was only too happy to take it away considering the amount of metal that was in the car. To my father-in-law, it was just another work car, but to the auto world, it was to become a classic.



Could Mr. Schleyer’s electrical supply warehouse have looked something like this?

I did get to ride in the front passenger seat of the Packard several times when my father-in-law was in need of some assistance doing his electrical work. The car was slow because he never drove too fast; I guess you could say it was a little like driving Miss Daisy. Some people might have even compared it to a moving tank.

An interesting side story to this is that the carpenter who originally purchased the car claimed he knew Bruno Hauptmann, who was found guilty of kidnapping the Lindbergh baby in the early 1930s. They both had worked a union carpenters together from time to time. Both were immigrants to the United States from Germany. “Bruno Hauptmann never killed that baby”, was a statement I heard from the carpenter and his wife, Mary, more than once in various conversations I was in on.

I have my doubts about Bruno’s guilt, much as I have the same doubt about the Kennedy assassination. The most important evidence against Bruno was that he had the ransom money.

Cruisin' The Coast®

By Herb Thoms & Cathy Goren

The Mississippi Gulf Coast played host to over 4200 antique cars, classic cars, street rods and some vehicles that defied description during the most recent edition of Crusin' the Coast. Nancy and I loaded up the motor home and reved up the Cougar for a run to Bay St. Louis and the Hollywood Casino campground on Monday, Oct. 6th. The first stop was in Gulfport for registration. The weather was no very cooperative with wind and dust at the registration area, pouring rain when we got to the campground, rain and falling acorns bouncing off the roof all night and more rain the next morning. This put the brakes on a trip to the VA and then more rain in the PM. We decided to move from the "swamp" to a better campsite which was much drier and no assault from the trees.

Cathy: Crusin' the Coast seems to be enjoying a resurgence, with more cars than ever, despite the problems caused by road construction blocking traffic and causing dust. You hardly noticed with so many fine cars to gawk at, though.

Herb: The Crusin' venues were all well run and set up to accommodate the cruisers. With the bridges open at each end of Highway 90, detours to I-10 were no longer necessary. Highway 90 improvements have not been completed so there were some one-lane stretches. Even though there was congestion in some places, it was no big deal. Great entertainment was available at the Bay St. Louis Train Depot, D'Iberville Municipal Complex, Edgewater Mall, downtown Ocean Springs and elsewhere. The swap meet had almost 100 vendors with all sorts of goodies for your hobby. Treasure Bay Casino hosted the Classic Car Auction, with cars going for anywhere from \$10,000 to over \$100,000.

Wednesday we met with old friends from Mississippi and went to the senior special lunch buffet at one of the casinos. Only senior citizens would stand in line for 45 minutes to save \$2 on a \$4.99 buffet! That evening we went to the Second Annual St. Rose de Lima Church Car Show in Bay St. Louis. This was a most unusual show. As I mentioned, it was held in the evening and had live entertainment.

Great food, including BBQ ribs and turkey legs cooked on the spot, Bingo, and about 80-90 cars. The Priest is from India and the membership of the church gives no lie to the saying that "11 a.m. is the most segregated hour in the US". We did manage to snag a Top 25 award.

Thursday we went to the train station in Bay St. Louis. There was a huge turnout for a Thursday with all sorts of great cars. For the first time ever (that I know of) there were four Cougars on display in one place; a 1967, my '68, a '71 and a '72 convertible. The latter two were truly outstanding cars. Later on that day, we were joined by Steve, Cathy and Trevor Goren and their friend, Carol.

Cathy: When we went over on Thursday, we took both the 1958 Biscayne and the 1996 Corvette. We really enjoyed the trip over and joined my parents at the train station for awhile. The Corvette had to sit that venue out, not being a true classic by age, but we still had fun walking around enjoying all the cars. Mostly we enjoyed simply cruising around enjoying all the sights.

Herb: Friday found us at the swap meet. There was reserved parking for all the CTC cruisers. Someone slipped a note into the Cougar with a phone number to call if I was interested in sell it. Fat chance!

Cathy: Friday night we cruised the Edgewater Mall venue and had some (probably drunk) guy flag us down and beg us to sell him the '58. He even had a huge wad of cash in his hand!!

The Corvette does have it's moments, too. We visited a fine display of them put on by several of the Louisiana clubs at the Hollywood casino.

Herb: Saturday it was back to the Bay St. Louis train depot where we met our son, Steve, and his wife, Clarisse. They had brought their '65 Mustang Fast Back. This is the car that took up residence for a period of time after Katrina while they were rebuilding their home and garage (a several years-long project). We had a great spot and I was able to get some good pictures of the cars as they rolled by. A picture of our cars was one of many appearing in an article about CTC in the local paper. (Cont Page 8)

DSR Car Show for West Mobile's Senior Community

By John Pendergrass

Saturday, October 11th, dawned bright, clear and cool; a good omen for a car show. Those of us who chose, or by default, weren't in Hershey, PA for the AACA Eastern Fall Meet or at Crusin' the Coast over in Mississippi, had an event to participate in.



Some of us began arriving at the front of the Somerby apartment building off Cody Road at 10

AM to the delight of the residents already outdoors enjoying the fine weather. At the time, there was much activity in progress. A three-piece band was setting up under the portico and the chef and his kitchen assistants were arranging for food at a grill. Space in the parking lot was set aside for our cars and two chairs placed at each car's parking spot.

Several club members took a tour of the first floor of the apartment house, learning that there were also



houses and villas in addition to this part of the campus. A few of those taking the tour would not be eligible to live there now because they've not yet reached the age requirement. Even so, they expressed pleasure with what they saw.

There was a dozen cars on display when Walt and Martha Fuller made a grand entrance in their bright red Model A roadster, with the ah-ooga horn sounding, much to everyone's amusement. DSR members on hand were **2 Bogles, L. Crowdus, P. Dagenais, 2 Dylewskis, 2 Fullers, B. Givens, M Glenn, G. Jackson, 2 McCuskers, 2 Paquets and Dolly and myself.** I want




to take a line or two here to thank all of you who came out, making me look good to the Somerby

Director who had requested we do this. Nearly everyone has friends, but not many have friends who go the extra mile to help one really shine. I also want to say how much I appreciate Jim Henderson's generosity in supplying three cars while he was off experiencing Hershey.



Coffee and soft drinks were offered to those getting situated under the portico to hear the band and visit with residents who had come out in full force to view the vehicles. The grill was starting to give off a nice aroma and the staff had set out all the "fixin's" to go with hot dogs along with chips and cookies. Members were free to make their lunch when they chose while listening to old-time favorites, from the 1930's through the '70s, by the band.

On a personal note, frequently at old cars events, special notice is given to whom ever travels the greatest distance. For this event, there was no need to discuss distance traveled. However, I think Dolly and I have the record for the least distance in bringing two cars to an event, less than 0.2 mile for both.

We have already been invited to come again next year and Lycyle has the Director's card. However, I am sure she will work it out so there's not a conflict with two of the biggest events in the "car kingdom".



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It's a small, small world

John Bogle ran into the wife of a couple who lived across the street from him from 1949-66. Both husbands worked at Brookley and when it closed, John was transferred to Georgia and the neighbors to Texas. They've seen each other occasionally over the years for weddings, funerals, etc. It was a very happy occasion when the Bogles and Mrs. Bradford and her daughter ran into each other at the car display at Somerby.

Keesler AFB Car Show

By Ed McCusker

Barbara and I left Mobile Saturday morning, Sept. 27th in our 1931 Chevrolet Sedan. It was a nice morning for driving any antique vehicle. We arrived at Keesler Air Force Base around noon. To enter the base, all I had to do was show my driver's license and the officer gave me directions to where the car show was taking place.

Driving over to the back side of the base, we found an especially nice park and marina. There were about 50 cars in the show, which by the way, were nearly all street rods, mostly from the 1950-60s era. I just don't have a real feeling for these type of cars, but one really did catch my eye. It was a 1955 Chevy BelAire with a pink and gray paint job and more chrome in the engine department than I can describe. It even had a mirror on the underside of the hood.

Keesler is a very nice place to visit if you are over in the area. Ex-military personnel are welcome. The park is right on the back Bay with lots of trees and a fishing pier to cast a line from if you want to try your fishing luck. It was a great place for our picnic lunch and to just generally unwind.



AACA Southeastern Division Fall Meet

By Scott Henderson

How many kinds of stew are there?

By Norma Nosey

First let me say that stew is what you make it. "Culinarily" speaking, I have learned that stew is thicker with more solids as opposed to soup which is thinner with more liquidity.

With Autumn on it's way, our refreshment couple of the month, Garrette and Frieda Dylewski, thought it would be a nice to kick off the season with a Stew Supper. And we all will eat somewhere; therefore, why not together?

If you want to show off your favorite stew recipe, bring enough to serve 6-8 and have it at the clubhouse by 5:45 for our Oct. 23rd meeting. If stew is not in your repertoire of cooking skills, then you can bring some type of bread, ingredients for a nice tossed green salad, or dessert. Soft drinks and tea/coffee will be furnished.

It would be extremely helpful if you bring your own salad dressing.

This will be RSVP in order to know how many to plan for. You will get an E-mail reminder or a telephone call from Martha Fuller with Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, noon being the deadline.

By the way, a few types of stew are Bouillabaisse, Brunswick, Burgoo, Gumbo (yep, it is defined as a stew), Irish, Lamb and Mulligan.



CTC concluded

Cathy: Saturday night we attended the Corvette Rendezvous at Preston Hood Chevrolet. We saw at least 60 others, including a convertible twin of our Collector Edition. Very cool!! They even had us park the '58 up at the front of the dealership so everyone could enjoy it.

Needless to say, we are already looking forward to next year, but we need to save up for the swap meet. We spend way too much this year. If I can remember, I'll wear my new 'Vette tee shirt to the meeting.

Herb: Sunday, the Thoms and the Gorens wrapped it all up and headed home to Mobile, happy we had the chance to participate in one of the best events of it's kind in the country.

AACA Western Fall Meet

By Harry McGill, Guest Author

The weekend of Sept. 25-27 was perfect weather, as usual, in San Diego, CA. The Meet location was the beautiful Town & Country Hotel in Mission Valley Circle. We arranged to meet our friend, Caroline Kline, who is also motorcycle devotee a few days early and show her “around the town”.

Many will remember San Diego being a stopping off point for Navy personnel before being sent to bases in the Pacific. As with most cities, it has changed in size, traffic, freeways, etc. About the only place that hasn't changed is the Marine Corps Recruit Depot; all the old navy haunts downtown are gone and you seldom see anyone in uniform unless you are on a base.

Tuesday evening we got together for a burger dinner at the Santee Elk's Lodge. She mentioned to Evelyn she had brought a helmet since she didn't know what kind of transportation we'd be using.

I picked her up early on Wednesday for a short ride on my Harley down to our home in Imperial Beach. Afterwards, we all piled into the truck and went to the top of Mt. Soledad in LaJolla, a good viewing point, to see the Cross and Veterans Memorial. The Cross has been an issue in the courts for several years, over separation of Church and State, until President Bush signed legislation in 2006 making it Federal property and a Federal War Memorial.

There was a problem when we were ready to leave the mountain. Long story short, I was unable to turn off the alarm system. After much ado and while I was gone with a couple of students who took me downhill to LaJolla to get a new control, thinking that was the problem, the same thing happened to a Ford Mustang. Caroline spoke to a fellow working on the Memorial who told her it happens all the time due to the close proximity of a mass of communication towers. He told her how we could fix it and when I returned, I gave it a try. It worked. But the instructions do not work on after market alarm systems. With the time we were stuck up on the hill, all we had time for was to fight the traffic home and get ready for dinner at the Fleet Reserve Club.

Thursday, the opening day of the Meet, was much better. A visit to the aircraft carrier USS Midway showed me I had forgotten how many ladders you have to use in order to get around on a ship. Knees just aren't as young as they used to be. Next was lunch at the Chicken Pie Shop followed by a visit to I. I. Cooley Museum and train store.

Friday morning Evelyn and I continued to play tour guides for Caroline. With our common interest in motorcycles, we really never run out of something to talk about. That afternoon was the traditional judging school with about ten attendees, not counting the AACA National representatives. The Friday night event and Saturday night banquet was a little too pricey for Evelyn and me (\$51 & \$52 pp) so we didn't attend. This was a disappointment because we do look forward to the social time with old friends and the prospect of making new ones.

Our grandson, Matthew, an AACA Life Member and member of the Two-Wheeler Region of AACA was on hand Saturday for more than one reason. He was going to assist Caroline unloading and getting her three Harleys and push them onto the field. I had spoken with the Chief Judge to see if I could get him started as an apprentice now that he is 17 years of age. He attended to Judges Breakfast, completed his training with the Apprentice Team, now has his first Judging Chip in hand and is very happy. I hope he will again join us for other AACA meets.

There was a total of 81 vehicles judged in this meet, typical for the West Coast meets; 52 in class judging, 14 in DPC, 11 in HPOF and 4 in the new SGCV class.

Several meets have been held in this Hotel Circle. Unfortunately, they nearly all have pay parking and traffic in the Mission Valley area can be very bad. While there was ample room in the “back 40” for tow vehicles and trailers, motor homes and show vehicles, there is no easy access for invited guests or general public with paying to park. It seemed to me most of the spectators were hotel guests and employees. This was very disconcerting to me. But, all in all, it was a good meet.

New AACA Staff member

For the last 4½ years the club has been operating with a reduced workforce at national headquarters in Hershey. The need to provide more services to our members and to reduce the workload of our current staff made it painfully clear that we needed to find a marketing communications manager.

Ann Kulp has been hired to handle a majority of AACA's marketing duties, the very important task of assisting the club with badly needed public relations activities for not only the national club but also for our regions and chapters. In addition, Ann will be responsible for overseeing our display advertising sales in *Antique Automobile*. Ann was selected from more than 80 applicants and, as a "car fanatic," we are excited to have her as part of our team.



Now, you just don't wake up one day with a passion for cars. Rather, it is an obsession cultivated over a lifetime. And, in Ann's case, it was inherited from her parents who loved antique cars and auto racing. Her childhood was happily spent at Summit Point, Watkins Glen, Mid-Ohio, Circuit Mont-Tremblant, Road Atlanta, car shows and club events and in the garage under the 1965 MGB that her father bought new from Manhattan Auto in Washington D.C. That's her at the wheel (above) shortly after she and her husband, Greg, completed its restoration, proudly continuing a legacy. The little B holds some wonderful memories for Ann; not only is it her first car (how cool is that?!), but she participated in club

events with it and used it while dating Greg (car girl meets car guy).

Ann comes to AACA by way of Purdue University, an eclectic career including operating her own business and, most recently, as director of legislative and regulatory affairs for a trade association.

Ann is looking forward to meeting you, enjoying your stories and learning all about your treasures!



From the editor...

One of the first things one must learn as an editor is where to put things when lay-out the newsletter. You can see that I have learned that lesson well in that I chose to be right next to a very attractive young lady in a very sexy little car.

Being told I am of sound mind, although I might not always agree with that, I have elected to continue for another year as your editor. It seems as if it was only a week or so ago I was doing this same thing, but that just goes to show you how time flies when you're having fun.

I have always said this is your newsletter and I want it to be what you want it to be. I need the continued help of those who attend events where I cannot to continue to write about them for everyone to read. I would like for you to tell me what you want to read about in the feature articles, if you want more technical restoration information, etc. Then it will be what YOU want.

I've been asked to include a couple of displays that will be addressed at the Oct. 23 meeting in order to allow you to check your calendars and hopefully sign up for them.

Oct. 26 – Display cars 3-5 pm at the Spring-hill Baptist Church Pumpkin Party

Nov. 8 – Display cars 10am – 3 pm for a fundraiser for the Penelope House

Deep South Region AACA General Membership Meeting Sept. 25, 2008 Minutes

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Patt Paquet gave an update on President Mims and Don Dillehay.

Old Business: President (absent) and Vice President had no old business. The Secretary, Cathy Goren, asked for a motion to accept the August minutes as recorded and printed in the newsletter. Motion made, second and approved by members present. The Treasurer, Editor and Webmaster all had no old business to talk about. Activities Coordinator, Don Dillehay, was absent but Patt filled in, reminding members of the display for the new McDonald's grand opening. She verified the dates and times of members participating. The member-at-large had no old business.

New Business: Patt Paquet reported no one volunteered for the Nominating Committee but went over a list of potential candidates she and Steve Goren, who had volunteered to serve as the 2009 President, had compiled. She also noted the club's Thanksgiving Dinner would be Nov. 22nd and ask for volunteers to begin plans for it. Debbie Bright and Lycyle Crowdus agreed to do and would like other members to assist. Treasurer, Tracy Metclaf, was absent but had provided copies of the September financial report. Patt asked for a motion to accept as presented. Motion made, seconded and carried. The Editor had no new business. A new activity, a display of automobiles for the Somerby Residential Home on Saturday Oct. 11th, was presented by Patt. She asked John Pendergrass, who is a resident there, to give more details. A motion was made, second and approved to make this an official club activity. Lycyle Crowdus presented requests from the Mobile Veteran's Day Committee for DSR to participate in their annual parade on Tuesday, Nov. 11th. In addition a request from the organizers of the Mobile Holiday Parade on Dec. 20 was heard. Each request received individual attention, but motions for both were made, seconded and carried to make these activities official club functions. Webmaster Herb Thoms ask members to give him new submissions to keep the website fresh and interesting. A number of inte-resting auto related stories were shared with much laughter and good natured ribbing.

Patt introduced guest Robert Jordan who owns a 1951 Pontiac Chieftain. The 50/50 drawing was held with the lucky winner being Garrette Dylewski.

Cathy Goren, Secretary



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