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## Mobile Area Show Season Off to a Shining Start With Three Shows in One Month

### Azalea City Classic Chevy Club Hosts 6th Annual Spring Show

Inclement weather has plagued this show for the past several years but they apparently have a direct line to the weatherman now because sunny skies and temperatures in the 80's brought out 106 cars representing 5 states on March 19, 1995.

The judges went through the cars in just under two hours and trophies were awarded one hour earlier than was planned allowing most out-of-towners to get home before dark.

ACCCC members worked hard to put on a good show and their work paid off with everything from registration to trophy presentation running smoothly. This was their return to the What-a-Burger which always is a great place to eat.

This show has always been a charity show and it is nice to know that they cleared over \$1,000 on it. Everyone who attended can pat themselves on the back for having participated in this one.

There were a number of DSR members on hand and some received plaques to remember it by. If you saw the paper on Monday after the show you had the opportunity to see the beautiful street rods belonging to Kenneth and Brenda Goldman right on the front page and inside was a picture and short mention of our own **Dene Breland**.

The traffic going past and returning to get a closer look at the cars made for lots of spectators who seemed to enjoy looking and asking lots of questions.

### Old South Antique Auto Club Holds 33rd Annual Show at Ft. Conde

Hospitality and fellowship were in plentiful supply as always at this show. It is held in conjunction with the Azalea Trail Run and having a place under I-65 to park the cars was nice with sunshine and high temps being plentiful also.

Having hosted 32 shows in the past the members know how to put together a good event and this year certainly was no exception. Awarding the trophies in the shade was great!

One eye-catcher was a '48 Chevy which may have come straight out of moon-shine country or it might have been taken from the last row of some junkyard since it needed a tree limb to hold the hood up. This was a great tongue-in-cheek touch.

They had 83 vehicles registered and the judges had their work cut out for them because there were a lot of fine cars on hand competing for trophies.

DSR was well represented with a number of members but some who have attended in the past were not there and were missed. It was especially good to see **Gavin Edwards** visiting with old friends. This show is sort of like a "family reunion" since some folks are members of both the Old South club as well as DSR.

A number of people who had come down to watch the Azalea Trail Run begin wandered over to the show site to take in all the beautiful vehicles on display.

## MINUTES

### DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA GENERAL MEETING

The March 23, 1995, meeting of the DSR was called to order at 7:40 by Frank DeCrease, president. The meeting was held at the DSR clubhouse. The invocation was given by Don Dillehay. There were 36 members present and two guests.

#### OLD BUSINESS

New members unanimously voted into the club were Charles and Fran Campbell.

Frank DeCrease read a thank you letter from the Brewer Center Mardi Gras committee for participation in their parade.

The February minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter on a motion from Don Dillehay and second by Joan Lundsford.

Patt Paquet, Sparkplug editor, requested input regarding the ad to appear in the November AACA Southeast Division Special Fall Meeting Program. It was agreed that the ad should appear as printed.

Jerry Finley reported that the DSR ANNUAL CAR SHOW is on schedule. Building committee chair person, Robert Moore, reported that construction on the building will start Friday, March 24. The planned addition should take about a week to finish.

Brenda Reid gave a brief update on the upcoming Camellia Classic car show.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The March treasurer's report was given by Frances Whigham and accepted on a motion from Jerry Finley/second from Al White.

The 50/50 pot was won by Joan Lunsford. The Easter wreath was won by Hershel Whigham.

Club Rosters were distributed by Patt Paquet to the members present. Frances Whigham reports that membership is now at 109 for individual members (68 family memberships).

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 on a motion by Jerry Finley and second by Floyd Jordon.

Respectfully submitted,



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Please make the following corrections in your 1995 Roster: Geary Polk's telephone number is 653-6911  
Harold Rowell's wife's name is Ann (not Betty!) and the Whigham's telephone number is 626-4255.  
Sorry for the errors but sometimes my fingers and my mind are not in sync!

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### Camellia Classic is a "Blooming Success"!

The second annual Camellia Classic Open Car Show, hosted by the Mobile Bay Mustang Club was held on April 8, 1995, a gorgeous sunny day, with 269 cars registered making it the largest show in our area ever. Bellingrath Gardens was at its peak and the Great Lawn was covered with cars.

This show was organized and promoted by MBMC member, **John Reid**, with the assistance of over 80% of the membership working at one time or another. All of them are to be congratulated on their time and effort since most all comments regarding the show were positive.

The DSR had many members with antique and classic cars at the show; so many in fact that I could not keep count. A number of them brought home trophies as a reminder of a great show.

Only one cloud appeared and that was two MCBC/DSR members became ill at the show. **Raymond Cochran** suffered a mild heart attack and had to be hospitalized for 4 days but is now home recuperating and **Lloyd Crowds** had a slight reaction to medication and had to be taken home early in the day. He is also feeling better.

This has been a highly successful show both times it has been held and draws cars from a number of states. In 1996 at the third annual Camellia Classic cars registering could top the 400 mark! Our hats are off to the Mobile Bay Mustang Club for a job well done!

By Ernie Youens

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### Bad News....Good News

**Raymond Cochran** is home from the hospital after having been admitted for a mild heart attack.

**Don and Frances Dillehay** are the proud **great grandparents** of their first great grandson. They have a great granddaughter but this is the first boy!

**Congratulations** to **Ed Lunsford** on his retirement from Interstate 2 on March 31, 1995..

### Welcome to DSR's Newest Members

**Charles and Fran Campbell**, along with their beautiful 1967 Pontiac GTO, joined the club in March after having attended the judging seminar.

They both work; **Charles** at IPC and **Fran** is employed in the skilled nursing unit at Mercy Medical in Daphne. She is working on her RN and planning to get her MS and hopefully teach.

Being parents of three grown children, they found they had the time to enjoy a hobby and after having been associated with Marvin Sullivan of the MBMC and his car, they found the GTO over in Mississippi and it has now undergone a total restoration. They also have a '41 Ford which will be a street rod when it is completed.

When asked to describe each other in just one word, **Charles** didn't hesitate calling **Fran** "lovable" but she had to think for a moment before deciding that "unique" was her idea of **Charles**.

Both their jobs require shift work but they have been able to make all the shows so far. Charles had worked the 11p-7a shift before the Old South show but they were there shining and polishing!

Their address is 418 Dogwood Drive, Saraland, Al, 36571 (Telephone 675-3442) so please add them to your roster.

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### Gold Cup Antique Car Race Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Miracle Strip Region AACA sponsored its 10th annual Antique Car Race from Panama City to Apalachicola Florida on April 8, 1995. There were 37 entries and the race was won by a 1962 MGA. This was the first time anything other than a "T" or "A" has won. After arriving at the Gibson Inn in Apalachicola, the cars were displayed for a "mini" car show. I am proud to say that Buddy & I took a first in our class with the Comet. **John Myer, the new AACA Assistant Vice President of Publications**, and his wife, Nancy, participated having driven their 1956 Cadillac down from Birmingham, Alabama.

## Buying?? Selling?? Searching??

**For Sale:** 1963 4-dr 6 cylinder Rambler S/W, auto transmission. **Also** 1963 2-dr 6 cylinder H/T (gold over white) with auto transmission, apx 87K miles. This is a mostly original car in good condition with a negotiable price. **Tom Brown (334)866-7091**

**For Sale:** 1956 Hudson Hornet Sedan with 352 cid Packard engine and 4-speed auto transmission. Original pink, gray and white color, apx 85K miles. \$6,000 negotiable. **Don Dillehay (334)602-0998**

**For Sale:** Many 50's-60's Mercedes-Benz parts at reasonable prices. **Robert Moore (334)344-1720**

**For Sale:** 1987 Suzuki Samuri Convertible w/ 4 year old bikini top; 4 wd - 5 speed, AM/FM cassette radio, new brakes all around. \$3,000  
**John Ballard (334)661-8650**

**For Sale:** 1969 Karma Gia with straight body, needs upholstery/paint. **Jim Keck (334)639-3445**

**For Sale:** 1966 Ford LTD 4-dr with 390 cid engine, black vinyl top over maroon, original wine colored interior. Originally an Illinois car in this area for 3 years. **Ron Davis (334)621-9775 after 5 PM (Daphne)**

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## Reminders....Reminders

You will have already been contacted by the telephone committee regarding our annual "Clean-Up Day" on Saturday, April 29. Plan to arrive 8:30-9:00 AM with your own tools and **bring a sack lunch**. It will take about 3 hours to get the clubhouse and the grounds in order for the car show on May 13. **We really need everyone's help on this once-a-year project.**

Brenda Reid

## "This Highway of Life"

Amazing how we adapt to all the changes as we go down Life's highway; as a babe we learn a little each day how to cope with each problem as we travel through our adult years. Just think; of all the pot holes, greed, drugs and smoking to get through in a safe manner, we need the teachings of God. To be capable of saying "No" when temptations arise, to stay humble and obedient to God's teachings. And what is necessary to obey God perfectly? "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." John Chapter 14:Verse 15.

*Don Dillehay, Chaplain*

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## Thank You

*Hub & I would like to say a big "Thanks" to each and everyone of you for the flowers, calls, cards and your prayers which were all so greatly appreciated when Hub was in the hospital. You each are so very dear to us and we feel so blessed to have you as friends. Our prayer is God's blessing upon everyone.*

*"Hub & Betty Cordell"*

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## And more Reminders!

**Registration forms for the DSR May 13 car show will be available at the April 27 meeting if you have not already registered.**

**Please remember** to bring your door prizes to the meeting. Each member family is responsible for at least one. Make it something that you would like to receive.

Jerry Finley

## New Vehicle in Area Stimulates Interest in Early Libraries

Book Mobile. Do those two words suggest that you schedule Mobile as some sort of stop along the way to somewhere? Or do they infer that you should expect to see Joe Friday with handcuffs for the entire population? In this case, neither scenario applies. Book Mobile is a means of getting books from one place to another.

On an ordinary Saturday, we were called with some extra ordinary news, being invited to see a 1949 Chevy Panel Truck which had been converted into a book mobile and had served three counties in western North Carolina, my home state. The styling of the vehicle is unique unto itself with its bold-broad body and full width grille. Doors have been



cut in the truck sides for easy access to popular and academic books such as *The Enemy Camp* or *The Iroquois Method of Arithmetic*.

The rear door, built with only one brake light, opens to reveal more book shelves with a side panel featuring, what else but *Classic Car Guides*. There



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are many books still on the shelves from when it was retired from service prior to being bought by the museum.



Further information show the the first traveling libraries were in wagons drawn by horse or oxen. Professor Charles Wing, retiring in the North Carolina mountains, furthered the cause by opening the "Good Will Free Library", placing books in general stores or private homes for public use.

This was probably the forerunner of our modern book mobile system. Roan, N.C. had the first Book Mobile in the state or perhaps even the nation.

In my own county, the coming of the Book Mobile was a planned event. Excited, self-taught people gathered to welcome the Book Mobile, visit with neighbors and take home an adventure. Do you perhaps recall getting your "Weekly Reader"?

This rather unique vehicle is owned by **Jim Henderson** who purchased it from Herbie's Antique Car Museum in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina when he and Buddy Paquet attended the auction there which was to close the estate of Herbie who died recently. According to the two of them, approximately 3,000 people attended the 3-day event and the black beauty of the Book Mobile attracted much attention.

By Marjorie DeCrease

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The Sparkplug is non-profit and published for the informatin of our members and friends. DEEP SOUTH REGION meet-ings are held the fourth Thursday at 7:30 PM in the club house at 951 Forest Hill Drive. Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America is required to be a member of this region. Annual local dues are \$15.00 and national dues are \$20.00 single/\$24.00 joint. Views expressed in the Sparkplug are not necessarily those of the Region officers or AACA.

## September Tour Planned for DSR

Mark your calendar now for the week of Sept. 10-16, 1995 for a tour to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Our Activities Coordinators, Melvin & Betty Neese are working out the details for a great week.

Plans at this time are tentative but we will take two days to drive from Mobile to Hot Springs, spending the night perhaps in Vicksburg and arrive there in time to take a riverboat dinner cruise.

The third day will be morning and afternoon trips on the western side of Hot Springs and the fourth day will be the same on the eastern side. On the return trip to Mobile the route will possibly come south to take in some of the sights between Hot Springs and Natches, Mississippi where we will spend the night and then home the sixth day.

Nearly all of the driving will be on State highways rather than the Interstates so we can have a leisurely pace with the cars and enjoy the area. All of this is in the early stages but will be firmed up by about late July. There will be more information at the meetings and in the newsletter as it is available.

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## Perpetual Tags in Alabama

By Pierre Fontanna

We may have created a monster; and if we antique car lovers do not take a hand in taming it, we may all lose.

Some people abuse the privilege by using antique tags on "everyday" vehicles; even ones that are used commercially, losing tax revenue for the State of Alabama.

Now listen carefully. When an antique hobbyist has a car restored in Mobile, and I am talking here, where we live and work, he has to use some "local" services. Maybe where you work, too.

- Insurance companies...they pay taxes.
- Upholstery shops like Trimmer Smith, Frank Waites, Dealers Choice...they pay taxes.
- Machine shops like Claxton, Forest Hill, Car Quest...they pay taxes.
- Body shops like Victory Lane...they pay taxes.

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- Tire stores like Fausaks, Po Boy...they pay taxes.
- Chrome shops like Gulf Plating, Quality and others...they pay taxes.
- Mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, ect...they pay taxes.

Small shops like mine, we do "partial" restoration. That is to say we finish what big shops do not have the time and patience for fine details, foreign car intricate repairs and we contract locally what we cannot handle. We create jobs and we pay taxes.

Most important, we create "local" jobs, we generate the work creating money going into the local economy, so for some of you that did not know this, we are not taking away tax revenue, we are adding to the amount being paid, many times over, out of our own pockets.

There is a cure and since I had a hand in getting the antique tag bill we now have, I will take a shot at it.

First we see that the are safeguards we put into law are useless; now lets solve that problem and not punish everyone.

Second we could put a \$15.00 annual fee, renewable by mail.

Third make insurance coverage mandatory.

Fourth use antique cars only for shows, tours, parades, weddings, Sunday drives, etc., enforced by heavy fines for violators (with accurate details of the abuse).

Fifth, if legal, a free safety inspection by local car clubs at a designated site or civic function.

Sixth, the option to use an old Alabama tag with the correct date for that year car, restored exactly as it was issued by the State at that time. (This is something other states do.)

You see how simple it could be. Now simply pick up the phone, call your favorite State legislator in your district. Be nice...explain to him or her what your ideas are. They generally don't know anything about antique cars. Invite them to one of our meetings, get them interested and even offer them a ride your antique vehicle.. It just might get them to thinking along the same lines as we do.

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 27th: DSR Meeting in the clubhouse at 7:30 PM

April 27-30th: 23rd Annual Pate Swap Meet-Hiway 337 Fort Worth Texas-Call (713)649-0922

April 29th 3rd Annual Panhandle British Beach Bash and Car Show, Pensacola, FL. Info  
Panhandle British Car Assoc. 2323 Copter Road , Pemsacola, Fl 32514

### MAY:

May 5-6th Chevy Fever '95 Sponsored by Azalea City Classic Chey Club - Holiday Inn  
Call Evelyn Swift (334) 675-7875

May 6th Mobile Bay Mustang Club's 7th Annual Ford Powered Regional Car Show at Sam's Club  
Call (334) 344-2643 (334) 626-5744

May 5-7th Louisiana Tour, Houma, LA Sponsored by Slidell and Crescent City Chapters  
A.A.C.A Info; Penny Jones, P.O. Box 73870, Metairie, LA 70033, PH (504) 833-6172

May 13th: 12th Annual Deep South Region Car Show at DSR clubhouse & grounds  
Call Jerry Finley at (334)479-1358 or Al White at (334)344-2643

May 25th: DSR Meeting in the clubhouse at 7:30 PM

May 26-27th: Panama City Classics Car Club's Annual Memorial Weekend Show-Panama City, FL  
For more info call (904)769-0225 or (904) 785-1718

May 26-28th: 17th Annual Gulf Coast Antique Auto Show Info Larry Burdeshaw (601) 392-4374  
Peter Harris (601) 832-7710 Lisa Sanders (601) 872-2577

### JUNE:

June 9th Vettes By the Shore '95 Show and Auction at the Coast Coliseum - Corevette Show and  
Classic Car Auction-call Rusty (601) 868-1513

June 14-18th: Petit Jean Show & Swap Meet (No contact number available at this time)

June 17th: 15th Annual Alabama Blueberry Festival Antique & Classic Car Show on the campus of  
Jeff. Davis Community College in Brewton, AL. For more info call (334) 575-2247

June 17-18th: Mississippi Coast Mustang & Ford Products Show-Coast Coliseum-Biloxi, MS  
For more info call (601)388-5256

June 22nd: DSR Meeting in the Clubhouse at 7:30 PM

June 22-24th AACA Southeastern Division National Spring Meet - Haiwassee, Ga. (See current issue  
of *Antique Automobile*)

### JULY:

July 4th: Independence Day

July 14-16th: 8th Annual Gulf Coast Autorama-Coast Coliseum-Biloxi, MS (This year there will be only  
175 indoor spaces) For more info contact (601) 831-2650 or (601)388-5256

July 20-22nd: 16th Annual National Falcon Club of America Convention-Plano, TX  
For more info contact (214) 494-5039

July 27th: DSR Meeting in the Clubhouse at 7:30 PM



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