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DEEP SOUTH REGION

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## August DSR Outing Hosted by South Alabama Region AACA Members

If you had your "druthers" of spending Saturday afternoon as a couch potato watching TV or sitting in the shade with a light breeze watching the water lapping at your feet, what would you choose?

Traveling a few miles on I-65 North, we turned off onto pleasant country roads to wind the way to Bryant's Landing on Tensaw Lake where we were met by the nicest folks anywhere. The fish were just coming out of the cookers when we arrived and DSR members added their contributions to the already filled tables of side dishes. One member said he could smell the fish cooking a mile away. Maybe he was just hungry? After taking time to greet old friends, our host, James Ward, offered



the invocation and we all got down to the serious business at hand, that being eating business.

The SAR gathers here several times a year and were most kind to invite the DSR to join them for this one. We see lots of them when they put on their annual car show in June at Brewton, AL. But as everyone knows, there isn't much time for visiting with all the work going on at a show. The Aug. 16 get-together gave everyone the opportunity to spend time just enjoying the company of fellow hobbyists in an ideal setting.

There were 24 members in nine antique and five modern cars who left Alabama Power Company in Saraland at 1:00 PM. Led by 2 Youens, were 2 Andersons, 2 Cammons, L. Crowdus, 2 Fews,

2 Musgroves, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets, C. Pugh, 2 Reids, 2 Rowells and 2 Whites. Joining us at the site were C. Bailey and L. Collins. If you weren't there, we missed you and you missed a good time.

## Miss Alabama 1997 Enjoys Ride in Musgroves' Retractable

DSR was in the limelight on Thursday, Aug. 14 when **Bill Musgrove** transported Beth Stomps, Miss Alabama, and her family from the Dent Boykin home to the reception held in her honor in the Atrium of Government Plaza. Although coverage in the Mobile Register (probably written the day before) listed her being driven in Mr. Boykin's MG, she arrived at the affair in a classic car. Her chaperone was the passenger in the MG.

Bill said Miss Stomps, her parents and her sisters had a great time riding in the convertible and having a police escort. In fact, they wanted to go around the block an extra time! Bill has pictures of the family in the car, but unfortunately, there was no one to take a picture of him with them.

Miss Alabama traditionally makes an appearance at the annual "Drive Through the Past", an event held in Birmingham at Moore Oil Co. It is co-sponsored by owners Ron and Liz Moore and the Dixie Region AACA. They have issued an invitation for the past several years to DSR but seems we have generally have a conflict of some sort. It is a much-anticipated happening with cars from several states being on display. There are no fees and no advance registration; just lots of food, fun and fellowship. Perhaps we should start planning now for next August!

**Minutes**  
**Deep South Region AACA Meeting July 24, 1997**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President John Reid. Hershel Whigham, Chaplain, offered the invocation. Thirty-seven members and one guest attended.

**Old Business:** John, in addition to the membership, welcomed David Couling as a potential new member. Other old business on the agenda was the installation of the tile flooring in the addition. Discussion was held regarding the clean-up day prior to the dedication of the clubhouse. Mike Williamson will coordinate. A date of August 31 was set. The need for larger entryway mats was brought to the attention of those present by John. M. Williamson moved to purchase the necessary rugs. Motion was seconded by P. Francis. Motion carried. Details of the forthcoming Hooters Car Show were outlined by Chairman, M. Williamson, who asked for additional volunteers. Ann Rowell, who had previously agreed to serve as Chairman of the Door Prize Committee, requested each family to supply two suitable prizes for the show and to bring them to any of the three meetings prior to the show.

Jane Bruton has volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee for the 1998 officers.

The minutes of the June 26 meeting were approved on a motion from Buddy Paquet, seconded by Eddie Anderson. Motion carried. Having volunteered at the June meeting, Ed Lunsford was continuing work on the Aug. 2 wedding transport. Due to Hurricane Danny's ravages, the Floyd Jordans have had to decline hosting the August outing. The Youens have graciously assumed handling this event and it is scheduled for Aug. 16 in Brewton in conjunction with the South Alabama Region AACA.

**New Business:** John brought to the attention of the members present some Executive Board members were reluctant to accept some potential candidates for membership. Carl Bailey stated a majority of the Executive Board can accept or reject prospective new members. Subject closed.

The Financial Report for July was distributed by Treasurer, Carl Bailey. B. Paquet moved that the monies in the DSR Car Show Fund be transferred into the General Fund. The second was provided by H. Whigham. Motion carried. The report was approved on a motion from P. Francis with a second from E. Anderson. Motion carried. DSR has been invited to participate in an exhibition of automotive art at the Mobile Museum of Art (FAMOS) on Sept. 6 from 6 PM - 8 PM. E. Anderson agreed to coordinate this display. It was announced that we have again been invited to be a part of Polo at the Point. This will be a civic contribution by members choosing to participate. Jane Bruton moved DSR participate in the event, a second was offered by E. Anderson. Motion carried. A car for a Oct. 18 wedding has been requested, C. Bailey volunteered to handle. A motion by L. Nettles to have DSR provide the transportation was seconded by B. Paquet; motion carried.

**Announcements:** The 50-50 Pot was won by Lucille Nettles. Raymond and Sharon Cochran are anticipating the eminent arrival of their adopted baby girl from China. A motion to adjourn came at 8:20 PM from B. Paquet with a second from D. Dillehay. The members hastily made their way to the refreshments waiting in the kitchen.

Respectively submitted,

*Aleg McDonnell*

## Hurricane Danny Blown Away

By Autorama '98

by Mike Ebl

Tropical Storm Danny was brewing off the coast of Louisiana when Darlene and I got the to Gulf Coast Coliseum Thursday evening, July 17, to help with the set-up for the show. Indications were that it would come in around New Orleans and not affect the Gulf Coast. When we awoke on Friday morning, Danny had turned into a hurricane with an



anticipated land fall between Gulfport and Pascagoula, MS. As we pulled in the parking lot at the show site, we were surprised to find four cars waiting to get into the Coliseum. It rained all day Friday and as the cars arrived, they were brought into the Arena area, dried off and sent to park in the Convention portion of the building. Parking went very smoothly this year. The drivers showed the pre-registration card, parked the vehicle and returned to the registration table to pick up their paperwork. This worked well and kept the cars from backing up outside.

When registration closed on Saturday morning there were 205 cars to be judged and only 80 "no-shows". Considering the continued rain, the show went very well thanks to the many volunteers and all the car owners. One of the highlights of this year's show were the Kountry Kloggers, a group of both young and older men and women who perform tap dance routines to old time rock and roll music.

The trophy plaques this year had a special sticker in the upper right which was a red hurricane symbol with "Danny" written through it.

DSR was represented by **2 Burdeshaws** and **2 Ebls**; visitors were **R. Coker** and **G. McDonnell**. The usual Mobile group who ordinarily attend this event were missed but it was certainly understandable why they were absent.

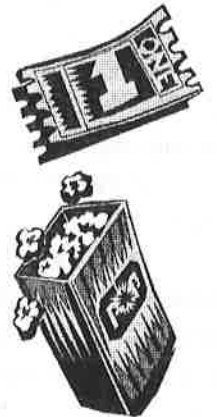
When the show ended on Sunday afternoon, the area in back of the Coliseum had dried enough to

permit the cars to exit through the rear doors of the Convention area. Everyone was tired but remained courteous to their fellow drivers. With so much construction under way at the site, it was a lesson in patience to get out and start home.

For anyone who may not know, Autorama is put on by six area clubs; the Antique Automobile & Engine Club of MS, the Coast MS Muscle Car and Street Machine Club, the Gulf Coast Mopar Club, Innovative Trends (trucks and mini vehicles), the MS Coast Mustang Club and the MS Gulf Coast Corvette Club. Judging is done by impartial members of the hosting clubs using a point system. Proceeds go to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Mississippi and this year they will receive around \$4,000. This was the tenth year for the show which seems to get bigger and better with this year being a sell out. Never let it be said these clubs give up in the face of adversity. They simply look at it as another challenge to be met and conquered.

## September Outing Will Be "Movies & Popcorn"

Now is your chance to see how DSR members enjoyed the tours of the 1980's plus other video fun. **Ray & Katherine Harper** will be hosts for the afternoon. It will begin at 2:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 14 in the clubhouse. Ray has combined film from several tours the club made and put them together into one video. It will last approximately one hour after which we will have refreshments and fellowship. If you were on one of the tours you will enjoy reminiscing good times. If you have never been on a tour, you will discover how much fun they are and why we try to get one up occasionally. There is one member who is quite a prankster and loved to catch another unaware. Come find out who it is!!!!



## 26th National IFRC Convention

by Leah Musgrove

The International Ford Retractable Club held their annual event in Valley Forge, PA this year July 24-26. We decided to make a ten day family vacation out of it. We departed Mobile on Friday, July 18, for Washington, DC just as Hurricane Danny was threatening to come into Mobile Bay. We visited that city, seeing all the sights, until July 23 when we loaded up and left for the car show in Valley Forge. Unfortunately, Hurricane Danny was heading there, too. Although no longer considered a hurricane, he was pushing some pretty strong rain storms up the Eastern coast.

We arrived in Pennsylvania while the weather was still pleasant but by Thursday morning, the rain had come in and the display area for the cars was a mess. Needless to say, we could not clean the car and were forced to wait out the rain by attending the many informational seminars the club had provided. You can learn a lot by sharing information with other retractable owners.

The weather had cleared some by Friday morning but by that time rain had seeped into the car due to the display area being on a slant and all the cars were leaning to one side or the other. By this time Bill had gotten a little discouraged but attempted to do a quick clean-up of the car before the judging started at 9:00 AM. It was difficult to do since the area was wet and muddy from the night before.

We enjoyed a tour of Valley Forge and Philadelphia that morning and returned to the display area that afternoon to tour the show. What a sight to see! There were over 100 retractables, in every color you can imagine, lined up row after row. Most were in impeccable condition and we didn't have much hope of winning an award with the stiff competition. The judging is based on a 1,000 point system and the judges sure knew their business. That evening there was a sock hop with the owners in attire from the 1950's dancing and visiting.

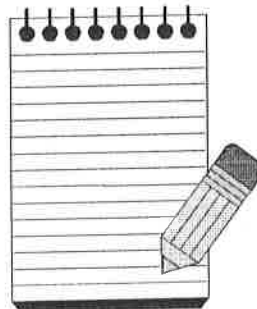
Saturday provided beautiful weather for viewing the cars one more time and finally the long-

awaited awards banquet that night. It was an all-out affair with a wonderful meal, speeches from retractable owners and recognition of the 15 or so "original owners" who had purchased their vehicles new in 1957, 1958 or 1959, the only years this particular model was built. The show awards were presented at the end of the evening with our '57 winning third place in our category, much to our surprise and excitement. Not such a bad ending to an eventful week after all!



## Wedding Transport Nets Tidy Donation to Club Treasury

On Saturday, August 2, DSR members in eight vehicles transported the bride and groom plus the wedding party from St. Pius Catholic Church to the reception at the Bakery Cafe. Mother Nature blessed the event by holding off the rain until they had pulled up to get out of the cars! Members who participated were **L. Collins, D. Dillehay, 2 Fews, R. Jones, E. Lunsford** (Coordinator), **J. Martin, 2 Musgroves** and **E. Youens**. Thanks to all of you!



## Make a Note

The clean-up day at the clubhouse that was originally scheduled for Aug. 31 was changed to Saturday, Sept. 13. Mike Williamson asks that anyone who can help for a couple of hours be there at 10:00 AM with any cleaning supplies you think might be useful. The grass will have been cut earlier in the week so most of the work will be on the inside of the clubhouse. This is the day before the September outing so the Calling Committee will be on the telephone to remind you of both events



### From the Nominating Committee Chairperson

by Jane Bruton

The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for any/all offices for the 1998 term. We will be presenting a slate of officers at the October meeting which is only a few weeks away. We need to know who is interested and willing to accept a position to help run the club next year. The following positions will have to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Activities Coordinator(s) and Member at Large. The duties are described in the by-laws which are in the back of the Membership Roster. Please contact a member of the committee and let your wishes or talents or suggestions be known. They are myself (602-8073), Eddie Anderson (649-3231), Russell Coker (476-7178), Lycyle Crowdus (661-8486), Ed Lunsford (661-8636), and Ernie Youens (675-3615). Thanks for your help and be listening for our call in September.

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### Summer Show Down 4

by Eddie Anderson

It was cloudy on Saturday morning, Aug. 2 with just a hint of rain when I awoke and debated the feasibility of going to a car show. But I loaded up and drove to Live Oak Landing in Baldwin County for the Bay Minette Jaycees annual show. It was a shady parking area, a nice place to have the 40 cars which came. It was a "Top 40" show so everyone received a trophy. I was the only DSR member who attended but saw James Ward from Brewton with his beautiful car along with some other very nice ones. I don't mean to sound as if I am bragging but I did receive a "Top 40", "Best of Show" and "Best Engine". **Ed. Note: If you can do it, it's not bragging. Congratulations, Eddie!**

### Dedication Committee Meets

by John Reid, President

I formed a Clubhouse Dedication Committee comprised of myself, Lycyle Crowdus, Leah Musgrove and Ernie Youens. Our first meeting was Aug. 6.

The date for the dedication will be Sept. 21. This date is significant as it is the same date as the original clubhouse "Open House" in 1985.

The hours will be 2-4 PM. We formed various sub-committees that are:

Media: John Reid  
 Food/Catering: Brenda Reid  
 "Lloyd Stories": Leah Musgrove  
 Invitation List: John Reid/Lycyle Crowdus



Anyone who has a "Lloyd Story" should contact Leah (633-9305) with a brief account of their story which should be no longer than two minutes. She will select a few to be presented at the dedication.

Also discussed was the requirement for a plaque to be placed on the outside of the clubhouse dedicating it as the "Lloyd Crowdus Memorial Clubhouse".

Presently, plans are to have light hors d'oeuvres, cake and punch during the dedication. All members are urged to drive their antique autos. All guests with antique cars will be asked to bring them also.

Discussion of the above will be held at the Aug. 28 meeting.

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The Sparkplug is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. DEEP SOUTH REGION meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month in the clubhouse 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 and AACA national dues are \$24 individual/\$26 joint. Views expressed in the Sparkplug are not necessarily those of the Region's officers or AACA.

## WILKINS-JORDAN

Tennille Elise Jordan and Timothy William Wilkins were united in marriage July 26 at Fort Whiting Auditorium. Don Ricks performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Mary Jordan of Theodore. Parents of the bridegroom are Elaine Wilkins and the late Thomas Wilkins.

Quinnell Cooper of Irvington and Emilye Cox served as matrons of honor. Also attending the bride were Holly Johnson of Englewood, Fla., and Melissa Wilkins.

Athur Milne served as best man. Also attending the bridegroom were Kenneth Kummons of Semmes and Jason Wilson.

A reception was held at the auditorium. Following a wedding trip to Gulf Shores, the couple will reside in Mobile.



Mrs. Wilkins

## Kudos! Kudos!

DSR members **Roger and Nancy Vines** are our latest newspaper celebrities. They were written up in the Metro section of the July 12 edition of the *Mobile Register* for their work with the Fowl River Fire Department and EMS rescue unit. Roger is the Fire Chief and Nancy is coordinator of the EMS. The department recently received new extrication equipment that will benefit them extinguishing fires as well attempting to save lives. This is a volunteer fire department that does most of its own funding.

## DSR to Participate in Mobile Museum of Art "Drivers' Seat" Exhibition

Eddie Anderson will coordinate this display for Sept. 6 (Saturday) 6-8 PM. Please volunteer to help when he calls you.



## Historical Highlights

### 1911 Sears

**Body Style: Motor Buggy Model: J**  
**No. of Models: 6 Engine: Air Cooled**  
**Cylinders: 2 Opposed HP: 10/12**  
**Prices: \$325 - \$485**  
**Maker: Sears Motor CarWorks**  
**Chicago, IL**

The high wheeler, was perhaps, the most American of all motor vehicles. The solid-tired buggy wheelers, anywhere from 36 to 48 inches in diameter, were aimed toward the farmer, salesman, doctor, real estate agent, businessman--that market which used the deplorable, deeply-rutted, muddy or sandy rural roads of that era--since a high wheeler could go where its heavy air-tired, low-slung counterpart could not. Also, high wheelers were inexpensive to buy and to run.

High wheeled Sears machines (and all other makes) were simple, buggy-like, unsophisticated; barely fitting the description of an automobile. Tiller-steering, friction drive with final drive by chain was common to all. Speed was no more than that supplied by horse and buggy. The midwest was the focal point of some 75 high wheeler manufacturers, and Chicago was the hub. The Sears is typical of the breed.

In 1908 the Sears automobile (motor buggy) appeared for the first time in its famed catalogue. Prior to this, Sears contracted for a cheap, sturdy car designed and built by pioneer inventor-engineer A.S. Krotz; secured a factory and placed him in charge. Some fifty men were employed and built the car themselves. However, numerous suppliers contributed bits and pieces to the final product. The 1908 model, Catalog No. 118, sold for \$395 complete with solid rubber tires, three oil-burning lamps, horn and fenders.

Sears vehicles for 1911 were offered in a variety of models (mostly one basic chassis with options). For the city and interurban trade, pneumatic-tired machines were available. Please see SEARS on Page 8

## In My Other Life, I Was a Riverboat Queen or.... 1997 AACA National Southeastern Division Fall Meet

"Good Old Time Hospitality" was the theme developed by the Kyana Region who hosted the meet and that was exactly what we were treated to.

The fun began on Thursday, July 17 with a tour of the Ford assembly plant. We were able to see Ranger pickups, Explorers and Mountineers put together from start to finish. It took about two hours and a three mile walk to see it all. We had a outstanding box lunch in the cafeteria after a trip to the gift shop.

Then it was off to famous Churchill Downs to spend another two hours or so touring the stables, racetrack and museum after watching a "film in the round" on overhead screens. You had to slowly turn in a circle to keep up with the movie.

Our transportation was provided by school buses which are privately owned and leased to the school system of Louisville. Each bus carried 50 passengers and we had three buses for both tours.

Back at the hotel we ran into lots of old friends from past meets and on the tours had made some new ones. It had been a busy day!

Friday was a "work day" attending the various seminars. We both sat in on the Newsletter Seminar then it was time to split up. Buddy headed for the Dupont Paint Seminar while I went to the Regions and Chapter Activities. Following this, we got back together to attend the Government Legislation Seminar where we heard some pretty scary things. There were two state AACA Legislative Representatives on hand to tell us what EPA is up to.

After lunch, I went to the Membership Roundtable and Buddy went to the Judging School.

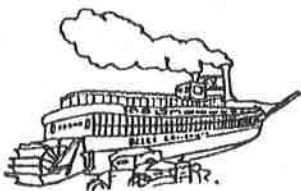
Having completed those, we gathered in the lobby with others to re-hash what we had learned.

That evening it was back on the school buses to head for the

up and down the Ohio river. It was a time to relax with our fellow hobbyists and enjoy the buffet dinner and some hobby talk. The evening was pleasant out on deck but the area inside was like a sauna. Everyone ate quickly and scurried to find a place at the rail in the breeze.

Saturday morning dawned clear and warm but by 8:00 AM when the judge's breakfast began, so did the rain. It last about 30 minutes and folks were running to put windows up and covers on. As soon as the breakfast was finished, it was off to the show. The show itself was held indoors at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in air conditioned comfort with 283 cars registered. Of course, there were a few who didn't make it. We were unloaded from the trailer and in the building within 45 minutes and boy, did it feel good. Last minute cleaning and polishing isn't too bad if it is cool. This is another opportunity to greet friends who come in the day of the show and also to meet people from all over the country. We were excited to actually meet personally a couple from Harrison, Ohio, that we had met on the Internet. We had made plans ahead of time and when they walked up, we just knew who each other was. They also met some members from their general area who will help them get into an AACA chapter there.

Before we knew it judging duties had been completed and the cars were officially released. We loaded the car up and headed back to the hotel to get ready for the awards later that evening. We opted to skip the banquet and ate dinner with friends from Florida then go to see "who won what". We received our Preservation Award, said our good-byes and headed for the room to pack for an early departure. Having kept abreast of the weather situation in south Alabama, we knew "Danny" had made a home in Mobile Bay. We didn't know what to expect when we returned, but all was well. I do have to say that Freeway Lane really looked good to us when we pulled in Sunday night!



dinner cruise aboard the Belle of Louisville paddling

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Also, Sears built a limited line of commercial vehicles. Transmission was the friction disc type, frames were pressed steel, axles of 1-1/8 inch solid drop forge and rear brakes were double acting, expanding and "non-rattling". A standard wheelbase of 72 inches; the wheels selected solid hickory. The piano box body was 67 inches long, 30 inches wide and painted black. The fuel tank located under the seat held six gallons and top speed was 25 mph. Sears pushed hard on all fronts to promote this car and apparently very successfully. It all added up to: "It beats feeding, watering, hitching, currying the horse--and it doesn't eat when it isn't working." Sears produced some 3500 high wheelers -- by 1912 they were gone from the catalog and gone from America.

**Ed. Note:** As previously mentioned with regard to **Historical Highlights**, I found twelve pieces in a flea market and it is simply laminated sheets with no information as to where it came from or the author.

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### DSR Members Suffer Hurricane Damage

Most of our members got through the storm with only minor problems but those living on the water were not so lucky. **Bob & Linda Gechjian's** home on Dauphin Island received a great deal of interior water damage due to windows being broken. **Jim & Nancy Henderson's** home in Gulf Shores also had major wind and water damage. **Floyd & Betty Jordan's** place on Fish River in Baldwin County fared well having been built on pilings but their appliances and picnic furniture did not. Their primary problems are roadway and surrounding property. **Floyd & Jeanette Lowe's** home on the bay side of Dauphin Island has water damage due to windows and doors being blown in. **W.G. & Linda Rhinehart** who also live on Dauphin Island had a large tree come down side-swiping the house but no serious damage to their residence. If there are others who had problems, I am not aware of it.

### 33rd Annual Noccalula Falls Invitational Meet

By John Reid

Brenda and I attended this auto-related flea market and car show on July 26. The event is located in Noccalula Falls Park which is on the north side of Gadsden, Alabama, about a five hour drive from Mobile. It is hosted by the Gadsden Antique Automobile Club.

This year they had beautiful, warm weather for the approximately 500 vendors with everything from relatively new to very antique auto merchandise for sale. Some of the vendors are professionals and others were just people with auto "stuff" for sale. If you are looking for a specific part and don't want to go all the way to Pennsylvania, this is the place to go.

The Car Corral had about 30 vehicles on the block. Their car show appeared to have 75-80 cars. It was apparent we were in Chevy country. Most of the vehicles were of the bowtie origin.

DSR members **Ray & Katherine Harper** were there and we ran into **Donn & Nancy Dunlop** and **Charles Street** from the Old South club scouting out the flea market and eyeing the cars.

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### CONGRATULATIONS !!

**Eddie & Susie Anderson** celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on July 20....**Raymond & Sharon Cochran** are finally getting the baby girl they having been waiting to adopt...**Bob & Linda Gechjian's** son, Bobby, graduated from the Mobile Police Academy on July 25 and is on the streets..... **Gavin Edwards** told us at the last meeting **Gladys** is holding her own physically...**Al & Anna White** have had their grandchildren from Missouri for two weeks and took them home the last weekend of July and stopped in Arkansas on the way home to check on Anna's mother. It's nice to have good news!!



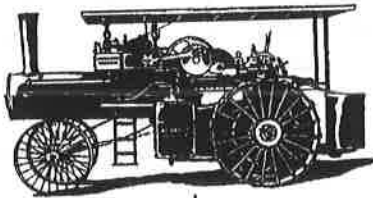
## History in the Making .... Back to Back National Meets

It had never been attempted before, but as the old saying goes "Necessity is the Mother of invention". Originally, the 1997 Grand National Meet was scheduled to be held in Grand Forks, ND July 25-26. Due to the devastation of the entire community by floods earlier in the year, the North Dakota Region had to regretfully cancel hosting the event. The AACA Board of Directors took immediate action to solve the problem. Solution came in the form of the Cedar Valley Region agreeing to assume the responsibility. The Grand National would be held in conjunction with the Central Division National Fall Meet they were hosting Aug. 7-8 in Cedar Falls, Iowa. What an undertaking!

Buddy and I left Mobile at 5:45 AM on Aug. 5 and arrived in Hendersonville, TN spending the night with friends to begin a four vehicle caravan the next day to Iowa. We left around 11:00 AM and what a fun day that was with everyone chattering away on the CB's calling attention to sights along the way. We stayed Wednesday night in Champagne, IL and Thursday morning found everyone ready to be on the way by 6:30. It was a pleasant drive with few stops and little to see other than corn and soybean fields.

Arriving in Cedar Falls at the host hotel in early afternoon gave us time to pick up registration packets, get directions to Antique Acres to drop the trailers and see where the cars would be parked on show day. That area of the country is nearly two inches under their usual rainfall so "dusty" does not describe it adequately. One trailer got stuck and had to be unloaded before being able to get out of the sandtrap.

A nice welcome party that evening gave everyone the opportunity to visit with old friends as well as meet some new ones. There were some show cars in the motel parking lot being cleaned and discussed. One was a 1962 Buick Wildcat that had been driven all the way from San Deigo, CA!

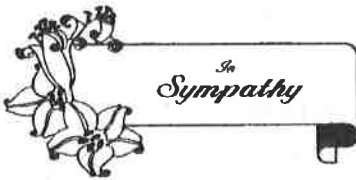


The next day was the Grand National Meet. In order to enter, the vehicle must have received an AACA Senior Award at least one year prior. Oh, and what vehicles there were. Our Falcon and our friend's Rambler were the lowest priced cars in our class. Everything else was low-production but high-dollar cars. When all was said and done, we were thrilled to have received a third place award. After the open-air awards ceremony, we were treated to a tasty dinner of pork loin that had been cooked in the steam chambers of the antique steam tractors on the grounds plus steamed Iowa sweet corn along with other side dishes. It had been a long day with winds steady at 10-12 mph blowing dust and dirt. We were ready to head for the motel and showers.

Saturday morning dawned and we were on our way back to the show field once more. Nearly all of the cars that had been in the show the day before were entered for that one also. Judging was finished in short order since it was just a repeat of a majority of the same vehicles. This allowed for some time to walk through the cars and look at them closely. And there were some beauties! This meet was open to all AACA car owners so there were a few that were not on the field the previous day. No question about it; antique vehicle owners are the world's friendliest people. Everyone enjoys talking about your car as well as their own. At the National meets you will find hobbyists from nearly every part of the country.

The awards banquet Saturday evening was relaxed and exciting. Seeing friends receive awards makes you happy for them but getting one yourself is as good as it can get. We brought home our fifth preservation tab for the Falcon and have mailed the paperwork in to get our pewter plate.

Sunday we were on the road for home. We left our friends just north of St. Louis. They went East; we went South toward Memphis and on to Mobile after spending the night in north Mississippi.



DSR members wish to extend our belated condolences to **Katherine Demetropulos** on the death of her

brother, John F. Edwards, Jr., who died July 9. A contribution was made to the First Baptist Church of Tillman's Corner in his memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with **D.R. Jordan** whose father, H. C. Jordan passed away on July 24. A contribution has been sent to the Boy Scouts of America's Summer Camp Scholarship Fund in remembrance of him. Our sympathy to **Roger Vines** whose brother was killed in an Aug. 12 airplane crash in Texas. A donation to the Wayne Vines Memorial Scholarship Fund in Ft. Smith, AR will be made.

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### Families of Members Suffer Accidents & Illness

**The Cordell's** have had more than their share recently. Betty's mother and Hub's uncle both have been hospitalized. **Dale McLaney's** mother fell Aug. 7 sustaining a broken neck followed by heart problems which required a pacemaker in addition to the surgery on her neck. She is currently at Knollwood Park Rehab Center for physical therapy. Last, but certainly not least, is **Hershel Whigham's** brother was hospitalized in Meridian, MS Aug. 14 for possible heat stroke.

### Pate Swap Meet Has New Location

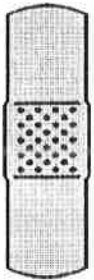
The dust has settled in Texas and the infamous Pate Swap Meet now has a new home. It will be at the Texas Motor Speedway. The other option was the Texas Museum of Automotive History in Rozanky, TX, but after a 11-6 vote by the Board of Directors, the Speedway site won. The information comes via the Central Texas Region AACA's newsletter. I will pass on any future updates as they become available. Another BOD meeting is to be held soon.

### Undergoing Restorations

**Aileen Hunt** was moved to Gordon Oaks the middle of this month to continue physical therapy following surgery on both knees. Hopefully she will be home by the time you are reading this.

**Judy Martin** who had surgery on her right knee June 25 has not progressed as quickly as she hoped. It is possible she will have to have more surgery around the first of next month.

**Betty Neese** has not felt well for several months and was diagnosed on Aug. 18 as having pneumonia. We wish all of you a quick and full recovery. Also, **LaVerne Hopkins** continues her struggle with cancer. Her daughter, Judy, is now in Mobile staying with her.



### Editor's Notes



I don't believe there is a question in anyone's mind how much I enjoy the DSR, the AACA and all the friends I have made through both entities. It is with pride that I tell you that on July 25 I received a formal appointment to the **National Membership Committee**. This will not in any way take away from DSR. As a matter of fact, it will be a plus as far as I am concerned. You will be seeing me with my banner, membership forms, (DSR's included in many cases) etc., set up at any auto-related event possible. **And I need your help.** If any member has past issues of the *Antique Automobile* they no longer wish to keep, I would be most appreciative if you will bring them to the Aug. 28 meeting. One copy per new member signing up will be given. I can get a supply from headquarters but it will take some time and there is the Labor Day show scheduled on Sept. 1. I have gotten permission to have a space there. If you are planning on attending Crusin' the Coast, you will see me there in a vendor's space. (Ray Harper, can you get me a supply of Catahoula membership forms?)

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**August DSR Meeting  
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# IMPORTANT DATES

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- Aug. 28** DSR Meeting at 7:30 PM in Clubhouse
- Sept. 1** 52nd Annual Labor Day Celebration & Car Show @ Greater Gulf States Fairgrounds  
Info-Gayle Rinehart (334) 661-4635. If no answer, leave message
- Sept. 6** Emerald Coast Car Show - Open show with 60 classes - Ft. Walton Beach HS  
Info - (904) 862-6656
- Sept. 6** 1st Annual Trent Lott Middle School Car Show-Jackson County Fair Grounds in  
Pascagoula, MS-Info-Anthony (601) 938-6465
- Sept. 19-20** 20th Annual Gulf Coast Rod Run hosted by Singing River Street Rod Club-Broadwater  
Beach Resort-Biloxi, MS-Pre '69 Show-Info-Donnie (601) 393-7577
- Sept. 20** 5th Annual Tri-State Swap Meet & Car Show-Dothan, AL-Info- Bruce (334) 677-7811
- Sept. 25** DSR Meeting at 7:30 PM in clubhouse
- Sept. 27** 9th Annual Mobile Bay Mustang Club's Regional Mustang & Ford Show at Sam's Club  
West side of I-65 between Cottage Hill Rd & Airport Blvd-Info (334) 675-7391
- Sept. 27** 4th Annual MOPAR ONLY Show at Dalgo's Chrysler - Pascagoula, MS  
Info - Don (601) 872-0378
- Oct. 8-10** **HERSHEY!!! 'Nuff said!**
- Oct. 9-12** Crusin' the Coast-Open event with free entertainment & drawings for registered entries  
Info-1-800-808-1188 or (601) 867-8811
- Oct. 25** 4th Annual Hooters Open Car Show to benefit United Cerebral Palsy and Bay Area Food Bank  
39 classes with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places trophies in each class -Info (334) 666-3761

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