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What is an antique or a classic car?

David Brownell, editor of Hemmings Motor News, gives his definition of the names given to the various groups in which collector cars have been divided. They are:

'ANTIQUE CARS' ~ These are the very earliest automobiles; brassbound runabouts or imposing touring cars built before WWI.

'VINTAGE CARS' ~ These automobiles were built from the late teens through the 1920s.

'CLASSIC CARS' ~ This is the most misunderstood term in car collecting. To many people a classic car is a car that's survived since 1979. But to the car collector a Classic, with a capital C, is one of the automotive elite ~ cars from the late 20s through the early 40s, which were of limited production, advanced engineering and built of the finest materials by the best craftsmen. They usually carried elegant custom bodies as well. True classics include such famous makes as Cadillac V-12 and V-16, Duesenberg, Auburn 8 and V-12, Cord, Mormon, Rolls Royce, Bentley and the Packard 8s and 12s. (The Classic Car Club of America determines what cars are considered to be Classics.)

'SPECIAL INTEREST' ~ These cars are the non-classic cars from the late 20s through the 60s, including everything from Model A Fords to Pontiac GTOs. (Do you agree with this definition?)

'MILESTONE CARS' ~ This is a select list, which has been culled from the best postwar era from 1945-1970. It includes many sports cars like the MG-TD and Jaguar XK models as well as limited production U.S. cars like Cadillac Fleetwood Broughams, 1953 Studebaker Coupes, the ever popular two-seat Thunderbird, early Corvettes and

Nomads. (The Milestone Car Society determines what cars are considered to be Milestone Cars.)

AACA has three classes in which a number of the aforementioned vehicles, as well as others fall. Specified Classic Vehicles (Classes 18d, 18e & 19) include:

- Alfa-Romeo Lagonda
Alvis Lancia
Auburn 8 & V-12 LaSalle
Bentley Lincoln (Not Zepher)
Bugatti Lincoln Continental
Buick Limited (through 1948)
(Cadillac Series 90, 1931-42) Mormon Sixteen
Chrysler (Model 88 & Big 8)
(1931-33 Imperial) Maybach
Models CG, CH, CL Mercedes
CQ) and 1930-42 Mercer
Derham & LeBaron Minerva
Cord Nash (1932 990 Series)
Cunningham Packard
Darracq (except models 110,
Daimler 115c, 120 & Clipper)
Delage Packard Darrin 120 Series
Delahaye (1938-42)
Diana (1925-1926) Peerless V-16
Duesenberg Pierce Arrow
DuPont Rolls-Royce
Franklin Ruxton
Hispano-Suiza Rohr
Horsch Stutz
Invicta Talbot
Isotta-Fraschini

Similar to the Milestone Cars is AACA's Class 29 or Specified Prestige Vehicles 1946-1973. These are post war vehicles built to appeal to the upscale buyer in style, material and quality. The cost was usually well above the manufacturers standard production line and may have had only a small production run.

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Keeping the pedal to the metal...

The Steering Column

By Leah Musgrove



I must say that whatever you are doing, it's working like nothing I've seen in a long time. Last month we officially welcomed five new families into the club and this month we have two more. Let me say this to those of you who have recently joined our group:

That you have become an AACA and DSR member shows that you have realized the sickness you contracted some time in the past. It is one of the most severely addictive sicknesses that any man or woman can become inflicted with. Obviously, I am talking about the Old Car Fever.

You will experience symptoms that range from the euphoria of being around old cars...to the anxiety pains of "Should I buy just one more?"...and the withdrawal symptoms when you are kept away from antique cars too long, just to name a few.

There is no cure for this sickness. Once it is contracted by someone, it stays with them for the rest of their lives. Only with regular doses of the antique car hobby can one cope with their ailment.

Luckily for you, you have become a member of the world's best support group...the AACA. As we are all inflicted with the same incurable condition, we know the causes of and the therapy needed to live as victims of the Old Car Fever. Our support group is here to help make living with your condition as pleasurable experience as possible.

Here I must admit to plagiarizing the above from "Bruce" who posted it on the AACA Discussion Forum. He was speaking to "Dave" who was a new AACA member and I thought it well worth repeating.

Hopefully, most of you will be at the Chili Contest/Supper February 22nd. I especially look forward to meeting more of our new members.

The two most important items on the agenda will be our May car show, which Eddie Anderson has agreed to head up. He will need help from all of everyone. Charlie Froehlich will be addressing the SE Division Tour and firming up chairs for the various Committees.

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A matter of record

Minutes

Deep South Region, A.A.C.A. Meeting January 25, 2000

Leah Musgrove, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. She reported on all the sick among us. Jeanette & Floyd Lowe are doing well. Buddy Paquet, Cecil Nettles and Maudie McCrory are recovering nicely from surgery.

Lambert C. Mims, Chaplain, before leading us in prayer, reported that Ed Lunsford's doctor believes his cancer is in remission; and that Jeanette & Floyd Lowe are very upbeat in spite of their condition.

OLD BUSINESS: Leah announced that the Club is now officially incorporated as of December 7, 2000; and that the three required incorporators are: Leah Musgrove, Buddy Paquet and Lycyle Crowdus. A motion was made by Hershel Whigham, seconded by Buddy Paquet, to move our bank account to Regions where it will be more convenient for Carl Bailey, treasurer. The motion carried. Leah also asked everyone to contact anyone who has not paid his dues and request that they do so immediately as we don't want to lose any members.

Former president, Buddy Paquet, presented a plaque to Cecil Pugh for his two years of service as Member at Large. **SECRETARY:** The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

NEW BUSINESS: If anyone desires to speak at a business meeting, Leah would appreciate it if you could notify her in advance, so that she may reserve the time on the agenda.

Leah asked for a volunteer to chair the May 12th car show. Eddie Anderson agreed to think about accepting the job. Susie Anderson will head the new Membership Committee this year and Betty Neese will chair the Calling Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT: Eddie Anderson announced for our information that the April 7th. Claude Kelly trip conflicts with the Camellia Classic car show. **TREASURER:** The report was approved as printed. **EDITOR:** Patt Paquet asked for and received volunteers to help her put together the newsletter. She then made the sad announcement that she will no longer serve as Editor after this year. **ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS:** Joyce Francis and Theresa Vaughan made the following announcements: (1) There will be a Chili Cook-off at the next regular business meeting of the Club. Starting time will be 6:30 P.M. *(2) Feb. 23rd is the date for the Brewer Center parade. Line up time is 8:30 A. M. They will furnish some throws, and club members will furnish some. No small candies, please! (3) April 21st is the Centennial Celebration in Lucedale. The Dayton Whites would like to have a number of cars from this club will pay the club for the car, or buy lunch for the drivers. The motion from Susie Anderson, seconded by Anna White, to make this a Club Activity was carried. (4) Joyce asked Elven Few to discuss the annual Catahoula, MS Junk Collectors (car club) meet on March 9, 10, 11. He stated that the KOA Campground in Lillian, AL will be the official camp site. On a motion by Eddie Anderson and a second by Pat Francis the Club voted to make this a Club Activity. For further information see the information and map distributed at our January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion from Buddy Paquet and a second by L. Mims.

The 50/50 pot was won by Carl Bailey.

Respectfully submitted,

Reecie Mims

**The Brewer Center Parade
has been cancelled.**

Christopher & Tessa Baehr

Tessa is originally from Dothan; Chris is a native of Minnesota but south Alabama is home now. "Tenn-hut!" won't be heard as often around this household. Chris was discharged from the U.S. Army earlier this month after 11 and multiple duty stations. His specialty was bridge engineering and he is now employed with Jordan Industries. They have two daughters; Jordan who is eight years old and two year old Anna.

Chris is an avid NASCAR race fan and also enjoys hunting and fishing. Tessa likes to cook and enjoys reading when she has some spare time. She served as Vice Mayor for the On-Base Housing Community at their last post which was Ft. Hood. As such she was responsible for helping plan events for the families as well as the monthly newsletter.

The Bullingtons

As related by Curtis Bullington

Ruth and I have resided on Helen Street here in Mobile for the past 42 plus years. We have four children (one son is deceased) and six grandchildren.

I am semi-retired after having had my own business and have been engaged in the Trowel Trades Building & Remodeling since 1954.

We enjoy fishing, hunting and antique cars. We recently sold a 1939 Ford four-door sedan and are presently looking at another antique vehicle. We still have a 1983 El Camino that we plan to show.

I am a Shriner with the Abba Temple, Past Master of Howard Lodge #69 F&AM and a 32nd degree Mason plus being active with other civic organizations. Both of us are happy to have been accepted into DSR and intend to be helpful when and where we can.

Answers to Trivia Questions

(1) Chevrolet, (2) 1960-62 Plymouths, (3) 1970 Mustang, (4) Pontiac Firebird Esprit, (5) Porsche 550 Spyder, (6) 1969 Dodge Charger, (7) Black with gold stripes, (8) Plymouth Barracuda

Condolences

DSR members offer our sympathy to Lambert and Reecie Mims on the death of his brother, Jeff. He had been ill for approximately nine months and died Feb. 10, 2001. He was a resident of the William F. Green Veterans Home in Bay Minette.

A number of our club members will remember that Jeff's company installed the flooring in the new addition of the clubhouse.

Congratulations, Chaplain Mims

DSR Chaplain Lambert C. Mims was recently elected president of the Waterfront Rescue Mission advisory board. In its 50th year, the Mission's ministry to the needy includes a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program as well as shelter for the transient and homeless.

Services are conducted nightly by local churches and individuals. The facility is supported by the various denominations of the area as well as individual contributions of money and supplies.

DSR Valentine Milestones



DSR is fortunate, as a group, to have a number of couples who know what being a real Valentine is all about. They are role models for marriage. Congratulations to the following who have been true love birds:

B. L. & Geneva Cammon	12/24/40	60
Bert & Lois Carver	05/30/43	57
Elven & Nell Few	09/26/50	50
Mel & Joan Guenther	02/07/48	53
Floyd & Betty Jordan	10/16/48	52
Floyd & Jeanette Lowe	04/24/44	56
Lambert & Reecie Mims	08/17/46	54
Cecil & Lucille Nettle	11/30/40	60
Ernie & Eugenia Youens	01/01/43	58

The first thirty years of Chevrolet...by Eddie Anderson

I would guess that any of you who know me know that I love cars; any kind of cars. And I enjoy almost anything related to cars. I like showing cars; working on cars; watching TV programs that have something to do with cars and I like reading about cars. When I got my Jan. 25, 2001 issue of *Old Cars Weekly* and read the article detailing some of the history of the Chevrolet, I just had to share some of it with you.

I know this sounds a little strange coming from a "Ford man", but I thought it was very interesting in that Chevrolet is one of America's favorite cars.

It all began way back in 1909 when William C. Durant, a very successful buggy manufacturer from Flint, Michigan, teamed up with a well known race car driver, Louis Chevrolet, to help design a car for the public.

The Year 1911

The Chevrolet Motor Company had been co-founded and entered the market on Nov. 3, 1911 to compete with the Ford Model T. It was named "Chevrolet" because Mr. Durant liked the name.

The Year 1914

The "bow tie" logo appeared for the first time, allegedly taken from a wallpaper design.

The Year 1915

Chevrolet's first challenge to the Model T Ford was the "490". Oddly enough, the cost was \$490.

The Year 1917

Chevrolet sales hit 100,000 cars due to the success of the "490".

The Year 1918

Chevrolet trucks were first introduced; Chevrolet joined the GM Corporation.

The Year 1924

Chevrolet was the first to offer the option of a radio.

The Year 1927

Chevrolet outsold Ford with over one million units and with the exception of only four years, Chevy

was the top seller of American cars for the next 55 years.

The Year 1929

Chevrolet introduced its first six-cylinder engine at a four-cylinder price.

The Year 1930

The company was the first in the industry with the articulated brake system and built its seven millionth vehicle.

The Year 1934

Another first ~ the independent front suspension. This was heaven-sent since the roads in America were still very rough.

The Year 1935

Continuing as a front runner, Chevrolet introduced the first station wagon. It was called the Suburban Carryall. The "Suburban" marque is still with us.

The Year 1941

Chevrolet built a record 1.6 million cars and trucks which brought the claim "Bigger is Better".

Did you know that in 1941 Chevrolet was awarded a contract to build 75-mm high-explosive shells and shooting parts for a 90-mm anti-aircraft gun capable of firing a projectile five miles? Did you know they also manufactured the highly complicated Pratt & Whitney aircraft engines used on long range bombers to attack targets in Germany?

Mr. Durant (1861 - 1947) founded the General Motors Company (GM) in 1908. He lost control in 1910 but regained it again in 1915. He was finally forced out in 1920 and formed Durant Motors, Inc., in 1921.

Louis Chevrolet (1878 - 1941) was a Swiss-born United States automobile racer, designer and manufacturer. In his first race in 1905, he set a speed record of 68 mph. He sold his interest in the Chevrolet Motor Car Company to William Durant in 1915.

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Antiques and classics...

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This class is a post war extension and continuation of many of the vehicles in the pre war Specified Classic Classes plus additional makes and models.

Bentley	Kaiser-Darrin
Buick Skylark	(1953-54)
(1953-54)	Lincoln Continental
Cadillac	(Mark II)
(Models 75, Eldorado, Saoutchik Body (1948),	
Pininfarina Body (1954)	Lehmann Peterson
Chrysler	Lincoln Limousine
(Crown Imperial)	(1963-71)
Daimler	Mercedes 300
(Mark II Empress)	(1951-58)
	Mercedes 600
Delahaye 135M	Oldsmobile
(1948)	(1953 Fiesta)
Dual GHIA	Packard
(1957-58 Conv.)	(Caribbean, Pan American
(1961-62 H/T)	Patrician Limo Model 5426)
Hudson Italia	Rolls-Royce
Jaguar-Mark IV	Talbot-Lago

The third AACA class in this category of vehicles is Class 35 which is **Specified Limited Production and Prototype Vehicles 1946-1971**. These are post war vehicles usually built by an independent manufacturer intended for mass production. Major manufacturers limited runs and prototype vehicles may also be accepted. In most cases the company failed and only a few examples were produced.

Crofton	King Midget
(1959-63)	(1946-70)
Dodge Firearrow	Kurtis 500 M
(1954)	(1954-55)
El Morocco	Nash Ambassador-
(1956-67)	Pininfarina
Fitch Firebird	(1956)
(1967)	Nash Healy
Iso Rivolta	(1951-54)
(1962-70)	Play Boy
Keller	(1947-51)
(1948-49)	Tucker (1948)

The Editor would like to recognize Bob Porter, newsletter editor for the Miracle Strip Region AACA. Some of the information in the preceding article is from the October 2000 issue of the *Sunday Stroller*.

On the lighter side...

From here & there

- (1) What make automobile did Samantha drive in the television series "Bewitched"?
- (2) What were the make and years of the police cars in the old TV show "Car 54, Where Are You"?
- (3) In the opening scenes of the "Mary Tyler Moore Show", what year and make car does Mary drive?
- (4) In the old detective show "Rockford Files", what is the car James Garner drives?
- (5) James Dean, star of *Rebel Without a Cause*, was killed Sept. 30, 1955 en route to a sports car meet. What type car was he in?
- (6) What type car is the General Lee in the TV series "The Dukes of Hazzard"?
- (7) Burt Reynolds drove a TransAm in the "Smokey and the Bandit" movies. What color was the car and what color were its stripes?
- (8) What make and model car does Don Johnson drive in TV's "Nash Bridges"?

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Tasty treats to be had at DSR's first dinner meeting



If you are planning to enter the chili-cooking contest at the February 22nd meeting, you probably should have already done some advance planning. If you're not familiar with what goes on, here's the rundown. There will be a first, second and third place trophy awarded. . You should plan to bring a crockpot, or the equivalent amount, of your culinary masterpiece. Judging is highly scientific and recounts cannot be demanded due to the fact that not everyone chooses to be a judge. There are those among us who have very simple tastes. We know better



PLEASE call Joyce Francis (342-3398) before Tuesday, Feb. 20th to let her know what you are planning to bring. If you put your name on the sign-up sheet at the January meeting, call her anyway to confirm your plans. It will make her so happy to hear from you.

And there's more...

Those of you who are acquainted with Charlie Froehlich know that at nearly any event, he has his camera and is snapping away. Have you ever wondered why you never see him showing any of

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Important Dates 2001

- Feb. 22 DSR Meeting in clubhouse 7:30 P.M. following annual Cook-off & Slide show
- Mar. 8-11 AACA Winter Meet in Punta Gorda, FL
- Mar. 9-11 Catahoula Junque Collectors overnight outing! Info: (334) 765-2677 or 661-5017
- Mar. 10 ABWA Coastal Classic Car Show ~ Ft. Walton Beach, FL
- Mar. 17 Mardi Gras MGs will display British cars at the Fairhope A & C Festival
- Annual AACA Car Show ~ Lake Eufala, AL

the pictures he's taken? It's not because he forgets to load the camera or that he's such a bad photographer that the pictures never turn out. It's because he only deals with slides. He will present for us the slide show that he did for the January meeting of the Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans. It will most likely take place toward the end of the meal and just before the meeting is called to order. This is a special treat you don't want to miss so if you're not going to be at the dinner, come a little early.

start to prepare of the hot and spicy stuff anytime, much less late in the day. Therefore, some of us will be bringing other dishes to share but not to compete with the iron chefs. Desserts will be available after dinner as well as after the meeting for those who may not choose to come early and get out of cooking an evening meal. Please have yourselves, your food items and you appetites at the clubhouse no later than six o'clock so that all will be ready for the 6:30 P.M. sit down.

