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A.A.C.A.



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June 20 - Sat. Brewton Blueberry Festival & Antique Car Show.

June 20 - Sat. Few cars wanted for Senior Citizens Services at 1717 Dauphin. (flea market)

June 23 - Tue. Great American Race into Mobile!

June 25 - Thurs. DSR regular meeting at clubhouse, 7:30 PM.

The SPARKPLUG is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. Deep South Region meetings are held once each month on the fourth Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at the A.A.C.A. club-house at 951 Forest Hill Drive at Zeigler Blvd. The SPARKPLUG will be mailed the weekend before each meeting. Annual dues are \$15.00. This includes wife membership if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$18.00 single and \$22.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

## THE GREAT AMERICAN RACE

Just what is this "Great American Race" that all the antique car nuts in Mobile are getting excited about? It is the world's oldest antique car race of its kind, sponsored by Interstate Batteries, and pays a purse of \$250,000. It is an annual race that, this year, spans nine states and covers 4685 miles in 13 days in 1938 or earlier cars. Some will be as old as 1910. One of the 12 over-

night stops is Mobile on June 23rd. The 1992 American Great Race begins in Charleston, South Carolina and ends at Costa Mesa, California. The course they run is mainly back roads with Interstate-highways used only where it is necessary. Every detail of the course is measured and timed to within 1/100 of a mile and exact speeds are computerized for a "perfect" drive time, but the driver does not know these figures nor is he allowed an odometer or any kind of electronic device -- only a watch, pencil and paper, and his wits. The speed is usually figured 5 M.P.H. under the speed limit and the closest driver to this wins! He must not be too fast or too slow and it is figured daily. There will be 81 beautiful antique cars on this year's race. Each year the race goes from coast to coast and heads west and east on alternate years and uses a different route each year. 1992 is Mobile's first time for this. So we've all got a right to be excited!!

Most of the Mobile area car clubs have volunteers in regular weekly meetings with the City of Mobile's Convention Center Staff. Finding a meeting place large enough to accommodate the 50 to 55 people that met was very difficult until AACA Headquarters in Hershey gave permission and even encouragement to use the DSR clubhouse. Many DSR and other clubs' members have volunteered to take part in welcoming these race car drivers and navigators in. There will be a "SHINE TIME AMERICA", which is a display of the different clubs' volunteer's antique cars and they will be placed in a roped off area near where the race cars will be parked overnight. There is a \$20.00 registration fee for this and there will be judging and trophies awarded to the winning antiques. The Shine Time cars must be parked in place before the racers begin arriving. The public is encouraged to greet the racers and there should be many people there. The cars will be coming into Bel Air, near Secor Bank, some time after 5:00 P.M.

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July 4 - Sat. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!

July 11 - Sat. Meet at Battleship 11 AM. Dinner outing @ Foley.

July 23 - Thurs. DSR regular meeting at Clubhouse, 7:30 PM.

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There will continue to be meetings up until the day the racers arrive. We hope all of our DSR members can come out in red shirts and be together as the 81 race cars start coming in! The DSR members' participation in this Great American Race can only help the Deep South Region. We are already well known by the City Officials and Convention Center Staff for our cooperation! Come be with us! And don't forget to wear your red shirt!



This is the route the 1992 Great American Race cars will take. The cities are as noted but the road they are to take each day will not be disclosed to anyone including the drivers until that morning.

#### MINUTES - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MAY 26, 1992

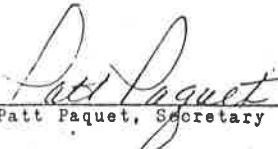
The Executive Board of the Deep South Region of AACA met in a special session Tuesday, May 26, 1992 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called by President, Tom Brown, who felt it was necessary to have a called meeting in view of the fact he would not be at the regular meeting on May 28th and wanted to assess the 1992 car show. With the exception of Bill Whiting, member at large, all other Board members were present.

Bob Hedberg, Treasurer, presented a financial statement reflecting the 1992 car show income and expense. These were analyzed by the Board with discussion following on how to improve and make the 1993 show more successful and profitable. The suggestions made by various Board members will be taken under consideration by the entire Board. When a consensus has been reached and the ideas/suggestions formatted, they will be presented to the membership for discussion/approval.

The Board felt it was in order to commend Gary Polk for chairing the 1992 show and noted it was a difficult task with his working out of town.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patt Paquet, Secretary



#### SHADES OF THE PAST

How many of you recognize this ole young Kentucky boy and his '40 Ford in the days gone by? Take a look, a good look, at that full head of dark colored hair and trim belt line. I'll bet that those wide whitewalls are just before rolling to a date with his best gal! If you can't guess who he is, I'm sure not going to be the one to tell off on Lloyd!!!!

WHEN LOOKING FOR FAULTS, USE A MIRROR, NOT A TELESCOPE!

-- NEW MEMBERS --

We want to welcome Shelby and Jane Bruton into the DSR. The Brutons live at 825 Highpoint Circle in Mobile 36693, and their telephone number is 666-4150. They own a 1951 Cadillac convertible and a 1952 Chevrolet pickup. Shelby is an MD and is in psychiatry. His office is on Montlimar Drive. The DSR is fortunate to have Shelby and Jane join us and we hope to see them often at our meetings and outings.



FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN, V. T. HOPKINS:

WHAT IF IT RAINS?

Some people don't need much of an excuse to stay home from church. If it even looks like it might rain, they don't want to risk getting wet.

The hymnwriter, Francis Havergil gave several reasons for attending church -- especially on rainy days.

1. God has blessed the Lord's Day, making no exceptions for rainy days.
2. I expect my minister to be there. I would be surprised if he stayed home because of the weather.
3. I might lose out on the prayers and sermon that would have done me good.
4. For important business, rain doesn't keep me home, and church is in God's sight, very important.
5. Bad weather -- will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to keep an appointment.
6. Those who stay at home from church because it's rainy frequently miss on a fair Sunday too. I must not take one step in that direction.
7. Christ said that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them. (Matt 18:20)"
8. I don't know how many more Sundays God may give me. It would be poor preparation for my first Sunday in heaven to have lost my last one on Earth.

Enough said!!

If absence makes the heart grow fonder, how some people must love church!

(copied) "Ole Hop"

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

On June 2nd Cecil Nettles had major surgery on his shoulder. It had frozen up on him. It was a very painful operation that consisted of removing a spur, a bone, scraping the shoulder cap and other bones. The cap was not broken which was in his favor and he is now up and able to get about but still can't drive or do work, although he is on the road to recovery. Lucille is doing better with her problems but has her hands full caring for Cecil. We are all glad to learn both of them are improving!

Junie and Ann's 3 year old grandchild, Ruth, the daughter of Skippy and Becky Bouler is up and doing great after an operation to correct a faulty kidney. Ann said it was hard to believe how quickly she bounced back and is so frisky! We are happy she is doing so well.

Alfred Little had a rough time with the operation to remove a kidney and one rib. He is on the mend now and is back at work. Of course, we all know it takes some time to be fully recovered from such surgery. We are all certainly glad he is doing so well!

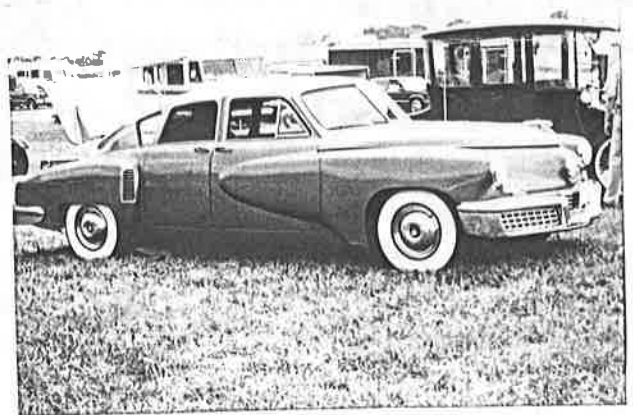
Charlotte Vinson has been having stomach problems for 2 weeks and the trouble has not been determined yet. We sure hope she is better by now.



## THE MONTGOMERY NATIONAL SHOW

Montgomery's Central Alabama Region hosted the AACA National Spring Meet Friday and Saturday on June 5th and 6th. It was held at the very beautiful grounds of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts in the Wynton M. Blount Cultural Park. Friday from 10 AM to 4:30 PM the AACA held a seminar every hour. The DSR had members attend several of them and they were most interesting and informative. This was a first for this type of seminars to be held away from the Philadelphia annual meeting. Then Friday evening a "Welcome-to-Montgomery" extravaganza was held at the Museum where we all became acquainted with many other clubs' members and many of the National Officers.

Saturday morning registration and placing of the cars, flea markets, and a car corral were opened along with a Central Alabama Region refreshment stand selling hot dogs, drinks, and snacks -- and they were busy! Over 260 registered fantastic antiques were on display. Any antique car buff would have drooled at the car that turned him on, what ever make that is! Your editor was fascinated at a 1948 Tucker Torpedo! I even had my picture made at the wheel of this impressive car. This was one of the main cars used in the movie, "Tucker and His Automobile". It was an absolutely beautiful antique show at a breath taking location and in perfect weather. I do wish all DSR members could have been there to see it. Our DSR members there were: (in alphabetical order) Lloyd and Lycle Crowds, Elven and Nell Few, Charlie and Ardie Froehlich, Eric and Paula Gould, Art Griffin, Jim Henderson, Buddy and Patt Paquet, Frank Sturges and Lucy Castle, Hershel Whigham and his son Gary, and Ernie and Eugenia Youens. Most of the members wore their red shirts and they were sharp and stood out! There were quite a few comments about the DSR from both C.A.R. and National officials for that reason. When you attend any car function, show your colors! It will make you and the DSR well known!!!!!!

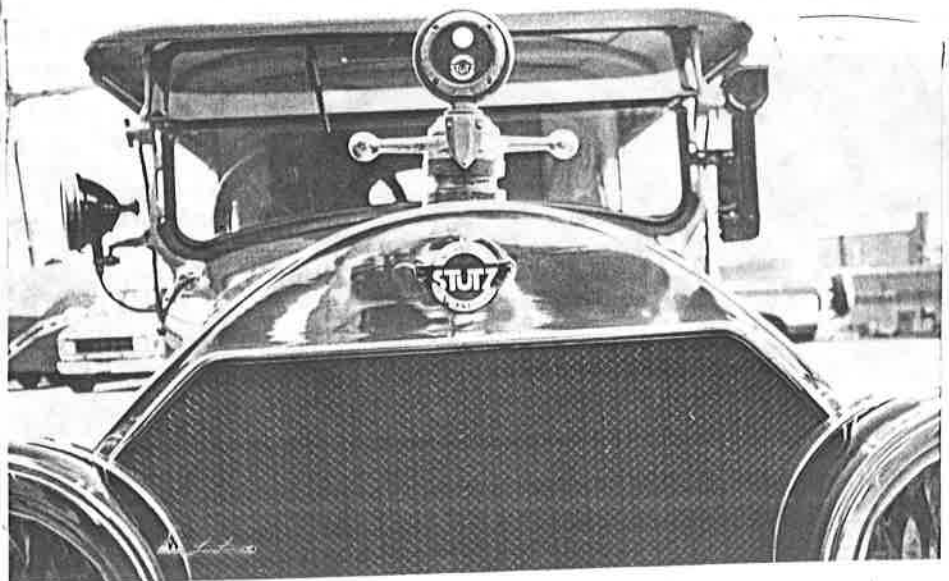


CARS AT THE MONTGOMERY  
NATIONAL, JUNE 6, 1992.

above - 1935 DUESENBERG

top right - 1948 TUCKER  
TORPEDO

bottom right - 1920  
STUTZ TOURING



### WHAT IS A QUORUM?

The question of the definition of a "quorum" was brought up at our May meeting and there was quite a bit of discussion on it. Some said it was 50% of the membership and some said it was 50% of members present. Random House says it is a "chosen group" to legally transact business - it can be a majority of course, but not necessarily. Webster calls it a "select body". It also says that a quorum is a majority unless the authority fixes a different number. According to the much herald "Robert's Rules of Order", which in my opinion can be very difficult to understand, it states, "In all ordinary societies the by-laws should provide for a quorum as large as can be depended upon for being present at all meetings --." "In such an assembly the chairman should not take the chair unless a quorum is present --".

This should settle the question, but we will have a copy of Robert's Rules at the June meeting for anyone to examine that wishes to.

### DSR GOING OUT TO EAT!

Our activity coordinators have done it again! A real great outing is being planned for Saturday, July 11th -- so mark it down on your calendar NOW! Have you ever eaten at the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley? Lloyd and Lycyle have set it up for us! We will have group rates which is \$9.75 per person including tips. They have a great choice of food in a wonderful atmosphere. You will love it! Read the brochure at the right of this about the restaurant. We will meet at the battleship at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 11th and enjoy a great fellowship and meal together! Lloyd will ask for a show of hands at the meeting Thursday night to get an idea how many they need to prepare for. This is the kind of outing that should attract 50 of our members at least! Put on your "Sure" and raise your hand at the meeting!



## THE GIFT HORSE

*The building in which  
"The Gift Horse Restaurant" now resides  
has served the Foley Community since 1912.*

*In 1912, the building was built for the Foley Progressive Club. In 1937, it became the American Legion, Post 99. During World War II it was the U.S.O. Club.*

*In 1952, the building became the Foley Skating Rink, until 1954 when it was rented to house the Ambrose Hardware, 1956-74 the Lawrence Hardware, and in 1975-78 the True Value Hardware.*

*In 1984, the building was purchased by Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth McLeod and renovated in 1985 to house "The Gift Horse."*

*The reopening of this historical landmark has stirred many memories of the residences of Baldwin County. Once again this grand old building, with its beaded pine walls and ceiling, is open for the enjoyment and merriment of people from all over, that can enjoy the saving of another "old landmark building."*

### SHINE TIME DISPLAY CARS

"Shine Time" to display your car is on Tuesday, June 23rd just before the Great Race cars start coming in. You must be there to place your car between 12 noon and 4 P.M. Judging will be 4:30 to 5:15. No car will be allowed out of Shine Time area before 6 P.M. and must exit at a designated place. This is certainly not "harsh rules", just necessary to protect your own car from the crowd and racers!

Several of our DSR members have been on vacation trips, we have a few cars to advertise for sale, and there has been a change in the Muscular Dystrophy Show time and location. News and details of all these will be in the July SPARKPLUG. The June issue is just plain overloaded!

### COME TO THE MEETING

This is the first meeting after the Great Race becomes history to our Mobile area. Come hear what everyone has to say about it. It will be a real topic of discussion and interesting! Buddy wants to tell us about the condition of the club house and ways to preserve it. Buddy would like everyone that can make it to please come to the meeting Thursday night. Lloyd will be telling us about a real fine run to Foley on July 11th and the great time we will have there. Prez Tom and Martha are home from their Yankeeland vacation and will be at the podium. Let's all hear what Tom has to say about his "second honeymoon". See you at the meeting Thurs. night, June 25th at 7:30!!

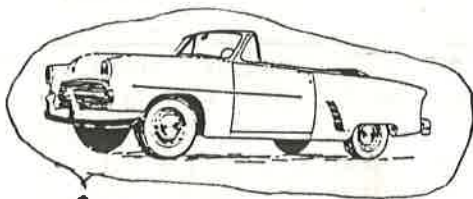
COMING SHOWS IN OUR AREA

June 20 Blueberry Festival and Car Show in Brewton.  
June 20 Petit Jean, Arkansas Show and Swap Meet.  
June 23 Great American Race comes to Mobile - Bel Air Mall  
July 18-19 Annual Gadsden Antique Car Show at Noccalula Falls.  
(the big one) 38 classes, \$10 registration fee.  
Aug. 15 First Annual Muscular Dystrophy Show at Festive  
Center in front of Circuit City. PLEASE NOTE  
THIS CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION!  
Aug. 22 Pensacola AACA Show at Seville Square.  
Sept. 26 New Orleans Mustang Show at Lakeside in Metairie.  
Oct. 3 South Ala. British Day Show in Fairhope.  
Oct. 8-10 HERSHEY!  
Oct. 17 Tentative date for the New Orleans Antique Car Show.  
Oct. 24 Meridian Show at Village Fair Mall.

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