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A.A.C.A.



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## We Did It Again !

DSR's 13th annual car show was absolutely outstanding and all of the members who worked before and during the show are to be congratulated. It came off without a hitch and everyone has a right to be proud of themselves and our club.

There were 117 cars registered with only six "No Shows". All of the competitors who were going for Re-Certification of their Prestige Awards made it and we presented four new Prestige medallions this year. This award is given to vehicles that are 25 years or older and score 95 of the possible 100 points. The awards this year went to Scott Henderson for a 1929 Ford Model A Huckster; Joseph Touchstone and his 1956 Chevy Bel-Air; Frank & Rebie Burcham with their 1965 Mustang Coupe and last, but not least, Eddie & Susie Anderson who have a 1965 Mustang. They will receive letters from the Car Show Chairman explaining what they will need to do for next year.

In the past we have presented a Best of Show trophy to the highest scoring Pre-War car and one to the highest scoring Post-War car (WW II). It seems that there are more later model vehicles being entered in shows now. In order to make this phase of the competition as fair as possible to everyone, we added a third Best of Show trophy which was given to the highest scoring vehicle dating from 1972 to the present year. The Best of Show Pre-War winner was Scott Henderson for the vehicle mentioned above; the Best of Show Post-War trophy went to Jerry Finley with his 1966 Mustang and the 1972 to Present Best of Show went home with Scott Carr in a 1996 Mustang.

The judges for the show were a good combination of 1 AACA Senior Master Judge, 1 plus an alternate from DSR; 1 from Azalea City Chevy Classics club; 1 from the Mobile Bay Mustang club; 2 from the Mississippi Coast Muscle Car club, 2 from the Southern MOPAR club and 2 with lots of experience but no club affiliation at present. These people have one of the hardest jobs there is at a car show and to let them know how much their work was valued, they were treated to lunch and received a token of our appreciation.

Raffle tickets had been distributed to members to sell back in March. The \$50.00 K-Mart gift certificate was won by Nancy Breland, daughter of Dene & Barbara Breland who are club members, and the \$100.00 cash prize went to Lillian Moseley. A drawing of one entry from all of those received or post-marked by May 4 went to Rose Hightower who won \$50.00 cash. The big money winner of the day was Harold Rowell whose ticket was drawn for the 50/50 pot.

Actually, in our show there are no losers because our members and the other competitors who come to the show are the best you will ever find!

Our food concession was provided the the Shriners' Chef Unit. They have recently acquired this wagon and are planning to get it painted and have the name on it along with identifying banners. They were pleased with the proceeds and have requested an invitation to come back next year. We were able to have great food and help them also. It was sheer torture for the people working registration when they fired up the grill and started cooking with all those good smells drifting around. I saw two people who were actually drooling waiting for the food to be ready.

## Minutes

## Deep South Region A.A.C.A. April 25, 1996 Meeting

The fourth meeting of 1996 of the DSR was called to order on April 25 at 7:30 PM. John Reid, president, conducted the well attended meeting of forty-two members and three guests. Hershel Whigham offered the invocation.

Old Business

John Reid congratulated Charlie Lyles on his record of service as a volunteer fire fighter in the Fowl River area. The Mobile Press Register published an article about Charlie in its' April 24, 1996 edition. Mention was made of the poor turnout of vendors at the swap meet held on the clubhouse grounds. Al White, vice president, and "his work crew" have been out to the clubhouse hanging around-sheetrock that is! Al stated a workday will be announced to hang the paneling over the sheetrock. Jane Bruton made a motion for the DSR to purchase a hose reel for the clubhouse. A second came from Bob Hedberg. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed on a motion from Ernie Youens with a second from Raymond Cochran. Buddy Paquet, activities chairman, discussed the May 18th outing at Henderson's Farm. Call Buddy for more details! The cruise-ins are back! This time they are being held at the Sonic Drive-in on Govt. Blvd. near Azalea Road. Membership rosters are available at the clubhouse for anyone needing one according to Patt Paquet, editor of the Sparkplug. Car show chairman, Jerry Finley updated us on the progress with the May 11th show and asked for volunteers to help clean the grounds on May 4th.

New Business

Everyone was requested to turn in their raffle ticket proceeds A.S.A.P. John Reid also discussed the prospects of attracting new members to the club. Lucille Nettles presented the financial report for April. It was approved on a motion from Bill Cox with a second from George Demetropulos. Buddy Paquet asked that four or five prewar "old cars" be available for a display at Crown Health on Navco Road. The two hour "show" will be primarily for the benefit of the residents of this facility and will begin at 1:30 PM on May 16th. Charlie Lyles made a motion that this become an official club sponsored function. Ernie Youens gave the second. Frank DeCrease suggested the executive committee decide what activities should be classed as official club activities. Some discussion followed but it was decided more thought should be given to this matter. It was tabled until a later date.

Announcements

It was announced the DSR received a trophy for the most club participation. Raymond Cochran won the 50-50 Pot. A motion to adjourn came at 8:15 PM from Frank DeCrease. Jerry Finley provided the second.

Respectfully submitted,



## Welcome to Our New Members

DSR has two new members as of the last meeting. I would like to introduce them to you (in alphabetical order) so at the next meeting you can greet them personally.

**W.G. & Linda Rhinehart** live on Dauphin Island where he has been the broker/manager of Curtis Gordon Realty for the past 13 years. Prior to that they had their own agency in Mobile. Linda is a domestic engineer who enjoys sewing, particularly pillows, and says she has never given up playing with her dolls because she like to make doll clothes. She also enjoys other hand crafts such as stenciling and stamping. If handling real estate doesn't keep W.G. busy enough, he uses his time also as an intermediate EMT with the Dauphin Island Fire & Rescue unit.

They both enjoy the old car hobby and have a 1946 Lincoln continental convertible and a 1958 Corvette convertible. Their address is P.O. Box 138 Dauphin Island, AL 36528 - Telephone 861-2503.

**Mike Williamson**, whose occupation is welding, works as a civilian employee with the U.S. Coast Guard. He and his wife, **Diana**, have 2 sons and 1 daughter living at home. Their youngest son, Kevin, attends USA and daughter Jamie is a varsity cheerleader at B. C. Rains. Their oldest son, Steven, and Mike have the '71 Buick GSX you've seen in recent shows. Diana is a substitute teacher, mostly at Rains, and also enjoys sewing as a hobby. They both are involved in Mardi Gras, each belonging to a Mystic Society. Diana says that is her favorite time of year even if things do get hectic.

When you add them to your Roster, their address is 3901 Alta Vista Drive, Mobile, AL 36605 and their telephone number is 473-3442.

**Shelby & Jane Bruton** are back on Highpoint Circle after 7 months on Walshwood while their house was being renovated but have a new phone number. It is 602-8073 so please make the change in your Roster.



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## OOPS!

In the April issue of the *Sparkplug* I detailed the Camellia Classic Car Show. I failed to mention that our very own **Jim Henderson** won the **Directors Award** for his 1949 Chevrolet Bookmobile. The vehicle receiving this award was selected by Mr. Bob Pearson, Executive Director of Bellingrath Gardens, who walked through all of the cars at the show and made his choice. Jim uses the vehicle whenever possible to promote reading among young children. Congratulations, Jim!

## Did you Know?

The dining room in the Shriner's Building on Hitt Road is open to the public on Friday evenings from 7-9 PM and you can get a ribeye steak, baked potato and green salad for \$8 (+ tax). They also have a cash bar for those who wish to partake of a drink with their dinner. Take-outs are available. This is a bargain and a way to help a great cause.



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## The Gold Cup Antique Car Race Or: 800 Miles in a Flat Head V-8

**Charlie Froehlich**

It was a dark and stormy morning. Three bums awoke in a Pensacola, Florida motel and said "Hey, the weatherman said the sun was supposed to shine this morning". Ah well, it was only a minor inconvenience to a great four day trip taken by three flat head V-8s and six people. The object was to participate in the Eleventh Annual Gold Cup Antique Car Race starting in Panama City, Florida. Now, back to the beginning.

Charlie and Ardie Froehlich, driving a 1935 Ford Coupe, met Pam and Jay Armstrong, driving their 1936 Ford Coupe, in East New Orleans on the morning of April 18. A short drive on old US Highway 90 took us to Waveland, MS where we were joined by Penny and Walt Jones in their 1937 LaSalle. The plan was to avoid Interstate highways as we would be traveling a maximum of 50 mph. We drove Highway 90 into Alabama where we followed the state roads to Dauphin Island. It is quite interesting taking the ferry from Dauphin Island to Fort Morgan. It was made more interesting by slightly rough waters, a little rain and the experience of changing a generator while crossing Mobile Bay. Did you ever get seasick while changing a generator? Did you ever change a generator while traveling 10 mph? We did! The drive along Gulf Shores' beaches into Pensacola concluded Thursday's trip and brings the reader up to our opening line.

We loaded the V-8s with our luggage in the rain Friday morning and resumed our trip. Pretty soon, we were out of the rain and had a nice, uneventful drive to Panama City. We took a few side trips to see damage from last fall's Hurricane Opal and stopped wherever we wished as the day's travel was an easy 100 miles. Arriving at the motel, we were met by others, including DSR members, Buddy and Patt Paquet. Friday evening the Miracle Strip Region AACA hosted a party for us out-of-towners and provided information on the event.

Saturday was race day! Now this is not quite a wide-open speed race. Quite the contrary, as the penalty for going too fast is as severe as for going too slow. Each car travels at a pre-determined average speed and is timed as it passes check points. The route was laid out so that getting lost was not a problem. Trying to balance your time against the check points was the contest. There were two legs of the race, split by a lunch stop at Port St. Joe. The second leg concluded in the very scenic town of Apalachicola. The race cars were put on public display at the Gibson Inn and the drivers and navigators were turned loose to do as they wished.

Saturday night festivities started with a fashion show, clothing of earlier times being the fashion. The banquet was held at the Inn and all during the meal, various contest prizes and door prizes were being awarded. Afterward, the awards were presented for both the race and the display. Everyone that attended from west of the Perdido River received at least one award.

Sunday morning the three V-8ers got up with the intention of driving part way home. Well, it seems that never works. We took our time going, but we hurried back. Some place on the Mississippi Gulf Coast we decided that we might as well sleep at home that night. I do not know about the others, but I can tell you that I do not relish the thought of driving that old '35 Ford 383 miles in a day again anytime in the future. Had we not been winding around on back roads trying not to get lost, it might not have been so bad. But as the Raven said, "Never More". Now I do not mean never more to the Gold Cup, but never more that long a one day drive in that car.

It was a great trip with good friends. The Miracle Strip Region is a nice group and they sure know how to put on a fine time. You may want to consider joining the Gold Cup Race next year. Jay will need company when he returns the "Dog Trophy". You will have to ask him what that is all about but if he doesn't go, he can return it by Greyhound which is just about the way he received it. Be sure to have him explain how he won it.

## Remember When?

**Ernie Youens**

Ten years ago, May 1986, the recipe of the month was Paula Gould's Microwave Magic Pecan Brittle. Lloyd Crowder requested a plaque with the names of deceased members be acquired and hung in the clubhouse since several of the club's members had died recently.

It seems that 1986 was the year lots of us were getting Metropolitans. Ray & Katherine Harper had recently gotten a '56 Met Coupe which is number 13 in DSR. There were 36 members in 11 cars who attended the Laurel, MS show and the Few's 1931 DeSoto won "best of show" award.

On May 3 there were 29 members who turned up at the clubhouse to spiff up the building and grounds in preparation for the approaching show. Some of them had been to the Loxey May Day Celebration/Parade that morning then came to help during the afternoon.

May 9-10 was the date for the 3rd annual DSR car show which boasted 109 entries despite threatening skies and a 30% chance of rain forecast. We did quite well at our first try of using the clubhouse grounds as a show location. The cars were in rows from the front of the building and along the property fronting Zeigler Boulevard. The antique engines were from the Forest Hill Drive side. Even though Hop Hopkins had gone to California to visit his daughter, he had made arrangements to have both his cars in the show. Those who came in motor homes were pleased with their parking area atop the hill back of the area. The banquet was held Saturday evening in the Coast Guard Armory a few blocks away. Mrs. Faye Polk was recognized for being a long standing member, her tireless efforts on behalf of the club's growth and of her work on the show.

We were scheduled to do a display for Gaston Ford's Grand opening of their new building in Daphne on May 31 from 10:00AM - 5:00 PM and the club would receive a nice donation. Some folks are on vacation, some have had accidents and illness and others are starting restoration projects.

## Members Under Restoration

Maybe we are actually getting better with age. There are very few reports of illness this month. I will ask that we give a "card Shower" to Gavin & Gladys Edwards. (Rt. 2 Box 470 Lucedale, MS 39452) she is back at home with Gavin and a sitter as of May 1 when she was dismissed from the nursing home. Gavin is having a very difficult time coping with all the problems and surely can use some words of encouragement.

Our former member and dear friend, Sammy Francis, continues to deteriorate with terminal cancer. Emma, along with home health personnel, is caring for him at home but it will not be too long until he is admitted to the hospice program. Again, please give them a "card shower" to let them know you are thinking of them and care. (Their address is 9236 Bayou La Batre Highway-Irvington, AL 36544.) Just remember that it could be you sometime who needs a card to brighten your day.

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## Congratulations...Two Times !

DSR (and MBMC) member **Raymond Cochran** was certified by the Mustang club of America on May 4 in Charlotte, NC as a Gold Card Judge in the Modified Division. Raymond and his wife, Sharon, filed adoption papers approximately a year ago to get a baby girl from China. They met with officials from Villa Hope Adoption Agency on May 11 to learn what to expect when they go to pick up the baby, which they hope will be in July. Best wishes to them and their lucky little girl.



MIKE KITTRELL/Staff Photographer  
Charles Lyles has spent more than 27 of his 32 years as a firefighter at the Fowl River Volunteer Fire Department.

### Dedication Keeps Firefighter Going

Mobile County group honors veteran Fowl River VFD member for outstanding example he shows new volunteers

By Gina O'Brien Staff Reporter

Charles Lyles has fire in his blood. When there's an emergency, he drops everything and rushes to the scene, said Roger Vines, chief of the Fowl River Volunteer Fire Department, where Lyles is a volunteer

"He's like the old fire horse. When the alarm comes in, he shuts down and goes," Vines said, explaining that in the old times, the horses that pulled fire wagons got so excited when the bells rang that sometimes they'd run away before the firemen were ready.

Lyles was selected to be Firefighter of the year by the Mobile County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments April 20. A volunteer with the Fowl River Department for more than 27 years, Lyles has accumulated a total of about 32 years as a fire fighter, including service with Flomaton and the U.S. Air Force.

"It's a job that I've felt has always needed to be done said Lyles, 53. "I'm going to try to stay active as long as I can." Lyles said that he realizes that if young people are going to enthusiastically become involved with the volunteer department, they need to see dedication from the older members. Serving as a positive role model was only one of many ways Lyles serves his community, his chief said. "His

commitment was further demonstrated during the last year when he took a virtual piece of junk and turned it into an asset for the community," Vines wrote in his nomination essay.

Lyles redesigned and rebuilt a 1976 Ford service truck that had a broken frame and extensive rust damage. A replacement for the 20-year old vehicle, which had only 34,000 miles on it, would have cost the department about \$65,000. But the owner of a one-man wrecker/auto repair shop saved the department close to \$60,000 when he went to work on the 20-year-old truck.

It wasn't the first time Lyles had redesigned that truck. In 1976, Lyles and other volunteers took a 1946 firetruck and the 1976 Ford, which consisted of only a cab and a frame, and created a quick-response pumper truck, Lyles said. The truck, which stayed outdoors so the service would be quicker, was key to saving a lot of houses and property, he said. But years in the wind and rain took their toll. Lyles rewelded rusted and broken parts and built a stainless steel cover. He also adorned it with a new coat of shiny, red paint. "We really used the tar out of it. It looks good. It's sharp," he said. That's not the only way that Lyles has used his business to help the fire and rescue department. Trained as a first responder for medical emergencies, he also responds to many accidents, arriving in his wrecker so that he can move vehicles out of dangerous positions. Whenever he can, Lyles closes his shop to respond to emergency calls, Vines said. "He does it and doesn't make a big production about what he does," Vines said. "A lot of times he goes unnoticed, just because of the way he does things."

Lyles pointed out that many other volunteers were as worthy as he and said he felt fortunate that his peers nominated him. "I'm very proud of it, to be honest with you," he said.

**Editors Note:** The above appeared in the April 24, 1996 Mobile Press Register but it is worthy of being reprinted in our newsletter for those who may have missed it.

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Donnie Webb

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## Holding a Grudge?

Larry Jordan-Southern MOPAR Assoc.  
Contributing Reporter

On May 11, 1996 something unusual happened at the DSR open car show and it is something that I just can't figure out in my mind. Here's my story and I would like to know if you think along the same lines as me.

It was Saturday morning; cars and trucks were coming in and parking. People were laughing, talking and cleaning their vehicles when suddenly there was a commotion. They were stopping, pointing and their eyes were as big around as silver dollars. A 1967 Chevelle SS 396 convertible was coming down the hill and nobody was in it!

By the time I turned around to see what was going on, Chuck Herring, the owner of the car and a couple of other guys had caught it and brought it to a stop. Fortunately, no one or anything was hurt. Except maybe Chuck's feelings. Mistakes happen, but I think there is more to this runaway or "run towards" car. You see, it was coming towards my 1967 Dodge Cornet R/T.

Being that they were the muscle cars from that era, owners had many, many grudge matches on the streets, at race tracks or wherever. These were powerful cars and were purchased for that reason.

But that was in the 60s and early 70s. Now the owners of these cars are the best of friends and are willing to give a helping hand at any time to get them back to show room condition.

Even though the owners have changed, could it be that this Chevelle is still holding a grudge? I don't know but if it is, a car show is no place to settle it. So Chuck, talk to your car and let it see our side. On the other hand, if it were mating season, we might could have a R/S ST Corvovelle.

### Thank You Very Much

I would like for all of you to know how much I appreciated the prayers, calls and cards during and after my recent illness and that I am recuperating from the heart surgery very well. It means alot to have friends like you.

Darlene Ebl

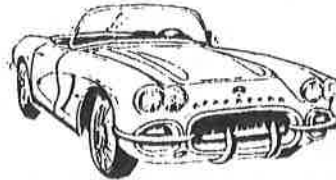
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### Editors Note....May

The clean-up day at the clubhouse on May 4 was not only work but fun as well. It was good to see so many people come out to show they care about the club and its image. After a morning of hard labor we had a feast fit for kings before going back to the grind. When it came time to leave, the building and grounds looked grand. Thanks to **2 Bushes, G. Cammon, B. Cox, F. DeCrease, G. Demetropulos, D. Dillehay, 2 Fewes, J. Finley, J. Jarvis, 2 Jordans, 2 Lunsfords, J. Martin, L. Nelson, 2 Paquets, 2 Reids, 2 Rowells, R. Vines, 2 Whites, E. Youens** and a very special thanks to **Woodie Coale**, who is not yet a member. He passed by and saw what was going on, went home to pick up his riding lawn mower, returned and cut the grass beginning at the speed limit sign on Zeigler all the way back where the property ends on Forest Hill and didn't finish until about 4 o'clock. Thanks!

It is understandable that everyone cannot be at everything and for those of you who had other commitments, don't worry.....there is always next year.

The day provided two things; accomplishing what needed to be done and the opportunity for all of us to get to know each other a little better. Some of the members who were there have not the chance to participate as much as they would like and this was the way. Anna White did an outstanding job coordinating the pot-luck lunch and everyone was a little reluctant to go back to work afterwards. By the way, Larry Nelson does do windows!

## Baffled by Insurance Coverage?

Some members are confused between the club's insurance coverage through J.C. Taylor and an individual's own insurance coverage for his/her antique autos. I have obtained information from Al Callazzo with J.C. Taylor which may help to somewhat clarify the issue. He has provided an overview of the coverages provided within their Antique & Classic Auto Club Program policy. Bear in mind that it does not take the place of the actual policy and is, of course, subject to all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policy.

WHAT COVERAGE? Commercial General Liability Non-owned Auto Liability

WHO IS INSURED? The Named Insured (The Club), all its Members including Officers and Director. Coverage is limited to Bodily Injury and/or Property Damage Liability arising out of an occurrence associated with activities of The Club.

WHERE IS COVERAGE? Clubs are covered for any occurrence on property rented, leased or used by the Club for Activities of The Club. Activities include, but are not limited to meetings, dances, tours, picnics, flea markets, banquets, shows, malls, shopping center shows, and parades.

WHAT COVERAGES? Coverages are listed below. The items listed are a limited summary of the coverages under the General Liability and Non-owned Auto Liability.

1. Basic Insurance Agreement: The policy will pay those sums which the insured becomes legally obligated to pay as damages because of "bodily injury" or "property damage" to which the insurance applies.
2. Personal Injury Liability
3. Advertising Injury Liability
4. Contractual Liability
5. Products Liability
6. Non-owned Watercraft Liability
7. Liquor Liability
8. Non-owned Auto Liability

There are many topics not discussed in this summary and no coverage is provided by this summary. Also this brief summary is not a complete explanation of the policy. A narrative description can never replace a policy.

One of the most important statements in Mr. Callazzo's cover letter to me is highlighted and I quote:

"As I advised you in our telephone conversation, there is no owned automobile liability coverage in the Club Program policies (each vehicle owner must obtain it)."

If your antique automobile insurance coverage is through J. C. Taylor you can get information on your policy by calling 1-800-345-8290 or if you should have a claim (Heaven forbid!) that number is 1-800-272-6768.

You should consider carefully how you use your antique automobiles when not participating in club functions. Their application form has a statement which reads "My vehicle(s) will be used mainly in exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest and will not be used primarily for the transportation of passengers or goods. If you are a resident of FL, PA or NJ, please send a copy of daily use car policy." This is not to say that if you had an accident when using your antique auto for personal use that you would not be covered but rather to encourage you to make sure you know exactly what your coverage is. According to Bob Wallace with J.C. Taylor, every claim is looked at on an individual basis and handled in an efficient and timely manner.

The point of this entire article is that you should know what coverage you have for what use of your antique autos regardless what company your policy is through. Finally, I am not an expert on insurance coverage but you can obtain information by calling your carrier.

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### Finances...Money...or What it Takes to Run Our Club

I am aware, as most of you are, that it seems like every meeting we have some sort of discussion about money; either a way to raise funds or how to stretch those that we have.

It has been my experience, having belonged to several professional organizations during my working career, that these discussions are one of the quickest ways to turn members off attending meetings or in some cases renewing their membership. But since we have acquired several new members in the past 2-3 months, I wanted to make them aware of why we do things and where the money goes.

DSR is extremely fortunate to have a great clubhouse in a prime location convenient to almost all of our members. But there are always two sides to everything and the other side of this that we have to not only maintain the clubhouse but have enough operating funds to keep the club going.

Below are some figures that I think all of you can relate to and that will show you why we put on car shows, do displays for grand openings, transport weddings, and take advantage of opportunities that will help make a few bucks for the club.

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Gas (Minimum \$13.92 per mo X 12 mos)	167.04
Power (Minimum \$31.16 per mo X 12 mos)	373.92
Grass Cutting (\$100 per mo X 6 mos min.)	600.00
Terminix Contract (Present amt. for 1 year)	67.00
Insurance on Building (1 year Premium)	311.00
Maint. Contract on Copier (1 year)	<u>195.00</u>
	\$ 2,229.48

I expect that our insurance premium will be more when it comes due in November due to our having to increase the amount of coverage with the addition on the building. There are some expenses we incur that are not listed above such as toner for the copier, paper to print the Roster and other occasional items. We received 1 ream of paper per month from Office Max in exchange for their ad which is a big help. We usually make enough on the

50/50 Pot to pay for refreshments and small items such as stamps for the Treasurer. When something big comes up such as a new drum for the copy machine at \$184.00, it can really throw a monkey wrench in our budget if it is running close. When I became Editor of the newsletter, I wanted to make it self-sufficient since postage for it is one of our biggest expenses. Presently we have 3 paid advertisers, 1 on an exchange basis and 2 that either do something for the club at no cost or at a very reduced rate. Income from these advertisers is \$300.00 per year which almost pays for postage.

Local membership dues are \$15.00 and as of January 1 we had 68 members. The math reads:

\$15.00 X 68 =	\$1,020.00 Revenue
	- <u>2,229.48 Expenses</u>
Deficit	(1,209.48)

You can see that everything is cut to a bare-bones amount and there will be some months when the utilities run more or we may have to have the grass cut 7 times instead of 6 which increases our expenditures. A conservative estimate on a year's worth of expenses would be \$3,000.00

This is why we do all the things that we do in order to raise funds. It is why members are always willing to help with fund raising and maintaining our building and grounds and all of you who participate in any of these things deserve a pat on the back.

The addition to the clubhouse is almost complete. Our Hooters Car Show which is scheduled for Oct. 26 should provide enough profit for us to finish it without any problems and we can all relax a little.

So, if you are a new member or perhaps one of long-standing that has never really given much thought to how we spend our money, now you know. Or at least I hope you know more than you did. The financial report is prepared and distributed at the monthly meetings. It is not just for your information but for you to read thoroughly and ask questions about items on it if you do not understand something. Questions and suggestions are not only welcome but encouraged. Share your ideas with us and become involved in running your club because it does belong to everyone.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### May:

- May 23:** DSR Meeting in Clubhouse - 7:30 PM  
**May 24-25:** 18th Annual AAECM's "Point Cadet" Show-Contact Lisa (601)872-2577  
**May 24-26:** AACA Southeastern Spring Meet - Kingsport, TN - See *Antique Automobile*  
**May 26:** 2nd Annual Cystic Fibrosis Race Day & Car Show-Tillman's Corner, AL

### June:

- June 6:** Sonic Cruise In at Highway 90 & Azalea Road beginning at 6:00 PM  
**June 7-9:** Vettes by the Shore - Gulf Coast Coliseum - Biloxi - Contact Jill (601) 392-9530  
**June 14-16:** Mississippi Coast Mustang's Annual Mustang & Ford Products Show at the Coast Coliseum - Contact John (601)388-5256 or Mike (601)875-6221  
**June 15:** South Alabama Region AACA's 16th Annual Alabama Blueberry Antique and Classic Car Show in Brewton, AL - Contact Jimmy (334)575-2247  
**June 27:** DSR Meeting in Clubhouse - 7:30 PM

### July:

- July 11-13:** AACA Annual Grand National Meet - Huntsville, AL - (Creme de la Creme cars)  
**July 12-14:** 8th Annual Gulf Coast Autorama - Coast Coliseum - Biloxi - Info (601)896-8351  
(Jim Henderson's 1937 Cadillac will be the feature car for the Antique club)

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