## Annual Hooters Charity Car Show entries number 100 - plus

It is the last show of the year in the Mobile area and this was its fifth year. It is sort of the end-ofthe-car-show-season event and one that is well supported by local auto buffs as well as those from the surrounding communities.

When the last Saturday of October rolls around, those who participate in shows are getting a little worn out. However, this is one show that they do come out for. The reasons are numerous and varied. For some, it is one of the few times each year they see one another. For others, it gives them the opportunity to bring their families along knowing they will enjoy shopping in the Mall. And finally, there are those who will go anywhere within reason to show off their car and vie for a trophy. Competitors came from as far north as Montgomery and probably the same distance east and west.

The parking lot adjacent to Hooters which sits on Springdale Mall Shopping Center's pad and where we generally have lots of room was undergoing some construction work this year. With the closing of the Montgomery Ward store and Burlington Coats coming in as a new tenant, space was a little tight. October 30, the show date, was also the grand opening for Burlington. When all of the vehicles were parked, there was barely room to walk in the area we had been allotted. At one point, it appeared workers under the Registration tent would be sharing it with the last few arrivals!

Car show Chairman Mike Williamson had hoped for a larger turnout, especially considering the number of telephone calls and E-mail inquires he had. At the close of registration, the final count was 116. There have been some years when the numbers were greater but the camaraderie and enjoyment shared by hobbyists stays high, it doesn't fluctuate.

Those who wished to let the restaurant know how much its support was appreciated could order their lunch from one of the Hooters girls and have it delivered back to where they were sitting with their car! The three young ladies who were assisting with the show were on roller blades and didn't sit down from the time they made their appearance until they helped hand out the awards. One was overheard to say, when offered a chair, that she better not because she probably couldn't get up. And we thought it was only us older folks who felt that way.

Your Editor worked with the Parking Committee for the second consecutive year. Last year, I was helping get the vehicles into their proper slots. This year I was assigned to the service street todirect traffic. That was really a hoot! One lady, when stopped, said she was looking for her son and asked if I had seen him. As if I would have known who he was!! But the most dangerous aspect of this entire situation was standing between some of Mobile's "seasoned" shoppers and the short-cut to their favorite stores. Mind you, I am no spring chicken and most of these women (you will note that I did not use the word "ladies") have a good 10 years on me. It is amazing how much pithy language our "Southern belles" know and will use when disgruntled. Maybe we should put one of the guys out there next year and let them burn his ears.

Multiple DSR members turned out to work, show their cars or do both. Congratulations to our own Dayton Whites on winning the Raymond Cochran Memorial Best of Show Pre-War trophy. The Al White Memorial Best of Show Post-War trophy went to Carol Lanthrip from the Montgomery area. It was a nice end to the show season and a profitable weekend for the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

### **Minutes**

### Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Meeting October 28, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Eddie Anderson, President, at 7:35 PM. There were 47 members and one guest present. Members and families with illnesses were noted. The invocation was given by L. Mims, Chaplain.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

President's Report: Lycyle Crowdus showed the new plaque to honor deceased members./ Buddy Paquet reported on the purchase of the PA system. The new equipment was in use and works well./ Eddie reminded the group of the Gulf Coast Race & Performance Expo at the Mobile Convention Center in January. Entries should be turned in to Eddie if you want to park as a group. Vice President's Report: The work day for the club sign was rained out. Reschedule is on hold for now. Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved as presented in the newsletter on a motion from S. Anderson and second from J. Frances. Treasurer's Report: No old business. Editor's report: P. Paquett reported on costs to purchase a copy machine vs. renewal of a maintenance contract for the current machine. J. Frances made a motion to renew the maintenance contract, A. White seconded. The motion passed. Activities Chair Report: No old business. Member at Large: Cecil Pugh reported that there had bee no recommendations for revisions to the by-laws given to committee members by October 1, 1999. The bylaws committee review is complete with no changes needed. Hooter's Car Show: Mike Williamson reported that the show is right on track. E. Grimes volunteered to do the 50/50 pot as R. Sloan would not be able to be there. J. Bruton reported that the insurance documents had come in from National headquarters.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

President's Report: J. Finley reported for the nominating committee on the slate of officers for 2000. Four out of the seven slots were still unfilled. Those who agreed to serve again are Editor: Patt Paquett, Treasurer: Wilma Jones and Member at Large: Cecil Pugh. Two people volunteered to fill the Activities Coordinator slot: Joyce Frances and Susie Anderson. Nominations from the floor were called for but no one accepted. The offices that need to be filled are: President, Vice President and Secretary. Voting on the slate of officers will occur at the November meeting. Jerry reminded the group that any nomination from the floor must be approved by the person being nominated PRIOR to making the nomination. Vice President's Report: No new business. Secretary's Report: No new business. Treasurer's Report: The October financial report was approved as written by a motion from J. Frances and second from B. Musgrove. Editor's Report: The Overnight Fall Tour will occur on November 13-14. Information on the tour is in the newsletter. Activities Chair Report: E. Lunsford reported on a request to do a wedding on November 13. A motion was made by J. Bruton and second from L. Musgrove to do the wedding. The motion passed. Member at Large Report: No report.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The 50/50 pot was won by J. Lunsford./ A motion to adjourn came from J. Finley with second from B. Paquett. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Bruton

### Crusin' the Coast '99

Not having attended this year's event, your Editor does not have a handle on exactly what went on. I am told there were 3011 cars registered; that from Thursday through Sunday rain plagued the affair; that for the street and hot rod crowd it was Paradise but for, according to some, the antiquers it was no where near Heaven; and that parking on the last day was even worse than it was last year. It was said there was an auto auction at the Coast Coliseum as well as the Imperial Palace which created confusion. Some of those who were not into the "cruise-in" type get-together improvised and made it more of a "touring" situation by visiting some of the area's attractions on their own.

I also understand that most of the members of the hosting clubs were nice to the out-of-towners, that the bands continued to provide entertainment despite the inclement weather, that both Friday and Saturday the flea market vendors managed to get their wares uncovered for awhile in the afternoons and that as of October 20<sup>th</sup> Pre-registration for 2000 had already gone over 500.

It is my understanding that there were several DSR members who attended Crusin' the Coast's fourth year. I don't want to leave anyone out so I won't try to list names.

### How observant are you?

- 1. What 2 letter do not appear on the telephone dial?
- 2. How many channels on a VHF TV dial?
- 3. How many curves in a standard paper clip?
- 4. How many lug nuts are on a standard car wheel?
- 5. Sleepy, Sneezy, Grumpy, Dopey, Doc, Happy. Who's missing?
- 6. How many sides does a stop sign have?
- 7. In which hand is the Statue of Liberty's torch?
- 8. On the back of a \$1 bill, what is in the center?
- 9. Whose face is on a dime?
- 10. Which way do fans rotate? (Answers on Page 4)

### **DSR Member Honored**



Dr. Dayton Whites was recently recognized as Family Physician of the Year by the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians. This award is presented annually to the physician contributing the most to the development of family medicine in the state.

After receiving his medical degree, Dr. Whites returned to his hometown to practice. He is credited with growing his local medical community from less than five physicians to the current sixteen. In addition to his many professional contributions to his community, he has deliver almost 4,000 babies, some second generation. He is a long-standing member of both the American and Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians as well as an active member of his local medical society and his church.

When his community's downtown business began to decline, Dr. Whites played a strategic role in revitalizing the are with a boost in economy and moral by founding a main street mini-mall. DSR members were invited to bring their antique cars to Lucedale this past July to help him with "Homecoming Day".

The MAFP award recognizes Dr. Whites for his "great talents as a physician who has shown a remarkable ability to provide unlimited energy, interest and leadership, not only at all levels of medicine but also in community and social concerns."

A person who describes himself as a patient, a healthcare team member and friend said Dr. Whites was the "Vince Lombardi of the healthcare team. When you need you need him as a coach, he's not on the bench, but on the front line".

DSR members would like to extend our heartiest congratulations on this recent achievement and also to say how pleased we are to have him as a member.

It's always darkest just before dawn. So, if you're going to steal the neighbor's newspaper, now's the time to do it!

### First Weekend of November keeps DSR members busy

### **REL School Fall Festival**

DSR was please to furnish cars for the Robert E. Lee Elementary School in Satsuma on Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999. The occasion was their annual Fall Festival to raise funds for various school projects.

Helping out were **B. L. Cammon** with his '63 Caddy and **Elven Few** sporting Nell's '31 DeSoto Convertible. **Ernie Youens** brought the Met but got in the wrong place. After searching diligently for where the festivities were being held, he gave up. At least he tried which shows his heart was in it and the club appreciates his effort.

You all know that funny things can happen when doing displays of this type. A young lad of about eight or nine years old walked up to Elven's car, opened the passenger door, climbed in and sat down next to Elven. He asked several "What's this?" type questions which Elven happily answered. He looked at the "Do Not Touch" sign that some of us use; the one with the hammer nailing a finger. He asked what it mean and Elven explained that it meant the car shouldn't be touched. As youngsters do, he said, "What would happen if I do touch something?" Elven told him to look at the sign and figure it out. The boy told Elven "If you hit my finger, I'll sue you!" Learn early these days don't they?

But that wasn't the end of it. A woman with three children came up and asked if she could put the kids in the car and drive it around the block. Elven told her he would take them for a ride. This wasn't what she wanted, she said she knew how to drive a "stick" shift. Elven explained that knowing how to drive the car wasn't the problem, it was that his insurance covered only himself and Nell to drive it. Not getting her way, Elven said she left in a huff. What we sometimes go through just to help out.

#### **Quiz Answers**

(1) Q,Z (2) 12 (No #1) (3) Three (4) Five (5) Bashful (6) Eight (7) Right (8) "ONE" (9) Roosevelt (10) Clockwise as you look at it.

### DSR helps open new bank



Bay Bank celebrated is grand opening on Saturday, November 6, 1999 with some DSR members displaying their cars. This, one of the newest banking

institutions in Mobile, has a branch on Dauphin Island and one located at Bayley's Corner. These are the only facilities south of Tillman's Corner and had a large turnout of people at both locations. Providing cars were J. Henderson, C. Lyles and B. Paquet. The club will receive a tidy donation for the four hour exhibition.

### 17th Annual Jackson Car Show

The Old South Car Club put on their antique car show in conjunction with the Alabama Forestry and Jackson, Alabama's Fall Festival. Last year, the show was dedicated to one of it's founders, Robert "Bob" Smith and has be re-named the Bob Smith Memorial Car Show.

There were amateur lumberjack contests, arts and crafts, an antiques show and games, a petting zoo and pony rides for the younger set. They even had a cheerleader contest.

According to one of the Sparkplug's roving reporters, DSR members on hand included E. Anderson, 2 Dillehays, P. Francis, Ed Grimes with son, Eddie, 2 Harpers, 2 Jarvises, 2 Reids, 2 Rowells, and B. Vaughan along with his son and two grandsons. Congratulations to the Harpers on winning first place in the Steel Radiator Model T class and Best of Show Pre-War! I hope "Clark Kent" didn't miss anyone. If so, we both apologize.

# Just for the ladies.....

If you don't have time to solve this "Turkey Scramble" before your Thanksgiving Dinner, put it aside until after the big meal is over, then relax in your favorite chair. You can watch the others who are fighting to keep an even flow of oxygen on a path to their brains, a result of an enormous consumption of all your good cooking, as you put your feet up and take it easy.

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## **Bacon Cheese Ring**

Submitted by Susanne Whites

12 ounces bacon

1 # grated sharp cheddar cheese

1 tsp. pepper

1 bunch green onions, chopped

2 cups mayonnaise

1 cp. Toasted almonds

Strawberry preserves

Fry bacon until crisp, drain well and break into small pieces. Combine bacon, cheese, onions, pepper and mayonnaise. Mix lightly and press into 7-cup ring mold, refrigerate overnight. Unmold and top with strawberry preserves and almonds.

Chill until ready to use. Serve with your choice of crackers.

- 1. Antacid
- 2. Aspirin
- Baked beans
- 4. Carving knife
- 5. Cheesecake
- 6. Corn
- 7. Cornbread
- 8. Cranberries
- 9. Dressing
- 10. Family
- 11. Football games
- 12. Fruit salad
- 13. Giblets
- 14. Give thanks
- 15. Green beans
- 16. Gravy
- 17. Indians
- 18. Leftovers
- 19. Mashed potatoes
- 20. Mayflower
- 21. Musket
- 22. Pilgrims
- 23. Pumpkin pie
- 24. Squash
- 25. Sweet potatoes
- 26. Take a nap
- 27. Trimmings
- 28. Turkey
- 29 Wash dishes
- 30. Whipped cream

## Last AACA Tour of the Century

When the AACA Activity Request Card goes in the mail, it seems that the event you plan to attend is just around the corner. Then you receive the registration form, complete and return it with your check. Now the wait and anticipation begin. Who will be there? What, other than what you already know about, will there be to do? Will the weather cooperate? Is your tour vehicle ready? Finally, the last few days prior to departure arrive. It doesn't matter if you trailer or drive the touring car, there is a last minute flurry of things to do. Make sure cold weather and rain gear have been included, check to see the necessary tools and spare parts have been loaded,

remember to put your snack stash in and finally, be sure that those traveling together know when and where to meet.

The BIG day arrives and we are off. Everyone is either on time or a few minutes early as we gather in the Pier Four Restaurant parking lot; three tow vehicles with trailers and one lonely little red Mustang convertible. Not choosing to be the leader, it gets in between the big guys.

A Hardees breakfast stop was a must and afterward it was a beautiful ride to Panama City. Arriving at the host hotel around mid-morning on Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999, we found there were some who came in the day before and others arrived just ahead of us. We couldn't check in until 3 PM so the trailered cars were unloaded and shortly after noon we were taking part in the "early bird" tour. A trip to the U. S. Navy's Diving and Salvage Training Center certainly makes you appreciate what the divers are going through with the recovery of the EgyptAir plane crash. We first saw a film giving background on the Center then took a walking tour of the facility to see the equipment, diving tanks, decompression chambers and medical area.

Then we drove to the Phoenix NASCAR Racing Team Complex. This provided a great opportunity to see the various stages of building a race car from the chassis up and was fascinating. If you think your house is clean, you should see their work areas. It gives a whole new meaning to the words "spotless" and "eat off the floor".

Following a nice reception that evening, about 30 or so members got together for dinner at a local restaurant which was quite good. The DSR members who had not been on a National tour before were included in this group and made to feel completely welcome.

The next morning everyone was up early to have breakfast and get rolling. The morning coffee stop was in Port St. Joe to see Florida's Constitution Convention State Museum. When lunch time came, we had an entire Apalachicola seafood restaurant for the tour group. The food was very good and the dining room afforded a great view of the Gulf. This was followed by a visit to the John Gorrie Museum. Dr. Gorrie invented the first commercial ice machine which was used to cool his yellow fever patients. The original machine is on display

in the Smithsonian but a replica is in the Gorrie Museum. Across the street was Trinity Episcopal Church which has been in continuous use since it was built 160 years ago. It was open for us to see the magnificent stained glass windows and other unique features. It has pews down both sides of a center aisle but the pews have a center divider from back to front

which actually creates four distinct seating areas. Later we strolled through various antique shops in the downtown area, found an old fashioned ice cream shop with the traditional black and white tile floors and a soda fountain behind the counter where you could sit and twirl on the stools. Needless to say, being the sharp people we are, we didn't let this dessert opportunity go to waste.

Returning to the hotel, we discovered we had run about 145 miles that day. The DSR group sort of fragmented that night and dinner was with whom and where you chose. Some of us went to a unique place aptly named Memory Lane ~ A 50's Restaurant. It's decor depicts various modes of transportation and the menu in entirely "car speak". For instance "Spare Parts" are appetizers, a "Topless T-Bird" is an open-faced turkey sandwich, "Gear Grinders" are sub sandwiches, "Washer Fluids" are beverages, etc., etc. A great place and great food.

Saturday morning was cooler and breezy but that didn't dampen participants spirits. After a Shoney's breakfast, it was off for DeFuniak Springs via Eden State Gardens Park where the coffee break was set up. This is a lovely area on Tucker Bayou which was the 1890's site of the Wesley Lumber Company. Only the 1897 restored home and a few foundations remain today. (Continued on Page 7)

Tour

Following the tour book directions such as turn onto "McKinnon Bridge Road" and follow "John Deere Blvd." to "Caterpillar Ave." we found ourselves deep in the woods. We were allowed to view an extensive collection of a large number of restored and a larger number of unrestored pieces of John Deere and Caterpillar equipment. Three open-sided sheds held closed to 50 examples each of early farm tractors and two closed barn-type buildings held a large number of the same which had been completely and meticulously restored to perfection. This is a private collection and is not open to the public.

We were off again en route to DeFuniak Springs which was at one time known as the cultural center of the South. The city was heavily influenced by the Chautauqua Assembly from New York. Lunch was in the last remaining Chautauqua building, the Hall of Brotherhood built in 1909. It is located on the side of a round lake and at one time had an auditorium wing that would seat 400. This wing was destroyed during a hurricane some years ago and was never replaced. The tourists were divided into three sittings for lunch and while the second and third groups waited we were treated to seeing and chatting with a couple in period dress. They are tailors and costumers who create vintage/period clothing as their business.

After lunch and the first experience of getting lost, our caravan was motoring toward Seaside. This is a development of recent years that is known for its architectural attention. It is located on the Gulf where the Victorian style homes is that of much earlier time with white picket fences and metal roofs. The houses go up, most are three stories, rather than out. The vegetation around the homes is native to the area and the residential streets are closed to all but those who live there or pedestrian traffic. The tour vehicles had a special parking area. They were parked around the top of an area that looked like a bowl in the middle of town. This was like putting bird feed out for hungry birds. The visitors and residents alike flocked to the cars! After a short stroll and some picture taking, we were again on the road back to the motel, a round-trip distance of about 128 miles for Saturday.

That evening, a closing banquet was held. In actuality, it was an opportunity for everyone to be together in the same place at the same time and not as formal as the word suggests. Dress was casual or vintage and we were entertained by a fine barber shop quartet. You were able to select the table at which you wished to be seated when

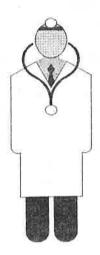
you picked up your registration package on Thursday and the tables were designated by automobile makes. The head table was the Duryea, there was the Model A table, the Corvette table, the Thunderbird, the Comet table and so forth. Our very own Lycyle Crowdus brought home the "Best 60's Car" award and our Tennessee members, the Guenthers, carried the "Best 30's Car" back to Hendersonville. Also along for the fun were 2 Froehlichs, 2 Jim Hendersons, 2 Musgroves and 2 Paquets plus Mobile AACA member Marien Brent.

The only downer of the entire weekend was the fact that on the way over, a box of orange "somethings" fell off a pickup truck ahead of our caravan. When it hit the pavement, the contents, which turned out to be drywall nails, scattered. This was discovered by some on Saturday morning and others on Sunday morning. Most of the pesky things were picked up by the tires on the tow vehicles and trailers of the Hendersons and the Musgroves. The Paquets weren't completely spared either but the Crowdus Mustang got only one.

This was another wonderful AACA event shared friends from near and far, an experience that will not soon be forgotten.

### **Members Under Restoration**

These past weeks and months have not been kind to some of our folks. Paul Dagenais suffered a broken left wrist a couple of months back (sorry we didn't know sooner, Paul) trying to adjust a ceiling fan. I'll let him tell you "the rest of the story". Geneva Cammon says she wants a full body transplant, Pat Francis finally got rid of a mountainous kidney stone, both Cecil and Lucille Nettles have recuperated from numerous problems, Cecil Pugh thinks he is on the mend now, Floyd Lowe is still taking chemo,



Melvin Neese also had a bout with a kidney stone but a cardiac quadruple bypass took precedence and last but not least, Eugenia Youens is in a back brace due to three fractured vertebra. All DSR members wish each of you a quick and complete recovery. If there others who are or have been ill, your Editor is not aware of it. Please...if you know of someone who needs some cheer, call me.



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Please recycle this newsletter to a friend

# Don't go around knocking anyone's 'new' (or old) car by Ed Rouze

Several years ago while I was on the show field at Hershey, I heard a comment that referred to the later model vehicles as a "used car lot". Here's the scene: Two guys, both probably in their 60s, are strolling along just in front of me. As we admired the rows of 30s model cars, I overheard one guy say to the other, "I just can't get excited about all the "used cars" (meaning those vehicles that have just become eligible for AACA judging). The other fellow agreed with his pal and said he didn't like them either.

Apparently this left an impression with me, because if it hadn't, I wouldn't remember what they said nearly three years later.

Well, like 'em or not, 1965 and earlier cars are considered antiques and are eligible for all the privileges (other than those offered by certain tours) offered by AACA.

While many club members don't want to own anything other than 60s cars, other members dream of the day they'll be able to own a classic from the 30s or maybe something from the Roaring 20s. But until they are able to make their dreams come true, some members have to settle for something a little more affordable or available. Often members don't even have to leave their hometowns to find a nice 60s car. And then, too, many AACA members think 60s cars are more comfortable and are perhaps safer to drive than really old cars. Maybe they learned to drive in a 60s car. It could be they just like their styling.

So before you go around knocking 60s cars (or 30s cars if you are among the younger set), just remember what Doc Stratton said about the Model A being just a nice, used car when AACA was organize in 1935.

Editors Note: The above is from a 1990 issue of the Rummage Box. Ed Rouze is a member of the Central Alabama Region (Montgomery) and he was Editor of the publication at that time. It is printed in conjunction with the article that appeared on Page 6 of the October issue of the Sparkplug.

# Want to know why some of today's teenagers are such a wild, unruly lot?

"Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, they show disrespect for their elders, and have chatter in place of exercise. They no longer rise when others enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers..."Socrates (Written in the 6th Century B.C.)

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Nov. 20 ~ DSR Thanking Dinner in Clubhouse at 12:00 Noon

Dec. 4 ~ Tillmans Corner Christmas Parade ~ Discussion at Nov. 18th Meeting

Dec.  $11 \sim DSR$  Christmas Party in Clubhouse  $\sim$  Reservation on reverse side