



# The Sparkplug



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## Mobile car community saddened by death of fellow hobbyist and friend

By Ernie Youens

Winston O. 'Junie' Jarvis, Jr., died Oct. 3, 2000 following open heart surgery performed on Friday, Sept. 22, 2000. Although the surgery was more extensive than originally anticipated, he was able to talk with his family the following day, which happened to be his eightieth birthday. The ICU of Mobile Infirmary wasn't where he'd planned to celebrate. He seemed to be recovering slowly after some "ups and downs".

The weekend prior to his death he talked with family and friends, appearing to be on the mend. Unfortunately, soon after this, his heart began to fail and he died early Tuesday morning.

Junie had met his wife, Ann, through a local church group. They were married Sept. 21, 1946. Ann grew up in Michigan where her father worked but the family eventually returned to Mobile which was their original home.

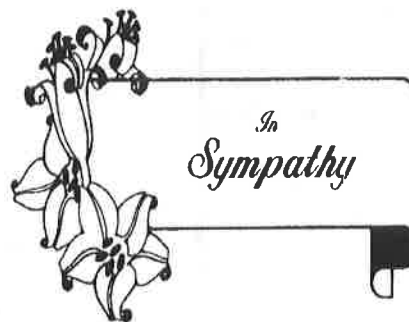
Junie and Ann have a close relationship with their five children, all of whom are married and live within four blocks of each other and their parents in a beautiful old Mobile neighborhood. His only sister, Helen Crane and her husband, E.M., live next door. Although Helen and "Ick" never had any children of their own, they have, in effect, adopted the children of Junie and Ann. The entire Jarvis family, all devout in their faith, have the family fellowship that can be envied. All this was not by accident, but was inspired and achieved by the loving kindness and encouragement of Junie and Ann.

Both Junie and Ann loved antique cars and the car club activities. They are members of both the Old South Antique Car Club and the Deep South Region AACA. They particularly liked antique car touring and are the only DSR couple that did not

miss a single annual week-long tour the club used to have. According to Ann, this year would be the first time in probably 30 years that Junie didn't go to Hershey. She said that she had gone with him at least twenty of those. Traveling in their motorhome with their friends, the Fewes, either leading the way or following in theirs, the trip was a much anticipated event. First Carlisle, then on to Hershey, was something the four of them enjoyed together.

Interment was at Pine Crest Cemetery with a graveside service. Junie will be sadly missed by all of Mobile's auto enthusiasts. He enjoyed being with us and was always helpful to anyone he could befriend. He truly lived his Christian religion.

**Editor's Note:** Lots of folks have asked how he got the nickname 'Junie'. Ann told me that was his mother's way of saying "Junior". The family used it to differentiate between he and his father. Soon everyone in the neighborhood started calling him 'Junie'. The name stayed with him all through school and a very successful business career. It was his until the day he died.



Members wish to extend our condolences to DSR members Carl and Janice Bailey on the death of her mother, Mrs. Mazella Davis.

She died Oct. 10, 2000 at the age of 82 following a brief illness. Services were held from the Assembly of God Church in Robertsedale on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000.



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**Out of the President's tool box**  
by Buddy Paquet

It's getting that time of year again. If you wonder what time of year I am talking about, allow me to jog your memory. Autumn brings some of the nicest weather we get here in South Alabama; warm days, not those summertime scorchers, and evenings cool enough to enjoy a walk after supper. Autumn also brings dues renewal time, both national and local. Our Treasurer is more than willing to accept your \$41 check which covers the two and forward the national portion for you. The plastic mailing sleeve containing September-October issue of the *Antique Automobile* will have your national dues notice enclosed.

Another item on the "Autumn Agenda" is the election of our AACA National Officers and Directors as well as those of the Library & Research Center and the new AACA Museum. Take time to read the thumbnail description of each candidate and his/her qualifications. Then complete your ballot, following the instructions, and put in the mail. This is not only a privilege, it is being a responsible member. The candidates are selected by a trustworthy committee and only the most qualified persons are nominated.

On the home front, the DSR Nominating Committee is hard at work. I know I am repeating myself but if you are willing to give something back to an organization that has given you a multitude of pleasures, then let one of the committee members know you will help. I declined to have my name in the hat for another year. It is time for new people at the head table and fresh ideas. I thank each of you for your cooperation and the help you have given me over the past years and ask that you continue to do the same for the 2001 Officers.

One of the most enjoyable things I can think of is welcoming new people into our hobby. We have a younger family joining our ranks; the Hutchersons from Theodore, Alabama. Jerry and Patricia (Patty) have three children and four antique automobiles. I spoke with Mr. Hutcherson on the phone the early part of September and invited them to our monthly meeting. I was surprised when his membership applications and check arrived only recently having taken the long way to get a short distance. In their garage is a 1950 Ford Customline, a 1953 Ford Customline, a 1965 Chevrolet Caprice and a 1975 Corvette. You can see they are not of a "one make and one make only" frame of mind. Please take time to introduce yourself at the first opportunity and let's make them glad they have joined our group.



## Minutes

### Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Meeting (4th Thursday) September 28, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Buddy Paquet, Pres., at 7:30 PM with 33 members present. He gave progress reports on the ailing members.

Chaplain Lambert Mims gave the invocation.

**Old Business: President:** None ~ **Vice President,** Pat Francis: None **Secretary:** The minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed. **Editor:** Patt Paquet had no new business. **Activities Directors:** Susie Anderson and Joyce Francis ~ Susie announced the Oct. 14, 2000 Chickasaw Chamber of Commerce Display. Hooters Car Show (Oct. 28, 2000) Chairman Eddie Anderson again asked for volunteers. He reported the "Oldies Station" had contacted him about a live broadcast at the Hooters show.

**New Business:** Buddy asked for approval from the club to reimburse Lycyle Crowdus \$43.56 for silverware purchased for the Club. Motion made by Anna White, seconded by Leah Musgrove and approved by the club. He reminded the members of the Jim Henderson farm picnic on Nov. 4, 2000. Members should wear their red shirts and, if possible, drive their antique cars. The **Vice President** had no new business. **Treasurer** Wilma Jones asked for and received approval of the September financial report. **Editor** Patt Paquet brought to our attention the fact that the maintenance contract on the copy machine for the coming year has increased to \$605.00. After a motion and a second by Anna White and Betty Neese, respectively, it was agreed that we should not renew the contract. **Activities:** Susie Anderson announced we had received an invitation to participate in the December 2, 2000 Grand Bay Country Christmas (10AM - 4 PM). The club voted to make it a club activity on a motion by Leah Musgrove and a second by Eddie Anderson. Fifteen cars are needed. Another Club Activity approved on the motion of Eddie Anderson and seconded by Anna White was the USMC "Toys for Tots" ride beginning at 9 AM on December 3, 2000. Joyce Francis asked some pertinent questions regarding membership in the club and benefits of membership in the AACA. Among other things, insurance is probably the main benefit of membership in the National organization. In the local group, it was confirmed that *membership* means husband and wife only, not children. **Member at Large** Cecil Pugh stated the October 9, 2000 is the deadline for getting suggestions to him for the Bylaws Committee review.

The 50/50 Pot was won by Melvin Neese. **Buddy Paquet announced that the men are responsible for the refreshments at the October meeting.** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Reecie Mims*

**OK guys...the Prez sez it's time for the guys to give the gals a break in the kitchen. However, you may call either Susie or Joyce to let them know what you will be bringing. The most important thing to remember is that if the fellows don't "ante up", October will be a "munch-less" meeting.**

## Seville Square home for WFR's show

by Carl Bailey

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000 was a beautiful day along the Gulf Coast. The skies were clear, the humidity acceptable and the temperatures were in the mid-eighties. I am sure the West Florida Region AACA show organizers had ordered this weather.

The flea market vendors had their goods spread out for all to see and search through, but it was the food vendors who were busiest most of the day. A half dozen or so nice cars were for sale in the Car Corral, and the show area itself was well laid out. Like vehicles were grouped together as best as was possible which made for interesting viewing with so many beauties to see. It more than likely helped to judges, too. As most of you know, Seville Square Park is nicely shaded with big oak trees. This provided a cover for the cars from the sun almost all day with only brief times of direct sunlight.

John Webster and Ken Gunderson did a fine job with the show and should be commended. Of course they had the backing and help of a number of the WFR members who deserve thanks also.

Three DSR vehicles were in the show. **Eddie and Susie Anderson's** 1965 red Mustang placed first in its class and **Dayton and Susanne Whites'** 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster Coupe also received a first in class plus the show's Sweetheart Trophy. This award does not come through the regular judging process. It is selected by a special group of judges from all the show entries. The **Bailey '31 Tudor Model A** brought home (grin...shuffle feet) a trophy as well. Former DSR members Lawrence Moseley and Greg McDonnell left the show with more than they came with for their efforts with the polish and cloths.

At the end of the day, WFR member Marilyn Webster was presented a special trophy for being such a hard worker; not only on the show but all year long and possibly beyond that.

The show and weather were great and all hands had a good time. If you were there and not listed here, it's because I didn't see you.

## DSR cars big hit at Founders Day

by Susie Anderson

Chickasaw, Alabama declared Oct. 14, 2000 Founders Day and invited our club to be a part of it. Much of the pre-celebration work done during the past year was by the Chamber of Commerce. The site selected for the festivities, which was excellent, was the city's Civic Center. Well located geographically, the facilities were superb for the scheduled activities.

In addition to the automotive display, there were lots of arts and crafts, a petting zoo, a bake sale and plenty of live entertainment.

**Leah Musgrove** in her '57 Chevy and me in "Susie's '65 blue Mustang" as it is becoming known, pulled up just in time to get a premium parking place. The weather was absolutely gorgeous so we joined the earlier arrivals to sit and visit while every politician within fifty miles came by soliciting votes. Other DSR participants were **Pat Francis, Ed Grimes** and his son, Eddie. The local Corvette club was there along with some Model A's whose owners are unknown to me. We enjoyed the day but when the 2 o'clock quitting time came, we were ready to pack up and head for the barn.



## Proposed Bylaws Change

An addition to the DSR Bylaws has been submitted to the Review Committee for presentation to the membership for voting at the November meeting.

### Article VI - Membership

**Present:** Section 1: Membership in the AACA is a pre-requisite for membership in this region.

**Addendum:** A membership is hereby defined as follows: (A) Husband and wife (excluding children) and (B) An individual.

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## Crusin' the Coast

by Leah Musgrove

Our weekend started out on a dreary note with pouring rain all day Friday, Oct. 4, 2000. We were heading for the fifth annual "Crusin' the Coast". When we registered our cars, we were numbers 3569 and 3570. The number of registrations has been increasing every year at a remarkable rate. It is an awesome sight to be driving the beach highway with thousand of other antique and classic cars, street rods and muscle cars in all conditions/colors.

Bill had registered two of our cars for the auction. These cars had to be there before 1:00 PM Friday so he got a friend to drive one and he trailer-ed the other in order for them to have a way to get home. After this business was taken care of, they came back to Mobile and we got on the road again. We were in our white '57 T-Bird accompanied by Eddie and Susie Anderson in her blue '65 Mustang. We stopped along the way for dinner at Seaman's Cove in Moss Point, MS. It rained most of the way to Biloxi and we checked into the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino just in time to poop out! We knew it was going to be a long day tomorrow.

Saturday dawned overcast but with a brisk wind and cooler temperatures. It stayed that way most of the day but since we spent most of our time in the Coast Coliseum for the auction, it didn't affect us much. The auction saw 150 cars, including our two, go across the block. We were fortunate to sell both so Bill decided he should take the opportunity to buy another. This time he picked up a 1955 Peacock Blue Thunderbird in good condition.

Following the auction, we finally got a chance to cruise a little. Susie and I were in our T-Bird, Eddie in her Mustang and Bill in our "new" Thunderbird. We met our son, Chris, and his girlfriend for dinner at the Roadhouse Grill. They had come down earlier in the day in our '57 Skyliner. We also had the opportunity for a short visit at the restaurant with former DSR members Jay and Carol Annis with their friends, David and Margaret Hickson. They were there to do some cruising in the

Annis' '55 Chevy police car plus the Hickson's beautiful red '55 Chevrolet.

After dinner, with the temperatures dropping quickly, we drove to the Beau Rivage Hotel and Casino to enjoy an evening show by Little Anthony and the Imperials. It was exciting to watch such a talented group perform. They did many of the "Top 10" hits from the 1950s. It's amazing the group is still together after all this time.

We went back to our hotel to see a show called Legends with impersonators of such stars as Tom Jones, Garth Brooks, Dolly Parton, Madonna and, of course, ELVIS!!! Susie was trying to decide how she could take him home with her. The show was great, but we weren't done yet. We couldn't leave and not check out the Midnight Comedy Show. That was quite an experience!

Sunday was more than chilly and so windy most people decided to head home early. The four of us did the same after breakfast at the local Waffle House. The trip home in the convertibles, even with the tops up, was nippy but otherwise uneventful.

P.S. Susie is still in Biloxi with Elvis!!!

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### Door Prize Alert

The Chairmen of the show set for only a couple of weeks from now would like to take this opportunity to remind you that each family, or individual, as the case may be,

is responsible for at least *one nice door prize*. The chairmen's wives have been typing their little fingers to the bone writing letters to obtain as many as possible from other sources. Usually you are asked for two and if you are willing to contribute that number, it will be appreciated. The loot should be brought to the Oct. 26 meeting and turned over to Ann Rowell.



### Auto parts and repair of yesteryear

Every now and then, something too good not to share comes the Editor's way. The items shown were found by Ed Lunsford in an old trunk that Jo had inherited from an uncle. The invoice belongs to the Roger Jennings, the brother-in-law of Lois Greer, one of the three women whose trip diary was printed in the newsletter earlier this year.



The are "smudgings" on the invoice appears to be grease and are in the shape of a partial fingerprint. Notice the business name contains the word "livery". Could that mean that the owner was a smart fellow who also took care of horses? It would appear we will never know.

The man in the picture is John P. Greer, Jo's grandfather. There are no clues as to where or when the picture was made, the year and/or make of the car nor what might be in the bundle on the running board.

Few, if any, of us can remember anything about 1915. Woodrow Wilson was President and the nation's Vice President was Thomas Marshall. A postage stamp cost two cents but costs went up from there. Bread was seven cents a loaf and gasoline sold for eight cents per gallon. Milk was priced at 36 cents a gallon. Wireless communications were being set up between Japan and the U.S. and one of the top songs of the year was "Araby".

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May 25	Labor	.50
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June 4	Phone call to H.C.	.36
July 3	Tire	2.00
July 12	Starter chain	3.75
	4 Universal joint bushes	1.40
	2 Gear shifter bushes	2.00
	High & sec speed shifting rod	1.00
	Low & Rev	1.00
	1 Counter shaft intermediate gear	4.00
	1 Low & rev. sliding gear	5.50
	1 Torque arm	3.00
	1 Torque " buffer spring	.10
	1 Universal joint boot	.06
	Labor	6.50
	Grease	1.20
		34.51
	Grease	.90
		35.21

Pd July 15, 1915  
C. G.

## Go West, young men, go west

by Eddie Anderson

Early Saturday morning, Oct. 14, two brave fellows headed West, both in antique Fords. Bill Musgrove and myself were on our way to the 23rd annual New Orleans Antique Auto Show and Swap Meet. The weather was wonderful for driving the older model cars and it was a pleasant drive until we got to the Pontchartrain Causeway. An accident on the bridge caused a one hour delay; we had left early enough that we weren't worried about being late. If we had known then what we found out later, we might have been a little more concerned!

We were met at the show by Bill's mother and his brother, Jerry. We saw other friends from past shows and tours including fellow DSR members Charlie and Ardie Froehlich with their 1957 Ford. We wandered around the show field admiring nearly all of the 252 cars, some of which were big and fine Packards and Buicks. Remember I said previously that we might have been more concerned about our delay had we known then what we learned later? Talking with the show's organizers, we found out *they had to turn late entries away!* (Wishful thinking for a Hooter's car show chairman.) As stated earlier, DSR was represented by **E. Anderson, 2 Froehlichs** and **B. Musgrove** with a good time being had by all.



### Humor from members

My Bonnie leaned over the gas tank,  
The depths of its contents to see.  
I lighted a match to assist her,  
Oh! Bring back my Bonnie to me!

Contributed by Ernie Youens who also posed a trivia question for the month: What two early autos did not have a gas gauge? Get the answer at the Oct. 26 meeting.



### DSR Thanksgiving

The annual DSR family Thanksgiving dinner will be Saturday, November 18. A sign-up sheet was available at the September meeting and will also be at the Oct. 26 meeting for you to indicate if you plan to be there and what you would like to bring. This is one of our most enjoyable functions of the year so don't miss it.

### Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way

by Activities Persons & First Lady Person

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! Don't you just hate hearing that before Halloween has even come and gone? Sorry, it's just one of those things. The annual Springdale Mall Christmas Parade is on the calendar for Nov. 11, 2000, Grand Bay Country Christmas which includes lunch on Dec. 2, and the Toys for Tots Ride is also scheduled for early December. There will be other events the club will be invited to. It's not always possible for our Activities Coordinators to bring every event we are asked to participate in before the group prior to giving the organizers at least a tentative "yes" or "no". The bottom line on this is that your help is needed and appreciated. You do not have to carry a rider in the Springdale parade if you do not wish. The GB Country Christmas is a static display only.

The DSR Christmas Party will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 in the clubhouse. We will enjoy a moderately priced catered dinner by Lassere's Catering. There will be two entrees with the usual accompaniments of side dishes, bread, and desserts. A same-sex gift brought to the party will assure your participation in our "Dirty Santa" game but please, no gag gifts. A reservation form will be in the November newsletter. While Christmas is being discussed, be thinking about what we want to do as a club for our annual charity project.

# Promoting AACA

## Each member must be a 'sales rep' for club (Then)

By Paul Dudek , National Director

How often have you heard someone say "I thought AACA was just for really old cars."? We must get AACA recognized by hobbyists from all areas of the nation as the club that includes all makes of vehicles, twenty-five years and older, including commercial vehicles, motorcycles and racers.

AACA could be called the universal club for old car hobbyists. The numerous marque clubs in existence today, and with more branching out each year, are putting a strain on acquiring new members into the fold of AACA.

AACA members must become sales representatives for our organization. You say you aren't a sales person. Nonsense. Everyone is a sales person when we talk about our hobby. On many occasions we are out with our vehicles and people become interested in looking at what we are driving. When talking with these people, you often learn they have an older vehicle. This is a good opportunity to relate to them the many benefits of belonging to AACA. Being positive and enthusiastic about your club will

convince these potential members that AACA is, indeed, the club they should belong to. We have an excellent opportunity at this time by being prepared to hand them an application or take their name and address and promptly send them one. Often they will belong to another club, but don't become discouraged. Many would like to belong to an organization as diverse as AACA.

**Editor's note:** The preceding is from the 1992 Summer Rummage Box. The message is just as apropos today as it was then.

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## Be an ambassador for AACA (Now)

By John P. Myer, President

AACA has a strategic plan in place for the years 2000-2005 that calls for an increase of membership from 62,000 to 72,000 in this five year period. This is an increase of approximately 3% each year. Three percent is not an impossible task but it does mean attracting 1800-2000 new persons without losing any old members. None of us live forever and some members just lose interest. Here's where you can help.

- (1) It's always easier to keep an existing member than recruiting a new one. If you know of a member who might not be as active as he or she could be, give them a little attention. If they miss several meetings, perhaps a phone call is all it will take to get them coming back.
- (2) Be a recruiter for AACA! When you see an antique vehicle, try to locate the owner. This might be at a car show or at a hardware store on Saturday morning. Ask the owner if he is familiar with AACA and invite him to a meeting.

We are particularly interested in attracting persons in the 20-40 age bracket but we also want to enroll all persons who have a genuine interest in preserving the vintage vehicles. Do your part by encouraging those persons you know or meet about the advantage of being a member of AACA. There are a number of brochures available that you can pass on to prospective members.

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## Tips, tools and other things you auto know

### Vinegar ain't just for salads:

Brush vinegar on decals, let it soak in then wash away those unwanted decals.

Soak nuts and bolts in full strength vinegar to remove rust.

Mix 1/4 cup vinegar with five gallons of hot water in container. Place in car overnight to remove smoke odor.

Clean stainless steel with a cloth dampened in vinegar.

### Take the Pledge:

There has been a lot of controversy about the best product to use when cleaning and detailing plastic, vinyl and interior/exterior rubber parts. If you want a dust-free and lasting shine, clean the parts with aerosol Pledge.

power windows/seats/mirrors or antennas) that get dirty and eventually stop working. In many cases, removing the switches is difficult and can be expensive to replace. It has been found that proper maintenance can keep them working indefinitely. Simply spray the switch with TV tuner control cleaner/lubricant periodically. It is available from Radio Shack and other electrical supply stores. (Read label for cautions.)

### Electrifying news:

When installing spark plugs, file the ground electrode's sharp edges a little to round them off. This eliminates the slivers of metal that heat faster than the rest of the plug. By doing that you can run two to four degrees more



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## Important Dates

- Oct. 26** DSR Meeting in Clubhouse at 7:30 PM  
**Oct. 28** 7th Annual Hooters Open Car Show ~ Springdale Mall ~ You still have time to register !  
**Oct. 31** Halloween ~ BOO!  
**NOV. 4** HENDERSON FARM PICNIC ~ MORE INFO IN THIS NEWSLETTER !  
**Nov. 11** Springdale Mall Christmas Parade ~ Your help is needed & will be appreciated  
**Nov. 16** DSR Meeting in Clubhouse at 7:30 PM ~ Election of Officers ~ No guests or visitors  
**Nov. 16-18** AACA Southeastern Fall Meet ~ Cape Canaveral, FL  
**Nov. 18** DSR Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Clubhouse ~ Covered dish ~ 12 Noon

TV tool tray:  
The next time you see an old TV tray, appropriate it for your shop/garage. Even without legs, they are handy. It will sit flat on the floor when you are doing brake work and keep the springs and other parts from rolling away. It will sit on a covered fender or air breather to hold all those little parts that seem to disappear when you are working under the hood.  
(Borrowed from *Reflections*, newsletter of the Antique Auto & Engine Club of Mississippi, Linda Dickinson, Editor)

**Tubing trick:**  
If you have to bend tubing (i.e. brake/gas lines, etc.) and want kink-free hard lines, use an old v-belt pulley in a vice as a means for bending the line. The tubing fits into the "v" groove and can be bent in a steady curve. Vary the size of the radius by change the size of the pulley.  
**Electric switch rescue:**  
Many older model cars have electrical switches (i.e.