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Car Shows Cover Gulf Coast From Florida to Mississippi

West Florida AACA's 28th Annual Show

It was a beautiful sunny day in Pensacola on August 26 for their show and this year there wasn't even a hint of rain. This is a great group of folks and they host a good show. It seems the number of cars was down this year from previous shows but those that were there were absolutely grand. It appears that all of the shows this year have had a lesser number of entries as in the past probable due to the increased number of shows being held.

DSR members attending were 2 Paquets, 2 Reids, 2 Whites and 2 Youens all of whom brought home trophies.

"Summer Showdown 2" in Bay Minette

The Jaycees had to re-schedule this show due to Hurricane Erin and held it on August 26. The show came off without too many problems and some DSR members entering their vehicles. There were **2 Campbells, 1 Lyles, 1 Nelson and 1 Vinson**. Visiting without their car were **Jim Martin** as well as **Hub & Betty Cordell**. We hear that Hub won a trophy without even putting a car in! Guess we will have to get the story at the meeting.

Magic Carpet Car Show

This show is for the benefit of the Hadji Shrine Temple in Pensacola. DSR member **Bernie Cammon** participated again this year and said that, as usual, it was a good event and very enjoyable.

26th Edgewater Mall Show

AAECM's Mall Show was another success. With a total of 56 cars, the displays turned out very well said John Roberts, show chairman.

The only disturbance was when the mall entrance door jumped out and brutally attacked Ralph and Norma LePosser's 1958 Buick. The final score was 1 ding to the mall door and none to the Buick bumper.

Judging was completed and award ribbons were passed out on Wednesday with the banquet on Saturday evening at the Lady Luck casino. An odd note to the event was that four cars that were not judged belonged to four ladies!! What's going on??

DSR participants were **Becky Burdeshaw** with a '63 Falcon, **Larry Burdeshaw** and his '70 Datsun Roadster, and **Jerry Finley** entering his '66 Mustang. Jerry also received the longest distance driven post-war trophy.

By Larry Burdeshaw

50th Labor Day Celebration

The Fairgrounds proved to be an excellent site for the following DSR members to show their cars: **1 Cammon, 2 DeCreases, 1 Dillehay, 1 Finley, 1 Grimes, 1 Kotis, 1 Lyles, 1 Nelson, 2 Paquets** and **1 Reid**. Providing moral support during the day was **Jim Martin**. Trophies were presented to the top 25 scoring cars. The DSR group would like to thank the **Mustang Club** for inviting us to "share the shade" under their tent!!

MINUTES**DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA
GENERAL MEETING**

The August 24, 1995, meeting of the DSR was called to order at 7:35 by Frank DeCrease, president. The meeting was held at the DSR clubhouse. The invocation was given by Don Dillehay. There were 48 members and one guest present.

GUEST SPEAKER

Frank DeCrease, president, introduced Gary Smith from the Mobile Fire Department. Mr. Smith spoke to the group about fire safety in the home, garage and work place. He also volunteered to do a group participation/demonstration on the use of fire extinguishers.

OLD BUSINESS

*Frank read a thank you note from the Citronelle United Methodist Church for the money that was donated in memory of Tom Brown.

*Jane Bruton, secretary, reported that a copy of the club's certificate of insurance had been forwarded to the City of Mobile.

*The July Minutes were accepted as printed on a motion from Ernie Youens and second by Joan Lunsford.

*Melvin Neese, activities, stated that the Hot Springs trip will start on September 11 and interested persons should register immediately.

*The Hooter's Show update was given by John Reid, chairman. The group voted to donate trophies to be recycled and used in the show. The motion was made by Ernie Youens and seconded by Lloyd Crowdus. Ernie "volunteered" to head up the collection process. Betty Neese agreed to chair the Food Bank Collection.

*Robert Moore, chairman of the Building Committee, announced that written recommendations were needed for the interior of the building. After several motions, amendments and withdrawals of motions...It was decided to pay the installer another \$280 for the siding on the clubhouse. The money will be transferred from the General Fund.

*Bob Gechjian announced that the Road Rally will be in November.

NEW BUSINESS

*The July treasurer's report was given by Frances Whigham and was accepted as presented on a motion from Bob Gechjian with second from Buddy Paquet.

*It was announced by Melvin Neese that the Mental Health Associations' fund raiser, Monte Carlo Night, will be this month's outing. Meet at St. Dominique's Church September 16 at 6:45 PM.

*Frank announced that the nominating committee chair person is Patt Paquet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The 50/50 pot was won by Larry Collins.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM on a motion by Melvin Neese and second by Lloyd Crowdus.

Respectfully submitted,



Old Cars Complete 1100 Mile Tour Through Three States

The anticipation of a trip is always part of the fun but thinking about the drive from Mobile to Hot Springs, Arkansas in my 1946 Dodge pickup? That gave me a number of things to anticipate such as what kind of extra parts should I take; how many things could go wrong; and will both of us make it?

Arriving at the meeting point on Monday morning I found everyone else thinking about the same things I had been mulling over. We decided to just concentrate on what a good time we would have and not worry about what might happen. The group consisted of myself in the '46 Dodge pickup, Orville and Ann Carter in their '67 Camaro, Junie and Ann Jarvis with her sister, Jessie Edwards in the '66 Mustang, Ed and Joan Lunsford in a modern Ford, Betty & Melvin Neese in their '47 Chrysler, Buddy and Patt Paquet in a '64 Comet, and friends of the Carters, James and Dorothy Hodgins in their modern Lincoln. We left only about 5 minutes late and drove to Hattiesburg, Mississippi before we stopped for gas. We didn't stop again until we were about 25 miles east of Natchez, Mississippi where we had a "pit" stop and topped off the gas tanks. Arriving in Natchez about 1:30 PM we had lunch at a Western Sizzler then found our motel and checked in. All of the vehicles had performed well up to this point. Some of the group took a tour around town while others gathered outside the rooms to chat. In the early evening after everyone had returned, we all sat around the swimming pool and fellowshipped.

Tuesday morning found part of us going to Hardee's next door or taking advantage of a continental breakfast furnished by the motel. We left at the specified time of 8:30 AM with everyone appreciating the cool morning air. About an hour later, the hood on the Neeses's Chrysler popped up but the safety catch worked so no damage was done. We stopped for lunch at Shoney's in Ruston, Louisiana and were back on the road in quick time. Light rain showers helped to keep things cool for the latter part of the day but also made for some tense driving conditions for those of us with temperamental windshield wipers. We found the

Happy Hollow Motel where we would be staying in Hot Springs. It was interesting to discover the couple who owned it had been in business since 1953. After settling in some decided to take a walk around town while others opted to relax in the rooms and later some ate out while others had sandwiches at the motel.

Following breakfast on Wednesday morning, Ed and Buddy set the points on the Chrysler then we loaded up in four vehicles (the Chrysler, Comet, Mustang and the Lincoln) for a trip to Pine Ridge about 60 miles west of Hot Springs to see the Lum & Abner Museum and the Jot-Um Down Store. The store is also an official U.S. Post Office. Pictures were made, souvenirs bought then we were on our way back. Jim Martin treated us to some Arkansas hospitality at their summer home/retreat which is off the road (and I do mean off the road). He had prepared hamburgers and hot dogs with chips, dip and salsa, baked beans, potato salad and soft drinks then topped that off with ice cream, cake and coffee. We all realized we had over-indulged so when we got back to the motel most of us hiked up to the observation tower atop Hot Spring mountain. It was a rough trip but we all made it and some went up by elevator in the tower which is 256 feet tall. The view was beautiful even though the weather was overcast. Later on some went for a light dinner but some felt more food was not necessary. The evening was spent sitting together and talking.

Thursday morning we went for a "duck tour" through part of downtown and then we launched off into Lake Hamilton for a short spin around the lake. The "duck" is an amphibious vehicle built by General Motors for use in World War II, from circa 1941-1945. It seats about 30 and weighs 12 tons. Ann and her sister took in the art galleries in town while the rest of us toured some antique shops and flea markets and then a cafeteria lunch. Following this, we caught a trolley car for a 50-cent ride around town to see the sights including President Clinton's childhood home. It ended with a ride up the mountain to the tower and back down to the motel. (Please see TOUR on page 5)

Grand Jubilee Charity Auto Show

The Daphne-Spanish Fort Lions Club hosted their 4th annual show on September 9 in the parking lot of the Eastern Shore Cinema on Highway 98 in Daphne. This show is growing every year and this year there were 100 (plus or minus) cars entered. They presented trophies to the top 40 cars with a break between the top 10 and other 30 vehicles. DSR members helping this worthy project were 1 Breland, 2 Cammons, 2 Campbells, 1 Cochran, 2 Crowdus, 2 DeCreases, 1 Finley, 2 Kotis, 2 Moores, 2 Nelsons, 2 Paquets, 1 Reid, 2 Whighams, 2 Whites and 2 Youens. Visiting without their cars were Orville Carter, Greg McDonnell and Jim Martin.

This show has become an outing for our group with everyone bringing picnic lunches which are spread for all to share. The person arriving first stakes out a couple of the tables under the trees in the back and everyone puts their chairs nearby. We eat, visit and enjoy the show. This year we were joined by several members of the Gulf Coast Mustang Club from Biloxi which added to the fun.

Monte Carlo Night for Southwest Alabama Mental Health Assoc.

Six couples helped this organization draw attention to the event by displaying their vehicles at the entrance of the Activities Center of St. Dominic's Catholic Church and were treated to complimentary food and drink tickets for their help. Assisting this year were 2 Crowdus, 2 DeCrease, 2 Nettles, 2 Reids, 2 Whites and 2 Whighams. The cars and the red shirts created lots of interest. Al White was the big winner of the play money with \$23,000 and Lloyd Crowdus spent his play money on the blackjack table and doubled up. Way to go, Lloyd!!

John Reid had made signs for all the cars and the DeCrease's Vette really got attention since it had a sign for their T-Bird on it. A good way to see if people know the cars or not, huh??

Buying ?? Selling ?? Searching ??

For Sale: Candy-apple red 1973 BMW 2002 with air, black leather interior, Moma racer leather wheel, tape player and beautiful hub caps-minor faults such as possible need for shift mechanism to be rebushed and brake work-clean under hood-car cover-a really special car. Contact Jane Adams (334)304-0504

For Sale: 1969 E Jag Roadster, 1976 XJS Jag 12 cylinder, 1957 Cadillac Eldorado-All need restoration. Contact Ed Lunsford (334)661-8636

For Sale: 1957 Thunderbird-newly rebuilt engine, older restoration, red and white in color. Contact Pierre Fontana (334)661-7098

For Sale: 1990 16' dove-tail open car trailer with stone guard on front with hydraulic surge brakes. Four one-year old tires plus spare 5,000 # capacity. Contact Buddy Paquet (334)661-4009

For Sale: Heater for 1933-34 Dodge or Mopar Never installed-new in box.

Need heater and cover for 1939 Ford Delux Sedan. Contact Joe Faulk (334)937-5170

Antique Tag Collection Growing

The number of tags for display in the clubhouse is growing rapidly. Ross Sloan just purchased \$550 worth of those we did not have to add to the collection. LaVerene Hopkins donated all that was left of Hop's collection and that filled in some of the gaps. Cecil Nettles has some he will bring to the next meeting so we are well on the way.

The Sparkplug is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. DEEP SOUTH REGION meetings re held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive. Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America is required to be a member of this region. Annual local dues are \$15.00 and AACA national dues are \$20.00 single and \$24.00 joint. Views expressed in the Sparkplug are not necessarily those of the Region officers or AACA. Permission to copy articles is hereby granted if credit is given to the publication and the author.

Clubhouse Expansion Survey Form

At the August meeting, Building Committee Chairman Robert Moore asked that each member offer suggestions on completing the interior of the addition to the clubhouse. Since he has not received any input thus far, you are requested to complete this form and bring it with you to the September 28 meeting but if you are unable to attend the meeting mail the form to: Robert Moore 1314 Forest Hill Drive Mobile, AL 36618-2036. Please use reverse side for any additional comments you have.

1. For interior walls I suggest : Paneling Sheetrock Other (List suggestion)
 2. For ceiling I suggest: Ceiling Tile Sheetrock Other (List suggestion)
 3. For flooring I suggest: Carpet Floor Tile Linoleum Other (List suggestion)
 4. Do you think ceiling fans should be installed? Yes ___ No ___
 5. What type of window coverings would you suggest? _____
 6. What type of interior lighting would you suggest? _____
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General Information Questionnaire

It will be helpful to the club's 1995 officers as well as those in 1996 to have the following information. Use the reverse side for any additional comments.

1. A "reminder" telephone call about the meeting would help me. Yes ___ No ___ Do not need ___
2. I like having speakers at the meetings. Yes ___ No ___ Does not matter ___
3. I would enjoy having a dinner meeting occasionally at a local restaurant. Yes ___ No ___
4. Please list 2 suggestions for a club outing or activity.
(1) _____
(2) _____
5. I would be willing to organize and lead one activity/outing per year. Yes ___ No ___
6. Please list 2 subjects you would like read about in the *Sparkplug*.
(1) _____
(2) _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(TOUR continued from page 3)

We found a quaint little cafe downtown for dinner that night with great food and hot blackberry cobbler topped with ice cream for desert. Someone had discovered the pools with the hot water from the springs in a nearby park. It was the perfect end to a perfect day to sit and soak your feet in the water. You had a choice of hot or hotter water and most everyone chose the lesser temperature. The long row of bath houses along Central Avenue is really something to see but none of us availed ourselves of having a bath there.

It was an early start on Friday morning with a breakfast back at Granny's Cafe at 7:00 AM. We had made arrangements with the owner of the Antique Car Museum for a tour that was to begin between 8:00-8:30 AM. Unfortunately, he didn't show up so we topped off the fuel tanks and left. We drove to Lake Village, Arkansas where we stopped for lunch then stopped for gas in Eudora which was the approximate mid-point to Vicksburg. It was about 3:30 PM when we arrived there so we stopped at the Welcome Center for coffee and cokes and to watch the traffic on the Mississippi River below. The center sits high atop a bluff and has rocking chairs on the river side but none of us were too interested in sitting down.

At this point, James and Dorothy left us to visit with relatives living there and Orville and Ann proceeded on to Mobile. (They arrived a little after 9:00 PM that night and had driven through rain a good portion of the way.) Our overnight stop was at a Days Inn with absolutely gorgeous accommodations and very reasonably priced. We were in the Annex part of the motel so we were able to sit outside our rooms for more fellowship and "old car" talk that evening. However, we were all tired to we called it a night shortly after dinner.

Looking forward to getting back to Mobile and our own beds got us on the road by 8:30 AM on Saturday. We made only one stop, which was in Hattisburg, for gas, coffee and "facilities". There was much chatter on the CB radios as there had been every other day. All along the way we had used them to tell each other when we spotted an old car or just something of interest.

One of the nicest things about a trip like this is getting to know the other members better and discover what their interests are. It was on the way home Saturday that we found out that September 14 was the 49th wedding anniversary for Ann and Junie Jarvis and that Junie will be 75 years young soon. Also Ann Carter loves Christmas so much that she starts decorating on Thanksgiving weekend and puts some kind of Christmas tree in almost every room of the house. Ed Lunsford loves not only antique cars but also antique motorcycles and has one he is working on from time to time when he is not busy with the '56 Jag. All of the group was surprised to find out that back in the mid to late 80's I was a member of a group that enjoyed backpacking and that I had backpacked through the Smoky Mountains and the Rockies. The latter was much more difficult due to the altitude but both were alot of fun. Part of our learning experience was at Jim Martin's camp where we visited his "Camp Oleo", a cabin located near the retreat where we had lunch. We were asked to "sign the wall" which is literally the inside wall of the cabin. To find out why it is called "Camp Oleo" you will have to ask Jim.

I don't think we realized there were so many cotton fields in Arkansas and on the way home Saturday we watched crop dusting planes spraying the fields. We really had a close-up view since they crossed over the road we on to make their turns. We also saw a few rice fields as well. We saw many old cars either in carports, garages or just abandoned in fields. Some appeared to be restorable but others were past being anything but parts-cars.

It was a great trip which was trouble-free and everyone was talking about going again. All of us will have pictures and memories to keep that will remind us of what a wonderful time we had.

By Carl Bailey



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