



# The Sparkplug



## AACA Winter Meet in Ocala, February 2019

Submitted by Paul Dagenais

Our trip to Ocala for the AACA Winter Meet started for most of the group by loading various cars at the Henderson Museum. Jim Henderson provided two huge haulers for the trip as well as an Excursion to pull Zeno's Camaro (in David Rooney's trailer). We loaded on Tuesday in an attempt to miss the rain expected on Wednesday. Darrin's intent was to load David Rooney's Corvette on the upper level followed by the DeSoto. The DeSoto was too long, so David Ladnier's Galaxie was loaded behind the Corvette and, eventually, the DeSoto was loaded under the "drippy" Galaxie. Darrin put plywood then drip pans under the Galaxie. The car cover was put on the DeSoto with a plastic cover on top of that. .

On Thursday morning we gathered around 6:45 at the museum for departure. Unfortunately, Jim could not come with us as he was flattened by the latest flu and was in repose at the "farm".



The first flat

It was quite the eventful trip. There was a lot of fog on the Bayway and as we neared Daphne, Tracy and I



Heading out from the Henderson Collection

spotted a tire going down on Clyde Smith's trailer. We ALL stopped and Darrin changed the tire with a questionable spare. Somewhere west of Tallahassee, the tire gave out. By this time, Zeno and Rheba were off and gone and we were now far behind. We paid for our



Stacked and ready to go



*Ice Cream Social at National Tire and Battery Museum*



*Cars from the collection*



*Cars from the collection*



*Vicki and Arthur Bolton John and Dollie Flechler*



*Members of AACA from all over the US gather for the ice cream social*



*Muscle cars in the collection at NTB*

eagerness by having to find tire plugs and drive back over 30 miles to the sidelined group. Repairs were made, the group restarted and the tire immediately went flat. Clyde, now with David Ladnier riding, headed into Chipley FL to find a replacement tire. Tracy and I followed. At the tire shop, Clyde told us we should go ahead and take David with us. We were relieved when David refused as we had failed to pack a gag and restraints. Clyde is a saint, a quiet saint or he has a serious hearing loss. Of course, he did ultimately rename David "Siri" as a result of incessant iPhone play. Clyde also has a sense of humor.

The tire got changed, they got on the road, the wheel sheared off the studs, and the wheel and new tire now

live somewhere along I-10. After further ado, Clyde and David arrived quite a few hours after the rest of us.

Upon arrival, we immediately went to the Ice Cream Social at the National Parts Depot Car Museum. Here I learned two things. One, they dislike Mopar's of any kind except for one old Dodge truck. Two, if you like butter pecan ice cream, you zip over to the shortest line and are enjoying your treat while the vanilla and chocolate chip types are making hostile glances at you. Oh, and a lot of cars are actually owned by individuals who store their cars at the museum where they are displayed.

The Ocala Hilton is a very nice hotel. Their breakfast is expensive. Most trotted over to the LaQuinta next





*Paul with a Gypsy Vanner horse*



*The Gypsy Vanner horse on display*

door where some were staying and mooched the free breakfast. After Tracy and I came back from breakfast at Bob Evans, Zeno said the Hilton was giving free breakfasts to AACA members. I looked at him and said "You. Are. Lying". Zeno laughed.

Joyce and David were staying in the three-car hauler which is very nicely appointed. Even though the area was guarded, I was comforted by image of Joyce holding a gun while standing in her fuzzy slippers and David telling the potential thief/vandal bad jokes until he ran away screaming for mercy.

On Friday, Tracy and I went to the Gypsy Gold Farm. This is the first farm to import Gypsy Vanner horses from Great Britain. These are beautiful, mostly black and white horses with hairy legs. They are also very sweet natured. From there we went to Don Garlits' Museum of

Drag Racing. While they have a vast number of dragsters, they also have an extensive car collection in another building. As per my interest, I noted that there were at least three 1956 Chryslers, one of which was President Eisenhower's Imperial that was secretly ordered for him by wife Mamie. This car should be in the Smithsonian.

The other group went to Silver Springs. Before the ride they all walked through the beautiful gardens and enjoyed seeing the monkey's on their way from the Rangers talk about the history of Silver Springs.

Waiting on their turn to ride the glass bottom boats they all enjoyed ice cream in the warm sunshine. As Florida's oldest attraction, the Glass Bottom Boats showcase the crystal clear springs and the underwater life that naturally inhabits Silver Springs. They had the



*The group on the glass bottom boat*



*Clyde, Darrin, Rose, Wally, Belinda, Frank, Rheba, Zeno, Joyce and David headed to see Silver Springs State Park*





*The group at the Bar-B-Que*



*Judges Breakfast*

unique opportunity to see below the surface of the water and enjoy the river's wildlife, vegetation and historical and cultural artifacts. From Native American artifacts – a row boat brought by early Spanish settlers, to movie props from the days Hollywood productions flourished in the park.

The bus trip to and from the State Park were eventful.

A Bar B-Que was held at the Hilton that evening. It was mostly pleasant until the entertainer showed up (in my opinion, others might disagree). The meal was "okay" but they ran out of food. The staff announced that those earlier in line obviously ate too much thus depriving those later on. So, from this we can say, that the Catering service thought we were all pigs..... Several of us subsequently retired to the bar. Of note, this was the last time David Rooney was seen at the show. David became seriously ill so he and Belinda headed home where David eventually had surgery. Having seen him at the DSR show, I'm glad to report that he seems well on the way to recover. Go David!

The day of the show started early and we all gathered



*Model T Certified Judges Education (CJE)*



*Clyde's Ranchero getting ready to go to the show field*



*Paul's car getting unloaded*



*The Club cars and the rigs to get them to Ocala*





*Paul Dagenais' 1957 DeSoto Firefly*



*Clyde and Janet Smith's 1972 Ranchero*



*Jim and Nancy Henderson's 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery*



*Jim and Nancy Henderson's 1963 Chevy Impala*



*David and Joyce Ladnier's 1964 Ford Galaxie 500*



*Zeno and Rheba's 1969 Camaro Z28*



*David and Belinda's 1959 Corvette*



*Tom and Candy Mills 1956 Chevy Bel Air*





Zeno's Z28 getting unloaded

to unload the cars and head, as a group, to the show grounds. Darrin appeared with a drip pan taken from the Galaxie and asked David if he wanted all the oil poured back into the engine. Wally Lathem who is David Rooney's nephew-in-law substituted for him.

The show grounds are on the Campus of the College of Central Florida. It was a beautiful day with lots of beautiful cars. Everything seemed well organized except where the owner's talk was located. I ended up walking completely around the central building only to find the meeting about 100 feet from the DeSoto.

The awards banquet was held in the same tent at the hotel. The general consensus was that the meal was better but somewhat skimpy. Zeno and Rheba headed off for a real meal afterwards. The following awards were gathered by the DSR crew:

- David Rooney (Corvette) – Senior
- Clyde Smith (Ranchero) – First Junior
- Paul Dagenais (DeSoto) – Second Junior
- Jim Henderson (Impala) – Repeat Preservation
- Jim Henderson (Ford Sedan Delivery) – Repeat Preservation
- Zeno Chaudron (Camaro) – Repeat Driver Participation
- David Ladnier (Galaxie 500) – Repeat Driver Participation
- Tom Mills (Bel Air) – Second Junior

On Sunday morning everyone was ready to get on the road early. After we had arrived, a passing teenager pointed out that the three-car hauler had lost the tread from a tire. On the way home, another tire lost some tread. As there wasn't another spare, Darrin eased the big rig home without incident.



The DeSoto in her full beauty headed to the show field



David taking the Galaxie to the show field



Frank, Clyde, Tracy, Paul, David, Rheba and Zeno at the Award Banquet



Everybody with their trophies (Darin and Frank standing in for Jim Henderson)





*Candy Mills accepting a 2nd Junior from President Mel Carson*



*Darrin Dahlenburg accepting the Preservation award for Jim Henderson from Bob Parrish*



*Zeno Chaudron accepting his Repeat Driver Participation from Bob Parrish*



*Clyde Smith getting his First Junior from President Mel Carson*



*Wally Lathem accepting David Rooney First Senior from Bob Parrish*



*Paul Dagenais accepting a Second Junior from President Mel Carson*

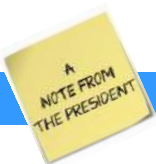


*Frank Piper accepting a Repeat Preservation for Jim Henderson from Bob Parrish*



*David Ladnier accepting a Repeat Driver Participation from Bob Parrish*





We are already a quarter of the way into the year and we have had some fun! Our outing to Kravers for lunch and then to John and Debbie Bright's home for an Ice Cream Social and tour of their garage and workshop area was a lot of fun. David Ladnier didn't waste a minute to sell Kravers a trophy sponsorship.

The trip to Ocala for Winter National Meet was an event worth the trip. We were all very sad that our National Event leader, Jim Henderson became so sick he could not travel with the group. But in true tradition we did continue to have tire issues. With a flat before making it across the Bayway and a series of other tire problems on both Clyde's trailer and Jim's big rig, the Columbia we still made it to Ocala.

If you have not been to a National Event don't worry we are hosting the Southeastern Fall National right here in Mobile October 23-26. Make plans to attend!

DRS did a great job at the BBQ & Music Festival at Beauvoir. We displayed the cars they provided the music. We all had a good time. We even got to see parts of the grounds that most people do not get to see. (and Violet got a tour of the back grounds on golf cart).

We just held our yearly car show at Cooper Riverside Park, Wheels on the Waterfront. When the rain was still in the area and temperature was below 50 degrees I knew the show would be short on cars. I was pleased that 74 cars registered for the show and filled the waterfront park.

I have to say that this group stepped up and did way more than they were asked. Registration worked out well. Parking crews did a great job parking and redirecting cars to park correctly. The judging teams went out on the show field and were very professional.

With a lot of first time show attendees I think our club did a good job providing a great location, friendly people and showing off some of the best vehicles in the area.

Watch the newsletter, website, Facebook page and emails for the many opportunities to hang out together and show off our beautiful old cars.

Charlotte



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# Kravers, Brights Garage and Ice cream Social

Over the past few years our club has stepped up and helped out with many events that have included car shows, fish fry's, National Shows and day tours. One way to say thank you is with an ice cream social.

John and Debbie Bright jumped right in with combining a garage crawl and a lunch out into the mix. The two planned a very fun day.

We started with lunch at Kravers in West Mobile. Twenty eight members and guest enjoyed a good lunch. David Ladnier even sold a trophy sponsorship during lunch.

We all headed to the Bright's house to tour the garage. When everybody had arrived we all went to the garage to see the beautiful vehicles and the great collection of miniature cars.

John also took us out to see the shop area where he is currently working on a vehicle. John explained about the journey of restoration.

After we all indulged in ice cream with every kind of toppings you could imagine. What a great way to say thanks to all the members of DSR from DSR! - Charlotte



*The group at Kravers for lunch*



*Lunch is served*



*The Brights, Harpers and guest*



*Friends gathered together*



*The O'Brians enjoy the lunch*



*Marta and Nancy share time with guests*





## Ice Cream Social photos





Enjoying ice cream on the back porch



Getting ready to serve ice cream

Those that attended:

Tracy Metclaf, Zeno & Rheba Chaudron, Tony Rye, Joyce & David Ladiner, David Rooney, Frank Piper, Ray & Kathrine Harper, Walt & Martha Fuller, Martha & Ray Adams, Leslie & Janice Sellers, Fred & Guest, Darrin & Charlotte Dahlenburg, Barrett Sargent, John & Debbie Bright, Jeanie Dobbs, Dave Helper, David & Patricia Couling, Jimmy and Barbara O'Brian, Clyde Smith, Nancy & Herb Thoms

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## Where are All the New Members?

*By Mark McAlpine Vice President Region Development & Support Central Division*

A common challenge confronting almost all AACA regions and chapters is finding new members. (This isn't just

an AACA problem—clubs of every size and form are confronting the same problem. Many people today, especially younger generations, don't seem to be interested in joining clubs.) I don't have an easy solution, but, as we all grapple with how to attract new members, I can offer a few suggestions:

- Use the four free 1-year new memberships provided each year to every AACA region and chapter president and the free 1-year new memberships offered to military veterans through the Military Sponsorship Program. (AACA Headquarters mailed the four free memberships in late September. If you didn't receive them, contact headquarters. You can find the Military Sponsorship Program membership applications on the AACA website— [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org)— under "Military" in the "Member Info" drop-down menu at the top of the home page. You can also request military sponsorship program applications from headquarters.) These are great tools that are under utilized — only 52% of the AACA regions and chapters used any of their four free memberships in 2018. Use yours! I also encourage you to match the free national memberships you give out with 1-year free memberships in your region or chapter. Roughly two-thirds of the people who receive a free membership renew the next year — that's a pretty good rate of return of people who bring new ideas and enthusiasm (and cars!) to our clubs.

- Talk to people you meet who are interested in old cars and educate them about the AACA. Surprisingly, there are a lot of people who love, and even own, antique vehicles who have never heard of the AACA. Even many people who have heard of the AACA think you have to own an antique vehicle to join the club or that the club is only about showing expensive "trailer queens." Educate them about our club, its Library & Research Center, and its website & online forum. (Use the trifold information brochures the AACA produced for regions & chapters to use. If you've run out, contact AACA HQ and ask for more.) Inform potential new members that they

don't have to

own an antique vehicle to join the AACA, they just have to like old cars, trucks, and/or motorcycles. They don't have to be rich—most of our members aren't. Our national shows aren't just for concourse level, professionally restored cars—most vehicles on our show fields are restored by the owners. Also, explain about our Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) class and Driver Participation Class (DPC). We are an all-encompassing club offering something for everyone.

- Ask people to join the club. Recruitment of new members is a personal thing. People don't usually join a club because they see an ad, flyer, or membership tent. They join because they speak with someone, find they have a common interest, and learn more about the club. Ask these new potential members to come to one of your region's/chapter's meetings or activities to meet other members and find out more about your region/ chapter and the AACA. (And when they show up, make sure someone welcomes them, introduces them to other members, and talks to them. We all know how uncomfortable it can be to show up at an activity and not know anyone. If you don't welcome these new members and ensure they have fun, how likely do you think it is that they'll return and join your club?) Then ask them to join— the direct approach works. (And don't forget about those free memberships you can offer!)

Attracting new members to the AACA and our regions & chapters is a contact sport—it takes personal engagement. It won't happen because the AACA takes out ads in magazines, has membership tents at our national shows, or distributes flyers at car shows or auctions. Those efforts may attract a few new members, but the real success comes in individual personal effort. Every member — not just your region's/ chapter's Membership Chairperson — is a recruiter for our national club and your region/chapter. When you talk to someone at a local car show, someone you see with an antique vehicle in a parking lot or at the gas station, or even a neighbor or friend at work who's interested in old cars, talk to them about the AACA and ask them to join our club. We have room for everyone who loves antique vehicles.

*Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box*



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## What have you been up to?



Ed Grimes Thunderbird at KFC Cruise-In



KFC Cruise-In at Tillmans Corner is always popular



David and Patricia Couling's 1993 Mustang Foxbody



Ed Grimes El Camino

Make Plans For a Great Day  
April 13, 2019

### Club Tour of Two Car Museums

Ray Harper and David Ladnier of DSR and Andy Switzer of AAECM Biloxi invite you to The Henderson Collection and Martin's Corvette Museum

Meet at the Henderson Collection  
Hwy 90 Tillmans Corner  
10:00 am

Kravers for lunch  
2368 Leroy Stevens Rd, Mobile  
Martin's Corvette Museum  
Follows lunch

RSVP as soon as possible to Ray Harper 251-401-1427, David Ladnier 251-375-4844 or Andy Switzer 228-547-9030 head count will be needed for this event.



Zeno Chaudron represented our club for the Wheels on the Waterfront car show promotion on Studio 10 on Channel 10 at 9. Vehicles on display were: 1964 Comet Caliente, 1964 Ford Galaxie 500, 1929 Ford Phaeton, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, 1969 Chevy Camaro Z-28, 1936 Ford Cabriolet and 1986 Mercedes 560SL - David Ladnier





## Wings over Dixie

The "Wings over Dixie" continue to ride and meet weekly for an excuse to eat! Although most of our members are senior in years, the mentality of much younger times rules the day! First of all we ride Honda "Goldwings", which are the "Cadillac" of Motorcycles, basically, a Honda Accord automobile on two wheels. Safety and Fun are our goals.

Our next ride is the end of this month to a Bed and breakfast, the Riverwood Plantation outside of New Orleans, Louisiana. There is much to tour and see with little time! - Jimmy O'Brian



The month of March has been and will continue to be very busy for me. March began with a trip on the 1<sup>st</sup> to Orlando, FL to visit Mickey and his friends. We rented a large van to accommodate the crowd; Great Gandma "Ancy", son Steve and daughter-in-law Clarisse, grandson Chase and wife Courtney, great grand-children Caitlyn and Chase. The trip was actually a surprise Christmas gift for the great grand-children who had never been.

Almost the entire time we were on I-10 the weather was really bad. Rain storms and high winds. The weather steadily improved as we turned south and closed in on Disney World. We stayed at the Disney Sports Complex.

Nothing really spectacular, but sufficient for our needs. We did all of the usual things, the rides (the



screams), the food with Minnie and Mickey, the souvenirs, the fireworks, etc. Exhausted but happy, we headed home after four days.

On the 15<sup>th</sup>, Herb and I were at Cooper Riverside Park for our club Wheels on the Waterfront car show. It was 50 degrees when we got there. But by noon, it had warmed up to 52. The weather could not take away for what a great venue this is. Participants loved it and spectators loved it, even those in shorts and tee shirts.

Now, at the end of the month I am departing on another trip, this one to Houston. I am going to participate with my Sweet Adelines Barber Shop chorus in Regional Competition. Four ladies from the chorus will be riding with me. I have competed many times with the Sweet Adelines. I will let you know how we do.

And how was your month!!

- Nancy Thoms





## Jefferson Davis, John Schneider and the General Lee

Our club was invited to display our antique cars for the BBQ and Music Festival at Beauvoir. On March 9 we met at the Henderson Collection and drove over to the beautiful grounds of the Jefferson Davis home to display our cars, enjoy BBQ and listen to a concert on the event grounds.

I was able to meet John Schneider and spend some time with him in the Beauvoir Room. We also got a chance to tour the cottage that is used for the brides room for weddings. We enjoy the concert that started with Christian Davis and John Schneider followed. It was a great day.

In attendance: Zeno & Rheba, Violet, David & Joyce, Susan and Ron, Debbie & John, Mary & Scott, Eddie, Charlotte and Bobby Sue —Charlotte



*Zeno & Rheba Chaudron's Z28*



*David & Joyce Ladnier's Galaxie 500*



*Susan Bergen's Mustang*



*Rob Mortenson 1986 Mercedes Benz*



*Eddie Respass' General Lee*



*John & Debbie Bright's Ford Phaeton*



*Scott and Mary Atkins Mustang*





*A few of DSR members clean up nicely for Mardi Gras*



*Lou Lartigue at the VA Hospital ribbon cutting*



*Belinda has been painting while taking care of David*

Daphne High School invited us for February 21 Bicentennial History Fair. Katherine and I took our 1915 Model T and Gators 1939 Model A Ford. The High Schoolers looked at the cars first. They then brought 7 class of grammar kids. One class at a time about 20 to 25 in each class. The students ask questions and took pictures. We let every kid sit in the cars front and rumble seat. Around 150 kids. We had a great time and the teachers keep kids in line. —Ray Harper







Mark and Margo Magee drive Senator Bryne in the Floral Parade on March 2 in the 1957 Chevy Bel Air



Darrin Dahlenburg drives the Navy representative in the 63 Cadillac



Mamun drives several members of the Navy



David Ladnier drives the Grand Marshal in the Joy of Life Parade on March 2 in his 1964 Ford Galaxie 500



Robert Saulters getting ready to drive his 1967 Ford Galaxie 500



Ross Sloan getting ready to drive in the Joy of Life Parade in his 1965 Mustang



## Mardi Gras Parades Downtown

Mardi Gras season last about 3 weeks here in Mobile. The last week of parades consists of several parades back to back. The Floral Parade was the first on out of the gates with the Henderson Collection cars escorting the Navy. The Joy of Life Parade for St Jude was the third parade out of the gate with DSR members escorting the Grand Marshall and King and Queen. But due to a mess up from the Police the cars went out in the wrong parade without the passengers.

In honor of my buddy Scott Henderson I rode on the Joy of Life float wearing a Great Race shirt.



## Minutes from the Thursday, February 28 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Charlotte Dahlenburg .

Walt Fuller gave invocation and blessing.

Bill Atkieson led Pledge of Allegiance to Flag.

There was a greeting card passed around to members to sign and be sent to David Rooney in the hospital.

**Secretary Report:** David Ladnier asked for approval of minutes from last month's meeting and they were approved.

**Financial Report:** Paul Dagenais gave the Financial Report reporting a balance of \$6955.54. The report was accepted.

**Appointed Committees:** Charlotte discussed several Committee Positions, *Program Chairman*, that is available and asked if anyone was interested in filling that position. *Photography* – Leslie Sellers, Charlotte also asked if anyone else can help with photos that will be appreciated as Leslie cannot be everywhere at one time. Helpers welcome. *Historian* – Ray Harper, has given Charlotte pictures of the ladies that sewed the quilt that hangs on wall in Club House, if anyone would like to see them. He has an enormous amount of history information. *Sponsor* – Greeter -Charlotte asked for someone to head this up and Janice Sellers will do it. *Sunshine* –Send cards, check on sick members, etc. – will be Janice Sellers. Refreshments – Martha Fuller asked members to sign up for meals on a list she has prepared. March will be Chili and soup meal. September will be Italian meal. July will be salad and sandwiches. Other months will just be snacks, but not full meals. Thanksgiving meal will be November 21<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with meeting. Club with supply the meat and others will bring side dishes. Christmas party will be December 8<sup>th</sup> on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Martha is passing around the list and asking members to sign up. She said individuals can sign up in pairs if they want.

**Activities Report:** David Ladnier discussed Events and Meetings coming up. He made a motion to make Events on March 9 Beauvoir Display and March 16 Wheels on the Waterfront club events. Brian and Walt seconded the motion and it was approved.

**WebMaster Report:** Charlotte asked for stories for website be given to Web Master, Herb Thoms.

David Ladnier discussed Club Tent for events that cannot be tied down from Academy Sports, he asked for help to man tents.

**Event Updates:** 2019 SE Fall Nat'l Darrin Dahlenburg – reported that all is setup in one area at Riverview on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Police will close down area on Thursday before event. Car Show on Waterfront Charlotte Dahlenburg -3/16, there will be a meeting next Thursday at 6:00 pm, 1 week before the show. It was stated that lots of volunteers are still needed. David said the Mustang Club will come down and help park cars, we still need volunteers for judging. Registration is on the website. Charlotte said a lot of people

will wait till 10 days before the event to check the weather. She said there will be 2 lines that day for registration , one for pre-registration and one for onsite registration. David said we had one vendor – Sherwin Williams. He also asked if anyone knew of anyone who might be interested in becoming a vendor. Charlotte said that Jo Jo Johnson is doing music for event March 16. She said Ray Harper has graciously donated his trailer for registration for the event. She also said the Facebook page events are listed and she asked everyone to please share the event on their Facebook link. There are permanent bathrooms available. The Gulf Museum will be open and there will be two food trucks and concessions as well.

**New Business:** Zeno said there was a meeting about 2 weeks ago with Tracy Metclaff, David Rooney and David Ladnier. Zeno said that the wording of the By Laws was brought into question. He read excerpts from the By Laws and suggested that the wording be changed. He made a motion, Brian and Walt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Brian said that Jo Jo asked to pass on that the Pharoah's will be at KFCs on first Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at Whataburger on Snow and Airport and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Whataburger on Cottage Hill and Schillinger at 5:00 p.m.

David stated that the Volkswagon Club wants to use our Clubhouse facility for an event on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April. Expecting approximately 70-80 Volkswagons. A discussion ensued in regard to liability insurance and porta potties.Zeno made motion to say "No" to the VW Club request. Walt seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Charlotte said the Grand Bay Watermelon group had requested that we make a donation again this year. David made a motion that we donate \$100 again this year. Walt seconded and it was approved.

Bill Atkieson said that there will be a Alabama 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Star Salute & Armed Forces Day Event, Saturday, May 18, 2019, held at the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park. Charlotte showed trophies that were received at Annual Meeting In Philly. She received the Master Editor, Master Web Master and The Ann S. Eady Award.

Ross Sloan – Gave some history on License Plate for the city. They came into existence in 1905. He had some samples for people to see. The first accident was in 1913.

### Those attending were:

Charlotte and Darrin Dahlenburg, David Ladnier, Paul Dagenais, Charles and Robbie Lyles, Bill Atkieson, Ray and Katherine Harper, Walt and Martha Fuller, Brian Day, John and Debbie Bright, Leslie and Janice Sellers, David and Patricia Couling, Susan Bergen, Zeno and Reba Chaudron, Tracy Metclaf, Ed Grimes, Jr., Ross Sloan, Clyde Smith



# Where Did the DSR Logo Come From?



In the early days of the club we wanted to upgrade the logo. A group of members got together and came up with the logo still used today.

We took it to the general membership for a vote. The car on the logo was drawn by a member. He took a picture of another members car - a 1927 Chevy. The car belonged to Hop Hopkins. - Ray Harper



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# First Japanese Car

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The first Japanese car in the history of the world carries some controversy and mystery with it. Some say the first Japanese car is the Yamaba omnibus built in 1904 and powered by steam. Others say the first car built in Japan was the Yoshida omnibus built in 1905 powered by a gasoline engine.

The automobile industry of Japan is known



First Japanese Car

worldwide for its charming designs, innovative models, standard of quality, and use of advance technology. Though the first Japanese car came into existence years after cars were used in America and Europe, Japanese auto brands, such as Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Suzuki, and

Mitsubishi, are household names for car lovers worldwide.

The Japanese automakers now lead the world in sales, technological changes, and production. Six of ten leading car producers in the world are from Japan. They also lead in collaborations and provide technical support to auto industry around the world.

## Japanese Domestic Car Industry

The automobile industry in Japan began taking shape in the early part of 1910 when the Japanese conglomerate known as Zaibatsu came into being. However, the nonexistent consumer car market delayed the production of cars until 1917 when Mitsubishi manufactured Model A, the first Japanese production car. This seven-seat sedan was expensive and failed to compete with US and European cars. In 1922, Isuzu came up with its first Japanese car A 9 in collaboration with British auto giant Wolseley. It was the first ever dedicated passenger car in Japan.

The 1930s saw the emergence of a number of car manufacturers in Japan, such as Toyota, Suzuki, and Nissan. Toyota's first Japanese car Toyota AA hit the road in 1936. Datsun by DAT Motors, now Nissan, was

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the first Japanese small car produced in 1931.

The post-war period saw boom in car production in Japan. Suzuki introduced Suzulight in 1955, the first Japanese car that came with innovative four-wheel independent suspension, front-wheel drive, and pinion steering. In the 1960s, Japanese auto giants focused on smaller cars called Kei cars to evade taxes and boost



*Mitsubishi Model A*

imports. Honda produced its first car HondaS500 in 1963. Three years later, the world saw Toyota's Corolla, which is the best-selling car in the world.

In 1986, Honda introduced the first Japanese luxury car Acura. Soon Suzuki and Toyota came up with more

designs, while Nissan began focusing only on high end cars.

### **Japanese Cars in US**

Toyota was the first Japanese car maker to enter the US market. The oil crisis in the 1970s was an opportunity for Japanese auto makers to entrench themselves in the United States. Their small, inexpensive, and fuel efficient cars attracted a large number of Americans and Europeans. They also equally benefited from the economic boom in the 1980s by introducing luxury cars that had less price and better technology compared to US car manufacturers.

Toyota Crown was the first Japanese car to be imported to the United States in 1957. The Japanese auto giants established their US manufacturing units in the early eighties. Honda's Accord was the first Japanese car to be built in the United States in 1982.

Toyota introduced Prius in 1997 to become the first Japanese car maker capable to produce hybrid cars. The global sales of the car began in 2001. Honda produced world's first zero emission and hydrogen car FCX in 2008.

### **Japanese Car Industry at Present**

The Japanese car industry has come a long way since the production of the first Japanese car in 1917. Now their cars run in every country and Japan is the second largest manufacturer of cars. Toyota is the world's largest car manufacturer, and Honda has five out of ten most fuel-efficient cars in the world.



# REWIND

## WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO

from the March 1994 Sparkplug

### In My Opinion

Remember the Alamo and Mike Mikell. Rep. Mike Mikell of Millbrook, AL wants to keep your old cars off the roads between 7-9 am and 4-6 pm. How about that?

I called him at his pharmacy, got lucky, and we spoke. The man is very opinionated; not open to much suggestion. I believe he is being used by some eager beaver up in Montgomery.

He has a point; they cannot enforce the law as it is written. Too many antique tags are on cars used to go to work, fishing, etc.

For all this, we will have to pay regular tag prices. Or

stay at home during certain hours.

When I accused him of penalizing all of us for a few guilty ones, he said "write a bill that will work and I will use it".

Let's get with it!! Find out how our neighboring states handle this. We can arrange to meet with our local representatives (SOON) or invite some of them to a club meeting.

Please call Rep. Mikell but be nice. Mike's Pharmacy (205) 285-5154. If not call 00396-69-82, tell the operator you want to speak to John Paul II. Maybe the Pope can help.—Pierre Fontana





## Refreshments

- March 28 Chili and Soup Supper—Paul Dagenais
- April 25—Rheba & Zeno Chadron
- May 23—David and Patricia Couling
- June 27 - David & Joyce Ladnier
- July 25 Soup and Sandwich Dinner - Martha Fuller & Katherine Harper
- August 22—Brian Daly
- September 26 Italian Dinner
- October 24—Leslie and Janice Sellers
- November 21 Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 8 -3 pm Year End Party

## Up Coming Club Events

- Thursday, March 28 - 7 pm Regular meeting
- Saturday, April 13 - Visit Henderson Collection

## Birthday & Anniversary's

- Leslie Sellers March 25
- Sarah Small April 2
- Bill Atkieson April 10
- Arthur Bolton April 22

### Anniversary

- Leslie & Janice Sellers April 14, 1984

## Thoughts Go Out

Also Keep good thoughts for the Paul Dagenais, David Rooney, Buddy & Patt Paquet, Buddy & Anne Givens and Lycle Crowdus,



Guess what this is?  
What does this go to?  
Email your answer to  
dsr36608@gmail.com.

Answer for last month:  
1980 Cadillac Eldorado

# National Dues

Article by Jim Rentz, Editor of the "KOTR Pins" newsletter from the AACA "King of the Road" Chapter. So often we are asked why do we need to pay dues, especially to National? Allow me to relate this little story to you as just one example of why. A very good friend and member of KOTR tells of a friend of his in their summer location up north that was interested in purchasing a certain, rather expensive antique automobile on the west coast somewhere. He wanted to know if there were some way that he could have a reliable person inspect the car for him as he did not want to fly there only to be let down or the expense of such a trip. As it turned out with just a few phone calls to the right folks in the know on such matters that the problem was solved within the hour. Now that is how things get done in a network such as AACA. Worth much more than the meager dues we pay once a year; perhaps the very best investment that you can make in your car. As in most situations you get what you pay for; you know that. If it's good, it isn't going to be cheap; and if it's cheap you can bet your bottom dollar it's not going to be good. Quality has a price. Dues give you some "skin" in the game. It shows that you care to make a difference. There are so many other reasons why you need to have dues but let's just leave it here; we want your commitment that you will be a participant with us in this adventure of the old car hobby. Let's get it done.



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Mobile, Al

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ :

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

**Annual Membership** (Includes Spouse/Partner) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00  
DSR voting privileges, exhibiting your cars in national meets, enjoying tours hosted by Region Chapters all across the United States, and competition for national annual awards and prizes, and the bi-monthly Antique Automobile Magazine. As a DSR member, other perks include the opportunity to learn more about your antique or classic car(s) from other members; hear interesting guest speakers at special programs; find parts and dealers; socialize with other owners; complimentary subscription to our DSR newsletter The Sparkplug, and the opportunity to feature your vehicle(s) on our Club's website.

**Student Membership** (Ages 13-25 for students only) \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00  
Enjoys same privileges as annual membership. Must provide student ID

**Junior Membership** (Ages up through 12 years old) \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00  
Member receives quarterly newsletter - Wheels Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ required for juniors  
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After you have joined AACA, complete the following information and bring it to one of our meetings, or you may mail it with a check for DSR annual dues to our Club Treasurer: Paul Dagenais, 58 South Julia Street, Mobile, Alabama 36604.



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# NYS Honors 1908 Thomas Flyer Leather License Plate

By Jeff Mahl, Saint James City, FL, [jeffmahl@aol.com](mailto:jeffmahl@aol.com)

All photos courtesy of Jeff Mahl

The 1907 Thomas Flyer won the 1908 New York to Paris Race, and a recreation of its leather license plate is currently on display at the Western New York Welcome Center in Grand Island.



Directly above the license plate exhibit is a huge video screen, where visitors can also view the best Western New York has to offer including the Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum.

The new \$20M Western New York Welcome Center in Grand Island features the region's rich historical heritage with an impressive floor-to-ceiling exhibit in the main entrance atrium. One of the items selected to showcase Buffalo's strong connection with automotive history is a recreation of the Thomas Flyer's 1908 leather license plate 16490MFG.

Issued to the E.R. Thomas Motor Company of Buffalo, New York, builder of the 1907 Flyer, the plate was carried around the world to victory for the United States in the 1908 New York to Paris Race. Unfortunately, the original plate has not yet been located. My hope is that



with the story being told, someone reading it may have information on this particular plate.

The exhibited leather plate was recreated for the 2008 Centennial of the 1908 New York to Paris Race. New York State's decision to feature the leather plate in the new WNY Welcome Center is a fitting tribute to the leading role the area played in early automotive history.

Beginning in 1903, New York State started to require vehicle numeric identification. Prior to that time, the state would allow the owners' initials to be displayed. However, that was difficult to control, so NY began to issue numbers. For several years, it was the responsibility of the owners to fabricate their own plates using the state numbers. Leather was commonly used, as well as wood or metal backing.

In this case, the plate for the E.R. Thomas Motor Company of Buffalo included the numeric 16490 with MFG (designating manufacturer) issued by the state. The Thomas factory crew then crafted the leather plate and hand painted 16290MFG just prior to the Flyer being shipped to Times Square for the start of the race.

At that time, New York was one of the first states with a specific color requirement of black on a white background.

The 1907 Thomas Flyer was the 12th American-built automobile inducted into the National Historic Vehicle Register in 2016. The National Park Service and Library of Congress administer the NHVR with the Flyer's official reference number Historic American Engineering Record (HAER number NV-49).

George Schuster, driver of the Flyer, won the grueling 22,000-mile race in 169 days and was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 2010. With the start on February 12, 1908, in Times Square, 111 years later George still holds the world record for the global race route.

Special note: Jeff Mahl is the Great Grandson of George Schuster. For further information regarding the original race, visit [TheGreatAutoRace.com](http://TheGreatAutoRace.com), and for the 110th anniversary race, go to [2018NYtoParis.com](http://2018NYtoParis.com).



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# Market Place

Ads in The Market Place section are free to members and will run for three months unless otherwise noted. Ads can consist of anything related to: For Sale – Want to Buy – Looking For Your ad(s) can run for an additional three months by contacting Charlotte Dahlenburg. Please submit new listings for The Market Place by the 12th of the month to: DSR36608@gmail.com



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## National Car Shows

### 2019

#### April

4-7 - Southeastern Spring National – Charlotte, NC 29-  
May 1, 2019 - Southeastern Divisional Tour – Wilmington, NC

#### May

30-June 1, 2019 - Grand National – Auburn, IN June 2019  
2-7, 2019 - Founders Tour – Seward, NE 26-29 - Eastern  
Spring National – Parsippany, NJ

#### August

4-9 - Vintage Tour – Kingston, Ontario

#### September

22-27 - Glidden Tour – Rock Hill, SC

#### October

9-12 - Eastern Fall National – Hershey, PA

23-26 - Southeastern Fall National – Mobile, AL

#### November

6-9 - Western Fall National – Fallbrook, CA



## Cruise Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
Every Thursday	Sonic in Bay Minette	Bay Minette, AL (Feb-Nov)	
1st Saturday	Po-Boy's Cruise In 5-8 pm	Tillman's Corner KFC, Hwy. 90	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
1st Saturday	Edgewater Mall	Hwy. 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo 228-596-0664
2nd Friday	Hooters	Daphne, AL (Feb-Nov)	
2nd Friday	Downtown Cruise	Ocean Springs, MS	
2nd Saturday	What-A-Burger 5-8 pm	Airport & Snow Rd	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
2nd Saturday	Five Guys Jubilee Square	Daphne	Eastern Shore Cruisers
3rd Thursday	Sonic Foley,	Hwy. 59 (Mar-Nov)	
3rd Saturday	What-A-Burger 5-8 pm	Cottage Hill & Schillinger	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
3rd Saturday	Beef O' Bradys	Spanish Fort, Hwy. 90	
3rd Saturday	Bay City Grill	5675 Hwy. 43 Satsuma 4-8 pm	
3rd Saturday	Bootleggers Pizzeria	1913 Pass Rd, Biloxi	228-324-6444
3rd Saturday	Orange Grove Kruiser's	Acadian Pizza on Hwy 49 Gulfport, MS	
4th Saturday	Hot Wheels & Wings Cruise-In	Hooters Hwy. 98 Daphne 3-6 pm	
4th Saturday	Ingalls Engineering Complex	Passacaglia, MS	Magnolia Classic Cruisers
4th Saturday	10126 Grand Bay Wilmer Rd	10 am - 1 pm	Grand Bay Country Cruiser
4th Saturday	Stoney's BBQ 5-8 pm	Hwy. 43, Saraland	Northside Cruisers
Last Saturday	Sonic -	Hwy 59 South Robertsdale, AL (Mar-Oct)	251-747-2022





## Local Car Shows

### March

- 30 11th Annual Mobile Chocolate Festival Cruise In 10 -4 at the Grounds Contac 408-9096
- 30 2019 Custom Classic, Antique Car Show celebrating Alabama's Bicentennial Lillian AL Lillian United Methodist. 8am - 4pm info Dick 850-776-7132
- 30 University of South AL Car Show more info at SAE@southalabama.edu

### April

- 6 Camellia Classic Open Car Show at Bellingrath Gardens and Home in Theodore , AL, 8am - 3pm. Car registration is from 8 to 11am. Judging is held from 11:30am to 2:30pm Lunch and snacks are available to purchase.
- 6 Biloxi MS, 7th Annual Gulf Coast Auto Show at Edgewater Mall. Open Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show & Cruise-in at Edgewater Mall (Hwy 90 Biloxi, MS) Car show entry of \$20. Hosted by the Coast Cruizers. Info Jimbo 228 596-0664
- 12-14, Dixie Division Military Vehicle Show Mobile, AL. 8am-4pm. Vintage military vehicles and memorabilia on display during this annual car show and swap meet. USS ALABAMA Memorial Park. Free admission to the show. Park entry fee of \$4.
- 12 Lucedale, MS 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Hardees in Lucedale MS, corner of Old Hwy 63 & Cowart Street from 8:30am till. For more info call Mike Lachaussee 228-369-1431
- 13 Crawfish-n-Fixin' Cruise-In \*Calling All Cars For Casey Car Show Caseybaby. \$20 Entry 14 Divisions! Contact Lori Bosarge 251-206-9990
- 13 Snow Road First Baptist Church Semmes Open Car Show 8 am registration. Inof at
- 13 Gulfport, MS. 6th Annual Crosspoint Cruisin' for Missions Car, Truck, and Bike Show & Family Fun Day!! Crosspoint Church 15046 North Swan Rd. Gulfport, MS 39503. Show starts at 9:30 AM, Awards Presented at 2pm. Registration fee will be \$20.00.
- 13 Wiggins, MS 2nd Saturday Cruise-in at Wendy's 1051 East Frontage Rd, Wiggins, MS 39577. 4pm - 8pm. Everyone Welcome. Information call Charlie Farmer 601-528-1172
- 13-14 32nd Annual Strawberry Festival Open Car Show 9-4 Loxley AL . Two separate shows Open Car Show. 75 class and lots of best of Trophies
- 27 39th Annual Southern Hospitality Open Car Show Edgewater Mall 8-3pm
- 27 Mopar Fest at the Battleship. Info Paul Reynolds 504-415-5731
- 25-27 Bama Coast Cruisin - Orange Beach, AL The Warf. 9-5 Open to the public. Info at bamacoastcruisin.com/event-info.

- 26-27 Gulfport, MS Atomic Blast 8 Open to ALL Vehicles. \$30 at the gate (\$10 kids under 10) covers all activities including, Stoplight Drags, Burnout Contest, Flame Throwin' Contest, Donut spin-out contest and more. Gate opens at 4pm Friday, & 8am Saturday. Entrance to the track is \$30 per person (kids under ten \$10). Everything is at Gulfport Dragway.
- 28 Our Lady of Lourdes Lawn Party. 12-4 pm. 2nd annual people's choice Our Lady of Lourdes lawn party Sunday April 28 12-4pm. Cars arrive at 11am. 12-3:30pm judging. 1st,2nd,3rd place trophies Info David Ladineir 251-375-4844.

### May

- 3-5 Battle in Bama. Hot Rod, Truck & Bike Show. Contact Craig 635-208-4141
- 4 Blessing of the Fleet Land Parade. For More Information: visit [www.fleetblessing.org](http://www.fleetblessing.org) or call the Parish Office at 251-824-2415 or email [fleetblessing@gmail.com](mailto:fleetblessing@gmail.com)
- 4 Biloxi, MS 1st Saturday Cruise-in at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90. 6pm - 9pm. Music, 50/50, prized. Hosted by the Coast Cruizers info 228 596-0664
- 5 70th Blessing of the Fleet. Sunday, May 5 2pm Land Parade Bayou La Batre
- 8 12th Annual Blue Berry Jubilee Car-Truck-Bike Show. Downtown Poplarville, MS. 105 S. Main St. Dash plaques - 1st. 100 vehicles. Jeff 228-216-6863 or [jeff1@cableone.net](mailto:jeff1@cableone.net) for info.
- 11 Wiggins, MS 2nd Saturday Cruise-in at Wendy's 1051 East Frontage Rd, Wiggins, MS 39577. 4pm - 8pm. Hosted by the Red Creek Classic Car Club. Information call Charlie Farmer 601-528-1172
- 18 Alabama's 15th Annual Blue Star Salute at the Battleship. Visit [www.armedforcesdaymobile.com](http://www.armedforcesdaymobile.com) for more info
- 18 Cruisers' Unlimited Car Show Windcreek, Atmore, AL 8am registration Judging 11-1pm Wards 2pm Contact Buddy 251-294-1455
- 18 14 Annual Car Show by the Shore. Magnolia Classic Cruisers. Special Guest "Eugene Eash" Tribute to "Elvis Presley " also a chance to win \$1000.00 Cash
- 25 5th Annual Dauphin Island Sunset Cruise Car Show 9 am - 3pm. Info at 251-861-5525
- 31- June 1 3rd Annual Gas & Oil Swap Meet and Advertising Show and Antique car show. Harrison County Fair Grounds, Gulfport MS info at 601-441-3715

### June

- 1 Biloxi, MS 1st Saturday Cruise-in at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90. 6pm-9pm. Music, 50/50, prized. Hosted by the Coast Cruizers info 228-596-0664





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