



# The Sparkplug



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## Auburn or Bust

I love to celebrate. I love family. I love friends. But most of all I love my husband Darrin. For years I have told him we need to celebrate 20 years of marriage. So that is what we did. We flew out of the Downtown Mobile Airport to Chicago. The flight to Chicago was just short of two hours. It was mostly a bumpy ride but wasn't to bad. We landed on time and made our way to the rental car via a shuttle bus. Getting our car took very little time and off we went.

We then headed to start our trip to Auburn, IN for the Grand Nationals. This was my first time to get to judge a Grand Nationals. I am excited about moving up in the

ranks of judging. I have worked hard to be able to attend enough shows to reach this status.

We picked up a Chevy Malibu from the rental company and headed out. Ten minutes in we turned around and took the car back. It did not want to run.

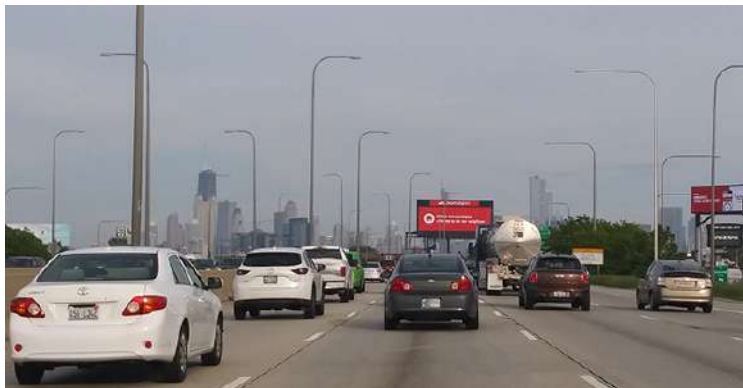
The new car runs just fine of course this time it was a Toyota. Traffic was backed up all the way through Chicago. Darrin navigated to I-90 like a pro. We are now settled in for a two and a half hour drive.

This 20 year celebration is starting off with adventure and a lesson in going with the flow.

After getting in late to Fort Wayne, IN we got up early. First thing we did was to go to breakfast. At breakfast we had the opportunity to talk with many owners and board members.

Darrin and I headed early to the auction. Today was all memorabilia. All that stuff that went for to much money. R&M Auctions does a great job setting the stage to sell everything for a lot of money. The cars are in the staging area with red carpet. The stage is decorated to stand out with a regal feel. The best of the best neon signs and metal signs lined the stage area. The constant bidding of the auctioneers got you all excited about the item up for bid.

I enjoyed walking around the swap meet area talking to



Chicago traffic on the way to Auburn





*Memorabilia signs at the R&M Auction*

everyone. Darrin bought an old plastic oil can display for his garage. Later in the afternoon he bought a cabinet and I bought a match box size pedal car.

I talked to many people about the Mobile show and inviting many vendors. We will see how many people show up.

The Zenith cars were arriving. It was a great chance to



*Vender tents had everything under the sun you could want*

get to talk with each of the owners and invite them to Mobile. These cars are amazing. The best of the best. The top two of each Nationals is selected to participate in the completion.

Early afternoon Kelly Adams arrived. The three of us headed over to the Early Ford V8 Museum. The new



*Early V8 Museum housed many one of a kind Fords*

wing had just opened. The addition represented the World's Fair Rotunda on the outside. Inside was a 1936 dealership showroom. Every model of the 1936 was well represented. They were still working out the final placement of memorabilia. The grand opening for the museum was held on May 10.

One of the things that I love about AACA is the many friends from all over the U.S. Darrin and I were invited to dinner with the "wives" of the Board of directors. Dinner



*Dinner with the "wives"*

was at Casa Grille an Italian restaurant. We all enjoyed some of the best Italian food in the region. Thirty of us all took up one section of the restaurant. We all had a great time reconnecting. Darrin spent time talking with Ralph Towner of the Suwannee River Region. We plan to make a trip to see his shop very soon and move forward on Darrin's patent.



*We meet with our tour guide that explains so much about this history of the cars*

Thursday after breakfast we met David Rooney and Wally Latham at The Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum. As a group with Marion and Mark Alpine, Fred Trusty and Ralph Towner we all toured the museum. The museum is three stories full of beautiful cars with the 2nd floor full of historical literature and books. The collection included many rare vehicles and a few you could climb in and get your



photograph taken.

The Auburn Automobile Company administration building that is now the museum is part of the campus where cars were hand-assembled, rather than mass-produced. The showroom and administrative buildings were designed in Art Deco style and were built in 1930.



*The race section of the museum*

These building that part of the museum were declared a National Historic Landmark in 2005. The museum is organized into seven galleries that display over 120 cars and related exhibits such as restored Auburn Automobile company offices.

After the museum we all headed out for lunch at Mad Anthony. They seated us right away and served us some great food. We all enjoyed the atmosphere and the food.

We headed back to the auction. Darrin stayed at the auction and I went around and talked to more vendors about coming to the Mobile show. Darrin saw a car he wanted and it took everything he had to hold his arm down. He has kicked himself ever since. Sometimes you just have to go for it when you have the chance. Maybe next time.



*Lunch at Mad Anthony*

Friday morning the last of the Zenith cars arrived before 9 am and judging started. Judging took most of the day. In the afternoon Steve Moskowitz explained the process of judging the cars to Wes Peterson and I. The judges are broke into two sets of five. They were easy to spot in their blue shirts. Every team looked at every car for several hours inside, outside and underneath. Each team would score each car sometimes looking at the car over and over. When they were finished they all met in a meeting room to go over the scores and decide what is the best and what is second best. Steve was appointed to be the Chief Judge of the Zenith cars and his job was to oversee that the judges did their job correctly. He explained to Wes and I that the cars would come down to 1 or less points



*The Zenith Cars*

between them and he explained how to tie break. The conversation was not only interesting it was intriguing.

The Zenith Awards were given out in the auction area. One by one the owners were called up to get their trophy for being a Zenith car. Every car invited to display at the event got a trophy. I had spent a good amount of time talking with Russel and Teresa Huval during the three days we were there. They had brought their 1958 Chevrolet Bel Air to the March 2018 show in Mobile. As Steve Moskowitz announced the field of Zenith winners the Huvals were not called. My nerves were getting the best of me. Could the 1958 Chevy be the Zenith Winner? They were the very last owner called up before the announcement of the runner up and winner were called. Excitement and heartbreak. How cool it would have been for a Mobile car to win the Zenith top honor.

Evening brought us a free concert in the Auction area. The band was a 50s and 60s cover band with "Elivs" making an appearance. During the entertainment all the drinks were free. The band played for two hours and the crowd loved it.





Friday night entertainment included "Elvis"

Show day brought an early breakfast for judges. This is where you find out what you judge and who you judge with. I was assigned to scooters.

At Grand Nationals there are no cje's (Certified Judges Education) so I had time to photograph every car on the show field. This was a first for me. 381 cars to be exact. The cars were laid out in age order, 100 plus years. I



Motorcycles and scooters on the show field

journeyed through the field. This was an experience to treasure. I felt like I was in a time machine.

10:30 is when Darrin needed to be in Admin. He has not been able to judge at most of the shows we go to so he was invited to help in Admin. I think every good judge needs to serve in Admin at least once.

10:45 came fast. I met our group for judging. There are only three categories that you judge on scooters. Bob and I teamed up to judge engines. I kept up with the score sheet. We would look closely at the scooters and make mental notes. We would walk away and talk together about what we saw. Together we would decide if the infraction was worth the deduction or if it was so minor that we would not deduct points. This was an easy job cause the vehicles were the best of the best and they



Judges getting their scores together to turn in to Admin

were in factory delivery condition.

Keep in mind that we are judging Grand Nationals. These vehicles have Junior and Senioreed. These are already the best of the best. We also judge them the exact same way



381 cars on the show field

as we do the very first time they ever entered a show field. What an experience!

Fourteen scooters in awesome condition! Spending 5 minutes on each seemed like a long time. Judging all



Two 1954 Kieser Darrin's on the same show field



David Rooney and 1959 Corvette on the show field

fourteen flew by and we were done.

Turning in our judging sheets went rather quick because we were the first team in. We went over the sheets and waited for approval from admin before receiving our chips from our team captain.

After getting released I headed out to look at the cars and photograph any late arrivals. The day kept getting hotter and hotter so I headed back inside. I waited for Darrin to get done with Admin.

Darrin was finally done and wanted to go see the cars so I stayed inside talking with friends.

We finally headed over to the auction area. We watched a few come across the block. It was time to leave the field. It was a fun little parade of cars. We then headed to the hotel to rest.

The doors opened at 4 pm and dinner at 5 pm for the



President Mel Carson presents David Rooney's trophy to Darrin

Awards Banquet. 700 people served BBQ buffet style in less than 25 minutes. That was impressive and the food was excellent. We had dinner with Kelly. Darrin collected David Rooney's First Grand Nationals award and preservation chip and board for him. We sat with new people and visited with them and cheered when they received their awards. Many people that I talked with over the weekend came to show us their awards. It is fun to see the excitement of winning the honor of a Grand Nationals or Senior Grand Nationals award.

We were very tired so we headed to the hotel and hit the hay. - Charlotte

## Prayer for Hurricane Season

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O God, master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awaken from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to you O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. AMEN.





For the three years that I have been editor of The Sparkplug, I have never experienced the excitement that the Quilt story has brought. Many of you are interested to know who all these past members are.

Dick Cashdollar is gathering information on each of the quilt block. If you have any information as to where the car is now or about the owner at the time the quilt was made please send it in! dsr36608@gmail.com. Let's get this information gathered and recorded. Our predecessors created the history, it is our job to preserve it.

The year is half over and I have enjoyed seeing everybody out showing off their cars. Our club has participated in car shows, pop up car shows, cruise-ins and meals together.

Our next club event is to participate in is the Moss Family Farm Cruise and lunch. This will be an outstanding event and help Rheba's Brother-In-Law check off his bucket list item.

Then the 2019 CoastFest in Biloxi, Mississippi follows on July 6. We will get to take a photo of our cars in front of the Beauvoir Mansion. The 2019 CoastFest event will have music and food all day. Make sure you register early so you will get a dash plaque.

The rest of the year will prove to be exciting! National Car Collector day is coming up. We will be celebrating the day on July 13 with a tour of the Ronald McDonald House. Make sure you bring those soda pop tabs. After the tour we will head out to get some lunch.

See you on the road,

*Charlotte*

## The By Laws

Every month we will print a section of the by laws. This is so you can review the section and bring up any discussion at our meetings to clarify or petition to change the by laws.

### ARTICLE II - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The Executive Board shall consist of the six officers of Deep South Region, one elected member (Member at Large) holding no other elected office, and the President of all Chapters. The Executive Board members shall hold no more than one elected office.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall have the authority to proceed in any manner as may, in their judgment, serve the interest of the Region. If time does not allow for ratification before the decision comes into effect, the Executive Board may activate their decision and the decision shall be presented to the club at its next regular scheduled meeting, for ratification.



### DSR Officers for 2019

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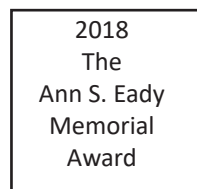
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[Deepsouth.aaca.com](http://Deepsouth.aaca.com)

Also, members should visit our Facebook page.



# What have you been up to?



## Wings Over Dixie Mobile Alabama

The "Wings over Dixie" met at the "Fish River Grill" in Fairhope Alabama! What a beautiful night for a ride and our members showed up on their steeds, Ray and Sue Downey, Ron and Rachel Shaddix, Ronnie and Janice Gammon, and David and Rita

Summerlin! I unfortunately had a bad battery that I think failed because I polished and detailed my Wing the day before! There are several "Fish River Grills" on the Eastern Shore, but this one on the Bay is my favorite. - Jimmy O'Brien

## News from Spain

 **Vicente Sevillano Guerrero** is 😊 feeling excited with Charlotte Dahlenburg.

Thanks to my friend Charlotte Dahlenburg of AACA Deep South Region for these items of his AACA Region, other Regions and his Mustang Club for my collection.

Muchas gracias a mi amiga Charlotte Dahlenburg de AACA Deep South Region por estas placas y pegatinas de su AACA Region, de otras regiones y de su club Mustang para mi colección.

See Translation



## Yard Sale



Several of us brought out our unwanted or unneeded stuff to sell. It was a hot day and we had many people stop in to buy our stuff. We all hung out together in the lull times. All in all the club made \$80 from renting out the spots - Charlotte Dahlenburg



We have had several Club Members inquiring about who does the Logos on our club shirts. Joyce Young asks that you call before you come. Azalea Monograms & Design. Leroy Stevens Rd, Mobile 251-661-9361



# Cowboys and Angels June 1

Cowboys and Angels Show was Saturday June 1st. Winners were:

People's Choice trophy for cars 1st place 1954 Chevrolet Truck, 2nd 1974 VW Convertible, 3rd 1998 Corvette.

Kid's Choice trophy 1932 Ford Coupe.

People's Choice Motorcycles trophy 1st 2011 Harley, 2nd 2006 Yamaha, 3rd 2008 Honda.

Kid's Choice 2006 Yamaha.

- David Ladnier



# Surge Church Youth Group Fund Raiser June 2

Surge Church on June 2 had 28 cars show up for the 2nd Annual Youth Group Fund Raiser. Awards given included People's Choice 1st 2014 Dodge Challenger, People's Choice 2nd 1996 Mustang Cobra, People's Choice 3rd 1954 Ford truck and Kid's Choice 2004 Mazda Extra 7. David Ladnier, Leslie Sellers and Ross Sloan were at the Surge Church Pop-Up Show - David Ladnier



Pictured are a few of the cars displayed at Surge Church Youth Group Fund Raiser



## 2019 AACA National Vintage Tour

**Kingston, Ontario Canada - August 4-9**  
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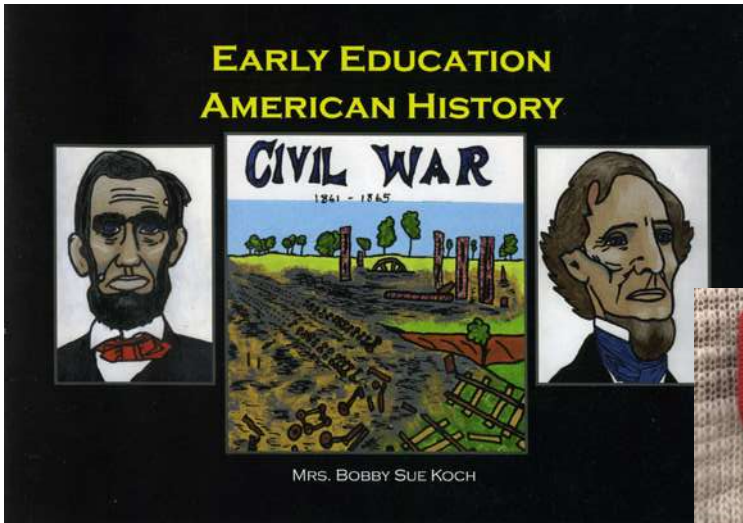
# Bobby Sue Koch received The Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal

On June 1, 2019 I, Bobby Sue Koch, received The Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal for illustrating and writing my Civil War children's book "Early Education American History: Civil War 1861-1865". I originally made a pictorial book to explain in simple terms the items used during the Civil War for my four year old son (he is now 6). It is more or less a pictorial dictionary of games played during camp, how soldiers were called to dinner by a particular beat on the drum, how soldiers crossed rivers, new inventions of the time such as Morris-code, ironclads, hot-air-balloons and etc.

The Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal is awarded by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) for excellence in history, writing, declamation and other points of special attainment in keeping with the historical

aims and purposes of the organization. It is the highest non-lineage award presented by the organization to a member or nonmember adult.

My UDC chapter was able to keep this a surprise from me for two months. Even some of my coworkers at Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library knew about the medal way before I did. It was a success in keeping it a surprise. I was almost in tears with excitement. The news of getting this medal was put on the Beauvoir's Facebook page and my best friend April of Huntsville, Alabama called me to congratulate me and said "I think everyone should be awarded a medal for their accomplishments". - Bobby Sue



Above: The Children's Book Bobby Sue wrote and illustrated.  
Right: The Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal  
Far Right: Bobby Sue Koch at Beauvoir to receive the metal



## Members on TV

PBS TV Journey Proud Season 4 episode 7 has a show about the blessing of the Fleet. David Ladnier and Zeno Chaudron's cars are in the show. Check them out at <https://www.pbs.org/video/blessing-of-the-fleet-9rfq4w/>



Scene from the Show





# University Oaks Cruise-In Car Display

Several members had a good time at University Oaks cruise-in Car Display. Members opened their cars for the residents to explore. The event was a celebration.

- David Ladnier



Ross Sloan's 1965 Ford Mustang



Larry Nelson's 1974 Volkswagen Bug



Robert Salter's 1967 Ford Fairlane



Mary Atkin's 1967 Ford Mustang



David Ladneir's 1964 Ford Galaxie 500



Inside celebrated the American Road Trip





## Helping Out Pays Off in a Big Way

This Car belongs to Daryl McDonald of McDonald Muffler. His high school son, Little D drives the Car #19 at Pensacola and the Mobile Speedways.

They have enjoyed a lot of success on the track. I helped them out on a engine build. The McDonald's had this sticker made for the hood of the Car. They have a large congregation that follows them on this adventure.

The tracks that the racing team race at are Five Flags speedway, Pensacola Fl. and Mobile International Speedway

- Zeno Chaudron



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# Minutes from the Thursday, May 23

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Charlotte Dahlenburg with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME to new members John and Pamela Kilpatrick, and Scott and Mary Atkins.

Charlotte Dahlenburg gave a recap and history of she and Darrin's ten years with the AACA.

**Vice President Report** - No Report.

**Financial Report** - Paul Dagenais gave the Treasurer's Report, accepted and approved as written.

**Secretary's Report** - Motion made by Joyce Ladnier, accepted and approved as written in the newsletter and approved.

**Activity Director** - David Ladnier gave three dates: June 2 Surge Church Show, June 16 Harvest Church, and July 6 Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis Home; made a motion to make these dates as Club events. Approved.

**Webmaster** - Herb Thoms mentioned there is a Cruise-In on the third Saturday at Cottage Hill and Schillinger Road. Also on the first Saturday, there is a Cruise In at Five Guys in McGowin Park.

**Membership Report** - No Report.

**Photography** - Leslie Sellers is still making pictures of Club members/Friends.

**Historian** - Ray Harper is out of town at this time.

**Sunshine Committee** - Janice Sellers is sending out cards. Please contact Janice at 607-9651 if you know of someone who needs get well cards, etc.

**Southeastern Fall Nationals** - Silent Auction, Belinda Rooney gave a brief recap: donations are accepted to go towards the Silent Auction/Raffle. Belinda also sent miscellaneous cards recently while Janice was out. Ross Sloan mentioned he has antique car licence plates for the silent auction.

Paul Dagenais said we need to appoint a Finance Committee for the Fall National Meet in October. Also, help is needed in putting together the registration packets for this event.

**OLD BUSINESS** - A day trip is being planned for Saturday, June 29 to go to Tibbie, AL to see the 100-acre farm of Jimmy and Deborah Moss. Everyone can pick vegetables, etc; also please wear your old tennis shoes. We will meet at 7:45 am at the clubhouse, to leave at 8 am. We also will plan to eat lunch at 11:30 am at Sullivan's Restaurant in Chatom.

Upcoming trip to Huntsville, AL in September to see the Barnett and Moore Collections.

Trip to tour the Ronald McDonald House off Springhill Ave to drop off pop tops from aluminum cans

Garage sale is this Saturday, May 25 at the clubhouse grounds. Everyone is encouraged to bring their items early and set up for the sale.

**NEW BUSINESS:** David Ladnier talked about the upcoming car shows. David Ladnier recommended when we host a

pop up car show, that we suggest a five or ten percent to go to DSR to cover the cost of the trophies. Motion made by Zeno Chaudron and seconded by Leslie Sellers to give ten percent back to DSR to cover costs. Approved.

Discussion held on the car show for 2020 - Should it be a waterfront car show or a clubhouse car show??? Long discussion held on this matter. It was voted on, seconded and approved to have the 2020 Annual Car Show at the clubhouse grounds.

Charlie Lyles thanked everyone who came out and supported the Baumhauer Road Baptist Church and their annual Fish Fry, etc. Mr. Lyles would love to keep having the October Fish Fry and Cruise-In at the club house for the club.

Motion made by Zeno Chaudron to make Foy and Judy Bobo lifetime members of the DSR. Seconded and approved.

Ross Sloan said we pay rent of \$1.00 per year at the recommendation of the late Mr. Lambert Mims, former member of DSR. It was suggested we should name a car show after Mr. Mims. More discussion later.

Charlotte Dahlenburg adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm. Respectively Submitted, Joyce Ladnier  
Leslie Sellers won the 50/50

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# Do YOU Have AACA Pride?

By Stacy Zimmerman, Speedster editor, szimmerman@aaca.org

I have no doubt that each of you holds some level of real pride in this hobby and your involvement in it. (You wouldn't be taking the time to read this newsletter if you didn't!)

When you pop your head into the garage and see your baby sitting there, do you instantly smile? That's pride in your vehicle.

When you are with your car at a show and someone asks a question, do you talk for 15 minutes about all of the restoration projects you've completed to get it to where it is now? That's pride in your work.

When your kids or grandkids ask you to tell them stories about how you fell in love with antique cars, do you also include a few statements about why preserving these cars is so important? That's pride in your hobby.

When friends, family and acquaintances know you as the "car guy/gal" and ask you what the best car club to belong to is, do you answer AACA without hesitation? That's pride in your organization.

Do YOU have AACA pride? Your pride in this hobby and AACA can be show in a multitude of ways - everything from what you wear to how you act. Do you wear AACA gear - shirts, hats, etc.? Do you have AACA decals on your trailers and badges on your cars? Do you display your AACA awards proudly in your home or garage? Have you donated items to the AACA library? Are you planning to make a donation to the new AACA HQ



AACA HQ staffers Matt Hocker, Mike Reilly, Karen White & Lori Shetter show off their pride by wearing their AACA gear at work.

building? Are you hosting an AACA event (National or local) to promote the club?

I'm sure you can think of a million other ways to show your pride - these are just the few that I thought of while writing this article. So, now's your chance...

**SHOW US YOUR AACA PRIDE!**

Take a photo of how YOU show your AACA pride and email it to szimmerman@aaca.org. I will put together a collage of pride photos and share them in the next Speedster.

*Speedster monthly e-newsletter articles courtesy of AACA*

## REWIND

### Gulf Coast Antique Auto Show

The 16th Annual Gulf Coast Antique Auto Show hosted by the AAECM held at Point Cadet Plaza in Biloxi was just as much fun as any of their previous shows.

Chairman Larry Burdeshaw and all of the members of AAECM made everyone feel welcome and their hospitality just cannot be beat!

Some DSR members went down earlier in the week; the Fewes and the Liarpers and joining them on Saturday were 1 Cochran, 2 DeCrease, 1 Finley (and Marie) and 2 Paquets. We ran into O.P. Brown as well as Ann and Orville Carter who came by to have a look at all the cars and visit with friends.

A highlight of this show is always the "Bailey Games" and the world

famous AAECM auction. I think it is just possible that they have run out of "Bailey Games" because this year there were some that now one had ever heard of! But it was fun to watch anyway. The auction was something to see but we wonder why an AAECM member something that he had donated???

It was a long but enjoyable, day and as far as I know everyone returned home without any problems.

### Lights Should be Bright

To see, and to be seen, is the key to stay out of trouble.

Dim lights are usually NOT wiring related; the problem lies in the return route. GROUNDS...corrosion, loose fixtures, too good of a paint job before re-assembly, etc.

## WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO from the June 1994 Sparkplug

A simple cure is "STAR" washers, inside or outside. They bite through to paint and /or rust into fresh metal.

Locate them chassis, to body, to feners, to brackets, to light fixtures, etc... like a chain of command.

Bulbs can be purchased with different candle power; "Halogen" St "Xenon". Bulbs can be adapted, they are much brighter, use less voltage. Diodes can be introduced to make sure bulbs do two jobs like brake lights and turn indicator without modifying the existing harness. Antique, old, or whatever, it needs help to survive in our modern traffic or you are a liability. Extra lights can be unobtrusive or part of what you have, or "clamp on" that you can remove for shows - Pierre Fontana





# First Race Car

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Human nature being what it is, the first racecar in history appeared very shortly after the first gasoline powered cars were invented. In 1885, Gottlieb Daimler invented the precursor of what was to be the modern car engine. He first used it in a two-wheeled vehicle and the following year built the first four-wheeled gas fueled vehicle in the world. In 1886, the first patent for a gasoline fueled car was granted to Karl Benz. Of course, once there were cars, there had to be a way to prove which was the best and what better way than to let the contenders fight it out in a race?

Thus it was, that in 1887, the editor in chief of a small Paris magazine, dedicated to human powered vehicles (in other words bicycles) announced a car race to be held over a distance of about a mile and a quarter, between the bridge at Neuilly-sur-Seine and the Bois de Boulogne. This race is usually given the much grander title of the Paris-Versailles race but that doesn't alter the fact that it was just a short walk from start to finish.

The first racecar in history turned up on the appointed day, April 28th 1887 that had been organized by Monsieur Fossier. The editor in chief of "Le Velocipede" had extended an open invitation to all comers to enter. A car manufactured by the partnership of engineer Georges Bouton (1847-1938) and enthusiast Count Jules-Albert de Dion (1856-1946) turned up at the appointed hour on the start line. Driven by Bouton, the de Dion-Bouton automobile company's car (pictured above) was the only entrant in the race, so, in horse-racing parlance, it was a walk-over. To Georges' credit, he crossed the finish line at a breakneck speed of just over 37 miles per hour.

Many consider that the first true race was the one that took place some seven years



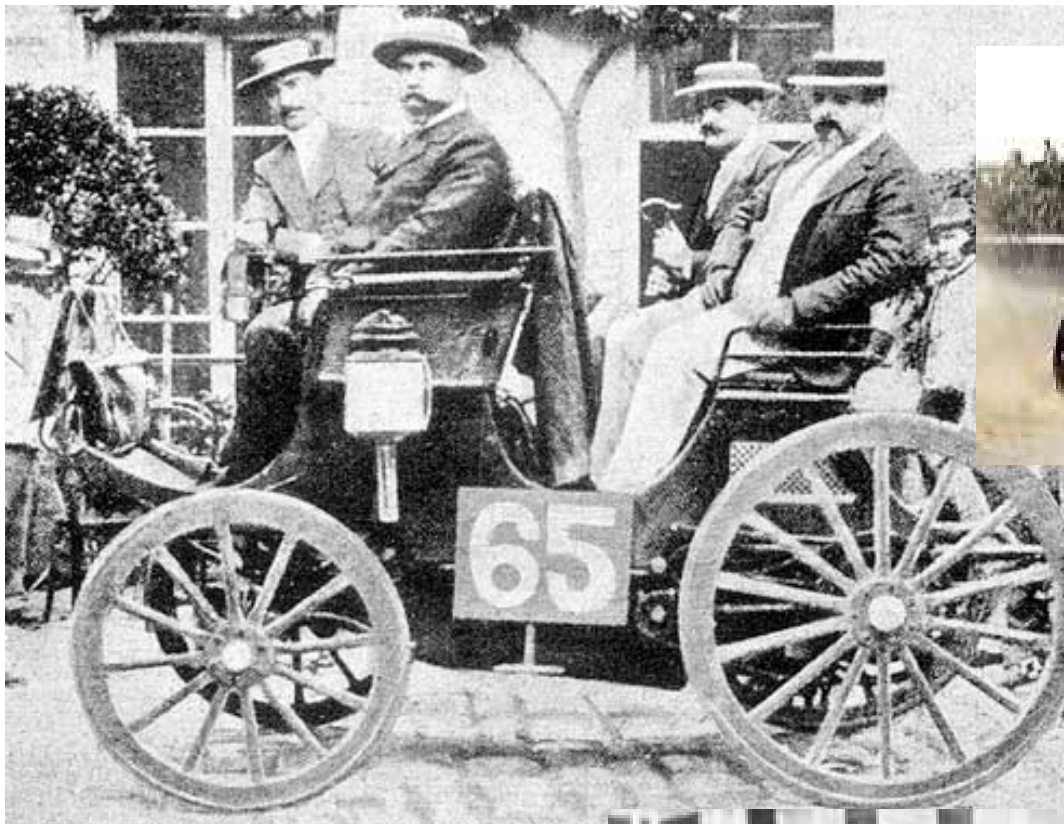
*First Race Car the de Dion-Bouton*

later, from Paris to Rouen - a distance of just under 80 miles. This race was organized by another editor in chief, M. Pierre Giffard of the newspaper "Le Petit Journal" - media sponsorship is clearly as old as motorsport itself. Safety and economy were uppermost in the minds of the organizers and out of a total of 102 original entries, 69 turned up to a qualifying event over 50 kilometers that slimmed the field down to 25 finalists.

Once again, first past the post was a De Dion vehicle, this time with the Count himself behind the wheel. Unfortunately, since he was driving a steam car that needed the services of a stoker, he was not declared the winner.

That honor went to Georges Lemaître in a Peugeot (pictured). Quite how De Dion could get as far as crossing the finishing line in first place before being told the rules takes some understanding.





Above: The first major race in which William K. Vanderbilt Jr. competed was held in September 1900 in Newport, Rhode Island. Left: Georges Lemaitre in a Peugeot  
Below: Duryea Car

The conversation must have been interesting.

The first race in the United States was in 1895 and featured 83 entries but only 7 made it to the starting line. The race was 54 miles round trip between Chicago and Evanston, Illinois. One electric car couldn't start the race and the other electric car could only travel 11 miles. Three Benz vehicles started the race along with a car built by Charles Duryea.

Two motorcycles started the race but dropped out unable to climb some of the steep grades in the race. This left the gasoline-powered automobiles to compete. Two Benzes dropped out for various reasons which left one Benz and the Duryea to finish the race.

The Duryea started out fast, then was passed by the Benz going to Evanston. The Duryea took the lead on the return trip and finished the race first winning the \$2,000 prize money. The Duryea, then is acknowledged as the first winning race car in the United States.

So, even though the first racecar in



history may not have had the glory that goes with winning a full-blown competitive race, it is, at least, remembered for its pioneering achievement. The spirit shown by the magazine's editor in chief, by the engineer and by the enthusiastic Count De Dion is the same as that seen today with all involved in NASCAR, Formula 1 and all other motorsport races. Long may that spirit live on.







## Refreshments

June 27 - David & Joyce Ladnier  
 July 25 Soup and Sandwich Dinner - Martha Fuller & Katherine Harper  
 August 22—Brian Daly at the Henderson Collection  
 September 26 Italian Dinner  
 October 24—Leslie & Janice Sellers  
 November 21 Thanksgiving Dinner  
 December 8 - 3 pm Year End Party

## Up Coming Club Events

June 27 - Regular Meeting 7 pm  
 July 28 - Breakfast at Golden Coral 8:30 am

## Birthdays & Anniversary

Steve Goren	July 10
Mark Dismuke	July 14
Shaun Small	July 18
Brian Daly	July 27

### Anniversary

Buddy and Patt Paquet	June 30, 1969
Darrin & Charlotte Dahlenburg	July 4, 1999
Bill & Kathy Atkieson	July 16, 1994
Shaun & Sarah Small	July 31

## Thoughts Go Out

Also Keep good thoughts for the Buddy & Patt Paquet, Buddy & Anne Givens, Lycyle Crowdus, Donna Wood, Janice Sellers, John Bright, Bobby Peterson, Jimmy O'Brien



**Guess what this is? What does this go to? Email your answer to [dsr36608@gmail.com](mailto:dsr36608@gmail.com).**

*Answer for last month:  
 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee*



**It Is All About the Hunt**  
 By Don Barlup  
 Vice President - National HQ & L&RC

We have all heard that saying! Sometimes the hunt is more exciting than the find. Some of us live for the hunt. After the find, it is on to the next hunt. It's always just around the next

corner.

As AACA members, our hunt is only beginning, we made the find! We recently purchased the American Water Company property. It is far beyond our greatest expectations. The premier find any hunt could have imagined. Kind of like the 1953 Corvette in the barn!

Moving forward, our real hunt is just beginning. We collectively need to fund the building remodel. The facility currently is built like Fort Knox, full of offices and all that goes with them. It needs extensive remodeling to meet the needs of our Library and Headquarters operations.

All AACA members will be proud of this next (hunt) chapter in our 85 year history. Let us rise to the challenge and (find) support our club by giving to the capital campaign.

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*Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box*

### Sunshine Committee

Hi, all! I realized that many of you don't know how to contact me in the event that someone is in need of some sunshine. You can contact me on my cell (251) 607-9651 (please leave a message if I don't answer or send a text), or email me: [janice865@gmail.com](mailto:janice865@gmail.com).

Janice Sellers Committee Chairman





# Get a Friend to Join AACA for Only \$20!

By Karen White, AACA Membership Department, [kwhite@aaca.org](mailto:kwhite@aaca.org)

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year. As we approach the month of June, we are preparing to process ½ year memberships. The ½ year membership allows new members to join the club for the second half of the member year and pay half the yearly membership fee. The ½ year membership includes the months June through December at a cost of only \$20.00 (\$25 for non-U.S. members).

Starting June 1, all eligible new membership applications will be processed as 2019 ½ year memberships. Applications received with a \$40.00 payment June 1 through September 30 will be refunded \$20.00.

## The ½ year membership is for first-time new members only!

The ½ year members receive three bi-monthly issues of Antique Automobile magazine (July/August, Sept/Oct & Nov/Dec).

Starting in October, unless a new member requests



otherwise, we will cease to process 2019 ½ year memberships. All new membership applications will be applied to the 2020 member year.

New members applying for membership during the October to December time period will receive the Nov/Dec 2019 and all 2020 issues of Antique Automobile.

If you have any questions regarding the ½ year membership program, feel free to contact me.

Attention AACA Regions/Chapters: Don't forget to use the complimentary 2019 membership applications sent to each region/chapter. If you have not used these, please do so by September 30, 2019.

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# Application for New Membership

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

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

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**Student Membership** (Ages 13-25 for students only) \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00  
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**Sponsor Name & AACA Membership Number or Address (Sponsorship by a current AACA member is OPTIONAL)**

**Please contact me about joining a local region**

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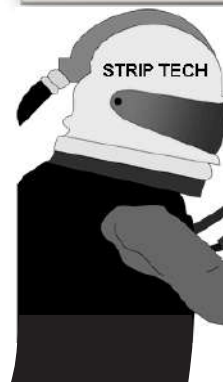
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# From leaded gas to supermarkets with gas pumps: Service stations I've known

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The first gas station I remember looked like this one outside of Ft. Worth, Texas. Dad filled up his '37 Nash every Sunday morning, a 15-minute ritual. I liked the smell of leaded gasoline. Photos by the author, except where noted.

Remember the first time your young nose inhaled the smell of leaded gasoline?

To my detriment, I sucked in that pungent aroma with pleasure every Sunday morning when Dad drove to the Maplewood (New Jersey) Texaco station to fill up his 1937 Nash or, later, 1948 Chevy.

"Joe," or "Sal," or "Vinnie," I can't remember his name, lumbered over to Dad's window and greeted us with a big smile and loud "Fill'er up?" His name was sewn in large letters on a well-worn denim shirt stained with motor oil, lube, antifreeze, coffee, and sweat.

The brim of his Texaco hat touched the windshield as he scrubbed off squashed bugs. I wondered if he was almost blind as he put his face close and peered through Coke bottle-



*I bought my first car, a 1951 Mercury, in 1960 at a Texaco station that was as dilapidated as this one in St. Josephine, Texas. The car was a fixer-upper cobbled together by the garage mechanic.*



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thick lenses. He and Dad always had the same conversation.

"Want your oil and water checked?" he asked. Dad usually did those tasks himself, but I think he liked watching someone else do them. "You're low a quart."

Dad nodded approval and I watched the oil pouring ritual—a 25-cent can of Texaco's premium 10W-30 punctured by a metal tube with a sharp end being emptied slowly into the crankcase's downtube—with fascination.

Taking a greasy rag from his back pocket, the big man checked the oil level and then removed—carefully allowing water pressure to release—the radiator cap. He lifted with ease the heavy metal water can and poured in a small amount.

Then he retrieved a silver pressure gauge from a plastic pocket-

protector, which also contained pencils and a screwdriver. Squatting, he checked each tire's pressure and tread wear. "You're low a few pounds in the front left," he said, "but you'll be all right until next time."

The routine took perhaps 15 minutes and I sure liked it a lot more than sitting in church. Dad handed over a five-dollar bill. Reaching into his other chest pocket, the attendant took out a wad of bills—secured by an elastic band—that could have choked a horse. There were no credit cards then. Wetting his thumb, he peeled off three singles. Tipping his hat, he urged us to return and the transaction was over.

"Go inside and ask for a map," Dad requested. After a long drive north from New Jersey and through





New York State, we stopped at a little Esso station in a quiet town on the Vermont border.

Excited, I couldn't wait to go inside and smell oil and lube grease. There were colorful objects to see, too, from a rack displaying dozens of state and local maps, all free for the taking, to rows of shelves containing cans

and bottles filled with fluids for crankcases,

radiators, brake cylinders, batteries, and more.

Gasoline pumps, especially the 1930s models with glass containers, filled by turning a hand-crank, were objects of my frequent examinations. Stations had different pumps, some with rotating numbers, others with clock-like hands and all with bells that rang with each gallon. Maybe someday I could be a "gas jockey" and fill tanks, check under hoods, and clean windows, I often dreamed.

Daydreams aside, I watched Dad spread the map on the car hood and study highways and names of little towns. He was an expert map reader. He also was one of those guys who intuitively knew how to drive places and never get lost. He patiently taught me the finer points of map reading. (I have a stack of

old maps in my car and refuse to use GPS.)

Years later, Dad was very unhappy when he drove my first car on its maiden run from the Texaco station to our home.

It was love at first sight. "Stop!" I yelled as Mom drove past the station. "I want that car."

The car that got my attention was a 1951 Mercury two-door painted faded green with dual exhausts. The "for sale" sign in the back window read "\$150/As is."

Fortuitously, I had saved exactly \$150 working as a \$1/hour usher in the Maplewood Theater during the summer of 1960. "Mom, I have enough money," I pleaded. "It's the car of my dreams."

Mothers can be wonderful and mine was no exception. She did stop.

And I bought the car 30 minutes later from the garage mechanic. Dad wasn't impressed, however, when he drove it home and told me the odometer had stopped at 98K miles.

"I smell oil," he said, "and I see blue smoke." He was right. The old Mercury had seen better days. But that didn't matter to me. It looked like James Dean's 1949 Mercury in *Rebel Without a Cause*. And James Dean was my idol at age 16.

The old Mercury was in the garage a lot after that for repairs by mechanics possessing dubious abilities. Most of the time, they knew what they were doing...such as when I stripped second gear—the result of worn shift linkage—and they replaced the transmission. But there were occasions when they







*During the oil embargo of the early '70s, motorists endured long lines and a 10-gallon limit. Fights sometimes broke out if someone cut in line. Friendly service was a thing of the past. Photo by David Falconer, via Documerica.*

failed miserably.

Such was the case years later when I drove a VW minibus that required new shocks. After the mechanic, a young guy who admitted he didn't know much about "foreign cars," gave me the keys and I pulled into the street, I knew something was terribly wrong. Returning immediately, I expressed great concern.

"There's loud thumping under the car," I explained, "and the ride is horrible."

The station's owner put the VW on a lift and we examined the shocks. He had a shocked expression when



*A Buc-ee's Travel Center near me has 96 gas pumps, car wash, and retail center offering everything from cowboy boots to stuffed armadillos. Gasoline costs about what I paid in 1974.*

he told me they had been installed upside down. The problem was quickly remedied.

The service station mechanic only finger-tightened the oil plug on my prized '86 LeBaron convertible. Fortunately, I discovered leaking oil in the driveway before the engine was ruined.

On another occasion, I took my prized '86 Chrysler LeBaron convertible in for a routine oil change. Job completed, I drove home and, after pulling into the driveway, noticed a thin oil trail behind the car. Looking underneath, I discovered the oil plug was only finger tight. A few more miles and I might have lost all the oil and ruined the engine.

My wife, Grace, loved driving the LeBaron. At that point, we had shared many cars going back to our marriage in 1966. We didn't have much during the early years and were grateful for service stations that awarded customers S&H Green Stamps.

It took 1,200 green stamps—which came in denominations of one, 10, and 50 points—to fill a book. Each stamp had to be moistened and pasted, and when the book was filled it could be redeemed for a gift at the S&H store. We were proud of the cheap housewares we earned—from appliances to lamps—that filled our small apartments.

It was a bitter cold night, ice and deep snow covering highways, as I left work for my 72-mile commute home. Frustrated because late meetings delayed my departure, I viewed the gas gauge with trepidation. It reminded me the tank was nearly empty.

"Oh, shoot!" I said to myself. "Today is an 'odd' day and I have an 'even' number on my license plate."



*Petrified wood decorates these old gas stations and other early 20th-century buildings near Glen Rose (left) and Nocona, Texas. Bonnie and Clyde may have stopped at one of these stations.*

It was March 1974, and the nation was gripped by the Arab oil embargo. You were out of luck if you tried to buy gas on the wrong day, or if you arrived at the service station late at night. Most stations had a 10-gallon limit and closed when their supply was low.

Arriving home on a "wing and a prayer," I met a very concerned Grace, who announced she was in labor. It was time to take her to the hospital for the birth of our second daughter, Tori, who came into the world early the next morning. After driving Grace and Tori home, I set off—my '65 Valiant running on fumes—to the nearest station.

Despite it being early in the morning, lines of cars stretched from each pump into the street, drivers jockeying for position, tempers on edge. Some had been in line starting before the station



opened. They often slept in their running cars or drank coffee while reading newspapers.

Arguments leading to screaming and fist fights sometimes broke out between drivers. Service station owners often had to break up the fights, or get out of the way of angry motorists who blamed them for low fuel supplies, much higher and ever-rising prices or closing early. Two hours later, my tank half-filled, I thanked God for the gasoline...and a new daughter.

Today's service stations are much better and different than what I remember as a young man. Things have changed in a big way. No long lines or gas shortages now. I still fill up at a local station, but sometimes drive to the nearest Buc-ee's for gas, food, and entertainment.

One near me in Dallas occupies 56,000 square feet and has 96 canopy-covered gas pumps. There are almost as many spotless urinals and toilets inside. It's the place where you "pump in" and "pump out." Need to shop? There's plenty of parking. Take your pick from among 650 extra-wide spaces.

Inside, you could drive a golf cart up and down wide aisles bisecting canyons of shelves holding everything from candies and cooking gear to 13 varieties of jerky and refrigerators stocked with crawfish, fettuccine, and chicken cordon bleu. Employees cook brisket and other meats for you and slice potatoes for chips they season and cook while you wait.

Our travels have taken us from one end of Texas to the other. I'm happy to report that old service stations, many decorated with petrified wood on walls of stone and pine, still flourish in little towns where pickup trucks outnumber SUVs and

there are more cattle than people.

Unlike the enormous Buc-ees, RaceTracs, and other modern chains where the main focus is selling food and retail items, the old stations I visit still smell of oil and lube grease. Some even have original handmade highway "art" designed to catch your eye. These often take the form of enormous men holding mufflers and wheels or animals ranging from longhorns to roadrunners.



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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

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**February**

6-8 - Annual Convention - Philadelphia, PA

20 -22 - Winter National - South Florida Region - Miami, FL

**April**

2-5 - Southeastern Spring National - Hornets Nest Region - Charlotte, NC

23-25 - Western Spring National - Phoenix & Tucson Regions - Show Low, AZ

26-May 1 - AACA Founders Tour - Phoenix & Tucson Regions - Show Low, AZ



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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	Fairways Indoor Golf	Eastern Shore Mall, Malbis	Eastern Shore Cruisers
3rd Thursday	Sonic	Foley, Hwy. 59 (Mar-Nov)	
3rd Saturday	What-A-Burger 5-8 pm	Airport & Schilenger Rd	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	What-A-Burger ThrowBack	2461 Government Bld	
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





# 2019 Southeastern Fall Nationals



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### October 23-26, 2019

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## Local Car Shows

### June

- 29 VFW Post 3253 Open Car Show. 208 Third St, Bay St. Louis, MS. Info at Bobby 228-493-2033
- 29 1st Annual Car, Bike, Truck Show and Poker Run, Beaumont, MS

### July

- 4 Grand Bay Watermelon Festival Show & Shine in Grand Bay, AL. 3 8am - 4pm. \$5 per vehicle. There will be a special children's area, an Open Car Show and a "Pretty Baby"
- 6 **2nd Annual CoastFest Car Show, Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. Registration \$25 9am - 2pm. Contact 228-388-4400 x200**
- 6 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
- 13 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. Everyone Welcome. Information call Charlie Farmer 601-528-1172
- 13 After hours 2-10pm Hank Aaron Stadium, Mobile AL. Open to all cars, hotrods, trucks, bikes, bagged, lowriders
- 19-20 2nd Annual Bubba Cruz. 60234 Lottie Rd Atmore. INfo at 251-253-1701. Burn out contest, Swap Meet, Car Show \$20 entry fee.

### August

- 3 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
- 3 2019 Mississippi Corvette Classic. Jackson Convention Complex. 9-4 indoors and air conditioned. info at www.ms Corvetteclub.com
- 10 1st Annual Grand Bay Fire Department Car and Truck show 10-4 Contact info Gavin at 251-599-1367
- 10 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. Everyone Welcome. Information call Charlie Farmer 601-528-1172
- 18 Gulf Coast Cruise. 5 pm. Meet at Silver Slipper Casino car garage and cruise Hwy 90 to Ocean Springs
- 31 OWA Labor Day Car Show, Downtown OWA, Foley AL 8 am - 4 pm
- 31 Raleigh, MS the Annual Yesterday's Ridez Car & Truck Show in Raleigh, MS Saturday, August 31, 2019. This is an open event, all makes and models are welcome. Registration is open 8-12 with trophies given around 2pm. For more info smithcocruisers@aol.com text or call: Max 601-405-7685

Linda 601-813-8969

### September

- 6-7 Gulfport, MS Gulf Coast Championship Hot Rod Races Nostalgia Event of the year for Gassers & Pre 1974 vehicles only. 1/8 Mile shootout. Gates open Friday 4pm No Racing. Gate opens Saturday 8am - Racing Starts at Noon. Gassers, Altereds, Front Engine Dragsters, Jr Dragsters, '74 & Back Brackets, Coups & Sedans, . (Old School Classes) Swap Meet, Car Show, Meet the BUG's (Back-up-Girls) Info Call Jessie Holmes 850-206-3673
- 7 9th Annual SwampFest, Coastal Response Center Coden AL. 9 am -3 p. Pre register \$20 Day of Show \$25 Trucks, Cars, Bikes, Rat Rods.
- 7 Dixie Rodders Car Show and Swap Meet. 8-2pm. Collinsville, MS info at 601-938-3060
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- 21 The CAR Shop Cruisers Cruise. 9 am - 1 pm. 7745 Rara Sr Semmes. Hang out a bit and then cruise to a lunch and fellowship.
- 29 Stars & Stripes Car, Truck & Bike show 10 ma -6 pm. American Legion 10950 Dauphin Island Parkway. Theodore . \$20 entry fee. registration starts at 10 am. Judging 10-5, Awards 6 pm

### October

- 5 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
- 12 19th Annual Navarre Car, Truck, Bike and Craft Fair. 9 am Info at www.navarreCarshow.com.
- 19 Evergreen Conecuh Sausage Festival 9am - 5pm Contact 25-578-1701
- 19 Teen Challenge Car Show, Foley Assembly of God, Foley, AL 8am - 2pm
- 23-26 1019 Southeastern Fall Nationala, Cooper Riberside Park, Mobile. Must be a member of AACA and preregister
- 26 10th Annual Shirley Looney Memorial Car Show Dauphin Way Baptist Church Open Car Show. 8am-3pm. Info at 251-342-3456
- 26 British Car Festival, Fairhope United Methodist Church, Fairhope. AL 9 am - 4pm. Info at southalabamabritishcarclub/Facebook





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