



The Sparkplug



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(photos by Ray Harper and David Ladnier)

Larry Nelson and his granddaughter Sydney in his 1974 Volkswagen Beetle Convertible

Ready for Some Boom Boom

This was my first parade at Dauphin Island. My nine year old grand daughter, Sydney was very excited to ride with me. We were placed behind the first float ,WOW!

My niece brought her two daughters to join Sydney and I, and suddenly my 1974 VW Convertible was Mardi Gras bound with three beautiful young girls having the time of their life!

We ran out of throws about half way through then lo and behold a Mardi Gras Angel appeared from the crowd with a huge bag filled with beads and stuffed animals. He could hardly lift the bag over to the girls. The girls were happily surprised! Thankfully this young man's generous gesture made our 1st Dauphin Island parade PERFECT!!!

- Larry Nelson



Robert Salter, David Ladnier, Larry Nelson, Steve Ladnier, Sydney Nelson and Susan Bergen ready for a parade



David Ladnier and his brother Steve in the 1964 Ford Galaxie 500



Robert and Tina Salter in his 1967 Ford Galaxie 500



Leslie Sellers driving his 1966 Ford Mustang in the parade



Larry Nelson and his granddaughter with his 1974 Volkswagen Beetle Convertible



Susan Bergen in her 2006 Ford Mustang Convertible



Leslie Sellers with his 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe



84th Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA

The trip to get to Philly was no less than exciting. Leaving Mobile went off without a hitch; Charlotte, NC was a whole different story. We landed and immediately stopped and pulled to one of the little side roads next to the runway. Looking out the window we soon saw a ton of emergency vehicles with lights flashing surround the entire airport. An hour later we taxied to our gate. We quickly made our way to our next flight and boarded.

We were just about to push off and the pilot came on the intercom to let us know that they had evacuated the control tower with tornados touching down 15 miles away and headed straight for us. We were given the option of leaving the plane and entering the glass building. Shortly the entire plane was evacuated and we hung out with the Hornets Nest Region. An hour later we were on our way to Philly.

The 84th Annual Convention in Philadelphia is an event that I just love. There is nothing like 900 members of AACA getting together to enjoy this great hobby together.

The 2 day event is packed full of great things to do. Two days of seminars, a great trade show, First Ladies Breakfast, Dinners and Oscar style Awards banquet are a few of the events anyone could enjoy.

Friday started with the First Ladies Breakfast. We all enjoyed a formal breakfast with parfait and waffles. Shirley Carson presented a history of the wedding dress. The collection belonged to a lifelong friend of hers.

Immediately following the breakfast I attended the Membership meeting. This membership committee meeting that I attended was extremely productive and I look forward to the ideas the group came up with. The



The trade show area



Morning meeting area with coffee and donuts



Seminars filled both Friday and Saturday



First Ladies Breakfast with a great display of wedding dresses with the history presented to a full room





Andy and Dianne, Darrin and I work on our cars for the race



Forty cars ready to compete in the derby

group focused on the things we could do now to help different Regions with membership growth.

During the afternoon Darrin and I attended many seminars. The National Activities seminar was very interesting and we learned even more things about hosting. I attended the Publications seminar on copy writing. It was very informative and I learned some new things.

A new tradition of Friday night dinner at Maces Tavern was another highlight. This group of friends have been enjoying this event for many years. It never ceases to amaze me how the members of this club become friends forever so quickly.

After dinner I went to the pinewood derby. This was a highlight for me to participate in the pinewood derby. I was a last minute entry. A member hand carved several derby cars in case someone wanted to enter. I paid my \$25 and began to color it with markers and glued screws to it for the weight. I was going for the silliest car but ended up in the top 8!

Both the AACA and JC Taylor hospitality rooms were open every night during the convention. This was a great place to just hang out with fellow members of AACA.

Saturday morning I was in training for registration. Denise Tuck did a great job of showing me the ropes. I helped for a while until it was time for the Judges School. I attended the Advanced Judges School and found this to be so informative.

By this time registration was closed so Sam Barnett, Darrin and I made our way to the Auto Fare. We looked at the AACA display and climbed inside of the Dodge mega cab.

We stopped and had lunch at a local pizza place on our way back to the hotel. We made it back with plenty of time to attend the Annual Meeting.



The pinewood derby track ready to start



The AACA display at Auto Fare



Annual meeting and the installation of new board members



Darrin and Charlotte stand in the star entrance to the Awards Banquet

Annual meeting is when the new board members are installed and the new president speaks about his vision for the next year. During the annual meeting on Saturday I was asked to help out. It was fun to help facilitate the roundtable portion of the meeting.

Saturday evening brought us to an Oscar style awards banquet. The Deep South Region was well represented with four members receiving National Awards and six members present.

The plane ride home was just about as interesting as the ride to Philly. We were in Charlotte about to pull out when the flight attendant was called to one of the back seats on the plane. A passengers window had fallen out. The captain came to the back of the plane and beat the window back into place and we were off.

Mark your calendar for next years event!

- Charlotte



Andy and Deanne Switzer before the banquet



Darrin Dahlenburg and Zeno Chaudron before the banquet



Charlotte Dahlenburg accepts the Master Editor Award



Andy and Deanne Switzer accept the Auburn - Cord - Duesenberg Award



Jim Henderson accepts the Hershey Region Sr. Truck Award



Zeno's Big Adventure

Where do I Start ? This is one of those adventures you just can't make up. We started out on Thursday morning February 6 to Philadelphia PA for the 84th AACA Annual Convention. Jim Henderson and I were heading to the airport at 4:00 am for our flight.

With over 6 hours of delayed flights from Mobile to our destination, this was a experience for the times. Weather with a BIG FRONT causing problems everywhere in SEC and ACC Country. College terminology is what I'm talking about. OK you get the setting, let me move on.

We get to Philadelphia and we didn't care if we got there by covered wagon; but needless to say our cab driver didn't have a straight fender on his car. The ride to the hotel in terrible rain, darting in and out of traffic like a mad man Jim hollers "where are the seat belts?" My reply was "we don't have any." We made it!

Friday was a peaceful day with seminars etc., all day. We attended the Presidents Dinner, and it was a very pleasant time.

Saturday came around and with a lot to do but we decided to go out sight seeing. It started like any other trip with great things to see and looking at a lot of our forefathers accomplishments back in the 1700's. Independence Hall, Liberty Bell etc.

As we made our way back to the Trolley folks pretty much knew where we were from. Everywhere we visited Jim was promoting our GREAT State.

The Philadelphia Convention Center had a week long Auto Rama Car show going on. We decided to visit this attraction with New vehicles lining every room it seemed like. The fun for us was about to take it's shape as we came out of the building and started walking, looking for the next Trolley stop.

Needless to say we ended up way south of our destination at the corner of Broad and South St. Jim spotted The City Diner and Cocktail Bar. He said let's stop and get some lunch. We felt right at home as we entered because this was a local establishment favorite according to the people inside.

Great food was an understatement because it was very tasty and a lot for the buck. We got some directions to get ourselves back on track and that didn't last long at the corner of 10th and Pine St.

While waiting for 45 minutes on a trolley I called a cab.



Jim Henderson and Zeno Chaudron in the City of Brotherly Love



Jim and Zeno with their "taxi driver"

Be there in 10 minutes or less was the response I got. Well here comes the trolley which we waved off and the cab never showed!

Here we go back on the Chisholm Trail walking North for a while. Came back to City Hall and continuing on our journey. Let me say we made new friends all along the way. Jim's people skills were awesome in never meeting a stranger.

Then out of no where on the horizon there set one of Philadelphia's finest in blue. I told Jim let's see if he could help us with some directions to get back to the hotel. Well soon as Jim started talking to the officer, he tells us to get on board and he would carry us to the hotel. I felt like a dignitary pulling up front of the hotel unloading with help from the officer.

You ready for Sunday morning? Our flight was not leaving until 4:44 pm that evening. My Grandfather Jean Simon Chaudron, from France, was a silversmith, watch and clock maker.

I had heard years ago that the Philadelphia Museum of Arts was displaying some of his silver work. So Jim and I decided to go check it out. It was in the section known as American Heritage.

After looking for a while I found some of Grandpa's work. Very strange feeling it was looking at his handy work. There was all kind of portraits and furniture from that time era by others. He and his family lived there for about 30 years then moved to Mobile, Alabama where they stayed until their death. Both Grandpa and Grandma are buried in the Old Church St. Cemetery here in mobile, Alabama.

The City of brotherly love as they say about Philadelphia was true for Jim and I for the simple reason everyone we came in contact with was super nice.

Zeno



Jean Simon Chaudron silver piece

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NOTE FROM
THE PRESIDENT

February 2020

Our first Club meeting is behind us and if you were in attendance, you would have to say we are up and running for the New Year. I was grateful for all the input and enthusiasm, for the direction and activities happening from our club. You might get tired of me saying "it's all about the Club." Please remember you are the Club and what it is. Anything we do we want to promote on a high positive note for our organization. Everyone of us have different ideas and that is what we need, fresh ideas. We want to hear from you what you would like to see for the Club.

The 84th AACA National Convention is in the books and we had several members in attendance from our club, Charlotte and Darrin Dahlenburg, Jim Henderson, Andy and Dianne Switzer and me. Two days packed with any type of learning and discussion you could imagine. The seminars were very informative, and I came away with a different mind set on several I attended. The open forums were great, listening to other Region's ideas and of course, problems they have encountered and what they are doing to overcome them. Sometimes listening can be a great virtue for learning, or it is for me. So let's blow the dust off of these rides and start enjoying 2020.

Best wishes to you,

Zeno



Be sure to like the Deep South Region of Antique Automobile Club of America's Facebook page.



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.
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It is the Roaring Twenties Mardi Gras Style!



(photos by Ray Harper)



Story and photos from the Gulf Coast Model A Club Traveler and written by Martha Fuller

The New Mobilian's Club Annual Ball Heron Lake Country Club February 1, 2020

Heron Lake Country Club was the site of "The Great Gatsby Ball" an event held on February 1st for The New Mobilians Club. Needless to say, our clubs Gulf Coast Model A Club and Deep South Region AACA came to their rescue with our beautiful cars to highlight the entrance of their ball. Ray Harper was contacted regarding their need of 1920's and 1930's automobiles. Those members participating were Ray Harper in his Model T, Jim Gray in his Model A and Al Manning's in his Model A. The 20's or 30's for a ball so I got them 3. My Model T, Jim Gray's Model A and Al Manning's Model A. All three of us will say as long as we have been taking cars to displays this was the BEST EVER. These people treated us like we were KINGS. They had room for us and fed us a great meal. Again, thanks for the best. New Mobilian's Club is a club for women new to the Mobile area. They provide activities such a bridge, canasta, bunco and many others. They invited others to join in and meet old and new Mobilian's. If you know someone new to the area please give them the following membership information. Membership Chairman - Debbie Dougherty 251-740-3545



Top: The ladies pose with Ray Harper's Model T
Middle: All Manings Model A
Bottom: Jim Gray's Model A

The Roaring Twenties Party with a Cause



Left: Walt and Martha Fuller with their Model A
Right: John and Debbie Bright with their Phaeton



Debbie Bright, Martha Fuller, Joe & Theresa Stephens Quinlan at the Joy of Life Ball display



(photos by John Bright)



David and Joyce display the 1964 Ford Galaxie 500



7th Annual
Wind Creek Hospitality
"Joy of Life" Mardi Gras Ball
Daphne, AL
February 1, 2020



Darrin and Charlotte Dahlenburg pose by the Bright's Phaeton

The 7th Annual Wind Creek Hospitality "Joy of Life" Mardi Gras Ball benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital took place on Saturday, February 1st, 2020. The 2020 gala presented St. Jude patients as King and Queen. The "Joy of Life" Mardi Gras Ball showcased the culinary skills of Mobile's most amazing chefs and restaurants, live and silent auction, as well as great musical entertainment all while raising funds for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Board Member, Charlotte Dahlenburg is a member of Gulf Coast Model A Club. She extended an invitation to GCMAC to participate as part of their Roaring 20's theme for this year's ball. Those members participating were John & Debbie Bright, Joe & Theresa Stephens and Walt & Martha Fuller, their Model A's were on display at the entrance of the event. Everyone loved seeing these automobiles and made pictures with the cars. Invitation was extended to members to join the festivities.

Story and photos from the Gulf Coast Model A Club
Traveler and written by Martha Fuller





News from Birmingham

I've been pretty busy up here. I was a full time intern at the Birmingham Public Library Archives for the month of January. I filed and categorized a great deal of records from the Episcopal Church of Alabama, ranging from 1927-the early 1990s. I also processed information and newspaper clippings of Harry Kerlin, an electronics fanatic that introduced and demonstrated primitive televisions in the early 1930s (1932-33).

I processed brochures advertising and showcasing early television equipment & sets along with the correspondence of Horace Grooms, a Birmingham area judge that was active in the Civil Rights Movement . During my time there, I helped date two pictures by the cars present in them. One picture was of a house designed by a local architect and had a 1937 Ford Standard sedan, due to its one tail light and windshield wiper. The other was also a house with its photo taken for a tax record. Barely visible in the corner of the foreground was the distinctive tail fin and tail light of a 1957-1958 Imperial.

I certainly impressed my supervisor, who fondly recollected his 1967 Chevy Camaro convertible that he had during his high school years in the late 1970s. I started classes full time the first week of this month. My Junior History Seminar (which I was allowed to enroll in a year early with my advisor's recommendation) has me writing a 12-15 page research paper that I formally present to the History Department in May.

The time period given to this year's class is 1865 (the year the War Between the States ended) to 1900. The topic I submitted for approval was the research the development of higher education in the State of Alabama. I intend to focus on a large white school (Auburn), a small white school (either Southern University or Spring Hill) and both of the pioneer black colleges in the state (Tuskegee & Alabama State).

My goal is to research the recovery of the two white schools after the war and the founding and early success rate of Alabama's largest historically black colleges. I'll get feedback on whether my topic is accepted or not by Tuesday, February 18.

My other classes are the study of World War II & the Holocaust, Introduction to Short Fiction, and Microeconomics 200. I was elected to be the Treasurer of BSC's Alpha Tau Omega chapter, and my term is this whole calendar year (Spring 2020 and next Fall). I haven't been able to connect with the club culture of the area too much due to always having homework or fraternity stuff to do. I hope everyone is doing well and wish to see y'all whenever I can! - David Reeves



Jim Henderson provided the 1953 Chevy Pick-up for Senator Bill Hightower in the People's Parade on Dauphin Island Saturday, Feb. 1



Before the tornado, Susan Bergen and Rob Mortenson stand with the cars they had ready for the 2019 southeastern Fall Nationals

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Southeastern Spring Nationals
April 4, 2020 at Charlotte AutoFair
 Hosted by Hornets Nest Region, AACA
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The Continuing the Restoration Saga

In January, Darrin and I got together to discuss what to do with the 1966 GTO. The body shell and the chassis had been stored at his shop and it was time. We decided to start with the chassis and drivetrain. The chassis which I got from Art Morrison Enterprises last fall was starting to show some surface rust.



So, we borrowed Clyde Smith's trailer and Darrin brought to his garage at home.

Disassembly was a bit like Christmas with all the cool

suspension parts coming off. Zeno recommended a place for blasting and powder coating in Baldwin County called Unique Powder Coating. Again, using Clyde's trailer, I headed off to the Wilcox exit on I-10. Mike, the fellow who owns the place, said go north four miles. I did and drove right past the 12 inch x 12 inch sign on the side of the road. (I was getting concerned that I might hear banjo music ... just sayin'). When I finally got there, I was astounded at the size of this facility. It is immense.

I drove the truck and trailer inside the building with lots of room to spare. There are at least 5 very large ovens for baking the powder coating. When I arrived they were removing about 15 8-foot lengths of metal fencing from one oven. My concerns about the chassis being too large faded quickly.



They off-loaded the chassis, sub-chassis for the rear assembly, the hood and deck lid. We had loaded up the suspension parts, but brought them home as the ovens would have melted the bushings. Anyway, the guys were pretty quick in getting this job done and the next week, in very threatening weather, I



headed off to get them. As often happens more often to me, I felt rather old and feeble as I watched

three guys pick up the chassis and load it, by hand, onto the trailer. As I pulled out of their shop, the sky opened with a vengeance. I stopped to check the straps before getting on I-10. And I got

soaked. The traffic was buzzing along at a brisk 45 mph with lots of emergency lights flashing. I had one eye on the road and one in the mirror watching the straps. Things proceeded along across the bay and through the tunnel. As I approached the DIP exit I noticed, to my horror, one of the orange straps flapping in the breeze.

Once through the intersection I carefully crossed three lanes and pulled to the side. The strap had broken, but there was enough left to



tie the chassis down onto one side of the trailer. I crept down I-10 to Rangeline and tippy-toed (as it were) back to Darrin's. I know I looked like a drowned rat upon arrival.

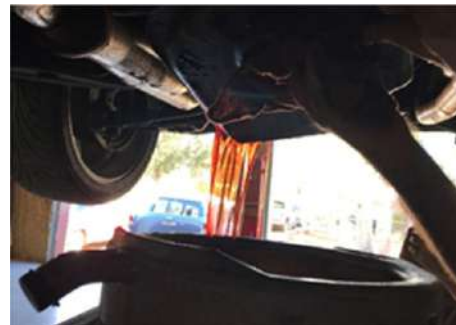
So, here's a picture of the chassis. Now, as for the suspension parts, I got the pleasure of blasting them in Darrin's garage. In and of itself, not a big deal, except when you finally look behind you and there is a dust storm across the garage. A coating on the 55 Chevy, the 61 Cadillac and the worst affected item, Clyde's blue chair. Whoever had used the vacuum last had not replaced the filter. What a mess. Sand everywhere. Two trips to Lowe's later, I was vacuuming up sand everywhere except for the cars. I let Darrin clean them off.

Darrin and I had discussed what type of motor to put in the car. Initially we were thinking about a LS of some vintage but finally decided that, if we could find one, we would go back with a Pontiac 389. Fortunately, Zeno was speaking with club member Charlie Lyons and Charlie is getting ready to put an LS set up on a 1966 Pontiac Bonneville. Charlie arranged for us to buy the motor and (correct) transmission. Better yet, when they delivered the car, they drove it into the garage. It sounded great (score one for our team!).

Once again, I found I'm a good "step and fetch it" guy. As those who know him will tell you, when Darrin is on a mission, such as removing a motor and transmission then going through disassembly, get out of the way. Get him his tools, clean up the spills and do the Lowe's runs.

The story will continue. - Paul Dagenais

Oh, wait. Have to share one more thing. You will notice nice clear red transmission fluid. For some reason, both Darrin, Charlotte and I all realized that this flow of fluids made us think of David Ladner's Galaxie and how it graciously likes to leave it mark wherever it goes.....



Incredible Barn Find Right in our Backyard

On February 13, Al Manning called me and asked me to go with him to see a barn find of a Model T Ford. Together we went look at this car. We had the opportunity to see this car little over a year ago.

The destination was off the beaten path. We drove until we ran out of paved road and it turned to dirt. At the end of dirt road we turned up a driveway that was very long.

We went through a gate then a little ways up the drive, there was another gate. We stopped at that gate and called, after the call the gate opened. We continued driving on to the house.

The Model T Ford was covered with so much stuff you could hardly see it. Chairs and not longer used items were piled on top of the Model T. We began moving things so we could see the car.

We finally manage to get the T cleared off and we pushed it out side. The car looked very good with a very good body and very little rust you could say almost say no rust.

I have never seen a Model T Ford doors open and close as good as this one.

The next day was Valentine's Day. Dan Resch, Jimmy Spicer, and Ron Baldwin came over to see the car. Dan being a Model T pro checked and said car very was good and should not be hard to crank.

On Saturday Al called me and said he bought a new battery and sprayed some starter in the carb and the car cranked. What a fantastic day it was to find this car. - Ray Harper



The Model T buried in all the stuff



The Model T uncovered and rolled outside



In this picture check out the floor board. The square medal vent in floor board. This vent when open would allow the heat from the engine and manifold into the cab.



The Model T loaded and ready to go to her new home

Letter from the Editor

For three years now. *The Sparkplug*, your newsletter, has received the Master Editor Award from AACA. National Achievement Awards Program (NAAP) has been a great way to improve the content of our newsletter.

AACA National publishes a guideline that is very easy to follow and has many great ideas, but the best part of the newsletter is your input. We all love to read about what you have been doing.

Your stories include the parades and the cruise-ins as well as the displays. Many of you tell us about your beautiful cars. This club spends a lot of time out in the community with our old cars.

Please keep sending in your stories and your photos. I am looking forward to the great stories.

I have had a great team of proof readers for the last few years. In order for them to have enough time to find all my mistakes I am going to ask the you have all your stories and photos to me early. Please have me by the 15 of every month.

Thank you for all your help and all the stories and photos!

See you on the road,

Charlotte



The Military Sponsorship Program is available to all of the Military Veterans that have proudly served to protect our homeland and freedoms. With this program, AACA is extending a limited number of complimentary 2020 memberships for first-time AACA applicants. More information on this program and an application can be found on the AACA website under member information and drop down to Military.

These complimentary 2020 memberships are for first-time AACA applicants and are limited by the funds available for this program. These complimentary applications for membership are intended for individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique car hobby.

**KEEP
CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

**It is not too late to renew
See Paul at the meeting>**

Dues are \$40.00 for the regional and \$20.00 for our local: Total of \$60.00 per year.

Make the check out to DSR and mail it to:
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May 13-16, 2020
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Refreshments

February 27 - Debbie Bright & Charlotte Dahlenburg
 March 26 - Chili & Soup Dinner
 April 23
 May 28 - Tammy Lyons & Linda Nitz
 June 25 - Nancy Thoms & Rheba Chaudron
 July 23
 August 27
 September 24
 October 22 - Janice Sellers & Susan Bergen

Up Coming Club Events

Monthly Meeting February 27, 7 pm
 Breakfast at Golden Corral February 22, 8:30 am
 Surge Church Youth Fundraiser March 1, 11:30 am

Birthdays & Anniversary

Janice Sellers	March 16
Charlie Lyles	March 21
Leslie Sellers	March 25
Rob Mortenson	March 26

No Anniversaries

Note: Your birthday or anniversary not listed? Please let me know the date(s) by email deepsouth.aaca@gmail.com. Spouses as well. Years are not necessary since we are all 29 at heart. Thanks, Charlotte

Thoughts Go Out

Also keep good thoughts for Susan Bergen, Buddy & Patt Paquet, Janice Sellers, Joyce Ladnier and Lycle Crowds.



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

Answer for last month: 1925 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Jonckheere Coupe

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 VI - MEMBERS

Section 1: Membership in the AACA is a pre-requisite for membership in this Region. A membership is hereby defined as follows: "A" Husband and wife "excluding children" and "B" An individual.

Section 2: Upon receipt of a properly executed application endorsed by a member and upon submission of a current National membership card, and one year's Regional dues, new members shall be accepted.

Section 3: Dues - The amount of dues payable to the Regional Treasurer shall be fixed by vote of the members. All payments of the dues shall be made to the Regional Treasurer. Dues are for the calendar year January 1st through December 31st. Dues for Deep South Region members who are student "Age 13-25" or Junior "Age up to 13" AACA Members will be the same as those of the National organization. DSR dues will change according to changes made by AACA for student/Junior members.

Section 4: Dues for new DSR members, joining after June 30, will one/half of Annual dues

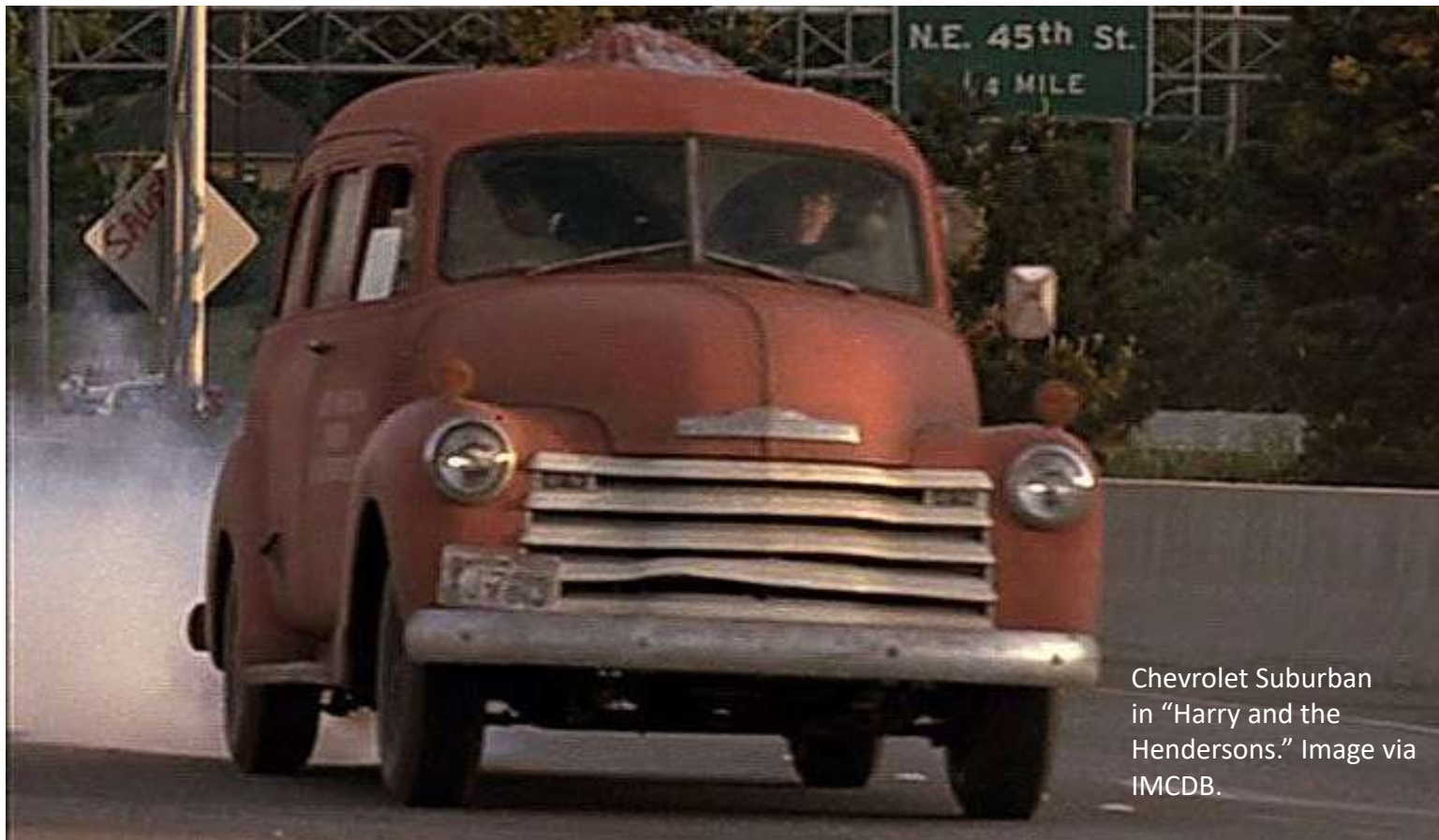
Section 5: Termination of Membership - The membership of any Regional member may be terminated by the unanimous vote of the Executive Board for conduct unbecoming a member of AACA, or any other cause, upon giving the member in question full opportunity to hear and reply to the charges and reason for such action. Members are responsible for themselves and their family. Any member whose Regional dues are not paid the last day of February shall be dropped from the Regional roll. After March 1st in order to be reinstated, a properly executed application is required.

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: jsellers@southalabama.edu.

Janice Sellers, Committee Chairperson





Chevrolet Suburban in "Harry and the Hendersons." Image via IMCDB.

If the Suburban gets one, then what other vehicles deserve a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame?

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Written by Daniel Strohl

It's a publicity stunt, of course, but Hollywood now gives out Walk of Fame stars to vehicles as well as people, animals, Muppets, animated characters, and Godzilla. The first, as General Motors trumpeted this week, is the Chevrolet Suburban, with a star at Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue.



GM claimed an estimated 1,750 appearances in film and TV, but the Internet Movie Car Database lists nearly 3,000 appearances including both Chevrolet and GMC Suburbans.

But, hey, the big takeaway is that cars now qualify for



Hollywood stars. Who really needs to see their cars in the National Historic Vehicle Register when they could be immortalized alongside Shrek and David Carradine, amirite?



So let's come up with a list of nominations for other cars that deserve Walk of Fame stars that we can send to the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. There's gotta be more iconic highly recognizable vehicles from throughout Hollywood history that deserve recognition. Like the Herkimer Battle Jitney. Definitely the Herkimer Battle Jitney.



Minutes from the Thursday, January 23

Meeting started at 7 pm. President Zeno Chaudron introduced new members, Dick and Linda Nitz, and first time in attendance member, Tammy Lyons.

Walt Fuller gave the prayer and Bill Atkeison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayers for the following: Buddy Givens and Stella Givens, The Parquets, Susan Bergen & Family; Darrin Dahlenburg's Grandmother passed away; Janice Sellers surgery Feb. 12; David Ladnier's sister passed away in December.

President Zeno Chaudron opened the New Year with an overview of the direction of the club. This year we will focus on member input for activities. Zeno then introduced the 2020 officers. Zeno told the members about the Executive Board meeting and the items that were discussed: activities, repairs to the property and finances.

1. Sign out front is in need of repair. Getting quotes from A1 Signs and Signs by Donny.

Susan brought up the light out front that is not working. This makes it hard to see where to turn in. This is a safety concern.

Vice President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Joyce Ladnier asked the minutes be accepted as printed in The Sparkplug. Leslie Sellers motioned to accept as is, Paul Dagenais seconded the motion, membership carried the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Dagenais read the January Financial Report. John Bright motioned to accept as is, Charlie Lyles seconded the motion, membership carried the motion.

2019 Southeastern Fall National Report: Tracy Metclaf read the final report. Herb Thoms motioned to accept as is, Leslie Sellers seconded the motion, membership carried the motion.

New Business:

1. Finance Committee was discussed. This had worked well with the Nationals and it was suggested to keep the same team, Paul Dagenais, Tracy Metclaf and Robert Haynes. All expenditures must be approved by the finance committee before funds can be disbursed. Larry Nelson made a motion to form this new committee with the new rules, Charlotte Dahlenburg seconded the motion, membership carried the motion.

2. Long discussion on how to handle the fund the club has. Discussion on Money Market vs CDs with good points on both sides. Money Market makes the money easy to get to (pays less interest) and CD makes it an effort to withdraw the funds (pays higher interest). With CDs the bank offers loans at a low interest rate. The time/length of CD was also discussed.

3. John Bright suggested that we put \$10,000.00 in a CD as an Emergency Reserve Fund, making it a big effort to spend the club's money. Tracy Metclaf talked about the club needs might be too high to put \$10,000.00 in a CD. Paul Dagenais mentioned the club has never had a budget and that we know our monthly expenses, but do not know our income.

4. Katherine Harper wants a new light put out front. Zeno mentioned many items associated with the building needs to be fixed. It was discussed to form a committee that would look at the building maintenance and upgrade needs.

5. Vice President, Darrin Dahlenburg was asked by the President, Zeno Chaudron to make a list of the needs with the cost of repairs or upgrades.

6. Ray Harper motioned that we take a look at the costs and have a discussion next month at our monthly meeting giving the membership a better idea of the direction to go with the Emergency Reserve Fund, Susan seconded the motion, membership carried the motion.

Editor's Report: Charlotte Dahlenburg thanked everyone for the stories and asked that they keep coming.

Activities Report: David Ladnier in an effort to keep the meeting short read off five (5) events to make club events. 1. January 25,

KDL parade on Dauphin Island. 2. March 1, Surge Church Youth Fund Raiser Car Show. 3. April 11, Baumhauer Road Baptist Church Fish Fry and Cruise in with a People's Choice Award. 4. April 18, AAECM Open Car Show in D'Iberville, MS. 5. April 25, Our Lady of Lourdes Lawn Party Peoples Choice Car Show. Walt Fuller added the two Mardi Gras Balls on Feb 1, Joy of Life (Daphne Civic Center) and New Mobilians (Heron Lakes Country Club) both having many members in static displays for the balls. Debbie Bright made a motion to make all these events club events, Darrin Dahlenburg seconded the motion, membership carried the motion.

Refreshments Report: Martha Fuller explained the way the refreshments would work. We have three (3) meal during the year, March 26 - Chili & Soup Dinner; August 27 - Italian Dinner, and November 19 - Thanksgiving Dinner. The two people that signed up for these months would coordinate the menu with the entire membership and all members would be bringing something to the dinner. All other months would be just snacks. Two people would sign up to bring the snacks and would be the only ones to bring food. Martha passed around a sign-up sheet.

More New Business:

1. Leslie Sellers want the club to plan a drive in our old cars (or new) somewhere for lunch, possibly Lucedale, MS.

2. John Bright asked if the club would like to participate/coordinate on March 28 a trip to J Rogers BBQ on 158, leaving Mobile at 10 am from the Lowe's on Schilinger and Airport. It was suggested that we invite all area clubs. Ray Harper made a motion to proceed with plans, Charlie Lyles seconded the motion, members passed the motion.

Old Business: Charlotte Dahlenburg presented Herb Thoms with his Certificate of Appreciation for the job well done in 2019 as Webmaster.

Cruisin' the Coast Update: Charlotte Dahlenburg gave an update on the recent activity that David Ladnier and Charlotte Dahlenburg participated in. At the March meeting Cruisin' the Coast will vote if DSR will be the newest club to join the organization bringing the total of 14 clubs that help host the major event. David and Charlotte will attend meetings in March, May, July, August and September leading up to the October date of the event. Charlotte mentioned that this will require a large participation from the club and would generate a large sum of money. This year the clubs received \$4,700.00. DSR would not get paid for the first year (2020) but would get to split the pot in 2021.

Sponsorship Committee: Susan Bergen still has name tags for folks, they are \$12 each.

Sunshine Committee: Janice Sellers said her cell number is in the newsletter. If anyone knows of someone who needs a get well card, etc. please let her know.

AACA Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA in February. Zeno Chaudron, Jim Henderson, Charlotte and Darrin Dahlenburg, Vicki and Art Bolton and Andy Switzer from DSR will be attending.

Leslie Sellers motioned to dismiss the meeting, Tracy Metclaf seconded the motion, members carried the motion.

Meeting ended at 8 pm.

50/50 was drawn and Rheba Chaudron won \$34 and \$34 went

In Attendance

Charles Lyles
Bill Atkeison
Walt & Martha Fuller
Darrin & Charlotte Dahlenburg
Debbie & John Bright
Susan Bergen
Ray & Katherine Harper
Leslie & Janice Sellers
Tracy Metclaf
Ross Sloan
Dick & Linda Nitz

Tammy & Charlie Lyons
Stella Givens
Buddy Givens
Clyde Smith
Jim Henderson
Violet & Robert Haynes
Ed Grimes Jr
Herb & Nancy Thoms
Zeno & Rheba Chaudron
Larry Nelson
David & Joyce Ladnier
Paul Dagenais





The Gulf Coast Region AACA

will be hosting the 2020 Texas Tour next year in Brenham, Texas. The tour begins Thursday, May 14 and ends with the banquet the evening of Saturday May 16, 2020. Hotel rates at both venues are good every day beginning with check in

Wednesday, May 13 through check out on Sunday May 17, 2020.

The HOST Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express:

2685 Schulte Blvd, Brenham, Texas 77833

979-830-5331

***Ask for Block name 67th Texas Tour (Block code MCS) Rate \$130.99 per night, plus Tax/Fees
Overflow and Pet Friendly:

Motel 6 Brenham (formerly Holiday Inn and Suites)

555 Hwy 290 West, Brenham, Texas 77833

979-836-4590

**Ask for 67th Texas Tour Car Show (No code required) \$90.00 per night, plus Tax/Fees

The Tour packets for Registration will be mailed shortly after the first of the year 2020. If
you have

any questions about hotel and/or registration, please contact Sandra Johnston at
2020texastour@att.net .

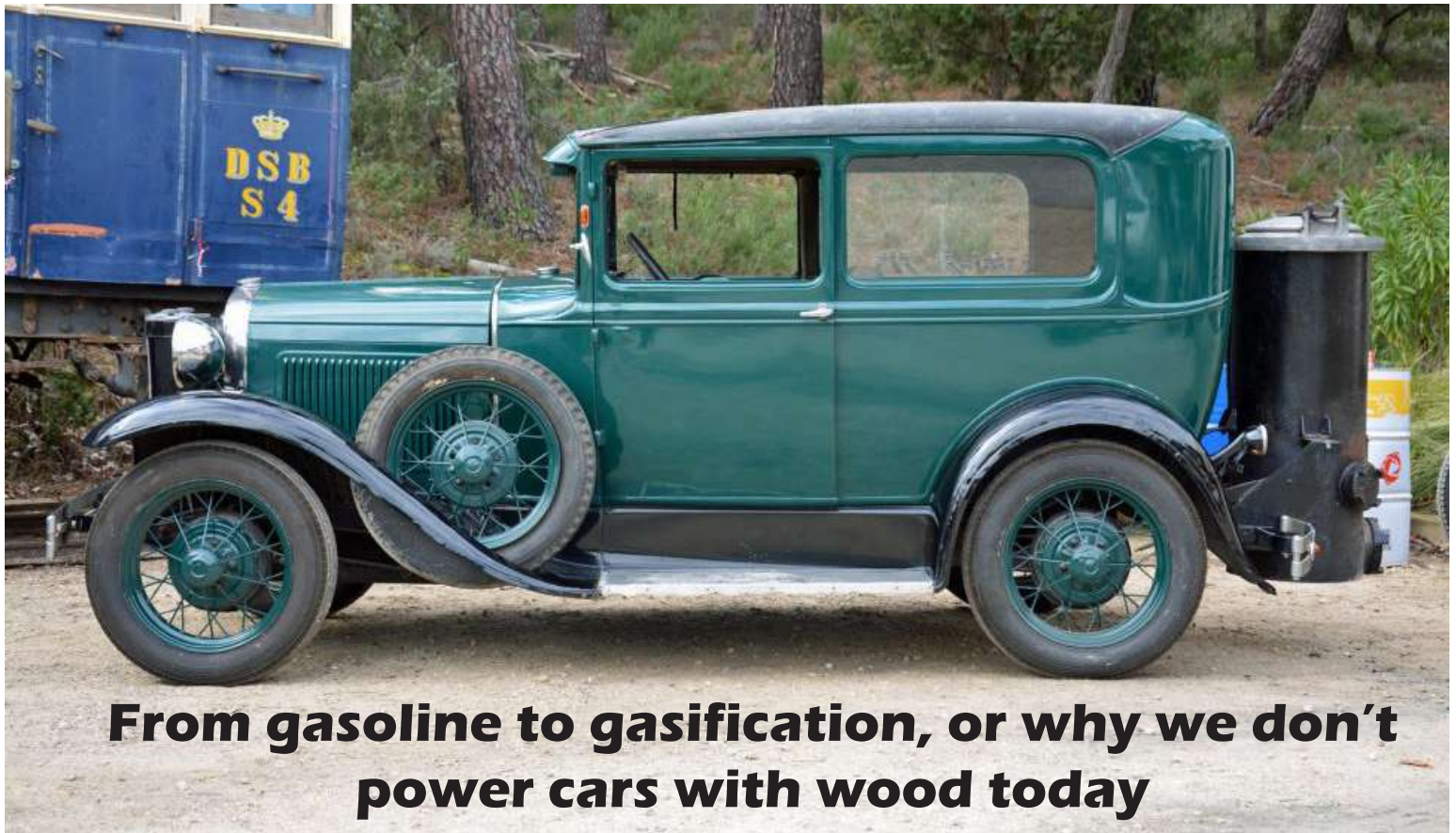
We look forward to seeing you in 2020!

TOUR CHAIR – Wayne Bartlett 281-447-1476

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Registrar—Sandra Johnston 713-542-9481





From gasoline to gasification, or why we don't power cars with wood today

1929 Ford Model A Tudor with wood gas system attached. Photos by author.

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The efforts to find a sustainable replacement for gasoline precede the term “e-mobility” that currently dominates press releases in the auto industry. During the Second World War, a widespread fuel shortage led many motorists to experiment with cars and trucks that ran on wood, coal, or both.



of the First World War. Alarmed by gas shortages during the war, many countries in Europe encouraged private companies to find a new type of fuel. Electric cars were considered, but they were ultimately deemed too impractical for an array of reasons, including the limited driving range they offered and the extra weight added by the batteries. Wood gas generators emerged as the ideal compromise.

Wood-powered vehicles have been around since the auto industry's earliest days, but they didn't rise to prominence until the end

In 1922, the Automobile Club de France organized an endurance rally open to wood gas-powered trucks. The participants needed to cover about 75 miles in two days. The technology advanced at such a rapid pace that the following year's edition took participants on a 745-mile, 12-day trip. In 1925, the rally was 1,300 miles long and it lasted three weeks.

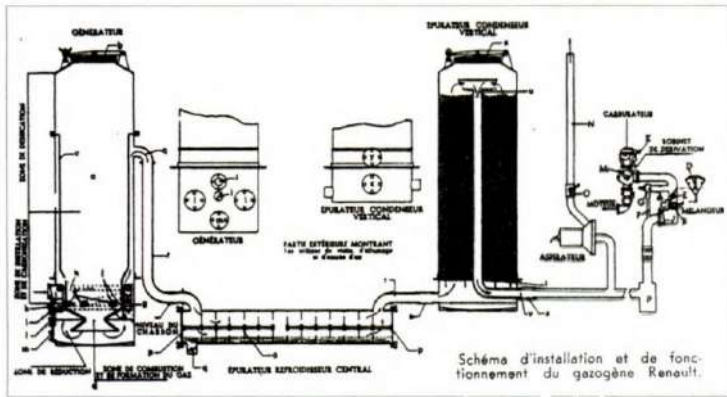


At its peak, the wood gas industry attracted big names like Renault, Latil, Panhard, and Berliet. However, it soon became evident that



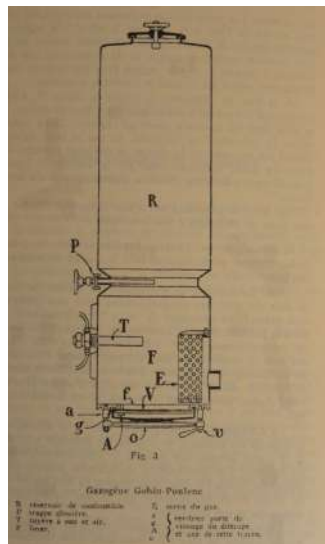
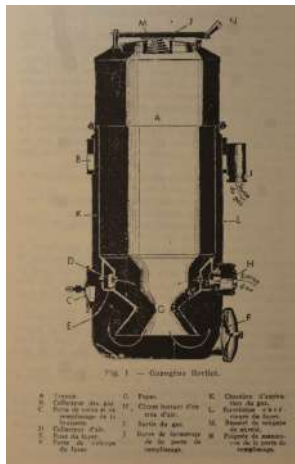
the system's cons outweighed its pros. Gasified trucks burned a phenomenal amount of wood, and the whole setup was incredibly heavy so it

reduced the all-important payload. At the time, the transport industry was shifting towards trucks that could drive further with heavier loads, so demand for a system that reduced both range and payload was low at best. Besides, what were the odds of another gas shortage sending shockwaves across the continent? Berliet's research and development program was one of the last still around when it shut down in 1927.



The gasifier strikes back

Wood-powered cars triumphantly returned to the automotive landscape during the Second World War. While major automakers had long given up on the technology, smaller companies had continued to invest in it and developed more compact kits that could be mounted on regular passenger cars. The issues encountered during the 1910s and 1920s hadn't been fully solved yet, so running a wood-powered car or truck was often a last resort. Still, 12 percent of the 71,690 passenger cars registered in France in January of 1944 were equipped with a wood gas generator, and 58 percent of the 120,567 trucks accounted for used the system, according to *Transports en France pendant la Guerre*.



A hands-on manual published in the late 1930s named *Manuel Pratique des Automobiles a Gazogène* explores the requirements of operating a wood-powered vehicle. It explains the average truck typically burned 220 pounds of wood every 62 miles, and it strongly advises against running out; filling up isn't as simple as running into the forest with an

axe to chop down a tree.

In many systems, the wood needed to be cut into chunks no bigger than three inches long and two inches in diameter. It needed to be dry, meaning it had to be cut at least six months prior to being burned and stored out of the rain. Finally, hardwoods like birch and oak were preferable,



while resinous woods such as cypress were to be avoided.

Some of the smaller stoves fitted to cars burned charcoal. The advantages were that charcoal was lighter than

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wood, and it was easier to store because it took up less space. However, it was much more sensitive to humidity than wood. Other wood gas systems burned a mixture of charcoal and wood, while a few were powered by anthracite. Burning any of the aforementioned materials produced a flammable syngas that replaced gasoline once it had been properly filtered and cooled.



Regardless of power source, wood gas systems were primarily made up of a stove, a cooler, a filter, and a network of pipes. The stove was a large, often cylindrical

component typically attached to the back of the car, though it was sometimes mounted on a separate trailer. The location of the filter and the radiator varied from system to system.

Simply bolting a wood gas generator onto the back of a car reduced the engine's output by up to 40 percent. Motorists could slash that figure by lowering the compression ratio, and they could also offset the power loss by fitting a shorter rear gear. The manual points out that wood gas-powered cars were best-suited to country driving even when they were adequately modified because their acceleration remained lackadaisical at best, and they were jerky to drive in stop-and-go traffic.

Towards extinction

Today, wood gas generators are little more than a footnote in the history of the automobile. The kits that powered cars on both sides of the pond during the war were scrapped as soon as gasoline became readily available again. Finding a car still equipped with a period wood gas generator is easier said than done, but we tracked one down in a museum-in-the-making named Provence Collection located near Draguignan in the picturesque south of France.



The car in question is a 1929 Ford Model A. Jack Wilcock, one of the museum's expert mechanics, explained the car



comes from Denmark, and it's fitted with a wood gas system manufactured by Skandinavisk Motor Co. His research revealed the kit was an expensive, high-end model. It replaces the fuel system altogether, which wasn't always the case; some cars could run either on wood gas or standard gasoline.

The wood goes into the stove that's mounted on the back of the car. The gas-charged smoke produced by the chunks as they burn rises, goes down through a



layer of charcoal, and up again into a tube that runs under the car. It enters a two-in-one filter/radiator unit mounted in front of the stock, Ford-badged radiator before being routed to the cylinders through the A's stock intake manifold.

Wood is loaded through the lid on top of the stove, while charcoal is loaded through two fist-sized holes cut into the bottom part of the unit. Ash is removed through a bigger hole at the very bottom of the stove. At startup, a pipe concealed under the passenger-side running board is used to test whether the gas is pure enough to burn in the four-cylinder. This operation is dangerous because the car can belch out a massive flame.

The A is not currently running, but it was driveable about three years ago. When he started it, Wilcock remembers that it smoked so much the neighbors called the fire department because they thought the workshop was burning down. It emits less smoke as it warms up, he points out as his dad – the garage's second mechanic – proudly shows a video of the



Ford moving under its own power. It looks fascinating, to say the least. Luckily, we've been invited back to drive the Model A as soon as it's up and running again.

Happy 85th Birthday, AACA!

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

Did you know that AACA turns 85 years old this year? It is amazing to me that an idea had by 2 gentlemen in 1935 has turned into the club as we know it today. Without the foresight of Ted Fiala and Frank Abramson, who knows if AACA would even exist today? With a simple concept -- gather folks together for the fun and enjoyment of old cars -- they created this hobby we all love so much.

Did you know that the very first issue of our beloved club magazine was published just 2 years later and was called The Bulletin of the Antique Automobile? Guess who the first editor was? Ted, of course! The sole purpose in creating the magazine was to be able to better communicate with all of the members of this new fledgling organization. Today, Antique Automobile is regarded as one of the best publications in the hobby.

During the 1940s, the club started having annual "outings" to get members to be more active in club activities. This decade also brought the club a set of official by-laws and governing documents, as well as our official colors: Packard Blue and brass. Local regions/chapters became a thing with the Illinois Region becoming the first one. The concept of

touring began with the first Glidden Tour in 1946 and our judging system emerged with a grand total of 11 classes. (Today, we have 133 classes!)

The 1950s brought us "Hershey," which is now considered to be the largest antique car show and flea market in the world. This is also when Hershey, Pennsylvania, became the permanent home of AACA National Headquarters. The '60s brought us Judging Schools. The '80s gave us Grand Nationals.

What started out with 14 founding members has continued to grow to more than 55,000 members. We've gone from one meeting a year to an average of 15 shows and tours yearly that gather our members all over the U.S. AACA is currently considered the largest antique car club in the world. In the world! I bet Ted and Frank could never have imagined how their idea would spread!

While many things have changed over the years, one thing has remained constant... this club exists to bring together anyone and everyone who loves old cars. It is our job as the stewards of this hobby to promote the club as much as possible to keep it going for as long as we can. So, raise your glass or grab a piece of cake and help us wish a very happy 85th birthday to AACA this year!

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REWIND

WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO from the January 1995 Sparkplug

The Tradition Lives On

Catfish and Senior Bowl Saturday...the third Saturday of each January. While some were attending the game, other DSR members gathered at the Battleship on January 21 to make our annual trek to David's Catfish Cabin in Baldwin County to indulge ourselves in either crispy fried or broiled Continental style catfish. Personally not being a fan of broiled fish, I found the Continental to be exceptionally delicious. It has a topping of Cajun type spices which are not too hot but very tasty and makes you forget that it really is good for you!

Our Activities Coordinators, Melvin and Betty Neese, were parking cars of Senior Bowlers for the Lions Club while Dene and Barbara Breland were working in the concession stand for Davidson High School and could not be with us.

Attending the outing were 2 Cammons, 2 Cochrans, 2 Crowduses, 2 DeCreases, 2 Dillehays, 1 Finley and Maree Roush, 1 Grimes and Eddie, 1 Hopkins, 2 (Floyd) Jordans, 2 Lunsfords, 2 Nettles and their guests Ernest and Charlotte Davis, 2 Paquets, 2 Whighams, 2 Whites and 2 Youens. This was a grand total of 27 members and 4 guests!

After lunch some members took a side trip by the Gallery Antique Mall to walk off some of the calories and enjoy the displays.

Construction Starts on Clubhouse

Phase II is becoming a reality for DSR this month with the work beginning on the building itself. The trusses and lumber were delivered on February 9. However, the City of Mobile in its infinite wisdom, could not find the paperwork which had been approved some months

ago that would allow the permit to be issued that same day. The department which handles permits was in the process of moving into their new offices and would not be open again until Feb. 13.

Unfortunately, we cannot proceed until the left hand figures out what the right hand is doing and we get the permit. Hopefully by the time you read this or come to the meeting on Feb. 23, there will be visible signs of progress. There are some of you have wondered just what Phase II is. (The canopy and enclosure is actually "Phase II and a half.") Soon you will be able to see it for yourself and it should be completed in time for our annual car show.

The Building Committee has done an outstanding job with this project.





Why Is the New Building Important?

Stan Kulikowski
Vice President - Regions Eastern Division

By now, I'm sure that everyone has heard about the new building and the capital campaign. As of Hershey, we are about 70% of the way to reaching our goal.

First, we are the largest resource for preserving our automotive history. Our resources do us no good if they are packed away in a dark corner. Our current building and library does not have the space to have all of our materials accessible for research. For some time, I stored some of the materials from the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America in my garage until some space was made available. These materials need to be made available to all of our members to aid in

their restoration projects.

Second, we all know that the internet has become a great source of information. But it is also a great source of Misinformation. I have lost count of how many people have claimed to have owned a 1970 or 1970 Monte Carlo SS454 with a factory 4- speed. There are internet articles that claim that these cars exist, but none of the factory literature supports this claim. Anything can be put on the internet.

Also, I'm sure that in your restorations the "experts" have told you "urban legends" of how cars were built and what, in their minds was correct. The only way to truly support the claims is with hard research that our library and its vast collection of factory material can support.

So how can you help? The last 30% is critical to us successfully complete this project. Talk to your regions about making a donation from the region.

If every member chipped in, we would be able to quickly achieve our goal. This is YOUR resource ... YOUR pride and joy ... YOUR way to give back to the hobby and preserve it for future generations.

Don't let the automotive history be subject to revisionist history. Help us document how our cars were truly built. Please do what you can to support the capital campaign.

Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box

Join Us!



For more information:

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The wait is over and the BIG work is about to begin! The construction company has moved in an onsite office for their project manager, lots of heavy equipment and, most importantly, the porta potties have arrived. They are getting ready to start the asbestos removal from the stair treads, which will be a 2-day job.

Next week, the front of the building will begin to go through the demolition process and that will be a huge signal that we are indeed moving forward on creating our new home.

If you haven't made a donation to the AACA Building

Fund yet, it's not too late! Remember, every single bit helps! For information on how to donate, visit capitalcampaign.aaca.com.



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February 2020





Local Car Shows

- February**
- 29 Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, Bass Pro Shops, Spanish Fort, AL., 8am-4pm.
 - 29 Baldwin County Cattlemen's Festival & Cruise In, Baldwin County Fairgrounds, Robertsedale, 9am-3pm
 - 29 Orange Beach Seafood Festival & Car Show, The Wharf, Orange Beach, AL. For more information, contact Jeanne at Orange Beach Parks & Recreation at 251-981-1524 or jfitz@orangebeachal.gov.
 - 29 8th Annual VFW Auxiliary Post 3253 Open Car Show - Bay St. Louis, MS 228-493-2033
- March**
- 1 **Surge Church Youth Fundraiser 2900 Dawes Rd. 3rd Annual Peoples Choice**
 - 1 Battle In Bama is The Premiere Hot Rod, Car, Truck, and Bike Show on the Alabama Gulf Coast! The Premiere Pre-Party on a Battleship will be hosted on Friday, 05/01/20, on the USS Alabama Battleship. First 300 registered will receive tickets for this EPIC event
 - 4-7 Emerald Coast Cruizen' All the Hot Rods, Classics, Trucks, Bikes, Vendors and More. Info at 662-587-9572
 - 7 Swampfest Swamp Fest Arts and Crafts Show and Car Show, Satsuma High School, Satsuma, AL. 9am-2pm
 - 7 The C.A.R. Shop Cruisers 9am- 2pm: 9-10am. to hang 10am we leave and head out on a cruise together as a group and enjoy lunch and fellowship together. 7745 Tara Drive in Semmes, AL.
 - 7 21st Annual Gnat Nationals Open Car/Truck/Bike Show 8am-3pm Our Lady of the Gulf, 228 South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. \$20 Registration.
 - 13-15 Orange Beach Invasion, The Wharf, Orange Beach, AL. 8am- 3pm
 - 14 17th Annual Azalea Festival at MGM & 3rd Annual "Help Find a Cure Car, Truck and Bike Show" from 9am- 4pm at MGM High School Hosted by the Semmes Chamber of Commerce. All proceeds from the car show goes to St. Jude Children's Hospital.
 - 14 Branden Penegar Memorila Car show, Gonzales United Methodist Chruch, Cantoontment, FL 8am-Until
 - 21 Gulf Coast Mustang and Mega Car Show. Downtown Owa. Saturday 8am- 4pm. Info at Phone: (251) 923-2111, Email: info@visitowa.com, Website: visitowa.com/explore/events
 - 21 Mobile Chocolate Festival 10am-3pm at the Grounds 1035 Cody Rd, Mobile
- April**
- 4-5 Bo's Extravaganza
 - 3-5 Sparks in the Park Car, Truck & Bike Show, Mullet Festival Grounds, Niceville, FL.,
 - 4 Rock - N - Roll Open Car, Jeep & Bike Show, 2446 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS. Info at 228-860-4103 Reg. 9am Judging 11am Registration \$30
 - 2 Gulfport Auto Show - Gulfport, MS 228-596-0664
 - 11 **Baumhauer Church Annual Fish Fry and Cruise In, Theodore**
 - 11& 12 BC Strawberry Festival Open Car Show, Municipal Park, Loxley, AL., 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 - 11 MAMC 2020 Spring Cruise A leisure cruise down US 90 from Theodore, AL, to Biloxi, MS for a lunch on the beach.
 - 11 2020 Spring Cruise, Hwy 90 Lunch Cruise Mobile, AL. to Biloxi, MS. 9:am start at Doug's Quick Mart, 5592 US-90, Theodore, AL 36582 11am end, 1775 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531
 - 11 7th Annual Crosspoint Cruisin' for Missions Car, Truck, and Bike Show & Family Fun Day!! Gulfport, MS, Crosspoint Church 15046 North Swan Rd. Show starts at 9:30am, Awards Presented at 2pm. 7 classes of trophies and plaques will be awarded; cars, trucks, bikes, Imports, 4x4s and rat rods. Registration fee will be \$20.
 - 18 27th Camellia Classic Open Car show, Bellingrath Gardens and Home, Theodore, AL. Info at info@mobilebaymustangclub.org
 - 18 **AAECM Open Car Show D'Iberville, MS**
 - 23-25 Bama Coast Cruisin, The Wharf, Orange Beach, AL Calling all car enthusiasts be part of the Best Cruisin' Event on the Alabama Gulf Coast. Visit BamaCoastCruisinfor more info
 - 25 MoparFest at the Battleship Car Show and Swap Meet. Friday dinner on the Battleship with a tour. Saturday registration begins at 8am judging at 1 pm. Info at 504-512-0367.



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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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Address						
City		State/Province	Zip/Postal Code		Country	
Signature		Email Address		Telephone #		

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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- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (Includes Spouse/Partner)** ----- **\$40.00**
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Authorized Signature _____

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National Car Shows

April

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

23-25 - Western Spring National - Phoenix & Tucson
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26-May 1 - AACA Founders Tour - Phoenix & Tucson
Regions - Show Low, AZ (vehicles 1936-1995)

May

7-9 - Central Spring National - AACA National Headquarters
- Auburn, IN

13-16 - AACA Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore

Region - Eastern Shore of Maryland

June

7-12 - AACA Sentimental Tour - Mountain State Classics
Region - Potomac Highlands, VA (vehicles 1928-1958)

24-27 - Eastern Spring National - White Water Region -
Daniels, WV

July

19-24 - Reliability Tour (1915 & earlier vehicles) being
organized by Bob Giles & Tom Roberts - Lock Haven/
Wellsboro, PA



Cruise Ins

Time	Location	Address	For More Info Contact
Every Thursday	Sonic in Bay Minette	Bay Minette, AL (Feb-Nov)	
Every Saturday	Steak and Shake	McGowan Park, Mobile, AL	Jo Jo Johnson 251-367-6643
1st Saturday	Five Guys Burgers	McGowan Park, Mobile, AL	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	Cottage Hill & 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 & Schillingers 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	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	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
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