



# The Sparkplug



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## Continuing Works in Progress

About a month ago we stripped down the Comet so it could be media blasted, the limited rust repaired and new paint, in the same yellow Maise color. We are waiting as the car works it wait through the line.

While waiting and avoiding doing other stuff, we decided to start putting the new floors in the GTO. I will do anything that reduces the ugly yellow paint we put on it to seal it. I shouldn't complain as it was a freebie from Automotive Painters Supply. I'm sure they chuckled as I drove off. So using a Sawsall, a plasma cutter and a nibbler, out it came, in big and small chunks. After that, I spent about 3 days drilling out spot welds to get the remnants around the rocker panels, firewall and where the floor meets the trunk floor (which will be removed next).

Everyone has heard about repairmen finding things like jars of nails, a hammer or even old bottles of beer between the struts of houses when they remove wall panels, right? To the right you will see the wrench I found in the rocker panels when the inside flooring







came off. I think it's a 3/8 size. I guess it's been there since the car was assembled (?). I wonder how long the guy at the plant hunted for it and if it made noises when the car was on rougher roads. All I know is that it makes for a good story and a good momento.

At this point we retrieved the floors from storage and placed them on

the new chassis. While the passenger floor is a direct replacement, the trunk floor needs a lot of work. To get the passenger floor into the body, I removed the trunk floor and moved the chassis under the body and progressively lowered the body. This was not straight forward as the front lip of the floor goes above the firewall flooring. To do this I placed two jack stands under the front of the floor so it angled upwards as I lowered the floor. Using a few screwdrivers to make sure the floor edge was above the firewall, I took a 2x4, placed it in one of the holes in the floor and, using a hammer, I drove it into place. It is amazing how well these replacement floor panels are made. Once it was in place, it looked like a terrific fit. What remains is to weld it in place.

With regard to the trunk floor, we are going to have to make a lot of adjustments. We went with an Art Morrison

chassis, which came with independent rear suspension which is housed in a subframe. The entire rear section is taller than the original so Darrin cut up the new floor to fit around the frame. The mock-up currently looks like the back of an old car with a trunk between fenders. This is going to take a lot of work.

Paul Dagenais



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This is a wonderful time of year. We are well into the New Year with Spring officially beginning March 20. We put a new bird feeder up for my parents in front of their window.

My parents are homebound and they are really enjoying all of the sights and sounds going on. All of the different species of birds singing their songs. Even the squirrels are making their presence known. Reminds me of a cruise-in in many ways, all the different vehicles and people we encounter.

What a difference a year makes for us having some sanity returning to our everyday living.

Hope you have been able to get out and enjoy some of the local car events that have been going on. I know our Club Activities Director has some outings planned for us as well, so plan on attending as many of those as you can.

Hope to see you at the monthly Club meeting.

Zeno



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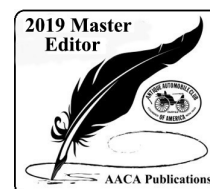
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# What have you been up to?

## Memorial Cruise For Joe Townsend

“Memorial Cruise For Joe Townsend was a great success. I know he was smiling down on all those beautiful rides. Thank you to each and everyone of y’all who came out to show support!!”

When you can make a difference in the life of someone else you grab it!

On February 27 we gathered and drove through the cemetery to the funeral home where the memorial for Joe was being held.

Several members of DSR participated in this event. I cherish these moments and look forward to the next one  
.- Charlotte Dahlenburg







## IHOP Cruise in

March 13, several members of the Deep South Region attended the Pharaoh's Cruise-in at the I-Hop in Tillman's Corner. Many people of Mobile have grown up with the cruise in in Tillman's Corner. Many people in Mobile have grown to love old cars because of it.

Members present include: Ray & Katherine Harper, Gavin & Jeff Smith, Parker Johnston and Darrin & Charlotte Dahlenburg

Left: Gavin Smith in his new suit!

## Zoo Cruise

Back in February John and I joined the Gulf Coast Model A Club for an outing. We drove along the eastern shore of Mobile Bay and over to the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. It was a wonderful trip, in spite of the rain and cold temperatures! We didn't tour the Zoo due to the inclement weather, but did enjoy a great lunch at the restaurant located on the Zoo grounds. Thanks to Jim Quinlin for making it happen.

All the way home we talked about what a great outing this would be for our club. I think everyone is ready for a "road trip" after a year of covid-19 lockdowns! Most of us have had our vaccinations and are ready to get out and enjoy the sun, old friends and our cars.

The drive on Highway 98 will meander along the eastern shore of Mobile Bay. This route is lined with classic old Mobile Bay cottages as well as some newer modern



mansions. We will then cut across to Highway 59 and head to the Zoo.

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo is also known as "the little zoo that could". It has survived several hurricanes and in March celebrated their one year anniversary in their new location. Their website lists 118 different species of







animals including 22 endangered species. Every single animal has a name and a story to tell!

Before visiting the Zoo we will have lunch at the restaurant located on the Zoo grounds. The Safari Cafe has a very unique decor and they are seating us on the deck overlooking the animals. We have dined there twice now, and the food was excellent and very reasonably priced. They have quite a varied menu and the service was top notch.

After our visit to the Zoo we will be making a stop at Stacey's Rexall Drugstore in Foley, Alabama. Why are we going to a drugstore...you ask? Ice cream, of course! They have been in this location since 1927 and have an old

fashioned soda fountain inside. When you step in you are immediately transported back to the 1950's. And besides, what road trip would be complete without an ice cream run?

So....hope you can join us on April 24 for this first-ever Zoo Cruise. We are looking forward to getting out and enjoying our cars again. Please contact Debbie Bright at 251-634-0035 or David Ladnier at 251-375-4844 to let us know if you can join us. The restaurant will need a head count by the week before. Also, the Zoo is offering us a discount on our tickets. We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting this month. Look forward to seeing you all soon!

-Debbie Bright



*Cruising In For Kids & Family Fundraiser*

**Car Show**

September 18, 2021  
9:00am-3:00pm

Loblolly Farm  
9630 Stone Road  
Semmes, AL 36575

**Food & Games**  
Raising money for Ronald McDonald House, USA Women & Children's Hospital in Mobile

Car/Truck/Motorcycle Car Show entry Donation: \$20 ea. (\$10 for 2nd or more, same owner with multiple vehicles entered) (cash prize for top 3)

Spectator entry donation:  
\$5 per person  
\$20 per family

Silent Auction  
\$1000 Drawing

251-633-9791 or 251-401-1194

I've been working on a fund-raiser for Children's and Women's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House coming in September. I have also been working in Gulf Shores, engineering testing for a new pedestrian bridge over the intercoastal canal. - Charlie Wyckoff

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# ZOO CRUISE

## APRIL 24, 2021

Leave clubhouse at 9am

Stop at Fairhope Pier

Scenic drive along Hwy. 98 Mobile Bay

Rest Break

Newsletter photo at Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

Lunch at the Safari Club Restaurant

Tour the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

Ice cream stop at Stacey's Drug Store in Foley, AL

Contact Debbie Bright 251-634-0035 or David Ladnier 251-375-4844 for more information.



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## Letter from the Editor

Spring has Sprung and so has the world! Everything seems to be getting back on track! Car Shows are happening with being safe in mind. People are getting vaccinated. The world of possibilities are at our fingertips. YAY!

As we enter this new freedom let's not forget the lessons we learned. We have bonded closer to our close knit group of friends and found a new way to have fun and focus on family.

Let's carry these lessons in to our club. Let's bring the closeness we have longed for to our club. Let's bring the lessons of 2020 to the forefront.

We can hold some great events this year! We can plan some great day trips for our 2022 Founders Tour! We can host some great fund raisers this year!

This is our year to shine. Lets not let this opportunity to pass. Have an idea? Maybe need some help to make it happen?

Contact David Ladnier, 375-4844, and fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and let's get our club out there having fun together!

See you on the road,

*Charlotte*

## Refreshments

March 25 6pm Chili & Soup Dinner Meeting 7pm  
 April 22 7pm

## Up Coming Club Events

Monthly Meeting March 25 - 7pm

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays	
Violet Haynes	March 29
Deb Henry	April 23
Debbie Bright	April 25
Anniversaries	
Jake & Sasha Thatcher	April 6

*Note: Your birthday or anniversary not listed? Please let me know the date(s) by email [deepsouth.aaca@gmail.com](mailto: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 Buddy & Patt Paquet, Foy & Judy Bobo, Lycyle Crowdus, Zeno Chaudron, Joyce Ladnier

## Notes from the Webmaster

Our website is our first outreach to the community. It tells other car enthusiasts who we are. In order to keep it current and up to date, please take the time to help. If you have flyers for upcoming car shows, photos of club activities, or photos of your car(s), please send them to me for posting on the club web page. Please send them in jpg format. - Charlotte

## 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) 689-2998 (please leave a message if I don't answer or send a text), or email me: [jgl830@aol.com](mailto:jgl830@aol.com). Many thanks!

Joyce Ladnier, Sunshine Committee Chairperson



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

*Answer for last month: Cadillac Series 62*





## Executive Board Meeting February

### Topics of Discussion:

1. Agenda will be provided for each meeting
2. Speaker ideas for each meeting
3. By-law(s) changes must go out to membership 7 days prior to vote.
4. Crusin' the Coast committee to remain the same as last year
5. 2022 Tour meeting will be on March 3 at the Clubhouse
6. Fund-raisers were discussed
7. Driveway lights adjustment needed requested by neighbors

Four very good candidates were discussed for the position of Secretary. After discussion a motion was made to accept Daniel McNamara's request to fill the position. All present voted and it was passed that Daniel McNamara will be our 2022 Secretary.

## Minutes from February

President Zeno Chaudron called the meeting to order. David Ladnier said the prayer. Zeno Chaudron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joyce Ladnier gave the Sunshine Committee report Susan Bergen introduced the new members and guests. Ballots were passed out for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

### Old Business:

No President report was given  
No Vice President report was given  
Zeno Chaudron introduced the new Secretary and made a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting; Debbie Bright 2nd; Passed  
Paul Dagenais read the Treasurer report  
No Activities report was given  
No Editors report was given

### Committee & Event Updates:

Two changes to the By-laws were presented and a vote on pass or fail at the next meeting.

### New Business:

President had no new business  
Walt Fuller reported the lights out front were not working because of the rain. A work day will be announced to repair and install new lights for the building and driveway.  
Secretary had no new business  
Treasurer had no new business  
David Ladnier mentioned 3 events coming up. April 3 Cruise to the Zoo in Gulf Shores; February 27 Orange

Beach Seafood Festival; February 27 Po Boys Cruise-in; Charlotte Dahlenburg asked that the club start selling ads for the newsletter. \$250 full page; \$125 half page; \$75 quarter page; \$35 business card size.

Meeting adjourned and Joyce Ladnier won the 50/50 Respectfully submitted Daniel McNamara

## Those in Attendance

Charlie Lyles  
John Bright  
Debbie Bright  
David Ladnier  
Joyce Ladnier  
Walt Fuller  
Martha Fuller  
David Couling  
Patricia Couling  
Susan Bergen  
Rod Matthews  
Darrin Dahlenburg  
Charlotte Dahlenburg  
Barrett Sargent

Sasha Thatcher  
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# Who Invented the Automobile?

## 1478 – Leonardo da Vinci invents the self-propelled car

Humans have been thinking about different ways to travel for thousands of years. As time has gone on, we have devised increasingly more effective and efficient methods of travel. The automobile made a dramatic change in the way people live and travel. There is not a simple answer to the question of who invented the automobile and when. It has been a work in progress, developing over the past several hundred years. To better understand the history of the automobile, it is going to be helpful to look at a time line and see how all the pieces fit together. The following months will describe the invention of the automobile and its development with a focus on American automobiles in the twentieth century.

During the next few months I/we will present how the automobile was invented. The sources for this information are listed at the end of the article. - Charlotte

### Leonardo da Vinci's Car



1478 – Who invented the first self-propelled vehicle? It may be the “Renaissance Man” himself, Leonardo da Vinci.

This happens many years before anyone else is even thinking about automobiles. However, the car remains a sketch on paper and is never actually made. This self-propelled car is not a car like the ones we see today. It is more similar to a cart and does not have a seat.

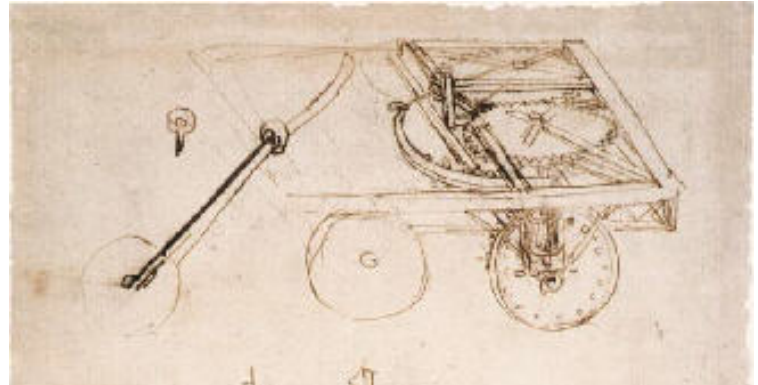
In 2004, a replica of da Vinci's car is finally crafted. It can be seen on display at the Institute and Museum of the History of Science in Florence, Italy.

Leonardo da Vinci's Car Invention can be seen as a first in several categories

It is the first self propelled vehicle in history

It is the first programmable machine in history

For Close to 120 years Karl Benz and Daimler Gottlieb have been considered by most to be the inventors of the automobile. Whose idea was it to create the world's first self-propelled vehicle? As far as teachers and textbooks



are concerned, this title belongs to the German duo of Karl Benz and Daimler Gottlieb whose three-wheeled 0.75 horsepower carriage chugged out onto German streets in early 1886.

This widely-accepted school of thought excludes the one-off steam-powered vehicles which were designed and built prior to the gasoline-powered Benz, on the premise that they were not successful and very few were made.

It appears that the argument that proponents of steam-powered vehicles propose is a moot point, however, but not because Benz and company are necessarily the true inventors of the automobile.

Several hundred years earlier in the 15th century Leonardo da Vinci, one of the world's most prolific inventors, artists and thinkers, a man who was no doubt responsible for the term “Renaissance Man” due to such famous paintings as the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper, plus his countless mechanical sketches and “doodles” including a helicopter, a submarine, a tank, a robot, a parachute and a suspension bridge, invented the automobile first.



Leonardo da Vinci

Although not strictly a car in our modern sense as it did not have seats for a passenger (although this is a simple modification) it is by all means a very well designed machine. In fact, it is so well designed it is unlikely that it could have been built to Leonardo's specifications for at least a couple of centuries as very detailed machine tooling would be required to build the complex gear systems inside the car.

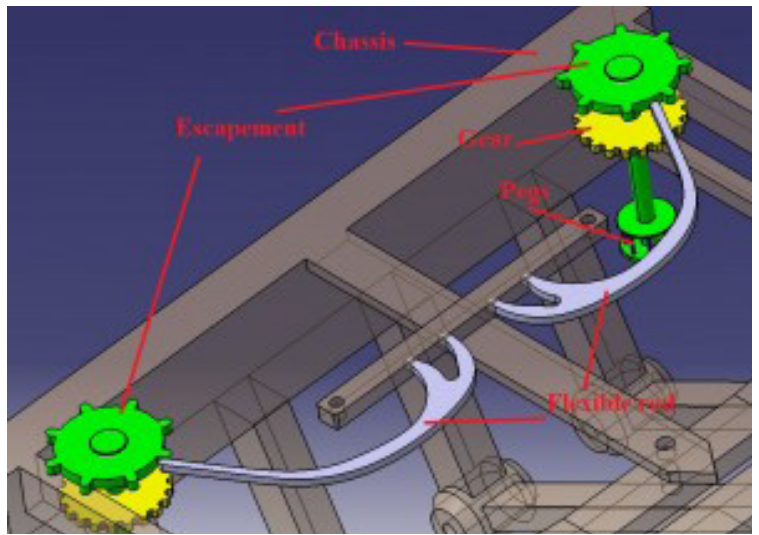
Leonardo's car wasn't designed to be a passenger car.



The vehicle was actually designed as a special attraction for Renaissance festivals, meant to instill wonder and awe in attendees. It's a vehicle which can move thanks to the energy given by two torsional springs; they are connected to some gear (precursors of modern gears) which give the motion to the front wheels. Hence the transmission consists of two couple of gear wheels, which move the front wheels thanks to a peg transmission system. The car is designed to have an automated steering wheel, that can be programmed to turn automatically on left side and with a pre-established curve, which depends on the number of cams and their relative angular position. When the steering rod is in the minimum distance contact point, the rear wheel has null steering angle..

This automobile was most likely designed for one of Leonardo's wealthy patrons, he was regularly employed to create complex showpieces for his patrons large, such things would be a way for them to show their wealth to their guests.

Leonardo's Car was spring driven so it had to be wound up before it would move. It was also programmable –



pegs were put into small holes to tell the wheels of the car to turn at certain points in time during the journey, his was all controlled internally by complex gearing and cog assemblies.

Based on the spring diameters and instructions on Leonardo design, it is estimated that the machine

In 2004 a team from The Institute and Museum of the History of Science in Florence decided to try and recreate Leonardo da Vinci's Car. They spent several months designing a 3D model of Leonardo's Car based on his designs, once they had that done they CNC Machined all of the components from the 5 different types of wood Leonardo outlined in is plan.

Eventually after a lot of hard work they succeeded in creating a full scale working model, check our facebook page for a video they took of the car in action!

Another fascinating thing about the car invention is that it is also the first known source showing a steering column, it also features a rack & pinion gear system, these are found in the steering assemblies of almost all automobiles made today, including those with power steering.

Move over Karl and Daimler, as it seems history's first self-propelled vehicle (until we're otherwise told) was sketched by Leonardo in around 1,478, 408 years before the German team made its first three-wheeler, and 431 years before Henry Ford's first Model T rolled off the assembly line in Detroit, USA

- Charlotte

Source: <http://www.leonardodavincis inventions.com/mechanical-inventions/leonardo-da-vincis-car/>

<https://www.auto123.com/en/news/did-renaissance-man-leonardo-da-vinci-invent-the-car/28311/>

<http://www.multibody.net/teaching/msms/students-projects-2014/leonardo-cart/>

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## Duct Tape & Websites

By Fred Trusty  
Vice President - Membership

Duck Tape was invented by a division of Johnson and Johnson in 1943 for military use in WWII. They wanted a tape that was waterproof and strong enough to keep moisture out of ammunition boxes. Originally, it only came in army green. It's believed that soldiers started calling it Duck Tape because it was green and shed water like a duck. It was strong, waterproof, and adhesive backed, so soldiers started using it for repairing just about anything; jeeps, guns, aircraft, and in an emergency, to temporarily close up wounds. During the housing boom after the war, soldiers were using Duck Tape that they brought back with them for all sorts of things. Then someone got the idea to market it as a means to seal heating ducts and the name changed to Duct Tape and the color changed to silver. Ironically, you shouldn't use duct tape to seal HVAC duct work. It can become brittle and fail.

What does Duct Tape have to do with AACA? The antique car hobby has had declining membership for several years now. Older members are passing on and even though we do a fair job at recruiting new members, we aren't keeping pace with the rate of attrition. We need a recruiting tool that is

strong and sticky.

Let's say that I need to find a company that can rebuild the power brake booster on my 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88? On my computer, in the Google search bar, I type in "power brake booster rebuilding service" and voila, npages of companies. What if I want to find an antique car club in Louisville, KY? In the search bar I type, "antique car clubs near Louisville KY" and guess what comes up? A list of car clubs in the Louisville area with Kyana Region AACA in the number one slot at the top of the page. There's a reason why it's number one. It's called Search Engine Optimization (SEO), which could be a future article in itself. A couple of years ago, The Kyana Region updated its website, kyanaregionaaca.com. We added lots of pictures of events and a page on how to become a member of Kyana plus a link to the AACA website, aaca.org. In 2020 we signed up 19 new members and, for 2021 we have 29, so far. Guess where most of the new, members found out about Kyana? Could websites be our, digital Duct Tape? Some regions have great websites. Some don't have one at all. Think of the potential if every AACA region and chapter had a great website? I

f we want the hobby to continue, we have to go digital. If your region or chapter doesn't have a website, AACA has a team of webmasters that are ready to help you build one. We have a free website template and with the help of our webmasters you can quickly have your own website up and running. Just contact Mary Bartemeyer, V of Website Development or me. You don't have to be a computer whiz to do this. Give it a try and see how a website can help your region's recruiting effort.

*Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box*

# REWIND

## Red Snapper Festival and Car Show

Shell Park at East Orange Beach was the scene for this fourth annual event sponsored by the Orange Beach Sport Association and Orange Beach Fire Department. Although it was sunny, it was windy and a bit chilly, but the crowd was there all day. The festival consisted of food and drink, arts and crafts, live entertainment, 50's music and of course, the car show.

There were approximately 50 vehicles entered in the show, mostly street rods and/or modifieds and the top ten received trophies. The Best of Show trophy went to Homer McNeil for his peach-colored 1932 Ford Coupe, The winner of the longest distance trophy was from Mississippi at a total of 142 miles one way. The entrants

judged, or voted on, the ten cars of their choice so I know my Model A got at least one vote, but alas, no cigar! I enjoyed talking to the many people who came by to examine it. – Carl Bailey

## Sparkplug Receives AACA Award

Thanks to all of you who helped this past year, our newsletter received a 1995 Award of Excellence. I appreciate the articles, the passing on of information and other contributions from members. Please keep up the good work. Look at the mailer portion of this issue of the newsletter to see our achievements in print and give yourself a well-deserved pat on the back.

## Highlights of AACA Annual Meeting

Over 800 persons registered for the annual meeting held Feb. 9-10 in Philadelphia, PA. Edward Bains, of Ohio,

## WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO from the March 1996 Sparkplug

was elected AACA President for 1996 with Sam High from Pennsylvania serving as Executive Vice President. Total membership at the end of 1995 was 55,895, just short of the 60,000 member goal set by Benny Bootle, immediate past president, in his 60/60 program. AACA had 404 regions and chapters at the close of the year.

John Myer of Birmingham's Dixie Region was re-elected to the National Board for another 3 years and will serve as Vice President of Publications in 1996. He also serves on the new AACA Museum Board as Secretary.

The National Board of Directors approved the Dixie Region to host the National Spring Meet for 2001 to be held in May of that year.





# SEMA Action Network 2020: The Year in Review



Most dedicated automotive enthusiasts know that the way we enjoy our hobby is often impacted by the laws and regulations that govern our prized vehicles and their components. Staying informed of all relevant state and federal proposals is job one. Being aware allows mass advocating for pro-hobby positions to ensure the best possible outcome for fellow collectors and fans. In the course of the past year, many critical legislative/regulatory issues were addressed that impact our hobby's future.

Many thanks to our friends at the SEMA Action Network (SAN) for sharing this recap summary. Here is the link: [www.semasan.com/driving-force/quarterly-article/legislative-front-lines-winter-2020](http://www.semasan.com/driving-force/quarterly-article/legislative-front-lines-winter-2020)

If you're not already signed-up for the SEMA Action Network to stay informed on important legislative issues surrounding our hobby, you can do so here: [https://pages.message.sema.org/SANsignup?\\_ga=2.26688701.1076205110.1613961392-1815886637.1601068170](https://pages.message.sema.org/SANsignup?_ga=2.26688701.1076205110.1613961392-1815886637.1601068170)

*Story courtesy of AACA newsletter the Speedster*



**REMINDER: If you haven't made a donation to the AACA Building Fund yet, it's not too late.**

**Every dollar helps!**

For information on how to donate, visit [capitalcampaign.aaca.com](http://capitalcampaign.aaca.com) or just call AACA National HQ at 717-534-1910.







## Local Car Shows

### March

- 20** 26th Annual VW Show. Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis Home, 2244 Beach Blvd, Biloxi MS. 9am -3pm Reg \$25
- 20** GCRMC Spring Open Car show at OWA. 1501 OWA Blvd, Foley. \$35 donation registration 8-11
- 27** CANCELED Camp Grace Yellow Day Fundraiser Car Show, 11081 Wanda Dr., Mobile, AL., 10am- 2pm. Registration Info here.
- 27** Axles for Alzheimer's, Five Flags Speedway, Pensacola, FL., 8am- 3pm.

### April

- 9** 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-In Edwards Discount Drugs, 103 W Frontage Rd. Lucedale, MS
- 10** Government Street Christian School is holding a benefit car show 9am-2:pm. All proceeds go to this student and his family Who lost their home. Price to enter car-\$20. Trophies, items to be auctioned, raffles, face painting and more.
- 10** **CANCELED** Camellia Classic Bellingrath Gardens & Home. Open to any vehicle
- 10** Loblolly Farm Classic Truck and 4x4 Cruise In. \$10 entry 10am-4pm 9930 Stone Road, Semmes, AL
- 10** Classic Truck & 4x4 Cruise In, 9930 Stone Rd, Semmes, AL 10am-4pm
- 15-17** Gulfport MS National T Bucket Alliance Crawfish and Cruisin' Fun Run 2021 presented by David & Keri Eckhardt. For more information call 504-234-2236
- 17** 41st Annual Southern Hospitality Open Car Show presented by the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club. Registration - 8am till 11am Judging - Starts noon Awards Presentation - 3pm Show Site: Edgewater Mall West Parking, Highway 90, Biloxi, Mississippi.
- 17** 4th Rock-N-Roll Open Car, Jeep, Truck and Bike Show. Sat. 9am-? At Point Cadet Plaza, Biloxi. MS. Registration 9am Judging 11am Awards 3pm. Contact 228-860-4103

- 22-24** Bama Coast Cruisin, The Wharf Orange Beach, AL 9am-5pm
- 26** 3rd Annual VFW Auxiliary Post 3253 Open Car & Truck Show, Bay St Louis, MS 208 Third Street 8-2pm Contact Bobby 228-493-2033.
- 30** - May 2 Battle in Bama Hot Rod, Truck & Bike Show, Battleship Memorial Park, Mobile, AL

### May

- 1** 9th Annual Gulf Coast Auto show at Edgewater Mall Open Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show and Cruise -in Entry \$20 Awards 3 pm Contact Jimbo 228-596-0664
- 1** Dyno Day Car Show 12365 Co Rd 65, Foley AL 9am-5pm
- 8** Memories on Main Street Car, Bike & Truck Show. Lucedale 5-9pm Pre reg. \$20 Day of show \$25
- 14** 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-In Edwards Discount Drugs, 103 W Frontage Rd. Lucedale, MS
- 22** Miracles Happen St. Jude Benefit Open Car Show 8am-3pm Henderson Ford 105 Hwy 90, Waveland, MS

### June

- 11** 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-In Edwards Discount Drugs, 103 W Frontage Rd. Lucedale, MS
- 19** 5th Annual Corn Festival and Car Show. 20733 Mifflin Rd, Foley, AL 8am - 2 pm. Info at 251-2884-1223. Show Info- call Mike at 251 284-1223
- 19** Alabama Blueberry Festival and Car Show, Jennings Park, Brewton, AL 8am-3pm 27 19th Annual Scrapin' the Coast Biloxi, MS Contact: Greg 228-324-7671 29 Silverhill Car Show Memorial Weekend 8am 15965 Silverhill Ave, Silverhill, AL \$25 Reg. Contact: 251-945-5506

### July

- 9** 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-In Edwards Discount Drugs, 103 W Frontage Rd. Lucedale, MS





## Market Place

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



**1941 Graham Hollywood**  
Model 109 Supercharged  
Recent tires, paint and  
wire harness. Excellent  
Condition. Andy Switzer  
228-547-9030 \$28,500.00



**1977 3/4 Ton Crew Cab** all  
systems work. Call Ernest  
at 251-661-7692 or Email:  
bhcewc@att.net



**1987 Chevrolet K5 Blazer**  
Excellent original condition,  
\$29,500. Contact Debbie or  
Craig at 601-540-8275



**1971 Ford Torino**  
**Brougham.** One owner  
78,000 miles. 302. 2  
barrel. 2 dr hardtop. Make  
Reasonable offer. Contact  
Sal at 251-456-9428



**1929 Tudor**  
Contact Becky or  
Scott Baisden - Email:  
beckyb081@att.net 850-  
384-5717 or 850-384-5717



**1963 Ford Galaxie 500**  
Convertible 390 CID.  
Contact Jim and Michele  
Gray at 251-406-1841

*Not Actual Car*



**1964 Impala Super Sport**  
it's a project. It has a 300  
horse 327 Muncie 4-speed  
two-door hardtop asking  
\$6,000 call Robert Salter at  
251-472-6232

*Not Actual Car*

**Model A Shay:** 1 of 15 with auto transmission,  
4,376 mile limited edition \$20,000.00

**Original 1965 Mustang:** 289 Engine 89k miles,  
Everything about is original no restoration.  
\$20000.00

**03 Mercury Marador,** 81k miles, black. \$15,000

Contact Buddy at 454-8947

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AND  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**

**It is not to LATE to renew  
See Paul at the meeting!**

Dues are \$45.00 for the National  
and \$20.00 for our local:  
Total of \$65.00 per year.

Make the check out to DSR and mail it to:  
Paul Dagenais, Treasurer.  
58 S. Julia Street, Mobile, AL 36604

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ANNIVERSARY**

**479-1848**

166 E I- 65 Serv Rd N  
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## President-elect Harding takes historic ride to 1921 swearing-in

From [www.autonews.com](http://www.autonews.com) Written by David Phillips

Warren Harding becomes the first president-elect to ride to his inauguration in a motor car, on March 4,



Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Philander Knox, and Joseph Cannon, in convertible, March 4, 1921

1921. Alongside him was an ailing and outgoing President Woodrow Wilson.

The car -- a Packard Twin 6 -- was provided by the Republican National Committee.

"President-elect Harding's action in choosing a more modern method of transportation probably sounds the death knell of the carriage as the presidential conveyance on Inauguration Day," The Washington Post wrote at the time.

While the car had been formally established for two decades or more, it took time to be fully embraced at the White House.

President Theodore Roosevelt, for one, was an outdoor enthusiast and remained loyal to the horse. He eagerly rode around Washington in a horse-drawn brougham carriage acquired in 1902. Roosevelt never used an automobile in the city, but the Secret Service, which was established in 1906, followed Roosevelt's carriage as it traveled through Washington in a 1907 White Steamer automobile. When Roosevelt traveled the country, he was





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Rep. Thetus Sims, D-Tenn., called the motor car "a dangerous means of travel, not only for the people who ride in it but for the pedestrians. The automobile is a genuine, all around nuisance. ... I am opposed to this Congress going on record favoring automobiles as a means of travel."

The huge, steam-powered car that Taft's chauffeur, George Robinson, drove was bought in the president's home state of Ohio. White Motor Co., a branch of White Sewing Machine Co. of Cleveland, provided a Model M, a seven-passenger, 40-hp touring car.

"The United States coat of arms is artistically painted on each of the doors and the color scheme is a harmonious blend of subdued greens," The Post reported in 1909. First lady Helen Herron Taft used a Pierce Arrow, manufactured in Buffalo, N.Y. It was driven by Abe Long, another White House chauffeur, and was described by The Post as a "six cylinder 48 horsepower suburban car, the main color of which is blue, with the door panels a rich russet and a single narrow stripe of the same color following the lines of the molding. ... Naturally a facsimile of the great seal of the United States is emblazoned on the doors of the car."

In 1910, Taft became the first president to attend an auto show, in Washington, D.C.

For the 1913 inaugural ceremonies, Taft and President-elect Wilson chose to drive from the White House to the Capitol in an open barouche drawn by four horses rather than an automobile.

To preserve gasoline during World War I, Wilson used a horse-drawn carriage, known as a Victoria, to go to church or for pleasure. When he did ride in a White House automobile -- an electric or a 1916 Pierce Arrow -- Wilson insisted that the driver go no faster than 25 mph.

**Additional Facts:**

- He was the first newspaper publisher to be elected president.
- Both of Harding's parents were doctors.
- He suffered nervous breakdowns at the age of 24 and had to spend some time in a sanitarium.
- One of his sisters was a Washington, D.C. policewoman.
- He was the first president to own a radio and the first to speak over the radio airwaves.
- Harding was the first president to visit Canada and Alaska.







# National Car Shows

**April**  
**9-10** - Southeastern Spring Nationals - Hornets Nest Region - Concord, NC  
**20-22** - Southeastern Divisional Tour - King of the Road Chapter - Central Florida

**May**  
**6-8** - Central Spring Nationals - AACA National - Auburn, IN  
**20-25** - Founders Tour (1932-1996) - Mountain State Classics Region - Davis, WV

**June**  
**2-5** - Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore Region & Bay Country Region - Eastern Shore of Maryland  
**17-19** - Eastern Spring Nationals - Saratoga Region - Saratoga Springs, NY

**July**  
**22-24** - Annual Grand Nationals - Minnesota Region - New

Ulm, MN

**August**  
**13-14** - Western Fall Nationals - Poudre Valley Region - Loveland, CO

**September**  
**9-11** - Southeastern Fall Nationals - South Carolina Region - Greenville, SC  
**12-17** - Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier) - VMCCA - Saratoga Springs, NY

**October**  
**6-9** - Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey Region - Hershey, PA  
**11-16** - Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour - Savannah Region - Mt. Airey, NC  
**18-22** - Central Divisional Tour (25 years & older) - Tulsa Region - Broken Arrow, OK

**November**  
**4-6** - Special Western Nationals - Phoenix Region -

**Please double check to see if a Cruise-In is still happening!**



# Cruise Ins

<b>Every Thursday</b>	Sonic	Bay Minette AL (Feb-Nov)	<b>3rd Saturday</b>	WhatABurger	Airport and Snow Rd	Jo Jo Johnson	367-6666
<b>1st Saturday</b>	WhatABurger	Airport and Snow Rd	Jo Jo Johnson	367-6666	Beef O' Bradys,	Spanish Fort, Hwy. 90	
	Edgewater Mall	Hwy. 90, Biloxi MS	Jimbo	228-596-0664	Bootleggers Pizzeria	913 Pass Rd, Biloxi,	228-324-6444
<b>2nd Friday</b>	Hooters	Daphne, AL (Feb-Nov)	<b>4th Saturday</b>	Orange Grove Kruiser's,	Acadian Pizza on Hwy 49,	Gulfport, MS	
	Downtown Cruise	Ocean Springs, MS	I-Hop & Five Guys	Hwy 90 & Rangeline Rd	Jo Jo Johnson	367-6666	
	Moe's BBQ Mifflin Rd	Foley	6pm-?	Hot Wheels & Wings Cruise-In,	Hooters, Hwy. 98 Daphne,	3-6 pm	
<b>2nd Saturday</b>	I-Hop & Five Guys	Hwy 90 & Rangeline Rd	Jo Jo Johnson	367-6666	Ingalls Engineering Complex	Pascagoula, MS	
<b>3rd Thursday</b>	Sonic Foley	Foley, Hwy. 59 (Mar-Nov)	<b>Last Saturday</b>	Magnolia Classic Cruisers	Grand Bay Country Cruisers	10126	
			Sonic, Hwy 59 South	Robertsdale, AL	5-8 pm		





**New Stores in Gulfport and Gulf Shores!**

- TRUSS PLANT**  
2423 Hwy 31 South  
Bay Minette, AL  
251-937-8842
- MILLWORK PLANT**  
2423 Hwy 31 South  
Bay Minette, AL  
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- CONTRACTOR YARD**  
25847 Friendship Rd  
Daphne, AL  
251-626-6993
- CONTRACTOR YARD**  
8960 Warning Rd  
Pensacola, FL  
850-494-2534
- FULL SERVICE YARD**  
3705 Gulf Shores Pkwy  
Gulf Shores, AL  
251-948-0905
- FULL SERVICE YARD**  
12250 Hwy 90 West  
Grand Bay, AL  
251-865-6185
- FULL SERVICE YARD**  
10194 Lorraine Rd  
Gulfport, MS  
228-897-1282
- FULL SERVICE YARD**  
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# Application for New Membership

## Deep South Region AACA

Mobile, Al

Ownership of a vehicle is not required for membership

National AACA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(You must be a member of AACA to join Deep South Region)

### New Member Information (Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Husband Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Wife Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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

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

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.



**APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP (PLEASE PRINT)**

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First Name                      M.I.    Last Name                                      Spouse/Partner First Name    M.I.    Last Name                                      Date

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

## MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (Includes Spouse/Partner)**----- \$45.00

Enjoys voting privileges, receives the bi-monthly issues of *ANTIQUÉ AUTOMOBILE* magazine, is eligible to join an AACA region and/or chapter and is eligible to exhibit vehicles and compete for national prizes and annual awards. Membership entitles you and your spouse/partner to two hours of free research in the AACA Library & Research Center.

**FOREIGN (NON-USA) MEMBERSHIP** ----- \$50.00

Enjoys the same privileges as annual membership.

**FIRST TIME 1/2 YEAR MEMBERSHIP** ----- \$25.00

FIRST TIME EVER AACA member who joins between June 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. Enjoys the same privileges as annual membership.

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP (Ages 13-25 – for students ONLY)**----- \$12.00

Enjoys the same privileges as annual membership. Applicants must include copy of student identification or proof of enrollment.

**U.S. LIFE MEMBERSHIP** ----- \$700.00

**FOREIGN (NON-U.S.) LIFE MEMBERSHIP**----- \$900.00

Life memberships enjoy the same privileges as annual membership. The surviving spouse/partner of a Life Member shall remain a Life Member at no additional cost. A three (3) year payment plan is available. Call us for details.

## AACA MERCHANDISE

Item	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Certificate of Membership 8¼" x 11"		\$6.00	
Enamel Car Badge 4¼" x 3" Gold/Blue		\$23.00	
Bumper Sticker 4¼" x 3" — Blue with AACA Logo in Gold		\$2.00	
Package of 8 Emblem Window Decals		\$3.00	
AACA Aluminum License Plate Frame		\$16.00	
<b>Merchandise Total</b>			
<b>Membership Total</b>			
<b>Total Amount Due</b>			

**Dues Billed Annually**

Dues are billed annually only. There is no pro-rating of dues and back issues of *ANTIQUÉ AUTOMOBILE* may not always be available.

For more merchandise selections, visit our website at: [store.aaca.org](http://store.aaca.org) (Merchandise prices include U.S. shipping & handling - call for foreign pricing.)

**Payment Method:** (All prices stated in U.S. dollars)

Check or money order enclosed payable to AACA. (U.S. funds only. Any check dishonored by a bank will be subject to a charge of \$30.00.)

**Charge to:**  Visa     MasterCard     Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CV# \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**Antique Automobile Club of America**

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Hershey PA 17033-0417  
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**ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM**

Directions: Please provide the information requested below. All requests for activities must be provided to the Activities Officer in time for review by the Club Members at the monthly DSR meeting. The meeting is usually the third Thursday of the month.

Date:

Organizations/Clubs:

Representative/Signature:

Contact Information:

Name of Activity:

Date of Activity:

Location of Activity:

Description of Activity:

Funding Request, Yes or No

Justification for Funding if requested:

Direct inquiries and/or return the completed form to the DSR Activities Officer.

David Ladnier  
3821 Hawthorne Drive, Mobile, AL 36693  
[deepsouth.aaca@gmail.com](mailto:deepsouth.aaca@gmail.com)  
251-375-4844

