



The Sparkplug



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CTC Packing Party September 25

Every year CTC packs registration bags on a Saturday. This year was no different. 9000 bags with anything from flyers to the precious bag of goodies (Swap meet tickets, hat pins and window stickers) were packed.

The group did an awesome job for more than 5 hours and then went to lunch at a restaurant on the beach.

What a great day of fun and time together.

Members representing DSR were Charlie Lyons, Tammy Lyons, Linda Nitz, Zeno Chaudron, Rheba Chaudron, Paul Dagenais, David Ladnier, Joyce Ladnier, Walt Fuller, Martha Fuller, Dan Jacobson, Charlie Wychoff, Charlotte Dahlenburg, Susan Bergen and Brian Daly - Charlotte



CTC Kick Off Parade

To kick off Cruisin' the Coast, a parade is held in Long Beach, Mississippi every year. This year David Ladnier represented the Deep South Region in the parade. He got in line at around 1 pm and the parade started at 5:30. It sure looked like fun by the photos I found!
- Charlotte



Serious About Some Cruisin' Fun!

Marcus our youngest son - promised me about 4 months before Cruisin' the Coast he would have my 1956 Chevy running for us to do the Cruisin'! I said yea ok, I've heard that, the last 2 or 3 years, So I told him I had registered my car! So we had to get it going. I told him to let me know what we needed, I'd get it. He started on It, bound and determined to get it done, worked some evenings- (on his days off from the fire department) till 10 or 11 o'clock at night. He said Mom, you'll drive this car at the Coast. Well, a few days before the Coast, he was having trouble with the radiator- he pulled that one out and put another one in!! He took my car home and had to put another O2 sensor in it - the next day he brought it to the Coast, picked me up that Friday morning and we did all of our stops!! A funny - we were going through Pass Christian Stop- he said Mom look - this is where they do the burnouts- I looked at him and said you better not - he said yes m'am I am- and I was videoing him doing it, grinning from ear to ear - And at the end of it, he did this little laugh. This made my day even better!! He is such a great young man, not just because he's mine, but how we raised him to be. He said Mom, I'm driving the car tomorrow, if you'll let me. I said absolutely, you worked hard to get it down here!! Love, time and lots of determination is what he did- to make his mama HAPPY!! - Tammy Lyons



Gettin' Stamped



Momma's car at the Coast!



Tammy and Marcus hanging in the car together!



Tammy and Rheba



So, How was Cruisin' the Coast in 2021?

Well, we attended the cruise in past years, but this was the first time we participated with the Deep South Regional AACA club as volunteers, helping with the logistics of receiving registered cars and participants.

Debbie and Craig have attended numerous car shows over the past 2 years but we must say this year's 2021 Cruisin' the Coast was super impressive and a lot of fun. By now many members in our DSR club know that the 2021 Cruisin' the Coast resulted in nearly 10,000 registered cars!!!!

That makes 2021 the most highly attended show in its history and surpassing the 2019 show by 2,000 registrants!

We volunteered to assist at the D'Iberville event location on Thursday and Friday. We have never seen so many cool cars and had a bunch of fun with our fellow club members, and the drivers of all the outstanding cars we saw as we stamped their registration cards.

The D'Iberville Police Department and the local city

government officials were totally engaged to ensure safety and smooth traffic flow. They even had D'Iberville police car #54, a vintage Ford Custom from 1954 onsite with an attending police officer providing some fun interaction with all of us as you can see by the photo of Debbie and me.

They fed the volunteers very well and there was plenty of beverages since we did see 90 degrees; and beautiful weather on both days we attended. Ray and Katherine Harper really know the process and stayed on top of all the activities at our location. Well, after 25 years doing this event there is no question they have it down pat!!!

We look forward to next year, and with luck the pandemic will be a thing of the past and even more car enthusiasts will come down to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and cruise with all of us and enjoy the swap meet, vendors, car auction and more. See you then!!

-Craig Henry



Debbie and Craig with the Radio Flyer car



Craig and Doc stamping cars in D'Iberville



Debbie in action stamping cards



Craig and Debbie getting the what "fors" from the D'Iberville Police



Mayor's Choice Award D'Iberville

Ray let me know Saturday afternoon that he & Wendy, the Mayor's Assistant, were going to announce the mayor's choice for the D'Iberville site. He said the person who was going to win this had to be there or it was going to the next car in the voting.

So I'm going to video the announcement of the winner and 'the winner is a blue and white 64 Ford convertible, the owners were David and Joyce Ladnier. I just about dropped my iPhone. So after this a photographer took pictures for the next year's postcard. - David Ladnier

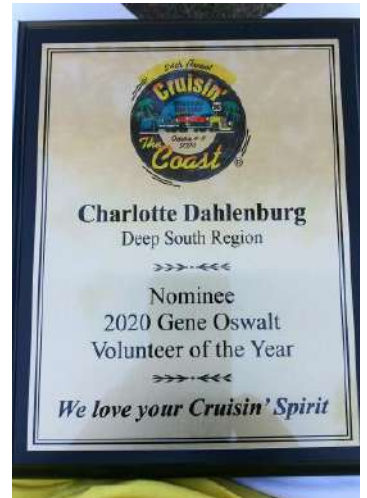


Gene Oswalt Award Nominee

Every year Cruisin' the Coast present the Gene Aswalt Award. Each of the host clubs vote for the most valuable member of the club to be nominated for the Volunteer award.

Nominees must have worked 24 hours or more to be eligible. It is such an honor to be nominated by your own club for such an award.

All names turned into Cruisin' the Coast go into a hat and one name is drawn. That is the only fair way to pick a name for the award. Each club has already decided the best. Congratulations to Katherine Harper for the Magnolia Model T's and Charlotte Dahlenburg for The Deep South Region.

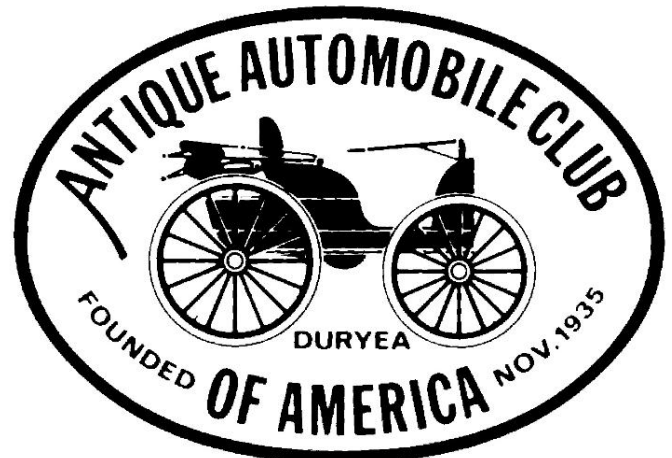


IMPORTANT!!! 2022 AACA National Board of Directors Election

In the September/October edition of Antique Automobile is a postpaid ballot for the 2022 Board of Directors election. It is your ONLY ballot and must be filled out according to the instructions or it will not be counted.

Please read the biographies of all the candidates listed in the magazine and vote for the 7 of your choice. Our candidates this year come from widely different backgrounds, so please give serious consideration to those who match your ideas of what is important to the future of the club. All ballots must have 7 names selected or they will be considered "not valid" and will not be counted.

Your ballot must be postmarked by November 15, 2021.



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NOTE FROM
THE PRESIDENT

October 2021

Hope all of you are doing good. This year is rolling right on with fall of the year in full force which I'm sure everyone is enjoying. Our Club just finished up Cruisin' the Coast which was a blast for Rheba and me. I was proud that our Club was well represented. I didn't know how good it was going to be when on Tuesday, Charlie Lyons and I were heading to work at Cruise Central in Gulfport when we came up on an accident on I-10 at the Mississippi Truck Scales. Traffic was backing up when we got close enough to see it was one of our own, Dan Jacobson. We saw the car was pretty battered and Dan was still in the car. We pulled over to check on Dan and he said he was okay other than some pain in his back. I thank the Lord he wasn't seriously injured but was going to the hospital to get checked out. His car had been heavily damaged. These old cars can be replaced and I'm glad he was going to be OK.

It's that time again for election of new officers for the 2022 year. All are welcome to apply. Voting will take place at the November meeting. In saying this, I have enjoyed being your President of DSR this year, but it's time for someone else to take the reins and go with it.

Remember our monthly meeting on Thursday, October 28. See you there.

Zeno

**KEEP
CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

**It is time 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
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AACA purges all unpaid members
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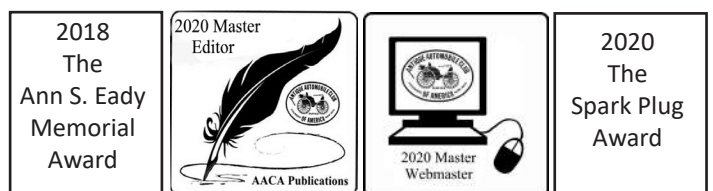
Membership:

Finance Committee: Paul Dagenais, Tracy Metclaf, Robert Haynes

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What have you been up to?

Awhile back, I wrote an article about DSR and ACCA members providing a week of enthusiasm and excitement for my grandson, Baley Metclaf.

Baley was so excited about the experience he had in Mobile, he convinced his Dad (my son, Carter) and his Mom (Karen) to travel to San Antonio to see Team Alabama (All DSR and AACA members) off on their adventure.

As the summer wore on, Baley completed requirements for and received his Boy Scout Eagle rank. He also firmed up his convictions about becoming an automotive engineer. Baley talked non-stop about his wish for a project car. As fate would have it, Karen's cousin passed away and left his 1980's Camaro to be sold. The opportunity was too much for Carter to pass up.

The car was located in Muncie, Indiana.

Baley had learned of automobile engineering programs at Ferris State in Big Springs, Michigan and IUPUI in Indianapolis. A trip to talk with each of those departments was lined up for last week. After visiting the schools, Baley's family went to Muncie to visit family. That was when Baley was introduced to his project car!

Carter had the car shipped to their home in Katy, TX.



The car runs, though it needs new tires and a little interior cosmetic work. Paul shipped Baley a set of tools and I signed him up for AACA.

And all this was from one short week visit to Mobile spent with DSR members introducing him to the great world of antique automobiles. All the administrative work, the car shows and tours are fun, but as far as I am concerned bringing young folks in to our hobby is as important a function DSR can have.

- Tracy

The Deep South Region is Still Making a Statement!

WHOOO RAH!!!!!! Check out what I just got when going through my mail. We had gone up to see the kids and Maddox after his ear tube surgery. Just got back Tuesday night. So playing catch up and went through the backlog of mail. I'm so excited! - Deborah Henry

Editor's Note: We have had many members get nominated and several win an National Award for their cars in recent history. Jim Henderson and David Rooney in recent years have won the prestigious award. We are all hoping that the Henry's will get this award as well!

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October 12, 2021

Deborah J. Henry

(Dear Deborah):

ANCA Members in all four divisions of the country, directed vehicles at 2021 National and State and the National Awards Committee was back to work selecting what was to be the winner. It is a difficult task to select the best of the best. The committee is made up of some of the most experienced and knowledgeable members of ANCA. This committee is composed of the task of selecting the recipient of the Motor Judges Award. This committee is composed of the task of selecting the recipient of the Motor Judges Award.

These awards are presented annually during the ANCA National Awards Banquet held in conjunction with the ANCA National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina each year in late September or early October. The award is presented to the owner of the vehicle.

1934 Packard

Vehicle # 30963

The ANCA National Awards committee will meet on December 4, 2021, to determine the winner of each of the many categories of awards. It is so difficult to select the best of the best. The committee is made up of some of the most experienced and knowledgeable members of ANCA. This committee is composed of the task of selecting the recipient of the Motor Judges Award. This committee is composed of the task of selecting the recipient of the Motor Judges Award.

The above items must be in my possession by the end of the business day on November 1, 2021. Necessary funds to return these items to this date will automatically be deducted from your photo.

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Thank you for the prompt return of this information and photos.

With kind regards,
Bob Paroli
Vice President, National Awards
Enclosures



Minutes from September

We had a new member, Fred Wilson with a 1976 Ranchero

President: Announced need for a nominating committee for 2022 officers.

New Appliances: Stove, Fridge, Microwave, Dishwasher. Motion to give old appliances to family in need.

Email not an issue: Motion to accept Finance report.

Membership dues due by December 31

Invited to Bellingrath Gardens for Trunk or Treat October 23.

CTC 25th Anniversary. Volunteers spent a list of days working. Let us know if any changes or special needs need to be done. Show up early to D'Iberville Site.

Last night to buy National Jeep tickets.

Stuffing bag is Sept. 25th for Cruisin' the Coast.

Respectfully submitted Daniel McNamara

Letter from the Editor

The excitement has come back slow this year but it has been very steady! Shows have happened on a National level and a local level. Many of our favorites returned to the area. Birthday cruise by's and Cruisin' the Coast all have happened.

There are still more to come! The season is not over! We have some fun events on the books. The big show in Pensacola to judge for the Rotary Club on November 13. This event raises money for local charities. We will also get the chance to train some of the locals about judging cars. See David Ladnier to make sure you get to participate!

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the clubhouse is on November 18 at 6 pm. The club will provide the meat and everybody will be bringing their best holiday side dish or dessert.

Stay tuned on Thursday to find out where our Awards Banquet will be!

See you on the road,

Charlotte

Nancy Evelyn Thoms February 10, 1938 – October 17, 2021



Nancy Thoms, eighty three years old, left us on Sunday, October 17, 2021. She was born in February 10, 1938 in Red Bank, New Jersey to the late Harry and Evelyn Burdge. Nancy graduated in 1956 from Middletown Township High School, Leonardo, New Jersey. She passed away peacefully in Mobile, Alabama.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents. Nancy and her husband Herb met in high school and were together from then to the present. She was a homemaker, a sometime office worker, and the wife of a career soldier. Her travels with her husband took her to many posts in the United States and four wonderful years in the Philippines.

Her interests included volunteering at the Mobile Infirmery, traveling and camping in her Class B motorhome, participating in Camp Bluebird activities for cancer survivors, attending car shows with her Class B and the Thoms 68 Cougar, singing with the Azalea City Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, and her close and extended families.

Nancy is survived by her husband of sixty-three years, Herb Thoms; daughter, Catherine Strickland (Arik); son, Stephen Thoms (Clarisse); grandson, Stephen Thoms and fiancée Christy Lenoir; grandson, Christopher "Chase" Thoms (Courtney); grandson, Trevor Goren and fiancée Allyson Pryor; great-granddaughter, Caitlyn Thoms; and great-grandson, Chase Thoms. Visitation was held at Radney Funeral Home-Mobile on Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Nancy's life was held in the funeral home chapel immediately following. The family will receive friends and family for a reception at the funeral home after the Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.





Refreshments

October 28	Susan Bergen	7pm
November 18		
Thanksgiving Dinner	at the Clubhouse	6pm
December 11	Location TBD	4pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Jim Henderson	October 26
Jeff Herndon	October 26
Dan Jacobson	October 27
Donna Wood	October 28
David Ladnier	November 3
Ross Sloan	November 10
Linda Nitz	November 14
Zeno Chaudron	November 17

Anniversary

Zeno & Rheba Chaudron November 15, 1975

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



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

*Answer for last month:
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Mercedes_35HP
Phaeton*

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. Many thanks!

Joyce Ladnier, Sunshine Committee Chairperson

Thoughts Go Out

Also keep good thoughts and prayers for Family of Herb Thoms, Missy Alan, Family of Tony Rye, Buddy & Patt Paquet, Dan Jacobson, Lycyle Crowdus and Violet Haynes.

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



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



Who Invented the Automobile?

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

A Pioneering Developer of the Internal Combustion Engine Completes His Life's Journey

August 4, 1900

Jean Joseph Étienne Lenoir, who invented the first practical and commercially successful internal combustion engine, died in the French town of La Varenne-Saint-Hilaire (near Paris) at the age of 78. Lenoir had been born in 1822 in Mussy-la-Ville, which was a community in Luxembourg at the time and is now part of Belgium. An engineer and chemist, Lenoir immigrated to France during the 1850s.

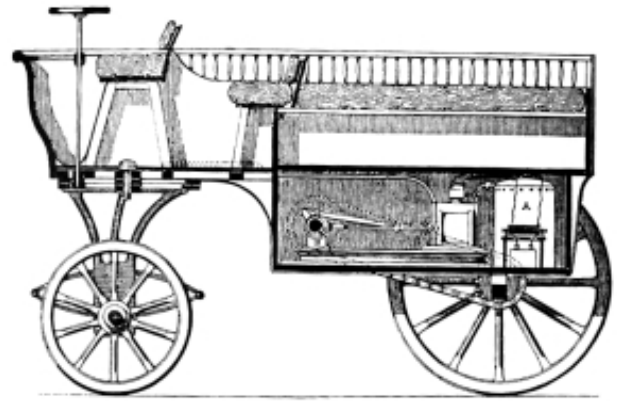
In 1859, he created a two-stroke internal combustion engine. His invention was specifically a converted steam engine with slide valves to both take in a mixture of air and coal gas and discharge exhaust products. While only about four percent efficient in fuel consumption, the engine also proved to be durable and mostly smooth-running. The Paris-based Conservatoire National Des Arts Et Métiers awarded Lenoir with a patent for his "air motor expanded by gas combustion" in 1860.

This drawing of Lenoir's Hippomobile appeared in the French news magazine *Le Monde illustré*.

By 1865, hundreds of Lenoir's engines were used throughout France and England for such machinery as water pumps and printing presses. During the that decade, Lenoir also adapted the engine for an even more innovative purpose: the propulsion of vehicles. Lenoir's efforts in this regard involved creating what is generally regarded as the world's first automobiles. In 1863, for example, he included an internal combustion engine



Jean Joseph Étienne Lenoir



This drawing of Lenoir's Hippomobile appeared in the French news magazine *Le Monde illustré*.

in a three-wheeled carriage that he had built and named the Hippomobile. This vehicle, which was a wagon body fitted atop a tricycle, completed an 11-mile (17.7-kilometer) round trip between Paris and the commune of Joinville-le-Pont in just under three hours.

Lenoir was not the first person to come up with the idea of an internal combustion engine; in 1824, French physicist Nicolas Carnot outlined such a device in his book on thermodynamics. Thanks in large part to the more widespread availability of gaseous fuels by the mid-19th century, however, Lenoir was able to manufacture an internal combustion engine that was not only workable but also popular and profitable.

Source: <https://globalfirstsandfacts.com/2018/09/24/automobile-used-for-public-transportation/>
<https://transportationhistory.org/>



Jean-Joseph-Etienne Lenoir, Belgian engineer invented the first automobile for personal transportation. Lenoir converted his two-cycle engine from coal gas to liquid fuel in 1862. The first automobile was test driven 6 miles (9.7 kilometres) on public roads for a three hour trip in September 1863.





As Growing up in the 1960's

By Fred Trusty
Vice President - Membership

When I was about 8 or 9 years old I got my first lawn mower. I think I paid \$5 for it. It was basically a used piece of junk but it worked, sometimes. Do you remember the Briggs and Stratton engines with wind up starters? You folded the handle out and then wound it up several evolutions and when you folded it back it would release the spring that turned the engine to start it. It met its demise when I hit a steel pipe sticking out of the ground and bent the crankshaft but with the money I had made cutting yards I bought a brand new Sears Craftsman mower. I wanted the self-propelled model but it cost more so I had to settle for the push type. I paid for the mower, then we went to the pickup counter outside, gave the clerk the sales ticket, and he went back in the warehouse and brought out the big cardboard box on a dolly and then put it in the trunk of my dad's '56 Buick.

What a surprise when we got home and unpacked the mower. The clerk had made a mistake and gave us the self-propelled model. I was thrilled, but only for a moment. My dad said we didn't pay for that mower and to keep it would be stealing. He made me call Sears and tell them what happened. Much to my surprise, they told me to keep the mower. I made a lot of money cutting grass with that mower but unfortunately, it was stolen out of our garage a few years later.

I was now 12 and wanted a paper route delivering newspapers for the Courier Journal but you had to be at least 14. No problem. A kid I knew in the neighborhood was 15 so he got two routes and let me run one of them. I did all the work and he took a cut of the profit. I would get up at 3:30 AM every morning, ride my bike to the

corner drop off about two blocks away, pickup my papers and then deliver them. Home by 7:00 in time for breakfast and then off to school. Right after school about 3:30 I would go to the drop off corner, pick up the evening edition, make my deliveries and home by 5:30 for supper. There was only one edition on Sunday but it was much thicker so no bicycle delivery. I had to walk. Back then you had to collect the money from all of your customers so that meant knocking on doors at night. When I turned 14 the kid that got the route for me was 17 so he gave me both of his routes since he got a job at a gas station. With two paper routes, I was really making bank. Good thing, since I had my sights set on something big in two years, a car.

Can you imagine a 12-year-old kid riding his bike alone in the streets at 3:30 AM today? Or how about going door to door collecting money at 9:00 PM? The 1960's were a golden time to be growing up. I wish our world was still like it today
Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box

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David Ladnier is in need of old trophies for fund raising events.
Please consider bringing your unwanted trophies to the next meeting.



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 2021 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.

REWIND

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

October Editor's Note

Remember you heard it here first! Or at least I hope you did. People, we are on the World Wide Web. AACA has a Home Page on the Internet. You can select information on publications, regions and graphics. This has taken a lot of hard work from some dedicated members and I would like to name them but I fear leaving someone out. They all deserve a round of applause. The address is <http://www.aaca.org> for all you computer buffs. Hopefully, this is just the beginning of more to come. **"Cruisin' the Coast".**

This extravaganza held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast had 379 cars registered, plus more driving along. There were no major mishaps and from all reports everyone had a great time. Too bad there were so many things going on closer to home

which prevented many of us from participating.

DSR Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for the 1997 at the October 24 meeting. The entire slate may or may not be filled but think about this. Is it your turn to serve the Club? (Of Course, It Is!) Do you have any ideas on how to improve the Club and its operations? (Certainly You Do!)

Don't be shy or bashful... stand up and volunteer for an office or at least to chair a committee. If you plan to nominate a member for office, make sure you have their permission and that they are willing to accept.

Rainy Weather Didn't Stop DSR

"If it thunders before 7, it will be clear by 11" according to Ernie Youens. To keep everyone's spirit

up, he repeated it several times. It was what those members helping McDonald's on Dauphin Island Parkway open its new indoor playland were hoping for most of the day on Saturday, September 28. When the sun finally came out about 2 in the afternoon, John Pointe to it and asked Ernie "What is that?" Ernie promptly replied "Eleven o'clock!"

There were B. Cammon, Lycyle Crowds, J. Finley, 2 Lunsfords, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets, B. Reeves and his friend, John Criswell, J. Reid, 2 Rowells, 2 Whites, 2 Williamsons and son Steven, 2 Youens plus Mustang Club member Eddie Anderson. This made a total of 19 members and 3 guests in 14 cars. This was defiantly a case of "above and beyond" and the Activities Director is grateful to everyone who participated.





Local Car Shows

October

- 26** Inaugural Gentleman's Drive 2021. elegantly dressed drivers will drive together in stunning pre-80's vehicles for men's health, raising funds on behalf of charity partner, the November Foundation. Keep updated and register at www.gentlemansdrive.com.
- 30** Camp Grace Yellow Day Fundraiser Car Show, 11081 Wanda Dr., Mobile, AL., 8am -2pm. Reg. \$20 includes T-Shirt
- 30** Brewton Lions Club Ribs & Rides Car Show. 220 St. Joseph St, Brewton, AL., 8am- 2:30pm.
- 30** Pelc Tire Auto Service Cruise-In, Pelc Tire Service Center, 67 Shell Street, Saraland, AL., 9am-1pm.
- 30** After Hours Trunk or Treat. 7pm Fairhope Soccer Complex. Costume Contest and Car Lumbos
- 31** Community Wide Trunk or Treat or Treat Lillian Recreational Park 33914 Windel Ave., Lillian
- 31** Mustang Vintage & Newer Models Car Show, 3335 Camp Ground Church Rd. Luverne, AL., 12- 4pm.
- 31** The Bayou Classic Car Show & Fall Festival, Bayou Sara Baptist Church, 12 Bayou Sara Ave., Saraland, AL. 4-7pm.
- 31** 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat at the ABBA Shrine Center on Hitt Road. 4pm

November

- 6** American Legion Post 99 - 3rd Annual Car Show 8am-4pm 2101 S Mckensie St, Foley Info 469-569-9953
- 5-6** Stand Up To Childhood Cancer Open Car Show, Mobile International Speedway, 7800 Park Blvd., Irvington, AL. 10am- 2pm.
- 6** Dyno Day Car Show, Huck's Automotive Performance, 12365 Co. Rd. 65, Foley, AL. 9am- 5pm.
- 6** Hugh J White Fall Festival Car Show, Pollard McCall Junior High School, 3975 Old Hwy 31, Brewton, AL., 9am- 2pm,
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By the seat of their pants: The women who volunteered for the WWI Motor Corps drove more than just trucks



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“The Red Cross asked us if we could assemble a Ford for them. We said, sure—send it along... the next day they did... in a box.” —Alice in France: The World War I Letters of Alice M. O’Brien, April 23, 1918.

In a cold warehouse in central Paris, Motor Corps volunteer Alice O’Brien and her three companions surveyed the chassis of a knocked down, half-ton Model T. Not surprisingly, the Red Cross had not provided a coach, so the four women mechanics scavenged a hapless war buggy from a nearby wreck and bolted it to their working chassis. Filled with a little nerve and a lot of training, the women had been awaiting news: Had the American Red Cross finally absorbed the volunteer Motor Corps, and

what would their new uniforms look like?

Before the United States officially entered the Great War, young American women like Alice and her friends found themselves struggling against the mid-Victorian traditions established during the Civil War while at the same time trying to define a new generation. Women had been expected to contribute as “sisters of charity”—darning socks, collecting supplies, caring for the wounded and organizing for the poor. Eventually that would change with the entrance of the automobile and the inspired heroism of the American Ambulance Field Service (AAFS). The young men of America had been enticed by adventures abroad, and women, who had been owning, driving and repairing their own automobiles as long as men, would not let themselves be left behind.





Red Cross Motor Corps Volunteer. Photo courtesy American Red Cross.

“While amateurs talk tactics, professionals talk logistics.” —Army General Omar Bradley

One group of women, the National League for Women’s Services (NLWS), originally a labor reform organization, had formed a Motor Corps division in anticipation of America entering the war. Modeled upon the British First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, aka FANYs, the Motor Corps was to provide auxiliary assistance to the armed services, primarily through the American Red Cross. Organized under the Bureau of the Department of Military Relief, each Motor Corps chapter was headed by a Captain with power appointed to Lieutenants and noncommissioned officers. Members were trained as personal chauffeurs, supply truck operators, and ambulance drivers for returning soldiers to stateside hospitals. Most volunteer mechanics were trained to assemble Model T chassis, and volunteers like Alice who spoke French would sometimes be sent abroad. Women like Alice were not unaware of the threat they faced. One British FANY, Pat Beauchamp, would experience the horrors of war while driving her ambulance with the cost of her own leg.

“I used to lie awake at nights and wonder about those artificial legs, just what they were like... Now that I really know what they are like it seems particularly humorous that I thought one would even sleep in them.” —Fanny Goes to War, by Pat Beauchamp, 1919



American Field Service color lithograph by Josef Pierre Nuytens, 1917. Courtesy Library of Congress.

Although the American armed forces were still greatly segregated, no woman qualified to help was turned away from the Motor Corps. Under the leadership of Captain Sadie Leavelle, the NLWS had formed the Hayward Motor Corps in New York for succor of the returning 369th Colored Regiment—the renowned Harlem Hell-fighters. The all-volunteer Hayward unit included 40 women, three ambulances, two busses and twelve private automobiles. For 25 cents, a soldier could get a bed, bath and a shine. Mostly from southern states, the Hell-fighters of the 369th were also treated to sight-seeing tours with lady chauffeurs throughout New York City.

“Every day, the trim Khaki colored ambulances may be seen standing in front of hospital entrances, ready for a load of convalescents to be taken to the races at Sheepshead or Jamaica, to a baseball game at the Polo Grounds or a Seeing New York tour...” —The New York Age Newspaper, August 19, 1919



"WITH SET TEETH SHE INCREASED HER SPEED AND FLEW ON DOWN THE ROAD." (SEE PAGE 755.)

Magazine Illustration 1917 for *The Ambulance-Girl: A Story of the French Front* by Grace E. Craig

With an eye on future need, even the Girl Scouts of America had joined in the effort. Already earning badges selling war bonds, building victory gardens and knitting socks, young girls were earning their first Automobiling Badge by 1916, which included training in mechanics and first aid in anticipation of ambulance service in the Motor Corps.

"Get a car. But where, we asked, From America, she said. But how, we said. Ask somebody, she said, and Gertrude Stein did, and in a few months the Ford came." —*The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas.* by Ambulance driver Gertrude Stein 1933

At first, the thought of women driving automobiles, no less participating in war, was still unacceptable in polite society and was initially met with public resistance in the states and suspicion abroad. One British Daily from 1916 colorfully stated:

"Women's outlook on life will be distorted by the adoption of such a profession... the alien companionship of mechanics and chauffeurs will isolate her mental standing, the ceaseless days of dull monotony of labor will not only rob her of much feminine charm but... steal away her youth and deprive her of the color and sunlight of life."

Additionally, if the automobile was to be engaged in something as important as war, it would do so with men behind the wheel, and not just any men, but the best America had to offer. Arlen J. Hansen illustrates in his book, *Gentlemen Volunteers: The Story of the American Ambulance Drivers in the First World War*,

"One might well assume that the best source for manning an ambulance corps would be the garages and repair shops of New England, there to find men schooled in how to make the temperamental machines of that era function. Instead... the criteria for membership [was] not the ability to take apart a manifold but good bloodlines and impeccable manners."



Red Cross Motor Corps Volunteers, San Mateo County, California. Photo courtesy American Red Cross.

Future captains of industry like Walt Disney and Ray Kroc and the future titans of American letters like Ernest Hemingway and Gertrude Stein, who all drove ambulances, were not required to have working knowledge of automobiles, even the comparatively simple Model T. And although they would acquire these skills on the job, Disney and Kroc never made it to the front and the young Hemingway, suffering from bad eyesight, had earned his Medaglia d'argento al valor (Italian silver Medal) not in an ambulance but on a bicycle.

"... a volunteer [ambulance driver] must be a man of good disposition possessed of self-control—in short, a gentleman." —Recruitment letter, Eliot Norton 1914

After the first year, due to excessive drinking and failure to follow rules, the AAFS had been forced to reorganize to re-establish order in the ranks. In

contrast, women volunteers of the Motor Corps were required to have a license, 30 hours of mechanical training, first aid, often contribute and maintain their own automobile and, above all, display the utmost in professional decorum. The chaos of war among the suffering populations of France had no tolerance for pretty young American girls flirting with irresistible men in uniform, and sadly many women volunteers had had their passports revoked and been sent home. On April 4, 1917, America had officially joined the war. After passing the draft, President Woodrow Wilson's Department of War was faced with the task of recruiting more women to replace men as drivers. Having control over the United States Army Quartermaster and the oil reserves since 1912, the motor division of the United States Army called together six central Motor Corps chapters to consolidate under the American Red Cross. (The Army maintained its own separate motor service and ambulance.) By September 1918, the American Red Cross had absorbed all voluntary Motor Corps as well as the AAFS and had passed a rule that they would no longer recruit men drivers of draft age. Initially women had volunteered for the Motor Corps for humanitarian motives, but how to convince American women that driving for the Red Cross was a patriotic duty? President Wilson organized an independent government agency tasked with inspiring public opinion to support U.S. participation in the war. Newspaper publicity man and by-gone era influencer George Creel, who had been active in Wilson's reelection campaign was appointed its first chairman. It was called the Committee on Public Information (CPI) or the Creel Committee.



Navy, Marine Corps, and Motor Corps of America recruiting posters by Howard Chandler Christy. Color lithographs, 1917. Courtesy Library of Congress.

Creel appointed Charles Dana Gibson to head the Division of Pictorial Publicity (DPP). Creator of the Gibson Girl, Gibson had defined the Victorian standards of graceful beauty responsible for selling soaps and sodas. Advances in chromolithographic printing, once reserved for circus ads, allowed the United States government to print and distribute over 2 million pro-war posters. From these images would emerge the New American Woman, a patriotic American heroine

in uniform—the Christy Girl.

The Christy Girl had made her debut wearing a man's uniform enticing men to "join up!" Designed by Howard Chandler Christy working for the DPP, the Christy Girl was the natural successor to the corseted and coiffed Gibson Girl. She was the girl next door, doing her part and waiting for her returning sweetheart. Fortunately for the Motor Corps, she would cast off her corset, cut her hair short, and wear her own uniform.



WWI Motor Corps Uniform Reproduction by Aldona Jones, vintage costume creator.

A dress reform revolution was underway. The appeal to women drivers releasing 28,000 tons of steel corset boning—enough to build one dreadnaught and two large-caliber guns—from under their busts was a good start. The era of dusters and veils had finally ended. Ethel Harriman, daughter of Motor Corps organizer for New York, Daisy Harriman, would design a progressive new look for a standard American Red Cross Motor Corps uniform: a long gray coat and breeches, high boots, leather belt, a service cap, and Red Cross insignia. It would eventually become standard issue. For the first time, women would be permitted in public in pants.

However, when it came to women's clothing, the opinions of some powerful men would not be stifled. Henry Ford, who had benefited greatly from war

sales, could not recognize the similarities between his universal invention and dress reform.

"I think that dress reform for women, which seems to mean ugly cloths, must always originate with plain women who want to make everyone else look plain." —My Life and Work Henry Ford, 1922.

Yet Ford's dream girl couldn't have been more plain an automobile. And certainly, with its bare essentials, and mix and match of body parts on the chassis for all in view, would the immodest Model T leave nothing to the imagination? One could say, if the Packard wore the evening gown of coachbuilt automobiles, then the Model T wore a bikini.

However, the Ford Motor Company eventually donated 107 ambulances to the Red Cross—some given directly to the Motor Corps. The pants controversy was short lived with an acceptable compromise to both parties and summarized with the headline in the 1918 Washington Post:

"Hide 'Em Under Short Skirts, Is Order of Red Cross to Fair Motor Drivers" —Washington Post headline, Feb 1918.



St. Louis Red Cross Motor Corps on duty October 1918 influenza epidemic. Photograph shows mask-wearing women holding stretchers at backs of ambulances. Photograph courtesy Niday Picture Library.

By the end of the war, the Red Cross Motor Corps had driven more than 35,000 miles, operated in 300 cities with 12,000 (300 overseas) volunteer drivers on call and waiting for act II when the influenza outbreak of 1918 would mobilize the Motor Corps again. In total, 2.8 million American men had been drafted and 2 million men had volunteered, 3,500 of these in the AAFS. Never again would the efforts of civilian volunteerism under the banner of nationalism,

patriotism, and duty ever mobilize to such a heroic degree as during WWI and the subsequent pandemic. That following year, Alice O'Brien, now armed with the vote, would enlist her driving skills again. She became the chairman of the Organization of the Republican Women's National Motor Corps, a group offering the use of their personal vehicles to campaign for their choice for 29th presidential candidate, Warren G. Harding. Draped with banners and equipped with loudspeakers, the automobiles of the National Motor Corps would parade the streets blasting out the Harding slogan and well-earned postwar demand: "Return to Normalcy!"

Harding won the White House, but that year women wore the pants.

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