



The Sparkplug



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Hardy Court

It was a chilly fall morning preparing for the 26th Annual Cruisin' the Coast that started on October 2 and rolled through October 9, 2022.

This was my first year for me and my husband, Dennis, to participate and it was absolutely an amazing day. We were designated to volunteer at Hardy Court, Gulfport, MS location. We arrived 7:30 am to a massive empty parking lot to see DSR volunteers already preparing for the cruisers that would soon be arriving. The border gates were lined up to direct the cars into the parking lot. Tents, tables and chairs set up. A sponsor packet ready to hand out to cruisers as they arrived starting around 8:30 am.

Dennis and I had the job as car counter for the day. I decided to also take photo's of cars as they arrived. I've never seen such a great variety of auto's, all unique in their own special way.

From a massive empty lot to over 400 cruises within four hours was an amazing sight to see. The day was filled with people from all walks of life, coming together, talking with car owners and admiring their awesome rides.



This site is hosted by AAECM



The beautiful cars come rolling in

There are so many people to thank, and at the top of my list are the volunteers. Months of planning and coordinating with thousands across several states is quite an operation to be a part of and to pack it all into eight days is phenomenal.

When it comes to auto enthusiast, it's a perfect blend of young generation to the old school classics.

It might be the 1920's, top speed 40 mph, or muscle cars from the 60's to current, with speeds at 180+! The cruiser might purr like a kitten or roar like a lion, they might be rusty or as shiny as a brand new penny.

No doubt, cars will always be a part of our lives. Thank you to all the past generation for keeping the American tradition for the love of automobiles alive and present for the future generations. -Lori Bosarge



Dennis and Lori Bosarge, volunteer at Hardy Court

Cruise Central Registration

The Host Club for the Registration site is AAECM. Many of our members are also members of AAECM so it only seems logical we show up in full force and help them out!

When all was said and done there were 9618 registered cars for the 2022 event. 44 states were represented as well as Canada and England. The cool part is that there were more than 1800 first timers. That means a lot of packets have to be picked up in a short amount of time.

There were many windows open with groups of people gathering packets and T-shirts to keep the lines moving. The volunteers were having a great time! So were the participants because the whole thing worked like clock work!

Hope all had a great time at Cruising the Coast. I sure did. I worked Cruise Central!! Never have I ever seen so many real cars. The 40's, 50's, 60's, and 70's we're the best for me.

I enjoyed conversation, laughter and working with the DSR club members.

I thank you. You know who you are. Hopefully next year I will have my 74 Super Beetle convertible somewhere on the Road at Cruisin' the Coast.

- Larry Nelson



Tina Salter grabs bags during registration



The gang taking a break



Kathy McNamara, Joyce Ladnier, Mary Martin, Jean-Claude Martin



Opening statements and instructions



Patricia Couling and Charlotte Dahlenburg at registration



Front Row: Patricia Couling, David Couling
Back Row: Paul Dagenais, Camille Dahlenburg





Kathy McNamara



Susan Bergen



Dan Jacobson



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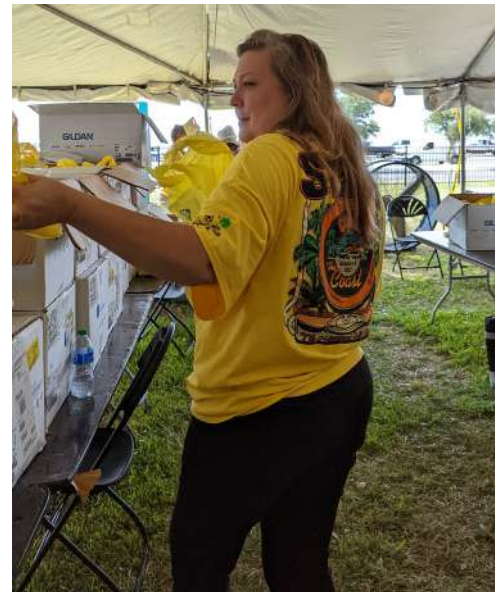
Ray Harper



Mac McNamara



Paul Dagenais and Debbie Bright



Deana Landry





Larry Nelson



Debbie Bright passing out registrations

Volunteering for Cruisin' the Coast 2022



Three tables stuffing bags, some waiting.

Well, we went and did it. On Saturday September 24, Kathy and I spent a few hours helping stuff about 9,500 goody bags to be handed out at the actual event scheduled for October 2 through October 9. A lot of people were there to make light work of the job. Henry Ford would be proud of the assembly-line efficiency of the process. You can see the three rows of tables in the picture below.

They also had a door from an old car (don't remember what kind, but think it was a Comet?) that is refurbished and painted with a logo for the event. I believe I understood them to say that every year a bit more will be added to the logo so the door is slightly different every year, but distinct differences will be added. Imagine photo's similar to the one below taken through the years. Pretty cool!

Sometime between September 24th and October 3rd, many bags had event t-shirts added. At the event, volunteers would bring requested bags with t-shirt sizes (adding additional shirts if more than 1 shirt was ordered)



Thanks, David Ladnier for photo

to the front-desk operators. A good process for ordering the bag was similar to orders given to a short-order cook... "1-medium add 1-2x and 1 small. Also need 1-large and



1-5x.” That, for clarification, is 3 different bags, one bag has 3 shirts, and the other 2 bags have 1 shirt each. As pre-shirt-stuffed bags were depleted, the volunteers would stock new bags with shirts for the next (or continuing) wave of recipients. It worked well and there was plenty of help (thanks to all that were there, reading this or not!).



Monday before registration opened. Bags with shirts are ready. Bags without shirts still in the boxes under the t-shirt loaded bags.

By the time Tuesday evening came, most boxes had been emptied.

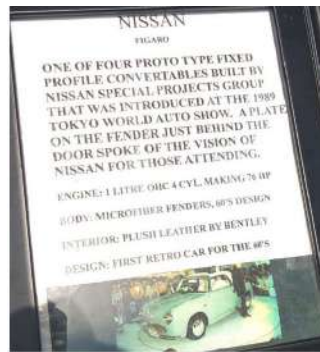


Tuesday after registration close. Lots fewer items!

And then there were the 9,600 plus cars. It was my first time to see so many cars (and people) together in one place. Truly amazing. There were events for cars (and the people) to participate in every day. I would show pictures of the cars in line to register Monday, but I did the greatest “old man with technology” picture-taking you could imagine. In my defense, you cannot see the phone screen in bright sunlight. So, going by memory, I pressed the picture button a bunch of times and have a LOT of photos of ... me smiling at the cars not seen by the front-facing camera. Oh, well. You can go to the CtC website to see some of the pictures I could have taken, if only I had a camera instead of a camera phone (<https://cruisinthecoast.com/photo-gallery/>)!

I did, however, get a few photos later in the day and throughout the week. We saw a 1948 Thames Panel Van. For those who don't know, that's basically an Anglia except it's a van. I don't think he was actually in the Cruise, but that doesn't stop people from bringing cars and cruising. There were a few other British cars and a really cute Japanese car called a Figaro

that was imported from Japan. It is another of the few right-hand drive cars in the left-hand drive U.S.A.



1948 Thames Panel Van

I recommend going at least one day Wednesday through Saturday, as the swap meet is worth going to. There is something there for almost everyone, and for the rest there is also food! I found a couple of original manuals for Dan's Meteor (we already had a digital copy, but now we have the physical manual, not a reprint). Also found a manual for David's Comet and cards with technical information about tuning and care of Dan's Meteor, David's Comet, my Galaxie and the owner of the business said he may have information on the Anglia. I will check back with him later this week.

Now, for the people who went the “TL;DR” route, and to recap the overall experience:

The weather was gorgeous; the cars beautiful regardless of condition, and conditions varied from rust- bucket (a VW's passenger floor pan was visibly separating from the body) to AACA senior award winners, all intermingling; huge crowds having a wonderful time; some of the best ice cream you can find as it was, by all appearances, produced by a one lung engine (some may know it as a hit-and-miss); and great fun on one of the few vacations Kathy and I have been on in a long time. Thank you to CtC officials, the state of Mississippi and all the people who came, whether they participated or were there to view. - Mac McNamara



A Parade with a Wham



On Monday of Cruisin' the Coast, Charlotte and Camille Dahlenburg (Darrin's Mom) and I worked at Cruise Central with many other DSR members including Larry Nelson, Dan Jacobsen, Debbie and John Bright, Deana Landry, David and Joyce Ladnier and Susan Bergen. Camille and Fred (Darrin's Dad) had brought their RV to Biloxi and were staying along the beach. Charlotte and I drove there to pick up Camille and drive Darrin's 1955 Bel Air station wagon. Of course, the tank was empty and I had a heck of a time manhandling the "damn" thing in the gas station lot. The car has a small steering wheel (one of Fred's contributions over the years) and no power steering.

We thought we were relatively early in going to Cruise Central even with a stop for breakfast at the Beau Rivage. We were wrong. The traffic had already started by 9:30 and we crept along the Beach Road. It's not surprising I guess, that the '55 started to overheat (something it had not previously done). Sometime you should ask



Jim Henderson what old cars and old women have in common... but I digress. We did finally get into visitor parking and coughed our way through the dust to the registration tent.

I was informed that we were to drive the '55 in the Long Beach Parade that afternoon. I did not know there was a parade nor that each participating club was to have a representative car in the parade. David Ladnier drove his '64 Galaxie convertible last year. The parade was to begin, we were told, around 4:00 (we were miss informed – more later). So, Charlotte, Camille and I left Cruise Central, eventually found a place in Gulfport for a late lunch and worked our way down Pass Road to Long Beach High School. The place was jammed.

I would estimate there were at least 200 cars in the parking lot... the very bright, very hot parking lot. I was told some had been there since noon, broiling away like shrimp in the sun. Because we represented DSR we were sent to





the front. We were parked behind a beautiful 1964 red Mustang convertible. There were two ladies of a certain age holding court from their beach chairs beside the car. They were having a blast. They also had lots of cleaning products to offer as the '55 was completely covered in dust (thank you Cruise Central). After cleaning the car, one of the officials brought us magnetic club signs to put on the doors. Well, bless the '55, the sign just popped on the door without a problem. The Mustang ladies did not have such a good experience. They had to resort to masking tape. Obviously, I thought with an unkind sneer, there was lots of bondo under that very shiny red paint.

Behind us was a 1980's burgundy IROC Camaro. Two guys had the hatch open and were entertaining themselves sitting on lawn chairs. They may have had some contraband libation but I wasn't sure. (This was a high school parking lot and had restrictions on alcohol). Camille told me they had a very cool bumper sticker that said "NO AIR BAGS - We die like real men".

As it turned out, the parade was to start at 5:30. Arghh. We had a lot of time to kill. We roamed around the parking lot looking at all the cars. There was a very good representative sample of cars as well as the mandatory 1955, 1956 and 1957 Chevy's. The time dragged. The ladies in the Mustang were getting antsy. They had post-parade plans for cocktails with the "girls" and were going

to be late. The boys behind us were in no hurry.

After eternity, a fairly new red Corvette drove up to the front of the line. Sitting high on it was a slim, blonde celebrity whose face I never did see. This being CTC, she was probably one of several youngish women from a car show on Motor Trend TV. The high school band finished their languid warm-up and were arranged at the front. We were off, finally.

This is not a long parade. It goes from the Long Beach Highschool to the Beach Road. Probably 12 – 15 blocks, long enough in parade time but not up to Mardi Gras standards. Speaking of which, the other people had throws! Who knew? Talk about feeling sheepish. Whoever does this parade next, needs to have throws (perhaps the club should pay?).

The ladies in front were throwing and staying in the middle of the road. The guys behind us (Mr. No Airbags) were weaving back and forth. We were chatting about the people along the route when WHAM!! We were hit from behind. I mean, who gets rear-ended in a parade? Is this a common event? We couldn't stop. We kept going and the Camaro suddenly was driving in a straight line and was back about 40 feet. I thought "Oh, Crap, Darrin is going to have a fit. This car has only been on the road about a month"! I had a vision of whining "but it wasn't my fault! They hit us, we didn't hit them!"

The rest of the parade, all five blocks or so, seemed to take forever. Oh, the dread. Finally, we hit the Beach Road and were directed to a parking lot. I got out to look (with one eye only). There was nothing. Not even a scratch. I turned to the Camaro. The guys were cowering inside. Their fiberglass bumper also had nothing. Nothing! I leaned into the car window and told them "Well, maybe you guys should consider getting those Air Bags. Obviously, you need them."

Darrin still wasn't pleased.

- Paul Dagenais



Stamping Good Time at D'Iberville

My first time volunteering at Cruisin' the Coast was a blast! I enjoyed it very much. I did not think that I would when my alarm first went off at 6 am on Saturday morning. However, sipping coffee while enjoying an empty Highway 90 by myself at day break certainly changed my mind! It was a delight to see everyone from Deep South and to meet others from D'Iberville's local clubs.

My favorite part of the day was stamping the passports of the cars coming through, as I got to see every car that came to D'Iberville and hear where they'd come from. One Trans-Am had driven there from Ohio! It was a great experience I look forward to having again, although in more comfortable shoes! - David Reeves

Move over Barney, there's a new kid in town

As many of you know (unless you have been under the proverbial rock), the 26th Annual Cruisin' the Coast rivalry or revelry, as the case may be, took place this year along the picturesque Southern Mississippi Coast October 2-9. The weather was dazzling, as were the over 9,600 cars registered for participation. Most of them were decked out in their finest and there was plenty of fun, food, and music to add to the festivities. If you missed it, I feel sure you wish you hadn't, especially if you're a true "car" aficionado", enthusiast or fanatic, whichever group you attribute yourself to.

Along the Gulf Coast, there are many scenic and spectacular places of interest with miles of white sandy beaches to take in, but one special little spot on the Cruisin' circuit is not particularly one of those! Don't get me wrong. While it is a quinessential small town, it has some pretty stiff competition "down the bay" with the beach fronts and casinos. But... there is one thing that all these other places don't have.

Imagine yourself cruising along... you and a back seat full of envious friends who don't have the pleasure of owning a dynamite, vintage automobile, pulling into the D'Iberville check-in site. You get your registration card stamped. Then, with just the slightest bit of swagger, you pull into the venue to show off your ride, grab a bite to eat and do a little shopping. But as you pull in, you see the dreadful "blue light" in the rearview mirror! But wait! It's on top of a 1951 black and white Ford Deluxe vintage patrol car! And to add to the confusion its car number is 54! Whaaat?

So, you readily stop and out of the old car steps an officer in full regalia, pen and ticket book in hand, asking to



Woody Bailey, Katherine and Ray Harper

see your driver's license. Immediately you start thinking, what could I have done wrong and why is he driving an old cop car? But just in case, you cooperate, and wait for the verdict. The officer is young but very clean cut, professional and looks legit as he begins to clarify your violation which is that you did not stop for the traffic officer on the main road after he flagged you down for not staying between the cones, or some such nonsense which you're having a tough time wrapping your head around. I mean...this is Cruisin' the Coast! Are you kidding me? Again, you cooperate as he tells you he isn't going to give you a ticket, but he is going to give you a warning.

As you, somewhat annoyed and perplexed agree, he completes his form and instructs you to read what he has written so that you will understand what you're being cited for. You agree, silently thinking how you'd like to get on with your day at Cruisin' the Coast and read what is



David Ladnier, David Rooney and John Bright



written. It takes a minute to sink in that your infraction is for “Having too much fun at Cruisin’ the Coast while driving a cool vintage vehicle”. You look up and the officer is smiling and trying not to laugh at you on the verge of apoplexy. Then everyone breaks out in peals of laughter and your day has just been made at the quaint little city of D’Iberville, Mississippi!

You wouldn’t find that in Biloxi or any of the other beach front sites. So even without the beaches and casinos, this is the sort of thing that sets D’Iberville apart, adding to its distinct personality.

The young officer is Patrick Pierce, who has been on the DPD for approximately 2 years in the Retail Crimes Unit or RCU. He took over Cruisin’ the Coast’s “Happy Citations” parody after the passing of its originator, Deputy Chief Walter Keck. He has a wonderful time with it and people love him! The fact that he is driving the vintage Ford Deluxe is icing on the cake!

At its inception in 2008, the D’Iberville Police Department, along with the city of D’Iberville, wanted to endorse local businesses and do something that would set the city apart from the folks on the coast while promoting good will and Southern hospitality for their family-oriented community.

So Deputy Chief Keck conceived the idea to have an officer pull over participants of the Cruise under the guise of a traffic violation, give them a spurious ticket and eventually hand out a pouchful of coupons donated by retail businesses and restaurants in the city.

Originally Deputy Chief Keck would dress in a Barney Fife type uniform complete with his “one bullet” in his shirt pocket and his own 357 revolver in his holster, (He didn’t like the “new” P.D. issued Clocks!) but there was one problem with this guise.

Because they were using their actual patrol units to pull participants over, they eventually noticed that people



Zeno Chaudron, Debbie Bright and Deana Landry

who were not aware of the antics were posting on social media to avoid D’Iberville because they were handing out traffic citations! So, as a solution to that dilemma, the old Ford was restored, and they used it and its revolving blue light instead. Of course, this added to the fun and D’Iberville’s star was born!

Young Officer Pierce did an awesome job during this year’s festivities and everyone who we observed, including spectators, loved it. He was just serious enough to leave a little doubt in the “unfortunate” driver’s mind as to whether this was “the real deal” and the laughter that pursued was a bucketful of fun.

So, if burning, smoking tires and loud mufflers along the beach front is not exactly your propensity, then next year come on up to D’Iberville to experience some good, old-fashioned family fun! Just keep an eye out for the new kid! - Belinda Rooney



Ed and Eddie Grimes and Charlie Lyles



City employees



Martha Fuller and Joyce Ladnier



Walt Fuller at the D'Iberville site



The girls taking a break



David Reeves with Dennis Gage



Charlie Lyles stamping cards



Dennis Gage and David Ladnier



Helping out at Edgewater

Edgewater is a site that our club has helped from day one of involvement with Cruisin' the Coast. It is in the middle of the mall parking lot. It is a very popular site with plenty of parking.

The site had many popular bands this year and that drew lots of cars and people. A few of us got to help a club that was short on people this year and had a great time doing so.

I can't wait for next year to see what CTC will bring!

- Charlotte



Santa and the Grinch



Bobby Sue Boudreaux and Charlotte Dahlenburg



Look a likes came through



Sasha Thatcher directing traffic



Debbie Henry directing traffic



Jim Williams stamping cards



Paul Dagenais stamping cards





Having the time of my life

As many of my friends know about my passion for cars, I wanted to share a few memories of this year's Cruisin the Coast.

There seemed to be no end to the amazing cars and beautiful restorations that would make anyone smile. From muscle to antique and everything in-between, there was something for everyone. One of the most enjoyable experiences was meeting so many people from across the country and hearing their stories about themselves and of course, their beloved cars. I discovered that these cars were just an extension of each one's personality and their love to find a car that brings them happiness from earlier times.

The weather was perfect with clear skies and cool fall weather. Several of our days required leaving at 3:00 am to line up at each town in order to secure a spot for the cars. My two sons and closest friend would take turns driving the cars and detailing them each day.



We unexpectedly received a couple of awards and were honored by the recognition. On Saturday we had the opportunity to meet Jay Leno and briefly share the story of my Jaguar E Type that was a rescue from hurricane Katrina, in which the car was completely submerged. He complimented the restoration and preservation of the car and had a few other technical questions. Never expected this to happen. Thank you, Cruisin the Coast! - Jeff Hendron

Closing Ceremony

Cruisin The Coast Finale Ceremonies were held on Sunday morning October 9 from 9-10:30 am. It was a beautiful morning for the Awards. It started at 8am with the 2023 Registration opened until 12:00. We were blessed with a Non-denominational prayer service. It was quite an event with the Gene Oswalt Volunteer of the Year Award presented. I was voted by our club as our Volunteer of the year. CTC has twelve Hosting Car Clubs with a nominee from each club. I felt very privileged to be considered for this award. I was happy that Allen Strange was chosen for the Award, well deserved. Allen is a member of the AAECM.

There was quite a number of people waiting for the cash drawings. They had 40 drawings of \$500.00 each totaling \$20,000.00. The Make -A- Wish Raffle Car Giveaway was won by a couple in Texas and they also unveiled the 2023 vehicle for next year. My take on the entire event was a lot of hard work and fun. - Zeno





1930 MG M-Type MGA's: 1962 1600 MkII (red) 1959 1500 (black) 1962 1600 MkII (black)

British Car Show in Fairhope

Did we have a car show! WOW! The weather on 22nd October could not have been more beautiful and we're always grateful for that. There were 141 cars registered to fill the show field. They came from afar: New Hampshire, Tennessee, and the far north of Alabama. Our spotlighted marque, the Triumph TR6, lined the field with about twenty. We had Land Rovers, MG's, Austin Heals, and we welcomed a growing class of about half a dozen beautiful British motorcycles. We had (exclusively) British valve cover races (gravity powered) as our new event for this year. And as well, we had four vendors on the grounds with interesting wares to show us. We also developed picturesque 8x20 foot backdrop for car photos. It should enhance fond memories of this year's show. The Friday night party was a sensational feast and we had door prize drawings on Friday night and on Show Day, so everyone went home with just what they needed. 19 marques were represented, spanning 93 years, from the present day Range Rovers and Jaguars, to a 1930 MG M-Type (the first

of Cecil Kimber's creations bearing the octagonal badge with an inscribed octagonal "MG", after the bull nose Morris Oxfords). Caretakers, or preservationists (we're not just "owners"), from eight states came to Fairhope.

Someone long ago must have looked at local climatology, and found October is our driest month. It's ironic since the following Saturday the 29th, it was a really sloppy day. Such sloppy days have happened to a couple of British Car Festivals, including 2019, as well as a couple of close calls while at the beach in years past.

2022 BCF Winners included the Richard B. Cunningham, Jr., Memorial Best in Show Award won by Jeff Herndon, and his 1954 Jaguar XK120. They, (and Jeff's 1970 E-Type 2+2) met Jay Leno during 2022's Cruising the Coast. That XK-120 also won the Pastor's Pick from Fairhope United Methodist Church. Jeff also brought his 1970 Jaguar E-Type. DSR's own Mac McNamara and family brought their Ford Anglia. I brought my MGA 1600 MkII.

Like I said, 8 states and 1600 miles. In years past we had



Triumph TR-6 was the year's feature Marques



Beautiful British biles





Club member, Jeff Hendron's 1954 Jaguar XK-120, the car that met Jay Leno at Cruisin' the Coast



The McNamara's Ford Angelia

an MG-TC trailered from Houston, a Triumph TR-4 driven from Appleton, Wisconsin, and a Triumph TR-3 was driven from Chicago, each on the open road, but not interstates. The joy of driving a Brit roadster is best experienced on twisty county, state, and US highways. But this year we broke a record. The 2022 Longest Distance Traveled Award went to Mason Blosser, who traveled 1600 miles in a 1979 MG Midget from Manchester, New Hampshire. He's been with us a long time and moved there a few years ago.

Marques present included Lotus, Morgan, MG (M-Type, TD, TF, MGA, MGB, MGC including GT's) modern and classic Land Rover, Sunbeam (mainly Tigers and Alpines) Triumph Spitfire and GT6, Triumph TR6, Triumph Sports, pre-1968 (TR-2, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, and 250). Plus, we hosted Triumph and Norton Motorcycles dating back to the early 1960s. The Triumph motorcycle and the car line were not of the same manufacturer.

In years past we've had Buick powered MGB-GT-V8s, and Triumph TR-8, not retrofits but Authentic Original factory built cars, using the Y-bodied Buick/Pontiac/Olds 215 V-8. Rover later re-tooled that engine with the same

CID, and strengthened for a lengthened career in the British car industry. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buick_Special#1961%E2%80%931963

It should be noted that British automotive parlance, some soft tops ("hoods" in Britspeak) are often described as "roadsters", "tourers", "Open Two Seaters" (OTS), or Drophead Coupés (DHC). A DHC generally has a few more creature comforts than an OTS, but not many. One is that the top folds back along and slightly above the rear body, and in the case of a Jaguar XK-120, may have a color matched windscreen frame, door handles, and wind-up windows, instead of a chrome windscreen frame, no door handles (reach inside in the door pocket and pull a cable) and side curtains. Most tops are manually taken down or up, but electrically operated soft tops can also be had. Jaguar fans seem to favor claiming of the terms, OTS and DHC, but other makes like the 1939 Aston Martin 15/98 (OTS) and DB2/4 (DHC) also have been referred to in such terms. One may recall the 1953 DB2/4 in Hitchcock's "The Birds", and in the closing scene, how easily Rod Taylor reached back (with the birds all clucking as if ready to



Valve cover (Rocker Cover) racing



2006 Chaterham 7 (Successor to the Lotus seven which ceased production in 1972)





1993 Reliant 3 wheeler. I believe this type car was featured in the "Mr. Bean" British TV show



The MG Odyssey

attack in a fading evening light) and brought the top up over the car and secured it before making an escape with the ladies.

A 2-seater hard top is often called a Fixed Head Coupé (FHC) in Jaguars, or coupés such as the MGA Coupé. A "2+2" is a slightly lengthened coupé, like later E-Types.

Sedans are often called "saloons" but don't include gunfighters, poker games or rotgut whiskey. Station wagons are often called "shooting brakes" since they were used for hunting in the UK, but this time it actually does involve guns. That term can be applied to SUV's as well.

- Brian Daly



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October 2022

This month we hold elections for the 2023 Club Officers. You have to be present to vote. Please be reminded that we will not have a speaker and no guests will be admitted to the meeting. There will be no refreshments. The meeting will start at 5:30 with the prayer and pledge of allegiance. The minutes from October and the financial report will be reviewed. Voting will start immediately after the reports and votes will be counted by 6:15 at the latest.

Paul



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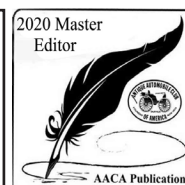
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November 2022



What have you been up to?




On Saturday, October 29 several DSR Members set out to attend two events. We all met at Hill Spring Baptist Church on Eliza Jordan Road. We all met at 11 am at the Church and parked out front. We enjoyed the games and the cake walk. Each of us won something in the cake walk. Then we got in our cars and drove some of the prettiest




back roads in Mobile County to Grand Bay to attend Charlie Wyckoff's cook out where we ate some pretty good food.

Those in attendance were Dan Jacobsen, Ernie Rogers, Gavin Smith, Darrin and Charlotte Dahlenburg, Barrett Sargent and, later, we were joined by Susan Bergen.

-Charlotte



2023 Southeastern Divisional Tour May 1-3, 2023 Hosted by the East Tennessee Region



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ONTARIO REGION

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Secretary Notes October 2022

David Reeves introduces Dr. Meg McCrummen Flower, director of the History Museum of Mobile. Dr. Fowler gave short outlines of each of the Museum's three locations (The History Museum of Mobile, Colonial Fort Conde, and the Phoenix Fire Museum). She also discussed the upcoming fourth location, the Africatown Heritage House; featuring actual artifacts of the Clotilde shipwreck.

Minutes for last meeting were approved

Finances: Closing of the previous account was mentioned; the opening of a new one was announced; CD was renewed; club accepted report.

Finance Committee waiting on info about replacing AC, 2 new forms were introduced: Expense reimbursement form and Request form.

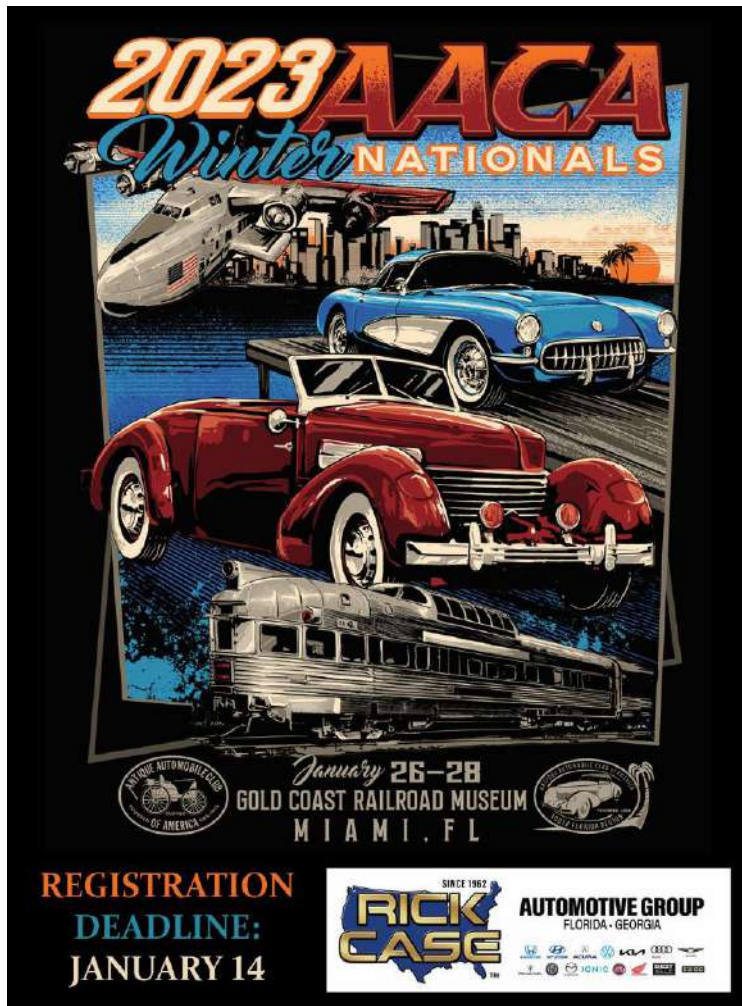
Old Business: Christmas Dinner is confirmed with same date as last meeting, Christmas Brunch announced

Comments on Cruisin' The Coast: Ray Harper said it went well, stressed importance of going through the site manager in assigning volunteers their location

New Business: Give your dues to Sasha (\$45) ASAP, Zeno's grandson was nominated/endorsed by the club for AACA Young Person's Scholarship, Ross Sloan's daughter requests help in getting her father's 1965 Mustang running

Nominating Committee: Jim announces positions and people running (sample ballot has been sent out by the writing of this), stresses that ONLY DSR MEMBERS present at the meeting where the election will be held (Nov. 17th) Those wishing to vote do not need their AACA card (though it is preferred) but must have their membership number. Results will be presented that evening.

Respectfully submitted David Reeves



2023 AACA Winter NATIONALS

January 26-28
GOLD COAST RAILROAD MUSEUM
MIAMI, FL

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 14

RICK CASE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP
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Antique Automobile Club of America logo and other regional logos are also present.



**Antique Automobile Club of America
Southeastern Spring Nationals
April 15, 2023 at Charlotte AutoFair**

Hosted by Hornets Nest Region, AACA
Meet Email: aacacit@windstream.net

CHARLOTTE SPRING MEET
AUTOFAIR
CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY
April 13 - 16, 2023

Hornets Nest Region
Antique Automobile Club of America
9307-H Monroe Road
Charlotte, NC 28270

AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals Information
Region Office
704-841-1396
Mon-Thur 9-3

Antique Automobile Club of America logo and other regional logos are also present.





Refreshments

November 17 - 5:30 Election with no social hour
 December 3 - Brunch at the clubhouse 9 am
 December 10 - 4 pm - Awards Banquet at Wintzell's



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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Kendal Jordan	November 23
Walt Fuller	November 24
Charlotte Dahlenburg	November 28
Betty Lartigue	December 1
Herb Thoms	December 4
Fred Fambrough	December 6
Betty Lartigue	December 11
Nancy Henderson	December 18
Bill Green	December 28

Anniversary:

Travis & Haleigh Henderson	December 1
Jeff & Karen Herndon	December 6
Craig & Debbie Henry	December 24

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

Sunshine Committee

In the event that someone is in need of some "sunshine." You can contact me on my cell (251) 421-6012 please leave a message if I don't answer, send a text or email me: mrhobbs456@aol.com. Together we can make sure that everyone receives "sunshine" when they most need it!

Kathy McNamara Sunshine Committee Chairperson

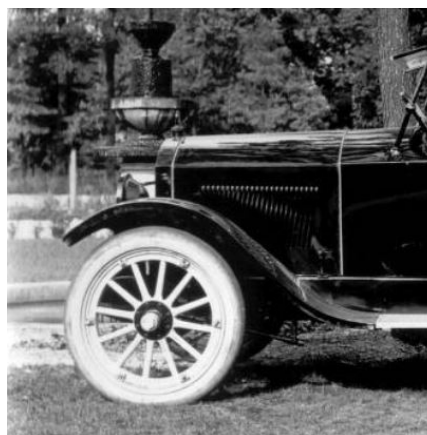
Thoughts Go Out

Also keep good thoughts and prayers for Vicky Bolton, The McNamara Family, Susan Bergen, The Ladnier Family, Donna Wood, Judy Bobo, Henderson Family, Buddy & Patt Paquet and Lycle Crowds.



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



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

Answer for last month: 1986 Acura Integra





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Schools are in session so please be careful on the roads, those children are our kids and grandkids.

Letter from the Editor

It is always sad when the year is coming to an end. The days grow shorter and the temperature gets colder. Car shows and meetings wind down.

We spend time inside and not on the open road. But this year we have two events that will warm your heart.

One is on December 3 at 9 am. This event will be a brunch at the clubhouse. The purpose of the event is to collect items for Ronald McDonald House. Many years ago we started to collect items at Christmas for this cause.

I have a special place in my heart for this cause because our first grandson, born 11 years ago, was born with a failing heart. During the 6 weeks he was at UAB Hospital my son and his girlfriend stayed for free. Ronald McDonald House provided a room, meals, counseling and much more.

The second event is our Annual Awards Banquet. This event sold out quick. It will be held on December 10 at Wintzell's on Airport at 4 pm. Door prizes and our coveted Henderson Family Service Award and the Ray Harper Restoration Award will be awarded. I hope you got your tickets and we will see you there!

See you on the road,

Charlotte

**KEEP
CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

**It is time to renew!
Send Sasha your dues!**

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:
Sasha Thatcher, Treasurer
4068 Beechwood Lane, Mobile, AL 36609
AACA purges all unpaid members
from their roster on January 1.





It's Annual Convention Time

By Jim Elliot
Vice President - National Awards

The Bylaws of the AACA require that an annual meeting of the members be scheduled in the first quarter of the calendar year. The next annual meeting has been set for February 10, 2023 in conjunction with the Annual Convention to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, which will run from February 9 through February 11, 2023.

This year's Annual Convention will include a welcome reception on Thursday evening; a vendor display and trade show on Friday and Saturday; a luncheon with "surprise" entertainment hosted by First Lady Denise Tuck on Friday; as well as a pinewood derby competition scheduled for

Friday evening. In addition, numerous seminars are planned for Friday and Saturday involving many aspects of car maintenance, repair and history.

Judging schools will be conducted on Saturday with classes for beginners and advanced classes along with the Team Captains' School.

Saturday evening concludes the convention with a formal awards banquet to recognize the 2022 winners of National Awards for newsletters, websites, club service, judging, touring and car display.

Williamsburg is a unique location offering many interesting venues including the Colonial Williamsburg restoration, the Yorktown Battlefield, the Jamestown Colony, Busch Gardens Amusement Park, the NASA Air and Space Museum and tours of colonial plantations.

Additional information will be coming soon, so plan now to attend. You won't want to miss it!

REWIND

WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO from the November 1997 Sparkplug

"Senior Citizens" Wild About Antique Car Display

Nothing warms your heart, if you are the owner of an antique automobile, more than having a person of somewhat more advanced years look at it and say "I had one just like that once!" They walk around the car, touching it lovingly, but carefully. Six DSR members put their cars on the back lawn of the Abbie Berg Senior Citizens Service Center Oct. 20 for the pleasure of those people attending that day. Even though some of the folks had to have a bit of assistance to get to the cars, they insisted on getting a close look at them. There were a lot of "Do you remember...? And "They don't make 'em like that anymore. Fella!" heard by D. Breland, R. Cochran, J. Finley, B. Paquet, J. Reid and E. Youens. They were treated to lunch in the cafeteria

for providing their cars.

Hey, DSR Members... Save Those Pop Tops!

This is your opportunity to do two good things and it won't cost you one cent extra. With the holiday season approaching, most of us will be purchasing more than the usual amount of beverages. Find yourself a container and every time you open a pop-top drink can, pull the tab off and toss it in the container.

You wonder what this is all about, right? It is about helping a little girls who is in the fourth grade at Robert E. Lee Annex School in Satsuma. Misty Weaver has Van's Coni, a form of leukemia, and is a patient in a Mobile hospital awaiting a donor match for a bone marrow transplant. Grady Sexton, grandson of Elven and Nell Few, takes the tabs to

school where they are turned over to his teacher's aide, Mrs. Kerri Byrd. A gallon of tabs is equal to \$15 or a non-night stay in a Ronald McDonald House. Would one of our members volunteer to set up a container at the clubhouse and, when we have refreshments, see all the tabs are removed form the cans before they are trashed?

Why not start saving those tabs the day you get this newsletter? There are a few members, along with their families and friends, who are already in the spirit. It will do your heart good to know that every time you pull on off a can, you are helping Misty. Oh, and you wan to know the second good thing you will accomplish? That's an easy one. It is just one less item that ends up in a landfill somewhere if it is recycled.

**It's Time to Renew Your
AACA Membership**
By Karen White, AACA Membership
Department, kwhite@aca.org

As most of you know, your AACA membership runs for a calendar year – January 1 through December 31. From now through the end of the year, AACA Headquarters gets a little crazy with membership renewal phone calls and mail. It's not uncommon for us to receive several hundred renewals in a day. Even though it's our busiest time of the year, making sure we get our 45,000+ members renewed is always our top priority.

A renewal form was included with your most recent issue of Antique Automobile magazine. Simply fill out the form and send it back to the office with a check or credit card information in the blue envelope that was provided. If you have misplaced that form, don't worry. You will receive another form with your November/December issue of Antique Automobile magazine.

If you prefer to renew your membership over the phone with a credit card, please call us at 717-534-1910 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EST.

We look forward to hearing from all of you very soon!

Speedster monthly e-newsletter articles courtesy of AACA



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.



**2023 AACA Annual Convention
– Save the Date!**

The 87th AACA Annual Convention returns to Williamsburg, Virginia, February 9-11, 2023. The plan is to bring back a lot of the great activities that you have come to love and expect at the Annual Convention including educational seminars, trade show vendors, multiple-level judging schools and of course the Awards Banquet.

We also want to shake things up a bit with a few surprises up our sleeve including changing the traditional First Lady's Breakfast to a Special Luncheon hosted by the First Lady, which will be open to all attendees. We will also be adding a Welcome Reception hosted by your AACA Board of Directors on Thursday evening. Plans are also in the works to possibly add a daytime tour activity on Thursday.

The Annual Convention committee is hard at work finalizing all of the details for the big event. Registration materials, hotel information and the seminar schedule should be available very soon.

We hope you will consider joining us for this very special annual event!

**David Ladnier is in need of old
trophies for fund raising events.**

Please consider bringing your unwanted trophies to the next meeting.





Local Car Shows

November

- 25 **Black Friday Car Show, Home Depot** Parking Lot, 535 W. Nine Mile Rd., Pensacola, FL., 12-4:30pm
- 26 **C&D Cruise in**, Robertsedale, AL Last Saturday of the Month 5-8 pm. Sonic Drive in

December

- 2 **UAF Meet & Greet and Bass Wars**, 3404 Moffett Rd, Mobile, AL 6-9pm First Friday of the Month
- 2 **Christmas Car Show**, Sandy and Bubba's Milton Chevrolet, 5925 Highway 90, Milton, FL., 4- 7pm. Bring an unwrapped gift.
- 3 **Christmas Party Cruise In** hosted by MoBay Cruise for a Cause . Musgshots Grill and Bar. 2-4pm, Bring a toy or donation for "Cops for kids"
- 3 **2nd Revitalize DIP Fall Festival & Car Show**, Dauphin Island Pkwy at Gulfdale Dr., Mobile, AL., 9am-1pm.
- 3 **North Pole Rod Run** Edgewater Mall Hwy 90 Biloxi, MS 10am-2pm. Great Prizes, Music, 50/50. Top Ten Winners. Drop off your Donations of New unopened Toys & Non-perishable food items. Collected items will be distributed to Toys For Tots & Feed my Sheep here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664
- 3 **3rd Annual Dents for Kids Toy Drive Teamed up** with CopsForKids Eagle Dent Repair, LLC. 7775 Tara Dr Semmes AL
- 9 **2nd Friday Boost & BBQ Car Meet Up** 106 A South OWA Blvd 5pm - ?
- 9 **2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in** at Edward's Discount Drugs, 103 W Frontage Rd., Lucedale, MS begins around 7:30 am until 10:30 am, so please join us. For more info call Mike Lachaussee at 228-369-1431
- 10 **Auto & Ales Open Car Show**. 11-4 pm 600 Government Street Mobile, Classes: 50s 60s, 70s, 80s+, Foreign, Orphan. \$20 reg. Info at kiwanisofmobile@gmail.com
- 16 **3rd Friday Night Cruise In** Sonic Drive-In 2401 S McKenzie St, Foley 4:30-7:30pm
- 17 **C&D Cruise in**, Robertsedale, AL Last Saturday of the Month 5-8 pm. Sonic Drive in

January 2023

- 13 **2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in** at Edward's Discount Drugs, 103 W Frontage Rd., Lucedale, MS begins around 7:30 am until 10:30 am, so please join us. For more info call Mike Lachaussee at 228-369-1431
- 14 **Annual Planning Meeting for all MS Street Rod Clubs**. Brookhaven, MS Start at 10:am until 1:pm. The meeting will be held in the conference room at Holiday Inn Express, Phone: (601) 990-2360 Address: 1212 Brookway Blvd, Brookhaven, MS 39601 take exit 40, I-55 South (Exit 40) (This is the host motel for the Ol Brook Cruisers Goin' to Town car show..) All street rod related topics open for discussion by everyone. You can help prepare a calendar of events, advertise your rod run or car show, discuss any new problems you may have encountered with your particular rod run, exchange club

rosters and list of officers, and share any information as well as ideas and suggestions on street rodding in MS. NSRA Rep. "CW" Smith will be on hand. Hopefully, some other guests will be there to make presentations. Each club is asked to send at least one representative, but as many as you want to send are welcome. Street rod vendors are also welcomed to come and make contacts with clubs for their appearances at the various events for 2022, out of state clubs are also welcomed to participate. If you have any questions, call CW Smith (601) 833-4606. C-601-695-3890

February 2023

- 10 **2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in** at Edward's Discount Drugs 103 W Frontage Rd., Lucedale, MS begins around 7:30 am until 10:30 am, so please join us. For more info call Mike Lachaussee at 228-369-1431
- 25 **12th Annual Port City Corvette Club Open Car Show**. Bass Pro Shop in Spanish fort, Reg. \$25. Music, 50/50, Door Prizes. Info at Brenda Drinkard 251-232-6148

March 2023

- 3-4 **45th Annual R.O.D.S. Run** at Gerry Lane Cadillac Dealership. STILL PRE-1949 STREETRODS ONLY. Registration \$30 - \$25 before Feb. 20th. Host Hotel Hampton Inn, 11271 Reiger Road, Baton Rouge, LA. Reservations (225) 751-4600. Vendor Displays - Event T-Shirts. Free Friday Dinner with Registration. Swap Meet - Door Prizes - \$500 Grand Prize. Top 10 - Special & Sponsor Awards. All Awards 3:00 Saturday. Hosted by the Ramblin' Oldies of Denham Springs car club. Pre-49 ONLY. Food & Drink vendors, music, free swap meet. Rod Run info call (225) 921-7530 or 275-9868 Vendor info call (225) 324-7486 or 921-7530 FREE Swap Meet info call (225) 368-7826 www.ramblinOldies.com Ramblin' Oldies of Denham Springs on Facebook Benefits the Hospice Foundation of Baton Rouge
- 4 **Swamp Fest 2023** Satsuma High School 1 Gator Circle Satsuma, AL 8-3pm. Family entertainment, inflatables, games, arts & crafts, food and much more Info 251-423-6194
- 11 **2nd Saturday Cruise-Nite** at Wendy's 1051 East Frontage Rd, Wiggins, MS 39577. 5-8pm. Hosted by the Red Creek Classic Car Club. Everyone Welcome. Info call Charlie Farmer 601-528-1172

April 2023

- 1 **1st Saturday Night Cruise-in** at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS Join us for a casual get together where car - truck and motorcycle owners can socialize, dine and shop all at one location on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. 5pm - 8pm Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664

- 1 **Camellia Classic** Open Car Show at Camp Grace

May 2023

- 6 **1st Saturday Night Cruise-in** at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS Join us for a casual get together where car - truck and motorcycle owners can socialize, dine and shop all at one location on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. 5pm - 8pm. Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664

June 2023

- 3 **Biloxi, MS 1st Saturday Night Cruise-in** at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90,



Biloxi, MS Join us for a casual get together where car - truck and motorcycle owners can socialize, dine and shop all at one location on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. 5pm - 8pm Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664

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July 2023

- 1 **1st Saturday Night Cruise-in** at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS Join us for a casual get together where car - truck and motorcycle owners can socialize, dine and shop all at one location on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. 5pm - 8pm Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664

August 2023

- 5 **1st Saturday Night Cruise-in** at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS Join us for a casual get together where car - truck and motorcycle owners can socialize, dine and shop all at one location on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. 5pm - 8pm Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664

September 2023

- 2 **1st Saturday Night Cruise-in** at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS

Join us for a casual get together where car - truck and motorcycle owners can socialize, dine and shop all at one location on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. 5pm - 8pm Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664

- 15-16 **12th Annual Red Creek Classic Car Appreciation Picnic Cruise-in & SWAP MEET** at Flint Creek Water Park, Highway 29, Wiggins, MS. Fri., Sept. 15th - Local stamping stops for prizes. Friday night cruise-in. Sat. y, Sept. 16th - 8-4pm. NOT A SHOW & NO AWARDS. All Car Clubs and independents are invited to attend - there will be hamburgers, hot dogs & cold drinks. (Contributions and donations accepted). There is a large, air-conditioned building (just in case you need to get out of the heat) and plenty of shade trees. No charge to attend.

October 2023

- 1-8 **7th Annual Cruisin' the Coast.** - Join us on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the 26th Annual Cruisin' The Coast featuring all your favorite activities like cruise-ins, headline bands & oldies entertainment, a swap meet, the CTC/ Auto Auction and much more!
- 2-3 **Labor Day Showdown.** gulfcoastmotorshow@gam
- 14 **Saturday Night MEGA Cruise-in** at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS Starts at 5pm. EVERYONE WELCOME Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664



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

Every dollar helps!

For information on how to donate, just call AACA National HQ at 717-534-1910.



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The 1990s made up the last decade of the 20th century. This naturally made it a historical transition, to the modern age of our 21st century. Learn more about how the world changed at that time with this list of the highlights of the '90s.

NASA launched the Hubble Telescope in 1990.

Arguably the most famous telescope, NASA named its space telescope after American astronomer Edwin Hubble. By putting Hubble in space, NASA hoped it would get clearer pictures without the atmosphere distorting light from deep space. Ironically, a faulty mirror kept Hubble from coming online until 1993, when astronomers finally replaced it. Ever since then, Hubble has taken an estimated 1 million pictures, of events ranging from the birth and death of stars to galaxies billions of light-years away.

Hubble helped scientists calculate the age of the universe, which is around 13.7 billion years old. Hubble even showed scientists how the universe expanded faster and faster every year that passed. Despite now measuring over 30 years old, NASA feels no need to rush to replace Hubble, instead they continue to maintain and upgrade the telescope with new equipment. In fact, they predict they can keep Hubble going until 2040.

1990 - Nelson Mandela is released from prison in South Africa and becomes the leader of the ANC.

Tim Berners-Lee publishes a formal proposal for the

Early 1990 Cars



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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| McLaren F1. | Lotus Carlton |
| Nissan Skyline GT-R R34. | Porche 911 Carrera RS |
| Ford Mustang (Foxbody) | Bugatti EB110 |
| Dodge Viper RT/10. | Chevrolet Corvette ZR-1 |
| Lamborghini Diablo. | Mitsubishi Lancer |
| Ruf CTR2. | Evolution TommiMakinen Edition |
| Ford Escort RS Cosworth. | BMW Z1 |
| Renault Clio Williams. | Mazda MX-5 Miata |
| Honda Insight. | Ferrari F50 |
| Jaguar XJ220 | Mazda RX-7 |
| GMC Syclone | |
| Audi RS2 | |

- World Wide Web.
- East and West Germany are reunited after the collapse of the Soviet Union.
- Margaret Thatcher resigns from her position as Prime Minister in the United Kingdom.
- One of the most completed T. Rex fossils is found in South Dakota and it is named "Sue" after the paleontologist that discovered it.
- 1991** - The Internet becomes available for unrestricted



1990 Slang



Talk to the hand - You are no longer interested in conversing with them.

As If! - A sarcastic retort to a preposterous suggestion.

Booyah! - When you're feeling so much exuberance

Scrub - A guy with no money, no job, no prospects, and no class.

Not - It's the 90s slang version of "psych."

Monet - Someone or something seems attractive from a distance, but when you get up close for a better look, it's a hot mess.

Aiight - It's just the words "all right," but, you know, said by a cool kid.

Crunk - A celebration that's gotten so wild and crazy.

Whatever - When you're just done with somebody and you want out of the conversation immediately.

Fly - If it's fly, it must be dope.

Hella - When your sentence needs a little extra emphasis

commercial use.

Croatia, Macedonia, and Slovenia become independent from the former Yugoslavia.

The lead singer of the band Queen, Freddie Mercury, dies from AIDS.

Operation Desert Storm takes place in Iraq and Kuwait.

Boris Yeltsin becomes Russia's first elected President.

1992 - The European Union is created when the Maastricht Treaty is signed.

Democrat Bill Clinton is elected as the United States President.

The Mall of America opens in Minnesota.

Euro Disney is opened in France.

Bosnia and Herzegovina declare independence.

1993 - Czechoslovakia separates into the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The Hubble Telescope is repaired in space by a crew on the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) is signed into law.

Intel introduces the Pentium Microprocessor.

Russia and the United States sign the START II Treaty.

1994 - Nelson Mandela becomes the President of South Africa after being elected in the country's first multi-racial elections.

The 1994 FIFA World Cup is held in the United States and Brazil wins the title.

The 1994 Major League Baseball season is cancelled when the Players Association goes on strike.

Genocide and Civil War take place in Rwanda with an estimated 500,000 or more people killed.

The Channel Tunnel is completed and opens, connecting France and England.

1995 - The American Space Shuttle Atlantis docks with the Russian Mir Space Station for the first time.

The online auction website Ebay is founded.

The Java Programming Language is released.

The first Trans-Pacific hot air balloon solo flight is completed by Steve Fossett.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is created.

1996 - Princess Diana and Prince Charles get divorced.

The internet search engine "Ask Jeeves" is created.

The Summer Olympics are held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kofi Annan becomes the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Bill Clinton is elected for a second term as the United States President after he defeats Bob Dole.

1997 - Madeleine Albright is appointed as the first female Secretary of State in the United States.

Scotland creates its own Parliament.

The first Harry Potter book is published by author J.K. Rowling.

Scientists at the Roslin Institute unveil "Dolly" the first successfully cloned sheep.

The Hale-Bopp comet makes its closest approach to Earth.

1998 - The search engine Google is founded.

Apple Computers reveals the iMac computer.

The United States has a budget surplus for the first time in thirty years.

Ireland and the United Kingdom sign the Belfast Agreement, also known as the Good Friday Agreement.

What is Your Money Worth?



Ford Mustang Convertible \$14,289.00

Plymouth Voyager \$15,999

Leather Bomber Jacket \$99.99

Levi Denim Jeans \$34.99

Super Nintendo \$159.00

Cellular Car Phone \$325.00

Pork Chops \$1.98

Frozen Peas 97 cents per pound

Solid Pine Armoire \$539.00

Lazy Boy Recliner \$260.00

Snowboard \$199.00

If you have \$100 Converted from 1990 to 2022 it would be equivalent to \$206.72 today

In 1990 a new house cost \$123,000.00 and by 1999 was \$131,700.00

In 1990 the average income per year was \$28,970.00 and by



Central American countries are devastated by Hurricane Mitch.

1999 - President Bill Clinton faces impeachment proceedings.

The file-sharing service Napster is created.

The Dow Jones closes above 11,000 for the first time.

Helen Clark becomes the first female Prime Minister elected in New Zealand.

Prominent 1990 artists

Celine Dion	Mariah Cary
Garth Brooks	Whitney Houston
Nirvana	Michael Jackson
Metallica	Backstreet Boys. ...
Madonna	Shania Twain

Top 10 novels

The Hot Zone. by Richard Preston

Hannibal. by Thomas Harris

Sole Survivor. by Dean Koontz

The Horse Whisperer. by Nicholas Evans.

The Deep End of the Ocean. by Jacquelyn Mitchard

American Psycho. by Bret Easton Ellis

Oh, the Places You'll Go! by Dr. Seuss

Paradise by Toni Morrison.

Tuesday with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

Other books of note

The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw

Movie Stars of the gos

Keven Costner Macaulay Culkin

John Travolta Tom Cruise

Robin Williams Keanu Reeves

Leonardo DiCaprio Will Smith

Bruce Willis Tom Hanks



27th ANNUAL CRUISIN' THE COAST

Oct 1 - Oct 8
2023

Tickets available soon.



This is "Rocket," the 2023 Make-A-Wish of South Mississippi raffle car.

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

Please submit new listings for The Market Place by the 12th of the month to: deepsouth.aaca@gmail.com



1986 Bronco II, auto, 4x4, 2.9 lt engine, electric fuel inject, rust free. Runs good 40,000, engine numbers match, \$5,500
251-648-1311

NOS Delorean rear sunshade/louwer \$300.00

Original 1967 Corvette hood small block. Excellent shape \$350.00

Andy Switzer. 228-547-9030



1994 Cavalier Rally Sport 128000 miles, new back glass. \$4,500. Contact Robert Salter at 251-472-6232



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



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National Car Shows

January

26-28 - Winter Nationals - Miami/Ft. Larderdale, Florida - Gold Coast Region

February

10-12 87th AACA Annual Convention Williamsburg, Virginia

April

13-15 Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte NV - Hornets Nest Region

30-May 3 Southeastern Divisional Tour - Oak Ridge, Tennessee - East Tennessee Region

May

18-20 Eastern Spring Nationals - Gettysburg, PA, Gettysburg Region

June

25-28 Eastern Divisional Tour - Hershey Region, AACA Library

July

16-22 Founders Tour - Ontario & Quebec - Ontario Region

28-29 Special Eastern Summer Nationals - Norwich, NY, Rolling Antiquers Region

August

10-12 Grand Nationals - East Moline, Illinois, Mississippi Valley Region

October

4-7 Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA Hershey Region

22-27 Rivival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) Thomasville, Georgia - VMCCA host



Cruise Ins

Every Saturday - Cruise-In Po Boy's & Pharoahs of Alabama @ Penalty's Sports Bar & Grill 4940 Government Blvd., Mobile, Alabama 4pm - Until.

Every Sunday - HotRod Breakfast. Location changes every week. Click name to check location. 8am-10am

1st Friday - Fueled Friday Car Meet @ OWA, Downtown Parking Lot, Foley, Alabama 7pm- Until.

2nd Friday - Cruise-In Huck's Automotive Boost & BBQ @ OWA, 106-A OWA Blvd, Foley, Alabama 6pm - until. Hosted by Groovy Goat.

2nd Saturday - Ice Cream & Classic Car Cruise-In @ Aunt Elsie's Ice Cream Shoppe, 188 South Blvd., Brewton, Alabama. 2-4 pm.

2nd Saturday- Cruise-In Banzai Cruisers Gulf Coast @ Radical Ridez, 163 E Riviera Blvd, Foley, Alabama (behind Sonic). 6pm.

3rd Thursday (March to October) - Cruise-In Southern Bay Cruisers & Classics @ O'Reilly Auto Parts, Grand Bay, Alabama 5-9pm.

3rd Friday - Cruise-In Greater-Gulf Coast Classic Car Club @ Sonic Drive In Hwy 59, Foley, Alabama 4:30 - 7:30pm



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
251-937-7400

CONTRACTOR YARD
25847 Friendship Rd
Daphne, AL
251-626-6993

CONTRACTOR YARD
8960 Warning Rd
Pensacola, FL
850-494-2534

FULL SERVICE YARD
5229 Hwy 90 West
Mobile, AL
251-661-8000

FULL SERVICE YARD
10194 Lorraine Rd
Gulfport, MS
228-897-1282

FULL SERVICE YARD
12250 Hwy 90 West
Grand Bay, AL
251-865-6185

FULL SERVICE YARD
3705 Gulf Shores Pkwy
Gulf Shores, AL
251-948-0905

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Mobile, AL
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