



# The Sparkplug

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## Deep South Region of AACA Newsletter

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Meetings are held at the Clubhouse on the 4th Thursday of each month. Refreshments begin at 6:00 pm, and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

DSR Dues are \$20, and AACA dues are \$45.

**Newsletter Deadline on 1st day of each month.**

### Local Events

**January**  
**13th - 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-**  
in 7:30 am, Edward's Discount  
Drugs, Lucedale, MS.

**21st - Open House &**  
**Cruise-in** 9:30am to 2:30 pm, DSR  
Clubhouse, Mobile, AL

**26th - DSR Monthly Meeting**  
6:00 pm Refreshments  
7:00 pm Meeting  
DSR Clubhouse, Mobile, AL

**Visit [www.deepsouth.aaca.com](http://www.deepsouth.aaca.com)**  
**for info on these and more events**  
**happening in our area.**

### AACA Events

**January**  
**26-28 - 2023 AACA Winter**  
**Nationals**  
Miami, Florida

**February**  
**9-12 - 2023 Annual Convention**  
Williamsburg, Virginia

**March**  
**18 - Indian River Region AACA**  
**44th Annual Antique Auto Show**  
Vero Beach, Florida

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**for more info**

### Zeno's Corner

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you had a great holiday season. We stayed really busy last year with our AACA Founders Tour in the spring, with Cruising the Coast in the fall, and plenty of other activities in between. I want to thank everyone that contributed their time and hard work to make 2022 a success! We closed out the year with a brunch fundraiser at the Clubhouse for the Ronald McDonald House. The ladies did an outstanding job putting this together, and I thank everyone that donated to this great cause. In December we had our Christmas Banquet at Wintzell's Oyster House with the club picking up a majority of the expense in thanks for the work club members had done throughout the year. This made for a rewarding time for all as we introduced the 2023 DSR Officers at the event. As your incoming President I wanted to thank the 2022 DSR Officers for their contribution to the club. I will continue doing the best job I can as your 2023 President to keep the club growing through new membership and activities. DSR is a big part of our community, and with these officers and members, I see nothing but good things happening for us. I want to congratulate the officers of the 2023 board. I know together we can make a difference in the club.

~Zeno



## Christmas Brunch - Dec. 3

Twenty members of the DSR attended the Christmas Brunch and donation drive to benefit Ronald McDonald House. The club raised more than \$2000 worth of cash and gift items. Thank you to everyone who donated in person or online!



Debbie Bright delivering the gifts!



Sasha Thatcher & David Rooney



Rheba & Zeno Chaudron

## Christmas Party - Dec. 10

DSR members filled the banquet room at Wintzell's Oyster House. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal, fabulous door prizes, and the company of friends old and new. President-elect, Zeno Chaudron introduced the 2023 officers, and the annual awards were handed out. Sasha Thatcher received the Henderson Family Service Award for her work as treasurer, and the Ray Harper Restoration Award, went to Walt & Martha Fuller.



Chris & Kristi Taylor



Brian, Patricia, David & Mac



George & Jane Davis



Zeno Chaudron & Martha Fuller



Michael & Zachary Moore



## Museum Tour - Dec. 17

Along with the Mississippi Coast Corvette Club, several DSR members trekked to Metairie, Louisiana to visit the Henry Shane's Cars of Yesteryear Museum and to enjoy lunch at Middendorf's. Everyone had such a great time, that we are planning another outing for 2023.



DSR Members on Tour



Members of the MCC



Ray Harper with Nipper

## Open House - Jan. 21

As the new officers for 2023 began discussing their vision for the DSR in the coming months, we all kept coming back to the same ideas. We want to schedule more fun events which involve enjoying our old cars, and we want to get the membership excited to be involved in all aspects of the club.

Everyone has gifts, and we want you to bring those gifts and ideas to play in the DSR!

Below is a list of current committees and their chairmen. All committees need more volunteers in order to make our club run smoothly. Do you have skills that would be valuable in one of these areas? Do you see a need that is not being met by our current structure? If so, talk to any of the officers. We want to hear your ideas!

Join us at the Open House & Cruise-In on Saturday, January 21st, from 9:30am - 2:30pm at the Clubhouse. The officers will be providing free hamburgers and hotdogs. We want to give everyone a chance to meet the new members and officers and share your ideas for the future. If weather permits, drive your antique car. Hope to see you there!

~Deana Landry

**Historian: Ray Harper** [Nipper486@gmail.com](mailto:Nipper486@gmail.com)

Keeping photographs and records of club events, meetings, and publicity.

**Photography: All Members**

Assisting the historian and publicity chairman by photographing events in which DSR members are involved.

**Refreshments: Rheba Chaudron**

Requires a volunteer each month to organize refreshments at the DSR meeting.

**Sunshine: Kathy McNamara**

Responsible for sending cards to members during difficult or celebratory times and keeping the membership informed of such.

**Publicity: Deana Landry**

A group of 3-5 people who handle our newsletter, website, Facebook page, and all print and video publicity for events.

**Membership: Belinda Rooney**

Actively work with officers and other committee members to make newcomers feel welcome and to implement ideas for bringing in new members.

**Finance Committee: Debbie Bright**

A group of 3-5 people who work with the treasurer to keep the DSR in compliance with the AACA, the IRS, and the State of Alabama.

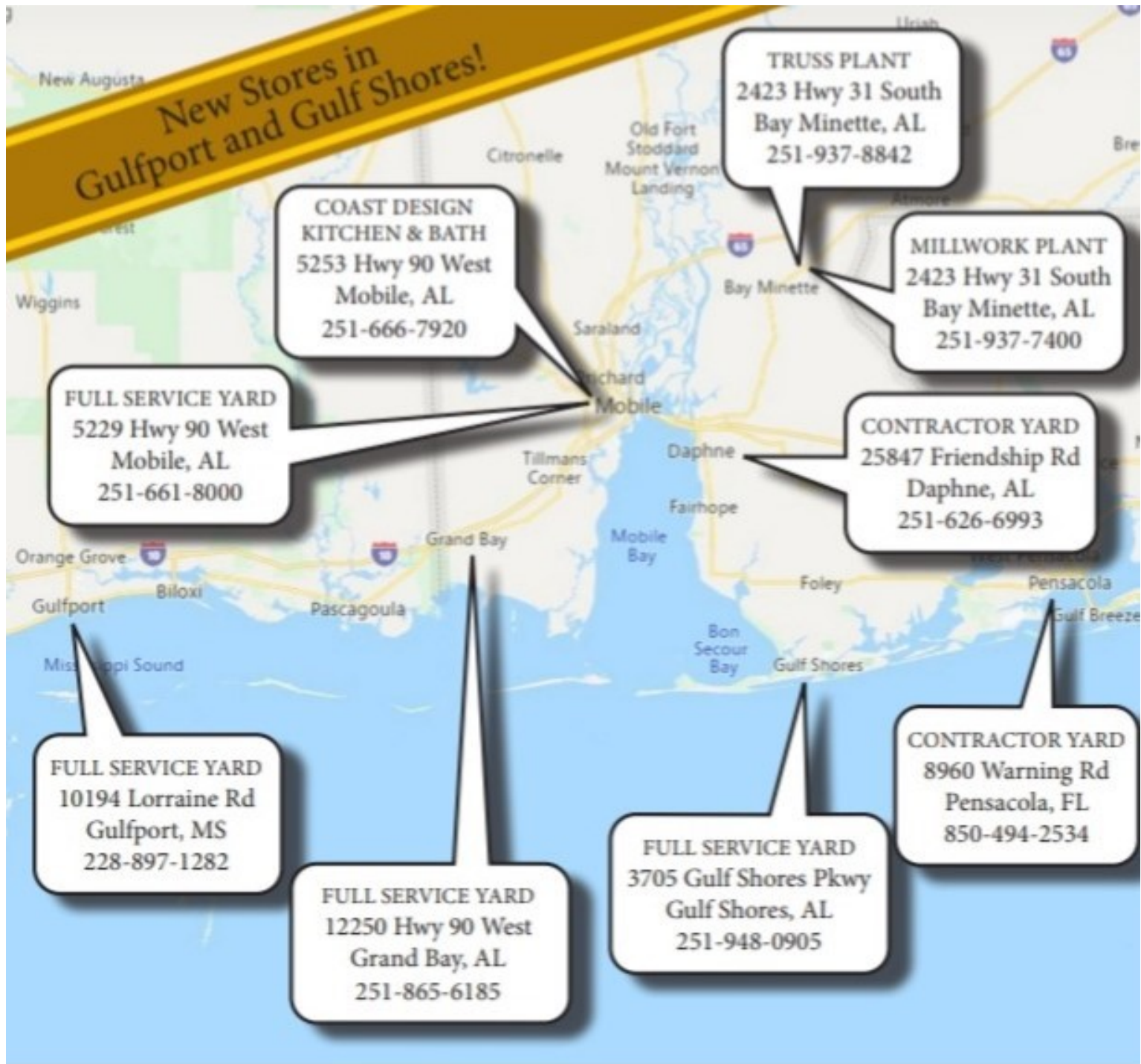
**CTC: Zeno Chaudron**

A group of 2 representatives and an alternate who attend monthly meetings for CTC on behalf of the DSR.

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