



# 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.**

### DSR Events

#### February

**18 - Day Tour to The Shed**  
10 am Meet at TA Truck Stop in Grand Bay. By invitation of the Dixie Wings.

**19 - DSR at OWA Mardi Gras Parade, Foley, AL**  
2 pm Event Begins  
6 pm Parade Rolls

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

See page 3 for more details.

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

### AACA Events

#### February

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

#### March

**5 - Hamburg Swap Meet & Car Corral**  
Hamburg, Pennsylvania

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

**Visit [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org) for more info**

This month's cover car is John & Debbie Bright's 1914 Model T Woody, "Jellybean". Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

### Zeno's Corner

Looks like we are off to a fast start with the club! The ladies and men really worked hard giving the Club House a good cleaning for our January 21st event. The club house was pressure washed, the yards were trimmed, picked up and mowed. David Rooney has lined up a gentleman to take care of the yard this year. The club Meet and Greet was a hit for sure, and the turnout was over whelming! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board for supplying the hamburgers and hot dogs for the event. I believe just about everyone brought some kind of food to go with the lunch. The homemade Ice cream really topped the day off with all the other deserts. John Bright (The Chef) was in charge of the grill. Thank you, John. He and his helpers did a great job.

January 26th we had our first official club meeting. We discussed some future outings and events to look forward to. We had a guest speaker from Keep Mobile Beautiful ( Evelyn DeAngelo ) who talked about an event coming up in April. We have a lot of things happening!

**~Zeno**

# Open House & Cruise-In - January 21



Wesley & Annette Nicely



John Bright mans the grill.



So glad to see Walt & Martha Fuller back in action!



Jim, Nancy, Travis, Haleigh, Eli and Holland Henderson

The dreary, wet weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of the 55 folks who came out to the clubhouse for our first annual Open House & Cruise-In. With so many new members added to our rosters, the officers thought this would be a great chance for everyone to get to know one another. In a spirit of collaboration with local clubs, the Dixie Wings Motorcycle Club was also invited. Many of these Gold Wing owners also own antique cars, and several registered with the DSR. We even had a few fearless drivers who brought their Gold Wings and antique cars in spite of the drizzle!

John Bright and his sous chefs took shelter on the front porch as they grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone. We rounded out the meal with fabulous homemade cakes and cookies, as well as homemade ice cream with all the toppings!

After a fun day in the clubhouse, no one was ready to leave, so everyone jumped in to help with clean-up!



David & Belinda Rooney and Tom & Linda Hayward



Dixie Wings Motorcycle Club (L-R) Dave Napp, Pam Blizzard, Bill Brown, Annette & Wesley Nicely, Max Tanner

# Get Involved!



## Sunshine Committee

Do you know a member who could use a little sunshine? If you know someone who is sick, grieving or lonesome, send us an email. Kathy McNamara will send a card to let them know their friends at the DSR are thinking of them.

## Refreshment Committee

Rheba Chaudron is scheduled for refreshments at the February meeting but she could still use a few people to organize other months. Simply pick a date, choose a few friends, and organize your menu. Email us to find out which months are still available.



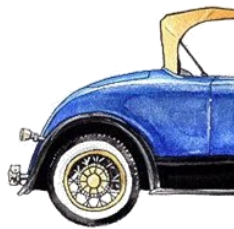
## Membership Committee



Join Belinda Rooney in working to get more people interested in the DSR and in finding new ways to make our club a welcoming and friendly environment for those in the antique car community.

## Publicity Committee

Are you good at writing, drawing, painting, or graphic design? Do you like handling social media? The publicity committee needs people with the skills to make our club look great and keep us visible to the public.



# Upcoming Events

## February

### 18 - Day Tour to The Shed

We have been invited to join the Dixie Wings Motorcycle Club for lunch trip to The Shed BBQ. We will meet at 10 am at the TA Truck Stop in Grand Bay to caravan; please, drive a modern car or an antique that handle interstate speeds. You can also meet everyone at The Shed at 11 am - 7501 MS-57, Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Please, email the DSR so we can get a headcount.

### 19 - OWA Mardi Gras Parade

The events begins at 2pm, and the parade rolls at 6. The DSR is limited to 10 cars. Call John Bright at (251)454-6298 if you want to participate, as he is working with OWA directly to arrange vehicles for the parade.



## March

### 25 - Cars of Yesteryears Museum

The DSR is inviting other local clubs to join us for a day trip to this fabulous museum in Metairie, Louisiana, followed by lunch at Middendorf's in Slidell. Tour will leave from The Henderson Collection at 7:30 am. RSVP for a head count to Leslie Sellers at (251)607-9651 or email at [leshsel@yahoo.com](mailto:leshsel@yahoo.com).

## April

### 22 - Earth Day Cruise-In & Electric Car Show

From 10am-2pm, we will be hosting the cars from Drive Electric Alabama in conjunction with the Earth Day celebration at our neighbors, the Japanese Gardens. The DSR will feature our cars chronologically - like a walk through time. We will also feature history on the development of electric cars from 1881 to 2023. Be thinking of ways to feature your car - dress in an appropriate costume, find a drink or candy made the same year as your car, or show the history of your personal car. This should be a unique and fun event!



## May

### 20 - The Henderson Collection

Jim will be opening the doors to his beautiful museum for the DSR. We will also be inviting the members of the Corvette Club of Mississippi and the Dixie Wings Motorcycle Club to join us. Watch for more details!



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