

# 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

**March**  
**25 - DSR Tour to Cars of Yesteryears Museum**  
Metairie, LA

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

**April**  
**22 - Cruise-In & Electric Car Show**  
10am - 2pm DSR Clubhouse

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

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

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

**April**  
**13-15 - Southeastern Spring National**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

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

This month's cover car is Walt & Martha Fuller's 1930 Model "A" Ford Roadster Pickup. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

### Zeno's Corner

I hope everyone is doing well. We have had a great two months of Club activities for sure with everything from the club's Meet & Greet to Mardi Gras Parades. The luncheon at the Shed in Ocean Springs was a very nice outing for all who participated. One thing I have noticed, we have a whole lot more input on things to do by the Club Members which is great. Lets keep the ideas and comments coming!

If you didn't know, Rheba and I attended the 87th Annual AACA Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia during the first part of February. We enjoyed attending some very informative seminars and meetings, along with seeing some friends from National and making some new friends. Looking forward to all the events in the coming months.

~Zeno



## Day Tour to The Shed - February 18



Ray & Katherine with Walt & Martha

At the invitation of the Dixie Wings Motorcycle Club, the DSR took a little tour to The Shed BBQ & Blues Joint in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Some people caravanned from Mobile and others met at the restaurant, but all total, 31 people enjoyed the beautiful sunny spring day, absolutely delicious food and fabulous company!



Zeno, Rheba, Dan, David & Patricia



Dave & Donna



David & Belinda with Morris & Julie



Jerry & Barbara

## OWA Mardi Gras Parade - February 19



Rheba & Zeno rode with John & Debbie

None of us were sure what to expect from the OWA Mardi Gras Parade. We all thought it would be a small local parade with a very short route. Boy, were we wrong! Even the organizers were surprised at the huge crowds that turned out to enjoy the beautiful cool evening. All of us had prepared with plenty of beads and moon pies, but even the OWA float ran out of beads toward the end.



Annette & Wesley rode with Bill & Jeffrey



Mike & Marie with Jeanie & Deana

This was my first time visiting OWA, and it really was a beautiful facility. They have a large car show coming up on March 18th, and I know several members have already registered. The first 200 registrants will be parked right on Main Street, which should be a great spot for spending the day with friends.



Leslie & Janice carried Queen Dru



# News

## WEBSITE

The DSR website has been completely rebuilt, and you should take a look! Every page is now easily accessible and mobile friendly. Check out these highlights below:

- ◆ Galleries with even more photos of our events
- ◆ A list of regional cruise-ins along with links to take you to their Facebook pages. No more wondering if an event is canceled due to weather.
- ◆ A gallery featuring members' cars. Email us your photos to be included.
- ◆ An interactive events calendar showcasing all local, regional and national AACA car shows and tours. Each entry features an interactive map to guide you to the event, as well as links to registration forms, if they are available online.

Take a look at [www.deepsouth.aaca.com](http://www.deepsouth.aaca.com), and tell us what you think. Is there something you would like to see on our website? Send us an email.

## CAR SHOW

After having such a great time at the OWA Mardi Gras Parade, the president of the Gulf Coast Mustang Club invited us all to their big show at OWA on March 18th. Several members have already registered, and you can register by visiting [gulfcoastmustangclub.org](http://gulfcoastmustangclub.org).

## FLY-IN & CRUISE-IN

We have added another club event on May 6th. There will be a fly-in of vintage planes at the Roy E. Ray Airport in Grand Bay, and the organizers would love to have a huge turn out of antique cars, as well. More details will come.

## CARS OF YESTERYEARS MUSEUM

Don't forget to call Leslie Sellers to RSVP for the tour on March 25. We will have a special reservation at Midden-dorf's, so Leslie needs to get a head count.

## ARTICLES NEEDED!

Have you represented the DSR at a show, cruise-in or tour? Take some photos and send me a short write up. We'll add your article to the digital newsletter and our webpage.

# Events

## 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

### 6 - Fly-In & Cruise-In at the Roy E. Ray Airport

More details to come.



### 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!

## OUT & ABOUT

A couple of DSR cars spotted at the 12th Annual Port City Corvette Club Open Car Show at Bass Pro Shops in Daphne



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# July in February???

Saturday February 25th saw the 12th annual car show hosted by Port City Corvettes at Bass Pro. As I'm certain many will remember, several years ago we huddled together in winter coats at this show.....but not this year! A bright, sunny day saw temperatures soar into the low '80's by lunchtime, causing the hearty who attended to bake as we sat on the treeless asphalt parking lot anxiously waiting for the judges to complete their rounds.



One little fellow drew a crowd, after showing that he was smarter than most in getting out of the heat!

Other than the heat and lack of restroom facilities it was a nice show, with 111 vehicles registered. I'd estimate that about 80% of these cars were Corvettes, with the majority being late model 'Vettes. The Gulf Coast Corvette Club from Mississippi was represented by a number of members, with their standout car being an absolutely beautiful 1961 Corvette.



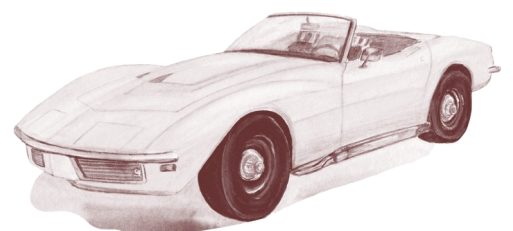
This was an important show for me personally. It was the first car show that I felt comfortable in attending since the 2020 Port City show, which was closely followed by the life changing COVID pandemic. It felt really good cleaning up my car and getting out with like-minded folks again!

After many years of presenting trophies, Port City Corvettes went to smaller hand-painted awards several years ago. However, this year they reverted to full-sized trophies again.



My 1980 Corvette won a second-in-class trophy (1971 to 1985 class), so I was happy to add it to my modest collection.

*Article Submitted  
By Dick  
Cashdollar*





# CARS

*of Yesteryears*

**Join the**  
**Deep South Region AACA**

**On March 25th for a day tour to the  
Cars of Yesteryears Museum  
in Metairie, Louisiana.**

**Drive your modern car or an antique suitable for  
Interstate travel.**

**Tour will leave Mobile from The Henderson Collection,  
5253 Hwy 90 West, at 7:30 am. You can also meet us  
at the Museum, 4625 Fairfield St, Metairie, Louisiana,  
at 10 am.**

**We will stop for lunch at Middendorf's Seafood  
Restaurant in Slidell on the way home.**

**For more information or to sign up for the tour,  
contact John Bright at 251-454-6298.**

## Minutes of Deep South Region (DSR) Antique Automobile Car Club Meeting

Date: February 23, 2023, Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: DSR Club House, 951 Forest Hill Dr., Mobile, AL 36618

Meeting Facilitator: President - Zeno Chaudron

Secretary: Janice Sellers

### I Call to Order

The February 23rd meeting was called to order by President, Zeno Chaudron.

Zeno asked David Rooney to pray

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zeno.

Zeno - Welcomed members and guests

Zeno welcomed/introduced guest speakers - Gulf Coast DIY Garage owners, Charles (Bubba) and Kristi Barber. The Barber's shared with club members what their garage has to offer in the way of equipment, tools, hours of operation, fees and even help if needed. It is a new concept to the area, and they are hoping to grow their business and hopefully be of service to our members and their car, motorcycle, and lawn mower needs.

### II Unfinished/Old Business

Zeno - commented on free membership for Veterans

David - Presented quotes for the club to decide on lawn care for 2023. It was proposed to have a one-year contract for \$150 a month with Jason/Old South Landscaping for lawn maintenance/property care. Deana made a motion that we accept the contract, Leslie seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

David - presented air conditioning quotes from RSI Mechanical for \$4,000 cost for kitchen air conditioning inside/outside units. Zeno made a motion to accept the quote and Deana seconded. It was unanimously approved.

### III New Business

None

### IV Reports

Debbie - Treasurer, Financial Report

She reported that the power bill was a little higher this past month due to such cold weather and having to leave the heat on to prevent busted pipes.

Debbie also commented that we had 4 (couples) new members, and 7 renewals in the last month that are reflected on the financial report.

Debbie asked Patrick Flanagan and Barbara Money to serve on the Financial Committee with her and they both accepted.

Belinda - Membership Committee Chair welcomed new members, Clarence (Wesley) and Annette Nicely.

### V Activities

Leslie - Activities/Events Schedule

March 18, 2023 (Saturday) OWA Gulf Coast (Pensacola) Mustang Sponsored Car show 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. \$40 to enter. Early entries (200) will be parked inside the downtown area.

March 25, 2023 (Saturday) Club Event - Tour Cars of Yesteryears Museum in Metairie, LA 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., lunch following at Middendorf's Restaurant in Slidell, LA

April 22, 2023 (Saturday) Club Event - Earth Day in conjunction with Japanese Garden, Drive Electric Car Alabama/DSR Cruise In/Car Display, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 06, 2023 (Saturday) Club Event - Roy E. Ray Airport, Fly in Day, 9:00 a.m. - until

Pat Flanagan announced this event, Ray Harper made a motion that we make it a Club Event, Leslie seconded the motion. It was approved.

May 20, 2023 (Saturday) Club Event - Tour of Henderson Car Museum, Mobile AL, lunch following.

Information/times/instructions will be sent to members in an email.

### VI Other

Deana - new Website is being interactive with regional, national, and local events, and all are listed there. Deana also asked for members to send her photos of their cars to use on the Website, Facebook page and the Newsletter.

Ray - Discuss by Laws

Ray asked David, Zeno, Debbie, and Bill Brown to serve on the By Laws Committee with him. They all accepted. He asked for everyone to read over the By Laws and get with him or one of the committee members regarding any changes they would like to see discussed and possibly changed.

Janice - Minutes will be available in the Sparkplug Newsletter and upon request for perusal.

50/50 Drawing - \$40.00 was won by Rheba and she donated it back to the club. Zeno commented that these proceeds go toward purchasing supplies for the clubhouse kitchen.

Zeno - asked for a motion to dismiss, Clarence (Wesley) Nicely made the motion and Bill Green seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Attendees: Sign-in sheet is attached





**TRUSS PLANT**  
2423 Hwy 31 South  
Bay Minette, AL  
251-937-8842

**COAST DESIGN  
KITCHEN & BATH**  
5253 Hwy 90 West  
Mobile, AL  
251-666-7920

**MILLWORK PLANT**  
2423 Hwy 31 South  
Bay Minette, AL  
251-937-7400

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

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

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