



# 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

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

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

**May**  
**6 - Cruise-In at Roy Ray Airport**  
9:00 am - Until

**20 - Tour to Henderson Collection**  
10am - Tour Begins

**25 - 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

**April**  
**1 - Old Dominion Meet**  
Fredericksburg, Virginia

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

**30 - May 3 - Southeastern Divisional Tour**  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

**May 7 - 70th Annual Collectible Car Show**  
East Hanover, New Jersey

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

This month's cover car is Dan Jacobson's 1937 Buick Business Coupe. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

### Zeno's Corner

April is here, and we are staying very busy tending to various events and projects in and around the Club. I want to let the membership know I'm proud of your Club Officers and the work they are doing mostly behind the scenes to make for a successful Club.

If you have any ideals or suggestions please let us know after all this is (YOUR) Car Club. We have several events coming up so get out there and enjoy your ride and the fellowship.

Best Regards,  
~Zeno

# Cars of Yesteryears Museum - March 25



What a big event this turned out to be! The DSR invited several of our regional car clubs to join us on a trip to Metairie, Louisiana, to visit the Cars of Yesteryears Museum. We had almost 100 attendees, including several from Louisiana car clubs who called and asked if they could join us, as well! Sixty of us stopped for lunch at Middendorf's in Slidell on the way home, and the restaurant did a great job in handling our large crowd.



The regional clubs that joined DSR were Gulf Coast Model A Club (Mobile), Antique Automobile & Engine Club of Mississippi (Biloxi), Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club (Pensacola), Mobile Bay Mustang Club (Mobile), Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club (Biloxi) and Magnolia State Model T Ford Club (Ocean Springs).



# OWA Car Show - March 18



Bill Brown, Leslie Sellers and John and Debbie Bright braved the cold and rainy weather to attend the Gulf Coast Mustang and Mega Car Show. OWA Parks and Resorts was a beautiful venue for this event and 120+ cars were in attendance. There were many spectators, as well, including lots of families and small children. What a great way to introduce young people to our wonderful hobby!



This gorgeous Packard won Best of Show!



# Upcoming Events

## 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

Starts at 9am. 11317 Airport Road , Irvington, Alabama. Food, drink and homemade ice cream will be available on the grounds, but bring your lawn chair.

## 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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A cool bit of history - every name tag the DSR has ever had. Thanks to our historian, Ray Harper! Do you have a bit of DSR history you would like to share?

# DSR EARTH DAY



Cruise-In & Electric Car Show

# April 22, 2023

For Information & Registration: <https://deepsouth.aaca.com/earth-day-cruise-in-electric-car-show/>

**10 AM - 2PM**

**DSR Clubhouse  
951 Forest Hill Drive  
Mobile, Alabama**

**Food ~ Music  
Games ~ Prizes  
Event is Free**

In Conjunction With:



# Deep South Region AACCA



**Spring Cruise-In**

**May 6, 2023**

**in conjunction with**

**Roy E. Ray Airport Fly-In**

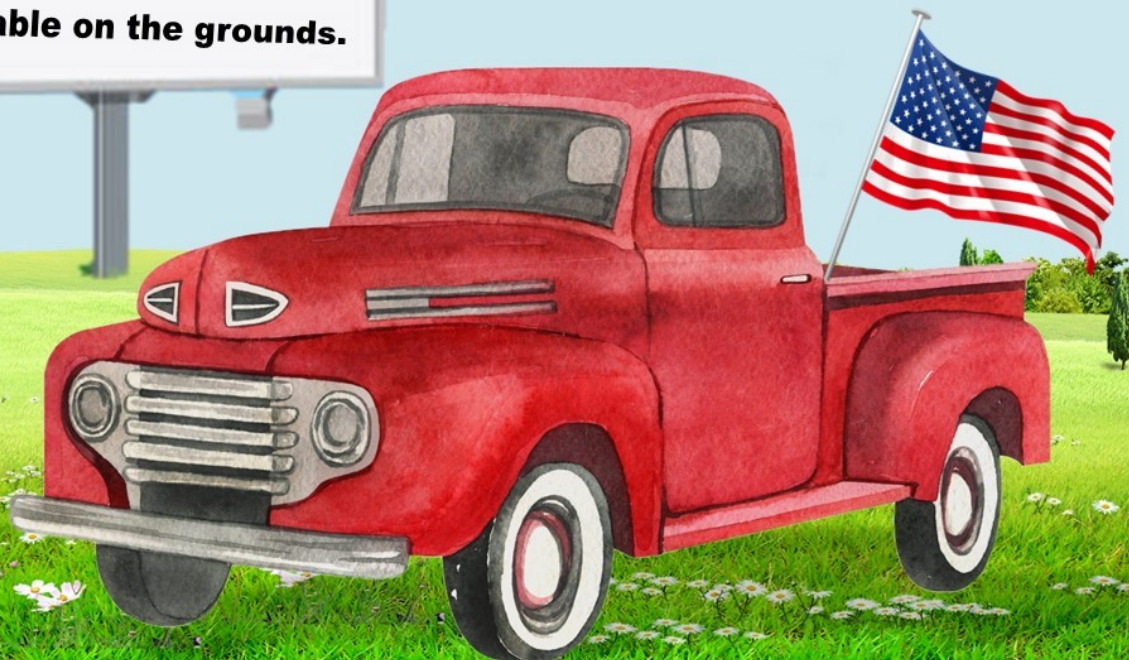
**Starts at 9:00 am**

**11317 Airport Road  
Irvington, Alabama**

**Food & Drink**

**Bring a lawnchair.**

**Food, drink & homemade ice  
cream available on the grounds.**



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

Date: March 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 March 23rd meeting was called to order by President Zeno Chaudron.

Zeno Prayed

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zeno.

Zeno welcome members and guests.

### II Unfinished/Old Business

Zeno - reported that he and Rheba had attended the AACA 2023 National Convention in Williamsburg, VA in February. He stated that he had met with members of the Executive Board of AACA and discussed a Touring Group Charter that had been applied for and that we were not notified or contacted about. He has since that time been informed by the Executive Board that their decision was to deny the touring charter request at this time. He stated that he would like to move forward with our club and put this behind us and he is looking forward to a great year.

Zeno - talked a little about Cruising the Coast (CTC) and how the hours are compiled and how we are compensated for hours worked as a club. He said it was a great show with a fine assortment of automobiles and a great opportunity for our club to participate. He asked for volunteers to sign up to work. He also explained about the Gene Oswald Award and trophy. Ballots were passed out with names and hours worked by individuals to club members for a vote. It was determined from votes calculated that Zeno Chaudron was selected for this award and trophy for 2023.

David - said our sign out front had blown down and he wanted to thank John and Debbie Bright for the repairs and what a good job they had done. He gave an update on the AC installation progression. He discussed needed repairs to our flag pole and Jim Henderson volunteered to have it repaired. David stated that we needed to have a work day before the event on Earth Day. He would like to schedule that for Saturday, April 8th at 8:00 a.m. and asked for volunteers. David also stated that he is looking into different options to fix our problem with lights in the driveway.

### III New Business

None

### IV Reports

Debbie - Treasurer, Financial Report

Debbie passed out copies of the Financial Report to the members and asked that everyone look them over. She stated that our \$10,000 CD had earned \$19.58 interest so far and it matures in August. There will be a meeting to discuss what to do with the monies. She said that it takes approximately \$6,000 yearly for operations. She stated that she would like to see at least 3 years of money kept in reserve. Zeno asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. The motion was made by Jim Henderson that we accept it and Marie Travis seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

Deana - She commented that Earth Day April 22nd she needs members to sign up on the sheet what car they will be bringing to display that day. She also said we were going to try to line them up chronologically and asked if people would dress in the era of their car if possible.

### V Activities

Leslie - Activities/Events Schedule

Leslie went over the schedule of events on the calendar. He asked for a show of hands of those planning to go to the museum in Metairie on Saturday.

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

April 01, 2023, Saturday, Camellia Classic Car Show at Camp Grace

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

April 28th & 29th, Friday & Saturday, AAECM 43rd Annual Car Show, D'iberville, MS

May 06, 2023, Saturday, Club Event, 9:00 a.m. - until, Fly In at Roy E. Ray Airport in Irvington, AL

May 20, 2023, Saturday, Club Event, Tour of Henderson Car Museum, Mobile, AL

Information/times/instruction will be sent to members in an email

David Napp mentioned an event on Sunday, April 16th, Mobile Bay Vintage Motorcycle Show at Dauphin Island 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Green Park if anyone is interested.

### VI Other

Ray - reminded everyone to give any By Law changes to him after the meeting for consideration. Ray asked that members would go online daily and vote for CTC for best car show, it has been #1 3 years straight. He mentioned

that it had been brought up to think about getting a TV and DVD player. John Bright said he would donate a brand new DVD player.

Janice - minutes are published in the newsletter. Deana made a motion that we approve the minutes from the February 23rd meeting, Bill Green seconded and it unanimously passed.

Zeno asked if anyone would like to make a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Wesley Nicely made the motion and Bill Green seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

50/50 Drawing - \$45.00 was won by Jeff Brown.

Attendees: Sign up sheet 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

**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**  
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