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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

May
6 - Cruise-In at Roy Ray Airport
7:00 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

June
14 - Flag Day Cruise-In
6:00 pm DSR Clubhouse

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7:00 pm Meeting
DSR Clubhouse, Mobile, AL

See page 3 for more details.

Visit www.deepsouth.aaca.com for info on these and more events happening in our area.

AACA Events

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

May 13 - 63rd Apple Blossom Meet
Winchester, Virginia

May 18-20 - Eastern Spring Nationals
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

June 10 - 55th Richmond Collector Car & Swap Meet
Richmond, Virginia

June 24 - Eastern Divisional Tour
Denver, Pennsylvania

Visit www.aaca.org for more info

This month's cover car is Jim & Nancy Henderson's 1960 Ford Thunderbird Convertible. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

Zeno's Corner

Hope you all are doing good, The club has so much activity going, it's hard to put this in a short summary. You the members have been extremally busy with all the work that's been happening at the Clubhouse and yards. All I can say it looks GREAT!

Deana is adding a new tab to the website - Articles! This will be a great place to showcase old news media about the DSR, as well as, general articles about the antique car hobby. Check it out!

We have a ton of activities on the calendar. Lets keep it going after all this is your Club, enjoy it! Thank you all,

~Zeno

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



Our first ever Earth Day Cruise-In & Electric Car Show was a huge success! The DSR had 21 cars lined up chronologically from 1915 to 1998, and Drive Electric Alabama hosted 22 electric vehicles. Held in conjunction with the Earth Day celebration at the Japanese Garden next door, this unique event drew thousands of spectators throughout the afternoon.



Spring Cleaning



DSR members spent several days in April sprucing up the clubhouse. Many long overdue projects were completed, including updating the front porch, repairing the flag pole, repairing the front sign, trimming trees, cleaning the grounds and replacing the A/C in the front room. Thanks to all who helped with the work!



Upcoming Events



May

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

Starts at 7am. 11317 Airport Road, Irvington, Alabama. Cars will be parked on the west side of the runway on the south side of the hangar. Do not park anywhere else, as you may find yourself on the grass runway! There is no shade, so bring your lawn chairs and pop-up tents. Food and homemade ice cream will be available. The schedule is below:

Breakfast -	Served by Women in Aviation
Lunch -	Served by the Boy Scouts & Experimental Aircraft Association
Dinner -	Crawfish Boil

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. Tour is from 10am to Noon followed by lunch at Judy's Place.



**June
14 - Flag Day
Cruise-In**

We will have light refreshments, so plan to bring a picnic dinner. Plans are to have a color guard to officially raise our flag on the newly repaired flag pole. We are also trying to schedule a flag retirement ceremony, so bring those tattered old flags for a proper retirement.

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**July
14 - Collector Car
Appreciation Day**



COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

This is an official government day dedicated to our favorite hobby. Photos and details from this event will be submitted to the SEMA Action Network, the organization that works on creating laws that are favorable for car collectors, provides a platform for about 36 million vintage car lovers. Plans are tentative for a little evening tour for dinner.

Hello everyone! My name is Woodreaux. My new owners, the Brights are getting me ready for touring. After I got a new muffler they took me to Charles and Kristi Barber's Gulf Coast DIY Garage to use their lift to upgrade my wiring. Next it's on to some cosmetic surgery. See y'all soon!



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AACA Deep South Region Club House.



This article appeared in the *AACA Speedster* shortly after the building was completed. According to our old issues of *The Sparkplug*, the first meeting held in the new clubhouse was on March 28, 1985, with 61 members in attendance! Given that the clubhouse was only the front room at that time, can you imagine how crowded it was?

Watch for a new tab on the website homepage - Articles!

They had succeeded in finding the perfect location but now needed a building. While many members worked diligently to clear off the lot, others searched for a suitable building. For \$500, they acquired an old kindergarten wood frame structure with no interior supporting walls.

Lloyd Crowdus, president of the Region, made a plea to a moving contractor, who turned out to be an old car buff himself. For \$1000, well below his own cost, he agreed to move the building the 3½ miles to the prepared lot.

With the building in place and the utilities connected, region members pitched in to renovate the structure. They painted the exterior, added on a full-length front porch, put up new paneling, installed a new ceiling, refurbished the rest rooms, and constructed a rear patio. The project was funded from the region's treasury, income from two large rummage sales, and member contributions, keeping the group happily out of debt.

Sporting the letters A.A.C.A. above the front door, the new Deep South Region clubhouse was completed in the spring of 1985 and now is home to the group's meetings and special functions. Something to be proud of indeed!

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 27, 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 April 27th meeting was called to order by President - **Zeno**

Zeno asked Dan Jacobson to say the Prayer, led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed member and guests

II Unfinished/Old Business

Zeno - thanked everyone for their help at the club house and property for the Earth Day/Cruise In. He also mentioned the driveway needs repairs. Bill Brown stated that if we would call 311 that the city would send someone out to fix it. **David** - echoed Zeno's thank you to people who helped at the club house and property. He stated that the property had been neglected for the past three years and was in need of repairs. He said the AC replacement has been completed, the Flag has been rehung and kitchen faucet replaced. We need approval for trees trimmed \$1550 ratified. David made a motion/Bill Brown seconded. It was unanimously approved.

III New Business

Zeno - Cruisin' the Coast (CTC) Tshirts. He has (40) Tshirts that will be given to volunteers until they run out. He asked people to sign up to volunteer to work and get a Tshirt.

Deana - said if anyone was interested in having a professional photo shoot of their cars around Mobile to please sign up for that and a time would be setup to do that. These pictures will be used on website, Sparkplug, brochures and calendar. Deana thanked John, Jim and Ray for new pictures of events. She also asked if anyone had any photos of car shows or events to please send them to her. Deana commented on the event that is schedule for November 11th, Wounded Warriors fundraiser at The Lodge at Double Gates, Boykin property. This is not our show, but individuals can participate. She encouraged anyone who would be interested to fill out an application and support this event. She is working closely with them to promote this event.

IV Reports

Debbie - Treasurer, Financial Report, ratify expenditures

Debbie handed out copies of the financial report to club members. She stated that there was no water bill for this month, it has already been paid. She said the bill for AC repair has not been received yet. Debbie stated that \$181 has been raised for 50/50 thus far which is used for purchase of kitchen supplies and toiletries. Expenditures for repairs to club house was submitted for approval and ratified. New signs are being designed for entrance and lighting has been purchased. We are checking into lights for the flagpole. It was suggested that yellow paint be purchased to paint the driveway as a reflector. Motion was made by Dan Jacobson/Jim Henderson seconded. It was unanimously approved. Debbie said that expenditures for new brochures 200 is (\$182.69) and they will be ready next week. Motion by Jeff Brown/Bill Brown seconded. It unanimously passed. It was recommended by John Bright to do a Fundraiser Cruise to carry donations to Ronald McDonald House this year and possibly tour the facility. Wish list/gift list are online. No cost to club.

V Activities

Leslie - Activities/Events Schedule

Leslie thanked everyone for their hard work in making the Earth Day/Electric Car Alabama/DSR Cruise In/Car show a great success. Leslie went over the list of upcoming events scheduled.

April 28th & 29th, Friday & Saturday, AAECM

43rd Annual Car Show, 10383 Auto Mall Parkway, D'Iberville, MS, starting at 8:00 a.m. both days

May 06, 2023, Saturday, **Club Event**, 7:00 a.m. - until, Fly In at Roy E. Ray Airport in Irvington, AL

Pat Flannigan went over what would be available that day and directions as to where to park, etc.

Karen Flannigan requested that some of the car club members come to the Washington County Hospital and Nursing Home annual Nursing Home Week at Chatom on **Thursday, May 18** at 2:00 p.m. and bring their cars. She said they bring their residents out to see the cars and they love it.

May 20, 2023, Saturday, **Club Event**, Tour of Henderson Car Museum, Mobile, AL, 10:00 - 12:00, reservations for lunch following at Judy's Place for those who would like to join us.

June 14, 2023, Wednesday, Flag Day, **Club Event**, retire the flag, Fellowship Cruise In, 6:00 p.m., refreshments provided. We will have a ceremony and Pat Flannigan is going to try and arrange for a color guard to attend this event.

July 14, 2023, Friday, National Collectors Car Appreciation Day, hold an event. Open for suggestions.

Need suggestions for August /September

October 1-8, 2023, Cruisin' the Coast, D'Iberville, MS. Need volunteers

October 21, 2023, Saturday, Tibbie Trade Day, **Club Event**, Tibbie, AL. Debbie Bright made a motion to make this a club event/Marie Travis seconded. It unanimously passed.

November 11, 2023, Saturday, Double Gates 1st Annual Charity Car Show, Veteran's Day (Wounded Warriors), The Lodge at Double Gates, 850 Frank Boykin Drive, McIntosh, AL 36553, starting at 8:30 a.m. Individuals encouraged to participate.

Zeno - stated that he, David and Ray have been in discussions with the Shirley Looney (Dollar Family) regarding our joining with them in order to carry on the Shirley Looney car show in the future. Zeno said that Gene Looney will join us at our next meeting to give us more information on this endeavor. A motion was made by Leslie Sellers/Walt Fuller seconded. It unanimously passed.

VI Other

Ray - By Laws final changes have been sent out by Deana and will be postponed for voting on until May meeting.

Zeno made a motion to adjourn the meeting/David Rooney seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

50/50 was won by Dan Jacobson \$86.00.

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Spring Cruise-In

May 6, 2023

in conjunction with

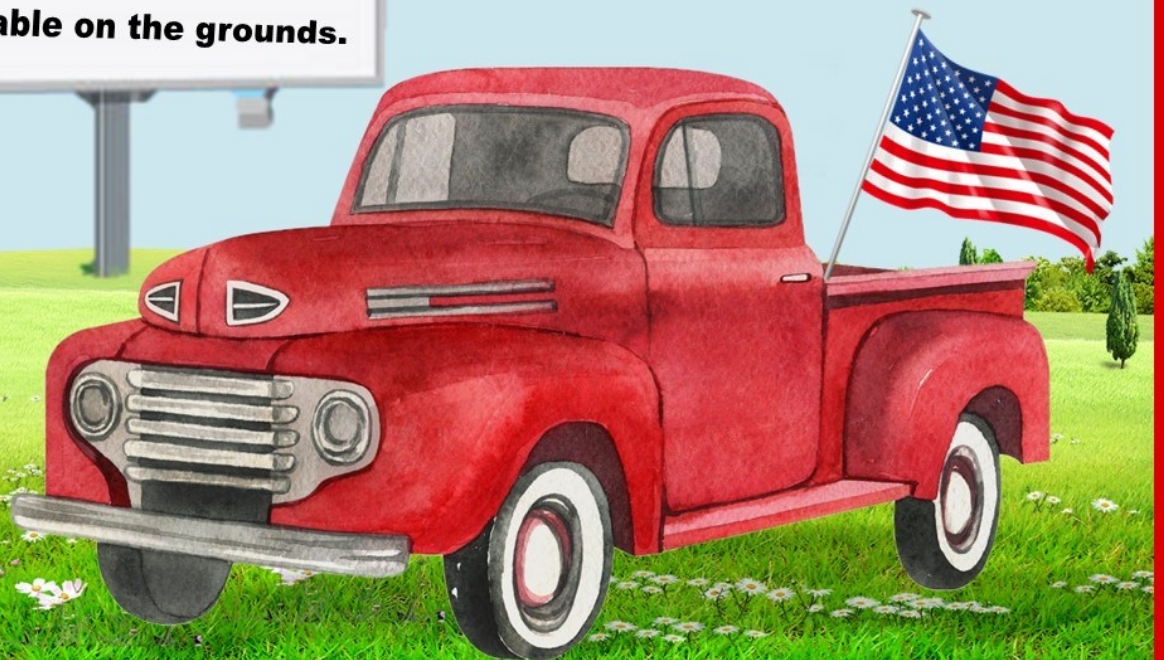
Roy E. Ray Airport Fly-In

Starts at 9:00 am

**11317 Airport Road
Irvington, Alabama**

Food & Drink

Bring a lawnchair.
Food, drink & homemade ice
cream available on the grounds.



Join the
Deep South Region AACA
for a private tour of the



HENDERSON COLLECTION

Antique & Classic Cars



Saturday, May 20, 2023

Tour Begins at 10:00 AM

**5253 Highway 90 West, Mobile, Alabama
Next Door to Mobile Lumber**

**We will follow the tour with lunch at
Judy's Place - 3977 Government Blvd**

RSVP to Leslie Sellers at 251-232-9434

A big thank you to Mr. Jim Henderson for all he does for the DSR! He brought his crew to the grounds to help finish the clean-up before our Earth Day celebration, including cleaning the ditch along Ziegler! What a difference! He also went to the trouble of bringing his 1911 Ford Model T Speedster down off the top rack in his museum for John Bright to photograph it for publicity purposes. Just wait until you see where it ends up!

Thank you, Mr. Jim!



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