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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

August

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

26 - Tour of the Martin Collection
10:00 am Museum Collection followed by lunch at Loaves & Fishes

September
22 - 60th Anniversary USA Homecoming Car Show
4:00 pm Line-Up

23 - CTC Packing Party
8:00 am D'Iberville Civic Center
29-30 - DAA Auction & Cruise-In
5:00 pm Friday Preview/Cruise-In
10:00 am Saturday Auction
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

August 4 - Das Awkscht Fescht
Macungie, Pennsylvania

August 5 - Jack Frost Auto Museum Charity Car Show
Washington Township, Michigan

August 10 - AACA Grand Nationals
Bettendorf, Iowa

August 16 - AACA Vintage Tour
Aroostook County, Maine

September 13 - Central Divisional Tour
Piqua, Ohio

September 17 - Anthracite Region AACA Annual Car Show
Tamaqua, Pennsylvania

Visit www.aaca.org for more info

This month's cover car is Bill Brown's 1955 Buick Special. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

Zeno's Corner

Hope all of you are doing well. As we are fast approaching the end of Summer I've been reflecting on the activities we've had going on since January. Wow! It has been a great and busy ride. Something to appeal to all our interests and for everyone to enjoy. Guess what! We still have five months left filled to the brim with so much more, so buckle up and have fun!

Best Regards,
~Zeno

The Great Race - June 24-July 2



Jim Henderson, Mallory Henderson, Zeno Chaudron and Jack Fruin had a banner year in The Great Race! Team Henderson won Stage 5 of the race, a first for the family. It was not all smooth sailing as the team battled torrential downpours and engine trouble, but they finished strong. Jim could not have been prouder of granddaughter Mallory, who is the third generation of the Henderson family to compete in The Great Race. See our events page at deepsouth.aaca.com for more great photos!



Wellborn Musclicar Museum - July 22



The DSR was invited to join the Dixie Wings Motorcycle Club for a day tour to the Wellborn Muscle car Museum in Alexander City, Alabama. Our caravan traveled through typical July weather - pouring rain followed by bright sunshine - both there and back, but the trip was well worth it! This world-class museum boasts many cars with single digit productions, as well as some showroom-original cars with less than 100 miles on them. As if these pristine cars were not enough, the highlight of the tour is museum guide and car guru Alton Freeman who led us on a personal tour. Alton had stories and history for every car, and he made the tour come alive for everyone. If you missed this trip, do not worry. We were invited back for another tour of the museum and a tour of Mr. Wellborn's private collection at his home.



DSR Committees

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.



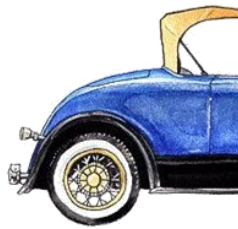
Membership Committee

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.

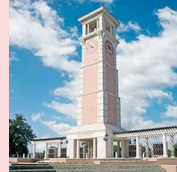


Upcoming Events

August 26 - Tour of the Martin Collection

Meet at Martin's Nursery at 10:00 am to view an amazing private collection.

2700 Snow Road, Semmes, Alabama. We will have lunch at Loaves & Fishes after the tour. Contact Leslie Sellers at 251-232-9434, so he can give a head count to the restaurant. Rain or Shine!



September 22 - 60th Anniversary University of South Alabama Homecoming Car Show

4:00 pm Line-Up, Show starts at 5:00 pm.

Registration is FREE. Contact Anna Catherine Fincher at 251-656-7675 to reserve your space. Turn on John Counts Rd. off of Old Shell Rd. Follow the road around until you see the Intramural Field House. There will be a band concert, bonfire and pep rally, and fireworks. Don't worry! Fireworks will be set off well away from the show grounds. If you would like tickets to the football game on Saturday, the 23rd, let them know when you reserve your space in the car show.

September 23 - Cruisin' the Coast Packing Party

Join us at the D'Iberville Civic Center, 10395 Auto Mall Pkwy, D'Iberville, Mississippi, from 8:00 am -

until. We will meet with other clubs to pack goody bags for CTC. This is always a fun event, and you can sit while you work, if needed. Wear your DSR Shirts or red shirts with your badge, if possible. Let's show our club spirit!



September 29 & 30 - DAA Mobile Cruise-In & Vintage Auto Auction

Friday night preview of the auction cars from 5 -9 pm. There will be live music, food, drinks and a cruise-in. The auction begins on Saturday morning at 10 am. At 3030 McVay Dr., Mobile, AL. DAA Mobile is a platinum sponsor for our Shirley Looney Show, so let's get out and support them at this event. For more details contact Tommy Davis at 251-404-6646. To register for the auction, contact Delisa at 601-738-2578.

Deep South Region AACA presents

14th Annual

Shirley Looney

Memorial Car Show



UPDATE!

- We have 3 major sponsors totaling \$4500, and we have several other pending sponsorships.
- We have a sponsorship packet available. Contact Deana Landry at the club email if you have a potential sponsor.
- We have 2 food vendors booked and have contacted several others.
- The parking committee is laying out the show ground and contacting the parks department and the Japanese Garden about overflow parking.
- Pre-registration continues, and the form is available online.

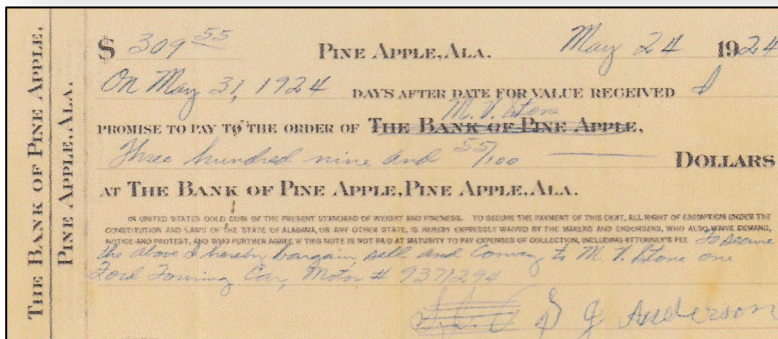
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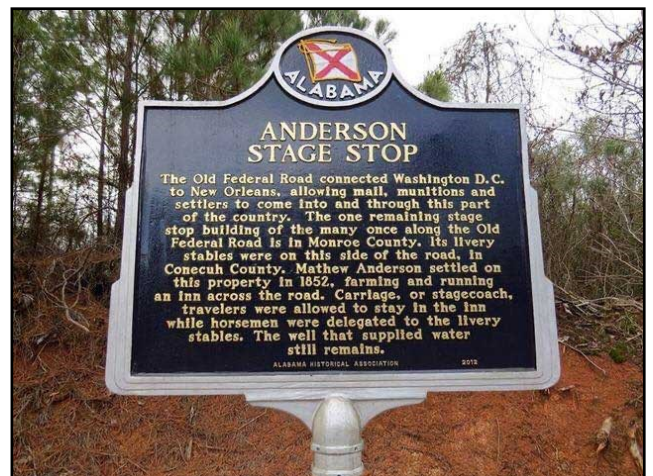


A Little Bit of History

Several times throughout the years, the DSR has taken the 88 mile trip to Monroeville for a visit to Ray Harper's home town. Ray's great great grand dad purchased hundreds of acres for a homestead in 1852 and ran the Anderson Stage Stop on the Old Government Road which connected Montgomery to Mobile. The Anderson Stage Stop is the only stop remaining on the Old Federal Road. The picture below shows Ray's mother, Ora Anderson Harper and her twin sister Eva at the age of 18 standing in front of their home with a 1924 Model T purchased by their father for \$309.55. Ray took their picture again 64 years later in the same place with a similar Model T. He keeps a regular eye out for his dad's original Model T in hopes of bringing it back into the family.



The original check written by Ray's grandfather on May 24, 1924 to purchase the 1924 Model T for \$309.55.



Randy Jones & Associates presents the
14th Annual

Shirley Looney

Memorial Car Show



Saturday, March 30, 2024

Hosted by Deep South Region AACA

DSR Clubhouse ~ 951 Forest Hill Drive ~ Mobile, Alabama

Open Car Show - Rain or Shine

Registration 8 - 11 AM - Awards - 3 PM

Goodie Bags For the First 100 Entrants

- ✦ Door Prizes
- ✦ Silent Auction
- ✦ 50/50 Drawing
- ✦ Entertainment
- ✦ Food Vendors
- ✦ Great Fun!

For more information visit deepsouth.aaca.com
or email us at deepsouthregion.aaca@gmail.com

Awards Include

- ✦ Best of Show + \$250
- ✦ Shirley's Choice
- ✦ People's Choice
- ✦ Best Paint
- ✦ Best Interior
- ✦ Best Engine
- ✦ Top 30
- ✦ Sponsor's Award
- ✦ Veteran's Award

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Registration Form: Pre-register \$20 - Day of Show \$25 - Each Additional Car - \$10

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I Am a Veteran:

Please, make checks payable to: Deep South Region AACA

Remit to: Post Office Box 91581, Mobile, Alabama 36691

Car #1:

Year: _____ Make: _____

Model: _____ Modified: Yes No

Car #2:

Year: _____ Make: _____

Model: _____ Modified: Yes No

List more cars on the back. Total Enclosed: _____

Pre-registration Ends March 15, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 27, 2023

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

Meeting Facilitator: President, Zeno Chaudron

Secretary: Janice Sellers

I Call to Order

The July 27, 2023, meeting was called to order by President, Zeno

Zeno asked Dan Jacobson to say the prayer

Zeno led the Pledge of Allegiance

Zeno welcomed members and guests

II Unfinished/Old Business

No old business

III New Business

Executive Director of Governmental Affairs at the University of South Alabama (USA), Mr. Nick Lawkis and two Engineering students, David Jay (President) and Faith James (VP) were our guest speakers tonight. Mr. Lawkis had previously contacted us about taking part in the USA 60th Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration on September 22nd and 23rd. He explained how we would participate with a car exhibit as well as furnish a convertible for President and Mrs. Jo Bonner to ride in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday. The students handed out maps of the Car Show location and information. There was a short discussion. Mr. Lawkis said he would be happy to come back next month to finalize everything and give updates on progress. Bill Brown made a motion that we make this a club event/seconded by John Bright/it unanimously passed.

David Jay, President, and Faith James, VP, of the student group gave a little talk on their club and how they wish to move forward and are planning a car show in October. He will get us more information on that.

Zeno - gave us a small glimpse of what the Great Race was like and some of their experiences along the way. There were 138 cars and they traveled approximately 2300 miles. Mallory (navigator) and Jack (Driver) did very well and had it not been for a mechanical problem could have possibly won the race. They were 9th overall. They made DSR proud and represented us very well. Total of about 4300 miles. Jim and Zeno (maintenance team) enjoyed the journey, but were glad to get back home to Sweet Home Alabama! Zeno said we are hoping to get a copy of the video and be able to show it at the club House in the future.

IV Reports

Debbie - gave the Financial Report, Bill Brown made a motion to accept the report/Leslie Sellers seconded/it unanimously passed. Debbie stated that she had opened a separate account at Hancock Bank for the Shirley Looney Car Show. Debbie encouraged people to sign up early for the car show. She said our CD is about to mature and asked the club for permission to shop around for the best interest rate. Deana made a motion to shop around/Bill Brown seconded/it unanimously passed.

Deana - said we have the following sponsors and monetary donations for the Shirley Looney Show thus far. Nationwide/Hagerty's (Randy Jones) \$2,500, O'Reilly's \$1,000 and DAA \$1,000. She said we had 8 cars that have pre-registered. Deana said that Barbara Money was going to keep a list of contacts so we did not overlap on potential contributors. She asked that we please notify her when we contact someone.

V Activities

August 26, 2023, Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Corvette Tour, Martin Nursery, 2700 Snow Rd., Semmes, AL 36575. Lunch following at Loaves and Fishes Family Restaurant, 13476 Old Tanner Williams Rd., Wilmer, AL 36587. John Bright made a motion to make this a club event/Bill Green seconded/it unanimously passed.

September 22 & 23, 2023, Friday & Saturday, University of South Alabama 60th Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration. Provide cars for Friday and Convertible for Saturday Homecoming Parade for President and Mrs. Jo Bonner to ride in the parade. Mr. Jim Henderson is going to provide the convertible. Club Event.

September 30, 2023, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Dealer's Auto Auction (DAA), 1st Annual Classic Car Sale, 3030 McVay Dr., N., Mobile, AL 36606. They would like for us to provide drivers and take part. Open to Public.

October 1-8, 2023, Cruisin' the Coast (CTC), D'Iberville, MS, Club Event, Need Volunteers

October 21, 2023, Saturday, Tibbie Trade Days

November 11, 2023, Saturday, Double Gates 1st Annual Charity Car Show, Veteran's Day, The Lodge at Double Gates, 850 Boykin Dr., McIntosh, AL 36553, starting at 8:30 a.m.

March 30, 2024, Saturday, The Shirley Looney 14th Annual Car Show, DSR Club House, 951 Forest Hill D., Mobile, AL 36618. Tommy Davis offered a venue for this show at DAA if we should outgrow our property.

VI Other

Ray - said if anyone needed a copy of the By Laws they are on the table in the back. Ray asked Dan to talk a little about CTC. Ray said there will be 40 states represented as well as Canada and England.

Dan - said we still need volunteers and on September 23rd we will be packing party. He said that they were already 300 ahead of last year in pre-registrations, as of July 18th they had 5,218 registered, there are 627 first timers so far, they are expecting to have approximately 10,000 entrants this year which will surpass last year.

Zeno made a motion to adjourn the meeting/Jeff Brown seconded/meeting was adjourned

50/50 drawing was \$106/\$53 was won by Bill Brown



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Mobile, AL
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