



# 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 25th day of each month.**

### DSR Events

**December**

**9 - DSR Christmas Party**

4:00 pm

DSR Clubhouse



*Merry Christmas!*

**January**

**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

**February 8 - 2024 AACA Annual Convention**

Chantilly, Virginia

**March 3 - Hamburg Swap Meet & Car Corral**

Hamburg, Pennsylvania

**March 9 - 58th Kyana Region AACA Giant Indoor Swap Meet**

Louisville, Kentucky

**March 17 - 2024 AACA Founders Tour (vehicles 1932-1999)**

Acadiana Area, Louisiana

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

This month's cover car is a 1957 Ford Thunderbird belonging to Ed Grimes. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

### Zeno's Corner

Greetings to you all ! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

We have made it to December, known as the magical month. This year has been nothing but great for the club. As we are closing the year out, my many thanks to you all for the efforts you have put forth. From Rheba and myself have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Best Regards, Zeno

# Double Gates Car Show - November 11



Several DSR members joined members of the Boykin family in organizing the 1st Annual Double Gates Charity Car Show at the family's historic hunting lodge in McIntosh, Alabama. In spite of dreary weather, more than 60 cars, trucks, motorcycles and Jeeps turned out, and everyone said it was the most beautiful venue for a car show they had ever seen. Judges had the impossible task of choosing between several near-perfect cars, so the family made the final decision for Best of show choosing Mr. Ed Grimes' 1957 Thunderbird! Registrations, a spirited silent auction, tours of the lodge, and a 50/50 raffle helped raise funds for Wounded Warrior Project.



# Veteran's Day Parade

Mobile's Veteran's Day celebration began with a parade on November 10th. Dozens of military vehicles, marching bands, ROTC squads from Mobile County Schools, and vintage convertibles transporting local dignitaries made up the huge parade, and DSR members provided cars and drivers for the parade. Jim Henderson brought out several beautiful vehicles from the Henderson Collection, including his vintage trolley which carried sailors from the US Navy. Though rain was forecast for the entire day, the clouds held off until the parade was finished, to the delight of all!



# Upcoming Events

## December 9 - DSR Christmas Party -

The party will begin at 4:00 pm to allow for those who cannot drive at night. The Club will provide the main dishes and asks members to bring sides and desserts. We will also be accepting donations for our annual Ronald McDonald House fundraiser at this time. Wish lists are attached. You can purchase gifts online or bring gifts or checks made out to Ronald McDonald House to the party.



There will be no monthly meeting in December, but watch for your January newsletter for events coming in 2024!

**2024 DUES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31st!**

# New Officers 2024



President  
Zeno Chaudron



Treasurer  
Debbie Bright



Vice-President  
Ray Harper



Member-At-Large  
Bill Brown



Secretary  
Janice Sellers

Congratulations  
to our newly  
elected officers  
for 2024!



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# Texas T Party 2023

This was John and I's first Texas tour and as it turned out, that was only one of several "firsts" for us. It was our first time to take a Model A (Woodreaux) to a Model T tour. Tallulah B, our 1927 touring just wasn't quite ready. This was our first time to visit the coastal town of Rockport, Texas, which is a beautiful area along Aransas Bay. Rockport very much reminded us of our own Gulf Shores back in the 60's and 70's.

Day one of the tour started with a parade through one of the local elementary schools on our way to Port Aransas. This run included a ferry ride which was a first time for us in an antique car. Another first was driving Woodreaux along the beach....certainly can't do that on Alabama beaches! Just after lunch we suddenly began blowing a huge cloud of white smoke out of the exhaust (a blown head gasket) and thus were the first to make use of the "Vulture Wagon". What a bummer!

The decision was then made to finish the tour in our modern vehicle. So, on day two we had the chance to visit the Fulton Mansion. From there we headed to the Aransas County Airport where the cars were lined up along the runway beside a Stearman Biplane. Tons of photos were taken as well as a video captured by a drone. These can be viewed on YouTube. Rides were also available in the biplane. Lunch was then served in one of the hangers. Back at the hotel the afternoon was dedicated to games and a Model T maintenance round table session.

Day four was the longest driving day of the tour and was 133 miles round trip. A coffee and donut stop was hosted in the small town of Refugio. Quite a welcome committee, including the mayor and chief of police. We then continued onto Goliad where the Presidio La Bahia is located. This fort was founded by the Spanish in 1749. Throughout it's history it changed hands several times including in 1836 when it was occupied by Texian forces. The entire force was massacred by Santa Anna and became a rallying cry in the fight for Texas independence. "Remember the Alamo and La Bahia" rang out frequently during the battles for independence from Mexico. Housed within the presidio was Our Lady of Loreto Chapel. The chapel remained intact and still serves the local community today. The fort was rebuilt around the chapel and is owned by the Catholic Diocese of Victoria. The cars were allowed to park within the walls and a great Tex-Mex lunch was provided.

Our final day took us to Goose Island to view a 1,000+ years old oak tree. From there a parade was held in the historic district of Rockport on our way to the old railroad depot for lunch. More photos and drone footage was taken to recreate a photo on display that was taken of the depot in the 1920's. Hurricane Harvey had almost destroyed the depot, but it was repaired and is now a wonderful museum.



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# Christmas Party

Saturday,  
December 19, 2023  
4:00 pm - 7:00 PM

DSR Clubhouse

951 Forest Hill Dr.  
Mobile, Alabama

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The Club will provide the  
main dishes,  
and club members will bring  
side dishes and desserts.

Annual Awards  
Ceremony

Food, Fun, &  
Fabulous Prizes!

Bring your donations  
for Ronald McDonald  
House.





# Ronald McDonald House Charities® Mobile

It's not easy to celebrate when your child is in the hospital, especially during the holiday season. Being away from friends, family and most of all HOME, it is quite a challenge to make Ronald McDonald House a true "home away from home." By donating some of these items you will help us provide a special gift for each individual family member.

## Wish List

### GIFT CARDS (MOST REQUESTED ITEM)

Gas Stations - Grocery Stores - Uber  
Wal-Mart, Target - Chain Restaurants

### PAMPER OUR MOM'S, DAD'S & CAREGIVERS

Hair accessories & Tools  
Car care & Grooming Sets  
Bath Sets - Socks - Slippers  
Casual Clothing - Ball Caps - Wallets  
Gloves - Scarves - Umbrellas  
Backpacks - Tote bags - Purses - Jewelry  
Insulated Travel Mugs

(ALL ITEMS NEEDED FOR BOTH MEN & WOMEN)

### CHILDREN'S GIFTS

Playing Cards - Crafting Kits  
Action Figures - Trucks & Cars - Legos - Blocks  
Portable Speakers - Ear Buds - Headphones  
Premature Baby Clothing & Blankets

### EVERYDAY NEEDS

Laundry Pods	Paper Bowls
Disinfecting Sprays & Wipes	Coffee Cups (12oz+)
All Purpose Cleaner	Sugar & Creamer Canisters
Ziploc bags	Bottled Water
To-go containers	Toiletry Items

\*3 COMPARTMENT

FOR MORE GIFT IDEAS CHECK OUT OUR HOLIDAY WISHLIST ON AMAZON

<https://a.co/0EHyJVN>

\*All Holiday Wishlist donations need to be NEW and UNWRAPPED





**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**  
3705 Gulf Shores Pkwy  
Gulf Shores, AL  
251-948-0905

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