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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

January
20 - Lunch at Street's Restaurant
10:15 Caravan departs Club House
12:00 Lunch Reservation
Bay Minette, Alabama

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

February
22 - 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 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 for more info

This month's cover car is a 1911 Model T Ford Speedster belonging to Jim & Nancy Henderson Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

Zeno's Corner

I hope you had a chance to see Leslie's great slide show during the Christmas party. What an amazing year we had! 2023 saw so many positive changes for the DSR, and I am looking forward to working with the 2024 board to keep steering us in the right direction.

We will start the year with lunch at Street's in Bay Minette on the 20th, and who knows where we'll go from there! Happy New Year!

Best Regards, Zeno

December Happenings

Christmas Party



On December 9th, more than 60 people gathered at the Club House for our annual Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony. Delicious prime rib and smoked chicken from Lad & Dad's Steak & Seafood Market was provided by the Club, and members provided desserts and side dishes. The dessert table was in danger of collapse, but there was definitely no one who left the party hungry! More than \$1500 dollars in cash and much needed items were collected for Ronald McDonald House Mobile, and Martha Fuller and Debbie Bright delivered these gifts for us on the 17th. John Bright stayed busy taking beautiful portraits of everyone in attendance. Leslie & Janice Sellers were awarded the Henderson Family Service Award for the tireless work they have done on behalf of the DSR in 2023, and David Hepler was awarded the Ray Harper Restoration Award for the work he has done on his beautiful VW Bug. A special award was given to Ray & Katherine Harper for their many years of service to Cruisin' the Coast.

A small group of folks braved the cool weather to tour the Magic Christmas in Lights at Bellingrath Gardens and Home on the 13th. Thank you to Donna Napp for arranging the tour for us.

Numerous DSR members joined Jim Henderson in providing cars for the Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade. These festive elves lined up at WC Griggs Elementary School on Sunday, December 17th, to bring joy to kids during the holiday season. It looks like they had a little fun, too!



Ronald McDonald House



December, Cont'd.

Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade



Christmas in Lights



Upcoming Events



January 20 - Lunch at Street's Restaurant - Drive your modern car or your classic, if weather permits, and enjoy lunch at Street's Restaurant, 251 US-31, Bay Minette, Alabama. If you wish to caravan, meet at the DSR Clubhouse at 10:15 on Saturday, January 20th. If you want to meet at the restaurant, our reservation is at noon. See you there!

More 2024 Events - Leslie Sellers and the activities committee are working on lining up more great events for 2024. If you have a venue, restaurant, museum, or outing you would like to suggest, email or call Leslie, and he will work on setting things up. leshsel@yahoo.com or (251)232-9434.

Committee Membership - Our officers work hard to keep things running smoothly at the DSR, but they can't do it alone! We are fortunate to have so many members who are willing to jump in and help anytime we have an event. If you would like to help by working on a specific committee, either as a committee chair or as a worker bee, please let Zeno know.

2024 Dues - If you have not paid your dues for 2024, please do so as soon as possible. We have to send our new roster to National by the end of January, and it is far simpler to do that in one document as opposed to sending updates piecemeal. National dues are \$45 per year, and local dues are \$20 per year. You can write one check for \$65 to Deep South Region AACA, and Debbie will submit your national dues for you. Or you can pay your national dues online at www.aaca.org and write a check for your local dues.

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