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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

April
13 - Cruising For a Cause Car Show
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Arc of Clarke County, 501 Forest Ave., Jackson, Alabama.

20 - Earth Day Cruise-In
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
DSR Clubhouse, Mobile, AL

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

May
4 - Roy E. Ray Fly-In & Cruise-In
9:00 am - Until
11317 Airport Road, Irvington, Alabama

23 - 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

April 4 - 2024 Southeastern Spring Nationals
Concord, North Carolina

April 5 - 2024 AACA Grand National
Concord, North Carolina

May 5 - NJ Region's 72nd Annual Spring Car Show/Swap Meet
East Hanover, New Jersey

May 10 - 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-Way Swap Meet
Luray, Virginia

May 11 - Shenandoah Region AACA's 64th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show/Swap Meet
Winchester, Virginia

May 17 - Old Dominion Meet Association Annual Meet
Roanoke, Virginia

Visit www.aaca.org for more info

This month's cover features members' cars lined up for the 14th Annual Shirley Looney Memorial Car Show. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

Zeno's Corner

I would like to say to all of you what a great job you did for the AACA/ DSR/ Shirley Looney Memorial Car show on Saturday. I'm not going to start calling out names, but you know who you are. Thank you all for your effort and support. We could not have had a more beautiful day for the show. Thank You again !

Best Regards, Zeno



Randy Jones & Associates presents the
14th Annual
Shirley Looney
Memorial Car Show

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

March 30th turned out to be an absolutely beautiful day for the 14th Annual Shirley Looney Memorial Car Show, and I could not be prouder of the hard work and dedication shown by this club throughout the process. From initial planning to cleaning up the field, I knew that I had all of you beside me every step of the way!

I was so honored when Zeno asked me to chair the show, and even more honored that Mr. Gene Looney trusted all of us with the show dedicated to his beloved wife. I hope that he is proud of what we accomplished.

I also wanted to pass on the comment I received from Mike Badonsky of Mike's American Muscle Cars. As you know, he emcees car shows throughout the South, and he said that we had put on a truly impressive show and we should be proud of ourselves!

I am working on final numbers, but I can tell you that we had 149 paid registrations and 135 cars on the field. Honestly, I never got to walk the field, so I was thrilled to see all the photos you posted! We had some beautiful cars out there!

I hope to have all of the final expenses handled this week, so I can give everyone a total profit soon. I would really like to present a nice big check to the Adam Looney Foundation at our April meeting!

Again, thank you for everything you did to make this event the huge success that it was. If you were not able to make it out to the show, please enjoy the great photos in this expanded edition of *The Sparkplug!* ~Deana Landry



Kid's Choice Winner
1953 Willys M38A1





**Best of Show Winner
2012 Ford Mustang Boss 302 Laguna Seca Edition**



**Shirley's Choice Winner (Featured on 2025 Class Trophies)
1978 Pontiac Trans Am**



**Sponsor Award Winner (Featured on 2025 Sponsor Trophies)
1953 GMC 100**

Member News

On February 24th, our granddaughter, Calleigh, was in the West Lauderdale County Distinguished Young Women competition in Meridian, Mississippi. She received the Spirit Award voted on by her peers, which was a great honor for her. I told her to enjoy the moment and remember all the friendships she made during this time.

Some of you probably don't know this, but Calleigh has been an AACA/DSR Student Member for the last two years. ReeRee and PaPa couldn't be more proud of you, Baby Girl!

Zeno (PaPa)



Upcoming Events

April 13 - Cruising For a Cause Car Show - 9 am - 2pm at the Arc of Clarke County, 501 Forest Ave., Jackson, Alabama. Registration is \$25 and begins at 8:30 am. All proceeds benefit the CCARC Foundation and The Arc of Clarke County, organizations which promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

April 20 - Earth Day Cruise-In - 10 am - 2 pm at the DSR clubhouse. We will have hot dogs for lunch, and Eiland's Creamery and Suge's Bakery will be on site selling sweet treats. In conjunction with Keep Mobile Beautiful and the Japanese Garden.

May 4 & 5 - Roy E. Ray Fly-In - 9 am - Until. 11317 Airport Road, Irvington, Alabama. Food, drink, and homemade ice cream will be available. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a spring day full of vintage planes and cars!

South Alabama Car Show

DSR members brought out their cars and helped with registration, parking and judging for our friends in the SAE Club at the University of South Alabama. It was a beautiful day for a car show!



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DSR EARTH DAY



April 20, 2024

10 AM - 2PM

In Conjunction With:

DSR Clubhouse
951 Forest Hill Drive
Mobile, Alabama

Food Trucks ~ Music
Event is Free

DRIVE
ELECTRIC
ALABAMA
BAY AREA

KEEP MOBILE
BEAUTIFUL

Deep South Region AACCA



Spring Cruise-In

May 4, 2024

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.





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