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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

February
22 - Lunch Cruise
Time and location TBD

27 - DSR Monthly Meeting
6:00 pm
DSR Club House
951 Forrest Hill Dr., Mobile, AL

March
29 - 15th Annual Shirley Looney Memorial Car Show
Langan Park, Mobile, AL

See page 3 for more details.
Visit www.deepsouth.aaca.com

This month's cover features Chuck Savoie's 1997 Harley Davidson FXSTC. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

AACA Events

February 6 - 2025 Annual Convention
Charlotte, North Carolina

March 2 - Ontelaunee Region AACA Swap Meet & Car Corral
Leesport, Pennsylvania

March 23 - 53rd Annual Swap Meet and Car Corral
Woodstown, New Jersey

April 3 - 2025 Southeastern Spring Nationals
Charlotte, North Carolina

May 1 - 2025 Western Spring Nationals/Grand National
Tucson, Arizona

June 1 - 2025 AACA Vintage Tour - Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania

Visit www.aaca.org for more info

Zeno's Corner

As the weather warms, we have many opportunities over the next few months to get out and cruise! Deana and Debbie are arranging a lunch run for February 22nd, so watch for more details in your email. That said, we need an activities director for the DSR. This doesn't mean you have to organize every event. I think we get a better variety of events if various folks choose a month and arrange that month's event. It might be as simple as choosing a certain car show to support or making a run to a cars and coffee event. Let's get more ideas coming in!

We are also working hard on the car show, so pick up those door prizes and silent auction items as you are out and about in Mobile. Let's make it a big success!
Regards, Zeno

Member Spotlight

If you have seen David and Patricia C.'s beautiful 1963 Meteor, then you know what an absolute cherry it is! I wanted to do a little research on it, and one article said that there are only 12 known 1963 S33's surviving! That is rare indeed! I also came across a wonderful feature article on their car at Old Cars Weekly, and you can copy and paste the link below to check that out!

[Car of the Week: 1963 Mercury Meteor - Old Cars Weekly](#)

1963 Mercury Meteor, S33

This beautiful two-door hardtop, 260-cid, Merc-O-Matic 2-speed automatic transmission, was assembled in Kansas City, Missouri. Only 4,865 S-33 were built for this model year.



To claim our special car we found ourselves on a plane to Apache Junction near Phoenix, Arizona. We met with Mr. Phillips who was handling the sale of the car and traded papers. Then we had the car trip of a lifetime traveling home in our Mercury Meteor on I-10, across Arizona, New Mexico, Texas (Texas is endlessly wide), Louisiana, Mississippi, and finally to our home in Mobile Alabama.

We showed the car in its original state for some time, then David started to work. Fender skirts were acquired from the estate of a Ford dealer. David painted the fender skirts, finally wood graining, white wall tires from Coker, and standard engine maintenance. We still run the original 260 engine.



January Meeting

After being postponed due to the historic snow storm, about 70 members and guests met at the Henderson Collection for our monthly meeting. Everyone was having such a great time that we did not actually hold a meeting or get many photos, but we did enjoy a fabulous soup and sandwich supper supplied by the great cooks in our club. Now you know we are never going to miss out on a good meal!



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. Contact Kathy at mrhobbs456@aol.com.

Refreshment Committee

If you would like to organize the dinner at our monthly meeting, contact Rheba Chaudron at deepsouthregion.aaca@gmail.com. Simply pick a date, and let us know what type of food you would like. We will email the club and set up the potluck.



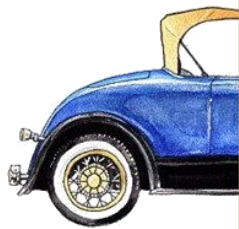
Membership Committee



Do you know someone who is interested in antique cars? Invite them to a meeting to check out the DSR, a friendly, active 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. Contact Deana Landry at 228-669-4041.



Upcoming Events

February 22 - Lunch Cruise - Keep an eye on your email. We will let you know what time to rally at the clubhouse for a little "fun run" in our cars!



February 27 - DSR Monthly Meeting - The February meeting will be held at the DSR Club House, 951 Forrest Hill Dr., Mobile AL. 6pm for dinner followed by the meeting at 7.

March 29, 2025 - 15th Annual Shirley Looney Memorial Car Show - Langan Park, Mobile, AL. Registration begins at 8 am. Awards ceremony is at 3pm.

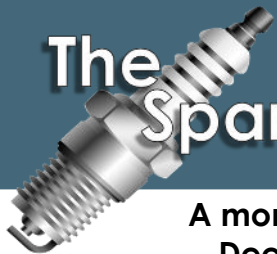



Randy Jones & Associates presents the
14th Annual
Shirley Looney
Memorial Car Show

UPDATE!

- ◆ Pre-registration is open, and other clubs have been contacted about special reserved parking for pre-registered groups. Member cars will be judged this year, so get registered soon!
- ◆ I need two chair people! One to form a group to handle the silent auction, and one to handle the door prizes and goody bags. This does not mean you are responsible for collecting everything, just for organization! You will have support!
- ◆ Our biggest goal in the next 2 months is to bring in items for the silent auction, the door prizes, and goody bags (x 100) Please, check with the businesses you frequent to see if they will contribute something to the show.
- ◆ Sponsors from last year, as well as new sponsors are being contacted.
- ◆ Publicity has begun in earnest, and Mike's American Muscle Cars will be on site with us, again.
- ◆ Judging will be handled by the Marine Corps League this year. This will free up club members for other tasks!
- ◆ Sponsor Trophies - \$30 each or 4 for \$100. This is a great way for smaller businesses to become a sponsor, or trophies may be used in remembrance of someone or celebration of an event.
- ◆ We will need all hands on March 29th, to make this show as successful as last year!

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15th Annual

Shirley Looney

Memorial Car Show



Saturday, March 29, 2025

Langan Park ~ 4901 Zeigler Blvd. ~ Mobile, Alabama

Open Show - Rain or Shine

Registration 8 - 11 AM - Awards - 3 PM
Goodie Bags For the First 100 Entrants

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

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

Awards Include

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| ✦ Best of Show + \$250 | ✦ Best Engine |
| ✦ Shirley's Choice | ✦ 1st & 2nd Place |
| ✦ Best Paint | Class Trophies |
| ✦ Best Interior | ✦ Sponsor's Award |

SPECIAL CLUB PARKING

- Must be pre-registered by March 15.
- Reserved parking for your group
- Space for a tent/table to promote your club (Tents must be staked or weighted)
- Please, rally at the Mobile Museum of Art or the Tennis Courts before entering the show grounds as a group.

Club Name: _____

Club Contact: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Registration Form: Pre-register \$20 - Day of Show \$25 - Each Additional Car - \$10
CARS • TRUCKS • VANS • JEEPS • MOTORCYCLES

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

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Model: _____ Modified: Yes No

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Pre-registration Ends March 15, 2025

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Mobile, AL
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