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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

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

31 - Summer Library Kick-Off
10:00 am - Noon
Ben May Main Library
701 Government St, Mobile, AL

June
7 - Drive-In Movie Night
Sundown (Around 8:00 pm)
FMC Fairhope Campus
County Rd. 34 & Hwy 181

14 - Flag Day Cruise-In
4:00 - 6:00 pm
DSR Clubhouse
951 Forest Hill Dr., 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

May 4 - NJ Region AACA Spring Meet
Morristown, New Jersey

May 10 - Shenandoah Region AACA's 65th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show/Swap Meet
Winchester, Virginia

May 10 - Chesapeake Region Annual Four-Alarm Collector Show
Lutherville, Maryland

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

June 7 - Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA 68th Annual Antique Automobile Meet and Tour
Fredericksburg, Virginia

June 8 - Lake Erie Region AACA 71st Annual Car Show
Lancaster, New York

Visit www.aaca.org
for more info

This month's cover features Nate Goff's 1976 Gazelle 1929 Mercedes Replicar. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

Zeno's Corner

This beautiful weather gives all of us the opportunity to get out and enjoy the dozens of car shows, cruise-ins, and day tours going on in our area right now. We have several club events coming up (see page 3), and quite a few are in the works. If you have any ideas for events, let us know! We do not have an official activities coordinator right now, so please consider taking on the roll. We really need someone who can coordinate with the various folks who are planning events.

Regards, Zeno

ARC of Clarke County Car Show - April 12

The DSR showed up with 6 cars at the ARC of Clarke County car show. Several members also drove their modern cars to the event. It was an absolutely beautiful day full of great food, fun events, and a little Mother's Day shopping thrown in. DSR member Gidget Flanagan won Best Costume in the Pet Beauty Contest, though she did try to escape moments before the pageant!



Karen Flanagan & Gidget



Tailgating - DSR Style!



Enjoying the warm sunshine.



Trophy winners for the day!



Nice resto-mod truck!



Pat & Karen's "new" Corvette.

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.



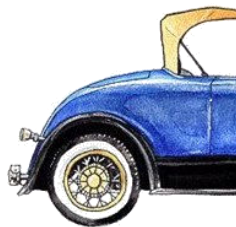
Membership Committee



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

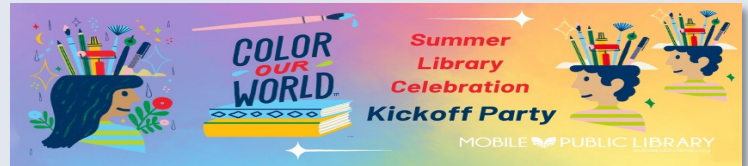
Are you good at writing, drawing, painting, or graphic design? Do you like handling social media? The publicity committee needs people with the skills to make our club look great and keep us visible to the public. Contact Deana Landry at 228-669-4041.



Upcoming Events



May 22 - DSR Monthly Meeting - The May meeting will be held at the DSR Club House, 951 Forrest Hill Dr., Mobile AL. 6pm for dinner followed by the meeting at 7. We will have a We will be celebrating our club members who are graduating this year!



May 31 - Summer Library Kick-Off - 10:00 am - Noon

Ben May Main Library, 701 Government St, Mobile, AL. The event will feature a mini touch-a-truck event and vintage car display. This will be a good chance to introduce our hobby to kids who have never been exposed, so be aware you will need to stick with your cars and teach them good car show etiquette.

June 7 - Drive-In Movie & Car Show

- At the intersection of County Rd. 34 & Hwy 181. The movie starts at sundown (around 8pm), and the cost is \$10. We will rally somewhere on the Causeway and plan to arrive by 7:00. This should give us plenty of time to grab our movie snacks and get settled. We will send an email with our final rally location and time. If you wish to do the car show, as well, the flier is attached.



June 14 - Flag Day Cruise-In - 4-6 pm

Bring your lawn chairs for an evening cruise-in under the oaks on the beautiful

grounds of the DSR Clubhouse. Hamburgers & hotdogs will be provided. Bring your tattered American flags, and the members of the Marine Corps League will give them a proper retirement.

July - TBD - Round table event with other car clubs to discuss issues that we all face.

Future event ideas -

~Summer Luau at our monthly meeting.

~Day tour / ice cream run.

~Planned return to Alexandria, Alabama, to view the Wellborn Home Private Collection.

If you have ideas or would like to spearhead one of these events, let us know!



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Touring the Trace - by Chuck Savoie



I left out of New Orleans Sunday morning and rode I-10 to Baton Rouge where I jumped onto the Great River Road to Natchez. It was my first time on this road, and wow! Between the country scenery and the antebellum houses, I would highly recommend this route

I spent the first night in Natchez and had dinner at a restaurant called The Camp. It was "under the hill" right on the banks of the Mississippi River and the food was excellent.



As I left Natchez, I got on beginning of the Natchez Trace headed north. Talk about beautiful! Every few miles there are stops with information boards about local history.

Night two was spent in Tupelo, and I visited Elvis's birthplace. On the way, I saw a black bear cross the road, and just a little way past that, a wild turkey and I almost had a collision.

From Tupelo I headed towards Hattiesburg and came across a town called Savoy. I was thinking I would get some kind of recognition, but none was to be found.

Quite by accident, I came across a Confederate cemetery in a small town called Enterprise, Mississippi. I am a huge Civil War buff, so this was an exciting find.



Night 3 was spent in Hattiesburg, and I drove home the following day. This 934-mile trip was the longest I've ever ridden, and I highly recommend the Trace for anyone wishing for a slow drive with little to no traffic!





**SUMMER LIBRARY
CELEBRATION**

KICKOFF PARTY

**SATURDAY
MAY 31**

10-Noon
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Movie @ Sundown

FMC CHURCH Presents

JUNE 7

Fairhope, AL

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT & CAR SHOW



Fun Starts 10 AM

at County Rd 34 & Hwy 181

FAMILY FUN

Bounce Houses
Food Vendors
All Car Classes
Bikes Welcome
Movie @ Sundown
Adults \$10,
Kids <10 Free



Scan for Details

Split the Pot
50/50
Drawing

FUND RAISER CAR SHOW

Pre-Registration \$20
per vehicle
(At the Gate \$30)
Spectators \$10 person

43 Awards @ 4PM

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FUN - FUN - FUN

Registrants & Vendors : Email Aaron Murphy, liveoutside2021@gmail.com



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Gulfport, MS
228-897-1282

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Grand Bay, AL
251-865-6185

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