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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

November

1 - Smith Family Memorial Car Show at Jackson Forestry Festival

9 - SAE's Fall Show
12:00pm-3:00pm
University of South Alabama

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

22 - Wellborn Museum
Details to Follow

December

7 - Christmas Party
Details to Follow

January

TBD - Train Trip to WWII Museum
New Orleans, LA

See page 3 for more details.
Visit www.deepsouth.aaca.com for info on these and more events happening in our area.

AACA Events

2026

February 5-7 - Annual Convention/ National Awards
Chantilly, Virginia

March 19 - Special Nationals
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

March 26 - Winter Nationals
Cartersville, Georgia

April 9 - Southeastern Spring Nationals
Charlotte, North Carolina

April 23 - Annual Grand Nationals/ Western Spring Nationals
Las Vegas, Nevada

May 28 - Eastern Spring Nationals
Indiana, Pennsylvania

June 11 - Southeastern Fall Nationals
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Visit www.aaca.org for more info

This month's cover features David Hickson's 1955 Chevy. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

Zeno's Corner

Well, October sped by, and we are nearly in the holiday season. I cannot thank you all enough for the hundreds of hours volunteered during Cruisin' the Coast. Our club stands out as the cream of the crop, and I always get complements on our great numbers and even better attitudes! Kudos to all of you! Our November meeting will feature board elections, and our thanksgiving meal, and we will hold it on the 3rd Thursday (Nov. 20th). We still have numerous events before the cold weather sets in, so mark your calendars, and I'll see you there.

Regards, Zeno

October 5-12 - Cruisin' the Coast

Cruisin' the Coast 2025 brought beautiful weather and a record breaking 10,334 registered cars! For the DSR, the week started at 8 am on Sunday for the opening cruise-in at Hardy Court in Gulfport, and we helped direct hundreds of cruisers throughout the morning. Monday and Tuesday found us working the registration tent at Cruise Central. The new Jones Park location was a bit rough for cruisers coming off Highway 90, but the registration tent ran smoothly as always. We began a new adventure on Wednesday when we were asked to help run the motocross event at the Scarlet Pearl in D'Iberville. This was so much fun, that we asked if we could volunteer there again next year, and we were quickly accepted! Of course, the remaining days of cruising were spent at our official stamping site in D'Iberville where we stamped about 2/3 of the registered cars - and unusually high number according to CTC big wigs! The DSR had extra help this year from Jon Guererri of Naples, New York, who missed a week filled with family birthdays to come to the Coast. He had a fantastic time and vowed to come back next year... if his wife agrees! At the wrap up meeting, the DSR received tremendous praise for their friendly attitude and willingness to always work where needed. You do yourselves proud!



Working at Cruise Central



Jon Guererri & Chuck Savoie



Cruise Central Before the Crowds



Picnic After a Hard Days' Work



Host Club Car-Long Beach Parade



Moto Cross at the Scarlet Pearl



Stamping Lines at D'Iberville



You can still enjoy CTC without the huge crowds by hitting up venues like Pascagoula, Waveland, and Pass Christian.
Fr. Paddy Mockler Blesses the Cruisers in Diamondhead.



October 18 - Tibbie Trade Day



October 23 - Halloween Meeting



October 25 - Chatom Wheels & Wings



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 blaizez28@att.net. 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.



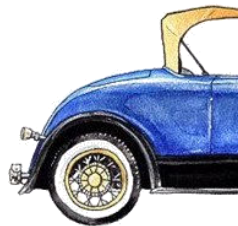
Membership Committee



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.

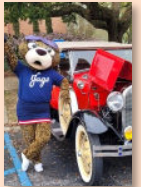


Upcoming Events



November 1 - Smith Family Memorial Car Show - 8am-3pm at the 43rd Annual Forestry Festival with food vendors, market vendors, lumberjack competition, Sanctioned National Wild Turkey Federation Turkey Calling event, Smith Family Memorial Car Show, Trucking & Equipment Show, live entertainment, kids games, power wheels parade and more!

November 9 - SAE Fall Show - 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. 150 Student Services Drive, Mobile, Alabama. On the University of South Alabama Campus.



November 20 - Thanksgiving Dinner & Election- Join us for our annual elections of the board followed by our Thanksgiving meal held during our regular monthly meeting. Due to the election, this meeting is for members only. The election will begin at 6pm. Please, see the enclosed description of duties, and send us an email if you are interested in a position.

November 22 - Wellborn Museum Tour - 124 Broad St, Alexander City, AL. More details to come.



December 7 - Club Christmas Party at the Clubhouse - 1pm. Bring donations (checks or items from lists) for Ronald McDonald House Mobile to place under the Christmas tree. Club is supplying main dishes, so bring your favorite sides and desserts. Come dressed as your favorite character from a Christmas movie.

January - TBD - Train Trip to the World War II Museum, New Orleans, LA. More details to come!

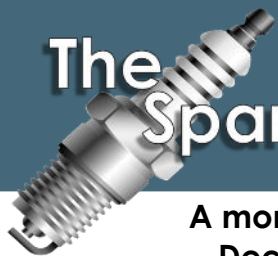
2026 Dues are Due!

See the enclosed renewal form. National dues are \$45 and can be paid online at www.aaca.org or by including them on a check written to Deep South Region AACA for your local dues of \$20. Checks can be mailed to Deep South Region AACA, Attn: Debbie Bright, P. O. Box 91581, Mobile, AL 36691. You can also bring your check to the meeting.

2026 Activities

Maybe you don't have time to commit to serving on a board position, but you can take some of the pressure off of our board by planning an event during the year! It does NOT have to be big or fancy or even original! It can be something as simple as an ice cream run or simply gathering as a club to attend a car show, cruise-in, or cars and coffee. Pick a month, and the board will help with anything you need to plan and promote your event!

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FALL AUTO SHOW

ALL VEHICLE
MAKES/YEARS
WELCOME



ONE TROPHY PER CATEGORY

DEAN'S CHOICE (BEST IN SHOW)

BEST IN CLASS BEFORE 1980

BEST IN CLASS AFTER 1980

BEST PAINT

BEST MODIFIED

BEST MOTORCYCLE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

12:00 PM- 3:00 PM

150 STUDENT SERVICES DR. MOBILE AL 36688

\$5
GA ADMISSION
FREE W/ STUDENT ID



HOSTED BY

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
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SCAN FOR CAR OR
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues

Debbie will begin accepting payment for 2025 Dues in October. National dues are \$45, and local dues are \$20.

National dues can be paid online at aaca.org or by check mailed to ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

800 W. Hersheypark Dr., Hershey, PA 17033.

You can also pay both local and national dues on the same check made out to Deep South Region AACA. You can submit your check at our regular monthly meeting or at any of our club events.

Dues should be submitted by December 31st. To help keep our records accurate, please submit the form below with your dues. This really helps keep our roster up-to-date.

Name: _____	Birthday M/D: _____
Spouse: _____	Birthday M/D: _____
Street: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Cell Phone 1: _____	Cell Phone 2: _____
Email 1: _____	Email 2: _____
Total Enclosed: _____	
Applicant's Signature: _____	
Anniversary Date M/D: _____	



**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/OEHyJVN>

*All Holiday Wishlist donations need to be NEW and UNWRAPPED





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To become an advertiser, submit your digital file as a pdf, jpg, or png file. Checks should be made out to Deep South Region AACA and earmarked for newsletter advertising. If you have any questions, contact editor Deana Landry at deepsouthregion.aaca@gmail.com.

New Stores in Gulfport and Gulf Shores!

TRUSS PLANT
2423 Hwy 31 South
Bay Minette, AL
251-937-8842

MILLWORK PLANT
2423 Hwy 31 South
Bay Minette, AL
251-937-7400

CONTRACTOR YARD
25847 Friendship Rd
Daphne, AL
251-626-6993

CONTRACTOR YARD
8960 Warning Rd
Pensacola, FL
850-494-2534

COAST DESIGN KITCHEN & BATH
5253 Hwy 90 West
Mobile, AL
251-666-7920

FULL SERVICE YARD
5229 Hwy 90 West
Mobile, AL
251-661-8000

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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GBL Grand Bay Lumber

ML Mobile Lumber & Millwork

COAST DESIGN KITCHEN & BATH

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Advertising Cost Per Year

Business Card: \$50.00

3.5" w x 2" h

Business Card: \$75.00

Front & Back

3.5" w x 4" h

Quarter Page: \$100.00

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Half Page: \$150.00

8" w x 5" h

Full Page: \$250.00

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