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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

March

7 - Chocolate Festival Cruise-In
10:00 am - The Grounds
1035 Cody Rd. N.
Mobile, Alabama

14 - Fun Run to The Tin Top Restaurant & Oyster Bar
10:00 am - For Caravan
Meet at old Café del Rio
1175 Battleship Pkwy,
Spanish Fort, Alabama
- OR -
11:30 am - At The Tin Top
17451 County Rd 49 S,
Bon Secour, Alabama

15 - SAE Spring Auto Show
12:00 pm-3:00 pm - University of
South Alabama
150 Student Services Dr.
Mobile, Alabama

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

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

AACA Events

2026

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

June 15 - Sentimental Tour
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

July 22 - Central Spring Nationals
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Visit www.aaca.org
for more info

This month's cover features David & Kay Johnson's 1932 Ford, Model BB, 1 ton truck. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

Zeno's Corner

Thanks to Jim & Nancy Henderson and everyone who provided such wonderful food! We had a great meeting on Thursday. Thanks also to everyone who helped move tables and chairs back and forth. It's a lot of work, but what a big turnout! We have a lot of fun events coming up, and I look forward to seeing those shined up cars out and about!

Regards, Zeno

DSR Meeting at the Henderson Collection - February 26

A huge thank you goes out to Jim Henderson for hosting our February meeting at the Henderson Collection. More than 75 people attended this meeting, and several of our visitors joined the DSR! Club members provided their favorite winter soups and stews, along with sandwiches, sides, and delicious desserts. Mr. Henderson gave us the great news that Mobile is in the running to host the start of The Great Race in the near future, and Zeno told everyone about numerous club events coming up over the next several months. With beautiful spring weather upon us, everyone was excited about getting out and driving their cars before the summer heat sets in!



Out & About



Spotted Nate Goff, Bama Bob, Bill Brown, Andy Simmons, & Harold Courtney at the Revitalize DIP Car Show. I know there were several other club members in attendance as well, so send me those



Zeno Chaudron & Dan Jacobsen at the Bayou la Batre Car Show, February 28th.

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Upcoming Events



March 7 - Mobile, Chocolate Festival Cruise-In - The Grounds, 1035 Cody Rd. N., Mobile, AL. Cruise-In begins at 10am. Registration is \$15 day of show. If you pre-register, registration fee is waived AND you get a free t-shirt. To register, login to www.mobilechocolatefestival.com/forms and click the button to register for the cruise-in. You can also contact Angela Weaver at (251)209-3348 to register by phone.

March 14 - Fun Run to The Tin Top Restaurant & Oyster Bar -

17451 County Rd 49 S, Bon Secour, Alabama. We should start having some nice spring weather by then, so we can get our cars out and take the beautiful country drive to Bon Secour. We will caravan from the old Café del Rio parking lot on the Causeway, 1175 Battleship Pkwy, Spanish Fort, leaving at 10:00. If you would like to meet us at the Tin Top, our reservation is at 11:30. We can make a little stop at the Punta Clara Kitchen in Point Clear for dessert on the way home.



March 15 - SAE Spring Auto Show - University of South Alabama, 150 Student Services Drive, Mobile, AL. 12pm-3pm.

Motorcycle registration is \$15. All other vehicles \$20. All registration is day of show. Help our young friends at USA's Automotive Engineering Society as they raise funds to build and race a formula car at Nationals. They came in 3rd in the nation last year!

March 26 - DSR Monthly Meeting - The March meeting will be held at the DSR Club House, 951 Forrest Hill Dr., Mobile AL. 6pm for dinner followed by the meeting at 7.



April 11 - ARC Spring Jubilee Cruisin' for a Cause Car Show - 9am-2pm. 501 Forest Ave., Jackson, AL. \$25 Pre-registration receives a t-shirt and goody bag. \$30 day of show.

April 25 - DSR Drive-In Movie Night - Join us at beautiful Faith Crossing, 223 JC Parnell Road, Deer Park, AL, for a cook out and movie night. More details to come on caravan times.



May - Suggest an event to plan or maybe suggest a show or cruise-in or cars and coffee to attend as a club!



June 13 - 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.

2026 MOBILE CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL CRUISE IN

The first 50 participants to Pre-register at Mobilechocolatefestival.com/forms will receive a free event shirt! All participants will receive one entry into the festival. We will have awesome door prizes all day! People's choice award will be announced at 2:30 PM



MARCH 7TH | 10 AM

REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM @

**THE GROUNDS
1035 CODY RD NORTH
MOBILE, AL 36608**



For more information contact:
Angela Weaver 251-209-3348

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BEST IN SHOW (DEAN'S CHOICE)

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BEST MODIFIED

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LIVE MUSIC

FUN GAMES WITH PRIZES

GREAT FOOD

TROPHIES FOR WINNERS

SUNDAY, March 15th

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

150 STUDENT SERVICES DR., MOBILE, AL 36688

**FREE GENERAL
ADMISSION**

**REGISTER DAY OF
THE EVENT**

**\$15 MOTORCYCLE
REGISTRATION**

**\$20 CAR
REGISTRATION**



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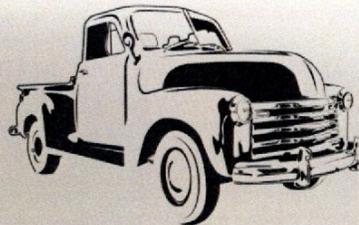
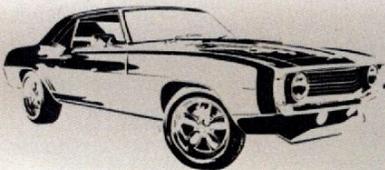
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CRUISING FOR A CAUSE CAR SHOW

Saturday, April 11, 2026 9am-2pm

501 Forest Avenue Jackson, AL 36545



Pre-registration \$25 guarantees t-shirt and swag bag
(deadline for pre-registration is April 3, 2026)
\$30 day of event registration begins at 8:30am

**Awards: Best Original, Best Restored, Best Paint,
Best Interior, Best Engine, Best Modern Muscle,
Best Antique, Kids' Choice, Mayor's Choice & Best In Show**

Judging begins at 11:30 Awards Presentation begins at 1pm

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

T-Shirt Size(s)(circle): S M L XL 2X 3X (additional shirts available for \$10)

Amount Enclosed: _____ Cash Check (make payable to The CCARC Foundation)

For more information, contact 251-246-3000 ext. 3000 or foundation@thearcofclarke.com
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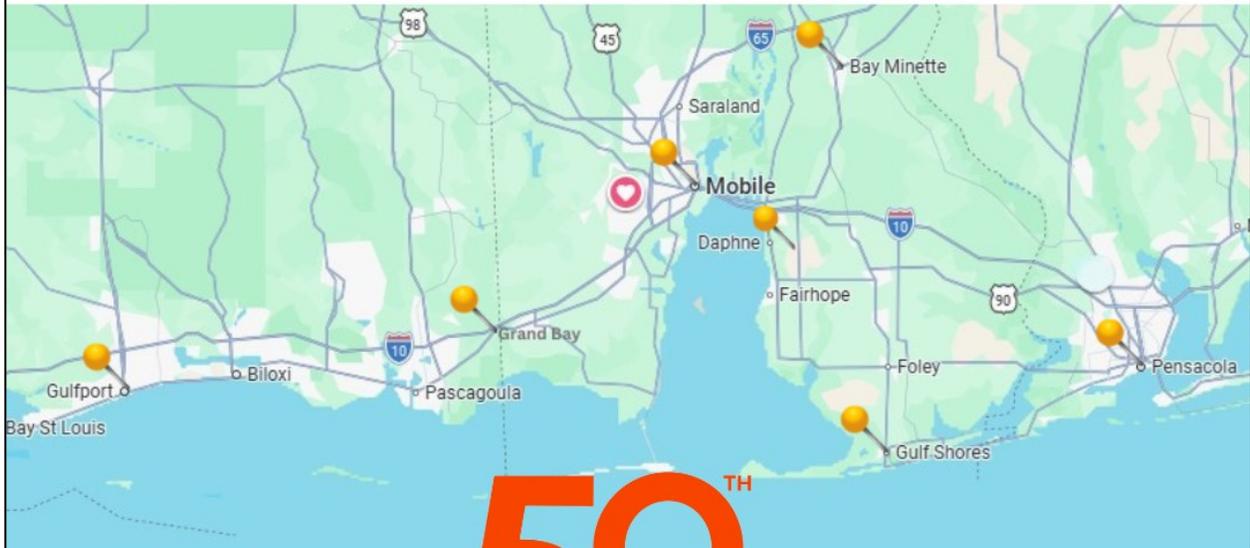
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