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Shannon Douglas' Lasting Legacy

Paul Dagenais approached me at the Christmas Dinner on December 6 and asked if I knew who Shannon Douglas was. I thought to myself, you have been a member of the Deep South Region much longer than I have been. Wait? What?

While waiting on the cleaning crew to show up and clean the clubhouse for our Christmas Dinner, Paul decided to straighten things up a little bit. In the process he found a small plaque with a red plate on it. The plaque read "IN APPRECIATION TO SHANNON DOUGLAS FOR THE FIRST DONATION TOWARD A CLUB HOUSE FOR THE DEEP SOUTH REGION OF THE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA JULY 1984"

This sparked a little bit of interest for me, so I spent a little time looking at the old newsletters for the Deep South Region that are on our website. Among the many interesting things that the club was doing, I found some information on Shannon Douglas. In the years prior to 1984 Shannon Douglas was a very active member of the Deep South Region. Ray Harper was President during the years 1981, 1982 and knew Shannon and remembers that about him.

Most of 1983 was spent in and out of the hospital with a malignant tumor

Paul and Shannon have a common love. Shannon purchased a 1957 DeSoto in early 1984 in hopes to restore it. He had previously restored a 1938 Chevy.

Shannon Douglas was into Alabama antique car tags and was helpful to the club in getting applications for using the old tags on the old cars.

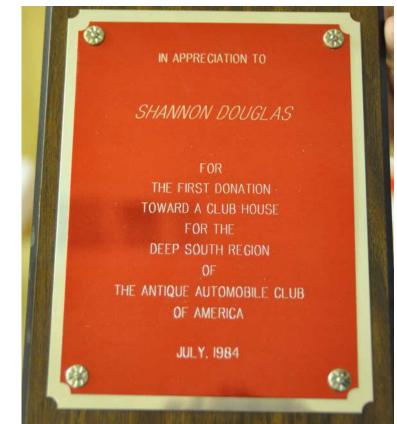
Shannon had been diagnosed with cancer in early 1983. He started chemotherapy in March 1984 with hopes he would get a clean bill of health so he and his family could restart participating in club activities. He and wife Glenda attended the monthly meeting in May 1984. A family trip planned for June had to be cancelled as Shannon was experiencing back pain. Thought to be from an old injury, surgery was completed but it resulted in temporary paralysis.

In August of 1984 Shannon Douglas met with Lloyd Crowdus and offered his 1957 DeSoto to DSR to be used to raise funds for a clubhouse. Lloyd said this was the first donation.

Thursday, August 16, 1984 at 7:15 am Shannon Douglas, 39 years old passes away. He had suffered with cancer for almost two years. He was a devout Christian man and a member of the Myers Memorial Baptist Church. Shannon will always be remembered by DSR as the man that made the first donation toward a clubhouse. He was survived by his wife, Glenda, and two sons, Scottie and Chris.

The 1957 DeSoto was a green 4 door sedan. The plaque was made in August 1984 and Lloyd said it would be permanently placed on the wall of the clubhouse when it got done. Many members of the Deep South Region helped get Shannon Douglas' gift of the DeSoto repaired, shined up and put up for sale.

The sale of the DeSoto put the club free and clear on funds needed for the clubhouse.











Greetings to you,

NOTEFROM HE PRESIDENT

I want you to know that you and your families always come first when it comes to our club. I'm always concerned especially when it comes to this pandemic going on as I speak. We are going to move forward in a very safe manner as we have been doing not letting our guard down with the club and future activities. We will continue using the guidelines set by our leaders of the State of Alabama.

Wednesday, January 20 we had a very productive board meeting. With new officers in place we had plenty of input about the coming days and months. We hope to see you at the meeting on January 28 at 7:00 pm.

Best Regards,

Zeno





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What have you been up to?



Cruisin' the Coast Board Saying Thank You to the Advisors

The Auto Advisory Committee (AAC) held the annual Appreciation Dinner at Harrah's in Biloxi on January 13, 2021. Charlotte Dahlenburg, David Ladnier (with Joyce) and Paul Dagenais represented the Deep South Region at this event. Ray and Katherine Harper were at the event representing the Model T Club.

There were 13 clubs involved in Cruisin' the Coast this past year with each have 2 voting members. These members attend every meeting during the year and have an alternate that attends the meeting in the absence of a voting member. For 2021 there will only be 12 clubs in the AAC with the Model T Club opting out.

Each voting member could bring one guest to this dinner. Most people stayed at their tables during the social hour. The food was excellent, and the social distancing was handled well with the group split between two rooms.

Craig Grisoli, Vice Chairman, Registration passed out

paperwork due at the next AAC meeting that included roster information and the nominee for the Gene Oswalt Volunteer of the Year Award. A metal sign was given to each voting member.

The Gene Oswalt Volunteer of the Year Award was established in 2008 to recognize those who put so much effort into making the event so wonderful. Nominees must have volunteered 24 hours or more to be eligible.

Woody Bailey, Vice Chairman & Executive Director spoke to the group. He talked about the challenge of this year and the fact that this is the 25th year. Woody told us to look for new things to be happening. One of the highlights that will be at Cruise Central will be the memorabilia display. Right now, the memorabilia items are coming in slowly and that they are in need things for the display. Items will be returned to the owner. Jay Leno will be at the Beau Rivage on Saturday night. The new slogan is "Fun in 21."



We were given an update on registration for 2021. 1073 preregistered, 32 states represented and 113 first timers. Craig thanked everybody for all their help.











The 2021 Cruisin' the Coast (CTC) preparation is in full swing. The Pre-registration is available online or at our club meetings thru August 15th!

If you are due a Comp registration, please submit it A.S.A.P to our Auto Advisory Committee (AAC) Representatives! (Charlotte, David or Paul) The first AAC Meeting will be held in March.

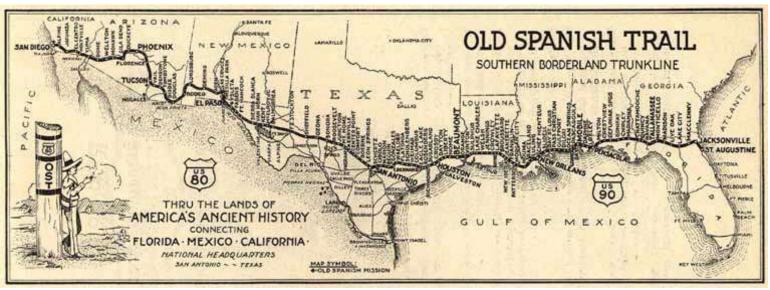
Have you seen the 2021 25th Cruisin 'the Coast Raffle Car!

You Can Drive Away in the CTC Raffle Vehicle! Drawing Sunday, October 10, 2021 2017 Street Rodder Road Tour Feature Cary Built by Woody's Hot Rodz

1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible

- Spec Tri-Five Chassis
- Chevrolet ZZ6 Crate Motor
- PPG Paint: Nickel Metallic, Yella, Orange Pearl & Oh So Sexy Red
- A.M. Hot Rod Acrylic Glass
- Flaming River Rack-and-Pinion Steering
- AFCO Coilovers
- Wilwood Disc Brakes
- Falken Tires/American Legend Racer Wheels Hughes Performance 4L80E Transmission
- Pete Hagan's Show Car Interior Vintage Air
- Dakota Digital Gages
- Danchuk Reproductions Parts

Ticket prices: One for \$10, Three for \$25 You do not have to be present to win!



Old Spanish Trial Re-enactment

Twenty-four years ago highway enthusiast Ray Harper from Mobile, Alabama, participated in a team to create what has become, with up to 9000 participants, one of the most exciting auto events in the world, Cruisin The Coast.

In 2015 the Old Spanish Trail (OCT) Centennial Celebration Association (OST100) kicked off their decade of centennial events with the reenactment of the first 1915 OST highway planning conference in Mobile, Alabama. Ray Harper gathered a team of car clubs to help OST100

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organizers add a "Drive to Mississippi" Motorcade for that centennial reenactment and as the closing ceremony of that OST100 weekend sponsored a cruise-in of beautiful vintage and classic autos at the local Kentucky Fried Chicken on the OST.

With Covid-19 putting stop to everything OST100 has canceled the In-Person Centennial Reenactment of the Gulfport. Mississippi for January 1921 and we suggest highway enthusiasts attend part of the 25th anniversary US Gulf Coast "Cruisin' the Coast" event October 3 -10.





Barrett's Birthday Drive-by



January 16 Barrett Sargent celebrated his 8th birthday with the help of many members of the club. At two o'clock in the afternoon about 20 cars drove by his house, each car gave him a few hot wheels.

Barrett was so excited and was so happy. He said it was the best birthday ever!

- Charlotte



Executive Board Meeting January

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

President Zeno Chaudron read a letter from Ronald McDonald House thanking us for the Christmas donation.

Zeno Chaudron thanked every member of the Board for taking the responsibility of each position.

Ray Harper brought up the 2022 Founders Tour. He has run into issues trying to schedule the day events and meals. The Tour Committee has not met to plan this event as of yet. The Board discussed canceling or postponing the tour. In April the Board will meet again to discuss the Tour and make a decision. Ray also mentioned his phone number was wrong in the National Magazine.

Membership was mentioned along with the fact that we have two free memberships left. The roster is in process of being completed.

Zeno Chaudron let everybody know that they all have a job to do, and asked all to please do not do someone else's job. Let each person work with their committees.

Paul Dagenais volunteered to draft an activities request form. The form must be turned in with plenty of time for both the Finance Committee and the Board to review before it can be presented to the general membership.

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Zeno Chaudron read the minutes from the Bylaws review committee. The committee made two recommendations to change the bylaws. Discussion was held about each change and after little debate, the Board was 100% behind the recommendation to both changes. Bylaws review committee is to write a resolution to be sent to the general membership at least 7 days before a vote will be held.

Cruisin' the Coast was discussed. CTC does not require DSR to give any money to charity but it is encouraged. CTC Chairman Charlotte Dahlenburg is to get together the list of members eligible for the Volunteer of the Year Award for DSR. Those eligible for the award must have volunteered for 24 hours or more in the name of the Deep South Region. A list will be provided at the meeting on Thursday and a vote will happen the following meeting, along with a list of all DSR members that volunteered at the 2020 event.

Lifetime Membership was brought up. Two members of DSR were mentioned and by unanimous vote were listed to be recommended.

Meeting adjourned.

- Respectfully submitted - Charlotte Dahlenburg







Refreshments

Due to Covid there will not be refreshments

Up Coming Club Events

Monthly Meeting

January 28 - 7 pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nancy Thoms	February 10
Patt Paquet	February 18
Patricia Couling	February 24

Note: Your birthday or anniversary not listed? Please let me know the date(s) by email deepsouth.aaca@gmail.com. Spouses as well. Years are not necessary since we are all 29 at heart. Thanks, Charlotte

Thoughts Go Out

Also keep good thoughts for Buddy & Patt Paguet, Foy Bobo, Lycyle Crowdus, Sasha & Jake Thatcher and Katherine Harper

Sunshine Committee

Hi, all! I realized that many of you don't know how to contact me in the event that someone is in need of some sunshine. You can contact me on my cell (251) 689-2998 (please leave a message if I don't answer or send a text), or email me: jgl830@aol.com. Many thanks!

Joyce Ladnier, Sunshine Committee Chairperson

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So far 2021 has had its ups and downs, but I am so hopeful for our lives to return to some kind of normal. The miracle of modern science never ceases to amaze me. We have several versions of a vaccine for the Covid 19 virus. There is hope that this virus will be under control in just a few months.

So many things that we love have been put on hold, or just down right canceled: Car Shows, Tours, National Events and Cruise-ins. Thankfully all this has been to keep us safe.

There is a lot of false information out there. You will not get a chip implanted into you or grow some extra arm or leg out of your head from the vaccine, but you will protect those people that because of allergies or because they are pregnant can not take the vaccine.

This year holds a lot of hope! Dreams of the time we can celebrate together and enjoy our cars in a bigger way. I am also thankful for those that have come up with creative ways to still enjoy life in this trying time.

Thank you to all that participated in celebrating Barrett's birthday. That little boy had a great time seeing all the cars and getting all the hot wheels and cards!

See you on the road,

Charlotte

Notes from the Webmaster

Our website is our first outreach to the community. It tells other car enthusiasts who we are. In order to keep it current and up to date, please take the time to help. If you have flyers for upcoming car shows, photos of club activities, or photos of your car(s), please send them to me for posting on the club web page. Please send them in jpg format. - Charlotte



Guess what this is? What does this go to? Email your answer to deepsouth.aaca@ amail.com.

Answer for last month: 1984 Ford Mustang SVO







Vintage Corvette has been daily driver for 50 years

Reprinted from corvetteblogger.com By Alyn Edwards

Ann-Shirley Goodell ordered her new Corvette roadster on Jan. 15, 1962 at King Chevrolet in Cincinnati, Ohio. The car cost \$3,747.85 with taxes and licence. This was slightly more than her annual salary as a nurse.

A native of the B.C. Interior city of Trail, the University of British Columbia nursing graduate had moved to Ohio for her graduate degree and a research job. Her father, who worked at the Trail metals smelter for 40 years, suggested she get a new Oldsmobile, drive it for two years, bring it into Canada without import duties and then he would purchase it.



Ann-Shirley Goodell has been driving her 1962 Corvette for the past 52 years.

But the Oldsmobile proved to be a lemon with constant brake problems. Since Goodell loved Corvettes, she went back to her original plan to buy one and "keep it forever." Her short ownership of the Oldsmobile cost her \$800. The fawn beige Corvette arrived in time for spring top-down motoring and she is still cruising in her Corvette more than half a century later having racked up at least 300,000 kilometres in the process.

"I drive it every day. This has been my baby all these years," says the former nurse and hospital administrator.

Now, as a gender specialist and consultant in corporate social responsibility, she uses her skills volunteering in developing countries. "Unfortunately, my car has to stay home."

She keeps her beloved Corvette in a downtown parking garage across from the contemporary two-level condominium she shares with Rob Goodell — her husband of 50 years.



The original fawn tan interior in Ann-Shirley Goodells 1962 Corvette with a Rotary Club decal she placed on the windshield as president of the Vancouver Sunrise Chapter.





"He married me for my car, but all he got was the bills," she says with a grin.

Before she was married, Ann-Shirley filled all available space in the Corvette with her wedding clothes to make the 3,900-kilometre trip home to Trail. The Corvette was her wedding car. It was also driven on their honeymoon in the Okanagan Valley.

The couple brought the Corvette with them when Rob's work took them to San Diego and then to San Francisco.

"I carpooled taking the kids to school and sometimes had four kids strapped into the passenger seat with a collie on the floor," she recalls. "One could hardly do that today."

Her two sons loved the car when they were growing up and each drove it for the first time to their high school graduation ceremonies having first polished it until it shone.



The original 327 cubic inch engine producing 300 horsepower powers Ann-Shirley Goodells 1962 Corvette.

Now, her two 10-year-old grandsons are smitten with the Corvette and love to go for rides in it with their dads.

She originally purchased the car with only a convertible top, but she soon found out she needed a removable hardtop for winter driving. Her favourite driving is done with the top down. She carries a matching beige umbrella beside her and, if it starts to sprinkle, she puts the umbrella up while stopped in traffic.

"It only rains in the car when it's not moving," she notes.

The Corvette has all its original parts including a rare floor-shifted three-speed manual transmission. Recently it has spent a good deal of time in California where the Goodells like to spend the winters.

"But now it is home where it belongs," she says.

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Ann-Shirley Goodell with her treasured 1962 Corvette outside her downtown Vancouver residence [PNG Merlin Archive]

She can't count how many offers she has had from people wanting to buy her car over the past five decades.

"Everyone wants to talk about my car. People are amazed to know that I am the original owner," she says. "Every time I took it out in California, especially with the top down, people would try to buy it."

There have been several mishaps over the years including a collision with a car driven by a motorist who went through a stop sign in Kitsilano damaging the front end. A friend's car rolled down a driveway into the back end after being left without the parking brake set and there was another fender bender in California with a motorist making an illegal U-turn.

As a result, she is very protective of her car.

"I look for parking spots away from other cars and I don't like to take it out at night and leave it parked," she says.

If you see her driving her 1962 Corvette around downtown Vancouver, don't bother trying to buy it.

"It's not for sale," she says. "It's my car for life and it will always stay with me."

Like she said, a Corvette forever.









Surprises Kids find in Old Cars

By Wayne Tuck Executive Vice President

Features we find in old cars can be a new discovery for kids. I still laugh

to myself every time I think about the time my youngest grandson came out to the garage for a visit with grandad. I was working on my 1952 Hudson at the time and put him in the front seat. The first thing he noticed was the size of the steering wheel. I'm sure he had never seen a car without power steering. This was a new discovery for him. He was even more surprised with the window crank handles.

How many kids today have never seen crank down windows? Not only a crank down window, but crank open vent windows. Most of today's youth have never seen a vent window. He spent the next half hour working his way around the interior cranking windows up and down.

We found an entire new world of things he never knew existed. A cigar lighter? That is known as a power outlet today. You mean you need to push down the buttons individually to lock the car? You need a key mto unlock it? Ash trays? Turn the knobs to change the radio station? Where are the seat belts? What is that button on the floor? No padding on the dashboard?

Now let's take a look at an even older car. A tassel on the string that pulls the shade down over the back window? You mean you need to put your arm out the window to signal a turn? That lever on the left controls the spark advance? What is a spark advance anyway? Step on a floor pedal to start it?

All you need to do to get their attention is show it to them. Kids are even more thrilled if you take them for a ride. Let's all do something to pique their interest. The future of the old car hobby depends on it!

Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box



Worth Knowing About

There is a Collector's Edition of "Life" magazine on the newsstand which is devoted to 100 years of Automobile in America. It begins with the birth of the motor car and goes to what the future may be. Filled with black and whites as well as color photographs, it is available until Feb. 19, 1996.

Your Help is Needed

DSR has been invited to participate in the Tillman's Corner Mardi Gras parade on Feb. 3 and the Brewer Center's parade on Feb. 16. We will discuss both events at the Jan. 25 meeting and give you lineup times. Remember, these parades are not just for convertibles; we want as many

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members to participate as possible. Just a Reminder...

Bring a crockpot with your favorite chili to the January meeting. After everyone does a "taste test" of each entry, a winner will be selected, and a trophy will be presented to the lucky cook. "Momma Mia...it's Italian"

On Saturday, Feb 17, members are invited to sample some of DSR's finest Italian cuisine. The doors will open at 11:00 am and dining will begin at 12:30 pm. There will be lasagna, spaghetti, the fixin's for green salad, (bring your own salad dressing), garlic bread, soft drinks and a light dessert. As of this time we have 2 people willing to show off their

WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO from the January 1996 Sparkplug

> culinary skills and are looking for more. We will discuss this in detail at the Jan. 25 meeting and I will have a sign-up sheet. ... the Last "Good Guy" Story

> About the middle of last year, Buddy Paquet had the disk with the 1995 DSR Membership Roster in our computer trying something. Unfortunately, it didn't work and all the information was wiped out. In late December/early January, he has re-typed the entire roster, including the DSR history and Bylaws. This was a lot of work for someone whose hands are more accustomed to working on car engines than using a keyboard and our 1996 Roster is ready to print when all DSR dues are paid.





Moving 2.0: The Philadelphia Free Library's Automobile Reference Collection Comes to Hershey

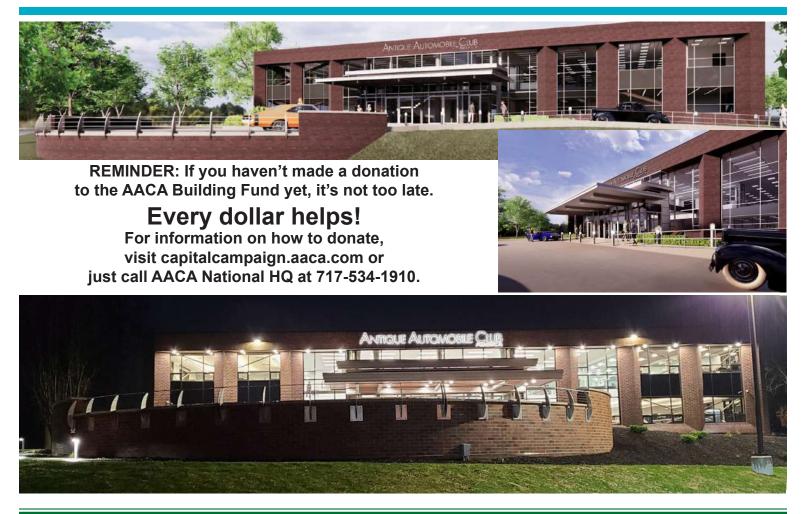
by Matthew Hocker, Librarian & Volunteer Coordinator, mhocker@aaca.org

December has been a busy month for the AACA Library. Less than two months had passed since we moved the library's 3 million+ piece collection to our new facility, and we were already engaging in our next big move! In mid-December, library staff braved the cold and trekked out to Philadelphia to begin the transfer of the Philadelphia Free Library's Automobile Reference Collection to its new home in Hershey, PA.

Library staff spent the day boxing up books, dealer albums and manuals. All of this was accomplished while navigating narrow corridors and kicking up decades of dust. Breaking up the monotony of packing were the treasures we found along the way, with everything from a plethora of 1960s-1970s motorcycle shop manuals to an 1837 book on E



Story courtesy of AACA enewsletter the Speedster





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February

- 6 Deno Family Benefit Cruise In at Walk On's 3673 Airport BLVD 11am-2pm
- 9th Annual Open Car Show Bay Saint Louis at the VFW Auxiliary 3253, 208 Third Street. Registration 8AM-Noon \$25 awards at 1:30pm

March

- 6 Swamp Fest Car Show 8:30 am1 Gator Cir Satusma AL
- William F Green Veterans Home Car Show, 300
 Faulkner Dr., Bay Minette, AL., 9am-3pm. Registration
 \$25 preregister \$20.
- **20** 26th Annual VW Show. Beauvoir, Jefferson Davis Home, 2244 Beach Blvd, Biloxi MS. 9am -3pm Reg \$25
- **20** GCRMC Spring Open Car show at OWA 1501 OWA Blvd, Foley. \$35 donation registration 8-11
- 27 CANCELED Camp Grace Yellow Day Fundraiser Car Show, 11081 Wanda Dr., Mobile, AL., 10am- 2pm.

Registration Info here.

April

- **10 CANCELED** Camellia Classic Bellingrath Gardens & Home. Open to any vehicle
- **10** Loblolly Farm Classic Truck and 4x4 Cruise In. \$10 entry 10am-4pm 9930 Stone Road, Semmes, AL
- 17-18 4th Rock-N-Roll Open Car, Jeep, Truck and Bike Show. Sat. 9am-? At Point Cadet Plaza, Biloxi. MS. Registration 9am Judging 11am Awards 3pm. Contact 228-860-4103
- **22-24** Bama Coast Cruisin, The Warf Orange Beach, AL 9am-5pm
- 26 3rd Annual VFW Auxiliary Post 3253 Open Car & Truck Show, Bay St Lois, MS 208 Third Street 8-2pm Contact Bobby 228-493-2033.
- **30 May 2** Battle in Bama Hot Rod, Truck & Bike Show, Battleship Memorial Park, Mobile, AL

Market Place

Ads in The Market Place section are free to members and will run for three months unless otherwise noted. Ads can consist of anything related to: For Sale – Want to Buy – Looking For Your ad(s) can run for an additional three months by contacting Charlotte Dahlenburg. Please submit new listings for The Market Place by the 12th of the month to: deepsouth.aaca@gmail.com



1987 Chevrolet K5 Blazer Excellent original condition, \$29,500. Contact Debbie or Craig at 601-540-8275

1989 Chevy Caprice good condition. Call Ernest at 251-661-7692 or Email: bhcewc@att.net





1929 Tudor

Contact Becky or Scott Baisden - Email: beckyb081@att.net 850-384-5717 or 850-384-5717

1963 Ford Galaxie 500 Convertible 390 CID. Contact Jim and Michele Gray at 251-406-1841 *Not Actual Car*







1971 Ford Torino Brougham. One owner 78,000 miles. 302. 2 barrel. 2 dr hardtop. Make Reasonable offer. Contact Sal at 251-456-9428



1977 3/4 Ton Crew Cab all systems work. Call Ernest at 251-661-7692 or Email: bhcewc@att.net



Not Actual Car

1987 Cadillac Sedan 4dr, all original in excellent condition. Deep burgundy with vinyl top. Call Betty at 251-648-2862



1965 Impala \$38,885 and **1966 Caprice** \$24,395 are each in showroom condition, both with less than 50,000 original miles Details for each vehicle are available at: theinternetcarlot.com website.



1941 Graham Hollywood Model 109 Supercharged Recent tires, paint and wire harness. Excellent Condition. Andy Switzer 228-547-9030 \$28,500.00





Not Actual Car

1964 Impala Super Sport it's a project. It has a 300 horse 327 Muncie 4-speed two-door hardtop asking \$6,000 call Robert Salter at 251-472-6232

Model A Shay: 1 of 15 with auto transmission, 4,376 mile limited edition \$20,000.00

Original 1965 Mustang: 289 Engine 89k miles, Everything about is original no restoration. \$20000.00

03 Mercury Marador, 81k miles, black. \$15,000

Contact Buddy at 454-8947



It is not to early to renew See Paul at the meeting!

Dues are \$45.00 for the National and \$20.00 for our local: Total of \$65.00 per year. Make the check out to DSR and mail it to: Paul Dagenais, Treasurer. 58 S. Julia Street, Mobile, AL 36604





The World's fastes Stock Car

1935 Auburn Model 851

Editor's note: I saw the advertizement to the right and I was intrigued. I had to find out a few things about the 1935 boattail car. I have taken a few trips to the Auburn - Cord - Duesenburg Museum in Auburn, Indiana. I had really fallen in love with the grace and the art deco style of these great machines. I was fascinated by the racer that was inspired to build cars to fit the small niche of those that wanted to go fast.

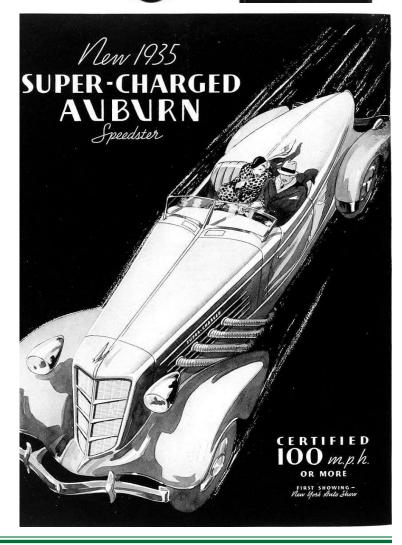
I then began to think about the time frame that this car was created. Traveling on the streets in a vehicle that would go 100 plus mile an hour on less than substandard roads. What courage our pioneers had and the great leaps they made to the future, both in machine and roadways.

Reprinted from Conceptcars.com

Errett Lobban Cord knew humdrum cars would not cut it; if a car was to sell, it would need to have sizzle. When he stepped in to save the Auburn Motor Car Company in 1924, production and sales had fallen to a critical level and the company teetered on the verge of bankruptcy. Cord took a number of unsold Auburns being stored at the manufacturing facility, gave them stylish paint schemes and extra nickel plating, and proceeded to watch sales recover.

This was the sizzle Auburn desperately needed.

On later model Auburns, engine horsepower was boosted which had the effect of creating excitement among Auburn dealers. In terms of sales, Auburn was soon taking on long-established marques like Packard, Peerless,









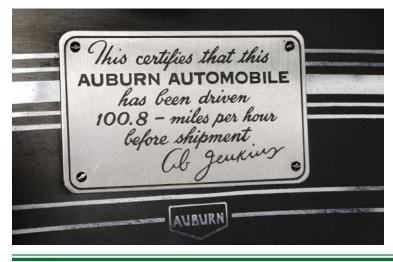
and Stutz. Unfortunately, the depression hit Auburn sales right where it hurt most, in the balance sheet.

It is ironic that the company produced what many consider to be its ultimate masterpiece in 1935, just as the end was drawing near: the 851 Supercharged Speedster.

As such, it is a testimonial to the fighting spirit of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Company, and to the legendary talent of one of greatest designers of the time.

Auburn had invested heavily in the largely new Al Leamy designed 1934 models. Although they sold better than the 1933's had, they were not the salvation the company needed. Worse still, Harold Ames, E.L. Cord's right-hand man, hated the look of the cars. As a result, Ames' boss, Lucius B. Manning, decided he was just the man to solve the problem, and sent him to Auburn, putting him in charge of the company.

Clearly, a new look was desperately needed. With little money available, a completely new car was out of the question. Once again, the Ames called upon Gordon Buehrig to pull the figurative rabbit out of the hat. And once again, he delivered. Buehrig redesigned the front end of the cars, with a new grill and hood line. Auburn's signature new feature for 1935 was supercharging on the top-of-the-line models. Buehrig incorporated the external exhaust, which the American public had come to identify



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with supercharged engines, largely because of the mighty Model SJ Duesenberg.

Although the new 851 (and the next year's 852) models were certainly flashy enough, the 'new' was more than skin deep. The chassis was mostly carried over, although some updates were made. The car was fitted with a Lycoming-built straight-eight engine equipped with a new supercharger designed by Kurt Beier from Schwitzer-Cummins. In addition, the trusted and durable Columbia two-speed rear axle was fitted, allowing lower gearing for quicker acceleration, combined with a higher final drive ratio for improved top speed.

Still, something dramatic was needed to stimulate traffic in the showrooms. Taking a page from the company playbook, and knowing that Central Body Company still had more than 100 bodies left over from the 1933 speedster program, Ames decided that a new speedster



would be the perfect attention-getter for the new line.

Ames, again, tapped Gordon Buehrig to design the new speedster. Buehrig decided to base the new design on a Duesenberg speedster he had designed for Weymann. The top, doors, windshield, and cowl could be used as-is, but a new tail would have to be made and the cowl would require modification to blend with the new 1935 front end. Finally, he added a stunning new set of pontoon fenders made up from multiple stampings of earlier Auburn front fenders.

The result was breathtaking, and the new car was soon seen everywhere from auto shows to newspapers to spark plug ads. To a public weary of the Depression, the new Auburn Speedster was automotive hope personified. Here was a car everyone could identify with, dream about, and wish for. It became, in many ways, the rolling icon of the art deco era.







Oddly enough, it was not a big seller, and dealers resisted taking the speedsters. While they proved to be excellent for public relations, in a sense they did their job too well, as the customers who were drawn to the showroom bought the more practical sedans or convertibles.

Auburn 851 Speedsters did not just look fast, they were fast! To prove this, famed race driver Ab Jenkins sat behind the wheel of an 851 Speedster and was the first American to set a 100 MPH average for a 12-hour period endurance record in a completely stock 851SC speedster. As a result, each Speedster built carried a dash plaque attesting to its over IO0 MPH capability, bearing Ab Jenkins' signature.

Priced at \$2,245 when new, estimates peg Auburn's loss per speedster at about \$300 for every car built. But the logic behind Cord's decision was that this sleek model attracted customers to come in and purchase less expensive, but more profitable models. As a consequence, very few speedsters were built, making them highly prized today.



Auburn Super - Charged Speedster THE WORLD'S FASTEST STOCK CAR

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price \$	\$ \$2 245 USD
engine	Water Cooled, Inline-8
position	Front Longitudinal
aspiration	Schweitzer-Cummins Supercharger
valvetrain	2 Valves per Cyl
displacement	4589 cc / 280.0 in ³
bore	77.78 mm / 3.06 in
stroke	120.6 mm / 4.75 in
compression	6.5:1
power	111.9 kw / 150.1 bhp @ 4000 rpm
specific output	32.71 bhp per litre
bhp/weight	bhp per tonne
torque	311.8 nm / 230.0 ft lbs @ 2750 rpm
body / frame	Steel Body on Steel Cross-Braced Chassis
driven wheels	RWD
front tires	6.5×15
rear tires	6.5×15
front brakes	Lockheed Drums w/Hydraulic Assist
f brake size	mm / in
rear brakes	Lockheed Drums w/Hydraulic Assist
r brake size	mm / in
steering	Worm & Peg
f suspension	Non-Independant w/ Semi-Elliptic Leaf Springs, Hydraulic Dampers
r suspension	Live Axle w/ Semi-Elliptic Leaf Springs, Hydraulic Dampers
curb weight	1699 kg / 3746 lbs
wheelbase	3226 mm / 127.0 in
front track	1488 mm / 58.6 in
rear track	1575 mm / 62.0 in
length	4938 mm / 194.4 in
width	1816 mm / 71.5 in
height	1473 mm / 58.0 in
transmission	3-Speed Manual
gear ratios	2.86:1, 1.68:1, 1.00:1, :1
final drive	3.1:1
top speed	~167.4 kph / 104.0 mph
0 – 60 mph	
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April

- 8-10 Southeastern Spring Nationals Hornets Nest Region - Charlotte Autofair, Concord, NC
- **15-16** (new dates) Annual Convention AACA National -Philadelphia, PA
- **20-22** Southeastern Divisional Tour King of the Road Chapter - Central Florida

May

- 6-8 Central Spring Nationals AACA National Auburn, IN
- **20-25** Founders Tour (1932-1996) Mountain State Classics Region - Davis, WV

June

- 2-5 Eastern Divisional Tour Eastern Shore Region & Bay Country Region - Eastern Shore of Maryland
- 17-19 Eastern Spring Nationals Saratoga Region -Saratoga Springs, NY

July

22-24 - Annual Grand Nationals - Minnesota Region - New Ulm, MN

August

13-14 - Western Fall Nationals - Poudre Valley Region -Loveland, CO

September

- **9-11** Southeastern Fall Nationals South Carolina Region Greenville, SC
- 12-17 Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier) VMCCA -Saratoga Springs, NY

October

- 6-9 Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey Region Hershey, PA
- **11-16** Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour Savannah Region - Mt. Airey, NC
- 18-22 Central Divisional Tour (25 years & older) Tulsa Region - Broken Arrow, OK



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Orange Grove Kruiser's,	Acadian Pizza or	n Hwy 49, Gulfpor	t, MS
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