





Deep South Region of AACA Newsletter

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# Each Years Winners are the Best of the Best

There was a musky smell that was lingering in the air. Dark mahogany wood surrounded you as you entered the late 1800's bar. Huge mirrors on the bar back with bottles of liquor lining the shelves.

The perfect setting for an antique car club awards banquet. The setting made you think you had stepped back in time. A bit of nostalgia was in the air.

Paul and I greeted members at the door and took your money and handed you a ticket for your meal. A pig, a shrimp or a cow would alert the servers to your meal.

Drinks were served as members arrived. Hugs and laughter were plenty because many of us had not seen each other in a while.

After plenty of time to mingle, the Awards Ceremony started. President Zeno Chaudron opened with a welcome to all.

Our club gives out two main awards each year, a Restoration Award and a Service Award. This year we also gave out Thank You plaques to board members leaving the board.

The Ray Harper Restoration Award is presented

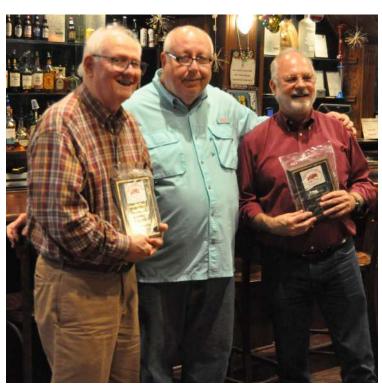
each year to the person(s) that have accomplished the most restoration during the current year. Zeno first called Tracy Metclaf up and presented the award for the 1964 Mercury Comet that is getting a face lift with body work and new paint. Then Zeno called Paul Dagenais up for the same car because they are joint owners in the car.

The Henderson Family Service Award is present each year to the person(s) who give selflessly to the club. This year, I got to present this award to a special person that never calls attention to herself but is always there doing what needs to be done. Because she was taking care of her father-in law Rheba Chaudron's husband Zeno accepted the award for her.

Soon the food arrived and we all enjoyed a good meal and continued conversation. The skimp po'boys were loaded with shrimp and the beef po'boys were over the top. I enjoyed the chicken and it was tasty.

This years awards banquet was held on December 11 at T.P. Crockmiers.

- Charlotte



Tracy Metclaf and Paul Dagenais are the 2021 winners of the Ray Harper Restoration Award



Rheba Chaudron is the winner of the 2021 Henderson Family Service Award



Art Bolton, Brian Daly and Tracy Metclaf trade stories



Tracy Metclaf, Martha and Walt Fuller enjoy time together



Jim Henderson and Tammy and Charlie Lyons at the banquet



Bobby Peterson and Joyce Ladnier stop for a photo



Zeno and Paul hanging out at the registration table





Ernie and Anglea enjoy the Company of Debbie and Craig Henry





Gavin Smith, Rennie Smith and Johnston Parker having a great time at the Christmas party



John and Mary Martin and Donna Wood and Bobby Peterson enjoy the Awards Banquet



Zeno Chaudron present the 2021 Ray Harper Restoration Award to Tracy Metclaf



Zeno Chaudron presents the 2022 Ray Harper Restoration Award to Paul Dagenais



Charlotte Dahlenburg presents the Henderson Family Service Award to Rheba Chaudron and Zeno accepts the award for her



President Zeno Chaudron passes the torch to President Elect Paul Dagenais



Zeno Chaudron introduces the 2022 DSR Officers



President Elect Paul Dagenais speaks about his vision for the next year.







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# **January 2022**

Happy New Year to everyone!

I hope everyone had a very satisfying holiday season and are ready to get back into things. We certainly had a great turn out for David's Catfish House on the 8th. I'm hoping the club will have at least one activity each month so if you have any ideas, please tell me or David Ladnier. Ernie Rogers has started lining up speakers for our meetings.

The Tour Committee is working hard to put various activities together. As of this writing we have 39 cars and 78 people registered. And they are coming from all over, driving lots of different cars. Do not be surprised If a committee members asks for help. We're going to need help proofing routes and getting ads for the tour book. During the tour, we'll needs lots of folks to assist in meet and greet participants at and around the hospitality suite; organize parking; help stage departures, monitor various sites; and lots of other things. If you would like to get involved, contact Ray Harper or me.

See you Thursday January 27th at the Clubhouse.

## Paul



Schools are in session so please be careful on the roads, those children are our kids and grandkids.



#### **DSR Officers for 2021**

President: Paul Dagenais Vice President: Charlie Wychoff Secretary: Daniel McNamara Treasurer: Sasha Thatcher Editor: Charlotte Dahlenburg Activities: David Ladnier Member-at-Large: Charlie Lyles pdagenais@comcast.net CWychoff@zebra.net dmcnamara1886@gmail.com sasha.aisstrop@gamil.com deepsouth.aaca@gmail.com oneuncledavid@aol.com charlyls@aol.com

#### **Appointed Chairman**

Historian: Ray Harper Nipper486@gmail.com Photography:

Refreshments: Sponsorship: Sunshine:

Webmaster: Charlotte Dahlenburg

deepsouth.aaca@gmail.com

Membership:

Finance Committee: Paul Dagenais, Tracy Metclaf, Robert

Haynes, Sasha Thatcher

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Deepsouth.aaca.com
Also, members should visit our Facebook page.

2018 The Ann S. Eady Memorial Award





2020 The Spark Plug Award





# What have you been up to?

# **Renewing Tradition**

On January 8, we gathered at Felix's Fish Camp parking lot to bring back the annual David's Catfish House Cruise. We had 4 antiques show up and the rest of us drove our modern cars. It was a brisk day and we enjoyed see each other for the first club event of the year.

We drove together, with David Ladnier in the lead, to David Catfish House in Spanish Fort. The service was awesome and the food was very good. If you missed this event we will see you next year for our next annual Cruise. - Charlotte



Checking out what is under the hood



Paul Dagenais and Karen Matthews



Gathering and conversation while we wait on the final few to arrive



Guest Jacorian and JD Jones get to know DSR members



Darrin Dahlenburg and Dan Jacobsen catch up



Jacorian and Barrett make friends quickly while waiting to cruise to the Catfish place



A few of the antiques that were driven on the cold January day







Conversation was great at the outing



Daniel, Kathy, Dean and Mac McNamara along with Barrett shared a table



Paul Dagenais, Tracy Metclaf, Fred Fambrough along with Martha and Walt Fuller shared time together



Darrin and Charlotte Dahlenburg and Rod and Karen Matthews enjoy time together at the outing



John and Mary Martin, David and Joyce Ladnier having a great time



Ernie Rogers , Jacorian, JD Jones, Dan Jacobsen and Patricia and David Couling filled a table for lunch

## **Antique Automobile Club of America Southeastern Spring Nationals** April 9, 2022 at Charlotte AutoFair

Hosted by Hornets Nest Region, AACA Meet Email: aacaclt@windstream.net







# Al's Mini Model T

Al manning has a way of finding the coolest stuff. This one he found at Moultrie in Georgia. The Model T and the miniature bike both run like a champ.

Maybe one day soon you will see them at a car show or a car display around here.

- Charlotte















### Refreshments

January 27 - Executive Board February 24 - Chili and Soup Cook off March - 24 April - 28

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Birthdays:

Martha Fuller January 2 Paul Dagenais January 12 Barrett Sargent January 15 Ed Grimes January 16 Jim Gray January 19 Tammy Lyons January 21 Tracy Metclaf January 23 January 29 Missy Allen February 18, Patt Paquet Patricia Couling February 24

Anniversary

Charlie & Tammy Lyons January 29
John & Debbie Bright January 31

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



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

Answer for last month:

Bugatti Type 35B Grand Prix (1925)

# **Sunshine Committee**

Hi, all! I realize 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

## **Thoughts Go Out**

Also keep good thoughts and prayers for Henderson Family, Buddy & Patt Paquet, Lycyle Crowdus, Violet Haynes, Linda Nitz.

## **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



Be sure to like the Deep South Region of Antique Automobile Club of America's Facebook page.







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# 1963 Dodge Custom 880 Sedan – The One That Got Away

(first posted 3/15/2013) I'm a bit prone to spending occasional nights on Craigslist, hoping to hit on the perfect feasible-classic-to-modest-budget ratio. Today, I'm telling the story of how I will be haunted, at least for the foreseeable future, by this cream puff of a Custom 880. And as long as we're at it, we'll also take a look at the odd history of the "emergency edition" big Dodge.





1960 Dodge Matador Polara

Dodge entered the 1960s on a rebound; or, as some say, a murderous conquest. While Dodge sales grew substantially over their 1959 totals, that growth came at great cost to others. For example, the popularly priced, Plymouth-based Dart models stole a host of Fury, Belvedere and Savoy sales. Meanwhile, the Matador and Polara were not only priced very close to the DeSotos, but offered buyers an alternative to the latter's Chrysler-look-a-like styling.



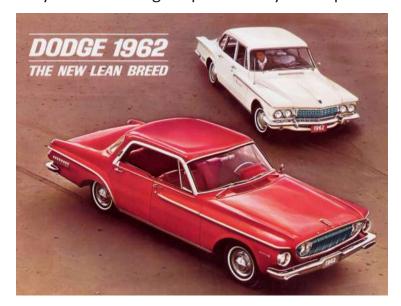
1961 Dodge Polara 4d hardtop

However, the traditional Big Dodges hadn't done bang-up business, and in the frantic plan to





shrink the upcoming 1962 models, they wouldn't return for that year's debut date. If you really needed or wanted 122 inches of wheelbase, you had to (at least initially) visit your Chrysler dealer for your REALLY big Mopar and buy a Newport.



When the new Lean Breed Dodges proved to be such a resounding failure, Dodge dealers screamed for relief. Thankfully, the tooling existed to solve the problem rather quickly, and at minimal cost.

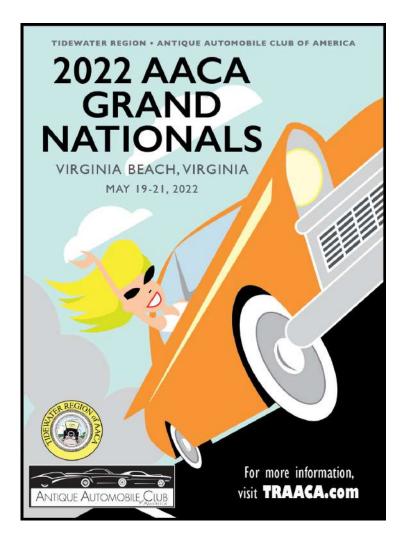


As it happened. the 1961 Dodge front end mated perfectly with the newly finless 1962 Chrysler Newport/300 body. In truth, the lines of the resulting vehicle looked more cohesive than the undulating curves and reverse fins of the 1961 Dodge. Even as an automotive Frankenstein, the new big Dodge turned out to be one of Highland Park's most appealing offerings of the year. It also wore a new Custom 880 moniker, a rather curious nameplate perhaps more appropriate to the

bastard produced by an unholy union of a Ford and an Oldsmobile.



Marketed at the same price point at which DeSoto exited the market in 1961, it was modestly successful, and one of the few bright spots for Chrysler Corporation in 1962. Some 17,500 examples found homes in the abbreviated introductory year. If that figure wasn't terribly impressive, it was still better than the final tally for DeSoto or, for that matter, Edsel.





Model year 1963 brought an oddly bland originality to the 880. Although the '63 Chryslers shared the 880's inner shell, they adopted the Imperials hand-me-down suits in the form of the proposed "S-Series" design.



Since there wouldn't be a big Plymouth until 1965, there wasn't an urgent need to significantly update; thus, model year changes were pretty much limited to a more-modern looking front end and elaborate chrome housings for the tail lamps. For Dodge, it was pure sales gravy: Production picked up to nearly 28,000 units for the year, as buyers got a pretty solid 361 V8, plus all the other virtues of Big Mopars, without spending more for a Chrysler.



One effect of continuing the "old-look" Custom 880 was that a comparable Chrysler now seemed a little more worthy of its higher price, which had been a thorny issue with the 1962 models. Although I've always admired the look of the 1963-64 Chryslers, I can also appreciate the nonchalant frumpiness of the 1963-64 880s. There's a sense of whimsy in that dullness that few other nondescript cars can match. Maybe it's those vestigial fins out back.



I've had ample time to think about the looks of the Custom 880, and this particular wellmaintained, 73,000-mile example first came into my life last August, when I saw it for sale on Craigslist. I was tempted, but the \$4,500 asking price was a bit outside my budget at the time. I let go of the the fantasy, although I knew that with this early-'60s big American cars, I couldn't have gone wrong: These aren't particularly horrendous on gas, they drive well enough, they're stonereliable...and oh, yes, there's also that pushbutton transmission!



Apparently, fate likes to taunt me. A guy who works at Crown Customs, just four blocks away





from my workplace, wound up buying it; I saw it, in all of its cherry-vanilla glory, as I was heading to work one Wednesday. Since this was one of those fortunate instances in which I run across an owner who is completely enthused about their classic, I got to touch the perfectly preserved fabric interior and hear the 361 come to life. It was a one-owner car, and the first owner, now in his early 90s, had given up driving. Seriously, now, how often do such things happen anymore?

In such moments does a classic car actually seems a rational choice as one's only automobile the moments when I sincerely feel foolish for not having taking the plunge, nor owning a car significantly older than I am, even if for only a year or so. For as long as I work in this neighborhood, the enthusiastically unassuming face of my latest episode of cold feet is sure to haunt me on a regular basis.











# Where are the NEW AACA Members?

By Mel Carson VP -Strategic Planning

The Antique Automobile Club of America needs more members – your help is required!

A little scenario happens almost every day in my part of the country when I am out and about — I see riding down the road an antique car or truck that is new to me! The driver is often going to the grocery store, the gas station, or just out for a ride. Does this give you an idea to talk with the driver?

Sometimes we can catch up with the driver and admire their vehicle and strike up a conversation about the car. Your personal conversation can lead to inviting them to visit a Region or Chapter meeting and let them know about the benefits of joining AACA.

Of course, this worked better before Covid-19 came along, but we are now coming back to being able to make some contact and conversation. Also, my local Region is working diligently to keep the Region alive and active.

The key part of this little discussion is - the Antique Automobile Club of America needs more members – now more than ever!

We believe there are a large number of folks, now, who are interested in the automotive hobby but don't belong to AACA. The general thinking today is that it is more difficult than ever to bring folks into hobby organizations because folks don't join organizations like

AACA. My thinking is that a personal conversation is the best way to bring new members into AACA. Folks like to know others with collector vehicles and be able to get together to kick tires and talk about repairs and restoration. Find those prospective AACA members and tell them what you know and they will want to join you with the fun of AACA?

Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box

# **Letter from the Editor**

January has been a crazy weather month. One day it is warm and one day it is cold. The perfect scenario for getting sick. I am sure we are all getting tired of this virus. Just hang in there and be as safe as you can, As my mom always said "This too shall pass." I just wish someone would let the virus know it is time to go away.

January has also been a very busy month! I have been working hard with the Joy of Life (JOL) Committees to put together several events to raise money for St. Jude. JOL Mardi Gras Ball will be held in Daphne on February 5 at 7 pm.

JOL Mardi Gras Parade is on February 26 at noon. David Ladnier has graciously donated driving his 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 with the Grand Marshal at the beginning of the parade. Every year this beautiful car brings bid of \$5,000 to \$6,000 in the live auction.

February 10-12 is AACA's Annual Meeting and Darrin and I will be attending. I will be picking up another National Award. I treasure each one and thank each and everyone of our members for their contributions to the newsletter and for continuing to elect me to be your editor.

As a club we are fast approaching our 2022 Founders Tour. There are so many opportunities to for you to help. Call Ray, Paul, David, Missy, Walt, Darrin, Charlie W or me for information on how you can help. These people have been faithfully working as your committee to put the Tour together for almost 2 years.

At our Awards Banquet in December, Paul listed an overview of the club activities in the works. As editor, I am excited to see photos and stories to fill the pages of the Sparkplug. As a member I am excited about so many opportunities to just hang out with everyone and the time to get to know our new members.

See you on the road,

## Charlotte



We have had several Club Members inquiring about who does the Logos on our club shirts. Joyce Young asks that you call before you come. Azalea Monograms & Design. 4082 Leroy Stevens Rd, Mobile , AL

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# WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO

from the November 1997 Sparkplug

#### **DSR Made This Happen**

Remember Nick and Jamie, the two young boys who have muscular dystrophy and live just down the street from the clubhouse, that Ross Sloan asked we remember with Christmas cards? Well, we did a lot more than that. With the \$32 left over from the "Angel Tree" plus the \$58.38 left after the Christmas party expenses were paid, the club provided a Piccadilly Cafeteria gift certificate, Blockbuster Video gift certificates and a sizable gift certificate from Foodworld. A "From All of Us" card signed "Your DSR Neighbors Down the Street" with all of the gift certificates inside was delivered to the family

on Dec. 20. Another gift consisting of a \$100 check for the mother and a \$25 check for each of the boys was contributed by a club member who will remain anonymous until the club meeting. Doesn't it make you feel good to know you are part of a group of people who care for those who need just a little something extra in their lives?

# New Coffee Maker for Clubhouse Kitchen

Thanks to Dale McLaney, we now have a new Bunn 2-pot coffeemaker. Dale acquired it though his company and donated it to the club in memory of "Hop" Hopkins, It was presented by Dale

to the club at the Christmas party.

# New Refreshments Chairman Asks for Help

Joyce Francis has assumed the duties of making sure we have coffee, soft drinks and snacks for each meeting. She would like anyone who might care to provide their "specialty" for a meeting to contact her. She already knows that there are some super bakers in our midst and would like your assistance in having something for all those who have a "sweet tooth". If you are willing to provide a treat for the January 23 meeting, please call her no later than January 21.







# Local Car Shows

#### **February**

- **11-13** MOBtown Showdown Car, Truck and Bike Show. The Gounds Mobile, AL
- 2nd Saturday Lunch Bunch Cruz-in Gulfport. 4 Kool Rides at Tony Nelson's King of Cheese Steaks. 11 Pass Road, Gulfport, MS. Starts at 1pm.
- Port City Corvette Club Open Car Show, Bass Pro Shoppe, 20000 Bass Pro Drive, Spanish Fort, AL., 8am-2:30pm
- MS VFW AUXILIARY 3253 10th. Annual Open Car Show, 208 Third Street Bay Saint Louis, Ms., Registration 8:am until noon (Day of the Show Only) \$25.00 Registration fee Participant Voting Dash Plaques for first 50 Vehicles!! Awards at 1:30pm Top 20 Vehicles, Top 5 Trucks, Best of Show Vehicle and 6 Specialty Awards 50/50 Raffle and other fun give away's Food, Desserts, and Beverages will be available
- 26 11th Annual Port City Corvette Club Car Show at the Bass Pro Shop Spanish Fort, AL. REg. \$25 for info Brenda Drinlan 251-232-6348

#### March

- Gator a the swamp Car Show. Satusma High School 8am-3pm. Food & Vendors
- 5 6th Annual Collard Green Festival Car Show. Evergreen Regial Airport Info Glenn Feeman 251-86704781
- 1st Sunday Night Youth For Christ Cruise-in. 6pm-8pm Praise Prayer Presence. All Vehicles Welcome. 351 Pass Road, Gulfport, MS.
- 12 William F Green Veterans Home Car Show, William F Green State Veterans Home, 300 Faulkner Dr, Bay Minette, AL. 9am-3pm. Pre-registration \$20 Day of Show \$25
- 2nd Saturday Lunch Bunch Cruz-in Gulfport. 4 Kool Rides at Tony Nelson's King of Cheese Steaks. 11 Pass Road, Gulfport, MS. Starts at 1pm.
- Memories on Main Street Lucedale, MS 5-9pm. Charity Car, Truck & Bike Show, Food Trucks, Downtown Shopping & Music
- Camp Seale Harris Dubieties Walk Cruise-In, Battleship Memorial Park 2703 Battleship Parkway, Mobile, AL 2-4pm
- 19 GCRMC Mega Car Show, Foley, AL1501 South OWA Blvd. 8am-5pm
- 4th Friday Hot Rod Hangout at TCB Stop-N-Geaux, 16303 MS-53, Highway 53, Gulfport (Lyman) Ms. IJust an ol' skool hot rod hangout spot, like back in the day. 6pm-till
- **25 27** Orange Beach Invasion 2022 brought to you by

American Force. PREREGISTERED / PRE APPROVED EVENT. You must submit photo to be approved to register for this event. FREE SPECTATOR ADMISSION!!! Orange Beach Invasion returns to the Alabama Gulf Coast during Spring Break weekend. Located in beautiful Orange Beach, Alabama at The Wharf! contact Greg Miller 228-324-7671 Robbie Bryant 479-420-0671

#### **April**

- 1-2 Moultrie Swap Meet Spence Field Moultrie Georgia is a 3 Day Automotive Event. Information call Jerry Kelley 1-229-896-2150 or Mail us at moultrieswapmeet@aol. com
- **1-3** Sparks in the Park Car, Truck & Bike Show Mullet Festival Gounds, Niceville, FL
- 9 Camellia Classic 2022 37th Open Car Show. Camp Grace 11081 Wanda Dr. Mobile, AL. Rain or Shine 8am-2:30pm
- 3 1st Sunday Night Youth For Christ Cruise-in. 6pm-8pm Praise Prayer Presence. All Vehicles Welcome. 351 Pass Road, Gulfport, MS.
- 8-9 Full Throttle Against Cancer Open Car Show Mobile Internatinal Speedway, 7800 Park Blvd, Mobile, AL Contact Steve 251-554-2751
- 9 & 10 33rd Baldwin County Strawberry Festival Open Car Show, Loxley Municipal Park, Hwy 59 South, Loxley, AL. 9am-4pm.
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#### **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



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

NOS Delorean rear sunshade/louver \$300.00 Original 1967 Corvette hood small block.

**Excellent shape** 

\$350.00 Medium size Oxi/acetylene set. Recent bottles

\$150.00

Andy Switzer. 228-547-9030



## **2022 AACA Annual Convention** – Save the Date!

The 86th AACA Annual Convention will return to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 10-12, 2022. The plan is to bring back all of the great activities that you have come to love and expect at the Annual Convention including educational seminars, trade show vendors, a special automobile display, multiple-level judging schools, the First Lady's Breakfast, Region Presidents' Dinner, the AACA Library's very popular Pinewood Derby and the Awards Banquet. (All of these activities will be conducted in accordance with whatever the current COVID-19 health guidelines are in Philadelphia at that time.)

Many members have told us that the AACA Annual Convention is one of the highlights of their year, and we hope that the 2022 event will be even bigger and better than in previous years. For a more in-depth preview of the 2022 event, make sure to check out the article in the November/December issue of Antique Automobile magazine.

The registration form and hotel information are now available. Email Sue or call AACA Headquarters at 717-534-1910 to request a registration form today.

As soon as the seminar schedule is available, we will make sure to share it with you.

We hope you will consider joining us for this very special annual event!

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1963 Ford Galaxie 500 Convertible 390 CID. Contact Jim and Michele Gray at 251-406-1841

Not Actual Car



1994 Cavalier Rally Sport 128000 miles, new back glass. \$4,500. Contact Robert Salter at 251-472-6232

# 2022 Western Spring Nationals March 10-12, 2022 ◆ Las Vegas, NV

**Book Your Room Today!** Make Your Trip a Mini Vacation! Official Tour of the Hoover Dam!

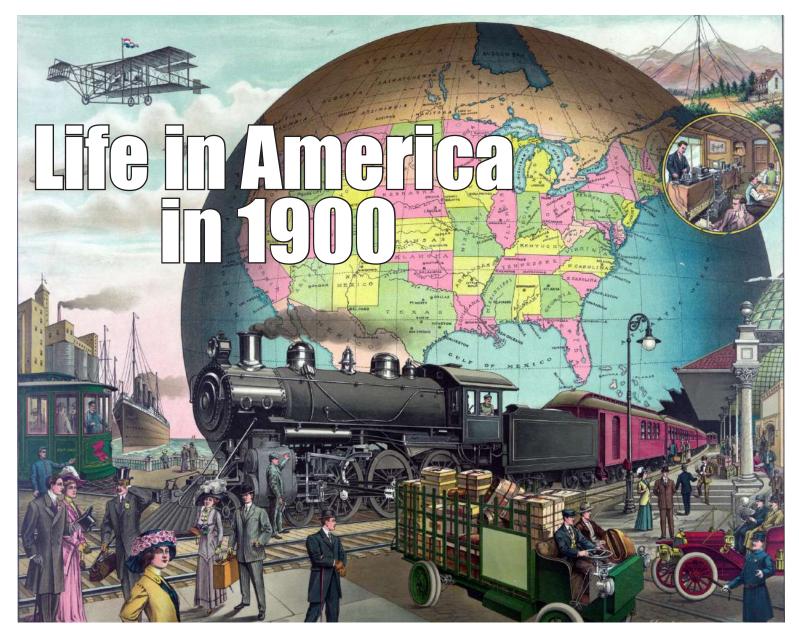
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### Firsts, Inventions and Wonders:

On January 18, author L. Frank Baum and illustrator W. W. Denslow joint copyrighted their new book- The Land of Oz. It was released as The Wonderful Wizard of Oz on May 12.

Veterans of Foreign Wars was founded on September 29, 1899

King Oscar II of Sweden approved the creation of the Nobel Foundation, funded by the 1895 Will of Alfred Nobel. The first Nobel Prize awards were made by the foundation in 1901.

The Eastman Kodak Company introduced the Brownie camera, priced at \$1.00.

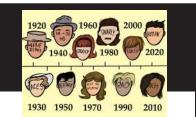
The founding brothers of Michelin tires started the Michelin Guide in 1900 when they decided that a ratings guide (Michelin Stars) for hotels and restaurants would compel the limited number of drivers to use up and buy more of their tires..

Nipper, the RCA Victor dog, was registered as a trademark and became one of the advertising icons of the 20th century.

The dog belonged to Francis Barraud, whose painting His Master's Voice showed the animal listening to a gramophone.

The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU) was founded in New York.





Bash: A drunken spree.

Goop: A stupid person.

Hanging: Excellent, outstanding ("Hanging new tie there, old man!").

Hep: Part of the current musical culture ("That cat is hep!").

Hawkshaw: A detective.

Wisenheimer: Someone who thinks he or she is smarter

than everyone else.





# Early 1900 Cars



1900 St. Louis Gasoline Buggy

1900 Cleveland Runabout

1901 Albion

1901 Locomobile

1902 Wolseley

1903 Ford A Runabout

1903 Ford Model A

1903 Pierce-Arrow

1904 Oldsmobile Roadster

1905 De Dietrich

1905 Franklin Model A Roadster

1906 Mercedes

1906 Pierce Touring

1907 Ford Model S Runabout

1907 Richmond Model J Runabout

1908 Cadillac Runabout

1908 Chase Touring

1909 Pierce-Arrow Runabout

1909 Hupmobile Model 20 Two Passenger Runabout

Harvey Firestone established the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company as an automobile tire supply store in Akron, Ohio. He started making tires about three years later.

# The Most Popular Singers and Artists of 1900 include:

Albert Cambell, Arthur Collins, Edward M. Favor, George J. Gaskin, The Hayden Quartet, Harry Macdonough, Jere Mahoney, J.W. Meyers, Voss Ossman, Steve Porter, Dan Quinn, Len Spencer

## **Pop Culture News:**

Dwight F. Davis, President of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, announced the creating of a silver cup for whoever won the international tennis championship. It is now known as The Davis Cup.

Guglielmo Marconi was awarded a British patent (#7,777) for his wireless radio.

Robert Leroy Parker (aka Butch Cassidy), Harry Longabaugh (aka The Sundance Kid) and other members of "The Wild Bunch" staged their third train robbery, taking control of Union Pacific train No. 3 at Tipton, Wyoming, robbing the express car of \$45,000 and successfully escaping.

The Paris World Exhibition (Exposition Universelle of 1900) World's Fair took place between April 14 and November 12.

The American League's eight teams for the inaugural 1900 season were the Buffalo Bisons, Chicago White Sox, Cleveland

Blues, Detroit Tigers, Indianapolis Indians, Kansas City Blues, Milwaukee Brewers and the Minneapolis Millers.

The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), the controlling body for bicycling events around the world, was founded in Aigle, Switzerland.

Nikola Tesla received a patent (#645,576) for 'wireless transmission of electrical power' – the first in a series of patents for sending "industrially significant amounts of power" from one station to another without electrical wires.

The first book of stamps in the United States was placed on sale in American post offices in packs of 12,24 and 48 2 cent stamps.

The first workplace smoking ban was issued by the Willis L. Moore, Chief of the US Weather Bureau. "The smoking of cigarettes in the offices of the Weather Bureau is hereby prohibited. Officials in charge of stations will rigidly enforce this order, and will also include in their semiannual confidential reports information as to those of their assistants who smoke cigarettes outside of office hours."

John Luther "Casey" Jones was driving a passenger train from Memphis to Canton, Mississippi when he encountered two stalled freight trains on the main track at Vaughn, Mississippi ahead of his. Unable to avoid a collision, Casey Jones slowed the train enough that he was the only fatality in the accident.

The Patent (#646,375) was granted to William Abner Eddy for the 'Eddy kite' – standard basic kite design we use today.

The Associated Press (AP) was incorporated as a New York corporation.

# What is Your Money Worth?



#### In 1900, shoppers could buy a

5-pound bag of flour for 12 cents.

Round steak was 13 cents a pound

Bacon 14 cents a pound.

Eggs were 21 cents per dozen,

Milk sold for 14 cents per half gallon

Butter cost 26 cents per pound.

10-pound bag of potatoes was 14 cents,

5-pound bag of sugar cost 31 cents.

Coffee was 35 cents a pound,

Chocolate was 34 cents per pound.

Gentleman's Suit between \$7 and \$16

Men's dress shirt cost \$1

Topcoat was \$7

Fine felt hat, 48 cents

Women's dresses cost between \$10 and \$12

Women's hats cost 35 cents

Shoes were \$2 to \$3 per pair.





The vaudeville team of Joe and Myra Keaton was appearing at a matinee show at the Wonderland Theater in Wilmington, Delaware, and their 5-year-old son, Buster, joined the act. He later became one of the first silent film stars.

Largest banquet in history was held at the Tuileries gardens, when French President Émile Loubet treated the 22,695 mayors of all French cities.

A hurricane struck Galveston, Texas, causing the worst natural disaster in American history, with 8-12,000 people killed.

#### **Fiction Bestsellers:**

- 1. To Have and To Hold by Mary Johnston
- 2. Red Pottage by Mary Cholmondeley
- 3. Unleavened Bread by Robert Grant
- 4. The Reign of Law by James Lane Allen
- 5. Eben Holden by Irving Bacheller
- 6. Janice Meredith by Paul Leicester Ford
- 7. The Redemption of David Corson by Charles Frederic Goss
- 8. Richard Carvel by Winston Churchill
- 9. When Knighthood Was in Flower by Charles Majo
- 10. Alice of Old Vincennes by Maurice Thompson

#### Other Books of Note:

The World and the Individual by Josiah Royce An American Anthology by Clarence Stedman Sister Carrie by Theodore Dreiser The Interpretation of Dreams by Sigmund Freud The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum Lord Jim by Joseph Conrad The School and Society by John Dewey

#### 1900 United States Census:

Total US Population: 76,212,168

- 1. New York, New York 3,437,202
- 2. Chicago, Illinois 1,698,575
- 3. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1,293,697
- 4. St. Louis, Missouri 575,238
- 5. Boston, Massachusetts 560,892
- 6. Baltimore, Maryland 508,957
- 7. Cleveland, Ohio 391,768
- 8. Buffalo New York 352,387
- 9. San Francisco, California 342,782
- 10. Cincinnati, Ohio 325,902

#### **Sports:**

National League Baseball Champions: Brooklyn Superbas

Challenge Cup Champs: Montreal Shamrocks

U.S. Open Golf: Harry Varden

U.S. Tennis (Men/Ladies): Malcolm Whitman/Myrtle

McAteer

Wimbledon (Men/Women): Reginald Doherty/Blanche

Hillyard

NCAA Football Champions: Yale

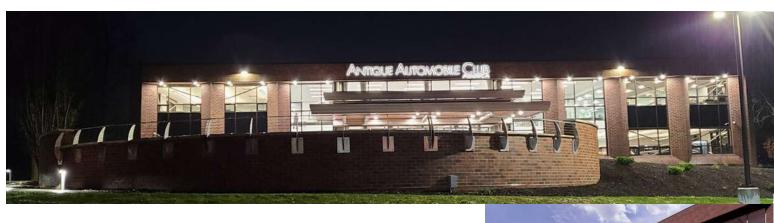
Kentucky Derby Winner: Lieutenant Gibson

Boston Marathon Winner: 1900 John "Jack" Caffery Time:

2:39:44

Tug of War was an Olympic event between 1900 and

1920.



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# National (ar Shows

#### **February**

- **10-12** AACA Annual Convention Philadelphia
- 24-25 AACA Winter Nationals Melbourne, FL Cape Canaveral Region

#### March

- 10-12 Western Spring Nationals Las Vegas
- **20-26** Founders Tour (19332-1997) Mobile, Gulf Shores, AL/Biloxi MS - Deep South Region

#### April

- 7-9 Southeastern Spring Nationals Charlotte NC Hornets
- 17-23 Central Divisional Tour (1997 and earlier) San Antonio to LaPorte, TX - Gulf Coast REgion
- 21-23 Special Winter Nationals & Special Grand Nationals - San Juan, PR - Puerto Rico Region

#### May

- 19-21 Annual Grand Nationals Virginia Beach, Va -**Tidewater Region**
- 22-25 Eastern Divisional Tour (1997 or earlier) Johnstown, PA - Flood City Region

#### June

16-18 - Eastern Spring Nationals - Bettendorf, Iowa -Mississippi Valley Region

#### **August**

11-13 - Central Fall Nationals - Betterndorf, Iowa - Mississippi Valley Region

#### September

- 10-16 Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) Gettysburg, PA -Buzzard Breath Region
- 18-23 Reliability Tour (1915 and earlier) Shepheardsville, Kentucky - KYANA Region
- 25-30 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier) Central



- **Every Saturday** Cruise-In Po Boy's & Pharoahs of Alabama @ IHOP in Tillmans Corner, Mobile, Alabama 4pm - Until.
- **Every Sunday** HotRod Breakfast. Location changes every week. Click name to check location. 8am-10am
- 1st Friday Fueled Friday Car Meet @ OWA, Downtown Parking Lot, Foley, Alabama 7pm- Until.
- 2nd Friday Cruise-In Huck's Automotive Boost & BBQ @ OWA, 106-A OWA Blvd, Foley, Alabama 6pm - until. Hosted by Groovy Goat.

- 2nd Saturday Ice Cream & Classic Car Cruise-In @ Aunt Elsie's Ice Cream Shoppe, 188 South Blvd., Brewton, Alabama. 2-4 pm.
- **2nd Saturday** Cruise-In Banzai Cruisers Gulf Coast @ Radical Ridez, 163 E Riviera Blvd, Foley, Alabama (behind Sonic). 6pm.
- **3rd Thursday** (March to October) Cruise-In Southern Bay Cruisers & Classics @ O'Reilly Auto Parts, Grand Bay, Alabama 5-9pm.
- 3rd Friday Cruise-In Greater-Gulf Coast Classic Car Club @ Sonic Drive In Hwy 59, Foley, Alabama 4:30 -7:30pm







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