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Amazing Mom!

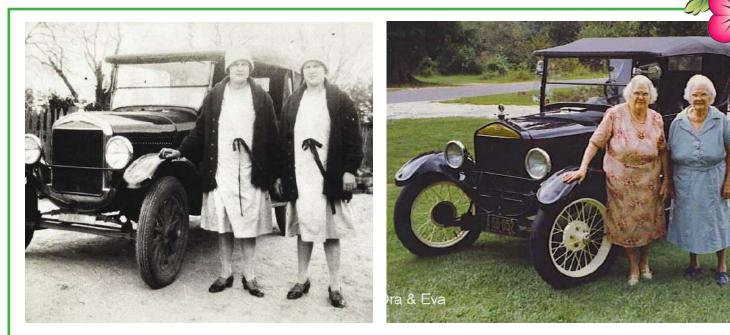




Above is my mother in law. My father in law bought this 1936 Cord because she wouldn't go out in his present car which was an old Austin Bantam delivery car.

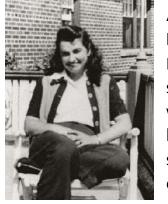
Right is my grandmother sitting on the running board sometime in the late 1930s. - **Andy Switzer** 





Ray Harper's Mother and twin sister are in both photos. These pictures were made 60+ years apart. The Left photo is them with their family in a 1927 T Ford. Right photo is Ray Harper's 1927 T Ford with his mother, and her twin and the last photo of them together. - **Ray Harper**.

My Mother, Agnes Poulin Dagenais was born in 1922 and raised in Kapauskasing, Ontario, Canada. Kapuskasing is in Northern Ontario about 400 miles north of Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. She was one of 15 children who survived to adulthood. My Grandfather came from some money but lost it in the Market Crash in 1929. As such, my Mother grew up with very few luxuries. She worked at the Kapuskasing Inn during the war then moved to Thessalon, Ontario which is on the North Shore of Lake Huron. This is where she met my Father Maurice.



At that time my Father had a small taxi business. He is the one who taught my Mother to drive and quickly learned that she wanted nothing to do with his Mercury's and their standard shifts. He also learned that even with an automatic she had two concerns about cars: 1. They always started and got her where she wanted to go, and 2. They should be pretty. She was quite miffed when the lavender and white 1956 Chevy she wanted showed up yellow and white. My siblings and I suspect that Maurice switched the

colors on her.

Aggie circa 1943 Aggie was more pleased with her red 1965 Red Chevy.

She was ecstatic when Dad showed up with at silver 1970 Chrysler 300 four-door hardtop with a black vinyl roof. At last, a gorgeous car. She used to park it at the far end of the parking lots at church and the mall. She said it was because she didn't want it scratched. We thought she really wanted people to see it and say "Isn't Aggie's car beautiful?"

Aggie and Maurice and one of his Mercury's Circa 1950

In 1984, the badly aging Chrysler which had somehow survived two teenage boys was traded in. My father appeared with a bronze 1984 Dodge Lancer with a turbo four. It was

loathing at first sight. My father said it had giddy-up and go. My mother wanted it to giddy-up and be



Aggie in the late 1980's

gone. She referred to it as "Your father's tin can". It lasted for some time, hidden in the garage. As an alternate, she really liked my dad's 1974 yellow Ford F100. She could see all around and had her dog, Candy, on the seat with her. She was quite sad when the much patched-up Ford was broadsided by a teenager and she sighed when looking at the chunks of bondo surrounding the hulk.

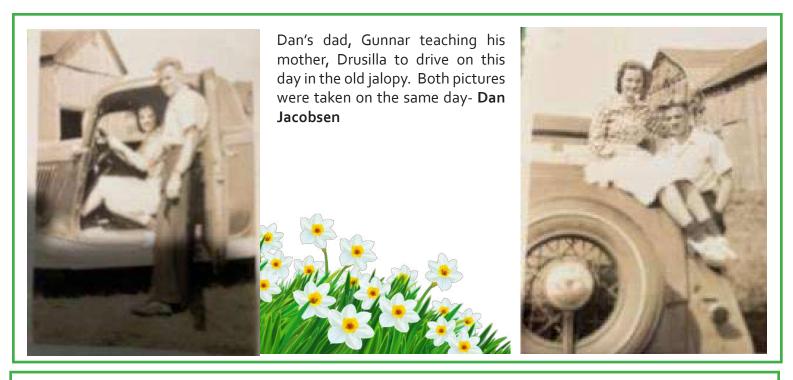
In the early 1990's, we drove to the Soo to see my folks in a white Lincoln Town car I had rented because we needed the size. My mother was entranced. She told me to park it at the end of the driveway so the

neighbours could see it. I told her "Mom, it's a rental." She said "They don't know that and besides its perfect for my son, the Doctor, who is a Professor down in the States." Never let it be said that Aggie didn't know how to take advantage of a situation. - **Paul Dagenais** 









I don't have a picture of my mother with "the Anglia," but I do have a story...and a second that is primary to the story of how "the Anglia" got its name. "The Anglia", many of you have seen me in, has been in the family since I was 5 or 6 years old. It was purchased by my uncle and aunt in Baton Rouge, LA during the gas crunch of the '70's. They told me (years after I was given the car) they laughed as they regularly drove by all the lined-up cars awaiting fueling opportunities.

While they were in Baton Rouge, my family was in Vicksburg. My parents had found a 1960 Corvette 5th anniversary edition (Black with Silver coves and red interior) in a farmer's field. Banks were notorious for not loaning money to women at the time, but Mom was determined. She did get the loan to purchase the car without any collateral or co-signer, an impressive feat for the early 1970's I am told. The Corvette had been modified before "parking" in the field. Someone had installed a 327 and changed the automatic for a 4-speed transmission. To drive the Corvette, Mom had to learn how to drive a stick shift.

Bring forth "yon Anglia!" It is smaller and a bit less powerful than the Corvette as well as a 4-speed. So, with Dad in the passenger seat, Mom learned to drive a manual. That, by the way, is how the car came to be known as "Bunny". I'll let y'all envision why.

Just so you know, the Corvette was sold shortly after I turned 16 and my brother was 14. The insurance on the car was going to skyrocket unless my parents, among other things (and there were many) swore out affidavits that my brother and I would not be within 100,000 yards of the car (hyperbole, FYI). And just to make my brother jealous, I did get to drive the Corvette twice. Once to the glass repair shop to replace the windshield and once to return it to the garage days before the person purchasing the car picked it up. - **Mac McNamara** 









Photo of Betty and John Patterson on their 50th wedding anniversary. My Mother was like an Angel to everyone. She was a quiet soul but loved people and her family. -Joyce Ladnier







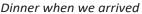
## **AACA Spring Nationals April 7-9**

Paul Dagenais, Tracy Metclaf, Darrin and I headed to Charlotte, North Carolina for the AACA Spring Nationals. I had asked Jim Henderson to go on another trip to Charlotte. To my surprise he wanted to go. I was very excited to spend time with him away from his work again. Rod and Karen Matthews also wanted to go. It worked out for Rod to put his car in Jim's rig. Paul's Desoto went into the trailer and the new 1988 Suburban was going to tow the trailer.

The suburban was driven to put on the show field as well. It all worked out.

Of course Art and Vicki Bolton were there as well.







Jim also pleasantly surprised us, bringing Clyde Smith and Zeno Chaudron along. Nice showing of Deep South members.

We arrived with just enough time to park and head to our hotel, about a mile from the show field. The area used for the show is part of the parking area of the Charlotte Motor Speedway. The hotel was nice, and



Barrett telling people about AACA







Charlotte receiving her Senior Master Judge Award

the best part is always being able to talk with our AACA friends from across the country. Friday was sunny but a chilly and windy day. I headed to the race track to man the AACA Membership tent while the rest of the group went to breakfast.

I spent most of the day inside the Speedway where the Charlotte AutoFair (a large auto flea market and car corral) was being held. Passes for the AutoFair were provided to each registered car owner and /or registered judge. I enjoyed the drifting event, but it got old after a few hours. Right next to the drifting event was a tent of



Rod Matthews 1967 Plymouth Barracuda Convertible



Darrin Dahlenburg and Paul Dagenais' 1988 Chevy Suburban





Jim Henderson's 1951 Ford Crestliner



Paul Dagenais' 1957 DeSota Fireflight Convertible



Jim Henderson's 1962 Golden Anniversary Chevy Impala SS



high end Mopars. I spent time talking to Jason about his Super B. I later met up with Jason again at the Moparfest at the Battleship and had the privilege of meeting the boys that designed the headliner and outer graphics for his incredible car.

Barrett helped me get the word out about AACA and he really enjoyed stopping the vehicles to give them info.

I had pre-registered for judging, so I was up early Saturday morning and off to the Judge's Breakfast where we got our team assignments. At the Judge's Breakfast, I received my Senior Master Judge award and also entered the Team Captain program with now having my first of five supervised Team Captain Judging events under my belt.

AACA provides extensive training for judges that want to achieve any level. I have a goal of becoming Chief Judge for AACA. I was unable to attend the Team Captain School on Friday so I attended the one on Saturday morning before judging.

While I was off doing the judging thing, Paul and Tracy got the Desoto out of the trailer and onto the show field. I saw Paul and Tracy pass by with Barrett in the car. I hope Barrett never forgets what a thrill that was.

Darrin assisted Jim with getting his beautiful cars, the 1951 Crestliner and the 1964 Impala out to the show field. Then Darrin got the Matthew's Barracuda out of the Henderson rig and Rod and Karen headed to the show field.

One of the things that I did while this was going on was to walk the show field and find all the vehicles that I would be overseeing in judging. My group finished judging the Motorcycle class in a timely order, and was the very first team into the Admin tent. What a great group of men and women!

During the afternoon I was able to walk around the show field and take a few pictures. The weather was overcast with windy conditions and temperatures only in the mid-4os. When the cars were released, we headed to load them all up. I love how we all helped each other on and off the show field. Rod helped other people get their cars loaded until his turn to load his car.

The Awards were given at 4 pm in the main tent. I was asked to be a spotter along with Annie Goldman. I worked with Fred Trusty in giving out awards. That left Darrin to watch Barrett and to collect his award along with all of Jim Henderson's awards. That is truly a major task because Barrett is 9 and likes to play.

After the awards we enjoyed a good, catered picnic dinner. We had a chance to hang out with new and old



Rod Matthews receiving his preservation award for the Barracuda



Paul receiving the preservation award for the Desota



Vicki Bolton receiving her award



Darrin and Barrett receiving the Second Place Junior for the Suburban





## May 2022

It is almost the end of May already. The year is advancing. On Sunday May 14, a small group of DSR members drove the Founders Tour route to Biloxi and had a very pleasant lunch at a converted gas station on historic Howard Avenue.

This what the club is about, enjoying each other's company. We need to do more of this.

To that end, the club members agreed to host a cruisein at the clubhouse in the near future. We're going to need folks to volunteer for what could be a fun activity and hopefully get others interested in our club.

We need to dissolve the Founders Tour Committee. On behalf of Ray Harper and myself, I want to thank everyone who participated. And the good news is that we made money for the club that should ensure its financial stability for a few years.

#### Paul

NOTE FROM

HE PRESIDENT



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. Leroy Stevens Rd, Mobile 251-661-9361

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## What have you been up to?

## A Nice Spring Day at the Mopar Fest at the Battleship

We arrive almost at the same time. I could see the DeSota about eight cars ahead. Ernie was right behind me. We pulled in and parked right next to Rod and Karen.

We paid and drove by the photographer that took your photo in front of the battleship. You then had the choice to go clean up your vehicle or get in line for the drive thru judging.

We all parked and dusted of the cars, then went to register. There were more than 300 vehicles registered.

We soon ran into Parker who had arrived much earlier



Rod Matthews 1967 Barracuda



Ernie Rogers' 1964 Plymouth Valiant Station Wagon



Drive thru judging of Rod Matthews' 1967 Barracuda



than us. He went to get in line to get his car judged. Rod soon got in line as well.

Paul and I stayed behind and debated whether we even wanted to get in line for judging. We asked Parker how long it took to go through the line and he said "about 20 songs."

Judging paid off with Rod winning a top 30 award and Paul winning a top 3 award. We all left and headed over to eat seafood on the Causeway. It was a fun day to just hang out! - Charlotte



Paul Dagenais' 1956 DeSoto Convertible



Parker Johnston's 1968 Plymouth Valiant



Charlotte Dahlenburg's 2005 Sebring Convertible



## **Our Lady of Lourdes Lawn Party**



Darrin and Paul's 1988 Chevy Suburban



Ernie Rogers' **1964 Plymouth Valiant V200 Station** Wagon



Robert Salter's 1967 Ford Galaxie 500 Convertible



Parker Johnston's 1968 Plymouth Valiant



Leslie Sellers' 1966 Chevy Mustang



Ray Harper's 1915 Model T Depo Hack



Jean-Claude Martin's 1989 Mitsubishi Montero LS



Larry Nelson's 1974 Volkswagon Convertible







We just got home from a dear friends wedding and they wanted to use the '41 Packard for Wedding Pictures. It really turned out to be a lovely day and they and their guests were blown away with our car. - Debbie Henry



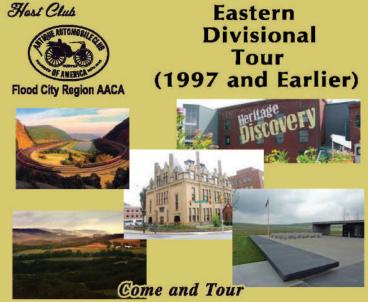
2022 Lowrider Day on The Plaza. I did go to Lowrider Day on the Plaza Saturday and took some pictures. Every time I go to one of these, I think my Uncle Laddy would have loved it. He had Chevy Impalas in the 6o's. I was surprised by the number of Oldsmobiles I saw. - Frank W. Cha





At the Camp Grace Car Show on April 23 you could find a few of our local club member cars (below) and the winning Cruisn' the Coast raffle car from 2021!





## Beautiful Western Pennsylvania Full of Beauty and History

We will be touring the beautiful mountains of Blair, Cambria, Westmoreland and Somerset counties.

May 22-25, 2022

Tour Chair person Jeff Mihalko 814-341-5599 email jeff@restorationspecialties.com











Good Saturday afternoon Family, Friends and fellow car enthusiasts. I went to the May Day Festival at Tanner Williams Park there were lots of vendors and several food trucks. We had a small turnout for the car show/ cruise in.

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There was a splash pad for the kids to play in , fire trucks and lots of friendly folks to visit with. There was family fun for everyone! - Al Manning



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### Refreshments

June 23 -July 28 - Everybody's Birthday - Charlotte Dahlenburg August 7 - Italian Dinner September 22 October 27 November 17 - Election December 3 - Awards Banquet There are plenty of chances for you to coordinate a month! Let us know where you can help!

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

#### Birthdays:

Ray Harper	June 2
Darrin Dahlenburg	June 7
Haleigh Henderson	June 20
Vicki Bolton	June 22
Mary Martin	June 23
Robbie Lyles	June 23
Aidan	June 24
Blaize Chaudron	July 29
Judy Bobo	June 30

#### Anniversary's:

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David & Patricia Couling	June 24
Walt & Martha Fuller	June 25, 1960
Buddy & Patt Paquet	June 30, 1969

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: 1930 Cadillac 16

## **Sunshine Committee**

In the event that someone is in need of some "sunshine." You can contact me on my cell (251) 421-6012 please leave a message if I don't answer, send a text or email me: mrhobbs456@aol.com. Together we can make sure that everyone receives "sunshine" when they most need it!

Kathy McNamara Sunshine Committee Chairperson

### **Thoughts Go Out**

Also keep good thoughts and prayers for Janice Sellers, Walt Fuller, Bobby Peterson, Henderson Family, Buddy & Patt Paquet and Lycyle Crowdus.

### **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

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## **Secretary Notes April 2022**

#### April 2022 7:06 pm

Meeting began with Pledge and Opening Prayer

Patty Kieffer was introduced. She has a 1988 Mercedes 560. She spoke to us about Visit Mobile.

We took a five-minute break after the speaker.

Sunshine report was given.

New member Frank Cavin was introduced.

There are still volunteer positions open. If you are interested, contact any of your elected officers.

Minutes were approved.

Dick Cashdollar's donation of tents and lights are to be kept at the clubhouse for use in future events.

Vote was held for the Volunteer of the Year award for Cruisin' the Coast. Zeno Chaudron won by one vote.

A motion was made to put the clarification of the description of Member at Large position on hold until after the AACA Bylaws have changed.

Biloxi route to be run as a club on May 15 at noon, meeting at the clubhouse.

David presented the trophy won by the club at his Lawn Party Car Show.

Discussion was held about having a Cruise-in at the clubhouse with food trucks on a Thursday evening in June. Club voted to get the wrought iron fixed for the clubhouse sign

Discussion for Adopt a Mile with Tracy and Brian getting more information. Meeting closed at 8:20

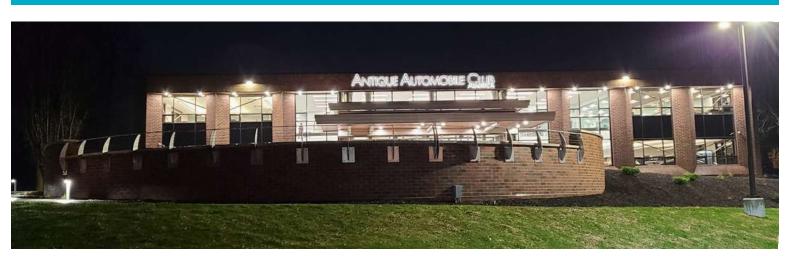
Respectfully submitted,

Daniel

### **Those in Attendance of April Meeting**

Frank Cavin **Rod Matthews** Karen Matthews Tracy Metclaff Dan Jacobson Mac McNamara Kathy McNamara Daniel McNamara Joyce Ladnier David Ladnier Darrin Dahlenburg Charlotte Dahlenburg Sasha Thatcher Martha Fuller Walt Fuller **Ray Harper** Katherine Harper Susan Bergen

Belinda Rooney David Rooney Leslie Sellers Brian Daly Charlie Wyckoff Rhonda Wyckoff Paul Dagenais Ernie Rogers Patty Keiffer Barrett Sargent



REMINDER: If you haven't made a donation to the AACA Building Maintenance Fund yet, it's not too late.

## Every dollar helps!

For information on how to donate, just call AACA National HQ at 717-534-1910.

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## **1963 Mercury Meteor**

In January of 2022, I trolled through Facebook only to find a beautiful Mercury Meteor Custom from Pensacola. It had a 260V8 with a Merc-O-Matic 2-speed transmission. I decided to buy the car to use as a daily driver. We knew of a few issues: the windshield wiper motor had been removed (found in the trunk and it is not working); A/C had been disconnected and hoses cut; typical brake work required; rust on the rear driver door (which was not opening); rust around the tail light assembly; and the trunk would not open.

The first weekend we had the car, the rear seats came out. I crawled into the trunk and unbolted the lock to see how bad the trunk was. The floor pan was in pretty good shape, thankfully. There were two quarter sized holes in the floor pan but the rail had rusted almost completely through the whole way around. Since I couldn't drive it daily until I got the wiper motor and brakes fixed, I decided



Like with any project, the unknown issues started coming my way. I removed the carpet in the front only



to reveal a driver front floor pan and rear floor pan was needed. Honestly, it's kinda weird to see the road under my feet. I don't have to imagine what the Flintstones felt like.

Around this time, my

father sent me a link to an article from a few years back about the Meteor. There is a couple in Mobile that had one in the past and currently own one. They have been a huge help, as far as finding parts and information.

The whole car was covered in oxidation. After attending a club meeting a few months ago where a member went through a basic detailing process, I began tackling my car with some of his tricks. I grabbed some plumbers putty and started on the front. It worked but man did it take several hours just for small results.

I upped the ante and went to Harbor Freight where I purchased Meguiar's deep cut car polish and a buffer. I Started on the front passenger hood working my way down the passenger side, and the results were astonishing in just a little time. I was able to see reflections and she looked amazing. Since it worked so well, I kept on going. By the end of the day, I had the passenger side and most



She is looking better than imagined and I'm extremely excited to continue the work. Updates to come and smiles to be had. Next steps are going to be working on some of the rust to prevent more surprises in the future. -Daniel McNamara









## The 1932 Ruxton Model C Sedan by Budd

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#### DETAILS

YEAR & MAKE - 1932 Ruxton MODEL NAME - Model C BODY TYPE - 4-Door, 5-Passenger Sedan BODY BY - Budd # CYLS. - V8 TRANSMISSION TYPE & NUMBER - 3-Speed Manual, Front Wheel Drive WEIGHT - 4,158 lbs ESTIMATED PRODUCTION - 81 Chassis No. 10C112 Engine No. 18S-191

#### THE FABULOUS RUXTON

The first production passenger car with front-wheel drive, the Ruxton features several design and engineering innovations. However, plagued first by manufacturing difficulties, then brought down by corporate intrigue and infighting, only 96 Ruxton automobiles were produced before going out of business after only eighteen months. Even the Ruxton name was a fiasco, intending to woo a potential investor who eventually did not participate in the company. Since front-wheel drive car designs do not have to accommodate the transmission and driveshaft of a rear-wheel drive configuration, Joseph Ledwinka's design features channels in the underbody into which the frame rails mount. The result is a car that is about ten inches lower than its contemporaries. It also eliminated the necessity of running boards.

The Ruxton was a front-wheel drive automobile produced by the New Era Motors Company of New York, New York, USA, during 1929 and 1930. The car was the brainchild of William Muller and was built in the Moon Motor Car factory in St. Louis, Missouri. Kissel Motors of Hartford, Wisconsin, also built a limited number of Ruxtons; it produced the car's transmission and running gear for its duration.

In production for less than a year, the short-lived Ruxton was one of the most ground breaking automobiles of its era, as the very first American car to be designed with front-wheel drive. Tracing its roots to the Budd coach building company of Philadelphia, the Ruxton was conceived by engineer William Muller, who was convinced the time had come for a frontally driven car. In 1926, he received approval to develop a prototype,





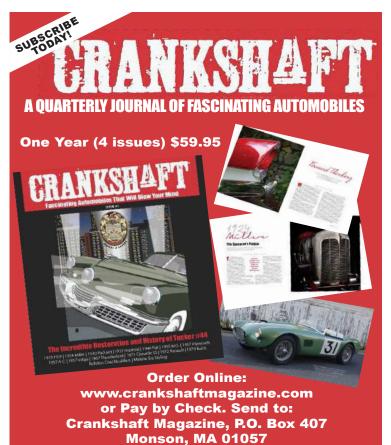


which he ingeniously equipped with a proprietary threespeed transmission that overcame the spatial constraints of a straight-eight engine by placing some of the gearing behind the differential (with the motor rotated 180 degrees from a standard layout).

In an era when the American automobile had an average height of 6 feet (1,800 mm) from the ground to the level plane of the roof, Muller's car was only 53 inches (1,300 mm) high, a feat accomplished by eliminating the drive shaft to the rear wheels. Ledwinka accentuated the lowness to ground through the elimination of the running boards.

Production officially began shortly after the stock market crashed, with the Moon Motor Car Company of St. Louis manufacturing the running gear and mounting sedan bodies produced by Budd to a design by Joseph Ledwinka (cousin of Tatra designer Hans Ledwinka); roadster and phaeton coachwork was by Baker-Raulang.

When Ruxton finally went on sale, some models sported Joseph Urban color schemes designed to lengthen the appearance of the car through broad bands of white intermixed with vivid colors such as blue, lavender, and navy blue. Many, but not all, Ruxtons featured the catlike Woodlight headlights; while sleek, their performance paled in comparison to normal headlights. Most Ruxton



(Include name, address, and email)



owners soon learned that they either drove their cars during the daylight, or had them retrofitted with normal headlights or auxiliary driving lights.

Much like the era's other front-wheel drive model, the Cord L-29, the Ruxton was a great idea at the worst possible time, and it was quickly upended by the Great Depression. Moon, Kissel, and other manufacturers involved in the model's production all faced bankruptcy within a matter of years, and by 1931, Moon had sunk into receivership, with just a few cars remaining on the production lines. According to the research of Ruxton authority and author Jim Fasnacht, no more than 96 Ruxtons were produced in total, most of which were sedans. The margue will forever be remembered as a pioneer of front-wheel drive technology and cutting-edge styling, and it has grown to be one of the most appreciated of the limited-production pre-war American independent automakers.

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#### **CHASSIS NUMBER 10C112**

According to the records of Ruxton experts, Mr. Fasnacht among them, chassis number 10C112 is believed to have been the penultimate Ruxton built and the last car sold, as the only one retailed in 1932. It is believed to









have been acquired from its original owner in 1952 by the Donlan family of Flint, Michigan. In the course of their 60 years of ownership, the car passed to Jack Donlan, who, through his interest in the car, became an established Ruxton expert who wrote many articles on the marque during his decades of collecting. Mr. Donlan drove and displayed this car frequently, including presentation at the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance during the late 1990s.

In 2013, the Ruxton was sold by the Donlans to the current owner, a well-known enthusiast and regular exhibitor in major concours d'elegance. A full restoration commenced shortly thereafter, supervised by Barry Wolk of Farmington Hills, Michigan, and addressing every mechanical and cosmetic component.

Every attempt was made to faithfully replicate the Ruxton's original configuration, including the sourcing of proper interior fabric from the factory's original supplier, Schumacher of New York City, which provided the correct Moire silk and plush grey cloth required. The body was carefully refinished by the respected Jocko McNeal of Monroe, Michigan, in the "rainbow" style penned for Ruxton by the well-known period architect and interior designer Joseph Urban, an appearance which emphasizes the car's low stance. Today, this is believed to be one of only five Ruxtons wearing the signature Urban paint design.

The comprehensive restoration was completed in mid-2014, just in time for the Ruxton celebration at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, where the car was accepted and presented. Sitting proudly among 17 of the 19 surviving Ruxtons, the sedan was warmly welcomed as part of the important reunion, even gracing the awards platform in the company of three other cars finished in the unique paint style. Later that year, the car won the Mayor's Cup when displayed locally at the St. Petersburg

Yacht Club's Vintage Motor Classic in Florida.

In March 2015, chassis 10C112 was presented at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, where it won the Sandra Alford Fashion Trophy. Additional accolades followed with the Spirit of Radnor award and the Fashion and the Automobile trophy at the 2015 Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance, as well as the Illumination Award at the Edison Concours d'Elegance, netting the car seven different awards over the course of just five showings. **HISTORY** 

The Ruxton is a forgotten manufacturer, often overlooked when considering early pioneers in automotive design and mechanics. One of their biggest automotive achievements was the use of front-drive automobiles. In 1966, Oldsmobile introduced the Toronado, a front-wheeldrive vehicle and the only American-built front-drive vehicle since the Cord. When Ruxton introduced their version, it was roughly the same time that Cord introduced theirs however it was Cord that survived longer.

William Muller, an employee of Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia and a racing engineer, was instrumental in the design and development of many of the components on the Ruxton. The body was styled by Budd Manufacturing Co's chief engineer Joseph Ledwinka. The resulting automobile was a large and luxurious automobile with the engine in the front and unconventionally powering the front wheels. Because it was front-drive, the vehicle was able to sit lower than most cars and lowering its center of gravity making it stable at speed.

Archie Andrews, a member of Budd's board of directors and a Wall Street financier was fascinated by the vehicle and immediately acquired the prototype. He approached Hupmobiles with hopes of having them produce it. When negotiations fell through, Andrews decided to produce the









vehicle himself. In 1929, he formed the New Era Motors Inc. He hired Muller as vice-president. Muller handled the engineering aspects while Andrews sought financial backing which he found in a New York stockbroker named William Ruxton. Andrews decided to name the automobile after his new found friend, unfortunately, Andrews never received any money from Ruxton.

Andrews approached Gardner Motor Co, located in St. Louis. Just like the incident with Hupmobiles, Gardner Motor Company showed desire but eventually pulled out of the deal. Disappointed, Andrews approached Marmon Motor Car Company located in Indianapolis. One the day the agreement was signed, the stock market crashed and Marmon Motor Car Company declined the agreement. Jordan, Stutz, and Pierce were approached by Andrews but none wanted to build the Ruxton. Finally, a deal was struck with the Moon Motor Car Company and by the middle of 1930, the Ruxton had begun producing.

The facilities, according to Muller, were unsuitable so Andrews approached the Kisser Motor Company concerning the use of their facilities. They agreed and soon the Ruxton was being produced in St. Louis at the Moon facility and in Hartford, Wisconsin at the Kisser Motor Company.

The engine that powered the Ruxton was a Continental 4.4 liter side-valve, straight-eight cylinder engine capable of producing 100 horsepower. The three-speed manual gearbox was of Muller-design and was rather unique. It was split with the second and third gears behind the worm-drive differential and the first and reverse gears in front of it.

A spare tire was mounted on the outside in front of the driver's door. There were no running boards and the fenders were long and slightly sloped. An optional 'Woodlite' headlamp was available.

The Great Depression was a difficult time for many. The ones that were hurt the most were the manufacturers that offered mostly high-priced, luxury automobiles. Since the Depression greatly reduced the amount of spending power of many individuals, they were often the first to go out of business. The Ruxton cost roughly \$3,000, a price tag that was out of the reach for most buyers. After about 500 examples were produced, Ruxton closed its doors and ceased production.

The proposed model particularly struck the fancy of Budd board member Archie Andrews, a notorious Wall Street baron who sat on the boards of several other car companies. Andrews pitched the new design for production to several automakers, but, with little interest, he founded his own company, New Era Motors of New York City, and appointed Muller as his vicepresident. Stockbroker William V.C. Ruxton was courted as an investor, and the model was eventually named after him despite his actual non-involvement in the project. Production officially began shortly after the stock market crashed, with the Moon Motor Car Company of St. Louis manufacturing the running gear and mounting sedan bodies produced by Budd to a design by Joseph Ledwinka (cousin of Tatra designer Hans Ledwinka); roadster and phaeton coachwork was by Baker-Raulang.

This sedan was the second-to-last Ruxton built and the last one sold. It wears a paint scheme designed to accentuate the distinctive low stance of the Ruxton by art deco progenitor Joseph Urban, an architect, illustrator and set designer contracted by the company. Urban also specified the use of fine silk and cloth by Schumacher of New York City for the interiors. Schumacher supplied the correct fabrics for the 2014 restoration. Only nineteen Ruxtons are known to have survived.







## **Letter from the Editor**

The heat of summer has arrived and school is out. There is time to work on the cars and take some for a ride. I love a lazy afternoon drive to Grand Bay or even over to Biloxi with a group of friends.

Shows are about to slow down because of the heat. But the summer does offer some very interesting shows across the south during the hot summer days. The Volkswagon club puts together a nice show under the oaks in Biloxi in mid July and the Blueberry Festival in June in Brewton is a show not to miss.

I am looking forward to some of the events the Executive Board has been working on. Paul threw out a bunch of ideas that the club seemed to like. Cruise-In at the clubhouse. Adopt-a-Mile to name a few.

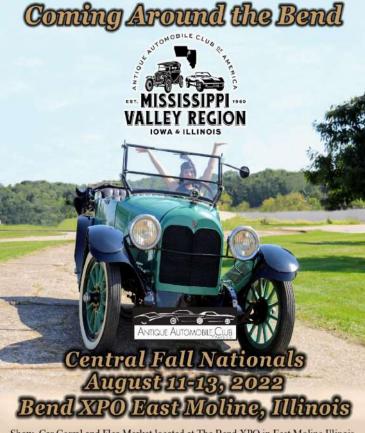
I personally love to hang out with each and every one of you. You all have something unique and interesting to offer. Social events are may favorite time to sit and catch up!'

We have acquired a few more cars in the past year and I have enjoyed getting back out to shows. Barrett seems to enjoy many of the ones we have attended lately. I love when someone invites Barrett to climb in their car. That just helps to grow his love for old cars

Tis the season to get out and enjoy!

See you on the road,

Charlotte



Show, Car Corral and Flea Market located at The Bend XPO in East Moline Illinois. Event Hotel, Hyatt House, East Moline, IL. Make reservations via phone by calling 309.755.6000 - reference group "G-MRCC".

Request Information @ mvraaca@gmail.com or go to our website MVR.AACA.COM Registration Deadline July 20th, 2022 Meet Chairman, Mark Lousberg mplousberg@hotmail.com Registration, Mary Bartemeyer mbartemeyer@yahoo.com 563.340.3266

#### **Market Place**

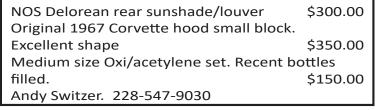
Ads in The Market Place section are free to members and will run for three months unless otherwise noted. Ads can consist of anything related to: For Sale – Want to Buy – Looking For Your ad(s) can run for an additional three months by contacting Charlotte Dahlenburg. Please submit new listings for The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



1928 Model "A" Ford Standard Roadster. Frequent local car show trophy winner, including several "Best of Show" awards. Many items and spare parts convey with car. Needs new clutch and right rear fender

repair. Car and conveying items \$15,000.00 as-is, where-is in Mobile, AL. Contact cashdollar521@msn.com.for pics, extensive list of conveying items, and restoration history.

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

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

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### **Nostalgia and Cars** By Wayne Tuck AACA National President

Interesting how some of us have an attraction to cars we have owned in the past. For me, and I'm sure for many others, I have an attraction to own cars that remind me of the happy times of my life.

Every time I see a Nash or

Hudson Metropolitan it reminds me of a time when I won my first car in a newspaper delivery boy contest that was aimed at keeping their older paper boy's on the job. It was a turquoise and white hard top that I still have photos of it today. I had a beautiful girlfriend (who happens to be my wife of 53 years today).

Life was good, 16 years old and oblivious to what was going on in the world and what perils I would face in the coming years. My older sister already had her driver's license, I still had a year to wait for that privilege, so I gave the car to her. Still today, every time I see one for sale, I'm tempted to buy it.

Then came that joyous time when the world opened up with all the joy that comes with driving. Freedom at last! A one year old 1965 Dodge Dart with a 170 CL slant six, three speed on the column, AM only radio, no carpet on the floor, it was about as basic transportation as you could get. Bench seats were perfect. Your girlfriend could snuggle over next to you. These kids that drive cars with center consoles today don't know what they're missing. We still had that car when we got married. Being in the military at that time, not being able to afford an expensive honeymoon, we drove the Dodge Dart to various locations.

Gettysburg was our first stop. Naturally, the events AACA has held in Gettysburg are all nostalgic to us. Life was all fun and games. I sure would like to still own that Dodge Dart today. Happy times!

Then came the most nostalgic car we ever owned. After a two year break from having any car available to drive and returning from an overseas deployment we decided to get an inexpensive but fun car to drive. It

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was the first year of the Volkswagen Super Beetle. We purchased a bright yellow convertible with a black top. With two years left to serve on active duty and a lot of free time available, we had a ball with that car. Over the next eight years, as we were blessed with three children, they were all driven home from the hospital in that car. As the saying goes "all good things must end someday" the car just wasn't built for a family of five. It was truly a sad day when I sold it and watched the taillights disappear going down the road.

However, this story has a happy ending; In 2015 we spotted an identical car for sale at a repair shop. This time we didn't hesitate to bring back the memories and have enjoyed many hours driving on AACA events. We even drive our grandchildren in this car.

This story could continue as we recently acquired an S-10 Chevy Blazer in memory of the 1983 model we bought the first year they were introduced. We find it interesting how we can relate the cars we have owned to the different phases of our life. Think about how different cars you have owned bring back memories of good times you have had. I call it "Car Nostalgia". Don't catch it, it can be addicting!



Four of Wayne Tuck's grandchildren in the VW Super Beetle Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA Rummage Box







#### **Casting Car Lovers & Car Restoration Experts!**

My name is Joe Pinzone and I am the casting director at Warm Springs Production. We are producing a car renovation series that is going into its second season called My Dream Car. The premise of the show is that we are looking for people who are in the process of gifting a car to a loved one that has significant meaning to them. We are looking for that car to have a connection with the person getting it, specifically, if it used to be their first car or it was a car that someone close to them used to own. Once the car has been identified, we would like a shop to be able to help touch it up (6-8 weeks max) which we can help with some costs while the rest comes from the owners. Stories we'd like to showcase are as followed:

Finding the exact car that someone used to own (can be exact by serial numbers or just the same color/model)

Restoring an older car that is on the property, but hasn't been used in years and that the person used to own or had been in the family for years;

Finding someone's dream car that they've always wanted to own or that maybe a family member used to own and now they want the same car;

We are also open to other stories that do resemble these. The keys are it being a surprise, dream car with a specific connection, and it being a gift.

This would be a great opportunity for a car restorer or dealership - who may have these types of clients to showcase their skills on television and highlight their business.

Interested applicants can email us at dreamcarcasting@ warmsprings.tv.

Speedster articles courtesy of AACA Speedster



#### "Citronelle Showdown" Car Show

By Larry Jordan – A Centennial celebration in Citronelle, Alabama on May 3 started off with the downtown merchants putting on their first annual car show on main street. There were live bands, arts and crafts, kid's games and Civil War soldiers marched, entertaining the crowd with different maneuvers of their muskets. This first show had awards for the "Top 25, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Truck, Peoples Choices and Best of Show. There were 42 vehicles judged with DSR being represented by E. Anderson winning a

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"Top 25" and 2 (L) Jordans who received two "Top 25" with their '67 Coronets. Hunting Season Over, Porch Repaired

It's been a standing joke among the members that as soon as hunting season was past the front porch would be refinished. Well, hunting season was over by April 19 and the work was completed on that same date.

Having been bribed by a fortifying breakfast at Leo's, Jim Martin led the eight guys, namely E. Anderson, P. Francis, R. Jones, E. Lunsford, B. Nelson, B. Paquet, C. Pugh and A. White across town to begin work. The front of the

### WHAT DEEP SOUTH REGION WAS DOING 25 YEARS AGO from the May 1997 Sparkplug

clubhouse has been pressure washed the day before. The porch was scraped, sanded, and had a new paint applied and new handrail was installed. Even the mailbox post got a new coat of paint after the rest of the building was pressure-washed. The doors between the old and new sections inside the clubhouse were removed and stored while several of the fellow's trimmed shrubbery and cleared downed tree limbs. In early May Gregg McDonnell and his landscaping crew cleaned the flower bed and put in all new plants.

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#### May

- 27 4th Friday Hot Rod Hangout at TCB Stop-N-Geaux, 16303 MS-53, Highway 53, Gulfport (Lyman) Ms. Just an ol' skool hot rod hangout spot, like back in the day. 6pm-till
- 27-30 39th Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Memorial Day Blouwout at Gulfport Dragway, 17085 Racetrack Rd. Grudge Racing ALL Weekend. Run What You Brung! \$40.00 per person all weekend / \$20 Sunday Only. call 228-392-8281.
- 28 Silverhill Memorial Car Show, Downtown Square, Silverhill, AL., 8am
- 28 Night Cruise-in Pascagoula, MS. Ingalls Engineering Complex, 3943 Denny Ave. (Hwy 90) next to KFC Pascagoula, MS Large Parking lot is 100% lighted, 5-8pm (March through September) Cruiser of the Month Award, 50/50 with door prize drawings from 50/50 tickets. For additional Info: Call, Bob Hand at 228-218-7218 Magnolia Classic Cruisers
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- 7th Annual St Clare Seafood Festival Classic Car show. The St. Clare Seafood Festival presents the 7th Annual Classic Car Show is held in conjunction with the annual festival. All proceeds benefit St. Clare Church. 8am-2pm Awards Registration begins at 8am. Awards at 2 pm. Entry Fee-\$20 until 5/20/2022 \$25 after this date. The festival provides all types of food, craft vendors, children's rides and activities, dash plaques and Top awards. Any questions, contact John at 228-596-2194 or Mary Ann at 228-342-9232. Hope to see you there!
- 28 Boulevard Cruisers' 4th Saturday Night Cruise-in. 6pm 9pm at the Burger King Parking Lot, Memorial Boulevard Picayune. 50/50 and Oldies Music! March thru October.
- 28 C&D Cruise in, Robertsdale, AL Last Saturday of the Month 5-8 pm. Sonic Drive in
- 28-29 Patawomack Adventure Park Hollerboyz Off-Road Memorial Day Trail Bash, 1pm Food, Music, Trails
- 29 Pensacola May Day Car Show, Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds, 6655 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola, FL., 3-8pm.

#### June

- 1-5 Jeepin the Coast 2022 Registration is open for JTC 2022! You have two options to select from when registering. JTC REGISTRATION = \$65 JTC REGISTRATION+Parade Pass = \$80 The first 500 registered will be put into a drawing for \$100.00 gas card giveaways.
- 4 UAF Meet & Greet and Bass Wars, 3404 Moffett Rd, Mobile, AL 6-9pm First Friday of the Month
- 4 **1st Saturday Night Cruise-in at Edgewater Mall** Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS. Join us for a casual get together where car – truck and motorcycle owners can socialize, dine and shop all at one location on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. 6pm – 9pm.Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664
- 5 Prayer Presence. All Vehicles Welcome. 351 Pass Road, Gulfport, MS.
  10 Boost & BBQ Car Meet Up 106 A South OWA Blvd 2nd Friday 5pm

- 10 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Edward's Discount Drugs, 103 W Frontage Rd., Lucedale, MS begins around 7:30 am until 10:30 am, so please join us. For more info call Mike Lachaussee at 228-369-1431
- 11 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.
- 11- 1st The Bridge at Pace Car Show, 4855 West Spencer Field Rd., Pace, FL., 9am
- 17 3rd Friday Night Cruise In Sonic Drive-In 2401 S McKenzie St, Foley 4:30-7:30pm
- Alabama Blueberry Festival & Car Show, Jennings Park, Brewton, AL., 8am-3pm. Special Guest: Dennis Gage. Info 251-867-3224
- 18 3rd Annual VFW Post 3253 Open Car & Truck Show at 208 Third St., Bay St. Louis, MS. Registration 8:30am – 12:30pm. \$25.00 Awards 2pm. Dash plaques to the first 60 vehicles. Awards: Top 25 Cars, Top 10 Trucks, 4 specialty awards – Best Car, Best Truck, Commanders Choice and Best of Show. information contact Bobby at 2280493-2033 or email: bslchief@yahoo.com
- 18 6th Annual Corn Festival Car Show at the Coastal Alabama Farmer's Fisherman's Market, 20733 Mifflin Rd/ Co Rd 20, Foley, Alabama 36535. Saturday, June 18, 2022, 8-2pm. Father's Day Weekend! Details: Registration- \$15 early bird / \$20 after June 1, 2022, register online at www.Coastal AlabamaMarket.com/events Or download PDF Form on the Mikes American Muscle Cars website www. MikesAmericanMuscleCars.com
- 18 Misfits Street Krewzers 3rd Saturday Cruise-in. 5pm 9pm. at the Harbor Bay St. Louis, MS
- 18 Camping World 2nd Annual Jeep Meet Vendors, Music, Food Trucks, Contest and More 21282 Hwy 59A, Robertsdale, AL
- 24 4th Friday Hot Rod Hangout at TCB Stop-N-Geaux, 16303 MS-53, Highway 53, Gulfport (Lyman) Ms. Just an ol' skool hot rod hangout spot, like back in the day. 6pm-till
- 24 26 20th Anniversary Scrappin The Coast one of the south's largest and premier car, truck and bike show. The show is held at The Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. Featuring an enormous outdoor show along with an indoor section within the coliseum. 2350 Beach Boulevard Biloxi, MS 39531 Info Myles P: 228-832-2688
- 25 4th Saturday Night Cruise-in Pascagoula, MS. Ingalls Engineering Complex, 3943 Denny Ave. (Hwy 90) next to KFC Pascagoula, MS Large Parking lot is 100% lighted, 5-8pm (March through September) Cruiser of the Month Award, 50/50 with door prize drawings from 50/50 tickets. For additional Info: Call, Bob Hand at 228-218-7218 Magnolia Classic Cruisers of Jackson County MS
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- 3 1st Sunday Night Youth For Christ Cruise-in. 6pm-8pm Praise Prayer Presence. All Vehicles Welcome. 351 Pass Road, Gulfport, MS.
- 4 Grand Bay Watermelon Festival Shine & Show Odd Fellow Festival Park, Grand Bay 8:30-3pm
- 8 2nd Friday Breakfast Cruise-in at Edward's Discount Drugs, 103 W Frontage Rd., Lucedale, MS begins around 7:30 am until 10:30 am, so please join us. For more info call Mike Lachaussee at 228-369-1431
- 8-10 Jubilee Jeep Jam Spanish Fort
- **9 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.
- **15 2nd Friday Boost & BBQ Car Meet Up** 106 A South OWA Blvd 5pm -?
- **3rd Friday Night Cruise In Sonic Drive-In** 2401 S McKenzie St, Foley 4:30-7:30pm
- 15-16 11th Annual Red Creek Classic Car Appreciation Picnic Cruise-in & SWAP MEET at Flint Creek Water Park, Highway 29, Wiggins, MS. Friday, July 15th – Local stamping stops for prizes. Friday night cruise-in. Saturday, July 16th – 8 am – 4 pm 11th Car Club Appreciation Day Picnic & Cruise-in. NOT A SHOW & NO AWARDS. All Car Clubs and independents are invited to attend – there will be hamburgers, hot dogs & cold drinks.
- 15-16 Bubba Cruz Cruise and Car Show, 60234 Lottie Rd., Atmore, AL.
- **16** Misfits Street Krewzers 3rd Saturday Cruise-in. 5pm 9pm. at the Harbor Bay St. Louis, MS
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- **28-30 Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruizin** at the Dalton Convention Center. The city of Dalton is looking forward to seeing all of you at the event July 28-30, 2022. The official Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruizin website is undergoing changes that will be complete in the upcoming weeks.
- **30 C&D Cruise in,** Robertsdale, AL Last Saturday of the Month 5-8 pm. Sonic Drive in

#### August

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Nelson's King of Cheese Steaks. 11 Pass Road, Gulfport, MS. Starts at 1pm.

- 2nd Saturday Cruise-Nite at Wendy's 1051 East Frontage Rd, Wiggins, MS 39577. 4pm – 8pm. Hosted by the Red Creek Classic Car Club. Everyone Welcome. Info call Charlie Farmer 601-528-1172
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#### September

- 2 UAF Meet & Greet and Bass Wars, 3404 Moffett Rd, Mobile, AL 6-9pm First Friday of the Month
- **3 OWA Labor Day Car Show,** Downtown OWA, 1501 S. OWA Blvd, Foley, AL., 8am-4pm . Early entry \$30.00 before August 25th
- 3 1st Saturday Night Cruise-in at Edgewater Mall Hwy 90, Biloxi, MS. Join us for a casual get together where car – truck and motorcycle owners can socialize, dine and shop all at one location on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. 6-9pm. This monthly event is hosted by the Coast Cruizers, Gulf Coast MotorSports Magazine, AutoZone and the Merchants of Edgewater Mall. Info "JR" 228 314-4405 or Jimbo 228 596-0664
- **3-4** Gulf Coast Motor Show Bike, Car & Truck Show, The Grounds, 1035 Cody Rd. N, Mobile, AL . Info at 251-610-5395
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- 9th Annual Knights Of Columbus Classic Car & Truck Show at Annunciation Church 5370 Kiln-Delisle Road. Registration fee \$25.00, 8:00 am-11:30 am, Awards for top 30 Cars (Pre-1949-1989) Top 10 Trucks. Top 5 Cars 1990-2022. Food and beverages will be served at 11:00 am. See you there! For additional info: contact: Richard Hoda : (228) 493-7416 Email: hodar1@aol.com Rain-Out Date Saturday, October 29, 2022
- **3rd Friday Night Cruise In Sonic Drive-In** 2401 S McKenzie St, Foley 4:30-7:30pm
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- **23-25 Fords in the Fall Car Show,** Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds, 6655 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola, FL. Ford and Ford powered vehicles.
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#### Source: popculturemadness.com and Funtrivia.com

October, 1929, the Stock Market crashes. Fortunes of investors around the world are destroyed. President Herbert Hoover, an Iowa native, is President of the United States. Many eventually blame him for the plight of Americans. Unemployed and homeless people live in shantytowns they name "Hoovervilles."

In 1931, the "Star Spangled Banner" becomes the country's official national anthem.

1931: Gangster Al ("Scarface") Capone is convicted of tax evasion after years of involvement in bootlegging and gambling, mostly in Chicago. In 1933, the nation repeals the constitutional amendment prohibiting the making, selling, possessing and consuming of alcoholic drinks.

1932: Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a democrat from New York, defeats Hoover for the presidency.

1932: Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1937 she is lost over the Pacific on a round-the-world flight. Her plane and the bodies of Earhart and her navigator are never found.

In the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, a black Alabama native educated at Ohio State University, Jesse Owens, wins four gold medals.

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# Early 1930 Cars

1930 Cadillac V16 Madame X Sedan Cabriolet 1938 Buick Y Job 1936 Buick Special Model 48 2-Door Touring Sedan 1931 Maclaughlin-Buick Series 90 Convertible Coupe 1932 Chevrolet Confederate BA 4-Door Sedan 1933 Pontiac Eight Convertible 1938 Oldsmobile L-38 Convertible Coupe 1938 Pontiac Silver Streak 1931 Model Ford A 1936 Ford Brewster Town Car 1930 Lincoln K Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton 1934 Chrysler Airflow 1931 Chrysler Imperial Club Sedan 1936 Desoto Airstream Custom 4-Door Convertible 1931 Plymouth Model PA Touring Car 1934 BMW 303 Ihle Sport Roadster 1934 Mercedes Benz 500 K Roadster



# 1930 Slang



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All the way ...... Chocolate cake or fudge with ice cream Babe, broad, dame, doll, frail, twist, muffin, kitten......Woman Bean shooter, gat, rod, roscoe, heater, convincer......Gun Blinkers, lamps, pies, shutters, peepers.....Eyes Buzzer.....Police badge Cats or alligators.....Fans of swing music Chicago typewriter, chopper, gat"Tommy Gun"......Thompson Submachine Gun Copper.....Policeman Dil-ya-ble.....A phone call Egg.....A crude person Five spot, a Lincoln.....\$5 bill Genius.....An extremely, unbelievably, dumb persons **Golddigger** ....Attractive young woman actively hunting for a rich man Hard boiled.....Tough Joe.....A average guy Lunger.....Someone with tuberculosis

#### Firsts, Inventions and Wonders:

In 1930, 58 percent of all U.S. farms have cars, 34 percent have telephones, less than 20 percent own a tractor and less than 13 percent have electricity.

Federal policy encourages road building to help move agricultural products from farms and small-town cooperatives to larger markets. In 1935, the Motor Carrier Act brought trucking under federal regulation. Farmers see an increase in the use of trucks to haul crops and livestock to market.

In 1939, the first commercial air flight crosses the Atlantic Ocean, and the helicopter is invented.

During the 1930s, boxing matches are so popular, they spur the sales of radios. Friday Night Fights are an institution.

In 1934, Arthur W. Mitchell – who was born in Alabama and moved to Chicago – becomes the first black Democrat in the House of Representatives (Illinois 1935-1943).

Prominent 1930s artists include Thomas Hart Benton, Grant Wood, John Steuart Curry, Georgia O'Keeffe, Edward Hopper, Frida Kahlo and controversial Mexican artist Diego Rivera. The Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building and Rockefeller Center were completed in the 1930s. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, a Wisconsin native, builds the famous "Fallingwater" house in Pennsylvania.

#### Top 10 novels:

- Afternoon Men by Anthony Powell 1.
- Burmese Days by George Orwell 2.
- The death of the Heart by Elizabeth Bowen 3.
- Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier 4.

# What is Your Money Worth?

Shoulder of Ohio Spring lamb 17 cents per pound Ohio 1932 Sliced Baked Ham 39 cents per pound Ohio 1932 Dozen Eggs 18 Cents Ohio 1932 Coconut Macaroons 27 cents per pound Ohio 1932 Bananas 19 cents for 4 Pounds Ohio 1932 Jumbo Sliced Loaf of Bread 5 cents Maryland 1939 Spinach 5 cents a pound Maryland 1939 Applesauce 20 cents for 3 cans New Jersey Bacon, 38 cents per pound New Jersey Bread, white, 8 cents per loaf New Jersey Ketchup, 9 cents New Jersey Sugar, 49 cents for 10 pounds New Jersey Wieners 8 cents per pound Ohio 1932 Pure lard 15 cents per pound Wisconsin 1935 Hot Cross Buns 16 Cents per dozen Texas 1939 Peanut Butter 23 cents QT Ohio 1932 Bran Flakes 10 cents Maryland 1939 Clifton Toilet Tissue 9 cents for 2 rolls Ohio 1932 Camay Soap 6 cents bar Ohio 1932 Tooth paste 27 cents Wisconsin 1933 Lux Laundry Soap 22 cents Indiana 1935

- Right Ho, Jeeves by PG Wodehouse 5.
- 6. Roque Male by Geoffrey Household
- Stamboul Train by Graham Greene 7.
- 8. Tender is the Night by F Scott Fitzgerald
- 9. The Murder at the Vicarage by Agatha Christie
- 10. Vile Bodies by Evelyn Waugh

#### Other Books of Note:

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner (1930) ...

The Waves by Virginia Woolf (1931) ...

Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons (1932) ...

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley (1932) ...

#### 1930 United States Census:

Total U.S. population is about 123 million in 1930. The estimated U.S. farm population stands at a little more than 30 million. The number of farms in the U.S. peaks in 1934, and the average farm size is about 350 acres.

#### Sports:

Sports in the 1930s was still as exciting as ever, with many records getting smashed. We also saw two extremely talented Joes: Joe Louis and Joe DiMaggio.

As with everything else, The Depression took its toll on sports. Most everyone took a salary cut and all ballpark



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renovations were suspended. There was even talk of postponing the Winter Olympics.

And no one will ever forget the triumph of Jesse Owens, winning four gold medals in the face of Hitler and his Aryanism at the 1936 Olympics.

And he wasn't the only one. Joe Louis lost to and then came back again to beat Max Schmeling in a virtual USA vs Germany pre-WWII battle in the ring. The Louis-Schmeling fights were some of the most important in boxing history.

#### Interesting...

3M employee Richard Drew invents Scotch Brand Cellulose Tape in 1930. Today, it is widely known simply as "Scotch Tape."

The Mickey Mouse comic strip debuts in the January 13, 1930, edition of the New York Mirror.

The Boulder Dam (today known as "Hoover Dam") is completed 2 years ahead of schedule on March 1, 1936.

Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson, Babe Ruth, and Honus Wagner become the first inductees into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936.

The German airship Hindenburg is destroyed while attempting to land at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station on May 6, 1937.

Superman debuts in Action Comics #1 in June 1938.

Gone with the Wind wins the Academy Award for "Best Picture" in 1939.

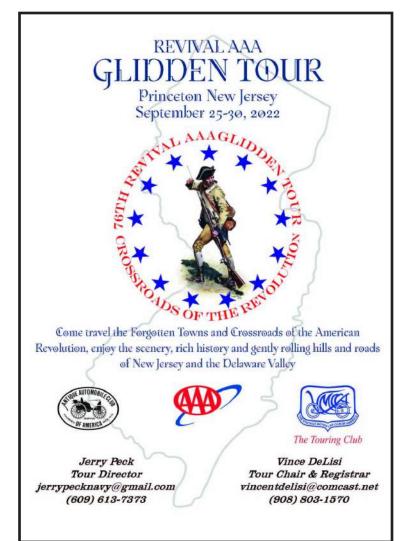


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The following members are the club's voting representative and alternate: Charlotte Dahlenburg, Zeno Chaudron and Dan Jacobson. The next Auto Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting is scheduled for July 13. If you have any questions, please direct them to your representative only.

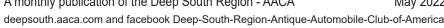
Mark September 24 at 8 am for the Annual Packing Party held at the Coliseum in Gulfport and please take time out in October to enjoy and volunteer when the Club asks for your assistance.

Thanks very much for your volunteer time for the event. Your help is what makes this event happen. Charlotte

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# National Car Shows

#### May

**22-25** Eastern Divisional Tour (1997 or earlier) Johnstown, PA - Flood City Region

#### June

16-18 - Eastern Spring Nationals - Becklty, WV White Water 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 New Jersey - New Jersey Region

#### October

- **4-7** Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey PA Hershey Region **February 2023**
- 9-11 AACA Annual Convention Philadelphia, Pennsylvania March
- **9-11** Winter Nationals Tallahassee, Florida, Tallahassee Region

#### April

- 6-8 Southeastern Spring Nationals Charlotte NV Hornets Nest Region
- **30-May 3** Southeastern Divisional Tour Oak Ridge, Tennessee - East Tennessee Region

#### May

**18-20** Eastern Spring Nationals - Gettysburg, PA, Gettysburg Region



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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