

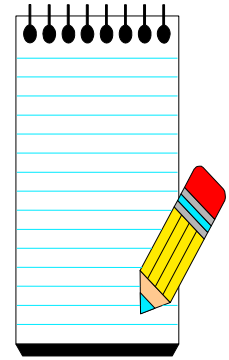
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Things you “auto” know in 2011

- Apr. 28** DSR monthly meeting in clubhouse at 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 30** Spanish Fort (AL) Spring Showcase Car & Truck Show at Fitzpen Place—11247 Hwy 31 (1 mi E of Hwy 181 on left) Registration 9-11, Judging 11-2. DOS registration fee \$ 20 Top 30 Awards 15 “Best of” Awards. Info: 251/621-6665
- Apr. 30** 16th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet Southern Mopar Association and Mark Dodge present Mopars at the Battleship Rain or shine All proceeds go to the Mulherin Custodial Home. All vehicles must be Mopar/AMC Powered. Pre-/registration is \$25.00 (includes show shirt). Registration day of show is \$30.00 (no free shirt). Registration from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. Judging begins at 12 noon. There is a \$2.00 parking fee to enter Battleship Park
- May 1 (Sun)** Swap Meet, Cruise-In, Test & Tune Benefit for terminal CA patient. Hosted by Southern Gassers Racing Assoc. 50/50 Pot, DoorPrizes, Bake Sale, Raffle. Info: Pat McCabe 251/490-5773
- May 2 (Mon)** “Relay for Life” Benefit sponsored by Charlie’s Classic Cars at The Lighthouse Restaurant—12495 Padgett Switch Road (Exit 10 off I-10, go South apx 8 mi on the left) 4 pm until? Lighthouse Dinner Specials, 50/50 Drawing, Door Prizes.
- May 26** Monthly meeting in clubhouse
- June 4** Wilson’s BBQ—Sign up at April/May meetings

Check out the Deep South Region Website at <http://local.aaca.org/deepsouth/>

A few April notes from your DSR Prez...



I hope all of you are doing well as summer seems to be fast approaching. The year is moving right along as we are down the three (3) weeks until our 28th annual Mother's Day Car Show. I thought, "28 years running, WOW!" For our, or any, car show - the number of people it takes to make it happen - not as easy a task as some would believe. We've been members for only three years as of this year's car show, but for Rheba and myself, the people we've met and gotten to know has been a great experience. I thought about all the people who have made this Club what it is from the beginning to the present and encouraged my son and his family to join AACAA and DSR. I hope it will rub off on my grandchildren and they will enjoy the history behind the automotive industry. It is HUGE!

It takes every member working together to make not only car shows, outings and other events successful but working together in one accord to make anything progress successfully as DSR has done here is a good place to say that in addition to the Askews and the Trey Chaudrons, we now have Ken and Traci Jordan as new members. I look forward to reading all about them in the next newsletter and I know you will welcome them to our DSR family.

It is with great relief that I can tell you that our "northern" members, the Givens and the Suttees, came through the twister that touched down in the Deer Park/Vinegar Bend area without personal harm for which we can all be thankful. Wishing all of you a blessed Easter and hoping to see as many of you as possible at the April 28th meeting.

Zeno

Members turned out to hear speaker at March meeting

By Patt Paquet



Dennis C. Lassiter, a fellow automotive lover, was the guest speaker at last month's meeting drew no less than 30 members to hear what he had to say about the "business". He has been involved with vehicles since he was a teenager (I won't tell when that was) and loves it more today than he did then.

Life experiences have taught Dennis a lot and he was happy to share not only his good times but also the bad ones as well with those in attendance. He told how to, or not, buy an older car - those things that you should be aware of and the questions you need to ask. In doing so, he related a number of hilarious ante-dotes that happened to him over the years and how to avoid those same mistakes. Although he did note the mistakes were good teachers.

With today's economy, he mentioned that strangely enough, well-restored or original antique and collector cars have held their own. He has been in affiliated with the Continental Classic Car Museum, a private enterprise, in west Mobile for quite a while and says he loves coming to work. How many of us can say that? He and the owner met by coincidence when the owner bought a car in Pennsylvania and when he received the paper work, Dennis, living up near Jackson, AL, was listed as the previous owner. This led to a working relationship, which is not only mutually beneficial but also to a long-lasting friendship.

DSR members appreciate Dennis staying after work to attend our meeting and sharing his expertise with us.

Please remember to bring your soft drinks/water to the April meeting so car show organizers will know what the inventory is. If you feel you are do not wish to handle the load, you can give a check to Walt Fuller who will purchase the items in your name.

**Deep South Region AACA General Membership Meeting
March 24, 2011**

President Z. Chaudron called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with 30 members, five officers and 1 guest in attendance. He asked Chaplin K. Crowell for the invocation then led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The President then introduced our guest speaker, Dennis Lassiter, representing the Classic Car Museum, a private collection, who gave a very interesting talk on his experiences with old cars. He shared his great knowledge of restoring, buying, selling, etc., of vintage automobiles.

Old Business: *President Chaudron* spoke briefly on the upcoming Mother's Day Car Show, asking members to help promote it as often as possible. *VP Walt Fuller* had no old business. He then put on the Car Show Chairman's hat to give an update on the May car show, re-emphasizing the Prez's comment of how important it is to get fliers out to any place they might be seen. Treasurer Bobby Peterson noted that the sponsorship money from Advance Auto Parts had been received. Secretary Betty Wilson offered the floor to John Pendergrass who was Acting Secretary for most of 2010 to ask for approval of the November and December 2010 minutes which were yet to be accepted. Motion was made, seconded and passed to approved as were distributed to members. Activities Coordinator Foy Bobo had no old business. Peter Pearce, Member-at-Large was absent due to Toni's continued recuperation from broken bones. WebMaster Herb Thoms announced a car show on May 28 in Silverhill, AL to benefit those affected by a recent tornado for anyone interested in attending

New Business: Our *President* welcomed new member, Wayne Askew. At this time, Jim Henderson stated that DSR's youngest member and his granddaughter, was at the meeting which received a round of applause. *VP Fuller* had no new business. *Secretary B. Wilson* asked for approval of the February minutes as printed in the March News Bulletin. Motion made, seconded and approved. *B. Peterson, Treasurer*, had provided the March financial statement for review. It was mentioned that a cost of \$56 dollars was showing for fliers for the Homebuilders Show. J. Henderson offered to check on this as he understood that there would be no charge for this. He will let us know at the April meeting. A motion to accept the report as given was made, seconded and approved. *Activities Chair Foy Bobo* asked for discussion on date for the Wilson Bar-B-Q. June 4th at 1:15 was agreed upon, and motion made, seconded and passed on date and to make this an official club function. *WebMaster Thoms* reported pictures of the Home Builders Car Show are posted on the DSR website.

Announcements: Ed Grimes and his T-Bird received Steak & Shake's Car of the Month Award. A new member who was unable to be in attendance, son of our President, Trey Chaudron, was added to our roll. The drawing for the 50/50 Pot was held followed by a motion to adjourn which was second and passed.

Betty Wilson
Secretary

Old Fords never die...and sometimes they don't even fade away

By Tom Godfrey

My father bought a 1929 Ford Model A standard coupe that had the top cut off and a bad engine for \$35 back in 1958. He towed it home and parked it in the driveway. His Dad, a salesman for the local Ford dealer, came home and asked why that "piece of junk" was where he usually parked his car.

Dad rebuilt the engine as a part of his auto-mechanics course in Teacher's College. When he was about to get married in 1959, he gave the car to my Uncle George (my Mom's brother). George fixed up the car and made a canvas top for it. He used it to drive to the same Teacher's College where the engine was rebuilt. The car then sat in his garage until 1973 when George traded it for a 1929 Ford Model A Tudor owned by Elmo Hubbard of Lyons, NY.

The Tudor was more complete on the exterior, but had no interior upholstery. George started the car every couple of years until 2006 when I purchased it. I had it transported from New York to Spanish Fort, AL.

The 53' closed trailer arrived with the car inside and a nice layer of rust on the floor that had shaken loose during the 1600-mile trip.

I cleaned the car and cleared the coolant passages; added a new radiator and shell, replaced the wiring and installed new headlights. After replacing the battery, I was able to turn over the engine, but sadly it wouldn't come to life.

I noticed that some stuffing-type material was on the ground behind the car but didn't think much about it. As more stuffing material appeared with small cherry pits, I realized that mice must have built a nest in the tailpipe.

With the help of water and compressed air, I was able to blow out the nest. The car started once the exhaust obstruction was gone!

I located some good wheels and tires. I also renewed the brake bands and installed seat belts (I have a family!). Recently, installed a new headliner that my uncle had in a box for at least the past 30 years (it's good as new). Who would have thought it could have lasted that long?



Now, I am enjoying driving the car with my wife and children aboard on weekends and once in a while, I drive it to work just for the fun of it.

2011 Mother's Day Car Show Update

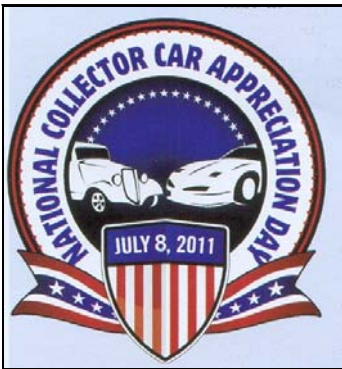
By Walt Fuller

Work is proceeding according to plans at this date. Thanks to members attending other club's events, fliers are being passed out at every opportunity, pre-registrations are coming although somewhat slowly (as usual) and the trophies and dash plaques are on order.

I am continuing to think positively we will have representatives from Advance Auto Parts and/or The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at our April 28th meeting. However, the nearest JFDR office is in Pensacola and those from Advance Auto Parts, if available, that will address the group have multiple obligations. Unfortunately, we may have to wait for show day to shake their hands and let them know we are grateful to have them as our sponsor.

Lastly, a sign-up sheet will be at our monthly meeting for members to choose the area they wish to work in. If you cannot make the meeting, call me (602-1931) before or ASAP to get first choice of duties. Otherwise assignments will be made as you come in on the day of our show.

Second Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day set for July 8



The SAN (SEMA Action Network) is proud to announce July 8m 2011 as Collector Car Appreciation Day. This will be the second celebration in what will become an annual event to

raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society. The SAN is now working to secure a Congressional resolution to recognize the day's significance.

SAN encourages enthusiasts all over the nation to commemorate Friday, July 8 as Collector Car Appreciation Day. To help, SAN is compiling a list of events happening around the country on that date. It doesn't matter how big or small the events are, SAN wants to know about it. To view an updated list of events to date, visit www.semasan.com/collector-carappreciationday.

Excerpted from Driving Force, official newsletter of the SEMA (Specialty Equipment Marketing Association) April 2011 issue.

House approves SEMA-supported measure to suspend EPA-15 program, Senate action next

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a provision to prevent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from using agency funds to permit an increase in the amount of ethanol content in gasoline to 15% (E15). The provision is part of a larger bill to fund the federal government during fiscal year 2011, which must also be approved by the U. S. Senate. SAN requested this action and worked hard to secure the vote. When signed into law by the President, this timely legislation will protect automotive enthusiasts and consumers from mis-fueling and other unnecessary harm. On behalf of millions of auto enthusiasts across the country, SAN applauds the House of Representatives for acknowledging the need for more unbiased and independent testing on the impact of E15 on vehicles and engines. The SAN is now working to help pass a newly introduced bill (H.R. 748) to repeal the EPA E15 program altogether. SAN will continue to take protective steps in Washington, D.C. to oppose E15 until there are conclusive scientific findings that demonstrate it will not harm vehicles of any age as a result of corrosion or other chemical compatibilities.

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Mobile Bay Mustang Club presents 18th Annual Camellia Classic Car Show

By Dick Cashdollar & Clyde Smith

Dick: In the 320 cars registered for this show, there were many never seen before in mobile - from distant homes in both Florida and Mississippi. There were at least 60 Corvettes, 20 of which were from one Pensacola, FL club. New procedures for entering the Bellingrath Gardens grounds caused a massive backup of show cars at the gate and long waits to get in. Those long waits at idle speed also produced many cars dangerously close to over-heating by the time the gauntlet was cleared. The Mustang Club received numerous complaints about this.

Clyde: Janet and I didn't get to go so we missed the above snafu but our grandson, Shane, having expressed a desire to participate, took our 1972 Mustang to the show and got a first place trophy. He is a Senior at Theodore High School and also has a Mustang modified for drag racing at the Irvington Drag Strip.

Dick: There was a good turnout from DSR: Some of the Henderson clan, the Musgroves, Richard and Sylvia White, Ed McCusker (doing the 50-50 as always) Charlie Lyles (judging, as always) Bob Gechijian (first-in-class, as always) and probably some others I missed. I was pleased to get a second in a very competitive class (glad I had the new interior installed!) The big winner of the day was Jim Henderson to who the Treadwell Ford Sponsor's Award with his 1951 Ford Crestliner.

First Annual Moffet Road Baptist Church Car Show By Dick Cashdollar

What a difference from last weekend...320 cars, 60 'Vettes at the Camellia Classic to one Corvette (mine) and 43 cars at this show.

Another start-up church sponsored car show for the Mobile area. Nice folks raising money for to support a Youth Mission trip to Costa Rica.

A scorcher of a day that makes me wonder what the late May shows will be like if it's this hot in early April! Thankfully the parking lot was rimmed by a lot of big oaks so there was plenty of shade.

A number of vendors and lots of food plus an effort to get us out of there before 2 pm – elements of the show that were appreciated by all.

Decent judging, but small award plaques (I guess representing the fact that this really was a church fund raiser.). I was pleased my 'Vette got a "Top 20" award, especially since I have put in a lot of work and \$\$ on it recently.

They say they will do this again next year and hope for a larger crowd. I hope they do have it again in 2012 – I'll plan to be there.



A grateful "Thank you" to all my DSR friends...

...with all my heart, I want to say that the Lord put some wonderful people in His world. Everyone who is lucky enough to know them sees God's Love shining through their goodness.

All of you are some of those wonderful people who have kept me going through my trials and tribulations. Thank you for caring.

My best to you always,
Barbara McCusker

Just a few things for the ladies...

Expanding Frosting: When you use "store-bought" frosting, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double the size, frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount – plus you get less sugar or calories per serving.

Measuring Cups: Before you put a sticky substance in a measuring cup, fill it with *hot* water. Dump the water but don't dry the cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter, and watch how easily it comes out.

Goodbye Fruit Flies: To get rid of pesky fruit flies, fill a small glass with about ½" of Apple Cider vinegar and 2 drops of dishwashing liquid, mix well. You will find the flies drawn to the glass and gone!

Re-opening envelopes: If you seal an envelope before you put everything inside, just put it in the freezer for an hour or two. It will unseal easily.

Getting rid of ants: Put small piles of cornmeal where you see the ants. They eat it, take it "home" can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains, but no harm to children/pets.

Re-heating pizza: Put it in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove. Set burner to medium-low, heat to desired temp. This keeps the crust crispy.

Broken glass: Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little pieces of broken glass –fibers catch what you don't see.

"Squirrel away": To keep these pests from eating your plants, sprinkle cayenne pepper around them. The squirrels won't come near it, plants unharmed.

No more mosquitoes? It is said that if you put a dryer sheet in your pocket, it will keep these hateful buggers away. No guarantee, but worth a try if you are out in the late evening.

4th Annual Racer's Swap Meet & Open Car Show By Nosey Norma

This event, according to organizers – Bob's Speed Shop and Mobile International Speedway – is a work in progress, in that it continues to grow a little bigger every year. It benefits the Rape Crisis Center, a very worthy cause.

The car show drew about 75 entries – antiques to modern and everything in between. The vender/swap meet group increased this year, too.

March 19th was a good weekend to get out all your not-ever-going-to-use-this stuff or your favorite ride. DSR member supporters this year were none other than Bob Gchijian who took Best of Show in the 1951-72 class with his 1958 Chevy Corvette convertible and Pete Pearce who loaded up all of the aforementioned treasurers hoping someone would need them more than he.



According to a spokeswoman with the Rape Crisis center, approximately \$3,000+- will go into the coffers of the RCC which offers 24-hour service to survivors of sexual assault and abuse as well as their families in Mobile, Washington and Clarke counties. Anyone in need of their services can call (251)473-7273 for help.

You might be a car enthusiast if...

- ...you've ever rebuilt a transmission in your bathtub
- ...you have your car's VIN tattooed on your body
- ...your local salvage yard owner calls you when some "good" comes in.
- ...your kitchen table has more grease on it than your engine.
- ...you've ever had to drag race to defend your sister's honor.

Kappa Sigma's Military Heroes Campaign Car Show By Herb Thoms

This event was designed to honor and aid the thousands of wounded military veterans returning from active duty. The campaign focuses, in particular, on providing charitable assistance to the Fisher House Foundation, a segment of the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund that provides free housing to wounded veterans and their families throughout the duration of rehabilitation.

"The goal of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity Military Heroes Campaign is to raise \$200,000 for the Fisher House Foundation during the 2009-2011 biennium."

As a part of this effort, the Sigma Nu chapter of Kappa Sigma at the University of South Alabama held a "Cruise-In for Military Heroes" on April 16th at the Mitchell Center parking lot on the USA campus. It was quite unique, with these fine young men and their helpers putting on an event for us old guys and our old wheels. It was something that made you feel good about the young people we have in Mobile. This was the first time for these young folks to try something like this and it was a good effort.

Representing DSR at the Mobile site were Bobby Peterson and the Thoms.

According to the Sigma Nu's facebook page, they raised somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2800. Congratulations, guys!

