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Deep South Region car show is a "100-pointer"

by Ernie Youens

For the past 18 years, on the Saturday before Mother's Day, the DSR has had a car show at the clubhouse. Each year, the cars being entered for judging or just being displayed for spectator's enjoyment are of a higher quality. And to cap it all, we are getting a more refined group with smiles and appreciation for each other's restorations.

This year, the club voted to go with an open show rather than the "25 years or older" type we've done lately. This brought several very beautifully done modified cars to the show. We even had a couple of outstanding replicas on display. I tried to mingle with the owners of the cars as much as possible. I found them to be friendly and praising of the show. I didn't hear a single complaint or negative remark.

In addition to the congeniality of the folks attending the show was the grand weather we had. Sunny, but not hot, just pleasantly warm with a breeze from across the lake at Langan Park. Some competitors were already there when the registration opened at 8 o'clock. I am told the final count was 81 vehicles, some extraordinary, for the judges to work with. When the dust settled, there were approximately 50-odd trophies presented and ten new Prestige Awards given to cars scoring 95 or more points.

This year's Chairman, Eddie Anderson, did a great job heading up the event. He had the members well

organized and the entire affair came off without a hitch. Eddie also did a fine job as M.C. at the awards presentation.

Every DSR member there worked and contributed to the success of the show. Even those who were unable to attend did their part by supplying some very nice door prizes. Hershel and Frances Whigham assumed the duty of making sure the hard-working judges had plenty of nourishment to sustain them through their task. What a spread those two put out; hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, banana pudding and cold drinks! After all was said and done, there was enough for all DSR workers to eat.

Some of our faithful members were notably absent. Buddy and Patt Paquet were missing due to his having had major surgery the week before. As of this writing, he seems to be recovering nicely but has a long way to go before he is fully active again. Cecil and Lucille Nettles were also AWOL. He had to have a MRI so I guess we can change it to "Absent With Leave" in this case.

This was one of the most orderly and pleasant shows I've attended in a long time. Our club can be proud of itself. All the members who contributed in any way can give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done. Two others who deserve a pat on the back are our Prez, Leah Musgrove and her "first man" Bill. This year is really a winner!!



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Keeping the pedal to the metal...

The Steering Column

By Leah Musgrove



DSR held its 18th annual Mother's Day Show on May 12th at the club-house on Forest Hill Drive. Eddie Anderson pulled off a great show this year with the help of many fellow members. The weather was gorgeous and the cars entered in the show were of exceptional quality. There were many new Prestige Award winners this year. We had a total of 80-something registrations and there were quite a few spectators as well. I'm sure nearly everyone who attended enjoyed the day. I would like to express my thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the show a success.

Now it's time to focus on the Hooters show in October. Pat Francis, Ross Sloan and Billy Blair will need your participation and assistance to put on a winning show. I know they can count on you all.

Keep in mind our Activities Directors are always looking for good places to go for our monthly outings. If you have a place in mind, please contact Joyce or Theresa and run it past them.

There was a brief discussion at last month's meeting on changing the time to start our meetings from 7:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The item was tabled until this month in order to give members time to think about what they want to do as well as give those who were not there the opportunity to be at the May meeting and cast their vote. It will be on this month's agenda so please be prepared to give your opinion.

It looks as if our family will be a little fragmented this next week or so. My sister is having surgery in Dallas on May 22nd and if all goes well, I will see you at the monthly meeting. But if I am not there, Eddie can and will do a good job as Vice President. Bill is going on to the Sentimental Tour in Virginia without me but I have made him promise to take notes and tell us all about it in the June newsletter.

Continue to remember our members who are not well and need your thoughts and prayers. After all, we are family. Until I see you next time, hold it in the road and happy motoring!!!!

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A matter of record

Minutes

Deep South Region, A.A.C.A. Meeting April 28, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Leah Musgrove, President, with 30 members and one visitor present. She then expressed regret on the death of Ed Lunsford; and accepted a check in the amount of \$200.00 from Lambert Mims to be added to the Joan Lunsford Beautification Fund. Due to the generosity of the Lunsford family; and their appreciation to Lambert Mims for his comments at the funerals of Joan and Ed we now have a total of \$400.00 in this account.

Lambert Mims, chaplain, gave the invocation.

OLD BUSINESS: President Leah asked Eddie Anderson to give an update on the upcoming car show. Eddie advised that he has bought some plaques at a discounted price. He announced a clean up day at the club on May 5, 2001 beginning at 8 A.M.. He stated that we are still in need of door prizes and sponsors. Charlie Froehlich informs us that we are in "good shape" on the SE Divisional tour.

SECRETARY: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed on a motion by Hershel Whigham and a second by Ross Sloan.

TREASURER: Carl Bailey announced that the bank account transfer has been completed.

EDITOR: Patt Paquet announced that she has membership cards for several members present.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS: Theresa Vaughan & Joyce Francis encouraged those participating in the Tanner Williams event to be at the school next Saturday at 9:15 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS: Leah introduced the subject of the Claude Kelly State Park outing next April; and the possibility of sharing costs with another club. This will be decided at a later date. Another matter to be decided at a later date is the time change for the regular monthly meeting. Leah asked those who viewed the J. C. Taylor video to pick up a questionnaire and rate the video.

TREASURER: The report was approved as printed on a motion by Buddy Paquet and a second by Eddie Anderson.

EDITOR: Patt Paquet asked for and received volunteers to help with the Sparkplug next month.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS: Joyce asked if the Club wanted to participate in a Grand Re-opening of the Foley Walmart on the following Saturday at 8:30 AM. It was decided, on a motion by Lambert Mims and a second by Eddie Anderson, that because of the short notice and the undetermined amount of the contribution that the club should decline.

MISCELLANEOUS: Frances Whigham volunteered to take care of the Judges food on May 12th.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Reecie Mims

AACA Touring, Louisiana style by Charlie Froehlich

The Louisiana Region of AACA is set up a little differently than the DSR and other regions in Alabama. The Louisiana Region is simply an umbrella for eight AACA chapters. The chapters are the actual clubs with membership, meetings, etc. One nice feature of this type organization is that each chapter sponsors an annual activity that all other chapters are invited to participate in as members of the region. As of this writing, there have been two tours conducted by the Louisiana Region chapters this year. The following is a summary of each.

Normally, the first weekend of April each year, the Contraband Chapter of Lake Charles holds a Spring Tour. It is usually headquartered somewhere in Southwest Louisiana but has been located in Texas at times. This year, the tour headquarters was in Lake Charles the weekend of April 6-8. Ardie was in North Dakota so I attended solo. I drove the green and greener '57 Ford Fairlane to Baton Rouge where I met two other couples who are longtime friends. We traveled together to Lake Charles, arriving on Friday in time to have lunch before the afternoon tour began.

One of the best things about touring is that you will see attractions you would never find on your own. An example was our first stop – the Gray Mansion on Shell Beach Drive in Lake Charles. It is not ordinarily open to the public but by special arrangement, we were given a guided tour. The Gray Mansion was built in the 1920s, modeled somewhat after the ante-bellum plantation homes of the south. Large rooms overlooking the lake and beautiful landscaped gardens are features of this home. It was designed and built for a lady who inherited the family fortune of lumber, oil and agriculture land. Additional portions of the afternoon tour included visits to the Imperial Calcasieu Museum and the Mardi Gras Museum located in the old renovated Central School Arts and Humanities Center. Friday evening concluded with a catered hospitality dinner at the host hotel.

Following Saturday morning's Continental breakfast, we headed north for a full day's touring. The first stop was 47 miles away in DeRidder. Here we visited the Doll Museum in a restored train station. Afterward, we were given a guided tour of the Hanging Jail. Now this was more interesting than it sounds. The jail is a designated historic site and has rather unique construction. Basically, there

is a spiral staircase in the middle of the building and the cells are staggered at different levels off this staircase. It was built in the early 1900s and was quite modern in that each cell had toilet facilities and a shower. The "Hanging Jail" terminology comes about because there was a double execution performed there about 1930. The two honorees had brutally bludgeoned and knifed a cab driver as he was pleading for his life. When caught there were brought to this jail. After a fair trial, they were sentenced to death. The execution was carried out by building a scaffold in the middle of the circular stairs and performing the deed. I would imagine this made quite an impression on the other prisoners in the jail at the time. No additional hangings were necessary. The jail was last used in 1970 and efforts to raise funds for restoration are underway.

Our group then proceeded to the town of DeQuincy and its Train Museum. A box lunch was served at the Train Museum grounds and then we toured the museum. The drive back to Lake Charles was by scenic rural roads. The banquet that evening was on the twenty-first floor of the Hibernia Tower in the private City Club. Now this in itself is worth a trip to Lake Charles. The view of the lake, the gambling casinos and the city from 21 floors up is spectacular. We had a special treat in that they had to open the Board Room especially for us as Louisiana Governor Foster was addressing a group in the regular dining area that night. They said we were moved for security reasons, but I am suspicious that they just wanted to get us out of sight. At any rate, good food, companionship and scenery were a fine conclusion to a nice tour. The drive home on Sunday was without any problems.



The next tour was the Louisiana Tour May 4-5 in Lafayette sponsored by the Evangeline Chapter. The Louisiana Tour is a rotating event in that a different chapter hosts the tour each year. It is usually the largest tour of the year, and about 50 cars from Texas, Alabama, and Mississippi, as well as Louisiana, were present this year. DSR was represented by 2 Froehlichs and 2 Musgroves. The Musgroves drove their '57 Thunderbird to Lafayette via I-10 while the Froehlichs toiled (Cont. on Page 5)

Continuing the Louisiana touring adventure

along in their '37 Ford ½ ton pickup leading a group of other old Fords. We started in Picayune with one couple in a 1940 Ford tudor. In Lacombe we were joined by another twosome in their 1947 Ford coupe. We pick up another couple driving a 1954 Ford club coupe. Arriving in Covington, we added a 1951 Ford 2-door and its owners to the caravan. We stayed off the Interstate and drove U.S. Highway 190 and a few state highways to Lafayette. One reason for the back roads was the slower speed we were traveling, but even more importantly, was the desire of the leader to take this group to one of the best restaurants in South Louisiana. If you can ever figure out how to get to Livonia around meal time, be sure to eat at Joe's Restaurant in Dreyfus Store. Excellent food at very reasonable prices.

After arriving in Lafayette and checking into the motel, we promptly found the liquid refreshment wagon (actually some found it before checking in). Tours in Louisiana are often accompanied by a refreshment wagon that might not be allowed in most other states. Enough about that! The tour officially opened Friday evening with a hospitality room and a band playing old sing-a-long songs. Naturally, this was followed by a meal and brief instructions for the Saturday tour.

Following a good night's rest and a quick Continental breakfast, we were ready to tour. The first portion of the tour was a 40 mile scenic route approximately circling the city of Lafayette and ending at the Acadian Culture Center. The Center is a portion of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. It includes exhibits on Cajun culture and features a film illustrating the history of Acadian people. Their eviction from Canada and eventual arrival in Louisiana is a dramatic story.

From the Acadian Culture Center, we drove to Vermillionville. We had lunch while being entertained by an authentic Cajun band. Afterward we wandered through the exhibits of this recreated Adacian village. It is complete with craftsmen demonstrating their skills as they would have been performed in the past. The return trip to the motel completed this touring portion of this event. That

night we transported by bus or via our own autos to Lafayette Hall for a closing banquet. After a delicious meal, (read that as your choice of prime rib, steak, or crawfish entouffee) we were entertained by a lady Cajun humorist. Ask Leah to tell you some of her stories (if Leah can do the Cajun accent, that is). Awards and door prizes were presented making the 34th annual Louisiana Tour history.

The Froehlich-led tour group as described earlier was joined by Jay and Pam Armstrong in their beautiful 1950 Mercury woody wagon for the trip home via a different route. If anyone remembers driving U.S. 90 years ago from New Orleans to Lafayette, you would not believe the change that has occurred. This is now a thoroughly modern four lane divided road, parts of it with controlled access. I had not been on it since the last section was opened so that influenced our decision to try it out. Now, it is not as scenic as the old highway but it is a whole lot more driver-friendly. The trip home was a trouble free as the trip to Lafayette for which we were all thankful. Come to Louisiana and join us in our tours. Buddy and Patt and Bill and Leah are usually aware of the schedule and can help you obtain registration information.



Bad Car Salesman by Pierre Fontana

Adolf Hitler, the "Fuhrer" promised the German people in 1938 they would have a car; simple, economical and dependable, in every garage. They would have to pay for it in advance, installments to total 999 Reichmarks. When their money was paid up, they would receive their Volkswagens. The war ended and, for a while, so did Germany. By then, however, the Fuhrer had collected 209,000,000 Reichmarks, a pretty tidy sum. I wonder where it went? The people never got their cars.

Did you know that Dr. Ferdinand Porsche was born in Maffersdorf, a small town in what is now Czechoslovakia, and was picked by Hitler because the real developer of the VW had Jewish blood in his ancestry and had to disappear?

A little potpourri

Lucedale Centennial

by Joyce Francis

Saturday, April 21st, dawned as a typical spring day that found some DSR members and a friend from the Model A club taking the back roads out of Mobile County into George County Mississippi. Those leaving from the clubhouse as a group were 2 Bullingtons, L. Crowdus, 2 Francis, 3 McFalls, A. White, 2 Youens and Marient Brent. We met Gavin Edwards in Agricola and proceeded to the Lucedale Elementary School where we lined up for the Lucedale Centennial Parade through the streets of town. Following the parade, the vehicles were displayed on the Court House lawn. This same location was the site of continuous musical entertainment provided by a very talented group of Lucedale high school students. A Cajun band plus a group of cloggers from McLain, MS kept the attention of the crowd on Main Street. Don Dillehay along with Lambert and Reecie Mims joined us and our hosts, Dayton and Susanne Whites, for a tasty noontime meal. Those who were unable to attend missed a truly nice outing.

Thank you all

Here I am again....saying how grateful both Patt and myself are for all the concern and care you've expressed during my last illness. It is really difficult to put into words how very appreciative we are of your friendship.

The prayers, cards, calls, and visits helped us, me especially, get through an extraordinarily tough time. Although Patt didn't have much time at the computer, the E-mails were a big hit with both of us. Sometimes a laugh was just what we needed.

I don't expect to be at the May meeting, but hope to see all of you in June.

Buddy

AACA Spring Meet

Special Report by Marient Brent

What better place for a car show than the Talladega International Super Speedway? All of the meetings and activities were held in what they call the Speedway "dome". (Actually, it is a regular building, not really a dome.) It was really a wonderful location with air conditioning and plenty of room. The Registration Desk was set up at the main entrance along with AACA merchandise for sale. Another table held a multitude of tasty treats that was continuously replenished.

On Friday afternoon the Membership Round Table and Judging School was open to anyone who cared to quit polishing their vehicles and get in out of the heat. That evening, a bar-b-que dinner was followed by a fashion show of vintage clothing from the 1800s through the 1970s. It was narrated by the clothing owner and Dixie Region member Liz Moore. Some of the fashions had belonged to movie stars and other famous women.

Saturday was a picture-perfect car show day for the 256 vehicles registered. There were some "no shows" but that is always the case. For a meet of this size, there was a big variety of cars, trucks and motorcycles of extremely fine quality. There were a lot of first place trophies handed out that night at the awards banquet.

I do have one question - where were all the DSR members? Here's an AACA National Meet just 300 miles up the road. You can't get one much closer than that.

Members in the news

If you were still awake for the May 10th 10:00 P.M. TV news, you saw several of Jim Henderson's cars. The segment was filmed the latter part of April with WKRK-TV Channel 5's reporter Gina Gregory, but was a follow-up to the life story of Marilyn Monroe which had aired the two previous nights. The '66 Rolls Royce, the '29 Lincoln, the '57 Chevy convertible and Nancy's '37 Cadillac were all featured. The last we saw was Ms. Gregory chauffeuring Jim, Eddie Anderson and an unidentified mystery rider.



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Editorial Exhaust
by Patt Paquet

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Important Dates 2001

- May 24 **DSR Meeting in Clubhouse at 7:30 PM**
- May 25-26 **23rd Annual Gulf Coast Antique Auto Show ~ Point Cadet Plaza in Biloxi, MS
(228) 539-0287 or (228) 832-7710**
- June 14-16 **AACA Central Division Tour ~ Baton Rouge, LA
See AACA Listing for May 3-5**
- June. 15-17 **MCMC's Mustang & Ford Products Show ~ MS Coast Coliseum (228) 388-6598**
- June 28 **DRS Meeting at the Clubhouse**
- Sept. 15 **"Cars for a Cause" sponsored by "Past Time Cruisers" at Sam's Club on the
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- Sept. 22 **West Florida Region AACA 34TH Antique Auto Show in Seville Square Pensacola
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- Oct. 13 **8th Annual Hooter's Car Show to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation**
- Oct. 10-13 **Hershey.....nuff said!!!!!!!**
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