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Deep South Region of AACA Newsletter

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Meetings are held at the Clubhouse on the 4th Thursday of each month. Refreshments begin at 6:00 pm, and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

DSR dues are \$20, and AACA dues are \$45.

Newsletter Deadline on 25th day of each month.

DSR Events

July
1 - Fireworks Show
7:00 pm
Praise Family Church
2605 Dawes Road
Mobile, AL

23 - Monthly Meeting
6:00 pm
DSR Club House
951 Forrest Hill Dr.
Mobile, Alabama

August
22 - Summer Luau
2:00 pm
DSR Clubhouse
951 Forest Hill Dr.
Mobile, Alabama

See page 3 for more details.
Visit www.deepsouth.aaca.com
for info on these and more events
happening in our area.

AACA Events

2026
July 22 - Central Spring Nationals
Green Bay, Wisconsin
August 5 - Southeastern Divisional Tour
Flat Rock, North Carolina
August 19 - Annual Grand Nationals
Allentown, Pennsylvania
September 9 - Founders Tour (1932-2001)
Williamsburg, Virginia
September 21 - Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943)
Dover, Delaware
October 6 - Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, Pennsylvania
Visit www.aaca.org
for more info

Bill Brown's 1955 Oldsmobile Rocket 88 featured during the heyday of Mobile Bears Baseball at Hartwell Field. Submit a good, distant photo of your car to be featured.

Zeno's Corner

Hope all of you are doing good and staying cool as we are starting the summer season. We enjoyed the club outing to David's Catfish House. It is always fun hanging out with our club family and friends.

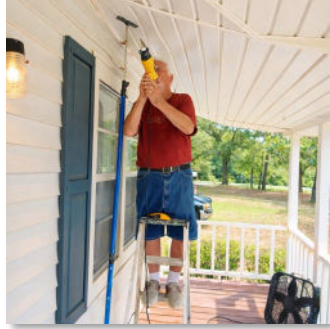
We are going to be celebrating our nation's 250th Birthday on July 4th. Let's continue praying for our country's leaders and for peace and prosperity for all Americans.

Stay safe, and happy cruising!

Regards, Zeno

Work Day - June 1

Thank you to everyone who came on June 1st to help get our clubhouse into shape before the Flag Day Cruisin-In! It was a last minute request, and you all stepped up. Not pictured are Bill Brown who hauled everything to the dump and Debbie Bright who took photos!



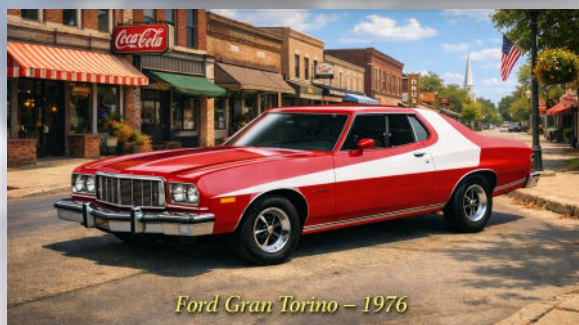
Flag Day Cruise-In - June 13

Our Flag Day Cruise-In just gets bigger every year! Almost 90 people joined us for a sunny evening under the oaks at the clubhouse, including some who drove in just to see the cars. The P.L. Wilson Detachment of the Marine Corps League led a moving flag retirement ceremony, and Old Glory was carried by a proud 98-year-old World War II veteran! John Bright and his crew grilled up delicious hamburgers and hotdogs, and Hillbilly Cove Ice Cream served homemade ice cream with blueberry or peach dumplings!



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Upcoming Events

July 1 - The Biggest Fireworks Show In West Mobile - 7pm - Dan Jacobsen has invited us to Praise Family Church, 2605 Dawes Road, Mobile, AL, for a festive fireworks display! There will be water inflatables for the kids and food trucks on site. Bring your lawn chairs!



July 23 - DSR Monthly Meeting - The July meeting will be held at the DSR Club House, 951 Forrest Hill Dr., Mobile AL. 6pm for dinner followed by the meeting at 7.

August 22 - Summer Luau - 2pm at the DSR Club House, 951 Forrest Hill Dr., Mobile AL. We will be having a luau, so come dressed in your favorite Hawaiian attire and bring your favorite side dish. We will be having "kalua pig" - a pig roast!!! Brush up on your favorite song, and joining or Karaoke contest.



August 27 - Regular Meeting

September 12 - Veterans Helping Veterans Car Show

September 24 - Regular Meeting

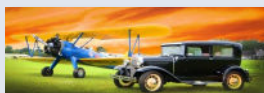
September 26 - Cruisin' the Coast Packing Party - 8am to noonish. Coast Coliseum in the Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, Mississippi. Opens at 8am, and there will be snacks and coffee for breakfast.



October 4-11 - Cruisin' The Coast 30th Anniversary

October 17 - Tibbie Trade Day - Tibbie, Alabama

October 22 - Regular Meeting



October 24 - Wheels & Wings - 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Cruise-in and picnic on the grounds of the beautiful Roy Wilcox AirPort. Free admission. Bring your lawn chairs. Address: 417 Hearn Dr. Chatom, Alabama. The aeronautical identifier is 5R1,

November 19 - Election Meeting & Thanksgiving Dinner

December - Christmas Party - Date TBD

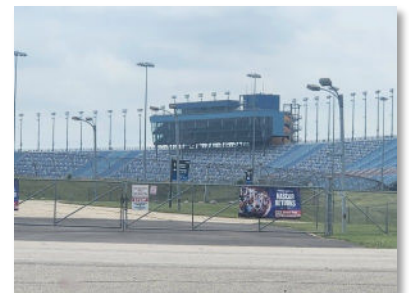
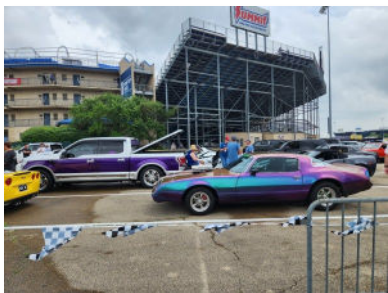
SCHEDULE A PHOTO SHOOT!

New club members may have noticed the fantastic photos on our wall! The DSR is fortunate to have professional photographer, John Bright, who would love to photograph your car. Let him know if you have a location in mind and set the date! He'll print a photo for the wall and one for you, as well!

John Bright (251) 454-6298 or jhbright915454@gmail.com

Hot Rod Power Tour - June 8-12

Earlier this month, along with about 25 other racers from Mobile, Harold Courtney, Andy & Lisa Simmons, and our friend Bobby Lankford from Bama Bob's set out on the 2026 Hot Rod Power Tour. Like the Great Race, the Power Tour celebrated the 100th anniversary of "The Mother Road", Route 66. Andy & Lisa showed off their Cruisin' the Coast Host Car banner, representing the Deep South Region AACA! As participants wound their way from Joliet, Illinois, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, they competed in drag racing and autocross events, all while taking in the local sites, enjoying some fabulous meals, and showing off their rides to their gracious host cities. Rounding out at more than 2700 miles for the round trip, it makes for a long week, but it is well worth it!



Lunch at David's - June 20

After days of heavy rain and flooding, Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day! Twenty DSR members traveled to Baldwin County for a lunch outing at David's Catfish House, and as always, the food did not disappoint. For all those who could not make it due to illness or issues with flooding, you were missed!



The Great Race - June 20-28



The Great Race - June 20-28 - This year's route celebrated the 100th birthday of Route 66, and traveled from Springfield, Illinois, to Pasadena, California - over 2300 miles! Teams braved record desert heat, thick fog, and powerful storms just to keep things interesting! Mallory & Jack won Stage 5, and they were in 2nd place in their division going into the final leg. Sadly, a blown ignition module which took an hour to repair blew their chance at contention, but Team Henderson represented Mobile and the DSR with pride!

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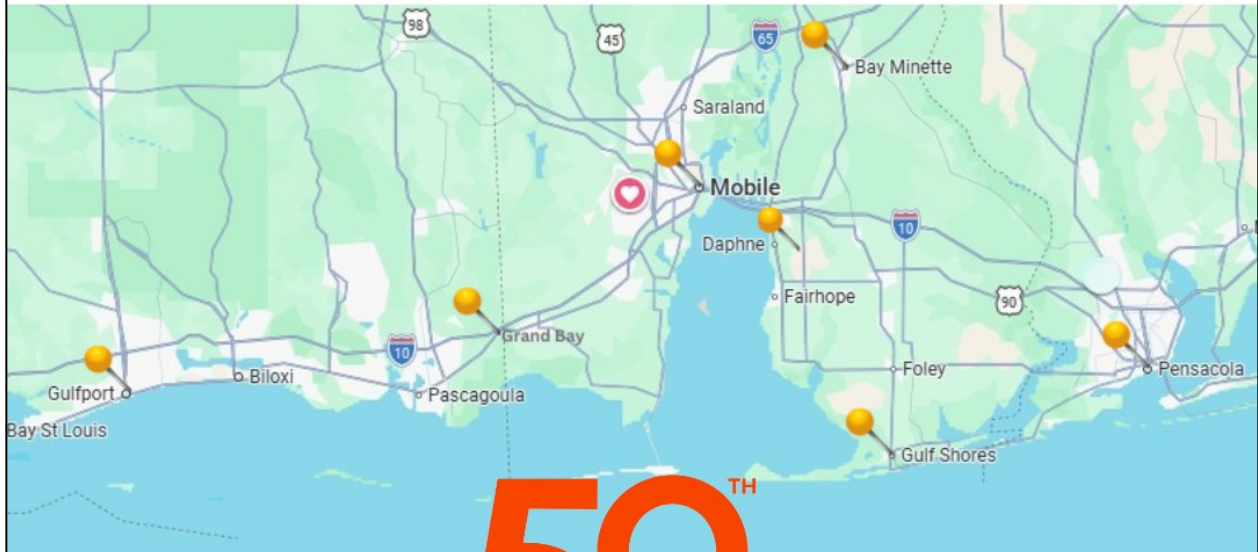
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