

Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club Newsletter

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October 2018 Hoover, Alabama



Hoover **Krispy Kreme** hosts **Dixie Vintage Auto Club's** first Saturday Cruise-In each month.

**Birmingham Area Cruise-in
Schedule for 2018**
Visit www.DVAAC.com for details

Dixie Vintage Events

Non Dixie Vintage Events

Saturday, September 29th
9:AM - 5:PM CELEBRATE
IRONDALE Car Display, 2100
1st Avenue South, Irondale, AL
From Hwy 78 near Wells Fargo
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then left on Commerce Blvd,
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South, continue to 2100 1st Avenue
South. We need 40 cars. Please
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Page 6 has all the event information.

Saturday, October 6th,
Krispy Kreme Cruise-in
8:AM-Noon, Hwy 31, Hoover, AL
Rain day is 3rd Saturday,
October 20th.
Jim Black 205-527-9346

Saturday, October 27, 2018
Car Display at Ritten House
Village Retirement home, 570
Southland Dr, Hoover.
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have room for 10
Cars. Please
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205-706-7614, if you can
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a vehicle.

Saturday, October 6,
Car Display at Colonel Robert
L. Howard VETERANS Home,
9:AM-1:PM. The address is
7054 Veterans Parkway,
Pell City. Please support our
veterans. If you are going, please
advise Preston Grant IV. His info
is 256-362-6674,
thepontiacman@yahoo.com

Sunday, November 4th, 2018,
9:AM - 4:PM Lineville Car Show
and Swap meet. No other
information available.

Below left picture is Joe Alfano's Truck. On the right is
Steve Owen's GTO. Both vehicles won awards at
Montevallo's "Cars by the Creek" Show on Sept. 8th.



New Process for Ordering Name Tags

Dixie Vintage President Jim Black has streamlined the process for ordering name tags. This new process will expedite the delivery of your nametag to your home. The order form will be available in the tent at Krispy Kreme Cruise-ins. The member needing a name tag will complete the order form and mail it with payment to Crown Trophy. The finished name tag will be mailed to you.

We encourage each of our members to own and wear a Dixie Vintage Car Club name tag. We really do want to get to know you. The cost of the name tag is \$10.00.



Newsletter Editor

Do you have a classic car story?
Are you working on a restoration project?

Please let us know.
Pat or John Krauser
Cell: 205-276-4423 or
Email: jekbest@aol.com

New Car Members

Anderson, Larry Jasper, AL 35504
1968 Pontiac GTO
1973 Dodge Charger 1987 Buick Grand National

Chambliss, William Green Pond, AL 35074
1930 Buick Sedan
1967 Pontiac Lemans 2 DR HT

Cupps, Lee Montevallo, AL 35115
1948 Ford F-1 Pickup
1988 Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS

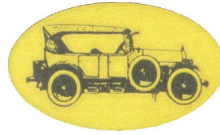
Fuglaar, Hal Leeds, AL 35094
1967 Ford Mustang Coupe
1974 Volks Wagen Beetle 2002 Porche 911 Cabriolet

Hurst, Sylvia Fultondale, AL 35068
1953 Packard Patrician

Merkl, John Sterrett, AL 35147
1965 Ford Mustang Fastback 1927 Ford Roadster Pickup

Dixie Vintage Antique

Automobile Club



The Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club Newsletter is published monthly by Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club, Inc., a non-profit Alabama Corporation. The purpose of this Club is to promote interest in restoring and preserving antique, classic, and special interest old cars; and to provide a social club for members and their families of mutual interest to all. Monthly meetings and activities are conducted in a variety of locations. We encourage membership from other automobile clubs and orphan marquees.

The only requirement to become a member of Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club, Inc. is an interest in the history and preservation of automobiles.

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Ethanol's Impact

by
John E. Krauser

Keeping our old cars running with most of the original gear can be challenging. As a result, many old cars have had different modern upgrades added. Some folks opt to replace the drum brakes with disc brakes and add a dual brake master cylinder for safety. Air conditioning is found in many cars and trucks that did not have that option when new. Seat belts have been added. Engines and transmission have been replaced or upgraded. Generators have been replaced with alternators. The old car industry generates billions of dollars a year. Just about anything is available for your old car or truck.

What is not easy to find is gasoline that contains no ethanol additive. There are stations in the Birmingham area that supply non-ethanol, but they are scarce. In my experience I have not found non-ethanol octane levels above 87. The problems with ethanol are not limited to our old car hobby. Fuel injected vehicles can have issues with the product as well. The Marine industry has been hit with ethanol related problems. Ethanol will absorb water if it meets the liquid or from the humidity in the air. Our Birmingham climate is prime with moisture. It is estimated that less than 1% water in the gasoline will cause the effect known as phase separation. Water due to its weight will settle at the bottom of the tank causing rust. The Ethanol is just above the water and on top of it is the remainder of the unleaded fuel. Under this condition the fuel becomes corrosive. Ethanol gasoline tends to vaporize quicker.

There are several products that help with the effects of ethanol in fuel. I have tried several and do not know if one is better than another. One of the Driver's Clubs that I belong to suggested Briggs and Stratton's fuel stabilizer is the best. That suggestion was based on a two-year study of four-cycle engines that sat idle for months at a time. (Summer lawn equipment and winter snow blowers.) Another club where I am a member uses the product Startron. Some folks I know suggest Lucas Oil products. Sta-bil can be found on automotive supply shelves everywhere in our area.

I recently assisted in rebuilding a Carter carburetor (WCFB). We found black pieces of the fuel pump's diaphragm in the bowl. Pump pressure had dropped. Brown pieces of dried fuel were everywhere in the carburetor. The carburetor was cleaned with spray cleaner and spent two nights in a vat of cleaner. Still, after driving for a few miles the engine started missing. Brown material was found in the jets. The carburetor was off the car eight times at this point. A suggestion was made about cleaning it again. We disassembled the carburetor again and soaked it overnight in a can of ethanol gasoline. (I know this method can be a fire hazard and extreme caution should be taken around gasoline.) That process was hard for me to believe but it worked. We used spray cleaner to rinse the gasoline off and reassembled the carburetor. No more issues.

There is a political side to the use of ethanol in gasoline. EPA findings over the years were suppressed when it was discovered that test results were not favorable. The Farmer's Lobby has proposed raising the percentage of ethanol in fuel from 10 to 15 percent. It is estimated that millions of acres of natural habitat have been destroyed to raise corn and soybeans for fuel additives. The process of making ethanol and using it produces nitrous oxides. Combined with sunlight this becomes ozone. When first proposed the public was told that ethanol would make the air cleaner. The result of ethanol has been an increase in pollution and food prices while decreasing fuel efficiency and natural habitats.

Common ethanol fuel mixtures

Code	E5	E10	E15	E25	E85	E100
Composition	max 5% anhydrous ethanol min 95% gasoline	max 10% anhydrous ethanol min 90% gasoline	max 15% anhydrous ethanol min 85% gasoline	max 25% anhydrous ethanol min 75% gasoline	max 85% anhydrous ethanol min 15% gasoline	max 5.3% water 100% Brazilian hydrous ethanol (contains on average 5.3 vol.% water)
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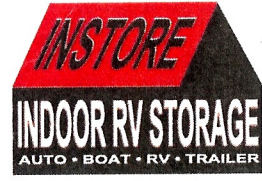
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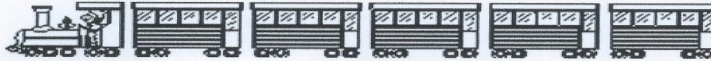
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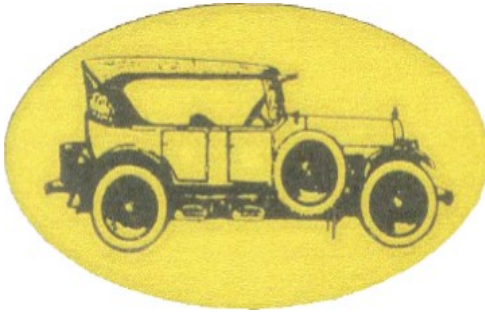
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There were many fine vehicles at "Cars By The Creek" Sept. 8th. Above right is DV member Roc's Chevy Impala. It was hot but that did not hamper attendance. Many folks stopped by to check out the cars and trucks on display.



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