

# DIXIE VINTAGE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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November 2009 Hoover, Alabama

## Calendar

**Sunday November 1, Cruise to the Lineville Car Show.** Meet at the Colonnade Cracker Barrel at 6AM. After breakfast we will depart at 6:30 for Lineville. Contact Gary Adams at [gadams2@bellsouth.net](mailto:gadams2@bellsouth.net) or 205-706-7614 See more detail on page 1.

**Saturday November 7, 8 am-Noon Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club FIRST SATURDAY KRISPY KREME COFFEE CRUISE IN**, Highway 31 Hoover. Jim Ketchersid 205-979-5387

**Saturday November 14, Gather at Krispy Kreme in Hoover for an 8:30 am departure to Tour the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum** in Calera. Jim Ketchersid 205-979-5387

**Saturday November 14, 3:30pm—7pm PELHAM TOWNE CENTER CRUISE IN** is a Dixie Vintage sponsored event. There will be lots of door prizes! This will be a 2nd Saturday Club event through November. Larry Kauchek 205-995-4439

**Saturday November 21, 5pm-8pm Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club THIRD SATURDAY KRISPY KREME EVENING CRUISE IN.** Jimmy Shannon 205-987-8731 This will be the last 3rd Saturday until February.

**Saturday December 5, 8 am-Noon Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club FIRST SATURDAY KRISPY KREME COFFEE CRUISE IN**, Highway 31 Hoover. Jim Ketchersid 205-979-5387

**Tuesday December 8, 6:00 PM Dixie Vintage Auto Club Christmas Party** at Richard's BBQ and Grill, 2409 Acton Road, Ph 205-979-6057. Jim Ketchersid 205-979-5387

## Cruise to the 21st Annual ALCAZAR Car Show

Gary Adams

A group of Dixie Vintage members will cruise to the 21st Annual ALCAZAR Car Show in Lineville on Sunday, November 1, 2009. Cruisers will meet at the Colonnade Cracker Barrel at 6AM. After breakfast we will depart at 6:30 for Lineville. We'll have a health stop in Anniston and from there continue east on I-20 to Exit 191 where we'll go south on Hwy 431. Next we'll turn on Hwy 9 and continue for 18 miles. Entry fees will be collected after your car has been parked on the show field. Please email or call so we will have a count of those attending. This is a great event so don't miss it! [gadams2@bellsouth.net](mailto:gadams2@bellsouth.net), 205-706-7614.

## 2009 Dixie Vintage Christmas Party

Gary Adams

The Dixie Vintage Auto Club Christmas party will be held Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at Richard's BBQ, 2409 Acton road, 979-6057. The party starts at 6 PM. Guys, please bring a gift for the men and gals should bring a girl gift. Gifts should be \$10.00 or less in value. This is a great chance to get to know your fellow club members and have a great time. Please plan to attend and RSVP so we'll have an idea of how many to expect. [gadams2@bellsouth.net](mailto:gadams2@bellsouth.net) 205-706-7614.

## Dixie Vintage October Business Meeting

Jim Ketchersid called the October meeting of the Dixie Vintage Automobile Club to order at 6:00 pm Tuesday September 29 at Richards BBQ at Acton Road and I-459. Some forty members drove classic and modern vehicles on a dry night to enjoy some great food and visit with fellow car enthusiasts. Jim welcomed everyone and had each member introduce themselves



Hoover Krispy Kreme hosts Dixie Vintage Auto Club events twice a month.

## Club Shirts Available

By Gary Adams

I apologize to new Dixie Vintage members who never received their club t-shirt. The shirts have been very popular and we simply ran out. Weather permitting of course, we will have a good supply of shirts available at the November 7<sup>th</sup> Krispy Kreme Cruise-in. This may well be your last chance to get one so please plan to attend!



## Dixie Vintage Website

[www.dixievintageautoclub.com](http://www.dixievintageautoclub.com)

We hope you are using the Dixie Vintage website and are making suggestions on how to make it more useful. Email John Calvano at [jcalvano@dixievintageautoclub.com](mailto:jcalvano@dixievintageautoclub.com) with questions or suggestions. John puts in considerable time and effort to host the Dixie Vintage Auto Club website. Give John a word of thanks for the excellent job he is doing. This can be our best communications tool yet.

## Dixie Vintage October Business Meeting

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and tell what their favorite ride was that evening. We also heard about recent sales, trades and acquisitions. Club activities were reviewed and officers were elected. Jim Ketchersid was re-elected president, while Gary Adams retained his office as vice president, Jimmy Likis was retained as treasurer, and two new directors were elected: Bill Cooch and Jimmy Shannon. Following the completion of business, Henry Brooks and Bill Lee did a review of the first fifty years of Dixie Vintage Auto Club. It was a fun evening with friends of like interests exchanging stories of favorite vehicles, tales of the road, and the "good ole days".

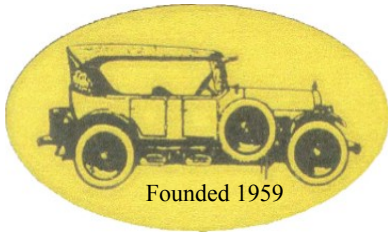
## New Dixie Vintage Members for October

2009, our 50th anniversary year, remains a banner year for growth of the Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club. In October we welcomed Douglas & Connie Hickman, Frank Rosato, and Steve & Cyndi Wil-son of Birmingham to membership in Dixie Vintage An-tique Automobile Club! Our diversity of interests is making the club much stronger and appealing. Thank you all for your interest and participation.



## Founding Member Passes Away

Dixie Vintage Automobile Club founding member **Claude Mercer Gray, 100**, died on October 5, 2009. Born in Anniston, Gray was the son of Vannie Mercer and William Boyd Gray. He was a graduate of Georgia Tech in electrical engineering and made the first radio police call to a Birmingham police car in 1933. He spent World War II in civilian service with the FCC, then returned to Birmingham and started an engineering business for radio and television. He was a Ham radio operator, a collector of old cars, and flew his own plane. He loved steam engines, and drove the train at the Birmingham zoo for 20 years, retiring from there at age 94. He was a member of the QB's, The National Railway Historical Society, Dixie Vintage Automobile Club, the Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum, Amateur Radio Club, and the Alabama Historical Radio Society. He is survived by his wife of over 70 years, Sarah Hastings Gray and daughters, Mildred Virginia (Billie) Gray and Sarah (Sally) Gray Carrigan, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Methodist Children's Home or the charity of your choice. His funeral service was conducted Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 1:00 at Elmwood Chapel. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.



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**DIXIE VINTAGE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
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The only pre-requisite for membership in this organization  
is an interest in automobiles.

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dues are \$10 annually. Mail checks to:

4572 Eagle Point Drive  
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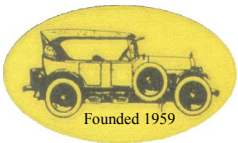
Join us every first Saturday morning and third Saturday evening  
at Krispy Kreme Donuts on Highway 31 in Hoover for free donuts and coffee  
plus a really great variety of automobiles.



First Saturday at Krispy Kreme always brings out a wide variety of the most interesting vehicles. Were we ready for a machinegun toting moll in a very tricked out Ford Model T?



This one appears to have started out as a model A Ford. We still want to see the power plant. This looks like it would be a really fun ride on dry, sunny day such as was experienced on October 3.



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