



The Sparkplug



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A conversation with John and Dolly Pendergrass

John and Dolly Pendergrass have been members of DSR for quite some time. They also have an ongoing appreciation for antique automobiles which continues with their 1937 Packard convertible. Unfortunately when I spoke with them the Packard was off for repair. As noted by John, there is always something to fix on this old beauty.

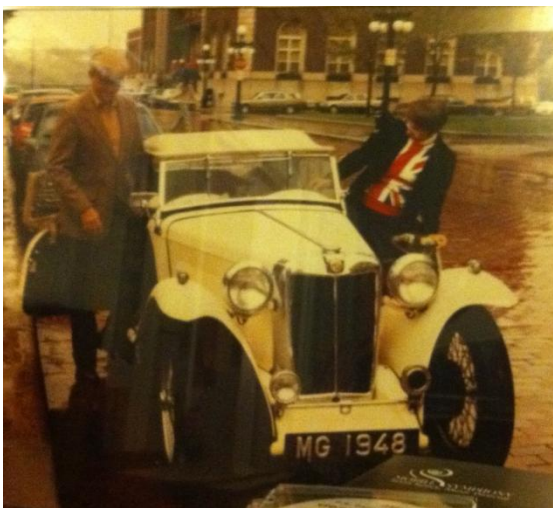
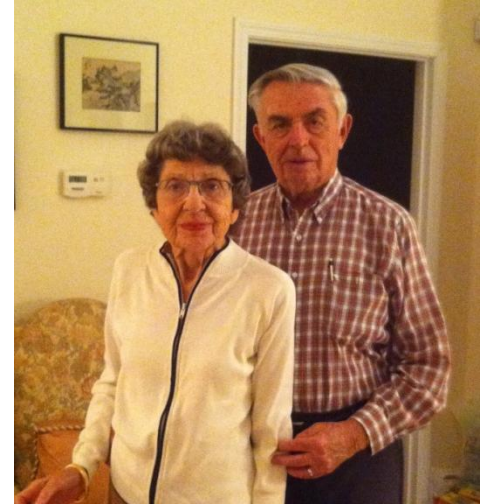
John and Dolly are native Alabamians, with John being born in Fort Payne and Dolly in Frisco City. After serving in the US Navy during the World War II, John returned to Alabama to enroll at the University of Alabama. While visiting his sister at the University of Montevallo, he was introduced to Dolly. He would not see her again until she transferred to "The University". Dolly graduated from UA with a degree in Nutrition and Dietetics while John obtained a degree in Biology and Chemistry.

After graduation, Dolly accepted a position at Duke University Hospital. She stated that not all patients were to her liking. As their demands and unreasonableness increased, her liking and acceptance tended to fade. John was hired by the Tennessee Valley Authority and worked for TVA until 1951 when he was recalled to Naval duty. After floating around such dangerous places as the Mediterranean, he was discharged in 1953. That was also the year when he and Dolly were married in a small wedding in her home town of Frisco City. Dolly implied the wedding had to be small, Frisco City at that time had a population of about 1000.

John was reemployed by TVA and they moved to Florence, AL. Both John and Dolly have been life-long Republicans and it was in Florence that Dolly became active in politics. They moved to Ann Arbor, MI, where John obtained a Masters degree in Public Health and Hygiene from the University of Michigan (in those parts often referred to as "The University", by the way) in 1956. Subsequently they moved to Kansas then New Jersey where John worked creating industrial hygiene programs. In 1964 they moved to St. Paul, MN, where John was to work for 3M Corporation for the next 22 years. It was during these years that their son and two daughters were born.

In 1986, John became the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA for the Reagan administration. They moved to northern Virginia. John and Dolly are proud of their signed photographs of John with President Reagan and the first President Bush. John worked at the Department of Labor until 1989 until he resigned to become a consultant. They decided to return to Alabama in 1998 and as they had experienced enough snow in their lives, south Alabama and Mobile sounded right.

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Message from the DSR President

Welcome to the NEW YEAR! What a finale for the car club to close out the 2011 season. I don't think I have met that many new people all year as we did during the December parades & celebrations. You can give all the credit to our Car Club for the exposure we received during this time. I love to use this line "WHAT A RIDE!" to express the excitement all of us that participated in these events. I'm looking for bigger & better things for the new year for the club. I would like to challenge each one of you to get on board & let's have some fun. This is the reason I joined the DEEP SOUTH REGION ANTIQUE CAR CLUB. I want to enjoy the people & the cars we encounter through the club. Our club is a great tool for reaching out to the community's other car clubs & various different activities through the year.

I would like to remind those who have not paid their Club Dues please do so & we can get going for the New Year.



New Members

The DSR acquired new members recently. They are:

Mamun Siddiq is a realtor who works with Remax. He is married and he and his wife **Pinkie** have three daughters. Mamun currently doesn't own an antique vehicle but would like to own a Mustang.

Brian and Sandy Elliot have three children, two daughters and a son. The Elliots own several antique vehicles, a 1941 Willys, 1937 Ford truck, 1932 Ford 3 window coupe and a 1956 Ford truck.

Rick and Linda Chislom have two sons. They own a 1988 Camaro IROC convertible and 1988 Corvette coupe.

Finally, **Bart and Betty Britt** also have a number of cars, a 1969 Camaro coupe, 2003 Corvette Z06, 1987 Corvette coupe and a 2002 Pontiac Trans Am WS6.

We welcome all of you and hope you will enjoy being members of the DSR.

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John and Dolly Pendrass (Continued from Page 1)

While in Minnesota, John and Dolly bought their first antique car. John stated that he was travelling on the Pennsylvania Turnpike when he encountered a bevy of Model A's. He was smitten and subsequently they bought a 1929 Model A town car. They kept this car for about 25 years. During that time, they also acquired 2, early 1950's MG TD sports cars. On a trip to Madison, WI, with his son, John found and bought a 1948 MG TC. Apparently Dolly was not pleased as she believed they had enough cars. To show her displeasure she drove him to the Wisconsin state line and told him to get to Madison on his own.

In 1988, John traded 2 MG's for the 1937 Packard. When they moved to Mobile, a neighbor from Virginia offered to assist driving the Packard to Alabama. According to John, they were within a block of the house he had grown up in in Fort Payne when the Packard "collapsed". Insult to injury, it was on a Saturday. Fortunately, they found a local mechanic to make repairs. Unfortunately, repairs took 3 months. Their former neighbor, apparently not entirely spooked, returned to Alabama to complete the drive to Mobile.

About 5 years ago, John and Dolly moved to Somerby, a west Mobile retirement community. They have a beautifully decorated two-bedroom unit and, maybe more importantly, a garage to house the Packard. The Packard, by its absence, obviously is keeping up to its original form as when first they bought it.

Submitted by DSR member Paul Dagenais

Editor's Note: This article reports the first in a series of conversations with DSR members. I want to thank John and Dolly for being willing and gracious guinea pigs. I do hope that I've reproduced the conversation somewhat accurately. I'm sure John and Dolly would love to hear from members who might want to hear more.

Photo of Appreciation



During the December DSR meeting, WebMaster Herb Thoms presented a panoramic photograph to DSR Member Jim Henderson. The photograph was taken during the September DSR meeting which was held at the Henderson Car Museum.



The Original Motor Home DSR Member Dick Cashdollar

Only one of six said to have been made per year in the mid-1930s at the Ford Plant in St. Paul, Minnesota, according to an article on this car in a 1993 *Old Cars* magazine article. Very few others – perhaps none – remain on the road, and certainly not in such amazing original condition.

The only other known example that I heard of was supposedly housed in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. But, that turned out to be an early 1920s Model T conversion the curator told me. He said he'd never seen anything like this 1937!

When discovered in a garage – under a heavy cover – in Northern Minnesota in August 2001, she had only 19,000 miles and the owner's manual was actually still in the glove box – in

like-new condition.



The vehicle had always been garaged and treated with much "TLC" as a collector vehicle.

The interior was still the way it appeared in the 1930-1940s, complete with framed photos of the original owner on his travels (mainly to Florida) and his cabin in the North Woods, plus more varied memorabilia.

Built on the 1937 Ford Pickup frame and cowl (powered by a 60-hp flathead V8 with aluminum heads), the rear framing is all wood with the metal skin wrapped around it. The roof structure, too, is all wood, over which the heavy, waterproofed canvas top is still very securely fitted. The



structure of the body is solid, appearing from underneath to be all oak and still in a remarkably unaltered, undamaged condition.

The door frames are thick, solid oak and oak is visible around the window openings (as on the four side windows in back) – though it is painted over.



She" was a big hit at this campground once we got that great old flattie V-8 humming. Note her expanding roof and the original dark green color, which by the way, had been repainted. I figure the canvas roof was originally painted in reflective silver to keep it from getting too hot inside. All four side windows open, while the back one tilts out to any of three positions. The windshield also tilts open at the bottom for some natural "AC" while driving.



The pictures were taken in August 2001 in the Chippewa National Forest north of Grand Rapids, MN – practicing for her next adventure: "Destination Wavecrest 2001"

Reminder: Membership fees are due by February 29th.

The Go Daddy.com Bowl Parade DSR Member Zeno Chaudron

Rheba & I had a busy Saturday afternoon. The day of the Go Daddy.Com Bowl Parade we were cruising in Jim Henderson's 1940 Packard Limo. Jim said his friend, Judge Naman had called needing a car for a wedding and asked if Rheba & myself would like to chauffeur the Newly Weds. We picked the couple up at St Joseph's Cathedral on Spring Hill College campus & drove them out to a Colonial style home off Newman Rd for the reception. Knowing we would have to meet the rest of our party at the Civic Center for the Parade we were pushing for time. We reached our destination about 40 minutes before the parade lined up. Scott Henderson was in charge lining the vehicles up for the parade.

Clyde Smith and Ross Sloan if my mind serves me correctly (which is dangerous in itself) were the only other DSR members from our group along with a host of other drivers in mostly Jim Henderson's Car's. We got to escort Mayor Sam Jones & a young lady about 7 or 8 years old. What a turn out for a parade with the University Bands, Football Teams & all of their entourage from the two schools. As we proceeded on our path I found out Mayor Jones is a big New Orleans Saints Fan as are we. He told us just as soon as we let him off at the Convention Center it would take him about 10 minutes to get home to catch the remainder of the game. I told him it would probably take us longer to get through the traffic and hit Interstate 10 west. He asked where home was and I told him Tillman's Corner. The next thing I knew we had a police escort to the Interstate and were heading home. It was good to see such a large turnout of Mobile hospitality for all our visitors for the parade.

Just a few hints that might make your life easier Courtesy of Nosey Norma

1. To reheat pizza – put in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to medium-low and heat until warm. Keeps the crust crispy.
2. Reheating refrigerated bread – put in microwave with a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food soft and help it reheat faster.
3. Easy deviled eggs – put yolks in a zip lock bag, seal and mash to desired consistency. Add other ingredients and mash again until mixed thoroughly. Cut tip of corner of baggie, squeeze into egg whites then toss the baggie when finished. NO CLEAN UP!
4. Last – buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog up, rub with the eraser. Easier to use and works better than a cloth.

Future DSR Meeting Dates

DSR January Meeting January 26, 2012, 7:00 pm

DSR February Meeting February 23, 2012, 7:00 pm – Annual Soup and Chili Dinner

DSR March Meeting March 22, 2012

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

Deep South Region AACA General Membership Meeting Dec. 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Chaudron at 7:00 p.m. with five officers and 26 members present. Chaplain K. Crowell said the blessing and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A get-well car was circulated for Dolly Pendergrass.

Old Business: The President reported on the status of the slate of officers for 2012. He stated that Paul Dagenais will be the newsletter editor for 2012. However, the Secretary slot is still unfilled. The others are him continuing as President; W. Fuller –Vice President; Secretary B. Wilson asked for a motion to approve the November minutes which had been handed out earlier for members to read. Motion made by C. Lyles to accept was seconded and passed. Treasurer – B. Peterson; Activities Coordinators – Tim & Stacy Lawrence; Member-at-Large – Peter Pearce and Herb Thoms will continue as 2012 Webmaster. He noted that although W. Fuller had previously declined chairing the 2012 Mother's Day Car Show, he had thought it over and with the help of a full Car Show Committee he would take the job again this year for which he received a round of applause. The Vice President had no new business. Treasurer – B. Peterson announced he would be accepting 2012 membership dues for both National and DSR. Activities Coordinator – Foy Bobo announced the GoDaddy Bowl Parade organizers have requested 10 convertibles for the Jan. 4th festivity and passed a sign-up sheet. Jim Henderson volunteered to be in charge of this event. Patt Paquet moved to make this an official club function, motion seconded and passed. Member-at-Large absent. Webmaster H. Thoms recognized Jim Henderson for all that he has done for the club in 2012 and presented him with a unique photo that was taken when the club held its September meeting at his museum. Buddy Givens thanked the club for its participation in the Citronelle Centennial Parade earlier this month.


New Business: President Chaudron reviewed the slate of nominees for 2012 officers which follows: President – Z. Chaudron, V. President – W Fuller, Secretary – none, Treasurer – B. Peterson, Activities Coordinators – Tim & Stacy Lawrence, Editor – Paul Dagenais and Member at Large – Peter Pearce. Buddy Paquet moved to accept the slate by acclamation, motion seconded by Jim Henderson and approved by a vote of the membership. VP Fuller had no new business. At this point, the President announced that although W. Fuller had previously declined chairing the 2012 Mother's Day Car Show, he had thought it over and with the help of a full Car Show Committee he would take the job again this year for which he received a round of applause. Secretary Wilson had no new business. B. Peterson, Treasurer passed out the December Financial Statement which he orally reviewed. Being no questions, he asked for a motion to accept. Motion made by K. Crowell, seconded and passed. Activities Coordinator answered a question about member's name tags and suggested they remain at the clubhouse so members so they are available to put on when arriving. Jim Henderson asked to pose two questions: (1) When would the Car Show Committee begin holding meetings and (2) he had been contacted by a local judge asked for an antique car for his daughter's wedding and asked if anyone was interested in doing it. If not, he would furnish a car/driver in the name of the club. W. Fuller answered that he would have a schedule for Car Show Committee meetings by the January 2012 meeting.

Webmaster H. Thoms requested members to submit pictures/stories of their vehicles for our DSR website. He also suggested members take a look at the site since its having been updated recently. At this point, the President recognized Patt Paquet who stated that although she had previously stated she prefer-red to not have any responsibilities this year, the club could not function properly without a secretary and that it was unfair to the President to have to do double-duty. Therefore, she would serve as the 2012 Secretary if no one else would. A motion by W. Fuller to accept was seconded and approved. She was thanked by the President.

Deep South Region AACA General Membership Meeting Dec. 22, 2011 (continued)

President Chaudron noted that we have three new memberships and that when he went to pick up cases of fruit to be distributed among the members attending the meeting from Brian Elliott, one of the new members, he very graciously donated it. A sign-up sheet was passed for the Jan. 21st Catfish Run. A motion to make this an official club function was seconded and passed. The 50/50 pot was won by W. Fuller and a motion to adjourn was made by H. Thoms, it was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Wilson



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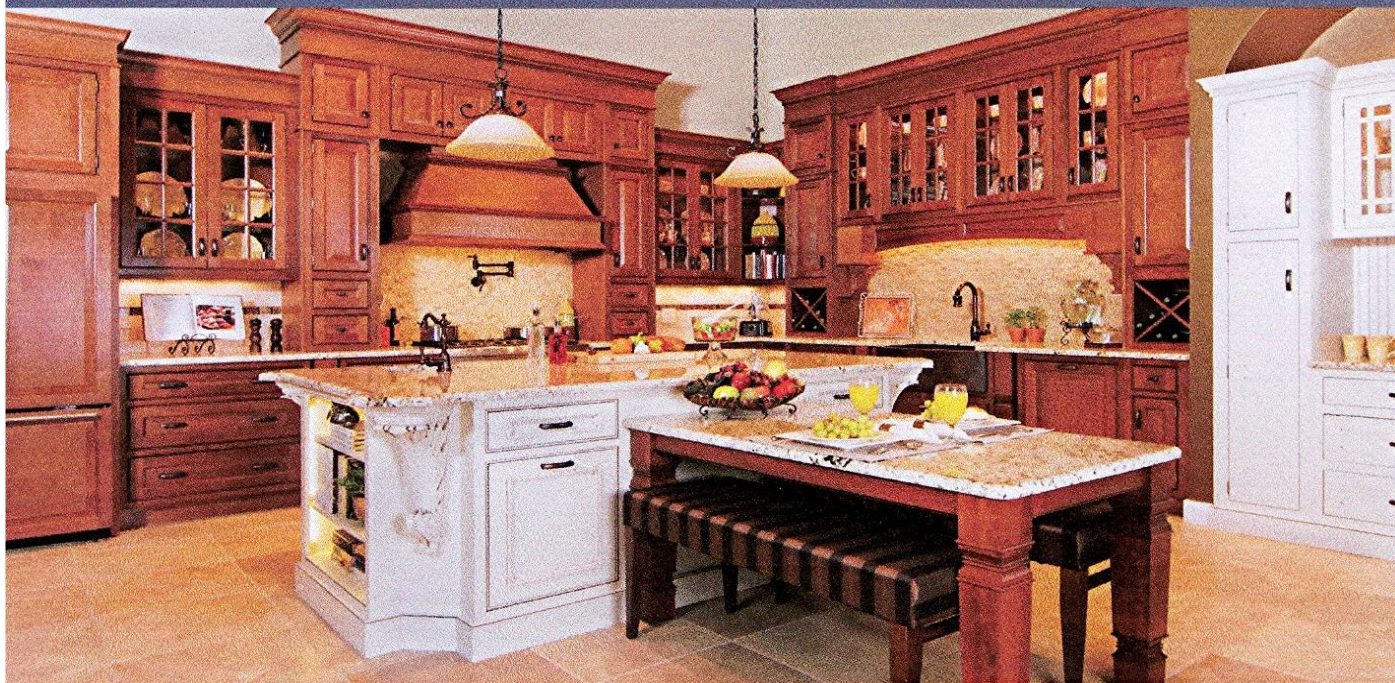
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Local Spring Shows

When?	What?	Where?	More Information?
February 18 th	Port City Corvette Club Show	Bass Pro Shop, Spanish Fort	Gary Babel 251-586-1306
February 29 th	Azalea Festival Car Show	Mary G. Montgomery School	www.azaleafestivalcarshow.com
March 3rd	West Harrison High Marching Band Open Show	10399 County Farm Rd. Gulfport	Misty: 228-596-9158 Mike: 228-596-9160 Randy: 228-669-9096
March 10 th	Annual Open Car Show Good Time Cruisers	Popularville, MS	www.goodtimecruz.com
March 10th	A Day at Charles MS Coast Mustang Club	Waveland, MS	www.mscoastmustangclub.com
March 17 th	Girl Scouts Car Show	Mobile Dragway Irvington, AL	tillman.tiffani@gmail.com
March 17 th	Shine & Ride for a Cure	Tillman's Corner	Glen Hilton 251-666-0730
March 31 st	Gnat Nationals Open Car Show	Bay St. Louis, MS	Terry: 228-216-1259
April 14 th	Camelia Classic Open Car Show	Bellingrath Gardens Mobile, AL	http://www.mobilebaymustangclub.org
April 21- 22 nd	Southern Hospitality Open Car Show	Isle Casino, Biloxi, MS	www.mscoastmustangclub.com
April 28 th	Mopar at the Battleship	Battleship Park Mobile, AL	http://www.southernmopar.com
May 5 th	Wind Creek Car Show	Atmore, AL	www.windcreekcasinocom
May 12 th	Deep South Region Mother's Day Car Show	DSR Club House 951 Forest Hill Dr. Mobile, AL	http://local.aaca.org/deepsouth/
May 19 th	Show by the Shore Magnolia Classic Cruisers	Pascagoula, MS	www.magnoliaclassiccruiser.com
May 25 th	May Show Antique Automobile & Engine Club of MS	D'Iberville, MS	Peter: 228-832-7710 Bill: 228-596-3730
May 26th	Oscar Johnson Memorial Library Antique & Classic Show	Silverhill, AL	Frank: 251-945-5506, 215-9630 Mitch: 251-609-3323

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