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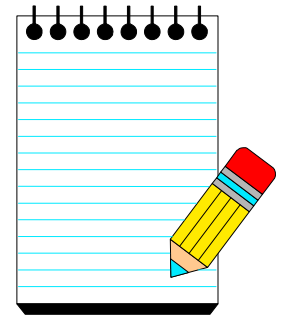
Things you “auto” know in 2012

- Jan. 21 Annual Catfish Run to David’s Catfish Cabin in Baldwin County**
 **If you didn’t sign up at the 12/22/2011 meeting, call the Lawrences
 at 433-8988 to get on the list and received details**
- Jan. 26 DSR monthly meeting in the clubhouse 7:00 p.m.**
**February outing—?? Anyone with an idea?? Bring your thoughts to the January
meeting and share them with everyone.**
- Feb. 14 Valentine’s Day**
Feb. 21 Mardi Gras Day
- Feb. 23 DSR Meeting/Annual Soup & Chili Supper—Details at Jan. meeting**
- Mar. 3 Christ United Methodist Church car show**
- Mar. 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**Pictures from the DSR Halloween Supper, Veteran’s Day Parade, Thanksgiving Dinner
various Christmas Parades, the Citronelle Centennial Parade and the DSR Christmas Party
can be seen on our website or in the 2011 DSR History Book at the January meeting.**

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

December 2011 News & Notes from the Prez...



There has been a lot gone on since I put together a few words to you back in November. First was our club's traditional Thanksgiving Dinner combined with our monthly meeting. We had 29 members and a few guest to offer thanks and share our meal. It was a very good day for everyone.

When we turned the calendar to December, the parades were scheduled for every weekend until Christmas Eve. First was the Tillman's Corner Christmas parade, then we went to Citronelle to participate in their Centennial celebration. That was really a lot of fun. Last was the Mobile Holiday Parade which was also fun in that we added a few \$\$ to our treasury. There was a tentative plan – that didn't work out – to go eat afterwards but ...

I called a December meeting because I felt we could not go into the new year with business not squared away. We did not have a full slate of candidates for the 2012 officers and we needed to have a Mother's Day Car Show Chair. Both items were attended to and I want to thank each of you who made an effort to attend at what is probably the busiest time of year.

We have two officers, Activities Coordinator Foy Bobo and Secretary Betty Wilson who are retiring from their positions as of this month. I want to thank them for their service to the club and hope all of you will join me in saying "Well done!!".



January 2012 will bring DSR's annual trip to David's Catfish Cabin on the 21st and will be put together by Tim and Stacy Lawrence, our new Activity Coordinators. You will be getting either an E-mail or a phone call to make sure you know where and what time to meet.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to serve you another year as DSR president and I look forward to seeing you for our Catfish Outing.

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Members enjoy annual club Thanksgiving Dinner

It was a beautiful November day on the 19th when members gathered to give thanks and share a bountiful meal. Two large pork loins held forth as the entrée and there were so many side dishes, the desserts had to be put in the dining room so our buffet didn't turn into a real "groaning board". The clubhouse had been decorated in a beautiful autumn theme greeting members as they arrived.

A short (short so as to not let anyone doze off) meeting was held following the meal and everyone had plenty of time to socialize before gathering up their belongs and heading for home to watch football and get that always anticipated nap.

Members enjoying the food and fellowship were **2 Z. Chaudrons, L. Crowdus, 2 Crowells, P. Dagenais, B. Daly, 2 Fullers, B. Givens, P. Hagamaker, 2 J. Hendersons, 2 Lyles, B. Larabee with 2 guests, T. Metclaf, 2 Paquets, 2 Pendergrass, B. Peterson, 2 Sells, R. Sloan with 2 ½ guests, and 2 Wilsons with 2 guests.** Judy Powell, a potential member, was also a guest.

This was the 14th year the club held a "DSR family Thanksgiving dinner". The addition, which we usually refer to as the "meeting area", was completed and dedicated Sept. 21, 1997. The first real club event was the 1996 Christmas Party held on Dec. 7, 1996 before the floor was tiled.

You can see pictures of this event at our website or in the 2011 scrapbook which will be at the January meeting.

Parades, parades and more parades

Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade

December 3rd dawned not quite as chilly as had been predicted – just enough to have a bite in the air letting all of us know we were in the last month of the year. By the time all of the vehicles arrived and were lined up, it was just perfect Christmas parade weather.

This parade has been known for years as the largest Christmas parade in Alabama and this year was probably no exception. By the time the first units were starting the return route, they barely missed the last ones in the procession.

DSR had 10 VIP transports to carry various dignitaries and all their loot. Members driving the VIPs were **2 Z. Chaudrons, J. Henderson, S. Henderson, C. Lyle, B. Paquet and R. Sloan.** Member **Jim Henderson** had four of his employees or friends driving the other cars.

When the parade was over, any DSR folk who was attending the club's annual Christmas party had to put the pedal to the metal to get there. (See more on this event elsewhere.)



Citronelle Centennial Parade

Ok, the temperature was not quite as high on the old thermometer for this Dec. 10th event as it was the week before. In fact, when those taking part gathered at the Henderson car warehouse, it was almost downright cold. Members met at 7:00 am to get lined up for the trip up the little town northwest of Mobile that was celebrating its 100th birthday. Five DSR drivers helped Jim with driving duties along with an employee and the son of a friend. Making the trip were **Z. Chaudron, P. Dagenais, W. Fuller, J. Henderson, S. Henderson, 2 Lawrences, C. Lyles, T. Metclaf, 2 Paquets, R. Sloan and C. Smith.**

There was some debate on the best route to take and the one chosen was a very good one. We were on our way by 7:30 and didn't stop until we arrived at our destination. Then we had a few minutes free time which all took advantage of at a

local gas station which had restrooms and coffee, in that order.

Once we arrived at the staging area, it was off to the Pancake Breakfast. A local club was doing the cooking but serving was handled by a group of ROTC youngsters who did a great job of keeping the food coming and the tables cleaned and re-set.

When the procession rolled, it was a short route with a big and appreciative crowd. The riders were impressed and grateful to have had such unusual rides. After returning them to the parking lot, it was time to head for home with another good DSR memory. The only one who probably didn't think it was a good as it could have been was Clyde Smith who drove Jim's Shay (windowless) and had no hat nor gloves. By the time we got to Citronelle, he had to get in the rescue truck to thaw out!



Mobile Holiday Parade

This was the last parade of the year for DSR to participate in. It is also a somewhat short one and that's a plus due to it being a large event that moves slowly due to lots of young children taking part as well as the maneuvering of the big balloons.

We met at 12 noon on Dec. 17th at the Loop Rite Aid to go down as a tight group due to the parking situation for the cars. It started out looking like a dreary day but by noon, it was sunshine and bright blue skies.

Again, members helped out by driving some of Jim Henderson's cars as well as those who drove their own vehicle. Helping to earn a few bucks for our club coffer were **Z. Chaudron, S. Henderson, 2 Lawrences, C. Lyles, 2 Paquets, B. Peterson, and R. Sloan.** We were required to supply 10 vehicles and Jim supplied the other drivers.

Unfortunately, tentative plans to go eat afterwards didn't work out so everyone went their own merry way. Another year in the books.

As usual, there are pix posted on the DSR website and in the scrapbook which will be at the Jan. 26th meeting.

DSR members enjoy club Christmas Party at Club 615



Cartoon by former DSR member Guy

Walt and Martha Fuller, part owners of the upscale Dauphin Street eatery, graciously offered to put up a buffet for members to enjoy as this year's Christmas Party. It was held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd and is said to be a very nice event. Twenty-two members, including the Fuller hosts, were in attendance; including 2 Bobos, 2 Z. Chaudrons, L. Crowdus, 2 Crowells, P. Dagenais, 2 Dillehays, R. Estes, 2 Lawrences, 2 McCuskers, T. Metclaf, 2 Pendergrass and 2 Wilsons.

Your typist sent out a query to all members, not knowing at the time who did and did not attend, asking them to share their experience so those of us who could not go might share in the merriment. Apparently only two felt they could say anything others might like to read about. Thanks to R. Estes who said " *The Christmas lunch was fantastic!. Lovely ambiance and delicious food –*

I have to say the best was the company and getting to sit and visit outside of club business. Thanks to Walt and Martha for making it happen." "We were late getting there but Tracy and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Martha was the perfect hostess, moving about the room checking on everyone and seeing the buffet stayed fresh and plentiful." was the comment from Paul Dagenais.



IS YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST??

If not, then your dues have not been received by Friday, Dec. 30th by our Treasurer, Bobby Peterson.

F. & J. Bobo	T. Metclaf
J. & S. Bogle	T. & S. Miller
J. & D. Bright	B. & P. Paquet
T. & E. Chaudron	B. Peterson
Z. & R. Chaudron	B. & S. Suttle
K. & M. Crowell	H. & N. Thoms
P. Dagenais	J. & B. Wilson
B. Daly	
W. & M. Fuller	You can mail your
B. Givens	dues (\$50 for both
E. Grimes, Jr.	national & local)
P. Hagamaker	to B. Peterson
B. Larrabee	5800 Innsbruck Dr.
C. & R. Lyles	Mobile, AL 36608



DSR December 22nd meeting

It was short and sweet but the club now has its 2012 officers as follows:

President:	Z. Chaudron
V/President:	W. Fuller
Secretary:	P. Paquet
Treasurer:	B. Peterson
Activities:	T. & S. Lawrence
Editor:	Paul Dagenais
Member-at-Large:	Peter Pearce

Appointed/Volunteer Positions

Chaplain	K. Crowell
Historian	P. Paquet
Webmaster	H. Thoms
Refreshments	M. Fuller
Program Chair	E. Rogers
Telephone Chair	_____??

Deep South Region AACA General Membership Meeting Nov. 19, 2011

The meeting was preceded by a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner after which President Chaudron called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with 29 members and four officers. Chaplain K. Crowell said the blessing then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Cards were circulated for those who were ill.

Old Business: President: Gave the Nominating Committee's report for the 2012 slate of officers which is W. Fuller – VP, B. Peterson – Treasurer, Activities – Tim & Stacy Lawrence, and Member-at-Large – Peter Pearce. The Secretary and Editor slots are still vacant.

VP Fuller and Webmaster H. Thoms had no old business. Activities Chairman Bobo and Member-at-Large P. Pearce were absent. Secretary Wilson asked for a motion to approved the October minutes as printed in the November News Bulletin, motion made, seconded and passed. Treasurer B. Peterson noted that he would be accepting 2012 dues when the meeting adjourned.

New Business: The President asked if members wished to make the Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade an official club function. Motion made, seconded and carried. A sign-up sheet was passed around. A motion to make the Mobile Holiday Parade an official club function was made, second and passed. A meeting location and time was set for this event. President Chaudron then asked for volunteers to serve on the 2012 Mother's Day Car Show. Although no one accepted the job of Chair, W. Fuller, P. Hagamaker, J. Henderson and T. Metclaf agreed to serve on the committee. VP Fuller, Secretary Wilson and Webmaster Thoms had no new business. As noted previously, the Activities Chair and Member-at-Large were absent. Treasurer B. Peterson presented the November Financial Statement for members' review. Motion to accept made, seconded and passed. Patt Paquet asked to speak to the membership and made a plea for two members to be gracious enough to step forward and take the jobs of Secretary and Editor so as to not cause a hardship for our President who has agreed to serve the club another year. The 50/50 pot of 37.00 was split between the club and Martha Fuller. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Note: These minutes were approved with corrections which have been made at the December 22, 2011 meeting and included in this issue for the information of those members who were not in attendance.



Update on Dolly Pendergrass

For anyone who doesn't know, sometime after Dec. 3rd, John and Dolly had finished lunch at Somerby and went to return books to the library. They ran into an acquaintance, stopped to talk and Dolly went on to return the books. She had only moved a few steps when she fell resulting in a few broken ribs and lots of moderate trauma. She is now in recovery mode but will be quite a while in getting back to her usual self.

Their two daughters, one from Chicago and one from Virginia, along with their son from Maryland were here over the holidays bringing cheer and "caretaking". Let's all keep Dolly in our prayers for a full and quick recovery.

More get-well wishes needed

New member whom we've not yet had the pleasure to meet, Rick Chisolm was sitting at the Hwy 90/Azalea Road traffic light/intersection on Thursday, Dec. 29th when another vehicle speeding up behind him and without ever applying brakes, hit him from behind propelling him into another (?) oncoming (?) vehicle.

He spent the rest of the day in a local ER but the good news is he was released late Thursday. He is also one with broken ribs, bumps and bruises that are going to take sometime to heal.

We all hope you are well enough to attend the Jan. 26th meeting so we can shake your hand and welcome you and your family to DSR.