

Your December 2010 issue of the Sparkplug consisting of 10 pages including this calendar is ready for your reading pleasure. Until we get a new Editor, this will be the last newsletter sent out.

2011 Dates you need to know

- Jan 1 New Years Day
- Jan 5 Go Daddy.com Bowl Mardi Gras Parade—See details on Page 7
- Jan 22 Annual Catfish Run to David's Catfish—Details on Page 7
- Jan 27 First DSR monthly meeting in clubhouse
- Feb 10-12 AACCA Annual Meeting—Philadelphia, PA
- Feb 24 DSR monthly meeting in clubhouse with Soup & Chili Supper
- Mar 4-5 AACCA Winter Meet in Homestead, FL
- Mar 10-12 Special Spring Meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- May 7 Umpteenth DSR Annual Mother's Day Car Show

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



New Year's Greetings from the new DSR Prez

When I volunteered for the Nominating Committee earlier this year to help search out folks to fill vacant Officer positions, I didn't think of becoming President of our club.

But the truth of the matter is we all have to become involved to make DSR a continued success. I came to the conclusion that taking on a leadership role, whether elected, appointed or volunteer, is part of making DSR successful.

Following in the footsteps of our outgoing President Steve Goren is not going to be easy. Steve did say he will remain an active member and I'm going to hold him to it.

Reviewing the 2010 year, it seems we stayed moderately busy with outings, car shows and a few community and city events. Our own DSR Mother's Day Car Show took up a fair amount of time. This, and the friends we make along the way doing these things are what it's all about to me.

Those of us who participated in the Mobile Holiday Parade had a good time, even if it did make for a somewhat drawn-out day. My thanks go to them because we will add a few \$\$ to our treasury and appreciate having been invited to be a part of the well attended event. Drivers were **F. Bobo, Z. Chaudron, W. Fuller, T. Godfrey, J. Henderson, C. Lyles, J. Pendergrass, B. Peterson, R. Sloan, and J. Wilson.**

The Christmas meal was a good way to end the year and was fairly well attended. It's difficult this time of year to get all of our folks in one place at one time. I especially want to recognize Charlie and Ardie Froehlich for having driven over from Picayune, MS to be with us. I think we may be

getting to make a trip in the coming months to their place and I am looking forward to it. I'm told that not only are they good at putting together something tasty for a crowd, but that Charlie has found more than one use for his garage lift when it comes to serving food.



Sharing our Christmas meal, if my memory is correct (and forgive me if it's not) were 2 Bobos, L. Crowder, 2 Dylewski, 2 Froehlichs, 2 Fullers, T. Godfrey, Steve and Trevor Goren, 2 J. Hendersons (with 2 guests) 2 Pendergrass, B. Peterson, R. Sloan, 2 Smiths, 2 Thoms and 2 Wilsons.

New officers for the coming year are:

President.....Zeno Chaudron
Vice President.....Walt Fuller
Secretary.....Betty Wilson
Treasurer.....Bobby Peterson
Editor.....
Activities.....Foy Bobo
Member-at-Large.....Peter Pearce

Appointees and/or Volunteers

Chaplain.....Kevin Crowell
Historian.....Patt Paquet
Program Chairman.....Ernie Rogers
Refreshments.....Clyde & Janet Smith
Webmaster.....Herb Thoms

Our first meeting of 2011 will be on Jan. 27th (remember – always the fourth Thursday) and I hope all of you will show up to help me get through it without to many mistakes.

Zeno

From the driver's seat



Do you ever think back to when you were somewhere between maybe eight to 10 years old and wonder what things would be like in the next thirty, forty or fifty years? I can remember questioning in my mind what the 2000 decade would be like. Would we be zooming around in space just like we were driving cars on roads at that time? Also, I remember that every time a new war broke out, I speculated if we would even be around when the new millennium came.

Well, we made it through to where we are now and we're still here, but the space program almost brought us to that "zooming around the planets at warp speed" didn't it?

I want to thank each of you for allowing me to have served as your President the past two years. It has been an amazing experience, one that I would not trade for some others I've had which ranked high up on my best personal good things in life.

I am going to ask one last thing of every member of DSR; that is to give your new President and all the continuing and incoming officers the help, courtesy and cooperation you have honored me with. It really was a great ride.

Steve Goren, President

Quotes for the month:

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. *Victor Borge*

I never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. *Zsa Zsa Gabor*

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was Shut Up. *Joe Namath*

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: caffeine, sugar, fat and alcohol. *Alex Levine*

Don't worry about temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. *Winston Churchill*

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

Will Rogers



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From the Editor...

By the time you read this, another year will be history. And speaking of reading, I seen a few things just recently that make me more concerned than ever before about our hobby. For instance, one report states Americans scrapped four million more cars and trucks than they bought in 2009. How is that possible?

Carmakers are in for a hard time, but the automobile collector hobby faces an equally bleak future. The average age of a historic vehicle hobbyist is 55 and over 75% of them are age 46 or older.

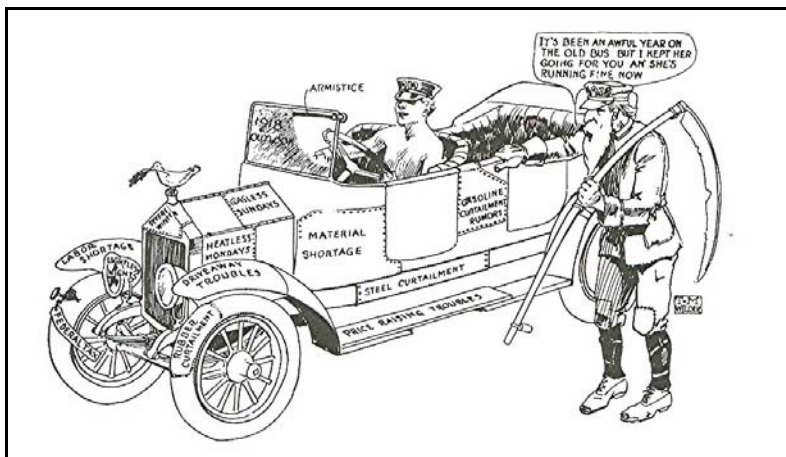
So much of what is happening is due in part to the declining interest in cars among young people. They have learned they can live without automobiles because they can socialize via the internet or on smart phones, not in cars.

According to the most recent United States Department of Transportation data, the number of teenagers with licenses, which peaked at 12 million in 1978 is now under 10 mil. A whopping 69% of 16-year-olds and 51% of 17-year-olds did not have a driver's license in 2008. (The above is excerpted from an article by Bob Buzt in Hagerty Insurance's *Fuel for the Motoring Lifestyle* Winter 2010 issue.)

With all this said, perhaps now is the time for us to make sure every effort is made to keep DSR in the best light possible and try to make sure we are visible as often as we can be. Maybe we could consider a regular program taking cars – various makes, models and years – to community schools for the younger people to see. Just a thought.

This past year, 2010, has been what I feel was a good one for me and mine, except for the last month of the year. For the first time in 14 years, the club's newsletter is late. Un-fortunately, my right hand was attacked by a viral intestinal infection that put her totally out of commission for nearly a week. However, she seems to have mostly recovered so you will be getting your December issue just after the last day of 2010.

I trust everyone had a good holiday season and look forward to being with you as often as possible in 2011.



Under restoration

Dolly Pendergrass had knee surgery on Monday following our club Christmas get-together and doing A-OK! Her daughters began arriving the next day, took care all the usual Christmas decorating but left before time to put it all away. John has been doing double duty as caretaker and housekeeper.

Betty Wilson, 2011 club scribe, was also a knee surgery candidate for the above mentioned day after. However, her ortho doctor got stuck in Memphis due to weather so she had to wait until Tuesday. Reports say she ambulated out of the hospital with only a walker to assist.

Charlie Lyles had a stroke (and it is believed to have been minor) on Monday, Dec. 27th. He was at work and thanks to a cell phone was able to call a close friend (and former DSR member – Roger Vines) who happens to be a paramedic that came to his aid immediately. Charlie spent a few days in Providence Hospital but went home on Dec. 29th with instructions to continue exercises and other post-hospital orders.

Problems are never little ones with the Lyles. They returned home on Christmas Eve after delivering church fruit baskets to find a pipe in the kitchen wall burst flooding that room, the hall plus a half-bath. They are still in the process of drying out.

Patt Paquet spent four days in the hospital causing her and Buddy to miss the DSR holiday festivities. However, being an unselfish person, she shared her viral intestinal infection with hubby but to a far lesser degree than what she had.

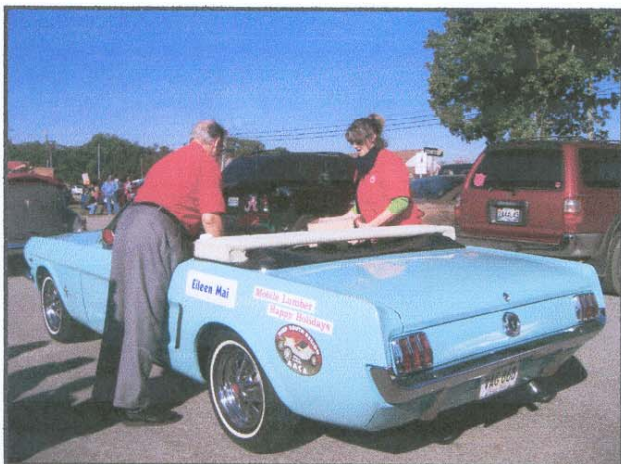
Hey gang, let's get and stay well so we can play with our old cars.

DSR cars add sparkle and shine to Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade

By Stella Suttle

There just could not have been a more perfect day for a parade, any kind of parade, and most especially for a Christmas parade. Crisp temperatures and crystal blue skies greeted DSR members as they met at the Deep South Car Museum next to Mobile Lumber. We got our car assignments and headed out for the parade staging area.

The club had an impressive showing with 10 cars participating, some of which were decked out in their Christmas finery – you're missing something if you haven't seen the Paquet's special Christmas hood ornament!!



I was lucky enough to ride with Dad in Jim Henderson's 64^{1/2} turquoise Mustang. We were honored to have as our ride, Christine Whitely, the Tillman's Corner Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year 2010. It was her first parade experience as a "VIP" and she really enjoyed it. I think she knew everyone on the parade route.

And speaking of people on the parade route, I was told before hand that this particular Christmas parade is one of the biggest in our state. I believe it. It was so long that as the cars and riders reached just a little more than the half-way point of the route, the end of the procession was just getting to about one-quarter mark.. Children and parents lined the streets screaming for candy and necklaces, Moon Pies, stuffed animals and other

trinkets. There were "Merry Christmas" greetings exchanged between drivers, riders and the crowd along with a good many shouts of "War Eagle" and "Roll Tide".

After the parade concluded and we (begrudgingly!) returned our rides to the car warehouse, those who had time met at Ruby Tuesday's for lunch. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and food; it is always good to get together to visit. I think this is one Christmas tradition to which we all look forward.

Driving in the parade were DSR members Z. Chaudron, G. Givens, T. Henderson, S. Henderson, M. Palmer, P. Pearce, B. Paquet and C. Smith.



A letter of thanks

The following letter was received the end of November:

Mr. Goren:

This note is to acknowledge the memorial gift of \$75.00 directed to the Bus Fund of the First Baptist Church of Hoover, AL. The gift, in memory of Mrs. Willie Mae Metclaf (Tracey's mother) is gratefully accepted by the First Baptist Church of Hoover.

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Cruise-in for Harrison

By Herb Thoms & Zeno Chaudron

Herb: Ho, hum, just another cruise-in at a hamburger joint on a beautiful November day with a bunch of guys and gals ogling each others' beautiful rides. But Saturday, November 27th, was special. It was a was a donation benefit for Harrison Leff. Harrison is confined to to a degenerative form of muscular dystrophy and the fundraiser, hosted by Five Guys Burgers and Fries on Airport Boulevard was aimed at help to get him a new chair. Additional hosts were Auto-Fleet Machine Shop, Southern Repro Graphics, DSR and McDonald Muffler.

There were a number of DSR members observed at the event and it was especially good to see Richard and Sylvia White there in addition to the usual group of cruise-in devotees.

In referring to the event, Harrison said he was glad for the turnout and thankful to all who came. When I spoke to him it was obvious he is a bright, articulate young man with a winning smile and attitude. How special he really is became evident when I saw an article about him in the Sports section of the Press Register. His school, Mobile Christian, honored him with a surprise "Hoops for Harrison" event at a recent game. You see, in spite of his condition, Harrison is very active in the school's sports program. He keeps statistics for the basketball team as well as being manager and student coach. He also has worked with other sports programs at the school. By the way, Mobile Christian beat Sweet water 62 to 23 that night and Harrison was busy keeping the stats.



Zeno: Trying to keep up with the vehicle count of a cruise-in was something like nailing Jello to a tree. But I do think everything went well. Between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm on the day of the event, we collected \$2,105. Car count wise, the best I can figure was somewhere between 50-75. A number of local car clubs were represented. The Leff family was very happy with the results and Harrison, of course, had a great time. Five Guys & Fries were pleased with the amount of extra business we created for them. I talked with the manager and thanked him for allowing us to use the back part of their parking area. He said it was about the busiest early Saturday they'd had in a long time. I guess we helped them out, too.

Are your dues paid?

If your name appears on the list below, your dues are paid as of Dec. 30, 2010. They maybe in the mail but not yet received.

The only way for the 2011 DSR Membership Roster to be prepared and handed out at the January meeting is that all dues be paid ASAP.

National & DSR dues paid

Bailey, Carl & Janice
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 Cashdollar, Dick & Brenda
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 Dylewski, Garrette & Freida
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 Froehlich, Charlie & Ardie
 Gechijian, Bob & Linda
 Grimes, Ed
 Henderson, Jim & Nancy
 Henderson, Mallory
 Henderson, Travis
 Lyles, Charlie & Robbie
 McCusker, Ed & Barbara
 Musgrove, Bill & Leah
 Palmer, Michael
 Paquet, Buddy & Patt
 Pearce, Peter & Toni
 Ernie Rogers
 Ross Sloan
 Smith, Clyde & Janet
 Thoms, Herb & Nancy
 White, Richard & Sylvia

National dues only paid

Bumgarten, John & Mary



Just for the ladies...

By Patt Paquet

I thought it might be fun to close out the year, especially after all the preparations and cooking most of us have done since mid-November, remembering to be grateful we have so much modern technology. Allow me to share with you some information of the *Columbia Cook Book* that I inherited from my mother who received it May 19, 1918 at the grown-up age of 13. It was authored by Adelaide Hollingsworth and published in 1895.



I have added a few tips of my own that I have run across over the years. I hope you find them helpful.

Among the things listed as being necessary for all kitchens of that time were a wooden butter ladle, a pair of scales, a coffee mill, three iron kettles, one candlestick, a coal bucket with shovel, a teakettle, two brooms, an ash bucket, one tin and one wooden pail, a spice box with spices and an apple cover. (And we get upset if the microwave goes kaput!)

There are hints on how to keep a lamp wick from smoking, how to keep the lamp chimney from cracking, how to preserve shoe soles, how to freshen straw hats and how to bathe a new baby. Ah well, so much for the good old days.

On a more modern note, do you know you can make your own breadcrumbs – and a tastier version at that – rather than buying? Just find a convenient airtight container and start putting in all of the remains of chips, snack crackers and non-sweet cereals. Just remember to crush each addition well before adding to the container. This is economical, generally needs very little seasoning if any at all, and does not need refrigeration.

Got a non-stick skillet down in the bottom of the cabinet because it's less than non-stick? Remove the handle then use it as an oven baking pan. It's a great size for small amounts. Be sure to spritz it with cooking spray when using.

Nothing's worse than getting the interior of your car messy from a wet umbrella. Those plastic sleeves the newspaper comes in works great and takes up minimal room in your purse.

If you do a fair amount of baking, keep a powder puff in a small plastic bag near your flour container to make quick work of dusting pans,

Before measuring syrup or honey, spray spoon or container with non-stick cooking spray to get all of the sweetener into whatever you are preparing.

Use that same non-stick cooking spray or rub cooking oil on a grater before you begin to use and watch the cheese slip right off.

A metal jar lid or a couple of marbles in the bottom of a double-boiler will rattle when the water starts to get low reminding you to add more.

In a hurry to make only a piece or two of silver shine? All you need is a rub with damp baking soda on a soft cloth.

I'm told that if you've brought some fruit flies home from the store, fill a small glass with ½ inch Apple Cider vinegar and two drops dishwashing liquid mixed well. Place near fruit and your pests will end up in the mixture.

I've also been told that if you need to get something from under the fridge or some other tight spot, flatten an empty paper towel roll, tape to the wand of your vacuum cleaner to retrieve it.

To reheat leftover pizza, put it in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove on medium low until warm. This keeps the crust nice and crispy.

Thank goodness for past generations

By Bobby Peterson

My aunt and uncle – Bernette and Dr. Rudy Rogers – from Waynesville, North Carolina visited me not long ago to attend a wedding. Uncle Rudy is 95 and Aunt Tom (Bernette) is 86 years of age, respectively. They live in Winter Park, Florida in the winter months but enjoy being in their NC home in the Smokey Mountains during the summertime.

Rudy is a Doctor of Literature (Yale University) where he served as Librarian for a period of time and has published a few books. He was, at one time, the Director of the Library of Congress. During that time he was presented with a medal by the king of Belgium for helping set up libraries in that country.

My Aunt Tom (Her nickname originated with her having been a true “tomboy” in her youth.) broke her arm last summer after trying to climb from a wheelbarrow into the back of a truck just to sweep it out. She continues to do so many things a person half her age would do.



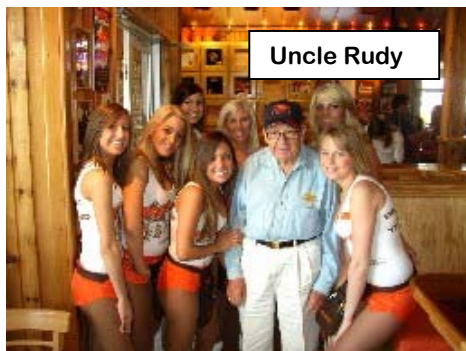
Aunt “Tom”

It was through her that I acquired my 1912 Metz Runabout from a friend of hers. The friend had tried for a short time to sell it and I ended up buying it. I had it running before the restoration I decided to do which started in the early nineties.

My dear aunt and uncle are much less than happy about my flying, but are more interested in what their grandchildren are doing. While they were here, Aunt Tom offered to help me with some minor work I was doing on one of my MGs. This is not the first time she has worked on projects with me but it is the first time to have help from someone wearing “Sports Car Red” fingernail polish.

We all went for a doughnut run to Krispy Kreme in the Model A. Uncle Rudy was enjoying the trip until I answered my cell phone. He said there is something just not right about cell phones and Model As together.

They are my heart and although we don’t get together as often as I would like, I do talk with them nearly every Saturday morning. They still drive to Mobile or anywhere they want to go. They promised they would come back again. I know you understand when I say I am so thankful for them.



Uncle Rudy

Some things you “auto” know

By Norma Nosey

Drivers for the Go Daddy.com Bowl Mardi Gras Parade should be at the Deep South Car Museum just past Mobile Lumber on Highway 90 West by 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5th.

The group will caravan to the staging area. Who knows? There might even be a police escort.

It would be greatly appreciated if someone will take pictures for the scrapbook.



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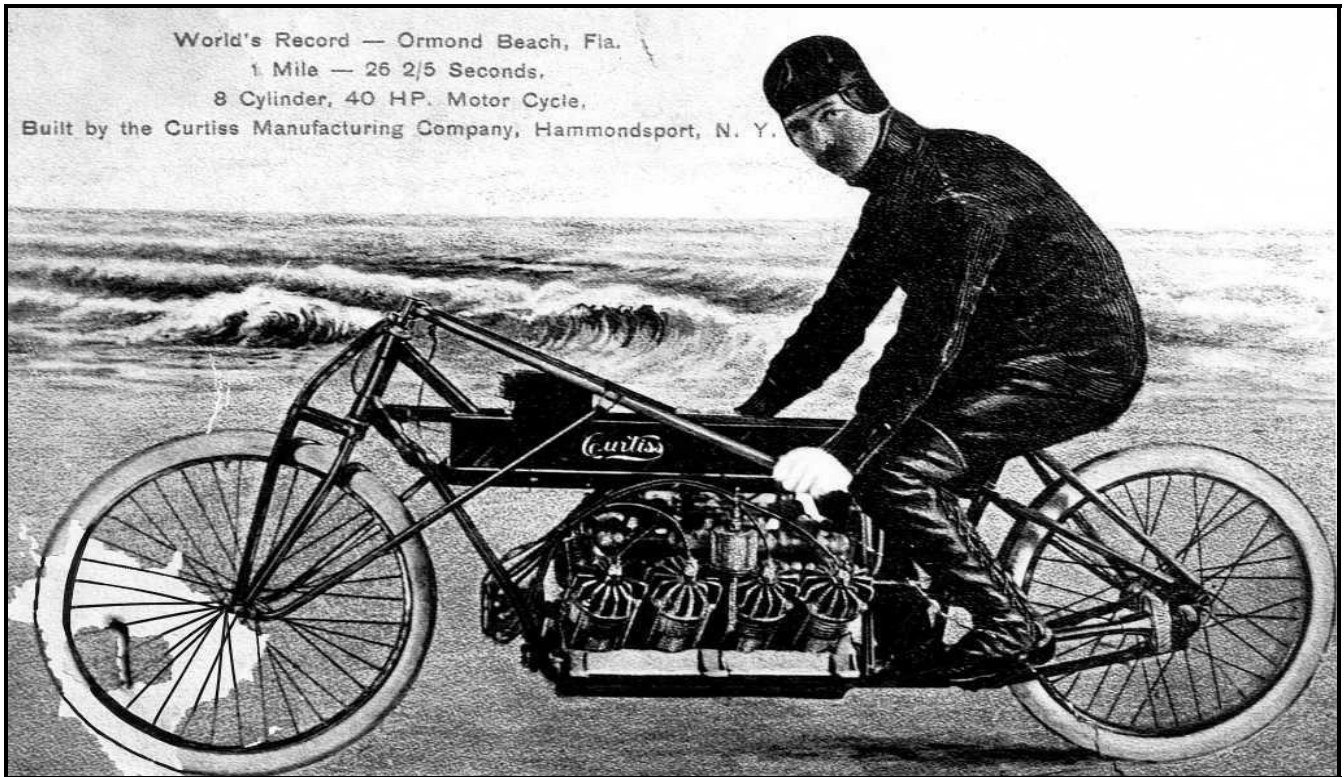
**Annual January Catfish Run
Saturday, Jan. 22**

Members wishing to help continue our 15-years-plus tradition should let Foy Bobo (661-6133) know by Wednesday, Jan. 19th they are planning to attend.

We will meet in the parking lot of Felix’s Fish Camp on the Causeway at 11:15 am for a leisurely drive to David’s Catfish just past Spanish Fort on Highway 31 in Baldwin County.

The restaurant will be expecting us and have space set aside in the back dining room. **DON’T MISS IT!!**

Look at the great things you can see on the AACA Library & Research Center site



Glenn Curtiss on the motorcycle he used to set the world speed record in 1907 at Ormond Beach, FL. The 40 hp V8 motorcycle (with an automobile tire in the rear) propelled Curtiss one mile in 26 2/5 seconds (137 mph). The record setting run was performed on a 4-mile stretch of beach. He used two miles to get up to speed, one mile to set the record and one mile to stop safely. His land speed record stood until 1911.

Prest-O-Lite Company perfected automobile headlights.

Check out this chronology of historic developments in automobile headlamps.

Picture from the AACA Library & Research Center's Headlights Archives

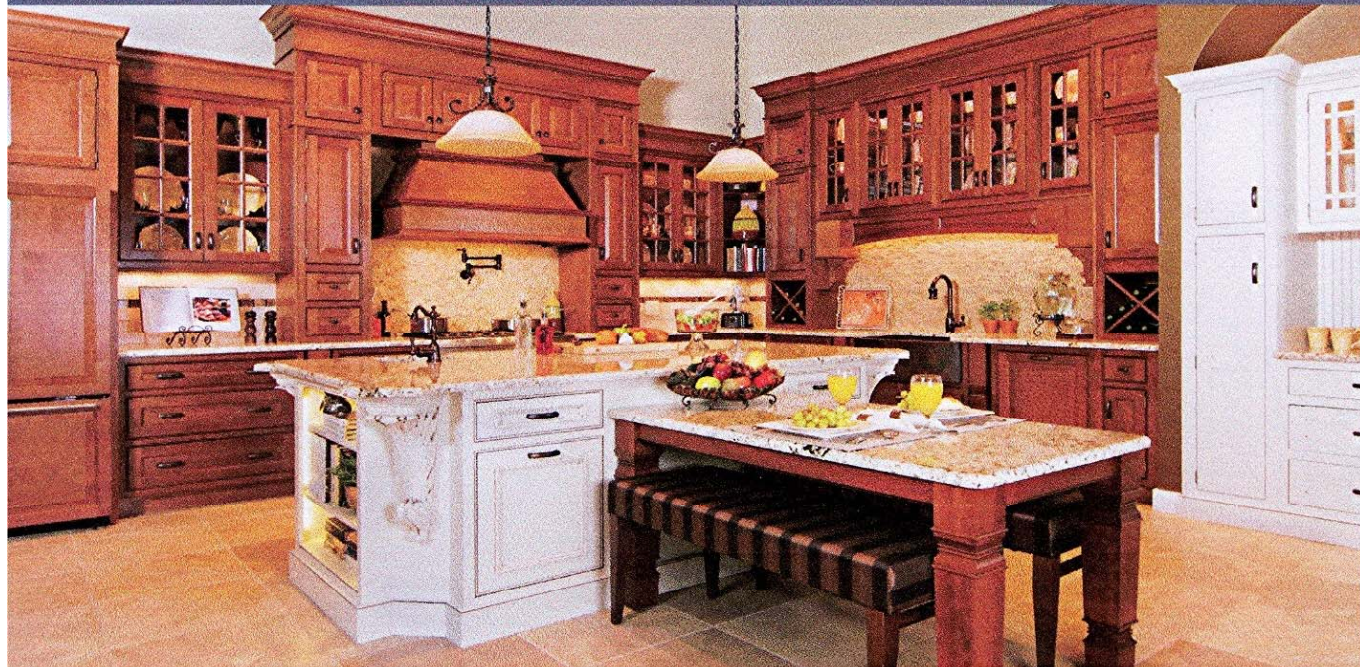
NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1954. RESORTS

HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT OF AUTOMOBILE HEADLAMPS

YEARS	TYPES	YEARS	TYPES
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1906 — 1912	Acetylene	1934 — 1939	Prefocused
1912 — 1915	Vacuum	1939 — 1955	Sealed Beam
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