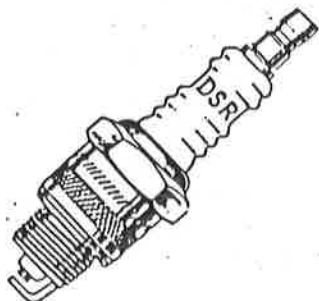


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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
DEEP SOUTH REGION

A.A.C.A.



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Oct. 2-3-4 - Outing to the Counselman's home.

Oct. 17 - Outing to Monroeville.

Oct. 17 - N. O. Show.

Oct. 22 - Meeting at the club house at 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 24-31 DSR Fall Tour.

The SPARKPLUG is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. Deep South Region meetings are held once each month on the fourth Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at the A.A.C.A. club-house at 951 Forest Hill Drive at Zeigler Blvd. The SPARKPLUG will be mailed the weekend before each meeting. Annual dues are \$15.00. This includes wife membership if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$15.00 single and \$19.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

### OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our Prez, Herb Counselman, opened the meeting at 7:35 P.M. with 54 present. Our Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins, gave the invocation. Herb introduced our new member Jim Henderson. Jim is president of Stacy Building Material and Home Center stores.

On our sick list, Jan Hartman is back in the hospital with stomach trouble. Mr. Harper and Mr. Rester are both holding their own very well on their sicknesses.

In the absence of our activity coordinators, Herb told us of the coming activities. Cars in Bel Air Mall for display, and the October outing to his home in Mississippi.

Lloyd thanked everyone for the support he received in the movie, "WAR AND REMEMBRANCE", and told of the very nice donation check he presented to the DSR from the makers of the movie for the DSR participation. Lloyd then told of the cars we must get in the Bel Air Mall and in other money making events that support the DSR financially.

Jeannie Hepler told of the need for tables at the coming yard sale and got several volunteers to help out. Several also volunteered to get tables.

Nell Few requested help for the next several months on getting refreshments, and got several volunteers. Nell then told us of the coming DSR Fall Tour plans and the preparations that have been made.

O. D. requested cars for Saturday, November 7th at Oak Park Church of God on Three Notch Road. He was told that the Jackson Show was on that date, so he requested any not going to Jackson, AL please come out.

Herb then appointed a Steering Committee consisting of past presidents and the existing club officers to examine qualifications of new members and to assist in making decisions, as the club is getting too large for the club officers to take care of all club business.

Herb then appointed a nominating committee of Warren Rollins, Bud Moseley, Junie Jarvis, and Ed Grimes for nominations or recommendations for 1988 DSR officers. Hop Made a motion to get two nominees per office, if possible. Motion passed after discussion.

Herb recommended raising dues to keep lawn cut during summer months. Quite a bit of discussion followed and the recommendation was tabled until a later date, possibly with 1988 officers.

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Nov. 7 - Jackson, AL Show and Display.

Nov. 14 - Meridian, MS Show.

Nov. 19 - Meeting at the club house at 7:30 P.M.

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Laura Faust, Reba Counselman, and Mickey Dickerson will head up our 1987 Christmas Party. Any more volunteers will be welcome.

George Mazzagotte requested that we invite the Pensacola Sports Car Club to our October meeting. Herb asked for a show of hands if you want, or do not want, to invite them. The membership voted to ask them over, so we must prepare to have them at the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 and we all enjoyed goodies furnished by Reba, Nell, and others.

### SILVERHILL HERITAGE DAY

Saturday, September 19th was Heritage Day in Silverhill Alabama, with their annual parade and display of Arts and Crafts, along with an excellent food and drink selection. As usual, the German sausages were delicious! The DSR had been asked to display our cars and drive them in the parade. We had a very nice turnout. There were 25 DSR members and two visitors in 13 antique cars, and we all had a great time together. It was a hot sunny day but we were under shade trees and guzzling cokes and cold soft drinks all afternoon.

And now a bit about our two visitors. Dick and Shannon Crutcher of Pleasant View, Tennessee spent a couple of days with us here in Mobile and we all really enjoyed having this very fine couple come to Mobile! The Crutchers are the folks that invited the Metropolitan owners from the DSR, as well as several other Met owner groups, to their home in Pleasant View (just north of Nashville) for a barbeque and get-together. While they were here they stayed on Dauphin Island and we all visited with them and they with us. (There is an article in the June SPARKPLUG about our visit to Tennessee on Memorial Day weekend.) Dick and Shannon will be joining the DSR next month and we will be most happy to have them as members! Several of our members have Metropolitans under restoration and these are great people to know for parts, upholstery, or just information.

Those of you that missed Silverhill's Heritage Day missed a real fine outing, fine food, and fine people. Plan on making this one next year!!!

### OUT OF HERB'S GLOVE BOX

Hey! Hey! October has been a busy month! Hope we can slow down in November! We had a large time at our place on Literard Knot Branch the first weekend of October. We missed a lot of you, and want to thank the ones that came and helped. It took a lot of hard work!

Hey! You need to get the nominating ballots in! Times awasting! The nominating committee needs your help in getting names of all the ones that are willing to serve and work, and Lord knows we need the ones that are willing to work! So if you want to serve, or know someone that will, get the names in. The nominating committee wants to consider all that want to serve. You don't have to sign. We don't need to know who fill's the form out.

We just came from Natchez for a four day motorhome state meeting and are now here in Jackson, Mississippi for the car show and state fair as I write this. If you've never been here, you need to plan on it one year! Plenty to do!

I'll be calling the ones on the nominating committee and steering committee soon for some meeting to get all the loose ends tied up. We have a lot to do in two months.

See you at the meeting anyway! Have fun and don't worry about it!!!!!!

Herb --

We are very sorry to report the accidental death of Barbara Langham Simpson, Condie Langham's first cousin. She was only 33 years old, mother of two children, and her husband is in the ministry. She was alone in her car when the accident occurred. Our heartfelt sympathy is with her husband and children, with Condie, Lucille, and her entire family.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:



A GOOD LOOK AT THAT PERSON IN THE MIRROR!

When the other fellow takes a long time to do something -- He's slow!  
But when I take a long time for the same job, I'm thorough.

When the other fellow doesn't do the job -- He's lazy. But when I don't do it, I'm too busy.

When the other fellow goes ahead and does something without being told, he's overstepping his bounds. But when I go ahead and do something without being told, I show initiative.

When the other fellow states his side of the question strongly -- He's bull headed. But when I state my side of the question strongly, I'm being firm.

When the other fellow overlooks a few rules of etiquette -- He's rude. But when I overlook the same rules, I'm original.

When the other fellow does something that pleases the boss -- He's polishing the brass. But when I do something that pleases the boss, then that's cooperation.

When the other fellow gets ahead -- He sure has the lucky breaks. But when I manage to get ahead. Man! Hard work did it!

I will never believe mirrors were invented or discovered by accident!

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Jan Hartman has been in the hospital twice recently for investigation of stomach pain, but so far, nothing has been found.

Our Prez, Herb, has been losing weight recently and feeling bad. He is being checked out at this writing and we hope he brings good news to the meeting Thursday night!

Vera Kyser was recently hospitalized for stomach disorders and treatment, and she is doing much better now.

Mr. Rester, Lycyle's father, is still holding up very well, but he is certainly a very sick man.

Mr. Harper, Ray's father, is doing well and looks very good after having treatment for his infection.

Lucille Langham's mother is in the hospital in serious condition with pneumonia.

DSR RUMMAGE SALE & YARD CLEAN-UP

The DSR yard sale of miscellaneous items donated by members was very successful and brought a tidy little sum to our treasury. While the yard sale was in progress, on Saturday, September 26th, quite a few members were busy assisting Lou Eschete in a lawn and yard clean-up operation. Everyone seemed to have had a good time all being together and getting things done with a bit of pride in our accomplishments.

This is what makes the DSR be so well known as the "good fellowship" club! Cooperation and congeniality is the key! The Deep South Region can do anything we set out to do!!!!

BEL AIR MALL DISPLAY of DSR CARS

Lloyd Crowdus, our publicity chairman, set up a display of DSR cars in Bel Air Mall for the last week of September. He said he wished to thank all those members that so faithfully supported this display which is the DSR's best source of income each year. Lloyd said he wanted to give a special thanks to those members that brought cars from out of town, some traveling quite a distance for this!

Many of our members put real show quality cars on display which really helps the DSR get this each year.

October 9, 1987.

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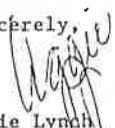
Dear Lloyd:

Once again, the Club did a great job of bringing in the perfect mix of cars for our shoppers to enjoy during our 20th Anniversary celebration. I always enjoy working with you all because everything goes so smoothly and there are never any problems. I appreciate your help in organizing the coming in as well as the departing from the mall.

Please express my personal appreciation as well as those of all of the merchants to the club for a great show.

I am going to work on giving a car away for next anniversary since it will be our 21st.

Sincerely,

  
Aggie Lynch  
Marketing Director

Antique Automobile Club of America

Mrs. Aggie Lynch  
Marketing Director  
Bel Air Mall  
P. O. Box 160471  
Mobile, AL. 36616

Dear Aggie:

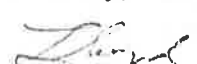
On behalf of the Deep South Region I want to thank you for giving us the opportunity to display our antique cars in the Mall's 20th anniversary.

We appreciated your very nice letter and we will be glad to work with you in locating a antique car to be given away next year. I will call you in the next few days to discuss this.

I would like to also thank the Pinkerton Guard Service for their services.

Again, Aggie it was just a pleasure working with you and we all look forward to being of service in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Lloyd Crowdus,  
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In addition to the Mall donation, Ole Hop put his 1927 Chevrolet touring on display at Sears commemorating their 1927 opening of their 1st Mobile store an extra week, which brought an extra \$300 donation to the DSR from Sears!

To the left of this is a letter from Aggie Lynch, Bel Air Mall manager, and the answer from our publicity chairman.

- PERSONALS -

CORRECTION on CORRECTION: In last month's SPARKPLUG we made a correction on "Don" and Deloris Dyer's telephone number. Well, at least we got the phone number right! But it is Denzil and Deloris Dyer -- not Don! Sorry about this double error!

We are all sorry to learn that Lloyd and Lycyle sold their little Metropolitan coupe, the one that started this whole Metropolitan craze!

HAPPY NEWS! Bill and Sydney Whiting have a brand new baby boy! His name is Joseph and brother Will is real pleased to have a new brother for a playmate!

Elven and Nell have bought the Edwards' 1953 blue and white Chevrolet and they plan to drive it on the DSR Fall Tour!

We all want to thank Willie Nelson for the nice bulletin board and stand he donated to the DSR for use in our Mall displays. It's really a nice one!!!



NEW MEMBERS

We want to welcome four new families into the DSR this month!

Pierre and Sharron Fontana of 100 Billingsgate Road in Mobile, AL 36619 have re-joined the DSR. Pierre is a past president of the DSR, having served as our first president when the DSR was chartered in 1967. He operates the Foreign Auto Service on 2907 Old Shell Road. Their home phone is 661-0656 and business 473-4577. Pierre and Sharron own a 1909 Sears, a 1941 Dodge military Command Car, a 1954 MGTF, and a 1957 Chevy Bel Air 2-dr hardtop.

Jim and Nancy Henderson, address P. O. Box 9037, Mobile, AL 36691-0037 have also joined the DSR. Jim is president of the Stacy Building Material and Home Center stores in Mobile. Their home phone is 344-6264 and business 661-6657. Jim and Nancy own a 1925 Model T Ford 1½ ton truck, a 1951 Ford convertible, and a 1960 T-Bird.

Scott and Sarah Wright and daughter Alice of 5100 Karlan Drive in Mobile, AL 36609 are also now DSR members. Scott is an attorney in Mobile. Their home phone is 660-1899 and business 344-7744. Scott and Nancy own a 1933 Dodge truck, a 1955 Chevrolet 2-dr, and a 1960 Metropolitan coupe.

Gus and Wanda Vergos of 963 Government St. in Mobile, AL 36604 are now DSR members. Gus is a real estate investor. Their telephone number is 432-1779. Gus and Wanda own a 1929 Model A Ford 2-dr and a 1950 Plymouth 2-dr.

We are happy to have all these fine folks in the DSR and we all look forward to seeing them often at our future meetings and outings. Welcome aboard the Deep South Region folks!!!

BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR DSR CLUB HOUSE!

The Central Alabama Region in Montgomery a couple of weeks ago was asked to locate a new meeting place. They had been meeting at Capitol Chevrolet's meeting room for quite some time, and they were recently abruptly told that because of "insurance reasons" they could no longer use the facilities, even though there was admittedly, no complaint. How familiar this sounds!! The DSR met at First Southern Federal meeting room for years and then suddenly and without warning told for "insurance reasons" we could no longer use their facilities. At that time our loyal member, Dr. Bill Wright, came to the DSR's rescue and we were able to use his waiting room for our meetings. But as could be expected, the DSR grew until on meeting nights the room overflowed with members. In 1984 we were able to acquire and move into the present DSR club house, thanks to hard work and efforts of many loyal DSR members. It has been a boon to the DSR!! Anyone that thinks differently should attempt to locate a permanent meeting place in a central location where we will not suddenly be rejected for "insurance reasons". Everyone that has a meeting room is afraid of being sued -- and rightfully so, because of present laws that encourage law suits. Even the city's fairground rejected our DSR Show unless we gave them \$500 for "insurance coverage".

So be thankful for the club house and grounds! A place that belongs to the DSR -- at least for 20 years, and possible 40! The only drawback is that we must maintain the lawn and building in keeping with the Municipal Park across the street. A small price to pay for convenience and not having to worry about suddenly being "rejected", don't you think????

NOTICE!!COME TO THE MEETING!NOTICE!!

Come to the very important meeting this coming Thursday night, October 22nd at 7:30! Remember, this is a month with 5 Thursdays -- and we always meet on the 4th Thursday. There are many things to be brought up as the year nears its end. October is the month that nominations for 1988 officers will be announced. Also we all will have the opportunity to nominate from the floor at our October meeting. Come make your suggestions as to your preference of candidates. Voting will be in November or December. Come to the meeting and hear the latest DSR news!!! WE NEED YOU THERE!!!!!!

HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMINGS!

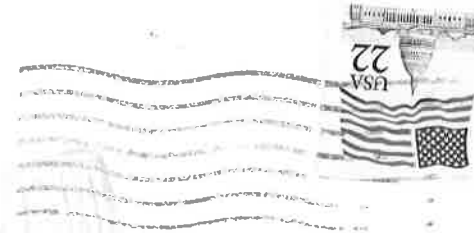
DSR members have had their cars in several high school homecoming events and football games. While none of these are official DSR outings, they are important to the DSR as it gives the club a boost with the local folks at each school. And the students love it! So if you are called on to take a high school queen onto the football field at halftime, by all means, do it! And wear your red DSR shirt! This is the kind of thing that makes the Deep South Region look good and gives the impression that we care!!! Another reason why you hear folks say "THE GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB"!

COMING SHOWS IN OUR AREA

Nov. 7	Jackson, Alabama Show
Nov. 14	Meridian, Mississippi Show

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