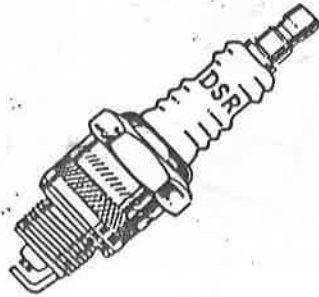


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
DEEP SOUTH REGION
A.A.C.A.



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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 \$10.00. 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 MARCH MEETING

President Lloyd Crowdus opened the March meeting in the club house at 7:35 P.M. on the 28th with 61 in attendance. Acting Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins gave the invocation. Lloyd introduced new members Dale and Betty McLaney and their son Jason to the membership. Visitors J. P. Warren, and John and Marilyn Webster from

the West Florida Region (Pensacola) were introduced to the membership, as were visitors Mike and Debbie McAdams and Tom Seigwald. Lloyd told us of Geary's pneumonia and of his hospital stay. Lucille Langham and Don Hartman said that both of their fathers are still very sick. We were also told that Lucille had a close call during tests made at the Fairhope Hospital.

Discussion followed on the high utility bills and Lloyd said he would look into it. Treasurer Katherine Harper passed out the March DSR financial statements and Ray told of the progress on the DSR Show. He requested early registrations from DSR members. Activity Coordinator, Cecil Nettles, thanked everyone that came out to the Fairhope outing and announced changes in Don Dillehay's outing on April 27th. We are to meet at the battleship at 8:00 AM on the 27th for a run to Gulf Shores. The DSR will receive a donation for it.

Profit on the March 23rd DSR rummage sale was announced (information on this in this SPARKPLUG). Lloyd announced there would be a meeting of the building committee at the club house on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Lloyd said that he is negotiating for a Mall display soon. Also we will have a display at Popeye's Fried Chicken in May and Godfather Pizza in April. The Prez then asked for a work day on Saturday, March 30th, for clean-up and land scaping the club property.

The February Mystery Photo was identified as Frank Waites.

December 13th was set for our 1985 Christmas Party and election of 1986 officers. Gloria Rothenburg and Barbara Short will be in charge of the party.

Lloyd then read a letter from our 1985 Annual DSR tour leader, Charlie and Ardie Froehlich, on the coming tour. He then passed it around to the membership so that we all could take note.

Jeannie Hepler requested that more members help sell the \$1.00 donation tickets and for those that have sold them to please turn in the money to her.

MAY

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May 4 - Saturday outing - Meet at the battleship at 8:00 AM for a run to Loxley. This is a charity outing, benefit of Mentally Retardation Center. Condie leading.

May 11 - THE BIG ONE! The DSR Show at Griggs School, Tillman's Corner. All day!

May 18 - This outing to Styx River may be cancelled. You will be notified.

May 23 - Meeting - In the club house at 951 Forest Hill at Zeigler at 7:30 PM.

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Lloyd then thanked all the members that turned out for the meeting and to Nell Few and Barbara Short, who furnished and served refreshments, along with the McAdams and Tom Seigwald of Godfather Pizza who furnished pizza for everyone there.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30, and with Godfather Pizza preparing and providing our prudent party of pioneers for the preservation of prestige passenger-cars of past periods, politely partook pleasing pieces of the plentiful pizza pie and participated in pleasant, positive progress in personal popularity and partnership.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING:

On Sunday, March 31st, a DSR show committee meeting was held at the Harper's home. The meeting opened at 2:30 P.M. with 14 members present.

Ray went through detailed explanation of duties of the people appointed to assist in the show, for the banquet, style show, and all the plans for "show day". Many things were discussed and many questions asked. Things such as a hospitality tent, food, tables, brochures, registration forms, judging and tallying, prizes, grass cutting, and many other jobs were brought up and decided on.

Ray requested assistance from the entire DSR membership on door prizes. Each member is to bring one. (A man and wife bring 2). A man's gift from a man and a lady's gift from a lady. Please bring them to the April meeting.

There was discussion on taking our "out of towners" to the battleship, to the club house, and to Sunday morning breakfast.

A booth will be set up for the sale of donation tickets for the drawing at the banquet. Jeannie Hepler is in charge of this.

On non-show activity, there was discussion on a possible future "All Club Picnic", suggested by Pensacola's West Florida Region. While the DSR is certainly receptive to the idea, we had assumed it would be in their area. However, their suggestion was Mobile, as it is the center location for the area from New Orleans, Jackson, Hattiesburg, Pensacola, Fort Walton, and Panama City. More will be discussed at our regular meeting Thursday night.

We adjourned at 3:45 and the Harpers served us coffee, cokes, and other refreshments (as Katherine always does!).

DONATION TICKETS:

The sale of donation tickets for the 2nd Annual DSR Show has been a bit slower this year than last. We are giving away some very nice gifts to ticket holders and if you haven't sold any yet, please get some of the tickets from Jeannie Hepler. We need the help of everyone to put this show over big again this year!!

CLUB HOUSE NEWS:

Our DSR members have really been busy and at the same time having good and congenial time working with each other! Many azaleas, periwinkles, lillies, marigolds, and other flowers have been planted. A new DSR mail box has been put up and fill dirt put in low places on the lot (compliments of O. D.), the grass has been mowed, the cabinets are almost completed in our kitchenette, the kitchen sink has been installed complete with a spray, a floor receptacle has been installed, and arrangements are being made to install patio railings. The club house is getting prettier and more pleasant all the time! We still need floor covering, the driveway paved, and a few other jobs that we will get at a later date. The building committee met on April 2nd and decided on priorities, which at this time are being taken care of. The details of this building committee meeting are in this SPARKPLUG.

You can all be proud of your DSR clubhouse!! (And surely everyone must be.) As one of our A.A.C.A. vice-presidents said, we are almost unique in the A.A.C.A.

"LET'S ALL COME ALIVE FOR THE DSR IN '85"

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE PREZ: True friends are like diamonds. Precious, but rare. False friends are like autumn leaves - found everywhere!

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

TRUST THE COMPASS



Those of us who have put our faith in Jesus have the assurance of God's clear, unfailling guidance. Tragically, however, many of us ignore the direction He has provided in His Word, or we try to make it say what we want it to say. As a result, we are "lost at sea" -- going in our own direction while thinking we are heading the right way.

An old sailor repeatedly got lost at sea, so his friends gave him a compass and urged him to use it. The next time he went out in his boat, he followed their advice and took the compass with him. But as usual, he became hopelessly lost and confused and unable to find land. Finally he was rescued by his friends. Disgusted and impatient with him, they asked, "Why didn't you use that compass we gave you? You could have saved us a lot of trouble!" The sailor responded, "I didn't dare to! I wanted to go north, but as hard as I tried to make the needle aim in that direction, it kept pointing to the southeast." That old sailor was so certain that he knew which way was north that he stubbornly tried to force his own personal persuasion on his compass. Unable to do so, he tossed it aside as worthless and failed to benefit from the guidance it offered.

The psalmist promised that God would instruct us and direct us in the way we should go. Those who follow His instructions and warnings are spared the waste of foolish wandering and the heartache of shipwreck and ruin. We must ask God to point the way. Then let's trust the compass of His Word!

"Ole Hop"

All the way my Savior leads me --

What have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His tender mercy,

Who through life has been my Guide? --Crosby

When you pray for God's guidance, don't complain when it is different from your preference!!!!

SICKNESS OF MEMBERS:

Geary Polk spent quite a time in Springhill Hospital during the last week of March, with pneumonia. Along with the pneumonia, his lungs were clogged, making breathing difficult and caused his entire body to be sore. We have sure missed Geary and are glad he has recuperated enough to be back in circulation with us.

Lucille Langham was undergoing tests in the Fairhope hospital last month when her heart, which had been beating too rapidly, almost stopped. The doctors worked with her and got everything back to normal, but Lucille had a close call! We are all thankful that she came out of it whole and healthy!

Don Hartman's and Lucille Langham's fathers have both been critically ill the past several weeks. We certainly hope the best for them both.

Katherine Harper was sick for several days a couple of weeks ago. She is OK now and we are all glad it wasn't too serious!



GEARY IN SPRINGHILL
WITH PNEUMONIA.

THE DSR MARCH RUMMAGE SALE:

At 6:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 23rd DSR members started bringing odds and ends, clothes, and all kinds of good things to the club house for the planned rummage sale. Many members had brought items Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Some of our members began setting up tables and clothes racks in the yard while others were preparing a meal for the DSR workers in the club house kitchen. We sold red beans and rice, hot dogs, cakes, drinks, and other food items to customers at the sale. Ray Harper had his motor-home with the awning over the patio and several members worked on trophies for the May 11th show.



HOW THE MARCH RUMMAGE SALE LOOKED!

It was impossible to keep count of the number of DSR

members there because they were coming and going all day. The weather was beautiful all day and the DSR congenial harmony was never more pronounced! Everyone seemed to be in great spirits! The turnout of members was most outstanding. Several brought their

antique cars and parked them around the lot on Forest Hill Drive and Zeigler Blvd. to attract customers. Everyone did a most remarkable job, a real tribute to our DSR members. Around 5:00 P.M. we started putting things away, cleaning up, and with each worker a bit pooped out, closed shop for the day. The few items that did not sell were taken to a permanent flea market shop and sold the following



A COUPLE OF UNIDENTIFIED HIPPIES AT THE DSR SALE!!

week. In all the DSR cleared over \$750 including the food sold. A very good and beneficial day for the DSR treasury. Many thanks to the many faithfuls that turned out to make this a great Deep South Region day!!!!



A COUPLE OF LOVE BIRDS! LLCYD AND JERRY HAMMING IT UP!

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome new member Alfred E. Little into the DSR. He lives at 2300 Grenada Avenue in Mobile 36609. Alfred is a single man, has a 1957 Chevrolet pickup and a 1962 Pontiac Tempest. His telephone number is 661-7907. He has been approved for DSR membership by the executive committee and we are all happy to have him aboard. We are looking forward to seeing him at our future meetings and outings.

CLUB HOUSE DONATIONS:

In the past few weeks the DSR has received several \$50 donations from members to be used on the club house. We are thankful to those good members that help put us over the top with their financial assistance. This is the kind of fellowship and willingness to help that has made the Deep South Region so much of an outstanding club!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING:

On April 2nd at 7:30 P.M. the building committee met at the club house to decide on next priority in our building. The floor was the first discussion. No decision was reached at this time as we have no idea of the costs involved. The committee did vote, however, to not exceed \$500 for the floor covering. O. D. Dickerson said that he would get figures and let us know later of the approximate cost. Ray Harper had sent word to the committee requesting postponement of the floor until after the show on May 11th.

Second on the agenda was moving the scrap concrete off the property. Again, O. D. said that he would take care of that with his heavy equipment by either covering it with top soil or hauling it away, when he could get the time.

Third was paying back members that the club owes for various amounts. Several members on the committee immediately cancelled the amount owed to them, but there is still about \$1100 still owed. (Without time or interest).

Next was discussion on a railing on each side of the patio as twice people have almost fallen, stepping off, not realizing the height from the ground, especially at night. This was approved as a priority item because of safety involved.

Next screen doors were discussed but the committee decided it was not practical at this time as they would have to open to the inside. Thresholds were also brought up which will be put in when a new floor is installed.

The high gas bills were discussed. It has been costing the DSR between \$45 and \$50 per month and isn't being used during the summer. For a \$20 fee they will cut off service until next winter, which we accepted.

Insurance on the club house will come up soon at \$112. The committee voted to pay the bill.

Discussion followed on mowing the grass but no decision was reached. Lloyd said it's something that we must do in order to keep the property, and will cost nothing but a little time every other week for our members. (If anyone is willing to donate a couple of hours with a lawn mower, see Lloyd).

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

The DSR received this very nice letter from Missy Wilson of Fairhope thanking us for our participation in their annual Arts and Crafts Street Show. The DSR is always happy to assist Fairhope and appreciate the acknowledgment. We are looking forward to next year's Arts and Crafts!



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MYSTERY PHOTO.
This picture of the very attractive lady was taken in her teens. It will be a hard one for you! She still looks very much the same, but while she occasionally goes on our outings, she rarely attends a meeting. Make your guess and come to the meeting and tell us who she is!!!!

March 23, 85
Dear Lloyd, and friends,
Thank you so much for making the Arts and Crafts Street show a grand success. It's always a pleasure to work with your club, you always do a bang up job! and make my work easy.
Thank you again,
Missy Wilson

DSR CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Gloria Rothenburg and Barbara Short are making arrangements for our 1985 Christmas Party and election of 1986 DSR officers. The tentative date is Friday, December 13th and will be at the Rodeway Inn on Government Street at the same place it was held last year. The cost is very reasonable and food and facilities were very good. Make your plans now to attend the 1985 DSR Christmas Party. More details will come later in the year.

THE PREZ SEZ: I would like to encourage all the members who possibly can to participate in the Grand Opening of the the Godfather Pizza April 27th at Gulf Shores. We are receiving a donation plus free pizza for lunch. We need to make a good showing for this grand opening, as we will be doing another one for them soon on Overlook Rd.. Lets each one put forth a little extra effort to make this a big success.

Lloyd

1985 PICTORIAL ROSTER:

We have been delayed in getting out the 1985 Roster of Members because the club's Minolta copy machine giving trouble recently. For about the last 3 months it has been an off and on affair, and although it has been in for repairs several times, it is still acting up. So far all members except 13 have a picture in. Those 13 will be listed in the back of the roster this year to avoid blank pages with no picture. We hope to have the copy machine back in service and the roster printed up soon.

CARS FOR SALE:

1957 Ford Sunliner convertible - Charles Aukirsen 478-8589. 1950 Ford 4-dr - Tom Bryant 432-4671. Don Hartman has a friend in Neb. with 12 choice antique cars from 1914 to 1923. I have the list and price but am short of room to put them in this newsletter. See me or Don. I will have them in May's.

MINNITIA TOUR INTO LOUISIANA:

been working hard getting details for hotel prices and the plans in the attached form

1985 DEEP SOUTH REGION ANNUAL TOUR
RESERVATION FORM

Use this form to make your reservations. Do not contact the motel directly as you will not receive these rates. Please return this form no later than May 4, 1985 to:

Charlie Froehlich
1833 Green Oak Dr.
Gretna, LA 70053
504-392-6067 (6 to 8 pm is best)

DEEP SOUTH REGION ANNUAL TOUR
MOTEL SCHEDULE

April 15, 1985

June 15, 1985:
& US 61, Baton Rouge, LA, 504-924-2130
\$3.88 + Tax
\$8.88
\$3.88

June 16, 1985:
Louisiana, LA
\$36.00 + Tax - Includes breakfast
\$44.00
\$44.00

Friday & Tuesday, June 17 & 18, 1985:
Port Inn, 1919 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, LA
\$26.00 + Tax - Includes continental breakfast & newspaper
\$30.00 (One bed)
\$34.00 (Two Beds)
\$34.00

Wednesday & Thursday, June 19 & 20, 1985:
Antiss Inn, US61 South, Natchez, MS, 601-442-1691
\$28.00 + Tax
\$34.00
\$34.00

Friday, June 21, 1985:
Baton Rouge - As Above.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Accommodations desired: Single _____
Double _____ (One Bed)
Double _____ (Two Beds)
Family _____ (Two Adults - Two Children)

It is assumed that these reservations will be for all nights of the tour unless you note otherwise. You hereby guarantee payment unless you cancel on a timely basis.

NIGHTS YOU DO NOT PLAN TO STAY WITH THE TOUR: _____

ANY SPECIAL ROOM REQUIREMENTS: _____

Do you need trailer parking space at Baton Rouge? _____
Total number of persons in your party? _____

OUR GULF SHORES OUTING:

Don and Frances Dillehay's outing will be on Saturday, April 27th. We will leave from the battleship at 8:00 A.M. and drive to Gulf Shores where our cars will put on display at the newly opened Godfather Pizza there. The DSR will receive a very nice donation for this and will certainly help boost the treasury. In addition, all antique car members will be treated to all the pizza you can eat! Please make this and help yourself, and the club, and enjoy a wonderful time at Gulf Shores!

OUR LOXLEY OUTING:

We will meet at the battleship at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 4th and drive to Loxley for a parade at 10:00 A.M. This is for the benefit of the Mental Retardation Center there and will certainly be a worth while cause. Condie and Lucille Langham are leading this outing. Be sure to attend and give your support to a very fine cause, to a very fine little town, and to a couple of very fine members and DSR supporters!

PLEASE NOTICE!FOR THE MAY 11th DSR SHOW:

Please bring a door prize to the April meeting. They are to be given away during the banquet at the DSR Show on May 11th. Each lady please bring a lady's gift and each man, a man's gift. You can either buy them or have them donated by your favorite store and we will announce their donation at the banquet for their advertisement. Also for the show, we are requesting our members to please bring lawn chairs (we will have lots of visitors), two loaves of bread and lunchmeat, one large bottle of a soft drink, and one sweet. This is for our hospitality booth. Any questions call Jeannie Hepler.

THE DSR PAPER DRIVE:

The newspaper and magazine drive last month resulted in \$13.00 for the DSR. This helps the club house and the show fund, so please continue to bring your old newspapers and magazines to the club house on meeting night. It costs you nothing and certainly helps the club!

CLUB HOUSE CHAIRS:

Some of our members, in response to the notice about chairs in last month's SPARKPLUG, tried to get them at McAleer's Office Furniture, only to find they were out. Mr. McAleer said he now has 2000 chairs in stock that he will sell us at the old price of \$6.69 each. This is a real bargain. Please get your chair if you haven't already done so, and have it for the meeting Thursday night. This is a buy you can't match anywhere and it will always be your chair. So far 41 members have bought their own chairs.

OUR THURSDAY NIGHT MEETING:

Please come to the meeting Thursday night at 7:30 on April 25th at the club house. We again have a lot of very important business coming up. We must make decisions on the Show at this meeting as it is the last one before our 2nd Annual DSR Show on May 11th. We need to know also if you plan to attend the 12th Annual DSR Tour into Louisiana, and must let the Froehlichs know right away. The tours are fun, clean, and inexpensive, so plan on it! We need to discuss our trip to Gulf Shores for a donation and to Loxley to a benefit show. Support is need in both of these! Come and make your guess on the mystery photo on page 5. Plan to come to the meeting -- we need you!

WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!!!



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Please read the notice
about the Show on page 7.



June Tour information
on page 6.

DAVID PRESENTS H. D. WITH A BIRTHDAY GIFT OF
A BARBEQUED PIG'S TAIL AT THE PAGE'S OUTING.

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