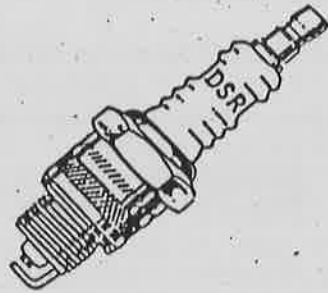


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Aug. 21 - Sat. Pensacola Show at Seville Square. West FL Region AACA.

Aug. 21 - Sat. Raymond Cochran 50th Birthday Party. DSR Invited 5 PM.

Aug. 26 - Thurs. DSR reg. Meeting at the clubhouse at 7:30 PM.

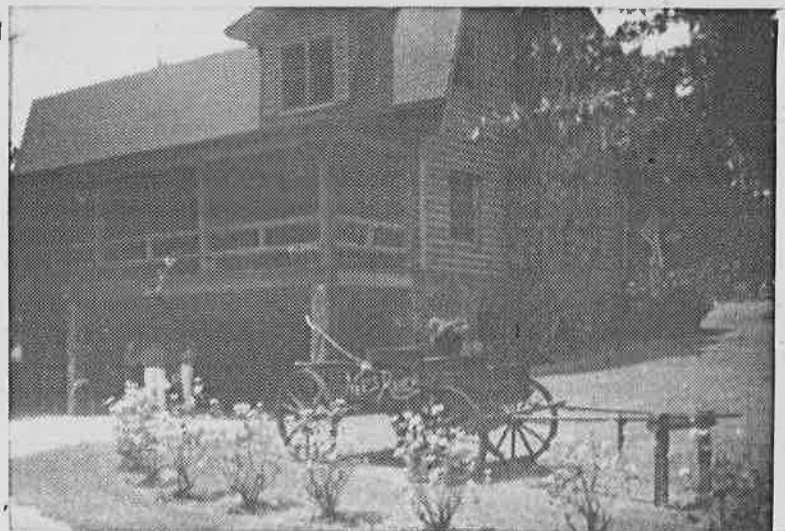
The SPARKPLUG is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. Deep South Region meetings are held once each month on the fourth Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at the A.A.C.A. club-house at 951 Forest Hill Drive at Zeigler Blvd. The SPARKPLUG will be mailed the weekend before each meeting. Annual dues are \$15.00. This includes wife membership if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$20.00 single and \$24.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

MELVIN & BETTY NEESE'S ICE CREAM OUTING

On a hot Saturday afternoon at 1:30, July 24th, many of our members gathered at the clubhouse with freezers of homemade ice cream, cakes, cookies and other goodies for a run to the "Neese Ranch" on Silver Pine Road about a mile west of Schillinger Road. The Neeses have a very

beautiful and neat 2 story modern log house with a basement and we were all impressed by the beauty and picturesque scenery surrounding their grounds and home. Their cattle, barn, a rent house, and the well kept grounds are all visible from their upstairs back porch with a swing on it! Just absolute enticing! After we all "oohed and aahed" at the place, Betty took us downstairs for the ice cream and goodies. Everyone ate their fill and more of the delicious desserts and I'll assure you there was plenty of everything to go around twice! Those that didn't get to make this very pleasant outing sure missed a fine time and get-together! Betty, who has Dutch ancestry, even walked about in a pair of wooden shoes. Our sincere thanks to the Neeses for having us at their very charming home!!!

The Deep South Region's 23 folks present were: 2 Cammons, 2 Crowdus, 1 Demetropulos, 1 Hopkins, 2 Jarvis, 2 Jordans, 2 (Dale) McLaneys, 3 Neeses, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets, 2 Whites and 2 Youens.



THIS PHOTO JUST DOESN'T SHOW HOW PRETTY AND COLORFUL THE "NEESE RANCH" REALLY IS.

SEPTEMBER

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Sept. 3-5 - Gould's Excel, AL outing on Labor Day Weekend. Info inside.

Sept. 6 - Mon. Labor Day Annual Antique/Classic Show at the Fairground.

Sept. 16-22 - Tentative Date for DSR Kentucky Tour.

Sept. 23 - Thurs. DSR reg. meeting at the clubhouse at 7:30 PM.

A PAIR OF MOTORISTS MET ON A COUNTRY BRIDGE ONLY ONE LANE WIDE. THE FIRST DRIVER ROLLED DOWN HIS WINDOW AND SHOUTED, "I NEVER BACK UP FOR AN IDIOT!" "THAT'S ALL RIGHT," THE SECOND DRIVER CALLED OUT AS HE SHIFTED INTO REVERSE, "I ALWAYS DO."

--from Reminisce magazine--

NEW MEMBERS

We are glad to have George and Katherine Demetropulos join the Deep South Region. They have been antique car enthusiasts for many years and we are happy to have them with us. They own a 1960 Elva Courier, (a British built sports car) and a 1968 Chevrolet Pickup. The Demetropulos live at 4812 Mims Court in Mobile 36608, telephone 342-9524. They come to us recommended by Hershel Whigham. Please put their names in your roster and welcome George and Katherine into the club when you see them!

DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA
GENERAL MEETING

The July 29, 1993 meeting of the DSR was called to order by B. Paquet, President at 7:30 PM. The invocation was given by H. Whigham. There were 31 members and 3 guests present.

Prior to the beginning of business Representative Lois Rookhold presented to B. Paquet a Resolution from the State of Alabama, House of Representatives, commending him for his service to Mobile County of 30 years in law enforcement.

OLD BUSINESS:

The June minutes were accepted as printed by motion of F. Sturges with a second by H. Whigham, motion carried. L. Crowdus, Activities Coordinator, thanked the Neesses for the ice cream outing. R. Moore, chairman of the Building Committee, requested volunteers to serve on this committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

President: Buddy announced that J. Finley had agreed to serve as the 1994 car show co-chairman. One new member was voted on.

Treasurer: P. Bowden moved to accept the July financial report, the motioned was seconded b. A. White, motion carried.

Activities: L. & L. Crowdus stated that DSR had been invited to join the Old South club for a watermelon feast hosted by S. Francis. He asked the membership if it was agreeable to have the outing at our clubhouse for the comfort of those attending. This was affirmed and will be Sunday, Aug. 1, 1993 at 3:00 PM. Lloyd also called attention to other activities taking place soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

B. Paquet thanked the membership for the kindness and sympathy extended during his mother's illness and death.

The 50/50 Pot was won by Lloyd Crowdus.

H. Whigham noted that Ann Carter was to have surgery on 7/30/93.

Buddy noted that J. Finley received his third re-certification of his Mustang in the Prestige Class at the Autorama car show in Biloxi as well as winning the Best of Show in the Antique classification. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patt Paquet, Secretary Pro-Tem

To the left of this is the minutes of our July meeting. Please read them. As usual, they are very informative and keeps you up with the club's activities. The July meeting was postponed to the 29th of July which is the 5th Thursday because of the death of our President Buddy's mother just prior to the meeting on the 4th Thursday. More on this on page 3.

BILOXI AUTORAMA

From the Mobile Bay Mustang Club newsletter we learned that Jerry Finley and Raymond Cochran won awards at the Autorama held in Biloxi on July 24-25. Jerry won 1st Place in the Antique Class, he was "Best of Show" and was re-certified in the PRESTIGE CLASS for the fourth time! Raymond won a 1st Place and a "Best of Show" in the Muscle Car Class with his 1989 Mustang GT Convertible. Jerry winning car is a 1966 Mustang coupe. Our congratulations to them both! If we had other DSR members showing cars there we are sorry, but unaware of it.

IT'S ALWAYS MORNING SOMEWHERE!

NEWS TID-BITS

At the last meeting Gladys Edwards was showing photos of her twin 10 month old great grandchildren, a boy and a girl. This has got to be some sort of mistake! Gladys ain't old enough to have great grandchildren!!!!

Terrell Ford said her father was a whiz at operating a line-o-type machine! Gosh, maybe we need to get him to print the Sparkplug!!!

Arthur Thomas has a 1960 Cadillac 4-door for sale. Call him at home at 621-9785 or at work at 621-9087.

Vicki Davis has a 1978 Pontiac Firebird, Formula 400, with 28,000 original miles, clean and one owner for sale. Call her at 433-2213.

NOSTALGIA IS A FILE THAT REMOVES THE ROUGH SPOTS FROM THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

We are sorry to report the death of President Buddy Paquet's mother, Mrs. Estelle White on July 21st, the day before our July regular meeting and interment on July 23rd. Because of this, the meeting was postponed one week. Mrs. White had lived in Mobile the past 65 years and had worked 30 years with the Mobile Equity and Domestic Relations Court. She lived next door to Buddy and Patt and they took care of her when she was invalid. Our sincere sympathy is with Buddy, Patt and her family.

Also we are sorry to report the death of James Ellis' mother, Mrs. Etta Lee Ellis in Brewton on Friday, August 6th. Mrs. Ellis was 80 years old. Her wake and funeral services were held at Cravers Funeral Home in Brewton. Our heartfelt sympathy is with James, Margaret and all of Mrs. Ellis' families on their loss.

Too, we regret to report the death of Laura Faust's late husband's brother, Robert (Dunk) Faust on August 3rd in Georgiana. Mr. Faust had suffered for some time with a malignant tumor of the brain. He was 67 years old. Our sincere sympathy is with Laura, Heard and the entire Faust family.



FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, HERSHEL WHIGHAM:

This was given to Hershel by Betty Neese for the Sparkplug devotional this month ----

GARDENING

First, plant five rows of peas: Preparedness, Promptness, Perserverance, Politeness, and Prayer.

Next to them, plant three rows of squash: Squash Gossip, Squash Criticism, Squash Indifference.

Then five rows of lettuce: Let Us Be Loyal, Let Us Love One Another, and Let Us Be Thankful!

No garden is complete without turnips: Turn Up for Church, Turn Up With a Smile, Turn Up With a New Idea, Turn Up With Real Determination!

—Copied

—Dr. J. Jey Deifell, Jr., Senior Pastor

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Our DSR Activity Coordinator, Lloyd Crowdus, has had a very restricting problem of a fluid build-up in his body causing much discomfort. He was in the hospital for quite a while until his doctors got the fluid out of his system. He is at home now and he is doing better, but he has on-and-off bouts of pain in his stomach area. He said he'd like to thank all the members for their cards, calls, visits and prayers. He also said the DSR Kentucky Tour beginning September 16th is still on go! We all hope his doctors will be able to get him completely well very soon!!!

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Sickness & Accidents of Members continued from page 3:

Terrell Ford's mother, Mrs. R. L. Ford, had an acute attack of glaucoma in July and had operations on both eyes in one day. She had already lost vision in one eye. They are hopeful that in six months the doctors will be able to remove a cataract from her good eye and improve sight in that eye. Terrell's father is doing good but is very concerned about his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Ford live in a home on the beach at Pascagoula.

Lucille Nettles is having a lot of pain in her back and legs. She has spurs and degeneration of the bone. To stop the pain she may have to have the spurs removed from her knee. Lucille has been plagued with severe pain for quite some time and it has limited her activity.

Ann Carter has had gallstones crushed at the hospital, but her body has retained some of the stone particles and caused her much pain. She is at home now and doing a bit better and hopefully time will cure her problem.

LaVerne Hopkins has a very painful case of bursitis in her right shoulder. She has been to her doctor and hopes for an improvement soon.

Gladys Edwards is having difficulty seeing and will be having cataract surgery in one or two months.

Martha Brown had cataract surgery and has had quite a reaction to the medication given her at the time. We are glad to report that she is much improved. Her doctor now has her on a strict diet because of arthritis.

We are sorry to report that our friendly Classic Chevy Club's president, Evelyn Swift, has just found that her mother has a cancer in her right kidney. And only four months after the agonizing death of her father. She has requested your prayers and support for her mother.

Nell Few has also had cataract surgery and we are happy to report that she is very pleased with the surgery and said she can see so very much better and clearer, even without her glasses. We are all happy for her!

August has certainly been a bad month for sickness and we hope a little cool weather will help everyone. Please remember all of these good people in your prayers.

SAMMY'S WATERMELON CUTTIN'

On Sunday afternoon, August 1st at 1:30, Sammy Francis brought a pickup loaded with delicious, sweet watermelons to the club house. He had invited members of the two antique car clubs in Mobile to join together there for fellowship and fun. It was a hot day and we just plain didn't get the club house air conditioner turned on in time to really cool it down, but it was running at full speed and with the overhead fans running it wasn't bad at all. And whatever the weather was, that gooooood sweet taste of the red, ripe melons more than made up for any discomfort! The fellowship was super!

The 25 members attending from the DSR were: 1 Bell, 2 Cammons, 1 Finley, 1 Francis, 2 Jarvis, 2 Jordans, 2 Lunsfords, 2 Paquets, 3 Reids, 3 Smiths, 2 Sturges, 2 Whites and 2 Youens. It was a most pleasant afternoon with lots of tall tale telling and laughter. Those that missed this, missed a great time together! Sammy had enough watermelons to give one to each family there to take home! Our sincere thanks to Sammy for sponsoring a very nice and congenial get-together!!!!

CLUB HOUSE EXPANSION

Robert Moore, a building contractor himself, has been appointed as DSR building committee chairman to investigate the feasibility of expanding the club house to accomodate more people. The club is growing and meeting attendance is growing. We don't want to get caught with the clubhouse too small! He is selecting members to serve on the committee and if you'd like to be on it, see Robert. He will appreciate your interest!

PRESIDENT BUDDY PAQUET

Below is the very prestigious commendation to our Prez for his dedicated service on his job and in helping others. This was presented to Buddy at our last meeting by Business Representative Lois Rockhold and was a complete surprise to Buddy. Congratulations Buddy, from all of us!!!!

State of Alabama

House of Representatives



MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Resolution

HJR 357

By Representative Rockhold

COMMENDING LIEUTENANT CHARLES B. PAQUET FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF MOBILE

WHEREAS, the April 1, 1993, retirement of Lieutenant Charles B. Paquet brought to a close a meritorious career of more than 30 years with the Mobile County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mobile County, Lieutenant Paquet attended Theodore High School; following graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy where he honorably served for nearly four years; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Mobile County Sheriff's Department on March 1, 1963, and steadily progressed through the ranks, attaining the position of communications supervisor; and

WHEREAS, in further commitment to service, Lieutenant Paquet, is currently president of the Deep South Region Antique Car Club, a group often involved in raising money for various charities; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby most highly commend Charles B. Paquet for meritorious service to the county of Mobile, and further direct that he receive a copy of this resolution of sincere admiration and best wishes for every future success in retirement.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the GREAT SEAL of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this the 3rd day of May, 1993.

J. Tolson
GOVERNOR

Bill Joe Long
Secretary of State

NEWS TID-BITS

-- Don and Frances Dillehay have moved into their new home at 1553 Shan Drive South in Mobile 36608, and they have a new telephone number 602-0998. They also have built a new garage for their antiques with upstairs storage!

Hershel and Frances Whigham will be moving this week into their new home at 30966 Wakefield Drive in Spanish Fort, 36527. We are not yet sure of their telephone number, it may not change. They have a 4 car garage built onto their house!

Gavin and Gladys Edwards are in the process of building a new home about a half mile from their present home so they will be on a paved road. This will cut down on dust and Gladys will be able to breathe easier. The builder is far enough along so that they told Gladys that she could build a fire in the fireplace. When it's 97 degrees outside I can't imagine why the builder would even think about building a fire!!!!

Elvin and Nell Few are building a garage for their motor home. The building business must really be booming!!!!!!

Please record the new addresses and phone numbers in your DSR roster.



This article about rumble seats was in the July/August issue of Reminisce magazine and I thought it might be interesting to our members. Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

I GREW UP in a small Indiana town during the '30s. Our local minister had a '29 Pontiac with a rumble seat.

Every Saturday, he'd invite kids from all over town to meet at church for a joyous ride to the lake for a swim.

It was a 2-mile drive to the lake, and the minister moseyed along with kids packed in the car, crammed into the rumble seat and hanging on from the running boards. What fun!

Looking back, I think our minister had a method to his madness. How could we take a fun ride to the lake with him on Saturday and then fail to attend Sunday school the next day?

—Helen Cwiklinski
Mishawaka, Indiana

MY MOST memorable ride in a rumble seat is one I'd just as soon forget!

My friend's older brother had bought a new roadster, and we begged him for a ride. But he refused.

That evening, my friend and I "stowed away" in the rumble seat with the lid down, knowing her brother would take a spin around town in his new car. We thought it might be funny to pop up and surprise him!

Well, instead of taking a short spin, he picked up his sweetheart for a date.

We weren't about to pop out then, and we knew we were in for a long night! I can still recall the cold and cramps we felt while closed inside that rumble seat. We survived, though, and I've enjoyed telling the tale for 60 years!

—Marjorie Smith
Pembroke, Massachusetts

BACK IN 1933, my aunt had a flashy new Chevrolet with a rumble seat. That car was her pride and joy!

I'll never forget the time she drove my mother, brother and me across

Readers Remember Rumble Seats

Memories of the days when "backseat drivers" were left out in the fresh air!

northern Missouri, from Kansas City to Kirksville. My brother and I rode in the rumble seat. We were having the time of our lives until it started to rain.

We weren't about to let a little rain dampen our spirits, so we crouched forward in the rumble seat and pulled the lid over our heads. We didn't see much scenery, but we arrived in Kirksville as dry as our mother and aunt did!

—Shirley Johnson, Raytown, Missouri

THOSE who recall the rumble-seat era likely have fond memories of happy kids riding through the neighborhood.

My rumble-seat recollections differ... I once rode all the way from Minnesota to Chicago in one!

It was spring of 1934, and a friend and I had just finished a year of teaching. We were ready for a vacation, so when her parents invited us to visit the big Century of Progress Exhibition in Chicago, we jumped at the chance. Only catch was, we'd have to ride in the

rumble seat. What a trip that was!

In those days there were no free-ways, so we rode down bumpy gravel roads. There were no springs in that rumble seat, either, which made for one rough ride. And we were often soaked by rain.

The luggage was tied wherever it would fit, and sometimes it started to slip loose. We'd hang on to it and try to catch her dad's attention so he'd stop and lash it down.

By the time we reached Chicago, our sunburned faces were peeling and our hair felt like straw. But it was worth it, because the World's Fair was fantastic!

The trip was memorable, but it forever satisfied any further desire I might have to ride in a rumble seat.

—Viola Vomhof, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

I'LL NEVER FORGET my ride in a rumble seat during the summer of 1940.

I was hitchhiking through Montana when a vacationing couple from Chicago picked me up. They were on their way to visit Yellowstone National Park, so I went along for the ride.

We weren't in the park very long when a big black bear decided to take a closer look at their car, specifically at the rumble seat where I was sitting!

As he climbed into the seat beside me, I began to climb out. I pushed off the seat and quietly took a perch on top of the open lid of the rumble seat.

Old Mr. Bear tumbled into the seat and sat on my right foot. He looked up at me, friendly like, and it seemed like he wanted me to move.

When I tried to move, I found I must have misinterpreted his message, because that bear took my foot in his mouth and gave it just a little squeeze, then let go. I sat perfectly still!

Thankfully, he didn't hurt me a bit. Soon, he climbed out and ambled off.

I've thought about that bear often through the years, and have never considered our meeting a bad memory. He seemed so friendly that sometimes, I wish I'd gotten to know him better!

—Albert Cook, Erie, Pennsylvania



RUMBLING ALONG! Shirley Johnson had to settle for a seat on the rear fender of this Chevy back in '33—her mom and grandma took the rumble seat. Shirley's aunt (see tory) is in front.

THE MDA SHOW

On Saturday, August 14th, the Second Annual MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) open car show was held at the Fairground on Zeigler Boulevard. All the proceeds of this go to the very worthy cause of assisting the crippling muscular dystrophy victims and help find a cure. This is certainly of utmost importance! All the show cars were inside the huge building out of the weather and although it was hot, it was an excellent show with 128 vehicles registered! It was quite a turn-out! And the good news is that next year the building is to be air conditioned! There was a very good turn-out of cars from the Deep South Region. We had 26 of our members there and 17 DSR antique cars.



A FEW OF THE 128 VERY FINE CARS ON DISPLAY AND THE SPECTATORS AND OWNERS AMONG THEM.

Several of our members brought home a trophy. Some of our members, along with members of other local car clubs took an active part in putting over an excellent show! Our hats are off to them all!!!!

THINGS TO COME!

Eric and Paula Gould put on an excellent outing at their home every year and although they always invite the DSR, our attendance there hasn't been good the past few years. Let's change that! It is on Labor Day weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 3, 4, and 5. Friday night is a spaghetti supper, Saturday morning is a country breakfast, Saturday noon is a picnic lunch on your own and Saturday evening they will furnish the meat and they'd like you to bring a vegetable covered dish. There will not be a rally but an interesting road run of probably 50 to 100 miles. If you'd like to stay for Sunday, there will be a short run then dinner at a local restaurant there. It sounds like fun -- let's get a group and drive over -- especially for their Saturday run!!

Then on Labor Day, Monday the 6th is the Annual Labor Day Car Show at the Fairground on Zeigler Blvd. This has been a nice show every year and the Mobile Bay Mustang Club's people are active in helping put his on. I do believe you'll enjoy it! They will be giving away a new 1993 Saturn car.

COME TO THE MEETING!

Remember the regular DSR meeting at the club house next Thursday, Aug. 26th at 7:30 P.M. It's always a congenial get-together with the old well known DSR good fellowship! Buddy has a lot to bring up. Although Lloyd has been very sick recently, he said he still is planning to lead the DSR Kentucky Tour on September 16th to 22nd! Come to the meeting and hear all the plans the Deep South Region has! We want to see you all there!!!!



COMING SHOWS AND EVENTS IN OUR AREA

Aug.	21	26th Annual WFR of AACA Show, Seville Square, Pensacola.
Sept.	3-5	The Gould's Excel, AL Meet on Labor Day weekend.
Sept.	6	Annual Labor Day Antique/Classic Display at Fairground.
Sept.	16-22	Tentative date for DSR Kentucky Tour.
Oct.	2	South Alabama British Car Day -- Show in Fairhope, AL.
Oct.	2	Daphne Lion's Club Charity Antique Car Show.
Oct.	6-10	HERSHEY!
Oct.	16	Tentative date of New Orleans Show.
Oct.	21-23	Meridian, Mississippi Show at Village Fair Mall.
Nov.	6	Jackson, AL Antique Car Show.
Nov.	19-21	Moultrie, Georgia Fall Swap Meet.
Nov.	20-27	Louisiana Region Thanksgiving Tour. DSR invited!
Dec.	11	DSR Christmas Party.

Just received word that Lloyd was taken to the emergency ward in the hospital this morning (Friday) in severe pain. They have found he has gallstones giving him his problems and an operation is scheduled for tomorrow. Please remember Lloyd. He's had a rough time!

This month's newsletter is on Driftwood color paper!

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