



The Sparkplug



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DSR stunned by loss of two members in two days

by Ernie Youens

Albert White, or "Al" as all of us called him, was a respected and active DSR member. He was a good and gentle family man; a dependable Christian friend to everyone. We were all very saddened by the passing of Al White on Saturday morning, July 24, 1998. He died of complications of liver cancer after surgery and repeated efforts by a team of surgeons to remove the affected area. His courage, his spirit for life and the love for his family and friends was evident to the end. Al celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday just before he died.

Al served his country in the military for two years and served twice as DSR Vice President as well as several other positions. He was also an active member of the Mobile Bay Mustang Club. He was always a willing worker and helpful at all activities. Eugenia and I, along with Lycyle Crowdus, had the privilege of riding with Al and Anna in their van on DSR's three day tour last March. It was a wonderful trip and one that we will always remember. He and Anna had been married 46 years and had three very loving and supportive children who have mates of their own. There are four grandchildren.

We are going to miss Al wearing his big smile in the 1966 blue Mustang convertible. He was my close friend -- he was everyone's close friend!

At the funeral service, DSR Chaplain Lambert Mims gave an excellent and fitting eulogy to Al. In it he said "Al was a long time 'working member'. Every organization has what I call 'bench members'- those that sit on the sideline while others do the work. Al was not this kind of member. Although never seeking positions that would spotlight himself, Al was a leader in his own quiet way. He was a man of peace and harmony, never uttering a hurtful word toward, or about, anyone."

Raymond Cochran, died on Sunday morning, July 25, 1999, just a day after fellow DSR member, Al White. We were just as saddened to learn of Raymond's untimely death. He was also an active supporter of the DSR and although he was a diabetic and had had several heart attacks which limited his activities, he still loved to serve as the "disc jockey" at our annual shows. He loved music, loved playing tapes and making announcements at our events.

Raymond had been feeling well on Saturday and had enjoyed the day with his wife, Sharon, and their three year old daughter. According to Sharon, they had gone out to eat early Saturday evening, then stopped by her mother's home to let Emilee play in the swimming pool. Everything was normal at bedtime but during the early morning hours, Raymond suffered a massive heart attack.

Raymond was in his mid-fifties and had been married to Sharon for ten years. They had adopted their baby girl in mid 1996. He also had four children by a previous marriage, all of whom live in New Orleans.

An active member of the Mobile Bay Mustang Club also, Raymond was certified by the Mustang Club of America as a Gold Card Judge in the Modified Division on May 4, 1996.

The pastor of Raymond's church said something during the funeral service that few of us were aware and that was Raymond loved to sing. But he said one thing that we all knew. He said that Raymond was a "people person" who loved to talk to friends and acquaintances. He was a most likable fellow, quick to smile and ready for a friendly conversation. Raymond, with his pleasant and cheerful outgoing manner, will be sadly missed by everyone that knew him.

Minutes

Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Meeting
July 22, 1999

The meeting was called to order by E. Anderson, President, at 7:35 PM. There were 38 members and three guests present. Eddie announced that the application for membership of Willie and Earline McKinley had been accepted. The invocation was given by L. Mims, Chaplain.

OLD BUSINESS:

President's Report: Eddie thanked everyone who worked on the clean-up and the Open House. A flyer from the publication Driving Force was handed out. It contains an update on the legislation regarding scrapping of antique vehicles. Eddie also asked for volunteers to handle the Thanksgiving and Christmas Parties. **Vice President's Report:** P. Francis thanked folks for help in cleaning up the grounds before the Open House. He still needs a volunteer(s) to repair the iron work on the front sign. **Secretary's Report:** The minutes were approved as presented in the newsletter on a motion from J. Francis and second from B. Paquet. **Treasurer's Report:** No old business. **Editor's report:** No old business. **Activities Chair Report:** E. Lunsford reported that there was a good turnout for the Saturday outing in Lucedale. **Member At Large:** No Report. **Open House Report:** Ross Sloan thanked everyone for their help in doing the Open House. There was a pretty good turnout in spite of the weather. **Hooter's Car Show:** M. Williamson announced that the show will be on October 30 this year. He is looking for people to chair committees for the show. There will be an open house at the Burlington Coat Factory that same weekend in the Springdale Mall adjacent to the vehicle display area.

NEW BUSINESS:

President's Report: Eddie announced that there will be a *speaker at the August meeting*, Dr. Cevin Cromier, who will talk about stress. **Vice President's Report:** No new business. **Secretary's Report:** No new business. **Treasurer's Report:** The July financial report was approved as written by a motion from E. Lunsford and second from A. Rowell. **Editor's Report:** No new business. **Activities Chair Report:** E. Lunsford announced that their will be a *Craft Show at the clubhouse* on August 29 at 2PM. The group voted on a motion from B. Paquet and second from P. Francis to do displays for the First Community Bank at Schillinger and Zigler roads. There will be one display a month starting in October and going for seven months. **Member at Large Report:** No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Eddie announced that applications for the Alabama Vehicle Counsel are now available. A motion was made by R. Sloan and second by B. Neece to use the 50/50 pot to purchase meal tickets from the hospital for the family of Al White. A motion to adjourn came from B. Paquet with second from M. Neese. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



You know you're getting old when...

You sit down in a rocking chair and can't get it started!

Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work!

Your children are looking sorta middle age!

You get winded playing checkers and dialing long distance wears you out!

The gray-haired person you help across the street is your spouse!

Your knees buckle but your belt won't!

George County's 1st Annual Homecoming & Trade Day

by Carl Bailey

Saturday, July 17, 1999, started out as a typical summer day along the Gulf Coast with clouds blowing in from the South and warm, humid weather. Cars came out of garages and sheds in preparation for the trip to Lucedale, Mississippi. With coffee and donuts for the tummies, gas tanks full and courage boosted, some members left the DSR clubhouse while others departed from Jim and Judy Martin's house. The trip to the small town of Lucedale, depending on where you started from and what you were driving, took somewhere between one and one-half to two hours, a very pleasant drive.

Dayton and Susanne Whites, who are DSR members, residents of Lucedale and workers for the event met the groups to help them get parked. However, they were so busy during the day, there was no time for visiting with them.

The downtown festivities consisted of many arts, crafts, food and antique vendors set up along the streets. The merchants were into the mood of the day also. Our group had a wonderful seafood lunch at one of the local restaurants. The shrimp almost melted in your mouth and the catfish was delicious. By the way, the lunch was a freebie to participants!

As far as the antique autos were concerned the final event of the day was a parade of the vehicles through the streets of downtown Lucedale. The parade was "cars only" and moved at a pace that was pleasing to the cars so that no one had a problem with overheating.



The group became a little fragmented on the way home and some went through several rain showers but none were severe and no one complained since the rain cooled the heat of the day and made the ride a bit nicer. I understand that some others didn't get a drop until they were within a mile or so of home.

The odometer on my A indicated that I had traveled 171 miles for the day. Everyone seem to

enjoy themselves and all of the cars performed well without any problems. DSR members on hand to help celebrate this occasion were 2 Andersons, C. Bailey, L. Crowdus, G. Edwards, 2 Jarvises, 2 Lunsfords, J. Martin, 2 Neeses, 2 Paquets and 2 Whites.



It's tour time...ready to go?

The Baton Rouge AACA Fall Tour is Sept. 24-26, 1999 and from all indications will be a great one. Neither is it that far from Mobile. Just to tease you a little, here is a thumbnail sketch of what you can look forward to: (1) A tour of the Port of Greater Baton Rouge which is, of course, a waterfront setting and a walking tour of about one hour duration, (2) that evening a Friday night hospitality with a cash bar and live entertainment (3) Continental breakfast in the hotel lobby (Holiday Inn Express) each morning, (4) Saturday begins with a tour of the Orange Grove Plantation Store followed by an exploration of the Ailet House, a preservation-in-progress; then seeing a 22' hand-crafted working model of a sugar mill, discovering the Pre-Civil War Allendale Cabin, lunch, then a stop at "Antique Amusements" (gas pumps, coke, pinball, & slot machines, ect.), a stop at the Plaquemine Lock Museum, then a tour of Nottoway Plantation and finally (5) the "banquet" Saturday evening back in Port Allen. All of this for only \$85 per couple plus motel room for 3 nights at a special rate of \$55 plus tax.

If you are interested, registration forms will be available at the August 26th meeting. You can drive or trailer you vehicle, it can be antique or modern, whatever makes you happy.

The ad for the Southeastern Divisional Tour 2001 hosted by DSR will appear in the Tour Book being put together by the Miracle Strip Region AACA in Panama City. It is a combination of things we have used before. A copy will be available at the Aug. 26th meeting for you to see.



Today, there is unrest all over the world. Atrocities in Kosovo; gas in Iraq, and continued unrest in Ireland. It is hard to concentrate on our own little part of the world, but there is unrest in our own hobby as well. Certainly not anything as life threatening as what is going on in other parts of the world, but never the less, of a major concern to me and should be to you, too!

In a time when the economy is booming; unemployment is almost anorexic; and the stock market is going through the roof, bad news is just not accepted well. At the risk of putting myself in "harms way," you know, "Don't kill the messenger", I have to try one more time to move you from your comfortable couch to the harsh cruel world. Why? Because we need to "wake up!" State after state is passing "Scrappage Laws!" Why are the states getting so aggressive and why are you, the poor old backyard hobbyist being threatened? Because they can! For the last four or five years, we have adopted the attitude of "Hey, it doesn't affect my state. Why should I care?" Well, I hate to tell you this, but while you were being complacent, the major industrial polluters were holding "back room" meetings

looking for ways to meet EPA requirements for pollution. You, Mr. Classic Car owner, jumped right out at them. You were enjoying cheap gas (that will change), good economic times and the hobby was booming and you were too busy cruising!

Now before you get nervous and turn the page (and I know some of you will), let me define WHO I am talking about. First there is Joe "CONCOURSE" Smith. He owns a 100 point classic and wins all the awards for having the most original car at the shows. Second; there is Ed "ALMOST STOCK" Jones. His classic is pretty much original except for the dual exhaust, flipper hub caps and mild lowering in the back. Third, there is Angelo "FULL KUSTOM" Rigatoni. His Mercury top has been chopped 3" in front and 5" in the rear. He has subframed the front end and C'd the rear so that this "low rider" is lower than the bottom of a snakes tennis shoe! He makes all the local runs, but never goes further than ten miles out of town! He's a REAL rebel with loud mufflers and flame throwers to boot! Nobody comes between him and his kemp! And last, but not least, because he might be affected the most by what is going on, there is Dan "I GOTTA DREAM" Rogers. He doesn't have a car, but he buys all the books, walks the local car shows and tells everyone about the car he

is going to build someday. Now this is not being critical of the Dans of the world, but it is a cry for him to "Wake Up" along with the rest of you. If the states keep passing scrappage laws that allow for the "Ethnic Cleansing" of all the non-operating old cars throughout the land, Dan will NEVER get his chance to build his dream. And the next time that Joe or Ed want to go to the swap meet and get an OE outside mirror or a piece of stainless, it won't be there! SEMA has lobbied these various states for the option of at least letting the collectors strip the good parts off the cars for the sake of the hobby or better yet, let them classify it as a collector car and set it aside. I think we will all agree that there is a big difference between crushing a 1978 Buick with a blown motor and rust over 30% of its body and a 1949 Ford Tudor Sedan with a frozen Flathead V-8 and no interior. Everyone but the EPA! Why is that you ask? Follow the money trail. Pollution credits allow the factories to continue to operate; to continue to manufacture

"Our best friend, the Old Car Hobby is going through some bad times and needs our help!"

products to sell and, you got it, to continue to pollute at our expense! The next time you hear about a restrictive law that forbids the 4-Wheel Drive owner down the street from raising his pickup, don't ignore his plight, it's your plight, too. Just because his taste in automobiles is different to yours doesn't mean we can't support each other's cause. Now I know how difficult it is to get people involved these days. To some, PTA is a drag; voting is a drag, jury duty is a drag, but (See Scrappage Page 5)

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Scrappage

these are things that all responsible people have to do; like it or not. It's like having a "Best Friend". When two people become best friends, you have to be friends through the good times and the bad. Well, our best friend, "the old car hobby," is going through a bad time and needs our help!

All I am asking you to do is call or write or fax or e-mail your State and Federal Representatives and introduce yourself as a tax paying voter in his/her district. Let them know how important the hobby is to you and that you want to know their position the scrappage laws. Does he or she support or oppose them? These people keep track of the calls they get. If they do not get a lot of calls opposing the scrappage bills, they go ahead and support them. The people that are against them, are not really anti-old car hobby, they just do not realize that we cannot go down to our local Napa store and buy parts for our classics. Education comes in many forms and you can educate your representative by making that call or writing that letter. Tell them that you support their efforts to preserve the environment, but there has to be a way that these valuable old cars and their parts can be preserved for future generations as well as the current generation. If they are really committed to cleaning up the air, tell them to vote against pollution credits. No one should be given a "free pass" to pollute the environment at someone else's expense.

Remember, "Wake Up" and let them hear from you. You'll be glad you did it!

Editor's Note: DSR member Jim Henderson subscribes to the 49-50-51 Ford Mercury Owners Magazine and furnished me with the March/April issue from which the preceding article is taken. It has been reprinted with permission of Jim Genty, author and Managing Editor. You may contact him at P.O. Box 2204, Rohnert Park, CA 94927-2204 (707) 544-4949. It also appeared *Kar Kapers*, newsletter of the Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans this month.

Do you know who your government officials are and how to contact them? Do you know the most effective way to get them to listen to what you have to say? There is a single sheet insert included with this newsletter giving both Federal and State officials and their addresses. Pull it out and post it for future use.

Letters...letters...we get letters

Dear DSR Members,

Just a note to say thanks for all the good things the club did for Mertz Elementary during the last school year. The teachers loved the bookcases and podiums and the supplies were really a big help. The bicycles at the end of the year for the boy and girl who read the most books were a wonderful gift and the kids were delighted!

We want all of you to know how much we appreciate you and your efforts to help us and our students.

s/ Judy Martin, DSR Member &
Mertz School Librarian

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Dear Ross (Sloan) & DSR Members,

Thank you very much for asking me out to your Open House. I really enjoyed seeing so many friends from years ago. I was able to talk up our "Cars for A.R.F." and look forward to seeing some of you there. Again, thank you for your kindness.

s/ Karen Dollar  
Animal Resue Foundation

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## Shows to note...

† 54<sup>th</sup> Labor Day Celebration ~ Sept. 6, 1999 at the Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds "Top 25" is back! Dash plaques to first 50 cars to register. Contact Brian Daniels (661-1071) or Gayle Reinhart (661-4635 after 5 p.m.)

† 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Cars for A.R.F." presented by Sam's Club and the Animal Rescue Foundation ~ Sept. 11, 1999 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. No entry fee required but donations to AFR welcome. Auction to include automotive supplies and racing memorabilia.

† Charlotte Autofair at Lowe's Motor Speedway Sept. 16-19, 1999. Largest collector car show/swap meet in the Southeast. Special displays this year include a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary display of Pontiac Trans-Ams and 35-plus car clubs. Call *Sparkplug* Editor for more information.

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## Editorial goofs



Try as one might, it seems that there is always at least one thing that gets skewed or goes awry with each issue.

You pride yourself on proofing for typos, checking spelling and grammar and that you got everything in that was supposed to be there. Well, so much for pride...that goeth before a fall.

I overlooked the "Movie & Popcorn" outing at the clubhouse on June 19<sup>th</sup> which should have been in the July issue. Prez Eddie and First Lady Susie were nice enough to make a list of those in attendance for me, put the list in my hand but *still* I managed to it leave out. So, with many apologies, those who thoroughly enjoyed watching "The Handy Man's Secret Weapon", munching on popcorn followed by good fellowship afterwards were 2 Andersons, 2 Bogles, 2 Cammons, 2 Coxes, L. Crowdus, D. Dillehay, G. Demetropulos, 2 Francises, R. Jones, 2 Lunsfords, 2 Musgroves, L. Nelson, C. Pugh with daughter, Nancy, R. Sloan and 2 Youens. Guests for the day included Marien Brent, who I believe won the door prize for the day which will remain unidentified, Greg McDonnell and Southern MOPAR club members Joe Billitz, Wayne and Rose Hightower and Larry and Mary Jo Jordan.

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### "Spell check come pleat"

Eye halve a spelling chequer, it came with my  
pea sea,  
It plainly marques for my revue, miss steaks  
eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word, and weight  
for it two say,

Weather eye am wrong oar write, it shows me  
strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee fore  
two long

And eye can put the error rite, its rare lea ever  
wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it, I am shore  
your please two know,

Its letter perfect awl the weight, my chequer  
tolled me sew!

Your Editor

## August meeting will feature speaker

Don't miss this opportunity to learn exactly what stress is and how to deal with it. Dr. Cevin Cromier (pronounced *Kevin Chrome-yea*) will offer a short talk on this subject and will accept questions afterwards. Obviously, given the age we live in, stress is something that all of us have at least some of from time to time. If we can determine how to not let it get the best of us, then we can continue to enjoy life. Dr. Cromier has many distinguished accomplishments to his credit and his patients range from infant burn victims to professional football and baseball players. He is a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine and a licensed Physical Therapist.

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### Just a reminder



Hobby day is scheduled for Sunday, August 29, 1999. This is the time every-one gets to show off their "other" side and what comes from those talents. Maybe you don't sing or dance or do stand-up comedy (but if you do, that is welcome, too). Perhaps you are a collector of elegant or even wacky items. Possibly you are a crafter of some kind. Whatever you do, plan to bring a sampling to show everyone else. The tables will be set up with plenty of space for displays.

The AACAA Museum Auction is held at the annual meeting in February. If any of you who are "crafters" are willing to donate one of your craft items, Buddy and I will be happy to take it to North Carolina with us in September. There it will be given to Mary Neff who will be handling the auction this year. I know that between Cecil Pugh and Craig Ratkey, we are going to have several pens made from Model A wood, all of which will sport "Certificates of Authenticity". The people who contributed items last year all received very nice letters of acknowledgment from AACAA. Will you help out with this project? It will be most appreciated.



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# Just for the ladies.....

## A letter from Camp Rap-A-Hope



Dear Mom ,

They told me the ticket to supper tonight is to send a letter to you and tell you about camp. All the counselors are fun and do crazy stuff. And guess what! Lots of other campers have cancer like me and the ones that dont have it now, used to have it. I never saw so many kids who know about all the stuff I have to do because of this cancer. Everybody here knows about the needles and tests and chemo and radiashun that goes with being sick. And there are kids with no hair like me and other kids who told me that they used to have no hair but it grew back after they were over their cancer.

We do all kinds of stuff here. I went horseback riding, did arts and crafts, went canoeing and then went fishing. I met a kid like me who cant go swimming because of his catheter line so we decided to come back next year when our chemo is over and then we can swim in the lake, too. The Coast Guard came and did a helicopter rescue (it was only pretend) in the lake. They pulled Michael out of the water three times; it was real neat. We have fun things to do at night too and we also get to go raid the girls. We shoot them with water guns then run.

Miss Kathy and Miss Jane are the nurses at camp. They just sit on the porch in the rocking chairs and watch the kids go by all week. We do to the MedShed to get our meds or chemo and if we forget to come by...they come find us and bring us our meds. They also have a lot of candy and fun stuff to eat so we dont mind going there too much.

I met another boy named Scott who had to go to the MedShed a lot last year and doesnt even have to go this year. He is over his cancer. His friend C.J. died last month because of cancer so Scott brought a tree to plant to help the people who know C.J. to remember him. Its a very pretty tree and I promised Scott that I will come back next year to see how much it has grown. Mom, dont worry about me at camp...all these kids know how to have fun even when they have cancer and no so do I.

Love, Gregory

**Editor's Note:** DSR's Secretary, Jane Bruton, spent a week earlier this month as a volunteer at Camp Rap-A-Hope. It is a week-long camp for children who have (or have had) cancer and is located near Citronelle. Any child who has (or has had) cancer may apply to attend this free camp. The camp is sponsored by the Medical Society of Mobile County and has been serving children since 1985. For more information, call (334) 343-3042.

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### Banana Pudding (to die for) copied from JoAnn Lattgeharm, CENLA ~ AACA Region

1 box French Vanilla instant pudding\*  
1 box Vanilla instant pudding\*  
3 cups skim milk  
8 oz package Fat-Free Cream Cheese  
1 can Fat-Free Eagle Brand Milk  
1/2 of 9 oz container Fat-Free Cool Whip  
1 bag Reduced-Fat Vanilla Wafers

3-4 large bananas

In a large bowl mix pudding and milk. Beat together softened Cream Cheese and Eagle Brand Milk. Add to pudding and fold in Cool Whip. In a large container, layer wafers, sliced bananas and pudding mixture and repeat with second layer of same. Top with remaining Cool Whip. \*\*Sugar-Free/Fat-Free may be used if you want.



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## Third encounters of a Model T kind

by Carl Bailey

A couple of years ago the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) acquired a large number of Ford vans for the purpose of transporting veterans to and from the VA medical facilities, for doctor appointments and other medical or dental treatments. At a celebrated "drive away" from the DAV National Headquarters in Cold Spring, Kentucky where all of the vans were picked up by the DAV Chapters for transport the the locations where they would be used, the procession was led by a 1923 Model T Touring car. All of this was put on video and also photos appeared in our DAV magazine. I had seen the video and also the photos. I also had a first hand account of the event by friends of mine by the names of Charles Combs and Vincent Coll. Charles is now deceased but Charles and Vincent were there to pick up the van that the Foley Chapter was assigned and that I am a volunteer driver of.

With all the fanfare and excitement of all those new vans with the colorful special paint jobs on them rolling out of the parking lot, the Model T Touring really stood out. It was a beautiful sight.

### THREE YEARS LATER

While on a trip to DAV Headquarters in Cold Springs, KY recently, I, along with about fifty other Commanders and Adjutants, pulled into the staff parking lot in a chartered bus in order to take a tour of the DAV Headquarters facility. My eyes fell on a 1923 T Touring. I quickly made a mental note as to the location of the car with respect to the door in which we entered the headquarters building with the intention of coming back to the T at the first opportunity. During the tour and indoctrination I thought about the T and wondered if it may possibly belong to the DAV since I thought that it looked like the one I had seen in the video.



Finally, the lunch break got there and I headed for the parking lot. I looked the T over and took a couple of snapshots of it when a lady who was employed by the DAV, returning from lunch, approached me and I asked her about the T. She informed me that "Oh, it belongs to Mike Rawe, I'll go get him". She disappeared into the building and in a few seconds, I heard Mike being paged. Very soon, he appeared in the doorway to see what was going on. I asked him a few questions and he, like most car buffs, seemed very eager to tell me all about the T. With a little persuasion I got Mike to sit behind the wheel so I could take his picture. Then came the questions about all of the pedals and how they worked. After somewhat of an explanation, I asked Mike to "just show me how they work", and he did. We drove around the facility parameter three times and I really enjoyed it. He seemed to really enjoy explaining everything to me and he even related some other stories about the T besides the story concerning leading the procession of vans. Mike didn't enjoy it anymore than I did though. It was a real treat for me because I had never ridden in a Model T before!

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