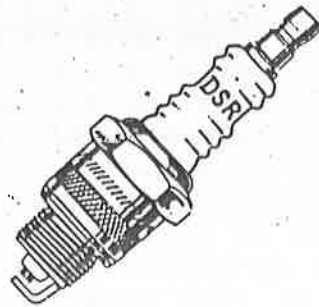


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Dec. 1 - Saturday - Christmas Parade at Tillman's Corner.

Dec. 6 - DSR Annual Christmas Party.

Dec. 8 - Saturday - Christmas Parade at Saraland.

Dec. 15 - Saturday - Christmas Parade at Loxley, Ala.

Dec. 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

MERRY CHRISTMAS,



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Jan. 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

Jan. 24 - Meeting - Hopefully in our new clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive at 7:30 P.M.

Our Jan. outing to be announced later.

G. Short
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YOUR DEEP SOUTH REGION OFFICERS AND STAFF WISHES EACH OF YOU THE VERY MERRIEST CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

Our President, Lloyd Crowdus, opened our November meeting on the 15th at 7:30 P.M. Acting Chaplain V. T. Hopkins gave the invocation. Visitors introduced to the membership were Bill and Linda Tunnell, and second time visitor Bill Spicer. It was announced that Mr. Ralph Gregory, well known antique car club supporter, died in Gulfport. DSR member H. R. Odom was reported to be feeling bad lately. On our secretary's report, Jeanie Dobbs said she is still waiting for a reply on our club insurance. (She has since received it.) Lucille Nettles made a report on our club incorporating and the advantages and disadvantages. Our treasurer, Lycyle Crowdus, reported that our treasury is low and needs to be built up, hopefully by our planned rummage sale. Activity Coordinator, Ray Harper reported on Herb and Reba's successful auto and engine show that was held on Nov. 10th. He also told of the coming Loxley Christmas Parade that was originally planned for Dec. 8th

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has been moved to Dec. 15th. Prez Lloyd said he wished to thank the nominating committee for the hard two hours work in getting candidates for 1985 offices. He read the list of nominees and called for further nominations from the floor. There were none, so the ballot will reflect the committee's choice. Our 1985 DSR Show Chairman, Ray Harper, explained show details and announced appointments of members to various positions to put the show on next May 11th. Ray asked for discussion and a vote on registration fees. After discussion a fee of \$5.00 and \$7.00 for late registration was decided on. Don Hartman made an offer of \$100.00 worth of trophies for the show. Ray announced details of club house work and of the rummage sale to be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th to raise funds. Lloyd said he'd like to thank Herb and Reba for putting on such a fine auto and engine show. Then he told of the struggle with the city and utility companies to get a permit, water, sewer, gas, and electricity. Geary explained how we finally got the power to the club house. However none of these were without cost to the DSR. Condie Langham offered to donate 25 or 30 cruise controls for antique cars at \$15.00 each for the rummage sale. The November Mystery photo was identified as our Prez, Lloyd Crowdus! The second photo of the newspaper reader on the last page was identified as Ray Faust. The pros and cons of saving and selling old newspapers to raise money for the DSR was discussed. Lloyd read a report of the itemized costs of the club house so far. It is available to all members. He showed us a new company's display of our club logo to be put on red shirts for us. A call was made for payment for the Christmas Party banquet. As of this meeting 60 people have paid.

Our meeting adjourned at 8:50 and our gentle, gifted, growing gathering of gallant guys and gorgeous girls gaily gamboled to our gourmet grill to gleefully gobble good groceries with gusto!

AT HERB AND REBA'S --

On Saturday, November 10th, Herb and Reba Counselman held an antique "hit-and-miss" engine and antique auto display at their home near Lucedale, Mississippi. It was a lot of fun with folks from several clubs joining together for a great meal, good fellowship, and a most interesting antique display! There were many of the old engines all running at the same time. The ladies all got together and went to an arts and crafts show in Lucedale after dinner. It rained off and on all day but that didn't dampen the spirit of the folks that attended. After munching on desserts and coffee and cokes all afternoon, we bid the Counselmans goodbye and headed home. It was a nice, friendly, and pleasant day. Even the rain was pretty out in the Mississippi countryside as we sat on their big front porch and watched it come down. From the DSR we had 31 folks. In alphabetical order there were the Capdepons, Counselmans, Crowdus, Dillehays, Edwards, Griffins, Hartmans, Heplers, Hopkins, Jarvis, Langhams, Nettles, Newmans, Pages, and the Youens. Thanks millions, Herb and Reba, for a great time!!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR PREZ: Temper gets you into trouble, pride keeps you there!

David Gonzalez bought a 1964 Lincoln convertible 4-door recently. It is a beautiful rose colored car. We hope to have David with us soon in his "new" Lincoln.

CORRECTION: In last month's SPARKPLUG we misspelled Betty Capdepon's late mother's name. We had Suenta when it should have been Fuente.

Have you seen Hop's new mini-garage? It's in his back yard and is for his and LaVerne's mini-car, their Metropolitan convertible!

THE BEST WAY TO TELL A WOMAN'S AGE IS IN A WHISPER!

We regret to announce that Mr. Ralph Gregory of Gulfport, Mississippi died in November. He is one of our area's most well known antique car enthusiasts and a member of several antique car clubs. Mr. Gregory owned a private museum which the DSR visited a few years ago. We will all sadly miss Mr. Gregory's smile at the many shows he attended. Mr. Gregory's wife passed away a few years ago. Our sincere sympathy is with his children and grand children.

Mr. Forney Hatter's mother recently died and was buried in Greenville. Forney is a good friend of the Shorts and has visited the DSR and plans to soon become a member. Our heartfelt sympathy is with the entire Hatter family on this sad occasion.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS



Imagine the laughter and derision that would have met an angel of the Lord had he come to Caesar instead of to the shepherds, saying, "Leave all this alone; nothing matters tonight except the fact that a peasant woman has had a baby in a stable."

Yet the wonder of Christmas is the wonder of "Immanuel" which translated means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Centuries before the actual event the prophet Isaiah had proclaimed His coming: "The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

And some men were awaiting His coming, for God had been revealing Himself to mankind through the ages. Jesus came to embody what God had been all along, "God with us," personally concerned for the creatures He had placed upon this earth.

Mankind is desperately in need of Christmas. Human pride and prejudice and the more obvious actions which express our sinfulness -- these cry out for God's intervention in our lives. Man's inhumanity to man, to say nothing of man's alienation from God, calls us to Godly repentance.

The Christmas story then, is prologue to the Good News of Easter. In both the message is the same: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Corinthians 5:19).

Christmas becomes meaningful in our lives only as we recognize what God has done for us. When in repentance and faith we commit our lives to Jesus Christ, God's son, we discover God's gift of newness of life.

Nothing else matters!

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

H. D. Lowe has injured his back and apparently has a pinched nerve in a lower vertebra, but does not know when it happened. He has been to a doctor several times but is still often in pain with it. We hope Lowe has a quick and complete recovery.

Ray Faust also has injured his back in a very similar manner to H. D. He too, has been in a lot of pain and discomfort, especially in some movements he makes. Anyone that has had back pains know the suffering H. D. and Ray are going through. We certainly wish a speedy recovery for them both.

LaVerne went in the hospital on Sunday, Dec. 9th for surgery. She had two ribs removed that were pressing on a nerve. She was back home by Wed. but has had a lot of discomfort from all this. The DSR is wishing LaVerne well and freedom from the pain that she has had to tolerate.

"Tex" Faust has had surgery for a hernia this week but we understand he is back home but still having to take it easy for a while. We wish a fast recovery for Tex and a good and pleasant Christmas for all our sick members.

OUR RUMMAGE SALE --

The DSR held our first rummage sale on a beautiful Saturday, November 17th, at our new lot at 951 Forest Hill Drive and Zeigler Blvd. Over 20 DSR families brought various items to be sold and quite a crowd was attracted to our prime location. It was very much a success! The DSR cleared over \$760 that we badly needed to continue our club house project. So far, everything is debt-free and clear (though several members have given their own money for material that we intend to eventually pay back) which is a real tribute to Lloyd, Geary, and many others that have really worked hard to make this a reality. While the rummage sale took precedent over any building, some work was done on the club house, the most important being O. D. Dickerson bringing a huge load of fill dirt and spreading it for our patio directly behind the house. If we can accomplish a rummage sale success like this with only a few days notice, we certainly want to plan one this spring with several days notice! This is the kind of spirit that has made our club house project so very successful!! If you are one of the few that haven't yet joined in with work and/or a donation to help out, please consider doing so. You will be very proud to be able to say, "Look at what WE in the DSR have accomplished!"

OUR 1984 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ELECTION OF 1985 OFFICERS

The DSR Christmas Party and election of 1985 officers was held at the Rodeway Inn on Government Street on Thursday, December 6th. President Lloyd Crowdus opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with 64 present in the banquet room. Acting Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins, asked a blessing and we all had a most delicious buffet style meal. It was very nice. After eating Lloyd announced the coming Christmas parade in Saraland on Saturday, December 8th, and the coming Christmas parade in Loxley on Saturday, December 15th. He then asked all members that could for their 1985 dues to boost our treasury which is low because of the all out effort to get the club house ready for our Jan. 24th meeting. He announced the DSR slogan for 1985 will be "LET'S ALL COME ALIVE FOR THE DSR IN '85". He told us that 1984 has been a great year for DSR attendance and support but made a plea for more support in the coming year. In speaking of the club house, Lloyd said it was now zoned B-1 by the city. This was made through Lloyd's efforts at city hall. He also announced that sewer and electricity is now installed and told of the many DSR members that have worked hard and contributed time and money to make this club house a reality. He thanked all those members that arranged the excellent Christmas Party. All 1984 officers, both elected and appointed, were presented awards for their service. Attendance awards were given out: 1st to Ernie and Eugenia, 2nd to Ray and Katherine Harper, and 3rd to Bud and Peggy Moseley. As president, Lloyd and Lycyle had withdrawn as contestants, but then V.P. David Hepler made a surprise plaque presentation to Lloyd for his outstanding year as DSR president, to the applause of everyone. Ballots for the election of 1985 officers were passed out and tellers appointed; Hop as chairman, Art, Condie, and Don Lovell. Those officers elected to serve were as follows:

President - Lloyd Crowdus
 Vice President - Geary Polk
 Treasurer - Katherine Harper
 Secretary - Jeanie Dobbs
 Activity coordinators - Cecil and Lucille Nettles
 Member at Large - Heard "Tex" Faust

As 1985 President, Lloyd appointed Hop as Acting Chaplain, Guy Short as artist, Ernie as Sparkplug Editor, Charlie Froehlich as Annual Tour Leader, and for calling committee, Jeannie Hepler as chairman, Peggy Moseley, Lucille Nettles, and Barbara Short.

A call for volunteers to lead a monthly outing was made and we had response for all months except January, which Lloyd designated a "Clubhouse month" with a possible barbeque.

Lloyd asked everyone to be considering taking an office in 1986 as there will be several openings. He thanked everyone for coming out and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome all of our new members into the DSR.

Bill and Linda Tunnell joined the DSR at our November meeting. The Tunnells live at 635 Second Avenue in Saraland, Ala. 36571, with two of their children, Jim and Pat. They own a 1956 Oldsmobile 2-door hardtop Holiday coupe which they are in the process of restoring. Their telephone number is 675-9200.

William (Bill) Spicer joined the DSR also at our November meeting. Bill's address is Route 5 Box 218-S in Mobile. He owns a 1929 Model A Ford Fordor Sedan. His telephone number is 1-865-4789.

Eric and Paula Gould of Route 1 Box 261-B in Monroeville, Ala. 36460 have joined the DSR. The Goulds have a 1925 Model T depot hack, a 1925 Model T coupe, and a 1972 Olds Cutlass convertible. The DSR had a very pleasant time at the Gould's home in Monroeville on our outing there last September. Their telephone number is 1-765-2677.

Keith and O'Gatha Hadden of 4307 Dalton Drive in Eight Mile, Ala. zip 36613 are now members of the DSR. They own a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air. Their telephone number is 456-0507.

All of the above new members have been approved for their membership by the executive board. We all wish to welcome these new members into the Deep South Region and hope to see them often at our future meetings and outings.

DSR CHRISTMAS PARADES.

TILLMAN'S CORNER: At the Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade held on Saturday, December 1st, the DSR had 22 antique cars and 36 of our people there. It was a beautiful day for a parade with pleasant temperature. For a while it seemed that rain would come but it held off to make the parade just great! There were hundreds of spectators. After the parade most of our members drove our antiques to O. D. and Mickey Dickerson's restaurant at Theodore for a very good, well prepared barbeque. It was excellent! Anyone that hasn't been to their restaurant is really missing a treat! Try it sometimes. It was a most successful and congenial day of fellowship for everyone!

SARALAND: At the Saraland Christmas Parade held on Saturday morning, December 8th, the DSR had 18 antique cars with 25 of our people. It was an absolutely beautiful warm sunny "shirt sleeve" day for a parade. There was a mix up in communication with the Saraland Parade Committee and they failed to give us candy throws as we had understood they would, but it turned out to be a very nice and huge parade with many spectators. After the parade ended most members went to David and Jeannie Hepler's Hart's Fried Chicken place on Springhill Ave. for a buffet meal, then several of us went to spend the rest of Saturday working on the club-house. We got quite a bit accomplished. It was another great day and the usual DSR congeniality abounded!

LOXLEY - ROBERTSDALE: At the Loxley Christmas Parade held on Saturday, December 15th, the DSR had 23 antique cars and 48 of our people there. The DSR must be doing something right, as again we had another warm sunny day and another great turn-out! There was a spectacular turn-out of spectators making this a real super parade! After the parade we all went to Condie and Lucille's home in Loxley where we had a real fine meal and an outstanding amount of genuine fellowship. All 48 people ate at the Langham's big house. After eating, Lloyd asked the members for suggestions as to what the DSR should do to help Gavin and Gladys Edwards' daughter whose home burned with a 100% loss of their belongings. A decision was made to take up a collection for a Christmas donation to them from those at the parade. The response was very nice with \$220.00 to be given to them. Anyone that was not present that would like to donate, send it to Lloyd and he will see to it that the Edwards' daughter receives it. This is a most worthy cause at Christmastime! After dinner most of us went to Robertsdale with a police escort, to join

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in their afternoon Christmas Parade. As in Loxley, Robertsdale had another huge turn-out of spectators for their big parade. When the second parade ended, the DSR headed for Don Hartman's service station for a pit stop and gasoline, and to get everyone together for our ride home. We arrived home at about 5:00 P.M. It was a great day with nice clear weather (even though rain had been predicted), wonderful DSR fellowship, and a great meal. Our thanks to Condie and Lucille and to Don and Jan who made us all feel so very welcomed!

CLUB HOUSE NEWS:

The DSR club-house is really looking good! The front porch, porch rafters, and bannisters are all up and give it a real good appearance. The windows are all sealed, with all outside woodwork finished around the windows but not yet painted. The patio block work is finished and fill dirt has been put in place. We are about ready for the concrete patio floor. Electricity, gas, and sewer are all in and connected but we still do not have water. Inside, the furnace is operating for cold weather with all ducts in, but as yet the ceiling is not installed. We also need to finish the moulding around doors and windows (inside). Larry Martin is in the process of building our cabinets for us, and we have two poles for flood lights on each side of the house ready for installation. The club house is coming along great -- and now for the bad part. While it is good enough to hold our meeting now - **WE ARE OUT OF MONEY!** We badly need it in the way of donations, payment of 1985 dues, or the earning of money through an antique car display. If you can help put in any of these ways, we need it! We do not want to postpone the completion of our club house unless it is absolutely necessary. Many members have donated a lot of time and money for this outstanding antique car club project. **SUPPORT YOUR DEEP SOUTH REGION!!!!!!!!!!!!**

649-3749



RODNEY E. FLOWERS

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This man, Rodney "Buster" Flowers has been a great help to the DSR in doing a lot of work for us at a most reasonable price - only to assist us! Keep this and remember "Buster" if you need any block or brick work done. Let's all help these fellows that help us!!

On December 1st at the Tillman's Corner Parade we had a visitor, Les Yoder, with an antique car. When Les heard of the club house needing help, he handed Lloyd a \$20 bill to help! Isn't the world full of great people?

SPRINGDALE B.L.P.

Another contributor, Kit Waldon of Springdale Plaza B.L.P. store donated bathroom wallpaper to the DSR. He told Lycyle to just go pick whatever she'd like as he wanted to help the DSR. Please remember all these good people when you are buying!

If you know of anyone willing to help the DSR out by donating either material or money as these folks have, please accept it on behalf of our Deep South Region!

ANTIQUÉ CARS FOR SALE:

Doug Newman has a 1948 Chevrolet 4-door Stylemaster with all accessories in unrestored mint condition. 31,000 miles. Call 601-762-8432.

On our Tillman' Corner parade, H. D. Lowe sheared the driveshaft key on his 1925 Model T. He needs another driveshaft. If you know where he might find one, please call Lowe and tell him.

Don Dillehay is grand-dad again!! His son in Goose Creek, South Carolina has a new 7 pound 2 ounce boy. They named him Matthew Dillehay.

Junie and Ann are grandparents again also. Their daughter Dixie, had a little baby girl, Catherine Courtney, born on November 30th.

For any of you men out there that would like a long sleeve solid red shirt for the club logo, West has "Botany 500" at about \$15.00, and Wilson's has another popular brand at about \$13.00.

The DSR has received the letter from the insurance company assuring us of liability insurance on our club property. Anyone wishing to see it can contact Lloyd and he will be glad to show it to you.

OUR PREZ SEZ:

Once again a year has come and gone for us in the DSR. I would like to thank all the members who have supported me in this busy year. This has been one of the most productive years in the history of the DSR. I thank you again for having the confidence to re-elect me as your President for 1985. I promise you my full support in the coming year to make it the best ever. I must have your support in achieving this goal. "LETS ALL COME ALIVE FOR THE D.S.R. IN '85".

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Lloyd

Another report from the Dillehays. Don's sister-in-law, Ruth Dillehay, had a very serious operation on November 7th but she is doing fine now. We are all very thankful for that.

There will be no "mystery photo" in this SPARKPLUG as we will have no meeting before the January SPARKPLUG is out. But we do have a GOOD one ready for January!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We are beginning to make preparations for our 1985 DSR pictorial roster! We must have your dues if you haven't yet paid them (most members have) in order for you to be included in the new roster. We also need it to help boost our "ailing" treasury. If you haven't paid your 1985 dues, please mail them in to Lloyd or Katherine Harper right away. If everybody will pay up for '85, it will give us the boost we need. HOW ABOUT IT, MEMBERS?

LOOK AT THE FRONT OF THIS NEWSLETTER!
IF YOU NAME IS UNDERLINED IN RED, WE
HAVE NO RECORD OF YOU PAYING YOUR 1985
DUES.

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

October 27, 1984

Dear Ernie and Eugenia,

I just wanted to congratulate the Deep South Region on it's being the first in this area that I am aware of, to have it's own Club House. Sounds like quite an undertaking, and I commend you for pulling it off.

I wish Dick Neaux and I were closer to you. If we were I would volunteer Dick's services in helping you on the project.

I guess you realize these annual tours can be hazardous to your health, as the idea of the Club House possibly originated in Murfreesboro in 1983.

Best Wishes,

Ray & Mary Lou Montgomery

This note came to us from Ray and Mary Lou in Lafayette. The Montgomerys have faithfully supported the DSR in our club house project!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 1985 DUES?
If your name is underlined in
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have no record of payment.



THE DSR's FIRST LADY, LYCYLE CROWDUS,
SWINGS A MEAN HAMMER BUILDING THE CLUB-HOUSE PORCH!

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