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A.A.C.A.



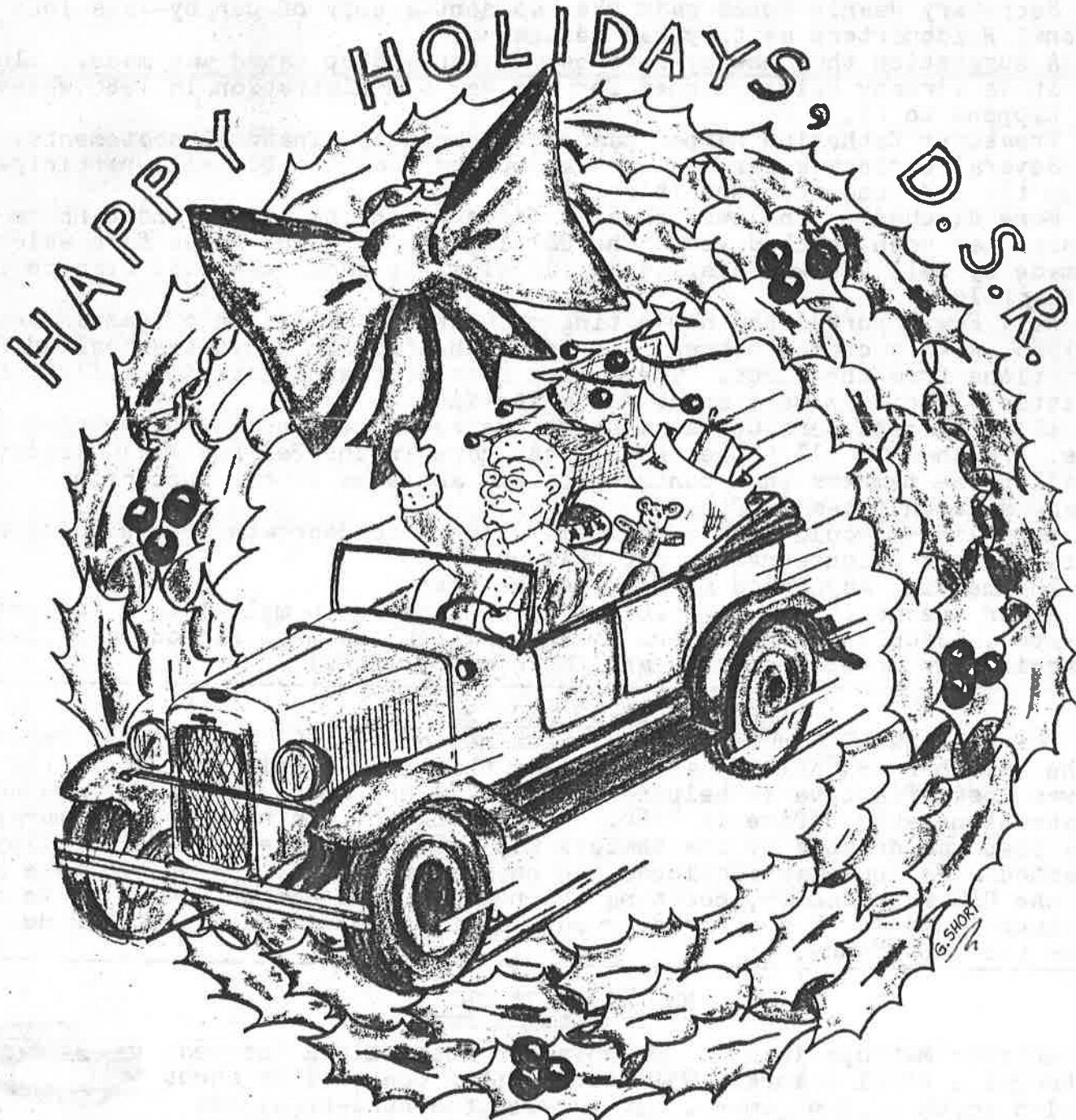
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The DSR officers and staff would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy 1986!

- OUR NOVEMBER MEETING -

Our last regular meeting for 1985 was opened at the club house by President Lloyd Crowds at 7:30 P.M. sharp on November 21st with 56 present. Our Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins, gave the invocation.

Lloyd announced our new members, Gerald and Gloria Davis, though they were unable to be at the meeting, were approved by the executive board. Visitors Jim and Cynthia Mizell were introduced to the membership.

A motion was made by Hop and seconded by Paul Lanier that the monthly reading of the minutes be omitted at future meetings as all meeting events are published in the SPARKPLUG. Motion carried.

Secretary Jeanie Dobbs said she has sent a copy of our by-laws into National Headquarters as they had requested.

A suggestion that new by-laws be written and up dated was made. Lloyd said it is already being planned for the new administration in 1986 whoever that happens to be.

Treasurer Katherine Harper passed out monthly financial statements.

Several Christmas parades were announced that the DSR will participate in, in the surrounding communities.

More discussion followed on club logos on shirts, caps, and banners but decision has been reached yet. The DSR logo on our club house flag which was made by Nell Few was displayed. It will fly under the U.S. flag on our new flag pole.

Nell Few reported the nominating committee's selection of candidates for 1986, with a choice between two for each office. Lloyd then called for nominations from the floor. There were none so the ballot will reflect the committee's choice plus a space for write-ins.

Lloyd thanked Herb Counselman for the clock he donated to the club house. He thanked all those that placed cars in the Bel Air Mall display, and all those members that contributed and assisted in our successful rummage sale on November 9th.

Hop said he would donate Christmas lights to decorate the building and several people volunteered to put them up.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 on the dot!

After the meeting a memorable miracle managed to mellow with masterful, motivated, masculine men members making a matchless meal for our multitude of magnificent motor mechanics and their merry mates!

ADDITION TO RUMMAGE SALE \$.

Our November 9th rummage sale which netted the DSR \$530.71, as reported in the November SPARKPLUG, was a success that put our finances "over the top" and was most effective in helping pay off all DSR debts before the new administration takes office in 1986. Quite a bit of the rummage sale paraphernalia that was donated by the members was left over after the sale. Lloyd contacted a fellow that auctioned the remainder off for 25% of the take and left the DSR with \$68.25, boosting the rummage sale net to \$599.33. We can all thank Lloyd for his efforts to put our treasury in good shape as he leaves the presidency.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Another Metropolitan!!! On November 20th, Lloyd located and bought a coral colored 1955 Metropolitan convertible about 40 miles south of Montgomery. It is a little rust-free, one owner car with only 43,000 miles on it and hasn't been run since 1976. And Lycyle has already staked a claim on it! We now have 11 running Metropolitans (and several parts cars) in the DSR, 7 are convertibles and 4 hardtops. And now Barbara Short says she's got to have a Met convertible! OK Guy, your work is cut out for you!!!



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

Lisa Hover's uncle (her father's brother), Mr. Charles Wheeler, recently died in New Orleans and was buried in their old home town of Pensacola, Florida. On the way to Pensacola to attend the funeral, Lisa had a flat tire and had enough trouble to win a hard luck trophy, but she finally got it changed and was able to attend. Mr. Wheeler was 71 years old. Our heartfelt sympathy is with Lisa, her father, Bob, Robert, Jr. and the entire Wheeler family.

Mr. Joseph "Toby" Raspilari recently died. Toby was well known by many DSR members and even though he wasn't a DSR member, he was our good friend, and was a member of the AAECM. He will be best remembered as the "life of the party" at the shows in Biloxi where he would serve as MC and keep everybody laughing. Our deepest sympathy is with Toby's family and friends in Mississippi. We will all miss him.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

PEACE ON EARTH - GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN



It has been my pleasure to serve as the Chaplain of our club for the past year and look forward to another year.

As we come to this most joyous time of the year let us all resolve within ourselves to strive to make this a joyous Christmas season because of the joy that was brought into the world many centuries ago. Also let us all pause for a few moments and look at ourselves and review all the things that we have said and done and ask this question - "Wouldn't that have better unsaid or undone?" Certainly much of it would. Being honest with ourselves let's all make a concerted effort to make this coming year, a year of complete togetherness, of complete mutual respect for each other, of strict high morals, of cooperation with the club and each other. Let's remove the chip from our shoulders and feeling from our sleeves. Let's analyze our remarks as well as the remarks of others before taking offense. Let's all learn to take a jibe as well as give one. "Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you cry alone".

Since you don't have the privilege of the pen as I do, I only ask each of you to follow this pattern in your heart. I ask each of you to forgive me for anything that I have done or said that was offensive during this past year. I have already forgiven you.

Now I can have a Merry Christmas since my slate is clean.

I wish the same for you.

"To err is human -- to forgive is divine".

"Ole Hop"

I hope you all take time to read the message Hop has given us and let's all pull together in 1986 and make the DSR even better known for the good fellowship we all enjoy!

NEW MEMBERS

We want to welcome Gerald and Gloria Davis into the DSR. The Davis live at 454 Azalea Road 36609 and own a 1926 model T, a 1929 model A, a 1947 Chevrolet, and a 1951 Dodge. Their phone number is 479-3148 or at work it is 342-8868.

We also want to welcome Lawrence and Lillian Moseley into the DSR. The Moseleys live in Robertsdale and their address is Route 1, Box 443, Robertsdale, 36567. They own a 1941 Chevrolet pickup and a 1951 Chevrolet automobile. Their telephone number is 1-947-7885.

The DSR is happy to have the Davis and the Moseleys in our organization and hope to see more of these fine folks at our future meetings and outings. Welcome aboard, folks!!!

BEL AIR MALL DISPLAY

On Sunday, November 10th, just after the Faust's outing we told of in the November SPARKPLUG, the DSR met at Bel Air Mall and put 38 of our member's cars on display for one week. We removed them the following Sunday, the 17th. The DSR received a very substantial donation for the display.

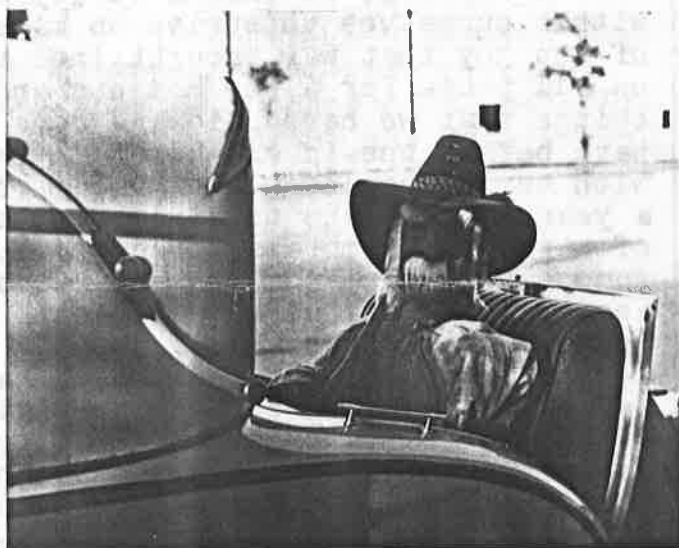
During our display on Friday the 15th, the Mall management had the Baker High School marching band to lead a group of youngsters through the Mall in little electric vehicles they had won in a Mall contest, followed by Dale and Jason McLaney hauling 4 very pretty teen aged "Santa's Helpers" in Hop's Metropolitan convertible, followed by Ole Hop himself hauling old Santa Claus in his 1927 Chevy touring with the top down. It was most impressive with wide eyed kids everywhere -- I didn't know there were that many young 'uns in Mobile! Of course old Santa was giving candy to all the kids. There was a bit of humor along with it all. Lloyd asked Santa if Hop wasn't the ugliest man he'd ever seen. Santa replied, "He sure was until you came along -- ho-ho- ho!". Pretty witty old fellow, wasn't he?

We overheard some kid in the crowd ask another why that same fellow brings Santa in the Mall every year. The other kid said that he didn't know unless they were the same age and always knew each other.

Then on Saturday afternoon, Ray Harper put a dummy in his model A rumble seat with a CB radio inside the dummy and talked to people passing by from a distance away. Some were really shocked and stared at the dummy! Would you believe that one lady got down on her knees and looked under the model A! A few children tried to hold a conversation with the dummy.

We all had a great time and the DSR came out quite well -- and the management at the Mall was very pleased with the showing we made!

ON THE RIGHT IS A PHOTO OF THE DUMMY THAT "TALKED" AND SURPRISED MANY PEOPLE IN THE BEL AIR MALL! →



LAST BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

On Monday, November 18th, Lloyd called an evening meeting of the DSR Building Committee. We met at the club house for the purpose of getting an agreement to close out all debts on the club house building. Three of the eight members were absent but voted absentee. Lloyd explained the condition of our treasury and stated that he would like to pay all bills so the new 1986 president could take over free of any debts. The members voted unanimously to pay the bills which were:

H. D. Lowe	\$210.00	patio	(No interest was
O. D. Dickerson	250.00	front porch	charged on any of
Larry Martin	125.00	cabinets	these bills)
Junie Jarvis	388.41	plumbing	
total	\$973.41		

Lloyd wrote the checks and gave them to those concerned.

These were the last payments owed on the club house. One year after we had our first meeting in the club house, it is paid for completely, thanks to all members who worked and contributed to this cause. Almost everyone helped in some way!

After this short 25 minute meeting, it was adjourned and Prez Lloyd dissolved the committee. He said that should a new building committee become necessary, it will be appointed by the new president.

DSR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas Party and election of officers was held Friday night, December 13th, at the Mobilian Restaurant on Government Street with 71 present. President Lloyd Crowds opened the ceremonies at 7:10 P.M. and our Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins asked a blessing.

We then had an absolutely delicious meal! There were many compliments this year on the quality of the food.

After eating, we all sang "Happy Birthday" to Cecil Nettles and Betty Capdepon.

Then the end of the year bills were presented to our treasurer, Katherine Harper, and they were all paid in order to begin 1986 with new officers and a debt free status.

Lloyd thanked Hop for donating the Christmas lights to the club house and urged everyone to go by at night and see the brightly decorated club house. It is a pretty sight! Lloyd then thanked Barbara Short and Gloria Rothenburg for decorating the tables at the banquet and gave a brief talk on his three years as president, thanking the membership for supporting him. He then presented each officer, both elected and appointed, with wall plaques for their work in 1985. He then presented trophies to the three that attended most meetings and outings. 1st award went to Nettles, 2nd to Youens, and 3rd to Heplers. He then presented a First Lady Award (and a kiss) to Lycyle for helping him during his terms as president.

Lloyd then introduced all 1986 candidates, passed out ballots, and appointed Ed Rothenburg, Sydney Whiting, and Don Dillehay as tellers. The results of the voting revealed the winners which were:

President- Ray Harper
 Vice President- Guy Short
 Secretary- Barbara Short
 Treasurer- Katherine Harper
 Activity coordinators- Dave and Jeannie Hepler
 Member at Large- Don Hartman

Then the newly elected president, Ray Harper, made a brief talk on his election and plans he has for 1986, including a once a month executive board meeting. He also appointed Lloyd for publicity and Ernie as newsletter editor. He then called on newly elected activity coordinator, Jeannie Hepler, who gave us a brief talk on their plans and asked for volunteers for 1986 outings. They received the required number to put 1986 moving! She then appointed four calling committee members which were: Laura Faust, Betty McLaney, Arline Eschete, and LaVerne Hopkins.

Ray then announced that, as president, and with his wife as treasurer, he would appoint someone other than himself as a co-signer on DSR checks. Hop made a motion, seconded by David for the treasurer alone to be able to write club house utility bill checks and for the newsletter supplies. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 -- and the DSR, with the exception of the treasurer, has a brand new slate of elected officers for 1986!

ALL ABOUT AIDS!

Howard Shafer said if he had to die, he'd rather it would be from a rattle-snake bite than from AIDS. If this combination is difficult to understand, Howard can explain it to you.

Speaking of AIDS, Guy Short said that he recently learned that the U.S. Government is considering changing the name of AIDS. Seems too many people are calling in wanting to sign up for it!

NO ONE is completely worthless. They can always serve as a bad example!

The worst fault a motorist can have is to believe that he has none!

CHRISTMAS PARADES

The Tillman's Corner Christmas parade was on a clear but nippy Saturday morning on December 7th. As usual it was a very nice, orderly, well planned and organized parade with many considerate and cheering spectators. We were furnished candy throws. The DSR had 31 of our folks in 17 antique cars. We are always glad to support Tillman's Corner as they have always been DSR supporters and boosters.

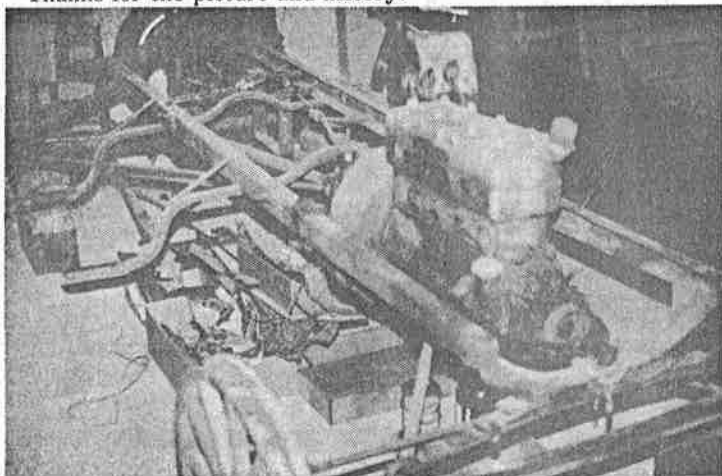
Then on the following Saturday, December 14th, the DSR participated in the Loxley Christmas parade with 40 of our folks in 21 antiques. Another very nippy, clear, sunny Saturday morning. And as usual in Loxley, it was also well planned and organized and orderly parade. The Loxley spectators literally lined the streets cheering us. As always in Loxley, we were given ample candy throws. It was certainly a fine parade for the DSR. After the parade we all went to a cafeteria in Loxley for dinner and then on to Condie and Lucille Langham's home where we were treated to fine delicious homemade cakes, pies, cookies, punch, coffee, and other goodies. That Lucille is an A-1 cook! Though she said a few of her neighbors and friends donated a couple of the desserts.

That afternoon most of us headed on to Robertsdale, 6 miles away, to participate in their afternoon Christmas parade. It was a very nice and interesting day, full of action and fellowship. This is the kind of event that makes the DSR so well known for its congeniality!

This was copied from the Magnolia State Model T Ford Club's newsletter SPARK - ADVANCE about Herb's and Reba's restoration they are working on.

Herbert Counselman sent a picture and history on the Model T he is working on at this time, a 1925 touring his uncle had bought new. It was stored in about 1940. His uncle died in 1948 and Herb's mother was his guardian, so she got the car. Due to a new road, the garage had to be torn down and the T rolled down the hill. In 1949, Herbert got the car. Herb drove and enjoyed it until 1953, then he tore it apart to restore it. He says he plans to get back to work on it now and finish it.

Good luck, Herb. Hurry up, you are missing a lots of fun. Thanks for the picture and history.



CITIES ARE PLACES WHERE THEY CUT DOWN ALL TREES AND NAME THEIR STREETS AFTER THEM.

Do you remember when the quality of music was not measured in decibels?

RESTORATIONS

Restorations in progress at this time other than Counselman's Model T are Guy's and Barbara's 1928 Chevrolet, Howard's and Agnes' 1931 Chevrolet, Lloyd's and Lycyle's 1955 Metropolitan, and Ernie's and Eugenia's 1959 Metropolitan. There may be others in progress that we are unaware of.

Warren and Brenda have just completed their 1913 Model T roadster and it is an absolute flawless beauty! A real show stopper!!!!

Gary Dickerson, O. D. and Mickey's son, is a student at Faulkner State and has made the Dean's List! He is now on the college's debating team and has won a 100% scholarship for the rest of the year for it. His major is business management. We are all proud of Gary's accomplishment!

CARS FOR SALE

1939 Fleetwood Cadillac 7 passenger. with bar. Very nice car. Is in Vicksburg at this time. Call George Mitchell 471-5371. \$9000.

1956 Studebaker Commander, all original, runs good. Call Jim Mitchell at 666-4017.

INVITATION

Oliver and Thelma George have been kind enough to invite all DSR members to their home across the bay for a "Tain't Party". Please let them know if you can attend by calling one of the numbers below.

TAIN'T PARTY

Tain't Christmas and it tain't New Years, it's one of those days between them.

Oliver and Thelma George would like to invite everyone in the Deep South Club to their home

on Friday Night, December 27, 1985 from 6:30 until?? R.S.V.P. during the day 8 til 5 473-2933 — nights 626-0185.

DIRECTIONS: Come to Spanish Fort Hill, go straight through the traffic light to the blinking light at Highway 225, turn left on 225 and go just past the 2 mile marker, cross Bay Minette Creek and turn right at the second street on the right (Cadet Drive). We're the only house on the left. If you get lost call 626-0185 and we'll send a search party to get you.

MORE CARS FOR SALE

Tex Faust tells us of a 1957 Chevy pickup V-8, automatic, all original but with new paint and upholstery in excellent condition for \$3850. Joey Abston 343-7330.

Nolen Bryant of Grove Hill, AL has a 1949 Cadillac and a 1956 Chevy Bel Air. Both excellent 4 door cars, Chevy is auto V-8. \$4000 each. Call 1-275-3291 home or 1-636-4424 work.

THE RUMMAGE BOX

In the National AACA newsletter to region presidents, THE RUMMAGE BOX, there is an article by our National V.P. of Regions, Tom Reese, telling of the seminar taking shape for February at the annual AACA meeting in Philadelphia. In the article Tom said, "The Deep South Region has provided a delightful video of the grand opening of their region club house". It will be shown at the seminar.

STATE OF THE CLUB

-By Ernie Youens

President Thomas Lloyd Crowds, TLC, or "Tender Lovin' Care", has certainly been an asset to the DSR for the past years he has served. Lloyd is a retired Metropolitan Life Insurance Representative. He is a Kentucky boy who has put his heart and soul into the DSR. He is responsible for organizing and leading the DSR "troops" into getting the property and club house. A few years ago Lloyd suffered a severe heart attack and had open heart surgery which has prevented him from doing much physical work, but he was willing and led those capable of doing what he could not. Lloyd would drive on when all seemed lost on getting the property and building. I can without reservation say that without Lloyd, there would be no club house! I believe all members will agree with me when I say Lloyd has been the DSR's most outstanding president!

Beside all this "good stuff" about Lloyd, he and Lycyle are our very good personal friends and has been most cooperative and supportive of this newsletter. It has been a real pleasure to serve under Lloyd.

But while we will miss Lloyd being president, we have another outstanding individual to take over the club's reins. Ray Harper, past president, show chairman, show organizer and promoter, MC, antique car restorer, painter, printer, photographer, you name it -- Ray can do it! And wisely, his first act on being elected DSR president, was to appoint Lloyd as publicity promoter, thus further increasing DSR harmony. So we can all look forward to another excellent year in 1986!!!!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Remember to pay your DSR dues as soon as possible. They are \$15.00 a year. Where else can you get as much congenial fellowship and fun for a year for \$15.00? We don't want to lose you as a member so pay our treasurer, Katherine Harper as soon as possible -- or mail it to her at:

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