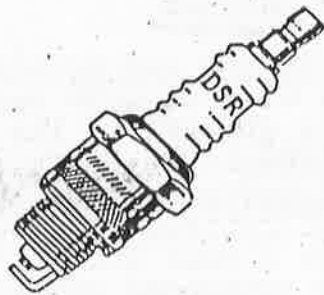


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
DEEP SOUTH REGION
A.A.C.A.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!
from
your 1992 & 1993
DSR Officers -

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AND A VERY HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!



THE DEEP SOUTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our DSR Christmas party was held at Korbet's Restaurant at the Loop this year on December 12th. The hospitality hour was at 6:00 P.M. and the banquet began at 7:00. Lycyle organized the party and made all the arrangements including table decorations. Lycyle said she'd like to thank Frances Whigham and Eugenia for helping decorate the tables, Bill Whiting for getting the gas filled balloons and the Santa car on the President's table, and Betty Jordan, Betty Neese, Frances Whigham and Eugenia for making the little crocheted baskets holding candy and a ticket at each plate. It was sure a very nice party with 55 of our people there, a very good attendance!

At the banquet, our Chaplain, Hop Hopkins asked a blessing and we had a great buffet style meal with all you could eat. After eating Prez Tom asked for a vote on new member Ron Bush which was approved 100%. Tom then gave out prizes to members holding lucky tickets. A plate was passed for a donation to the "Angel Tree", to give gifts to a selected poor family for Christmas. \$149.00 was collected. The club had voted to make up any less than \$150.00 that was collected at the party, so only one dollar from the DSR treasury is necessary.

Tom and Lloyd then presented awards to all the retiring officers. Sydney gave a report on the Angel Tree. The money the DSR gave went to a needy family with two children and an unemployed father. Sydney and Bill got gifts of clothing and two bikes for the children for their Christmas. Eugenia, who headed up our calling committee, then gave out tokens of appreciation to those appointed to do the calling and she announced the appointment of our 1993 callers.

Tom introduced all the newly elected officers. He also asked those in our membership that haven't paid their 1993 dues to the DSR to please do so, then adjourned at 8:45.

It was a great party and we've heard compliments on the way it was handled. Unfortunately, our incoming President, Buddy Paquet, became ill just as the banquet was about to begin and had to be taken to a doctor. He is doing OK and was soon back at work on his job. This did cause concern and a bit of visible tenseness to all the members at the banquet, but we are all happy that Buddy is doing fine now and are looking forward to having him as our President!

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME WHEN A LOT OF OTHERS BESIDES SANTA FIND THEMSELVES IN THE RED

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Harold and Ann Rowell into the DSR. Harold is a BCM engineer and designer. They live at 4936 Audubon Drive in Mobile, zip 36619 and their telephone number is 661-2700. The Rowells own a 1955 Buick Roadmaster. They come to us recommended by Ernie Youens.

We are glad to have Floyd and Jeanette Lowe as DSR members. (We now have two Jeanette Lowes!) They are retired and live at 337 Quivira Street on Dauphin Island, 36528 a few days a week and at San Sauci Road in Mobile, 36605 the rest of the time. Their telephone number is 479-6775 and is in the Mobile exchange. The Lowes are searching for an antique car. They come recommended by Lloyd Crowdus.

We are pleased to announce that Russell Dueitt is now a DSR member. Russell is employed as a locomotive engineer, is unmarried and lives at 1150 Pierce Road in Mobile, 36608. His telephone number is 633-5317. Russell owns a yellow 1926 Model T Ford Speedster. He comes to the DSR recommended by Laura Faust.

We are happy to have Bernard and Geneva Cammon join the DSR. Bernard is retired. His friends call him by his name, Bernard, or just B.L. The Cammons live at 402 Shelton Beach Road in Saraland, 36571 and their telephone number is 675-1392. They own a trophy winning 1963 Cadillac Sedan DeVille. They come recommended by Ernie Youens.

We are always glad to have one of our former members return to the fold! O.P. and Nina Brown have rejoined the DSR. They live at 1517 57th Court in Meridian, Mississippi, 39305, telephone number area code 601-485-4480. The Browns own a '58 Chevy, '60 Valiant, '39 Dodge, '64 Dart, '65 Imperial, '62 VW, '66 Dodge Pickup, '36 De Soto Airflow, '47 Dodge, '37 Plymouth, '41 Dodge and others. They are very active in the Meridian Vintage Wheels Club and are known by most of our members. They come recommended by Ernie Youens.

We are happy to announce another former member getting back with the DSR. Ron Bush of 7863 Airway Park Drive in Mobile, 36608 is now a DSR member. His telephone number is 653-6289. Most of you know Ron. He is not married and is at nearly all local area flea markets with all kinds of antique car literature. Ron comes to us recommended by Ernie Youens.

The DSR is certainly moving forward and we are most pleased with the quality of our new members! Any time you see any of these 10 new members, greet them and welcome them into the Deep South Region! We are delighted to have them as members!!!!

THEODORE PECAN FESTIVAL

DSR members, members of the Sheriff's Posse and several young school students in open cars met at Tillman's Corner on Saturday, November 14 to take part in a parade to the old Theodore School for their annual Pecan Festival. The weather was perfect! Dale McLaney had his and Buddy's second grade school teacher in his 1970 Ford convertible in the parade. At the school they had all kinds of delicious food - almost anything you'd like - smoked sausages and other kinds of meat all cooked and smoked right there! The old school house was open to the participants. There were arts & crafts everywhere and, of course, fresh pecans galore! Even on this bad pecan year!

The DSR folks all seemed to have a great time meeting friends and talking and shopping for craft work. The only thing that marred the otherwise great outing was that we were placed behind the too slow moving Sheriff's Posse horses from Tillman's Corner to Theodore in the parade causing several cars to overheat and the clutches to unnecessarily wear. We will not allow ourselves to get in this position again! We had been told this would not happen by the Posse themselves!



BUDDY & DALE WITH THEIR 2nd GRADE SCHOOL TEACHER

Other than this incident, the outing was very pleasant. Those DSR members attending were: Lloyd & Lycyle in their '65 Mustang, Jerry Finley in his '66 Mustang, Sammy Francis in his '55 T-Bird, Jim Henderson in his Model A replica, visitors Don & Sabina Hinton in their '58 Edsel, visitor John Jones and his father, Al in his '72 Ford, Floyd Jordan in his '61 Metropolitan, Denny Lowe in his '56 Buick, Dale McLaney in his '70 Ford, Buddy Faquet in his '55 Ford, John & Brenda Reid in their '66 Mustang, Harold Rowell in his '55 Buick, Hershel Whigham in his '63 Falcon, and Ernie & Eugenia in their '59 Metropolitan. Also Old South members Charles Street and Al Manning in Al's '31 Ford.

We very sadly report that Larry Hutter's son Michael Hutter, died in North Carolina last month. Many of you know Larry, an antique car enthusiast and friend of the DSR, that is head of the Mobile Siding Company and put the vinyl siding on the club house at an excellent price. Our sincere sympathy is with Larry and his family on their loss. On top of this tragedy, Larry has recently had a lot of very distressing physical problems.

Jim Henderson's sister-in-law, Jessie Henderson, died on December 13th. Interment was at Memorial Gardens on the 16th. Our heartfelt sympathy is with her husband and their entire families.

December 14, 1992. We just got a phone call that my (Ernie's) 66 year old sister, Betty Becker, died this morning at her home in Texas. We feel deeply for her very fine husband, their two children and their four grandchildren.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN, V. T. HOPKINS:



DON'T TOUCH THAT TRIGGER!

It was Christmas Eve, 1875. Ira Stanky was traveling by steamboat up the Delaware River. It was a calm starlit evening, and there were many passengers gathered on the deck. Mr. Stanky was asked to sing. He stood leaning against one of the great funnels of the boat, his eyes were raised to the starry heavens in quiet prayer. It was his intention to sing a Christmas song, but he was driven almost against his will to sing "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us".

There was a deep stillness. Words and melody swelling forth from the singer's soul, floated out over the deck and quiet river. Every heart was touched.

After the song was ended, a man with a rough weather beaten face came up to Mr. Stanky and said, "Did you ever serve in the Union army?" "Yes", answered Mr. Stanky, "Beginning in the spring of 1860". "Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright moonlight night in 1862?" "Yes", answered Mr. Stanky, very much surprised. "So did I", said the stranger, "but I was serving in the Confederate army. When I saw you standing at your post, I said to myself that that fellow will never get away from here alive. I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadows, completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was upon you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to the heavens and began to sing. Music, especially song, has always had a wonderful power over me, and I took my finger off the trigger. Let him sing his song to the end, I thought, and I will get him afterward. I cannot miss him. But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly: We are Thine, do Thou Befriend us, Be the Guardian of Our Way".

That night the stranger found the Good Shepherd as his Savior.

copied from "It Happened on Christmas Eve"
"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

"Ole Hop" was taken to the hospital on November 18th with a breathing problem and got out 6 days later on Monday morning the 23rd. Then LaVerne had to go in that afternoon as an out-patient because of an apparent blood clot. We are glad that they both seem to be doing better and hope they continue to improve. Their daughter, Judy, from California came to be with them during their difficulty on the 21st and went back home on December 1st.

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Sickness & Accidents of Members continued from page 3 --

Floyd and Betty Jordan's daughter, Debbie, underwent dangerous surgery at the Mobile Infirmary the last of November for the removal of a tumor just above her eyes that was pressing on an optic nerve. It was certainly a tense day, but thankfully she came through it all and is doing very well considering the severness of the operation. A lot of tears flowed when, after several hours, it was learned she was OK!

At our Christmas party on December 12th, Buddy Paquet became ill and had to leave. On Monday the 14th he went to Providence Hospital for tests and they found him to be diabetic. Buddy and Patt were surprised to learn that and their doctor said he was almost certain that was the cause of Buddy having difficulty at the DSR banquet. We are sure glad to learn that it was not a heart related problem. At this time, their doctor believes it can be controlled by Buddy's diet. He is now back at work and says he is doing fine.

Lycyle had a severe case of flu a few weeks ago but we are happy to report she is well and back to normal!

H. D. Lowe recently pulled a ligament in his leg and caused swelling and pain in his knee. His doctor was able to treat it with medication and he is slowly getting back to normal.

Lucille Nettles' brother has finally been able to leave the hospital and go home after 5 months. He appears to be doing good and it is sure a load off of Lucille as she was constantly on the run helping him.

Many of you know Jim Salter, the Mustang restorer in Pace, Florida. He is back on the job but doing light duty after open heart surgery. He is a great guy and we are glad he came through it all OK.

TILLMAN'S CORNER CHRISTMAS PARADE & CAR SHOW

The annual Tillman's Corner parade was long and full of antique cars as it always is. It was held on Saturday morning December 5th, on a cold, cloudy, windy day but thankfully, no rain! The 29 DSR members there had 21 antique cars participating, 13 of which were open cars hauling parade personnel. Tillman's Corner always has a huge number of spectators and they are orderly and well behaved which makes it a pleasure for us to participate!

After the parade, DSR member Dan Garland, who is also in the Chamber of Commerce there and organized the parade, had an open car show for the benefit of poor children's Christmas. Quite a few cars entered the show held at Cloverleaf Plaza. Bernard Cammon won a 3rd with his pretty 1963 Cadillac. Everyone there seemed to enjoy the show and the fellowship. At 2:00 P.M. it was all over, getting colder and we all headed for home. It was a most pleasant get-together!!!!



JIM HENDERSON IN A POWER HOUSE OF A HOT-ROD, GETTING PREPARED FOR THE TILLMAN'S CORNER PARADE. WE HEARD THAT JIM BOUGHT A 1957 CHEVROLET -- GOSH, SURE HOPE HE DOESN'T THINK THIS IS A '57 CHEVY!!!! MAYBE WE OUGHT TO TALK TO HIM!!

NOTHING DESTROYS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT FASTER THAN LOOKING FOR A PARKING PLACE

THERE ARE NO 1964½ FORD MUSTANGS
(Authenticated by the guy who owns one if they did exist)

1964½ MUSTANG? ←

That's correct folks! Whether you wish to believe it or not, Ford Motor Company did not sell 1964½ Mustangs to the American public. 1964½ MUSTANGS ARE STRICTLY A FIGMENT OF THE CAR HOBBIEIST'S IMAGINATION.

On April 17, 1964, Ford introduced the remarkable new 1965 Mustang to the world. It became the most successful new car ever, selling over 400,00 units in its first 12 months on the market. Your author ordered one to his specifications in May, 1964, the car was built on June 5, 1964 and we took delivery of it on June 23rd. We promptly departed for a vacation trip from Texas to Minnesota and drove 3600 trouble free miles. It was quite a thrill to be driving a car that attracted everyone's attention. We had a great camaraderie with the few other owners we met on the road. We still drive the same car 140,000 miles later and it still attracts attention. It is the only new car we have ever owned.

Now, back to the facts. Ford sold the April, 1964 car as a 1965 model. The serial numbers show that it is a 1965. The serial number on my car is 5F07F158439. The underlined 5 is the model number. I defy any one to show me a 4 or 4½ in their Mustang's serial number in that position. I am aware that many cars were titled as 1964, but that was an error on the part of the vehicle registration department. I had to convince them that mine was a 1965 and they finally agreed after checking. The Ford Motor Company parts books do not show 1964 or 1964½ Mustangs. As there were differences throughout the model year, they do show date cut offs. As an example C5Z211654A is a headlamp switch before 8-17-64 and C5DZ11654A is the switch for 8-17-64 thru 11-16-64; but both are listed for 1965 Mustang.

If you still do not believe me, go out and read the date plate on your "1964½" Mustang. (If the data plate is missing, the serial number is stamped on the inner left hand front fender.) Here is how to interpret your data plate straight from the Ford shop manual:

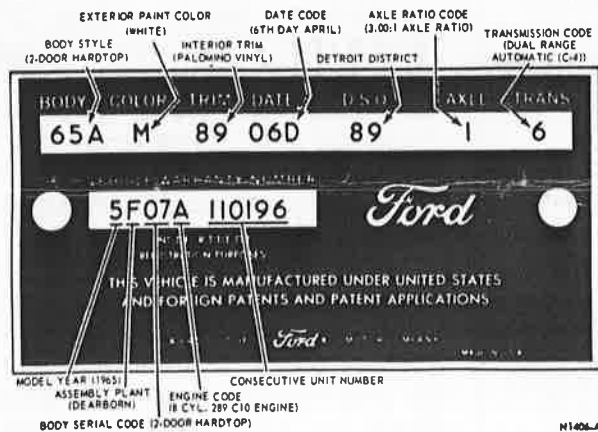


FIG. 4—Mustang Warranty Plate

As noted, there were changes throughout the year and Mustangs could be easily classified as early 1965 or late 1965 models using a date of approximately 8-17-64 as the cut off for major changes. I will list a few of the changes that occurred during the year:

- 1) Most of the early models used generators while the later models normally had alternators.
- 2) Early engines were: 170 CID 6 cyl; 260 CID 2v V-8; 289 CID 4v V-8; 289 CID Hi Perf 4v V-8. Late engines were: 200 CID 6 cyl; 289 CID 2v V-8; 289 CID 4v V-8; 289 CID Hi Perf 4v V-8.
- 3) The fastback styling was offered only in the late models.
- 4) There were a whole bunch of small changes that occurred at various times throughout the year. Some very early models had a fixed front passenger seat, our June, 1964 car has an adjustable seat. Later models had a cable attaching the gas cap to the car, ours does not. There were differences in hoods, hood bumpers, windshield wiper posts, brake light switches, horns, front carpets, door lock knobs, engine paint colors, wire wheel covers, length of Mustang name plates and others.

I hope the above sheds some light on non-existent 1964½, early 1965 and late 1965 Mustangs. If you think I am getting carried away about this subject, just be careful not to mention 1964½ Mustangs around Ardie. She gets downright irate and uses less than ladylike language in discussing the matter.

A proud owner of an early 1965 Mustang - Charlie Froehlich

To the left of this is a very interesting and informative article written for us by one of our members from Gretna, Louisiana. It was written and sent by Charlie Froehlich. He is editor of "KAR KAPERS", the newsletter of the Horseless Carriage Club of New Orleans. Charlie and Ardie have been active for many years with antique cars and have been with us on several DSR tours.

We also have an article on Thunderbirds that was written by Charlie and we will have it in a future SPARKPLUG.

OLD SANTA C. BROWN

Kids will really get to your heart sometimes. Last year our Prez, Tom Brown was playing the part of Santa Claus for the children at his church in Citronelle when a little four or five year old girl came up to him. He asked her what she'd like for Christmas and she said that she already had everything she wanted but if he could, please bring her mother something nice for Christmas. Tom said she caused a lump to come up in his throat!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Lloyd, Hershel, Al White and Ernie met at the club house Monday morning, Dec. 14th and put up Christmas lights on the front side. It is a little more difficult to put them up on the new vinyl siding, (we do not want to punch holes in the vinyl) but we hope we can arrange some way of getting them up on the gables next year. The lights look good at night. If you haven't seen them drive by and take a look!

Below is the minutes of our November regular meeting. Please read them, they are interesting and help you keep up with the club's business. There was no December executive board meeting.

MINUTES - NOVEMBER 19, 1992

DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA

The November 19, 1992 meeting of the DSR was called to order at 7:30 pm by the President, Tom Brown. There were 39 members and 2 guests. The invocation was given by D. Dillehey in the absence of "Hop" Hopkins.

OLD BUSINESS & REPORTS: NoneNEW BUSINESS & REPORTS:

President: Tom asked for any corrections, deletions or additions to the October minutes. Being none, F. Sturges moved the minutes be accepted as printed, seconded by L. Crowdus, motion carried. Applications from 5 new members were presented, voted on separately and all were accepted unanimously. Tom asked for 4 members to serve as tellers for the election of officers. D. Dillehey, H. Faust, G. Polk and B. Whiting volunteered. Ballots were distributed and collected. Counting of the ballots showed the 1993 officers to be: President-B. Paquet; Vice President-D. McLaney; Secretary-J. Bruton; Treasurer- F. Whigham; Editor-E. Youens; Activities-L. & L. Crowdus; Member at Large-F. Sturges. Tom asked for a motion to destroy the 1992 ballots. L. Moseley made the motion, seconded by G. Edwards, motion carried.

Vice President: None (Ticket sales for the "50-50 Pot" totaled \$50.00 and was won by Joan Lunsford who contributed it to the club treasury)

Secretary: None

Treasurer: Bob presented the monthly financial report and asked for any questions. K. Harper moved the report be accepted as presented, seconded by G. Polk, motion carried. (Copy att.)

Editor: Ernie encouraged the prompt payment of dues so that work can begin on the 1993 Roster.

Activities: Lloyd reminded the members of the Christmas Party on Dec. 12th and asked that payment be made quickly in order to meet the guaranteed number required by the restaurant. He also went over activities scheduled in December that the club will participate in. He had received one new request which he discussed.

Member at Large: None

Being no further business to come before the membership, B. Paquet moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by R. Moore, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned in 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patt Paquet

Patt Paquet, Secretary

NEWS TID BITS

Patt and Buddy went to Meridian on November 11th and got her newly purchased 1963 Falcon convertible. It is a very good but completely unrestored car. In my opinion that's the best kind because nothing is covered up. They have already begun the restoration.

Jim Henderson had a new flag pole put up at the club house and it does look sharp! Jim had accidentally bumped it with his Ford Bronco and broke it off.

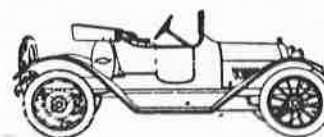
Joan Lunsford won the 50/50 pot of \$50.00 at the November meeting and she donated her half to the club treasury. When my day of winning comes, I plan to pocket my half! And I've heard several others say the same. Donating it to the club is nice but it just ain't necessary! We do not want our people to feel they should donate their winnings.

We in the DSR would like to thank Dan McDaniels for the repairs made on the club house alarm system. We do appreciate it very much -- and if you need an alarm system at your home, call Dan McDaniels.

News has it that Jim and Nancy Henderson have acquired a very sharp, loaded, red 1957 Chevrolet convertible! Wow!

ANOTHER GRANDCHILD!

Lloyd and Lycyle are grandparents again to little Ashlyn Marie Thompson, born November 24th to Jaryn and David Thompson. She arrived weighing 7 pounds, 15½ oz. Quite a gal! Now, if her grandparents just won't spoil her!!!



The Deep South Region received this thank you note from Larry Hutter on the untimely death of his son. Larry installed the vinyl siding on the clubhouse.

*The family of
Larry Hutter
acknowledges with grateful appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy
thanks to all you wonderful
people - Larry*

THE 1992 CITRONELLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

THE DSR CARS LINED UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARADE THROUGH CITRONELLE.



MELVIN AND BETTY NEESE UNLOADING THEIR MODEL T HACK FOR THE PARADE.

The Citronelle Annual Christmas Parade was held on the morning of the 12th of December. The Deep South Region had 8 cars participating in the parade and candy throws were furnished to all the cars. Those attending were: Tom and Martha Brown, Lloyd Crowdus, Hop Hopkins, Floyd Jordan, Melvin and Betty Neese, Buddy Paquet, Al White, and Ernie Youens. It was a very good parade with little hands (and some big ones) reaching for candy on the whole parade route. The weather was very nice and the outing very pleasant, but was marred by a slight fender scratching accident on the Crowdus' 1965 Mustang. Lloyd said his J. C. Taylor insurance said they will cover it 100% -- no deductible! You can't beat that!

WELCOME 1993!

1992 is over and we are looking forward to a bigger and better 1993! The Club grew from 55 families at the beginning of the year to 70 families today and we have others coming in. Not only has the Deep South Region grown, but the quality as well as the quantity of our members has vastly improved, and we now have many very qualified members to manage the future of the Club. While our treasury has not grown much this year, 1993 is already showing signs of increasing. As our membership grows, so is the Club's ability to build up the treasury for maintenance and improvement of the club house as well as our activities. In the past there were many members that questioned, and rightly so, the feasibility of the Club having its own club house, but as so many clubs all over the country are running into more and more problems due to insurance restrictions, in trying to locate a suitable meeting room, that the club house is clearly an asset today! With the new vinyl siding, the cost of painting and some other maintenance is almost zero. The Great American Race that came through Mobile this year helped the DSR establish a most congenial relationship with the several other clubs in the Mobile area, as well as with the City of Mobile as our club house was used as a meeting place for all the clubs and the City to get together. We have been able to also support several charity organizations which certainly improves the DSR's image.

The Deep South Region is on the move in the right direction and we want the help of every member to assist in maintaining a very pleasant atmosphere of fellowship between members and advancement of the DSR's goals. We are "on the road" of progress and the future of the Club looks bright! We welcome 1993!

Jim & Nancy Henderson
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MERRY CHRISTMAS - 1992



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Season's Greetings

FROM YOUR OUTGOING 1992 OFFICERS
and
YOUR INCOMING 1993 OFFICERS