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DSR "PARTIES DOWN" FOR HOLIDAYS

The annual Christmas party was a grand success with 59 members and guests in attendance to celebrate on Friday night, December 9th. It began at 6:30 pm with cocktails followed by dinner. Our president, Buddy Paquet, welcomed everyone and our chaplain, Don Dillehay, offered the invocation. Throughout the evening drawings for door prizes provided lots of "ooh's and "ahhh's". A report from Margie DeCrease on the Angel Tree project revealed we had provided gifts for 3 children but when the donations were counted there were sufficient funds to sponsor one more child. **WAY TO GO, MEMBERS!**

The "Oath of Office" was administered to the incoming officers by our current president and each of them was duly installed. Following this, incoming President Frank DeCrease presented plaques to retiring vice president, Al White, and activities coordinators, Robert & Sharon Moore. He also asked the membership for their help in the coming year and stressed that the officers serve at the discretion of the membership.

The fellowship at this year's party was outstanding and new members and those who have been in the club for a number of years had the opportunity to really get to know each other so the old saying "a good time was had by all" is more than appropriate.

By the time you read this the clubhouse will have had the Christmas lights put up. If you have time ride by and see just how lovely it looks. The only thing that would make it more seasonal is snow covering the ground but there's not much chance of that here in the Deep South Region!

The 1994 officers would like to thank all of the members for their help this past year and wish all of you a happy holiday season. We are blessed in so many ways but especially in that our members are a group of caring and concerned folks who are always ready to help anyone in any way.

**DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA
GENERAL MEETING**

The November 17, 1994 meeting of the DSR was called to order by Buddy Paquet, president, at 7:30. The invocation was given by Don Dillehey. There were 41 members present.

PRESENTATION

John Reid introduced Kelly Thames from United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) and presented her with a donation for \$1,000 from proceeds collected from the First Annual Hooter's Car Show. Ms. Thames gave a brief overview of services provided by UCP. John then introduced Rob Skillman from Hooters and Mr. Skillman presented the DSR with a check for Hooters' portion of the sponsor money. The check was for \$1,000.

OLD BUSINESS

New members unanimously voted into the club were James and Judy Martin. The election of the 1995 slate of officers was accomplished by a motion to accept by acclamation from Jerry Finley with second by George Demetropolis. The motion carried.

The October minutes were accepted as written in the newsletter on a motion from Lloyd Crowdus with a second from Melvin Neese. The motion carried.

Robert Moore presented an update on the Building project. Contractors who wish to bid on phase II of the project must get bids in by Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1994.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion from Ray Cochran with second from Lloyd Crowdus, the club decided to sponsor three children from the Angel Tree Project. Margie DeCrease volunteered to shop for our angels. Donations will be taken at the Christmas party to pay for the toys.

The November Treasurer's report was accepted as presented on a motion from John Reid and second from Melvin Neese. John Reid then gave a financial report for the Hooter's Car Show. After expenses and the donation to UCP, the club showed a gain of \$2,772. A brief discussion regarding recommendations for next year's show followed. In another financial matter, Hershel Whigham made a motion with a second by Raymond Cochran to place \$1,000 from the Liberty Auto Show into the Building Fund. The motion carried.

Robert Moore, activities coordinator, reminded the group of many upcoming activities. The Christmas Party will be December 9, 1994 at Korbet's.

Buddy Paquet won the 50/50 Pot for \$23. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 on a motion from John Reid with a split second second from Melvin Neese.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Bruton

DON'T LET FIRE CLAIM YOUR ANTIQUE AUTO

One of the major causes for loss of antique cars is fire. We must be very conscious of this fact and put more effort into preventing and dealing with fires.

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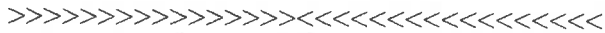
- Disconnect the battery.
- Check cans of chemicals, oil and other unnecessary inside the vehicles for paper, rags, items.
- Check the storage space where vehicles are kept for unnecessary paper, rags, cans of chemicals, etc.
- Keep combustible chemicals in metal, not glass, containers.

Should a fire occur, call the fire department.

Try to contain the fire until help arrives.

Your first line of defense is a fire extinguisher. Know how to use it and be positive it is the correct type. Fires are placed in 4 classes:

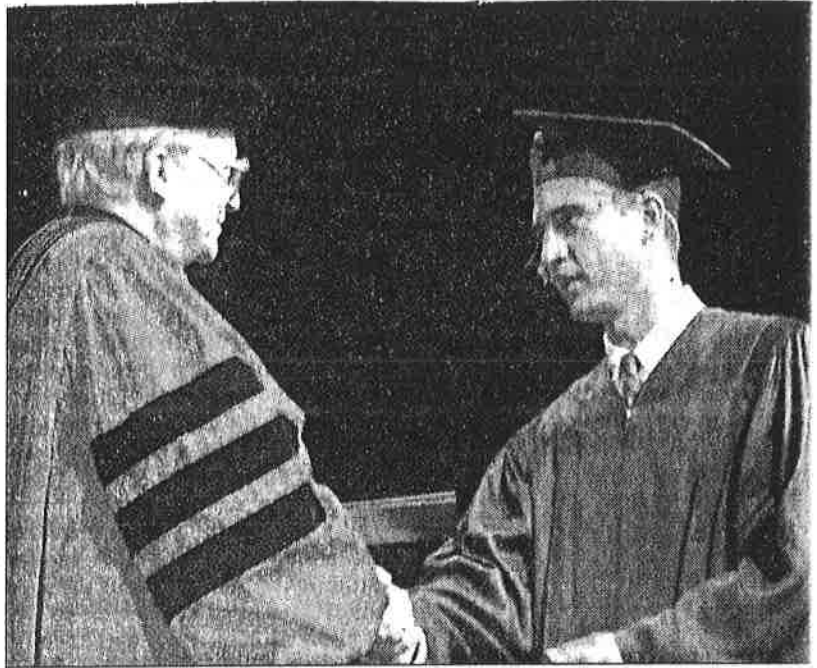
- CLASS A: Wood, cloth and paper fires. Water will bring them under control. Never use a Class A extinguisher on electrical, chemical or any other type fire.
- CLASS B: Gasoline, oil, paint, grease and natural gas fires. Use foam, dry chemicals or CO2 extinguishers.
- CLASS C: Electrical fires. Use dry chemicals or CO2 extinguishers.
- CLASS D: Ignitable metals. Use only a Class D extinguisher.



GRADY AUTOMOTIVE OPENS NEW UNIT IN BREWTON

Expansion was the name of the game in '94 for Grady Buick. They have opened a new dealership located at 220 Douglas Avenue in Brewton, AL. According to spokesman Jerry Angle, you will find Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac, Pontiac and GMC trucks for sale. They also have a full service department.

THOSE GECHIJIANS ARE AT IT AGAIN



USA President Frederick Whiddon, left, presents a diploma Sunday to Robert Azad Gechijian Jr. KIICHIRO SATO/Staff Photographer

"Bobby" Gechijian, son of DSR members Bob and Linda Gechijian, received his degree in Criminal Justice December 11, 1994 in USA's first fall commencement. Last September their younger son, Joey, was a recipient of a J. L. Bedsole Scholarship Award.

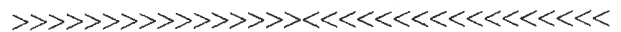


DSR MEMBER RECEIVES PROMOTION



Garland

Colonial Bank has announced several promotions, on of which is Dan Garland, branch manager of the Hillcrest office. He is now a vice president. Dan was transferred to Hillcrest when the new branch opened from the Theodore unit.



American built Rolls-Royces were built in Springfield, Mass. what city & state?

Veterans Day '94

Flags flying in a cool breeze, bands marching to peppy music and crowds along the street waving to everyone made you proud to participate in the celebration. DSR was represented by *1 Breland, 1 Crowdus, 2 DeCreases, 1 Fontana, 1 Hunt, 1 Jordan (Floyd) 2 Neeses, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets, 1 White and 1 Youens*. After the parade some of the members made the usual lunch stop at the What-a-Burger for not only food but fellowship also.

SPRINGDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE

This event seems to get bigger each year but being held within the Mall's parking lot makes it an enjoyable one. Helping welcome Santa Claus to Springdale were *2 Brelands, 2 Crowdus, 1 DeCrease, 1 Dillehay, 2 McLaneys (Dale & Betty) plus Jason in the Met, 2 Neeses, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets, and 2 Youens*. This year the club members chose not supply any type of "throws" for the parade. This was probably a disappointment for the children but seemed to provide a much safer environment for spectators as well as drivers and cars. It is extremely difficult to watch all the little ones when there are "goodies" being thrown for them to pick up.

DAUPHIN ISLAND CHRISTMAS PARADE

Even though the parade is short, it is unique. DSR had two members participating on Saturday, December 10th, *Charlie Lyles* in his famous "T-Bucket" and *Roger Vines* in his Chrysler along with several floats and bands.

T. C. CHRISTMAS PARADE

After stormy weather rained out the original date for the parade on December 3rd, the Tillman's Corner Chamber of Commerce was able to have their parade on December 10th. It was the largest one to date (Did you know that this is the second largest Christmas parade in the state of Alabama?) and runs a 3.5 mile route. The weather was really "iffy" for a while and a few of the clouds sprung occasional leaks during the morning but all in all, it was a great success. DSR members participating were *1 Breland, 1 Crowdus, 1 DeCrease, 1 Dillehay, 1 Finley, 1 Garland, 2 Harpers, 1 Henderson, 2 McLaneys (Dale & Betty) 2 Nettles and 2 Paquets*.

CITRONELLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Deep South Region was well represented with 5 antique cars at the very nice Santa Claus parade in Citronelle with the streets absolutely full of spectators. It was held on the very wet Saturday of December 10th, but Tom Brown or somebody up there had some kind of influence on the weather! Would you believe, we all had tops up in a light rain as we lined up on the street to begin the parade, then the rain suddenly stopped. All tops went down, the parade began, and each vehicle was handed 50-60 pounds of candy throws. We made the entire parade route through the downtown area then back to our starting place. Just as we were within the last block or two of the end, down came the rain again and up went the convertible tops. Now that's the kind of influential people we need in all our parades!! Attending from DSR were *2 Browns, 2 (Floyd) Jordans, 2 Neeses, 5 Whites and 2 Youens*. It was a well organized and "on time" parade with orderly spectators and was enjoyed by all who attended.

By Ernie Youens

Here Comes da Judge

Many car owners ask what goes on during the judging at a car show. Well, this is my perspective of car show judging.

We all go to car shows for a number of reasons: see our friends, look at the other cars and, of course, to show our cars to others. The only recognition (aside from the occasional "nice car" remark) we get for all the time, work and money is in the form of a trophy. In order to effectively award trophies, somebody has to inspect the condition of the vehicle. These somebodies are called judges.

The chain of events leading up to the actual judging can be quite a feat. First you have to have a Head Judge. He/she is the person in charge of the judging team and is usually qualified and ready to make on-the-spot judging decisions. Then, the Head Judge has to coerce thirteen more people to volunteer a couple of hours of their time. These thirteen people represent ten judges, one alternate and two writers.

Once the judging team has been assembled, the Head Judge will brief them on the judging sheet, points system, what to allow or overlook and the good old CC&W (cleanliness, condition & workmanship). The Head Judge also charges all the judges to help with authenticity.

During the briefing, the judges select their inspection areas by random drawing. Each judge will judge the same items on every vehicle at the show. The only exception being his/her own vehicle or, in some cases, his/her class. This method assures judging consistency; the same eyes look at the same areas on every vehicle.

How the points are awarded by a judge varies from judge to judge. Some start off thinking a car is a 10 and deduct from there. Some start at zero and go up. I recently heard a judge say he starts with a 5 and goes from there. It doesn't matter how a judge goes about it as long as he/she is consistent. How do we monitor this consistency? With the writers.

The writers are the people that stand at the front of the car with a clipboard and judging sheet. The judges inspect their

specific area of the vehicles and, in a quiet voice, tell the writer what his decision is. The Head Judge will periodically ask the writers how the numbers are going and if they seem consistent. If they are not, the Head Judge will correct it.

While the judging is ongoing, runners will collect the completed judging sheets and take them to the tally people. These talliers add up each judging sheet, double check it and record the total score in the "book."

Following the tallying is what we all crowd around the tent for - trophy presentation. As you would guess, the vehicle with the highest score in its class gets the first place trophy. Next highest is second place and so on.

What can we as car show registrants do to make the judging process easier for the judging team? (1) Have the judging sheet accessible. The easiest place to put it is on the drivers seat. (2) Have your vehicle presented properly. Have the top up and the hood and trunk open. (3) Stay a respectable distance from your vehicle and let the judges do their job. In other words, keep out of their way but stay close enough in case they need your help or need an authenticity question answered. (4) Don't challenge the judges to find something wrong with your vehicle (they will).

How does the judging process help you as a vehicle owner? It lets you know how others see your vehicle. Most shows will give your judging sheet if you request it in writing and include a self addressed, stamped envelope. The completed judging sheet will tell you your vehicles weak areas. Even a blank judging sheet will let you know the areas the judges will be inspecting.

Good luck and see you at the car show.

by John Reid

Judging Seminar To Be Held

A judging seminar is being put together and if the club agrees for it to be a club activity it will be scheduled for early March at the Clubhouse. Anyone interested in learning to judge an automobile may attend. **John Reid** will have more info at the meeting.

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December 18 - January 28

DSR Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	
Dec 25	Dec 26	<p><i>FOR SALE: 1958 Cadillac 2-door hardtop Coupe de Ville. Low milage, good mechanical but needs body & upholstery work. See upholstery man, Billy Harrison, in Saraland 675-2548</i></p>			Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31 6:00pm MARTIN WEDDING CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	January 2	January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	
January 8	January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	
January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19	January 20	January 21 12:30pm DAVID'S CATFISH RUN	
January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26 7:30pm D.S.R MEETING CLUBHOUSE	January 27	January 28	

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