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1985 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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DEEP SOUTH REGION MOBILE ALA ACTIVITIES AND MEETING DATES

PLANNING CALENDAR

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



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February 1985

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Feb. 23 & 24 - Outing to Jerry & Linda Page's home near Waveland, Miss. This is an "overniter" we will all enjoy!

Feb. 28 - Meeting - In the club house at 951 Forest Hill Drive @ Zeigler Blvd. at 7:30 P.M. Please bring your own chair.

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 \$10.00. 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.

OUR JANUARY MEETING

Our first meeting in the new club house was opened at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday the 24th with 67 present, by our President Lloyd Crowdus. Acting Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins gave the invocation. Lloyd then thanked the many dedicated people in the DSR for their successful efforts in getting the club house, the work renovating

it, and the all out effort getting it ready for the meeting. (All members brought their own chairs plus a few extra ones for visitors and new members.) Visitors Joe and Catherine Turner and Mike McAdams were introduced to the membership, then Lloyd introduced our new members Keith and O'Gatha Hadden, John and Barbara Miller, Bill and Linda Tunnell, and Mrs. Faye Polk. On sickness reported by members, Lucille Nettles has been sick with flu and bronchitis for some time, LeVerne Hopkins has been in a lot of pain since her surgery but is slowly improving, Jeanette Lowe's mother has been in the hospital with a heart related problem, Sharron Martin's mother is to go in the hospital for surgery, and Lucille Langham's father is in the hospital now. It was voted to send Dr. Wright a thank you letter for the years we used his office as a club meeting room without charge to the DSR. Treasurer Katherine Harper passed out financial statements to the members of club expenditures and income. Lloyd announced the DSR has paid the \$450 water connection fee. V. P. Geary Polk said that he wanted to thank everyone that donated time and money to make the club house a reality. Ernie reported the club copy machine need repairs at an estimated cost of \$200. The membership voted to pay the bill. Cecil Nettles thanked everyone for electing him Activities Coordinator and had Jerry Page report on the outing Pages will have on February 23 & 24. Show Chairman, Ray Harper, reported on the coming DSR show on May 11th and showed us trophies that have already been acquired and paid for. Jeannie Hepler reported that she has donation tickets for anyone that will sell them for the benefit of the show. Lloyd read a letter of thanks to the DSR for our participation in the Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade. The Prez then thanked all DSR members that contributed and helped on the rummage sale in January that netted the club \$700+. Lloyd then announced the formation of a building committee of a chairman and 8 members to determine priorities on the club house and to stay within a budget. The committee consists of Lloyd as chairman, O. D. Dickerson, Ray Faust, Hop Hopkins, Junie Jarvis, H. D. Lowe, Cecil Nettles, Geary Polk, and

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March 17 - Sunday outing. Arts & Crafts at Fairhope. Meet at the battleship at 12:00 noon.

March 23 - Rummage Sale at the club house. Be there with your "stuff" @ 7:00 A.M.

March 28 - Meeting - In the club house at 951 Forest Hill @ Zeigler at 7:30 P.M.

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Ernie Youens. Ernie gave a report on the first committee meeting which was held on Tuesday, Jan. 22, and which is published later in this SPARKPLUG. Geary Polk then said he had located a place where we could get quality fiber-glas shingles for re-roofing the club house at \$18.90 per square but that we did not have the necessary funds to buy them. We needed 20 squares and Geary said that if members would each donate 1 square, we could re-roof immediately. Enough volunteers responded to cover the cost within minutes! Lloyd then read a letter of thanks to the DSR members that donated to the Edward's daughter whose home burned just before Christmas. He then told us of a letter he had received from Tom Reese, National V.P. of Regions, who made a request for club house information. He will present it at the AACA seminar in Philadelphia on February 9th. Lloyd then read a letter from Charlie Froehlich congratulating The DSR on the club house and telling us of the DSR tour into Louisiana that he and Ardie will be leading. Geary announced a newspaper and magazine drive and asked all members to save and bring them to the club house at the February meeting. There was discussion on getting club house chairs but was postponed until arrangements can be made. A few members have bought 9 chairs so far from McAleer's Office Furniture for \$6.69 each, which is the type the club will get. The January Mystery Photo was identified as Lucille Langham. Visitor Mike McAdams of Godfather Pizza asked for a display of cars at the opening of two new pizza parlors in Mobile and Gulf Shores. Linda Page told us what we will be doing on our February outing to their home. Volunteers to serve refreshments at this meeting were: Katherine, Jeanie Dobbs, and Eugenia. Volunteers for the February meeting are: Lucille Langham, Jan Hartman, Debbie Stacey, and Arline Eschete.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00, then our terrific throng of transportation technicians took time to talk and taste the treats the three tidy table tenders tossed together.

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome our newest members, Joel and Catherine Turner, Paul and Frieda Lanier, Frank and Paula Bryant, and John and Barbara Miller into the Deep South Region!

Joel and Catherine Turner live at 4728 Oxford Drive in Mobile, 36618. That's not very far from the club house. They have 3 children at home, Kristi, Kerri, and Joel III. The Turners own a 1942 Chevy coupe and a 1949 Chevy panel. Their telephone number is 343-6728.

Paul and Frieda Lanier live at 1564 Hillandale Drive in Mobile, 36609 and own a 1950 Buick Riviera that they bought new in 1950. Their telephone number is 661-4891.

Frank and Paula Bryant live at 61 Williams Court in Mobile, 36606 and own a 1929 Model A Ford roadster. Their telephone number is 476-8394.

John and Barbara Miller live at 3751 Swansia Drive in Mobile, 36608 and own a 1930 Chevrolet sedan that they are in the process of restoring. The Miller's telephone number is 344-6939.

All of the above members have been approved for DSR membership by the executive board and we are happy to have them with us. Welcome aboard, folks!!!! We will be looking forward to seeing you at our future meetings and outings!

Did you know we have a celebrity in our midst? Agnes Shafer was on Channel 10 TV on February 1st. She was being interviewed at the closing of Gayfers downtown store in Mobile. Agnes might even give you her autograph, providing, of course, if you are one of her television fans!!!



PLEASE NOTE --- If you have paid your 1985 dues but haven't yet received your new card, please see Katherine Harper.

Mrs. Rebecca Attebery died on February 6th at age 93. She was the mother of Lycyle's late husband and grandmother of Ronald, Lycyle's son. Mrs. Attebery fell and broke her hip a few years ago and 6 months ago she had a stroke. She died peacefully in her sleep. Our sympathy goes to Ronald, Lycyle, Lloyd, and the Attebery family.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

WISHING YOU THE VERY BEST!



It is encouraging to know that the best things in life still comes without a price tag.

A millionaire can't write a check for happiness. A celebrity can't buy peace of mind with a credit card. Even a king can't order his subjects to love him.

Happiness, peace and love just aren't for sale. They are gifts of God. Without them even the wealthiest person is humanly bankrupt.

Lasting satisfaction can't be found in any job, no matter how fulfilling; you won't gain it through human relationship, however deep and exciting. You can travel around the world and not find it in any particular place. Many have committed suicide seeking peace, only to find that problems worsened. We could name many avenues to take in an effort to find peace, but yes, they would be to no avail.

True and genuine peace is in a person of Jesus the Christ. There is no turmoil, no animosity, no anxiety, no anger, no frustration in His person. There is no room for these in any man that is in Jesus the Christ. He is the author and finisher of peace. He is peace itself personified. He can be found very easily. "Seek and ye shall find." "Knock and it shall be opened unto you." First things first. Seek, and then knock!

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Our new member, O'Gatha Hadden, is in the hospital for surgery. We all hope her a quick and complete recovery.

LaVerne Hopkins' slow and painful recovery from her surgery is progressing well and she said she is feeling much better now. She can now move about easier and without so much pain. We are all thankful for that.

Arline Eschete had surgery on her left foot last week and in six weeks will have the right one operated on. This will relieve a nerve that makes walking uncomfortable. We are all glad she is having the discomfort stopped.

Gloria Rothenburg's mother is sick and in the hospital. We are very sorry for her and hope she will soon be well and get to go home.

Lucille Nettles, Lloyd and Lycyle Crowdus, and I'm sure many others that I do not know about have had severe cases of flu. Our concern is with you all.

Another one of our new members, Joel Turner's parents have both had problems. His father recently broke 4 ribs and his mother had a heart attack. We are certainly sorry to hear this and wish them both a speedy recovery.

Jeanette Lowe's mother is on medication for her heart problem. She will be re-evaluated in late March to determine if further treatment is necessary. We all hope the medication will be all that's needed.

Lucille Langham's father has been suffering a long time with serious lung problems, has been in the Foley hospital, and may have to go back. We sure hope he will improve and be able to stay at home.

Sharron Martin's mother was in the hospital for several days in January for surgery for removal of a tumor. She is now doing fine and the tumor was benign, for which we are all very thankful and glad she is doing so well.

THE DSR RUMMAGE SALE.

On Saturday January 19th the DSR members brought odds and ends from their homes to donate for a rummage sale at the club house at 951 Forest Hill Drive. Again the weather was warm and fantastically beautiful. (The next day the "bottom fell out" and the temperature in Mobile started its plunge to 3 degrees, the lowest of the 20th century!) It was another fine congenial day, with the DSR members extending their well known congenial friendship to each other and also to the visitors and buyers at the sale. "Proof of the pudding"



OLE HOP "RESTING HIS EYES" IN ONE OF THE EASY CHAIRS FOR SALE DURING OUR DSR RUMMAGE SALE!

is in the fact that the DSR cleared over \$700. This will get us well out of the financial bind we were in with the surprising \$450 water connection fee that was charged to



MEMBERS AND BUYERS AT THE DSR RUMMAGE SALE, 951 FOREST HILL.

us at the club house. It will also take care of the unexpected repair bill on the DSR copy machine which broke down at our financial low point. Our treasury is now in much better shape (though certainly not flush!) and we are all looking forward to finishing the club house building. Also our membership is happier over such a congenial and successful day we all enjoyed at the rummage sale!

The DSR is planning another sale on Saturday, March 23rd, so save your rummage sale material to donate to the DSR on that day and let's have another happy time together! Remember the day, March 23rd! Mark it down on your calendar right now. You would be surprised at the items that will sell.

Faithful "Ole Hop" has located a refrigerator and a range for the club house. Both were donated and were in excellent condition, but were given away because neither would work. Dave Hepler made repairs on the refrigerator thermostat and got it going again. Hop found two wires broken on the top burners and one wire connected wrong on the oven. He made the corrections and now both the range and refrigerator are working beautifully! Larry Martin is in the process of building our kitchenette cabinets and is about one-half finished. It won't be long until our kitchenette is all completed!

Albert and Lois Carver have about finished their new home at the end of Highway 95 in Baldwin county just past Elberta.

Ed and Gloria Rothenburg have recently moved into their new home at 31 Hedgestone Court in Mobile, 36608.

Our newest members, John and Barbara Miller, are moving to Arkansas. This will be a loss to the DSR. John is being transferred on his job to Pine Bluff next week. He has his car, a 1930 Chevrolet 4-door up for sale for \$3500 which is what he has in it. He said it will be to difficult to try to take with him. It's a great buy for someone!

We sure do want to thank Ray Faust II, Ray's grandson, for loaning us the PA system we used at the January meeting. We all really appreciated his help and generosity.

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING:

On Tuesday, January 22nd, at 7:20 P.M. the eight building committee men and chairman Lloyd Crowds, met at the club house. Lloyd explained why and how he had appointed the committee. He said he drew 8 names at random from 15 he had chosen for a building committee as all 15 would have been too many. He set himself as a non-voting chairman but will vote in case of a 4 - 4 tie vote. The purpose of the committee is to set priorities on work to be done and to stay within a budget, so as to prevent another alarming event like the \$450 water board fee the DSR had to pay when we could not cover it. In that case we had to have an emergency rummage sale to cover this fee.

The first vote by the committee was 8-0 for the first priority to repair the club copy machine at an estimated cost of \$200.

Second vote was whether to install the new Celotex ceiling which the club already has in storage, or hold up until we can finance re-roofing. The "pros" of installing the ceiling first is that it will save on gas heating of the entire attic as it may be some time before we can afford a new roof. But the "cons" are that a possible roof leak with the present shingles could damage a newly installed ceiling. After several minutes of discussion a vote of 6-2 to hold up on the ceiling until the new roof is installed.

Committee man Cecil Nettles was suggested as leader of re-roofing as he has the experience required. A vote of 7-0 (Cecil abstaining) for Cecil to supervise the job.

Cecil then suggested weaving shingles into the valleys instead of using valley tin. A vote of 8-0 to not use tin was made.

On color of shingles to be bought there was a vote of 8-0 to use a blending brown shingle to match the brown and tan building.

Paving of the driveway was decided to be postponed until our finances improve.

There was discussion on whether to install a wall in front of the rest room doors for a blind or shield. It was decided to table this decision for at least two meeting nights to see what is needed or if it might be in the way of seating members.

Committee man O. D. Dickerson offered brick for a planter at the DSR logo sign to be installed in front of the club house. Lloyd informed us that Bud Moseley is in charge of the sign and decisions on it will be made by him.

Lloyd informed us that 2 1/3 squares of new black shingles had been stolen from the club house. He told us that \$400 had been borrowed from the Show Fund and would have to be replaced. Ways of paying this debt and debts to members who have bought material without interest and on unlimited time was discussed. Then there was further discussion on chairs for seating members at our meetings but no decision was reached at this time and will be brought before the body at a regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

FEBRUARY MYSTERY PHOTO

This is one of our good natured guys everybody likes. He is the son of two of our active members. That's all I'm going to tell. Just look at him and tell us who he is. Yes, you do know him. We all do! Come to the meeting at the club house Thursday night at 7:30, February 28th, with your answer!

CARS FOR SALE IN OUR AREA:

1946 Cab-over Chevy
1 1/2 ton truck. Best offer.
See Tex Faust. 633-5331

1962 Pontiac Star
Chief 4-dr. and 1962 Cad.
4-dr. \$1200 each. Orig.
Jim Martin 649-8731.

1957 Metropolitan
coupe, \$2000. Lee Sanders
at 342-7534.

1976 Winnebago. 26'
Chieftian with 440 Dodge
engine. 25,000 miles in
fine cond. Call Ron Dollar
at 666-7597. \$8500.

CLUB HOUSE WORK:

Cecil Nettles, our club house roofing leader had the calling committee to call for a work day for Saturday, February 2nd to re-roof the club house. It turned out to be a cloudy cold windy day of 29 degrees with a chill factor of +3 degrees! Only a few hardy members showed up so it was called off.

So a call went out again to the members for a work day the following Saturday, February 9th. It was a beautiful day with 34 of our people there! Cecil did an excellent job of laying out the work and had his son-in-law, an experienced roofer, there to help. They did a beautiful job of weaving the shingles in the

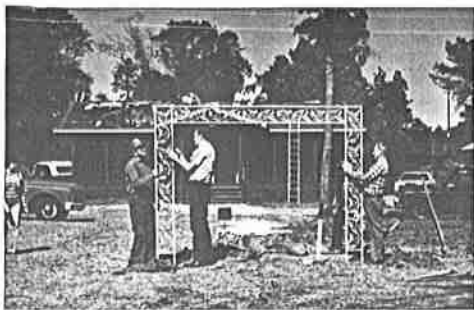
valleys. The color of the shingles is a medium brown which very attractively blends with our brown and tan building. The ladies had prepared sausage, beans, peas, sandwiches, chips, drinks, and desserts in the club house for the workers and we all ate heartily at noontime. In the afternoon, we were about to finish the roofing when it became apparent that we would be about two bundles of shingles shy. Ray Harper made a dash in his pickup to find a building supply house open that had a matching shingle and in a short time returned with them! The roof is beautiful!



A GROUP OF OUR MEMBERS RE-ROOFING THE FRONT OF THE CLUB HOUSE WHILE CECIL'S SON-IN-LAW, RONALD GRIFFIN, WEAVES SHINGLES IN A VALLEY.

If you haven't seen it yet, then by all means drive by and take a look!

While most of the guys were on the roof working on the shingles, Bud Moseley, who is in charge of the eight foot AACA logo sign near the street in front of the club house, had several workers with him installing a beautiful iron lace frame that will surround the sign. It is a yellow prime now but will be painted white. The whole place is becoming an outstanding picturesque reality.



BUD MOSELEY WITH HIS HELPERS INSTALLING THE IRON LACE FRAMEWORK.

To cap it all off the ladies and other of our workers picked up fallen pine cones and other debris, which all added up to a fine fun, and fellowship filled work day! It's enough to really make you proud of your DSR affiliation!

It was the kind of congenial cooperation that shows what the DSR members can really do!!!

The Langhams have acquired a very nice 1931 Model A Ford coupe. They bought it on a trip they made to Kansas recently with Don and Jan Hartman. Wonder if it has a Metropolitan engine in it!

On February 7th we had the Minolta copy machine repair man out and he replaced a broken gear and two flatened rollers. The machine has had over 38,000 copies through it since the DSR bought it new in November of 1982. We do not yet know the exact cost of repairs, but it may run more than the \$200 estimate because of two rollers being bad instead of one, as was thought.

Enclosed in this SPARKPLUG is the 1985 DSR Calendar of Events. Several events have already been changed to avoid conflicts of shows and other activities. You will be notified of the changes by the newsletter or by our telephone calling committee.

I'm sure you all remember Aggie Lynch, the very attractive manager of Bel Air Mall and friend of the DSR. Just before Christmas, Aggie was moving a table to put up a display in the Mall. She slipped a disc in her back and it had to be operated on in January. She just recently has been able to walk again. The DSR is certainly sorry about her misfortune, but glad she is improving and hope to see her back in the Mall again soon.



AGGIE

During the recent hard freeze, the temperature in Loxley fell to an all time record of -2° . Condie left water spraying on their house and yard for a pretty effect, and Lucille walked out and nearly fell on the ice. Poor Condie. I'll bet being police chief didn't even help him out of that one!

TOM REESE
Vice President - Regions
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January 7, 1985

Lloyd Crowds, President
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Dear Lloyd;

I've been following for some time the description of the development of your region clubhouse in the Sparkplug. Your endeavor is almost unique in AACA. I am wondering if you or someone from your region might be planning upon coming to the AACA Annual Meeting. If so, I would like to make time during the Regional Activities seminar for a short presentation from DSR on how they went about getting their clubhouse - some slides would help. Perhaps, if no one is planning on attending, you could send me a short write-up and some slides and I'll see that your region gets some publicity on an ambitious undertaking. The seminar is 10:00 Saturday, Feb 9.

Yours truly,


Tom Reese

OUR PREZ SEZ: What a nice surprise to see such a large crowd at our first meeting in our new club house. I hope we can all continue to work together this year as we have an active schedule ahead!

Lloyd

Do not forget the Fairhope Arts & Crafts on Sun. March 17, and the rummage sale on Sat. March 23. We need support in both these events. For Fairhope meet at the battleship at 12:00 Noon. The Parade line up is at 1:15. The DSR rummage sale the following Sat. will be at the club house starting at 7 A.M. Please bring all of the odds & ends you have. Almost anything will sell!!

Also don't forget the meeting at the club house this Thursday nite, Feb. 28, at 7:30. Bring your old newspapers & magazines & phone books for our paper drive. This is a trial to see if it will pay our utilities. And again, please bring your own chair for seating. Come see what's been done at the club house. We again have a lot of important business and NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

This letter was received from Tom Reese, VP of Regions, about the DSR club house. As you see, they are interested in us. We have sent him a report on the building and pictures for him to present at the AACA seminar. We will publish the report in the next SPARKPLUG.

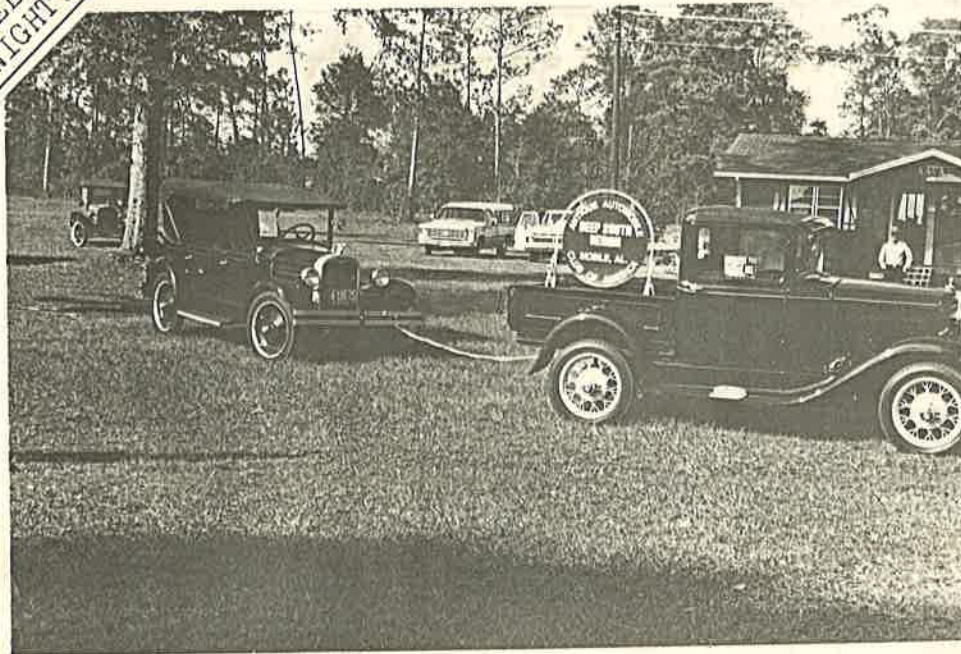
We have another building committee meeting scheduled for Feb. 21st. A report on this meeting will be in the March SPARKPLUG.

Jeannie Hepler has made a request for the donation ticket money that any of you have collected so far. She also has extra tickets to any that need them. Help out the DSR's second annual show by selling a few donation tickets!

CORRECTION: On pages 1 & 2 we mistakenly listed Joel & Catherine TANNER as Turner. We regret this error.

SEE YOU THERE!

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING
A CHAIR TO THE MEETING
THIS THURSDAY NIGHT!!!



HOP SAYS HE'S "PUSHING" DAVID'S MODEL A WITH HIS CHEVY.
HE SAID IT TOOK AN AWFUL LOT OF STARCH ON THE ROPE!

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