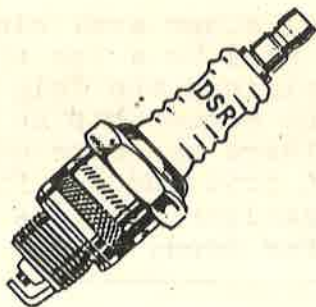


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
DEEP SOUTH REGION

A.A.C.A.



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Feb. 11-12 - Outing.
 Meet @ 7:30 AM for an
 overnite run Waveland,
 Miss. Cap leading.

Feb. 23 - Meeting -
 266 So. McGregor Ave.
 at 7:30 P.M.

Feb 25 - Fund raiser -
 Meet at Ft. Conde @ 7
 PM - movie makers con-
 vention. Need 40 cars.

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. in Dr. W. T. Wright's office at 266 South McGregor Ave. The SPARKPLUG will be mailed the weekend before each meeting. Annual regional dues are \$10.00. This includes wife membership, with no extra dues, if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$13.00 single and \$16.00 joint (husband and wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

THE SHOW IS GO!!

THE MEMBERSHIP VOTES TO GO AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR A 1984 DEEP SOUTH REGION SHOW!

The January 26th meeting--

President Lloyd Crowdus opened our January meeting during a driving rainstorm, at 7:30 P.M. Acting Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins, gave the invocation. The Prez said he was sure hoping it would rain every meeting night during 1984, as 49 turned out for the meet-

ing. Visitors Ed Grimes and his son Eddie were introduced to the membership. (They joined the DSR after the meeting) Also present and welcomed were new members Ray Faust and Larry Martin. Reported from our sick list, Barbara Short's mother and Jeanette Lowe's father have both improved. Also sadly, reported, was the death of Howard Shafer's mother. Hop reported on the condition of LaVerne's leg. Activity coordinator, Ray Harper, thanked Herb and Reba for a most pleasant and well planned outing on a cold Saturday, Jan. 21. Lloyd asked for all the help possible for taking movie and film commission dignitaries from Riverview Plaza to the battleship on February 25th. The DSR will receive a substantial donation for only a couple of hours and will help us civically, socially, and financially. The overnite outing to Waveland on Feb. 11-12 to be led by Capdepons was explained. Linda Page told us of what we would be doing. Lloyd told us of how we could get the club logo on red T-shirts at the "T SHIRT PLUS" shop in Bel Air Mall, south entrance in the new part. Prices from \$9.00 to \$11.00 and emblems for \$2.75 (which can be put on any red shirt). Lloyd read a letter of thanks from Glenda LaPorte for DSR participation in the Veteran's Day Parade in November. He also read a letter from the National AACA President, congratulating members on being the "Key in '83". Flyers were passed out of Red Skelton's coming visit to Mobile and we were told of our possible participation. The "doll" in the January mystery photo was identified as Don Hartman, dressed as a girl in a school initiation. Lycyle asked for the names of those going on the Eleventh annual DSR Smokey Mountain tour in June. Lloyd asked for a show of hands on how many members will be willing to take part in and support a car show to be held on May 12th. An almost unanimous support of members meant that the FIRST ANNUAL DSR SHOW IS UNDER WAY! Lloyd appointed Katherine chairman of a car show committee to set up and work out details. Several firms, the

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 at 7:30 P.M.

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Tillman's Corner PTA, and several other area clubs have volunteered to help. Lloyd reminded everyone that it will be a lot of work and will require the effort of EVERY member. Hop explained the "big brother system" and requested an opinion, which Lloyd asked the membership to consider and report their feelings at the next meeting. There was more discussion on a Deep South clubhouse. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 and our fine faithful folks followed for further fellowship at the familiar favorite fast food facility our fellows and fair folk frequent for food, fluid, fun, and fabulous friendship.

This is the letter from AACA National President, Jack Macy, that our DSR Prez read at the January meeting. Jack is a most outstanding antique car enthusiast and this kind of praise from him really makes us all feel good. It's just great to belong to a national organization such as the AACA. "Proof of the pudding" is the type of enthusiastic, congenial club members we meet on our annual tours! It IS a good feeling to belong, isn't it!!

On Saturday, January 21st, the DSR group met at Pinebrook and drove to Herb and Reba's home in Mississippi. Reba served us a delicious meal of barbequed ribs and sausage, Brunswick stew, chile, vegetables, cakes, and all other kinds of goodies. We all over ate and will have to diet for the next few weeks. The Counselmans are excellent hosts and always make people feel at home. In all we had 31 people there and had a most enjoyable visit. Just looking at their collection of antique goodies makes for a good time! When we left Pinebrook, it was a cold 28 degrees and sleet predicted, so most folks went in their modern cars. (Are we getting too sensible?) However during the day the sun came out and it turned out to be a very beautiful but cold day. This made the grand finale, our trip home, a wonderful ending of a fine, fellowship filled day! Ain't it good just being a member of this great DSR group!

On the right is a picture of Herb in front of their home at #1 Littered Knot Lane just between Agricola and Shipman Mississippi, and a little west of Salem. Now you know exactly where they live!!

Antique Automobile Club of America



JACK MACY
President
909 N. Madison Avenue
Anderson, IN 46011

November 21, 1983

TO ALL REGIONS AND CHAPTERS OF AACA

1983 has been a good year for AACA and it's activities. We have underlined the fact that our individual members have "been the key in '83".

It has been evident from visitations, newsletters, and letters from members scattered all over the country, that regions and chapters have for the most part increased their activities. Not only that, they have increased membership and have really enjoyed both their new and their old members.

Regions and chapters are individual members of AACA bounded together by locale, interest, and the desire for fellowship. These building blocks are the backbone or our national organization. I appreciate the involvement of the members, officers, and board members of these organizations and the tremendous job that they do. I salute all of you.

1983 has been a wonderful year for our club and our hobby. I only hope that 1984 will be better still.

I started out the year with a theme of "You're the key in '83". I am happy to end the year knowing that "you HAVE been the key in '83". Thank you.

Convey to your members my sincerest wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely

Jack Macy
Jack Macy



Rick Newman, son of Doug and Alice Newman of Pascagoula, jumped off the deep end and married on January 28th. The DSR was well represented at the wedding. We all wish the newly weds much happiness and lots of antique car touring in their future!

Shannon Douglas is doing much better but is still weak from his ordeal with a malignant tumor. Within a few months he will be "fit as a fiddle" and back into the swing of things in their newly acquired 1957 DeSoto.

Jerry Page was using a grinder when a piece of steel flew off and struck him in the left eye on Thursday, February 9th. The following Saturday it was removed by a doctor. Jerry's eye is red but he said it is feeling much better.

Kenner Rodger's twin brother had a heart attack Sunday morning, Feb. 5th. He is out of intensive care and has improved but may require surgery at a later date.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

GOD'S BEAUTIFUL CREATIONS



We of the AACA - DSR usually take one tour each year. Our planning committee does a fine job of selecting some very fine and scenic routes and we all enjoy them very much. The question comes to me is, do we really SEE all there is to be seen? Yes, we see the hills, farms, the mountains, streams, forest, animals, etc. but do we really SEE the handiwork of God as we enjoy the scenery?

With no intent to blow myself up as a well traveled man, I have, however, been fortunate enough to have traveled these United States in every direction many times, both by air and highway. I have been to New York City, Buffalo, Niagara Falls and all it's grandeur, Detroit, Seattle, Salem Oregon, Northern California and the famous redwoods, the vineyards of California, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Hawaii, Carlsbad Caverns, Grand Canyon, Rio Grande Valley, Mt. Rushmore, Yosemite Park, Yellowstone Park, the wheat fields and plains of Kansas, the buffalo herds, all the mountain ranges, the snow white beaches of the Gulf, the Southern tip of Florida, Historic Charleston, Williamsburg Virginia, and many, many other attractions not named. I have flown to 39,000 feet and descended to over 1,000 feet into a gold mine at Crippled Creek Colorado. It would be sufficient to merely say I have been to all these places and just drop it at that, but in order to see them as they really are, I had to see them as the handiwork of God and His Providence to mankind. Glory and Honor to Him! If we saw all these things with the natural eyes of man there would be no grandeur to them, however, to see them through the eyes of a child of God, man becomes awed at them and recognizes them as the handiwork of God. Praise Him for this Creation and stand humbled at the power of God in His Creation!

The next time we go on a tour, try to see all the beautiful sights as His Creation and I am sure they will take on a totally different meaning to you.

"Once I was blind but now I see". (Paul)

"Ole Hop"

WISDOM FROM THE CHAPLAIN: I'm just a nobody, telling everybody, about Somebody, that can save anybody!

Always be courteous and polite. It costs nothing and pays big dividends!

Cecil and Lucille Nettles have their 1936 Chevrolet 4-door completely finished and ready to roll! It's a tan beauty with red trim - and with a frame up restoration.

On Saturday, February 11th the DSR toured to the Page's home near Waveland, Mississippi for entertainment, food, sightseeing, and fellowship with several other clubs and antique car folks from Mississippi and the surrounding area. Jerry and Linda Page, with the assistance of four other couples, the Art Baileys, Marvin Lacoste, Dean Spencers, and Dick Stamms, hosted this very fine and excellently planned outing attended by 126 people, 37 of which were DSR members. This outing, led by the Capdepons and sponsored by the Pages was one of our finest! Jerry and Linda met us at their new home they have under construction between Waveland and Picayune Saturday morning. They led the whole "mob" to Lil Ray's Po Boy, a very nice little restaurant in Waveland where they very efficiently served us quickly - no small job, considering 126 folks walking in and filling the building to capacity! We then went to Dick and Nadine Stamm's to look at their fascinating collection of old cars as well as other antiques of all kinds. From there the Pages took us to an antique mall, then to the Hugo Farve's home - a house full of fascinating antiques and a couple of barns filled with old buggies and related paraphernalia. Then back to the Page's home for a delicious home cooked meal of fish, hush puppies, vegetables, and other goodies. A supreme grande finale for the day!!! Many of the folks camped out at the Page's and some went to a nearby motel for Saturday night. Those unfortunate souls that chose to camp out were awakened by what is rumored to have been a mysterious Mississippi Confederate Army bugler's ghost, sounding off reveille at 5:00 A.M. Sunday morning, startling all the sleepy eyed campers into a state of shock! Everyone had breakfast and all met again at 10:30 Sunday morning for a drive to Picayune, Mississippi for a most excellent dinner at Mrs. Mitchell's Roundtable Restaurant. Again those Mississippi folks had arranged for another full house of people to be served another fine meal, all you could eat, very efficiently. As we came out of the restaurant the weather was very threatening so the DSR group decided it was time to "hit the road" for the 90 mile plus trip home. We were all just a bit ahead of a real frog choking, downpouring, rainstorm but we all made it to Mobile just as the rain began to come down on us. Only yours truly got in the torrential downpour between Mobile and Saraland. But except for a few typical convertible leaks in such a rainstorm, the little Metropolitan came on in without a falter. (Many cars we passed were stopped or drowned out along the way) Everyone had a marvelous time and the Pages along with their friends, deserve our sincerest thanks for showing us all such a very pleasant week end! How very nice of them all! To those of you that missed this outing, you missed the treat of the century!

OUR PREZ SEZ:

Thanks very much for the good attendance we had at the first meeting of 1984. This truly shows the spirit of the DSR members. I would also like to thank all the DSR members who traveled to Mississippi on February 11th for our over night run to the Pages. I would too like to thank the Pages for having us over and Cap and Betty for leading the outing. We are very grateful to Jerry and Linda and all the other good Mississippi folks for their most gracious hospitality shown us on this outing. We all love good folks like you!

I would also like to stress the need for support of all the members on February 25th for the Alabama Film Commission. Please plan now to support your DSR at this event!

Lloyd

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE:

1949 Chevrolet 2-door fastback in good condition. New engine. Will sell or trade. (Rather trade!) See Don Hartman or call 1-964-5486 \$1000.

1949 Ford Pickup, \$2600. Call James Hilbun at 1-947-6452.

1960 Cadillac 4-door hardtop, 29,000 miles. One owner. \$2800. See Lloyd Crowdus or call him at 661-8486.

Car trailer for sale, \$395. Call 1-957-2890.

1937 Chevrolet rear fenders for sale. Charles at 344-2017 or see G. Polk.

We want to welcome our new members into the DSR --

Ed Grimes, Jr. with his son Eddie, visited us at our January meeting and joined the DSR following the meeting. The Grimes, Ed, his wife Barbara, and Eddie live at 318 Valley Road in Chickasaw, AL 36611. They own a 1956 T-Bird, and a 1964 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1967 Mustangs. Their phone number is 452-5355.

Ivan and Grace Nall of Wilmer have joined the DSR. The Nalls own a 1935 Ford, a 1940 Chevrolet, and a 1954 and 1955 Chevrolet pickups. Their address is Route 3 Box 178-B, Wilmer, AL 36587, phone 649-2814.

Charles and Roma Little recently joined us. The Littles live in Satsuma where Charlie is mayor. They have 3 children at home, Randy, Regina, and Dale. The Littles own a 1923 T coupe, a 1930 A pickup, a 1940 Chevrolet, a 1955 and 1957 T-Birds, and special interest cars. Their address is P. O. Box 246, Satsuma, AL 36572, telephone 675-1331.

All of these members have been approved by our executive board in accordance with our by-laws and we want to welcome them all into the Deep South Region! We hope to see them often at our future meetings and outings.

NAME	Do Not Have to be Present to Win	Drawing 5/12/84	\$1.00 Donation
ADDRESS			
TELEPHONE			
	DEEP SOUTH REGION ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB MOBILE, AL.		
	1st 13" RCA COLOR TV	2nd FISH COOKER	3rd BATTERY CHARGER

The DSR show committee recently met and made plans for the show, the location, for financing, trophies, advertisements, and acquiring donations with a drawing of tickets at the show. In other words they have been busy as bees and are to be congratulated on the amount of work done in such a short time. Ray Harper,

spokesman at the meeting, said that being this is our first annual show we hope to break even financially and it seems we will. This is excellent on a first show! You will be asked to sell one or two books of 10 \$1.00 donation tickets for a drawing to be held on May 12th at the show. If each member will do his part we will go over with flying colors!! David and Jeannie Hepler are in charge of the ticket books, a copy of one of the tickets is above. We got a 100% vote at the January meeting for pledged support, so we should have no trouble. We are planning a lot of fun at the show, so please be at the meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30, February 23 and hear what our committee is doing. We need everyone!

FEBRUARY MYSTERY PHOTO



If you can guess who this young lady is you're good! She is not usually this serious looking. She nearly always has a happy smiling face and attends most of our DSR meetings and outings and enjoys all of it very much. She has brown hair. If you think you know who this little doll is then come to the meeting Thursday, February 23rd and tell us 'cause we don't know!

Belonging to the DSR and being a part of the fellowship we all have certainly has advantages. An incident occurred last week that I thought typical of the helpfulness shown by our members. Fred Newell happened to pass by just as Eugenia was having a problem with the hydraulic clutch on her Metropolitan. Fred stopped, gave her his assistance, then followed her home from Eight Mile to be sure she would make it OK. Wasn't that a nice thing to do!! Doesn't it make you glad to be a member of such a congenial group with concern for one another!!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

We need all the DSR support we can get on this coming Saturday's support of the Alabama Film Commission. We will meet at Fort Conde at 7:00 P.M. Saturday, February 25th, and drive to Riverview Plaza. There we will pick up film dignitaries and possibly some movie stars in our antique cars and take them to the battleship where they are having a get-together boosting Alabama as a movie site. This will take only a couple of hours of our time as they are to furnish their own transportation back. We will need 40 cars to do this and we need every members support. Do NOT let our DSR down. We have an excellent reputation - so let's keep it! Our club will receive a substantial donation for this which will help us put on our first show in May. Be SURE to come!

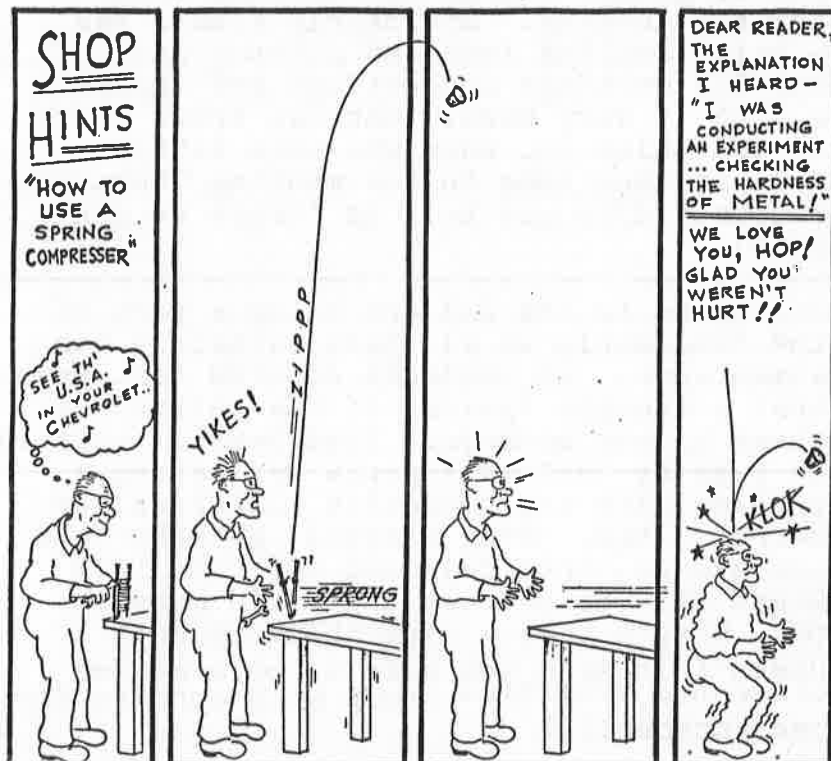
Shannon Douglas sent me a copy of the new Alabama antique car tag application and we can duplicate it and provide any DSR member with one if you need a new tag. Recently Tex Faust gave me a copy of antique car tag transfer application, so if any of you are buying an antique that already has an antique Alabama tag, we can now provide you with that application also.

Ernie-

On March 24 and 25 we will have another overniter. We will leave from Pinebrook Saturday morning, March 24th at 7:30 for a trip to the Paul B. Johnson Park (possibly the Camp Shelby Park that is nearby - a decision will be made soon). The Jackson, Miss. Model T Ford Club is having their annual run there and we will meet and be with them. Those of you that made this one last year know the fun we all had, in spite of a Saturday downpour! This year's will be more fun because it isn't going to rain! More details will be in the next newsletter but anyone wanting to stay at a motel will need to let Ernie or Eugenia know.

Hop had a very close call when he rebushed the A arms on his little Metropolitan. He had one of the coil springs in a spring compressor, tightening it to close the spring, when it slipped out of the compressor. The spring shot 60 feet down his driveway, across the street, and onto his neighbor's yard. A steel cap that goes on top of the spring shot straight up and came down on Hop's head, knocking him to his knees. It was a very close call because had the spring gone toward him --- well you can imagine!

Guy Short has it all down on paper for you all to see - and appreciate. Is this the way it happened, Hop?



Just got a news report on the merger of Toyota and GM's Chevrolet division. By taking one half of each name, the newly produced car will be known as the "TOY-LET".

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR PREZ:

You should live every day as if it will be your last --- Because one day you will be right!!!

A clear conscious is usually a result of a bad memory!

G. SHORT

This is the letter of thanks from the Mobile Veteran's Day Committee that Lloyd read at our January meeting. We all appreciate receiving this kind of letter and it makes us all feel good. Supporting good public or civic and patriotic events such as this is what makes our club go!!

Mobile Veterans Day Committee
5420 Timberline Ridge
Mobile, Alabama 36609

November 22, 1983

Mr. Lloyd Crowder
Deep South Region
Antique Auto Club
4111 East Burma Road
Mobile, Alabama 36609

Dear Mr. Crowder:

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to you and all members of your club. Your participation in Mobile's Veterans Day Parade was tantamount to its success.

The fine antique cars provided by your club were indeed exquisite transportation for parade dignitaries. We received many compliments from both the dignitaries and the public in general.

This parade was planned and carried out in less than six weeks. Your organization was one of the key elements that enabled us to put it together in such a short time.

We believe that a Veterans Day Parade is a tradition worth reviving in Mobile. With your assistance and that of other patriotic Mobilians, we feel that this can become an annual event.

Very Truly Yours,

Glenda LaPorte
Glenda LaPorte
Chairman

NOTICE

Lycyle needs to know how many are going on the eleventh annual DSR tour to the Smokey Mountains on June 17-23. So far over 50 people have signed up. She needs to know so she can start making reservations and she needs to know now! At the plant where I work there is a saying, "If you snooze, you lose!" Don't wait and lose out - let her know right away.

Anyone that does not have a picture for the new 1984 pictorial roster of members will have to get it in this week as we will start the printing after the Feb. meeting on the 23rd. For those few that have not paid your dues this year - this is your last SPARKPLUG. We will miss you!

COMING SHOWS IN OUR AREA:

April 26-29 Fort Worth, Texas Swap Meet.

May 12 Deep South Region of AACA show. Griggs School ground at Tillman's Corner, Mobile, Ala. Pre-registration \$5.00, at show \$10.00. Banquet and Awards. Info call Ray or Katherine Harper @ 661-5017 or Lloyd Crowder @ 661-8486.

July 21-22 Gadsden's Nocalula Falls Meet. More info later. Call Fred or Joan Clements @ 1-547-7143.

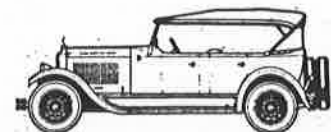
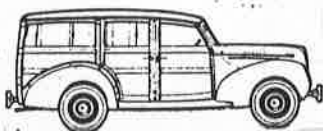
October 11-13 Hershey - 'nuff said!

October 20 New Orleans Annual Show. Call Charlie Froehlich at 504-392-6067 for info.

I'm sure there are other shows coming up soon but as yet I have received no information or flyers on them. As soon as they come in we will keep you informed.

Come to the meeting this Thursday night, February 23rd at 7:30, 266 South McGregor Avenue and hear the plans for the coming DSR show. Put in for your tour reservations. Cast your vote as to just who the doll in the mystery photo on page 5 of this Sparkplug really is. Listen to Lloyd tell about the coming Alabama Film Commission gathering on Saturday, Feb 25th. Be a part and have your say about our future clubhouse. Come be with the very congenial, good fellowship club! Coffee at the Village Inn after the meeting.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!





BILL & JEANIE DOBBS' NEW ANTIQUE
CAR GARAGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA
DEEP SOUTH REGION
625 SECOND AVENUE
SARALAND, ALABAMA 36571