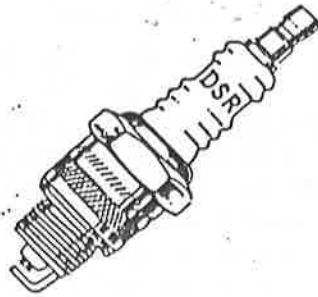


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Feb. 12-13-14. At Page's home. Annual Catahoula Junque Collectors Meet.

Feb. 25 - Meeting. At the club house at 7:30 P.M.

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 \$18.00 single and \$22.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

- OUR JANUARY MEETING - as reported by your SPARKPLUG editor

Newly elected President Lloyd Crowdus opened our first meeting of 1988 at 7:30 with 64 present. In the absence of our Chaplain, Denzil Dyer gave the invocation. Lloyd introduced our visitors, Charles Street, James Wages, and Floyd Jordan to

the membership. He also introduced John and Melody Ardis (our new members) who attended with their daughter, Lori. Also attending later in the meeting was Dr. Judson White of the University of South Alabama.

On our sick list, Lloyd told of Hop's difficulty and impending surgery, of Elven Few's broken foot, and of Bert Carver's recent bout with pneumonia. Also he told us of the death of Jerry Page's brother and of Bert Carver's brother.

Lloyd announced the 1988 appointments of Hop as Chaplain, Jeannie as Calling Committee Chairman, Delores Dyer as Refreshment Chairman, and Ernie as SPARKPLUG Editor. Lloyd will continue to serve as Publicity Chairman and Ray as Show Chairman for 1988.

Treasurer Katherine Harper passed out the DSR January financial report which was approved by the membership.

Activity Coordinator Ray Harper asked for volunteers to lead an outing for March, June, July, and November. He also told of a request for cars on March 12th at Pensacola's Boardwalk (there will be more on this at our Feb. meeting). He told us of the donation the DSR made to the "Angel Tree", how the money was used, and how it made a good Christmas for a poor family with three young sons.

Lloyd told us of the National AACA approving our new by-laws which were published in the January SPARKPLUG and called for a vote by the membership. An approving vote was unanimous!

Lloyd then told of the appointment of an active calling committee that will begin calling members on all of our activities when necessary. He requested that members show their appreciation and courtesy to the committee members doing the calling, as it is an almost thankless job and they are doing their best to do you a favor! If you do not wish to be called, please politely notify the new caller.

A discussion followed on air conditioning the club house with much pro

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Mar. ?? An outing will be announced at the meeting. Also by calling committee.

Mar. 24 - Meeting At the club house at 7:30 P.M.

We are very sorry to report that the Mazzagotte's 24 year old son was killed in Pensacola in late January when a drunken driver, driving on the wrong side of the highway against traffic, ran into him head-on. Our heartfelt sympathy is with George, Audrey, their other children, and their son's entire family.

Jerry Page's 37 year old brother Clifford, of Ellisville, MS died in January. He suffered with many physical problems and was in an institution in Ellisville at the time of his death. Our sympathy is with Jerry, Linda, Jolene, and all of the Page families.

Bert Carver's 73 year old brother, Louis, was killed Sunday night January 24th in Saraland, as he was leaving church services in a rain storm. Mr. Carver nor the driver of the other vehicle apparently did not see each other and crashed on Highway 43. Mr. Carver's daughter was married to Jeanette Lowe's brother -- so there is a double tie to our DSR members. Our sympathy is with Bert, Lois, and all of Mr. Carver's and Jeanette's families.

A SELECTION FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

GROWING SMILES

A smile is quite a funny thing; it wrinkles up your face
And when it's gone you never find it's secret hiding place.
But far more wonderful it is to see what a smile can do;
You smile at one, he smiles at you, and so one smile makes two.
He smiles at some one since you smiled, and then that one smiles back;
And that one smiles until in truth, you fail at keeping track.
Now since a smile can do great good by cheering hearts of care,
Let's smile and smile and not forget, that smiles go everywhere!

"Ole Hop"

Thou hast put gladness in my heart. Psalm 4:7

SMILE



SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Our Chaplain, Ole Hop, has had quite a time of it for the past few weeks. He went to his doctor with severe headaches and vomiting just before our Jan. meeting. It was discovered that he had several aneurysms in very critical places that required major surgery. Hop made it through the very critical surgery with flying colors, but has had a difficult time recovering from such drastic major surgery. We in the DSR are all pulling for Ole Hop's complete and speedy recovery and return to normal activities!

Margaret Brown, Tom's wife, has been in and out of the hospital several times recently with respiratory problems that has really made her feel bad. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, Margaret will be back at home and recovering!

Elven Few is still off from work with his broken foot, and will be for some time to come. He is able, however, to get about on crutches!

Jewel Bell's son Paul, is in critical condition at the U.S.A. Medical Center in Mobile with pneumonia. At this writing he is in the Intensive Care Unit and is on life support system, though his fever has improved slightly. Our prayers are certainly with Paul, as well as with Jewel following the loss of her husband in December and now this!

Boy! The flu-bug has taken its toll of DSR members! Among them have been Ray, Katherine, Aileen, Ann Jarvis, Cecil, Lucille, Gloria, Eugenia, your editor, plus many more that I still haven't heard from! Flu has DSR members down in epidemic stage!!!!

FEBRUARY MYSTERY PHOTO

Yep, twin girls!! And one of them regularly attends our meetings with her husband. The girls in the photo are identical twins and she isn't sure which is her picture! Make your guess as to her identity, then come to the meeting Thursday night and let's see how right you are!!!

OUR PREZ SEZ:

I would like to thank all the members that have given me so much support this year! As we go through the second month, things are moving ahead and we have accomplished a lot, thanks to all of you for helping. Without the support of the fine people that make up the Deep South Region we would be at a standstill. We still have big plans for a great DSR future in activities as well as with plans at the club house grounds, With your continued support we will make our Region the absolute best in the entire country! Together, we can do it!

Lloyd

PERSONALS

The Pages outing last week-end isn't reported in this SPARKPLUG but will be in next month's. Jan Hartman is writing it up and, as with all of her writing, it will be done great!

Ole Hop's devotionals from the SPARKPLUG are regularly published in the "RUMMAGE BOX", the newsletter from National AACA Headquarters to all Region and Chapter Presidents.

Many of our members have requested that we return to the pictorial roster like the ones we published a few years ago. We stopped because of a lack of interest of members getting in

photos of themselves. How about it members, do you want to try again?

Treasurer Katherine Harper MUST have your 1988 AACA number in order to present you with your DSR card. Please get them to her. To be blunt -- NO NUMBER -- NO CARD!!

Herb and Reba became the proud grandparents of a baby girl born in Mid-January. Both grandparents are doing well!

Our new Refreshment Chairman, Delores Dyer, has made up a list of those furnishing refreshments at our meetings. She will have it on the club house bulletin board at our meeting and we will be publishing it in the SPARKPLUG for your convenience. Ray Harper and David Hepler will furnish refreshments at our February meeting

Rev. Hurlburt requested that we put a special thanks in the Feb. SPARKPLUG from him to Warren Rollins and Eric Gould for getting his 1927 Model T Touring going. The Rev. said that it has been a "labor of love" and he has collected parts from some 12 states over a period of 2 years!

Lou Eschete tells us of a 1939 Chrysler 4-dr with a solid body but needs restoration. If interested in a good buy call Frank Schilleci @ 504-279-2866.

Bob and Sue Mason tells of a 1961 Austin-Healy 3000 for sale with no rust, wires, O.D. Call Richard Falls at 928-2670 or 928-8302. Also a 1947 Plymouth 4-dr driven daily for \$1500. Call Danny Faulk at 928-7386.

Lawrence Moseley has a 1951 Chevrolet and a 1966 Corvair for sale. Both are fine cars. See Lawrence or call him at 1-947-7885.

George and Audrey Mazzagotte are spending a much needed vacation in South Florida. While they are there they plan to take in a few antique car shows and flea markets.

If you want an excellent 1969 Plymouth Fury for \$995 or a 1923 Model T Touring for \$2500, call Lloyd at 661-8486 for details.

WE WILL SEE YOU AT OUR VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AT THE CLUB HOUSE AT 7:30 P.M. THURSDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 25th!!! BE SURE TO BE THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!