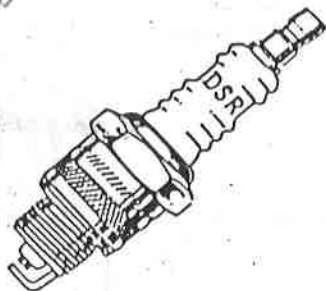


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
DEEP SOUTH REGION
A.A.C.A.



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Feb. 19 - Fri. Brewer Center Mardi Gras.

Feb. 25 - Thurs. DSR regular meeting at the clubhouse, 7:30 PM.

Feb. 26-27-28. 11th Annual Catahoula outing at the Page home.

Feb. 27 - Sat. Swap Meet at Theodore. Call 653-6228 for information.

Feb. 28 - Sun. Meet at the clubhouse at 2 PM for Bobby Likis Car Clinic talk. Good one!

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 \$20.00 single and \$24.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

"OLE HOP"

We have lost our very devout Deep South Region Chaplain. He had been the club's Chaplain for many years and for many years wrote devotionals for the newsletter. Because of his health, he had to copy most recent devotionals we published. He was certainly a staunch supporter of the Sparkplug! Ole Hop, as he liked to be called, and LaVerne went on the Catfish Run with the DSR in his 1966 Rambler on January 23rd. One week later on Jan. 30th he passed away in Springhill Hospital. He

had been in bad health for the past several years with only 20% of his heart still functioning. He was taken to the hospital with severe breathing difficulty and died a couple of days later. Hop and LaVerne had been married for 55 years. He was always outspoken on what he thought was right and left no doubt as to his feelings. Several of us were with Hop at the hospital on his last day there. He knew the end was near and he even kidded us about it. What a man Vernon T. Hopkins was! Hop was certainly a friend to us all and we will sadly miss him. Our sincere sympathy is with LaVerne and their two children, Jim of Houston and Judy of California.

MARCH

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Mar. 6 - Sat. Fort Walton Beach Coastal Classic Car Show, 255 Highway 98.

Mar. 20 - Sat. 8th Annual St. Bernard Show at Chalmette, LA.

Mar. 25 - Thurs. DSR regular meeting at the clubhouse, 7:30 PM.

Mar. 27 - Sat. Old South Car Show at Fort Conde.

Mar. 26-27 - Gulf Coast National Mustang Show in Pensacola, Univer. ty Mall.



LAVERNE & "OLE HOP" AT THE CATFISH HOUSE
(His last photo)

*The family of
Vernon T. Hopkins
acknowledges with grateful
appreciation your kind expression
of sympathy.*

The January 28, 1993 meeting of the DSR was called to order by B. Paquet, president, at 7:30 pm. There were 43 members and 4 guests present. The invocation was given by H. Whigham in the absence of H. Hopkins who was hospitalized.

OLD BUSINESS & REPORTS:

President: None

Vice President: None

Secretary: The January executive board minutes were read. L. Crowdus moved the minutes be accepted as read, seconded by T. Brown, the motion carried.

Treasurer: None

Editor: None

Activities: L. Crowdus reported an excellent turnout for the Davis Catfish House outing with 21 vehicles and 46 people.

Member at None
Large:

NEW BUSINESS & REPORTS

President: Two new members were voted on bringing our membership to 79 families. The new members are M/M Dayton E. Whites and M/M Wilford G. Watson...
The AACA annual meeting will be held in Philadelphia on 2/12/93 and applications are available for anyone wishing to attend.

Vice President: None

Secretary: None

Editor: E. Youens reported that the member copies of the treasurer's report were not available "with apologies".

Treasurer: F. Whigham gave a verbal report and made available her copy for members to review.

Activities: L. Crowdus reported on many activities in the area which are coming up. T. Brown made a motion that the Senior Citizen Center outing on 4/24/93 be a participation project for that month. D. McLaney seconded, the motion carried. It was requested that members volunteer to "take a month" and plan an outing for the month. P. Paquet volunteered to take the month of February and coordinate the club's sponsoring a "Bobby Likis Car Clinic" as seen on Channel 3. The clinic will be held on Sunday, 2/28/93, from 2-4 pm. It was the consensus of the group to invite other car clubs to participate.

Member at None
Large:

CAR SHOW: B. Paquet and D. McLaney presented the sign-up board for the Car Show committees. B. Whiting will be in charge of the program. Members are encouraged to sell ads and purchase space in the program. There will be 24 classes with 30 sets of trophies; awards will be given by 3:30 or 4:00. Concessions will be provided. The Neeses will be in charge of door prizes. Hospitality will be chaired by J. Bell with M. Brown and B. McLaney assisting. A motion was made by H. Whigham and seconded by B. Whiting to provide a chance at a \$50.00 prize for early registration. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The drawing for the "50/50" pot was won by F. DeCrease who donated his portion to the club.

*DUES deadline is 2/28/93.

*Refreshments for the evening centered around the 50th Anniversary Celebration of The YOUENS who provided a beautiful cake for the occasion.

There being no further business or announcements, a motion was made to adjourn by T. Brown and seconded by H. Whigham; the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Bruton

Jane Bruton, Secretary

To the left of this is the first regular meeting minutes by our new secretary, Jane Bruton. She is doing a very excellent job! Do take note and read them -- and keep up with your club's business!!

DSR PRESENTS

"BOBBY LIKIS CAR CLINIC"

by Patt Paquet

Mark your calendar for FEBRUARY 28th ... at 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM! This is the date and time that Bobby Likis will be at the Clubhouse to answer all of your questions about car problems. He appears every Sunday on WEAR-TV from 11:30 AM until 12:00 noon on what has previously been known as the "Car Clinis". As of now, however, it is officially the "Bobby Likis Car Clinic". We are fortunate that he is willing to take time from his busy schedule to come to Mobile to conduct a "mini clinic" for our members as well as those of other clubs in town.

Since Sunday seemed to be the only day that most people would be able to attend, it was extremely generous of him to use his afternoon to do this for us; we are appreciative.

Letters have been sent to presidents of the clubs with whom we worked on the Great American Race and the MDA car show inviting their members to join us for the session. I hope that all of you will have lots of questions for him.

DUES DEADLINE!

We still have a few members that have not paid their 1993 dues. If you have overlooked payment, send it to Frances Whigham or bring it to the DSR meeting Thursday night at 7:30. February 28th is the deadline and we don't want to lose any of our members! You are all valuable to the Deep South Region!!!!!!



NEW MEMBERS

We want to welcome 4 new members this month. Wilford (Bill) and Lan Watson have joined the DSR. Bill is a retired mechanical engineer and they own a 1930 Buick Marquette that is under restoration. Bill and Lan live in Daphne and their address is 100 Tower Drive #404, Daphne, AL 36526-7449 and their telephone number is 626-7899. They come to us recommended by Hershel Whigham.

Dr. Dayton and Susanne Whites have also joined the DSR. Dayton is an MD and is very active in the management of the hospital in Lucedale. Their address is Route 9 Box 306, Lucedale, MS 39452 and their telephone number is 601-947-2934. Dayton and Susanne own a 1926 Model T Ford touring and have 3 children at home. They come to the DSR recommended by Ernie Youens -- and I have known these very fine friends for many years!

We are all happy to have Dayton, Susanne, Bill and Lan in the Deep South Region and hope to see them often at the club's events!

"Ole Hop" had given me the following devotional he had copied and made a notation on it that he thought it would be good for our February Sparkplug, so here it is, as written.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN, V. T. HOPKINS:

DRIVER'S TEST

It's Sunday morning. Dad tells Mom and the kids to hurry up so they won't be late for church. Finally everyone gets buckled in for the 20 minute ride across town -- and Dad is about to take a driver's test!

Dad's usually a good driver, but not this Sunday. As he tries to back out of his driveway, he grumbles about the cars whizzing by. Then he gets stuck behind a slow-moving vehicle. "People who can't drive any faster should stay off the road," he complains. When a young person passes him in a noisy old car, he categorically denounces all drivers under the age of 21 as "speed demons and fools." And when he gets to church, he races across the lot to slip into a good parking space --- just ahead of a mother with two small children.

Yes, Dad flunked his driver's test this morning. True, he didn't break any laws, but he failed in his angry outbursts and disrespect for people. And he did it in front of his two children buckled in the back seat. You can be sure they didn't miss a word!

How's your Sunday morning driving --- and your day-to-day living? Are you slow to anger? (James 1:19). Is your tongue under control? (v. 26). Are your actions and words consistent with your faith in Christ?

It was a hasty, thoughtless word, sarcastic and unkind,
That chilled the day and dimmed its light and left a sting behind.

Copied - "Ole Hop"

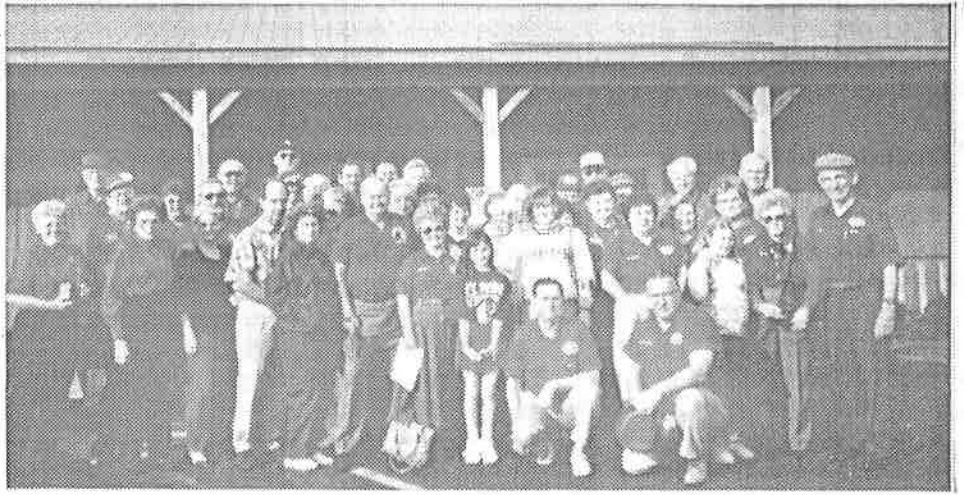
SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Nell Few has been in the hospital several time recently for tests because of a discomfort in her chest that affects her swallowing. So far, the doctors haven't been able to determine the cause and further tests will have to be made. We all hope they find the trouble and can cure it soon.

James Ellis' 80 year old mother has been in the hospital with problems typical of the elderly. She is at home now and is doing some better.

DELICIOUS CATFISH!

What a turnout of members! 47 of our folks in 21 antiques and 1 modern turned out for a great catfish dinner! We met at the battleship on Saturday, January 23rd, at 1:30 PM and drove up Highway 31 to David's Catfish House at the Malbis cutoff. What a display that string of antiques made going down the highway! Several of the cars were already at David's when we arrived, mostly our own members that live over that way. On last year's outing in January of 1992, Lloyd called the Catfish House to tell them to expect around 25 of our people, - there were 39 on that outing, far more than we expected. This year Lloyd called them to expect about 35 and we had 47! If the DSR keeps moving forward like this, we can expect 55 or 60 if we should have a January 1994 Catfish outing! Of course, the absolutely beautiful weather had a desirable result on the fine number of participants we had. For those of you that, like me, aren't supposed to eat fried foods, David's has the best broiled catfish I've ever eaten. It's delicious! (And besides, David's Catfish House supports the DSR Show each year!)



THE DSR GANG IN FRONT OF DAVID'S CATFISH HOUSE.
(All 47 - count 'em! Ole Hop is 3rd from the left)

After the very satisfying meal, those that wanted to go, went to Jim Henderson's Antique Mall in Daphne that included an array of Antique cars on display. From there we all headed for home, arriving about sunset. It was a wonderful day, a good time, a good meal and the old proverbial DSR good fellowship!

Those attending were: (in alphabetical order) 3 Bowdens, 2 Browns, 2 Cammons, 2 Carters, 2 Crowds, 2 Finleys (Jerry & Eleanor Hadley), 4 Hendersons, 2 Hopkins, 2 Jarvis, 2 Jordans, 2 Lunsfords, 3 McLaneys, 1 L. Moseley, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets, 2 Reids, 2 Smiths, 2 Sturges (Frank & Lucy Castle), 2 Tunnells, 2 Whighams, 2 Whites, 2 Youens.

All write-ups are made the day following the outing, so it was written before Hop died. He had us all pause before our meal and gave thanks for the food and fellowship.

MOBILE REGISTER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1993

VITAL SIGNS

Registered nurse KAREN JARVIS passed the first Nursing Continuing Education and Staff Development Examination administered by the American Nurses' Association.

The test certifies competence in the areas of foundations of nursing education practice, educational process, management of educational offerings and programs, and roles of nursing education providers.

How many of you saw this article in Sunday's Register on February 7th? Karen is Junie's and Ann's daughter-in-law, the wife of Trippe, that's Winston III.

NEWS TID-BITS

Congratulations to Francis and Marjorie DeCrease. They have a new grandchild born on January 12th.

Paul and Kathy Bowden bought a new covered antique car hauling trailer, It is 6'x8'x20'.

Jerry Finley has a new telephone number. It is 479-1358. Please change it in your roster.

This very interesting story by our own DSR member of his life with Thunderbirds was sent to us by Charlie himself! He once told me that he now owns one of each year Thunderbird built. When I questioned that, he said that Ford only built Thunderbirds in 1955, 1956 and 1957. After that they weren't Thunderbirds, but Fords with the name Thunderbird on it!

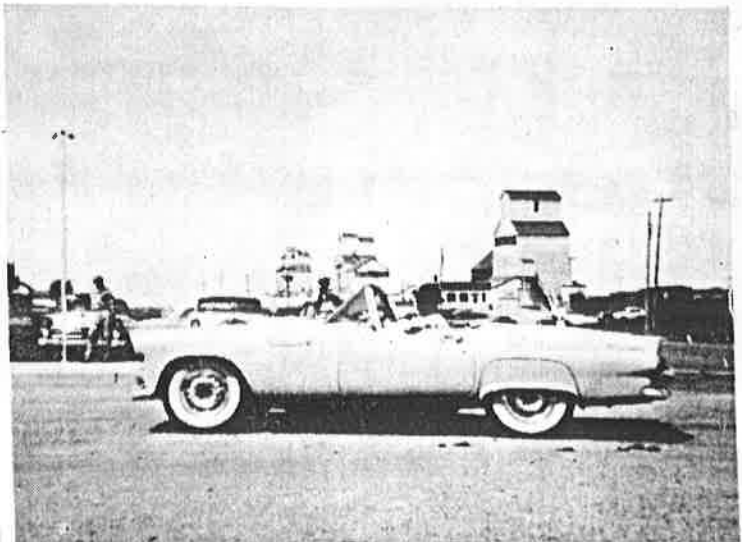
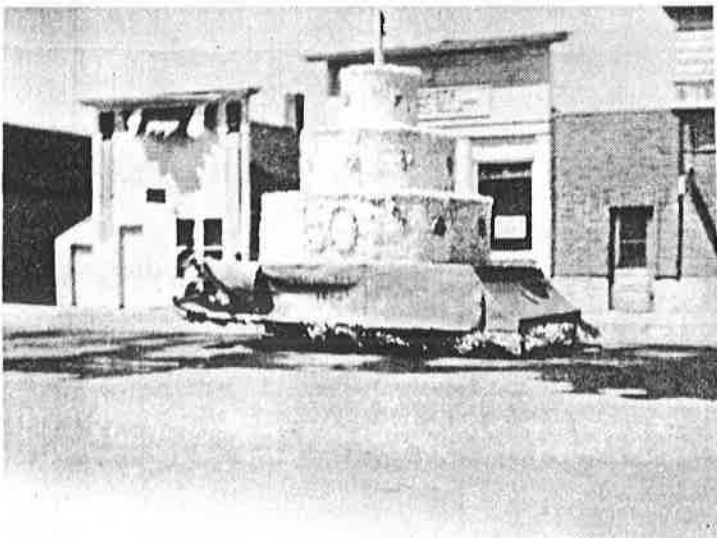
Charlie's Life With Thunderbirds

I have been involved with Thunderbirds ever since you have known me, however you may not realize how long ago my association started. To begin with, the town of McClusky, North Dakota was founded in 1905 along a new railroad line into grain rich country. My grandfather and his brother started an auto repair shop in McClusky about 1918. In 1923 they became the local Ford dealer (the original Ford dealership was destroyed in a tornado). Later, grandfather bought out his brother's interest in the business and in 1928 he was able to build a new large brick dealership with a loan from a grain farmer. The first installment payed on the loan was a brand new four door Model A Sedan. The dealership was able to survive the Great Depression and later passed on to the hands of my father and his brother. My uncle still owns the dealership in the 1928 building.

In 1955 I was in high school and worked in the garage. The city of McClusky decided to hold a celebration to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the city's founding. A big parade was one of the highlites planned for the celebration. My parents, along with others on the garage staff, worked long and hard to build a self propelled Anniversary Cake for the parade. A Model A chassis was shortened and a platform was built on the chassis. The cake rose skyward from the platform. The driver had very limited vision thru a thin slit in the bottom layer of the cake. The cake was one of the star attractions in the parade.

This finally brings me to another popular vehicle at the celebration; a Goldenrod Yellow 1955 Ford Thunderbird, driven behind the cake by yours truly (wearing a black derby hat in the picture). The Thunderbird was a loaner from Ford Motor Co. and was available to dealers for special promotions. I was able to drive it several times and while I was greatly impressed there was no sense in dreaming. I knew there was no chance of having such a vehicle at that stage in life. In 1966 I did obtain my first Thunderbird, a 1956 which we still own. But that is another story.

Charlie Froehlich



LaVerne Hopkins was given this poem by a friend that said it had helped her after her loss. LaVerne said it made her cry, but she felt better afterward and she requested it be put in the Sparkplug to help others that may be in need of this kind of assurance.

TO THOSE I LOVE

*When I am gone, release me, let me go . . .
I have so many things to see and do.
You musn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part.
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me,
I'll be near . . .
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear.
All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and 'Welcome Home.'*

CANCER DAY

Delchamps made a donation to the American Cancer Society of 5% of their income on Feb. 3rd. Several other Mobile companies and organizations helped support this very worthy cause, including the DSR. We were to park our antiques at the curb in front of the Delchamps store at Cottage Hill and University Blvd. to attract customers to the store, and in turn assist in the 5% donation to the cancer fund. Hill and Brooks Coffee Company invited all DSR members that planned to display an antique at Delchamps to a huge kick-off party, feast, entertainment and get-together involving 400 people at Mr. Hill's home west of Mobile the Tuesday night before the Delchamps display. It was fabulous! Popeye's Fried Chicken supplied the food -- and plenty of it! Everyone had a great time. Hershel and Anna both got involved in a conga line type dance with everybody laughing. 27 of our DSR folks were there in 13 antique cars and 2 moderns.

Then Wednesday morning at 10:00, the DSR had 21 folks in 18 antiques at the Delchamps store until 4:00 PM. We sat around in lawn chairs, greeted and talked to customers, and just had a very fine congenial time together. We ate at McDonalds across the street. I know the DSR helped the Cancer Society by assisting in soliciting donations plus getting Delchamps to be able to give a larger contribution to the Society. After Tuesday night's party and Wednesday's mid-day display, we were all tired enough to get a good night's sleep Wednesday night. It makes you really proud of the DSR for the worthwhile benefit we supported! Each of you can be proud of the part you played in this event! The Cancer Society does a lot of good!!!!



A FEW OF OUR DSR FOLKS AT DELCHAMPS CANCER DAY ANTIQUE CAR DISPLAY.



LLOYD AND HERSHEL "WORKING" FOR DELCHAMPS CANCER DAY.



Australia 9T2 Americans Down Under

This photo is on the back cover of the current "Model T Times", the publication of the Model T Ford Club International. In it is our own DSR members, Eric and Paula Gould that went on the Australian T Tour in the fall of 1992 and we had their write-up about it in the Nov. SPARKPLUG. Paula and Eric are 5th and 6th from the left in the photo.

"SUNDANCE DELI/PUB"

--by Patt Paquet

Sunny skies and balmy breezes from Mobile Bay made a pleasant afternoon for those DSR members who joined our friends from the British Car Club in Daphne at the Sundance Deli/Pub for an old fashioned 1950's Sock Hop. The "BCC" had things well organized when we arrived. It is always fun to visit with old friends and meet new ones.

There were 7 antique or classic cars and one very impressive "Low Rider" with all the accessories including a telephone, thanks to Jason McLaney. There were 2 Crowduses, 2 Jarvises, 2 McLaneys and 2 Paquets. Jim Henderson brought one of his cars over from across the street to display with the others.

The Sundance is located across the street from the Plantation Gallery and this provided us with the opportunity to do a little shopping. Also there are several small shops next to Sundance and we visited those as well. It was a very nice afternoon.

THINGS TO DO!

Remember the Catahoula outing on the 26-27-28 of this month! This is one we won't forget. It's the 11th and last one to be held at the Page home and the Jackson, MS club is furnishing the pig for their annual "pig-pickin'!" Jerry and Linda Page originated this annual all-club get-together and I'm sure Jerry would have been pleased to know everyone attended that could. He was certainly a friend to everybody! Another outing the DSR members are invited to is the annual Louisiana Region AACA week long tour at Thanksgiving time into Florida. We will have more on this later. On the back of this newsletter we have dates of lots of interesting antique car events and dates that are coming up.

AND DO REMEMBER OUR DSR MEETING THIS COMING THURSDAY NIGHT, FEB. 25th, AT 7:30 PM. We've been having excellent attendance at our meetings; they are interesting, congenial and informative. Please be there! Buddy is doing a super job as President! Then don't miss Bobby Likis, of radio and TV fame, on Sunday the 28th (the Sunday after the meeting) from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the clubhouse! Bring him your questions about your car. He is one of the best!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!



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COMING SHOWS AND EVENTS IN OUR AREA

Feb.	28	Bobby Likis at the Clubhouse, 2 to 4 PM.
Feb.	27	Theodore Swap Meet. For information call 653-6228.
Feb.	26-28	11th Annual Catahoula Region outing at Page home.
Mar.	6	Coastal Classic Car Show at Fort Walton.
Mar.	27	Old South Show at Fort Conde in Mobile.
Mar.	26-27	Gulf Coast National Mustang Show, Univ. Mall P'cola.
Apr.	3	Gold Cup Antique Car Race at Panama City, Florida.
Apr.	3	Nothing New Car Show at Thomasville, Alabama.
May	1	Mobile Bay Mustang Invitational Meet. (Location later)
May	1	Chevy Fever Show. '55, '56, '57 Chevys. Mobile.
May	8	DEEP SOUTH REGION SHOW at the Clubhouse!!!!!!!!!!!!
June	19	13th Annual Blueberry Festival & Car Show -- Brewton.
July	17-18	29th Annual Nocalula Falls Meet at Gadsden.
Sept.	25-26	Lakeside Mustang Show, Metairie, LA.
Oct.	2	Daphne Lion's Club Charity Antique Car Show.
Oct.	3	South Alabama British Car Club Show in Fairhope.
Oct.	6-10	HERSHEY!
Oct.	16	Tentative date of New Orleans Show.
Oct.	24	Meridian, MS Show at Village Fair Mall.
Nov.	19-21	Moultrie, GA Fall Swap Meet.
Nov.	20-27	Louisiana Region Thanksgiving Tour. DSR invited.

Yep! White paper again this month.
Deluxe colored paper in next months!

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