

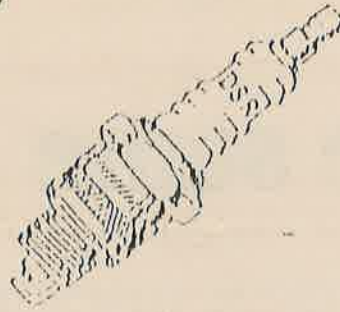
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1994 OFFICERS

NEWSLETTER OF THE
DEEP SOUTH REGION

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DSR... this one is for you

Thanks to the membership's confidence in the continued growth and the far-sightedness of those attending the January meeting, DSR will initiate its most ambitious project ever.

If approved by the City of Mobile from whom we lease the property on which the clubhouse is located, the first of a three-stage addition will begin soon. If all goes well, the first stage could be completed in time for the annual car show.

Following a report of the Building Committee's Chairman and Vice Chairman, Robert Moore and Paul Bowden, the membership agreed to begin preliminary site work in preparation to pour a 15' X 36' concrete slab. The entire addition will be 30' X 36' at a total cost of \$14,000.00 but the first stage will run approximately \$1,400 which is available in the building fund at this time.

The second stage of the addition will be to erect a roof over the slab to form a covered patio when the monies are accrued. The third, and final, stage will be the enclosure of the structure to give the clubhouse 1,080 square feet additional space.

Leaving the kitchen, restrooms and heating/A-C unit in place will keep expense down by not moving existing power and water supply sources. Also, the new addition will have a separated heating/A-C unit allowing either all or a portion of the clubhouse to be heated or cooled.

This is a long-term "pay-as-we-go" situation and NOT one in which members will be asked to make contributions to do. It will be financed by other fund raising efforts over the necessary time frame.

When there is a large attendance at our meetings, seating space can be almost nil. With the addition, not only will we have ample room for the meeting but with the clubhouse divided into two separate sections, more than one activity can be conducted at the same time.

It is time to start selling ads for the 1994 Car Show Program. Prices are as follows: 1/8 page (business card size) \$25.00; 1/4 page - \$50.00; 1/2 page - \$75.00; and a full page ad for \$100.00. DSR has received our first confirmation for an ad this year and it is for \$50.00! If you need help with selling the ads, call me and I will be glad to assist you in any way possible.

Patt

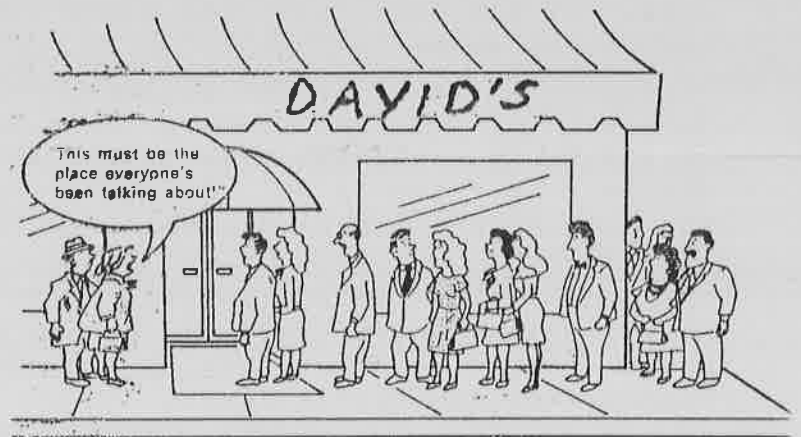
'More of the same ... in 1994'

DSR's third annual "catfish run" to David's Catfish House in Baldwin County was a grand start for the new year. In 1992 we had 39 who made the trip and in 1993 the number increased to 47. This year we had a total of 45 members and guests.

This outing gives us the opportunity to visit but especially it gives the new members a time to get to know each other as well as all of us.

After the meal some of the group went to the Antique Mall in Daphne to see the new tea room which has just opened there. If you are not aware of it, the Antique Mall is owned by DSR members Jim & Nancy Henderson.

Attending the January outing were 2 Brelands, 2 Browns (Tom), 2 Cammons, 2 Carters, 2 Cochrans, 2 Crosdus, 2 Dillehays, 1 Finley and a guest, 2 Francis, 2 Jarvis, 2 Jordans and grandson, 2 Lunsfords, 2 McLaneys (Dale) with Jason and Hope, 2 Moores, 1 Moseley, 2 Neese, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets and guest, 2 Whighams, 2 Whites and 2 Youens.



Welcome

Charles & Robbie Lyles joined as DSR members in January.

Their "pride & joy" car is their 1937 Pontiac which you probably have seen at the What-a-Burger cruise in.

They live in Theodore, own Fowl River Towing and have one daughter and one son. Their son will graduate from the Alabama State Trooper Academy on Friday, Feb. 18th and Charlie and Robbie are planning to attend.

Feb. 1, 1994

To All My Friends at D.S.R.
Thanks so much for the cards, phone calls and visits before and after my surgery. You are really a great group and I'm so glad to be a part of this Club.
I love you all.

Lawrence Hopkins

JANUARY

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No two human beings have made, or ever will make, exactly the same journey in life.
- Sir Arthur Keith

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February 1994

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The March outing will be a Car Clinic at the clubhouse with tentative plans for a COOK-OUT TO FOLLOW!!!!!!

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| 20 Spring Begins | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 St. Patrick's Day DSR Meet Clubhouse 7:30 PM | 25 | 26 Old South Car Show |
| 27 Palm Sunday Passover | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

TECH TIPS

Air conditioning your wallet... Do not let A/C specialists scare you into big-bucks conversion of your system. After 1995, Freon (R-12) will not be made, period. Only R-134a will be sold. Most older systems will be compatible with this new product, IF you make correct modifications.

(A) Your compressor WILL handle R-134a, the oil in your compressor WILL NOT. A new type synthetic oil is necessary.

(B) Your evaporator, condenser and hoses, if in good condition, will handle the new product.

(C) Your drier WILL NOT do. It must be replaced because of the different oil and new desiccant needed.

(D) The same amount of oil will be used, but probably 10% less than R-12 will do the job.

(E) Only certified mechanics can handle the exchange. R-12 will be recovered with the recovery machine (which requires a long evacuation) then the system flushed and re-charged with R-134a. Special high and low pressure ports will be installed and the system must be labeled as to its modification.

Now for the amateur...a mixture of R-12 and R-134a or air in the system can cause a violent explosion. Eye protection is a necessity; and no guessing is allowed on what is inside the system.

This is a simplified description only to keep you out of trouble and undue expense. We need you as club members. DO NOT USE L.P. gas in your system or you may be labeled "extra crispy" as a result.

Pierre Fontana

Congratulations

Pierrettes sing out for Hollywood

"Hooray for Hollywood" was the theme of the 47th annual ball of the Pierrette Mystic Society, held at the Mobile Convention Center Saturday. Following the welcome address by Kelle Jones, the spotlight revealed the lovely Pierrette, the emblem of the Society who wore the traditional costume of black, white and silver. Mark Bazor was her escort.

The queen was escorted by George Demetropulos. Her hand-beaded gown was encrusted on fuchsia satin with silver rocalles, fuchsia and silver sequins and an array of Austrian crystals sweeping from the sweetheart neckline to the trumpet skirt of silk chiffon sparkling with Austrian crystals. A cascade of silk chiffon ruffles lighted with Austrian crystals formed a majestic portrait collar. Bordered with ermine and fuchsia sequins, the train of fuchsia velvet was lined with matching satin embroidered with fuchsia and silver sequins with silver rocalles beads and rhinestones. This ensemble was designed and made by Valerie and Loren Banks of Valerie Banks Designs Inc. of Spanish Fort. Her tiara was designed by Tommie Cain of Dynasty Collections.

Costumes were designed by the ball committee and made by Barbara Boshell.

Music was by Stan Clarke, Jubilations and the Ghostriders. Stage and room decorations were by Ron Barrett of Zimlich Brothers.



It appears that DSR members have fallen victims to first one type of illness or another. Best wishes to all of them for better days soon.

Geary Polk is back in Mobile from being hospitalized in Birmingham. He is still on medication and is very sick but enjoys the cards. He is with his sister and his address is P.O. Box 850278 Mobile AL 36685.

Charlotte Vinson has been under the weather and visited her mother, Jewel Bell, until she recovered.

Lucille Nettles is slowly improving after her knee surgery. She gets around some and is looking forward to getting the cast off hopefully 2/18/94.

Viola Howell is up and going. She still has more treatments to take and has an excellent attitude.

Minutes



DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA GENERAL MEETING

The January 27, 1994 meeting of the DSR was called to order by Buddy Paquet, president, at 7:30 PM. The invocation was given by Hershel Whigham. There were 31 members and one guest present.

OLD BUSINESS

The Building Committee report was presented by Robert Moore and Paul Bowden. The committee recommended that the 30 X 36 foot addition be done in three stages for a total cost of approximately \$14,000. The first stage would be site preparation and pouring the slab and would cost approximately \$1,400. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Ernie Youens and seconded by Bob Hedberg to use money from the treasury and proceed with stage one. The motion carried. Buddy will send a letter to the City of Mobile Building and Grounds Division to advise them that we are ready to proceed with this project.

John Reid made a motion with the second by Lloyd Crowdus to accept the December minutes as published in the Sparkplug.

The December Financial Report was accepted as presented on a motion by Lloyd Crowdus and second by Anna White.

Robert Moore reported the recent Catfish Outing was attended by 45 members.

NEW BUSINESS

Buddy Paquet presented for membership Charles Lyles and his wife Robbie. Acceptance was unanimous.

The January Financial Report was accepted as presented on a motion by Tommie McLean and second by Al White.

Robert Moore reported on numerous activities coming up. The Tillman's Corner parade will be held 2/12/94. A brief discussion was held regarding "no throws-no go's" when the club is invited to be in a parade. It was decided to consider participation in events on a case by case basis.

John Reid discussed the February Outing planned to tour the Coast Guard Aviation Center at Bates Field. Meet at the clubhouse on February 19 at 9 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Lycile Crowdus and Anna White volunteered to coordinate refreshments for the February meeting.
2. There is a need for calling committee "back-up" members. Call Buddy Paquet or Joan Lunsford if you can help.
3. Buddy Paquet, chairman, reported that the car show committee has need for committee chairpeople and members. Jerry Findley has volunteered to co-chair this large project. Other committee chairs are: Patt Paquet, program; John Reid, head judge; Lycile Crowdus, registration.

Members are needed to sign up to chair or be a member of a committee. Sign up at the February meeting or call Buddy Paquet.

The 50/50 Pot was shared by BL Cannon and the Club (\$15/\$15).

There being no other business or announcements, a motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Findley with second by Hershel Whigham. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

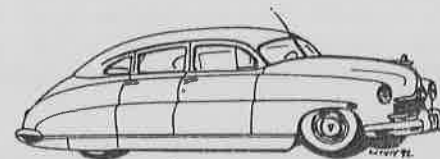
Respectfully submitted,

Jane Butler

Don't forget to list any items you are in need of or that you would like to get out of your way.

BUY IT

SELL IT



Don't forget the monthly meeting on Feb. 24th.

There will be quite a lot to discuss.

The 1994 Roster of Members will hopefully be ready at the March meeting.



The Sparkplug is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. DEEP SOUTH REGION meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month in the clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive and Ziegler Boulevard at 7:30 p.m. Membership in The Antique Automobile Club of America is required to be a member of this region. Annual local dues are \$15.00 and AACA national dues are \$20.00 single and \$24.00 Joint (husband/wife). Views expressed in the Sparkplug are not necessarily those of the Region officers or AACA.

MRS. LAMBERT C. MIMS
3008 Bryant Road
Mobile, Alabama 36605

January 31, 1994

Dear Friends:

Many people are calling to ask how they may help me. Prayer for Lambert is the most important thing anyone can do for me because Maxwell A.F.B. Prison Camp is a Federal Prison and it is not, as some people think, a Country Club. There are 800 prisoners housed there on all kinds of charges.

Our son, Daniel, and Tom Haas, our other Attorney are doing everything possible through legal channels to obtain a re-hearing before the whole Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

In the meantime, we are asking our friends to write letters asking for a Pardon or a Commutation of the sentence. These letters should be addressed to the President, Senator Heflin, Congressman Callahan, the Pardon Attorney, and the White House Counsel. Names and addresses are shown at the end of this letter, along with Lambert's address. We would appreciate having copies of your letters mailed to our home, if possible.

The letters should begin with a request to pardon or commute the sentence of Mr. Lambert C. Mims, #03949-003, who is now incarcerated at the Maxwell A.F.B. Federal Prison Camp in Montgomery, Alabama.

The rest of the letter should contain your own thoughts about Lambert, his character, the unfairness of trying someone with several others; or perhaps mention the fact that because of Lambert's high visibility as a twenty year veteran of Public Office, and an outspoken Christian, the case was watched closely by everyone; and that the evidence to convict was just not produced, or you may prefer to use something in the body of my letter.

While visiting Lambert at the Maxwell facility I was struck by the number of non-violent, white collar, prisoners incarcerated there. I won't call them 'criminals' because I'm not sure they should be stigmatized by identifying them in that way. I know that Lambert is not guilty of any wrong doing, and should not be classified as a criminal.

I believe our method of sentencing non-violent Business and Professional people should be changed. It seems that we are constantly hearing someone propose "new taxes for more prisons". My personal opinion is that we, the taxpayers, should send a deluge of letters to our representatives in Washington insisting on a change in the method of sentencing.

Instead of locking up all that talent, these people should be sentenced to some type of community service with a fine, or given a sentence of House Arrest. This would eliminate some of the overcrowding of prisons, as well as the \$35,000.00 annual cost of housing and feeding each Federal Prisoner. In my letter, I request that a wholesale release

be made of all non-violent prisoners all over the country, especially those incarcerated on a first offense.

I personally know the family of a young woman who was murdered in Florida. The murderer is under House Arrest. There is something patently wrong with a system that will place a murderer under House Arrest and imprison the non-violent person.

Thanks to all of you who have called and sent cards since Lambert left. Please know that our entire family appreciates all the concern shown to us since this travesty of justice began four years ago.

Sincerely,

Reecie P. Mims

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Addresses

Honorable William J. Clinton
President
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Washington, D.C. 20500
Dear Mr. President:

Pardon Attorney
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530
Dear Sir:

Honorable Howell T. Heflin
United States Senator
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Washington, D.C. 20510
Dear Senator Heflin:

Mr. Bernard Nussbaum
White House Counsel
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500
Dear Sir:

Honorable H. L. (Sonny) Callahan
United States Representative
1330 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
Dear Congressman Callahan:

Lambert Carter Mims MON-3
#03949-003
FPC Maxwell A.F.B.
Montgomery, Alabama 36112

MARDI GRAS AT TILLMAN'S CORNER

-by Ernie Youens

At 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, February 12th the second annual Tillman's Corner Mardi Gras parade was held and the DSR was invited to attend. The club had voted to not participate in the downtown parades, but this is a much "milder" parade. Even so, there were an unbelievable number of spectators cheering us and calling for moon pies and beads! The Tillman's Corner folks were very orderly, well mannered, (except for 1 or 2 old grouches) and very enthusiastic. Because of the huge spectator turn-out, most of us gave out of throws before we were half way through the parade. There were many more people than at last year's first Mardi Gras parade there. We will have to keep this in mind if we are able to participate again next year.

After the parade many of the DSR folks went to the old Randolph's Seafood restaurant (it has a new name now) for a good meal before heading home.

Attending the parade we had 28 DSR folks in 15 antique cars, quite a nice turn-out for a very nice parade in beautiful sunny weather! We had: 3 Bowdens, 2 Crowdus, 1 Fontana, 1 Francis, 3 Garlands, 2 Hunts, 3 Jordans, 2 Dale McLaneys, 2 Thomas McLaneys, 1 Moore, 3 Paquets, 2 Reids, 1 White and 2 Youens.

February illnesses, ect. continued from Page 3

Gladys Edwards was in Mobile Infirmary for approximately a week but is home now.

Floyd Jordan had surgery on his hand on Jan. 24th and is doing just great now.

Hershel Whigham got his hand caught in a tiller the end of January but now has the stitches out but some remaining stiffness.

Frank Sturges is slowly improving. His doctors told him Mother and Father would take care of him...Mother Nature and Father Time.

Laverne Hopkins continues to improve after her surgery but is having trouble getting her strength back. After four major surgeries in 4½ years, it is little wonder.

Ernie Youens lost his voice a while back but now he has the flu and just can't get over the cough.

Yours truly has had I don't know what but I wouldn't give it to my worst enemy. Normally,

I don't go to the doctor but I have been three times in less than 10 days

FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

In this time when we hear the word "slander" so often, we would do well to remember the following from Luke 6:45.

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringth forth that which is good and an evil man out of the treasure of his heart bringth forth that which is evil, for of the abundance of th heart the mouth speaketh."

The above verse applies to the person who speaks before he thinks. We must always be careful when speaking of another person. The damage is done, never to be reversed so therefore the statement: "If you can't say something good about a person, don't say anything."

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Attempts to contact Rep. Mike Mikell have not been successful. However, it seems that his proposal is not yet in the form of a bill so therefore no copies are available.

It is my understanding that his proposal would prohibit operation of vehicles with antique tages between the hours of 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Ronald Barnett, an AACA National Director, who lives in Union Grove, AL has written to Rep. Mikell and I have a copy of the letter which will be posted at the meeting for anyone who is interest to see



Show Biz

Mar. 17-19 AACA National Winter Meet - Melbourne, FL
Mar. 19 Open Car Show sponsored by Azalea City Classics Chevy Club
Mobile Festival Center
Mar. 26 32nd Old South Antique Car Show - Fort Conde
Apr. 9 Open Car Show sponsored by Mobile Bay Mustang Club
Bellingrath Gardens
Apr. 10-15 AACA Founders Tour - Gainesville, GA
Apr. 23 9th Annual Gold Cup Car Race - Panama City to Aplachicola, FL
Apr. 23-24 Atlanta '94 Swap Meet/Cruise In
Apr. 27 Pate Swap Meet - Cresson, TX
Apr. 30 Mobile Bay Mustang Club Ford Powered Car Show - Sam's Club
Apr. 30 Azalea City Classics Chevy Show - I-65 Holiday Inn
May 7 DEEP SOUTH REGION'S 11th ANNUAL CAR SHOW - CLUBHOUSE
May 19-21 AACA Southeastern National Spring Meet - Shelbyville, TN
May 27-29 AAECM's Point Cadet Show - Biloxi, MS
June 14-19 Petit Jean Show & Swap Meet
July 23-24 30th Annual Noccalula Falls Show
Sept. 2-5 Mustang Grand National Meet - Pensacola, FL
Oct. 5-9 HERSHEY!!!
Oct. 15 Tentative date for New Orleans Show

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Have you paid
your dues????
If not...this
is your last
newsletter!!!