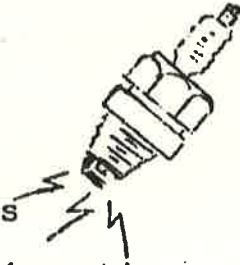


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Ray Harper - President  
H. D. & Jeanette Lowe - Activities

Ernie Youens - Editor

The DSR Christmas Party, last 1981 meeting, and election of 1982 officers was well attended by 64 members and guests. All arrangements were made by Brenda Rollins, Shirlee Butler, and Mary Lewis. President Ray Harper called the meeting to order at 7:15, Rev. George Skipper returned thanks, and we all enjoyed a very fine meal. Many gag gifts were given out by Ray to commemorate events of 1981 with laughter and comments, galore! Everyone present received a door prize. Ballots were given out to all DSR members and Ray appointed Hop, Therrell, and Junie to serve as tellers. A move was made and seconded to raise dues \$1.00 per year per member (except wife members). Motion carried. Ray made a call for volunteers to lead 1982 activities each month and got good response. A motion was made and seconded to pay Dr. Wright's dues from the club treasury for allowing us the use of his office at 266 So. McGregor Ave. as our meeting place. Motion carried. The tellers reported the results of the election as follows:

President - Ray Harper  
Vice Pres. - Lloyd Crowdus  
Secretary - Jeanie Dobbs  
Treasurer - Ick Crane  
Activity Coordinators - H. D. and Jeanette Lowe  
Member at large - Herb Counselman

A call was made for 1982 dues and the response was excellent. Ray announced that a door prize would be given at each meeting during 1982. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45. It was a great party!!!! Congratulations to Ray, Katherine, Brenda, Shirlee, Mary, and all others involved in making this party such a success. Many thanks also to all those that worked hard to obtain the many door prizes. Ray has video taped the entire party and it is good and very much worth seeing.

**NOTE** If you have not paid your 1982 dues, they are now \$5.00 for one active member; \$6.00 for both husband and wife. Please pay Ick, Ray, or Jeanie and keep in on the DSR good fellowship and continue to share the good clean fun!

Congratulations are in order to DSR member Jimmy Neese for being elected president of the Old South Antique Car Club. We are proud of Jimmy and look forward to good cooperation and fellowship with our sister club.

On January 3rd Ray called a meeting of the new DSR executive board. The meeting opened at 5:15 PM with the board pledging cooperation with Old South Antique Car Club in 1982. Tentative dates for activities were decided on and each person involved was called for approval. The calendar of 1982 events are in this newsletter. Please post it on an inside door of a kitchen cabinet, or somewhere it can be readily referred to. If you need another copy for posting, see Ernie. Discussion was made on ways to get even more people out to meetings and activities. Some discussion was made on the 1982 ninth annual DSR tour on July 11 to 17 with plans being made to go to northern Arkansas with a possible excursion into the state of Missouri.

Ed and Gloria Rothenburg had volunteered to have the January outing and it was set for Sunday the 17th. The calling committee had rather short notice because of the weather, and as a result, they were unable to reach a few people that I'm sure would have liked to have attended. In spite of the short notice, however, there were 11 antiques and 2 moderns with 26 people to meet at Pinebrook for a short but very pleasant run through the very pretty western section of Mobile, ending up at the Rothenburg residence on Cottage Hill Road for a delightful treat of snacks and refreshments. It was a most pleasant way to start the 1982 outings. The typical DSR good fellowship abounded! We all enjoyed having along guests Kitty and Joe White. They are looking for an antique, preferably a Model A.

OUR PREZ SEZ:

The Central Alabama Region of AACA at Montgomery has a point system for attendance and we at the DSR like their system, and plan to adopt it in 1982. This is how the point system works:

The point system will work toward earning you a Participation Award at the end of the year. Three or four of these are generally given to those families which attend the most DSR sanctioned happenings each year.

One point is given for each husband and each wife who attends. If you drive your antique you are awarded another point. If each of the two of you drives an antique you are awarded an additional point. If a member is not married but attends, he is awarded two points in order to make competition fair. Note that points are given not only for regular meeting attendance but also for DSR sanctioned events.

Make that extra effort to begin attending regularly now if you haven't in the past and who knows? Perhaps you'll be hanging a handsome wood plaque on your wall come the December '82 Christmas Party.

Ray Harper - Pres.  
Lloyd Crowds - VP

There were 6 DSR cars in the Saraland Christmas parade on Dec. 19th and the temperature was 17 degrees! For the past several years they have requested one open antique and I have always furnished it, being a Saraland resident. This year, however, the DSR was be-latedly asked for as many cars as possible, but I informed them we need more advance notice so it can be brought before the club. We now have an official invitation for cars NEXT Christmas. Its a short distance and a slow parade, but very nice and well attended. Be thinking about it for Christmas of 1982 and lets give them a nice turnout of DSR antiques!

Marien Brent left on a three month sailing cruise with friends in early December. They are sailing to the Bahamas and none of them have been able to "enjoy" our 7 degree and prolonged freezing temperatures. Marien loves sailing and we know she will have a wonderful time on her extended vacation. Marien should be home sometimes in late February or March.

In December Cecil Therrell had an unfortunate accident on his job at Scott Paper Co. A heavy piece of equipment being lifted swung into him. Cecil quickly ducked, which saved his life, but it caught his left hand and crushed it badly. One finger was lost. He and Pat attended the DSR Christmas party with his hand in a cast. We are all very sorry about this unfortunate accident and hope Cecil a speedy recovery.

Last November Hop acquired a 1927 Chevy engine from Robert Liggett and plans on building it up into a ~~good~~ perfect engine.

Although the cost of living is high, I don't know anybody who wants to stop his payments.

Hop and LaVerne went to Memphis for Christmas and spent the holidays with LaVerne's sister. While they were there ole Hop almost bought a (excuse the expression) 1925 Model T Ford pickup. Can't you just see Hop driving around in a FORD pulling all those Chevrolets?

Jimmy Neese has acquired a factory built antique car trailer big enough to haul his 1933 Franklin. We are soon going to have as many trailers as antique cars in the DSR.

#### WEDDING BELLS

Pamela Gaye Coleman and Jonathan Tine Harper, together with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harper invite you to share in the joy of the beginning of their new life together when they exchange marriage vows on Friday, the twenty-ninth of January, Nineteen hundred and eighty-two at seven o'clock in the evening. Oak Park Church of God. 5944 Three Notch Road, Mobile, Alabama. Reception immediately following ceremony in the Fellowship Hall.

Ray and Katherine have extended this invitation to all the old car folks. Lets all go give Tine and Pam a good send-off on their marriage. It will be a beautiful wedding.

Robert Liggett recently visited relatives in Tennessee where he found a 1927 Model T 4 door sedan. He had a few sleepless nights wondering whether or not to go get it but finally decided not to. We just almost had another model T in the club.

We missed another "Wedding Bells" announcement in our November SP. Don Hartman and Jan Gunter were married on October 30th. Don and Jan were at the Christmas Party along with Don's sons Charles and John with his wife, Gail. We wish all the Hartmans much happiness and from the looks of things, Ole Don will soon be "Grandpa Hartman".

We are very sorry to report that Betty Brown has been having problems with her legs and cannot ride very long at a time. We all sure wish the best for Betty and hope that she and Lon will be antique "automobubbling" around soon.

Happy days ahead for Fred and Helen Newell. Fred recently retired and he is planning on more time in a restoration project. Fred owns a 1940 Ford pickup and with his son, Fred Jr. owning a paint and body shop on Shelton Beach Road, he shouldn't have any trouble getting a little help. We are all pleased with this bit of news and wish Fred and Helen many happy retirement years.

Art Griffin is always involved in a restoration job. At present he is working on another 1800 series Volvo Sport Coupe, and knowing Art, I can guarantee it will be first class when he finishes it.

Elvin and Daryl Few have been working on their 1936 Pontiac and I'll just bet Nell is right close by if she isn't in the garage with them. The Fews are trying to get it ready for the DSR tour in July.

Ray Harper is working on his own model A engine under Bill Dobbs supervision. All I can say to Ray is, "Watch out!" Ole Bill loves to play tricks and that model A engine just might run backwards. Sure hope ole Ray can fit all six pistons in good and snug.

Albert and Lois Carver have the upholstery ordered for the 1931 model A and expect delivery in March. When they get it installed their long project will be finished and we will have another very excellent A running around with us. Al and Lois are hoping to join us on the July tour this year.

Looks as if this SP will never end, doesn't it? I try hard to confine each SP to 2 or 3 pages, but this month it just got away.

Bud Moseley has the fenders off of the 1929 model A and is in the process of painting them. The Moseleys are sure going to have a real pretty and fine tour car. Bud is wanting to get to work on their 1930 A coupe as soon as th '29 is finished.

Ann Jarvis, you may remember, broke her foot last year. She has been having quite a bit of trouble with it lately so she went back to her doctor and he removed a steel pin that had been put in when she broke the bone. Ann is doing much better now and we are all happy that she is over the long ordeal.

Ray found a beautiful fully restored 1928 Model A tudor sedan. It is two-tone green with correct color and upholstery for \$4500. If you are interested in a very fine antique, ready to go see Ray or call 661-5017

ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOWS IN OUR AREA:

April 1-2-3- Pinebelt Antique Car Club in Hattiesburg at Cloverleaf Mall. Awards banquet Sat. night, April 3rd.

April 4 All club picnic at Fort Pike, Highway 90 east of New Orleans. Bring your own lunch -- Everybody invited.

May 27-28-29 Annual show at International Plaza at Biloxi.

October 16 Tentative date for New Orleans Antique Auto Show.

On February 21 the Rollins will be leading us on an outing. We will meet at Pinebrook at 2:00 PM and drive to the Sheriff's Posse Lodge on Moffat Road for a covered dish dinner. The Rollins led us on the same outing last year and it was a real success. The place is beautiful and inside will be an inviting, roaring fire in the big fire-place while we all swap yarns. You will be called about the covered dish to bring so make your plans now to join us Sunday afternoon on Feb. 21st. Brenda said we will leave in time to be home before dark. I know it is a long time until Feb 21 but this is you last SP until after the outing so mark it down on your calendar NOW!

Don't forget to post the enclosed CALENDAR OF EVENTS in a convenient place!

Don't forget DSR dues are due.

And don't forget our first meeting of 1982 with our newly elected officers on Thursday night, January 28, at 7:30 PM --- 266 South McGregor Ave. Remember what our Prez sez - 1 point for attending and 1 point if you bring your better half -- toward the Participation Award. Keep the old gas tanks full of 1982 gasoline and we'll see you at the meeting.  
THE DSR IS UNDER WAY!