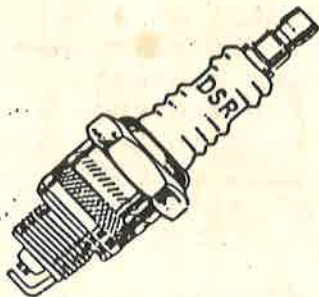


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A.A.C.A.



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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 \$10.00. This includes wife membership if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$15.00 single and \$19.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The 1985 DSR executive board held their first meeting on Monday, January 14th at 7:00 P.M. at the Crowdus home on Burma Road. President Lloyd opened the meeting at 7:00 sharp with all executive board members present. He first explained the duties of all elected officers and asked for questions. He made a request

that all executive board members be careful and not make decisions that concerns the DSR without approval of all DSR members. Our new treasurer, Katherine Harper, asked about writing of checks on the DSR account to pay our bills. Lloyd explained that only utility bills on the club house can be paid. All others must be approved at our meetings.

Lloyd complimented all members on the amount of work that has already been done for the DSR, particularly on the club house. Several suggestions on how refreshments will be served after our meetings and the clean up afterward. This will be brought up at our regular meeting on January 24th.

Lloyd requested help on getting antique car displays for local business establishments, who in turn, will make a donation to the DSR. Several local businesses have asked for information on this.

Ray Harper offered a suggestion that we plan a grand opening of the club house this spring when it is 100% complete, and invite all neighboring antique car clubs to attend. Ray also stressed a point that we must all make an effort to attend other club's shows in order for them to attend ours.

Discussion followed on ways to beautify the club house with flowers and of ways to raise money for utility bills without going into the treasury. There were several good and interesting suggestions.

1985 Activity Coordinator, Cecil Nettles, then made arrangements for the dates of all 1985 monthly outing and who is to lead them. All dates and leaders will be published in the SPARKPLUG but are subject to be changed to avoid conflicts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. and Lycyle served everyone her usual delicious home made cake, pies, coffee, and cokes.

Did you notice the change of officers at the top of the letter head and the change in the script writing just below the SPARKPLUG emblem above?

JANUARY

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Jan. 19 - Saturday -
Flea market sale at the club house, 951 Forest Hill Drive.

Jan. 24 - Meeting -
Our first meeting in the new club house at 951 Forest Hill Drive at 7:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY

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Feb. 23 and 24 - Outing to Jerry & Linda Page's home near Waveland, Miss. This is an "overnighter".

Feb. 28 - Meeting -
In the club house at 951 Forest Hill Drive and Zeigler Blvd. at 7:30 P.M.

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING:

On Sunday afternoon, January 6th, at 2:00, the 1985 DSR Show Committee met for their first meeting. Show Chairman, Ray Harper, called the meeting to order at his home with 19 members present.

Ray announced that trophies for the show were being made in the form of wall plaques similar to those used in the 1984 show. The cost of the trophies that Ray is having made will be \$500 against \$1000 to order "ready made trophies", a saving to the DSR of \$500. First and second place trophies will have miniature antique cars and third place will have a medallion fixed onto the trophies.

We will again sell DONATION TICKETS for the DSR at \$1.00 each. After discussion the committee decided on a color TV as first award, a cordless telephone as second, and a battery charger as third. The drawing will be at the show on May 11th.

For Friday night, May 10th, beginning at 5:00 P.M, entertainment is being planned. A possible \$15, \$10, and \$5 prizes may be awarded to any musician contestant that will volunteer Friday night.

Jeanie Dobbs is going to write AACA headquarters to inform them of our date. A pre-registration fee of \$5.00 with no charge for additional cars and a late registration fee of \$7.00 with no charge for additional cars was set. (This was voted on at our November meeting.) Three trophies for "hit-and-miss" antique engines will be presented. One each for the best unrestored, best restored, and brought the furthest distance. The "Best of Show" car will be the car with the highest point score. Don Dillehay will be in charge of registrations. We will again have a hospitality tent and a possible style show Saturday afternoon, May 11th.

The arrangements for the banquet were discussed but a final decision will be made after we obtain more cost information.

There was more discussion on other ways and activities to create more interest at the show.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00, then our hostess, Katherine, served us all delicious refreshments.

SICKNESS OF MEMBERS:

Lloyd and Lycyle recently made a trip to Tennessee to attend a Metropolitan Insurance Company party given to its former employees. While they both enjoyed the trip very much, both Lloyd and Lycyle came down with a type of respiratory problem because of the extreme cold weather at the time. They both have been limited as to what they can do but are slowly recovering. The DSR members all wish a complete recovery for these much needed people! We believe a little warm weather would do wonders for them.

Many of you know Dot Watkins, former DSR member, who was stricken with cancer three years ago. Dot had radiation treatments, suffered a lot, and yet was always smiling. We are most happy to report that she is now looking very good, completely free of cancer, and said people refer to her as a real walking miracle!!!! We are all thankful for Dot's recovery and wish her and Doyle many happy years!

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Hop's devotional is a bit long this month but I thought very good. He copied it from some of his church's literature. Hope you all take time to read it on the following page.



FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

"GO BACK TO THEM, MOSES".

MOSES: Lord I do apologize for bothering you so late in history, but they have sent me back with the commandments. The general view is that they won't do. You see, people want to worship you and all that, but they want you to keep up with the times.

GOD: Very thoughtful. You say it's the commandments that are the problem?

MOSES: Yes, Lord. It's felt they need some revision. Take the first one where you demand an exclusive allegiance. People feel this is intolerant and overdoing it.

GOD: Well, Moses, how would you feel if your wife showed you affection one day a week and ignored you the other six days?

MOSES: That's not the same thing.

GOD: Isn't it? Come, now, what relationship can survive on one day's attention in seven?

MOSES: Perhaps you have a point, Lord. Anyway, what about the second commandment? No graven images. Nothing before you. The general complaint is that you are a bit down on material things. They also say you're always asking for money for your church.

GOD: Quite wrong, Moses. Don't forget I am the author of all material blessings. All I ask for my work is one tenth of a man's income. If a man can't give that, he's put his money before me. His money is then his idol, a graven image, a god. What's next? And don't drop those tablets because I'm not making another set.

MOSES: Well, Lord, how about swearing? What you call "taking your Name in vain."

GOD: My commandment stands. How would you feel if one of your children cursed with your name?

MOSES: Really, Lord, you keep making it so personal!

GOD: But Moses, it is personal, isn't it?

MOSES: Well then, a day of rest and worship. Is it necessary?

GOD: Yes, it is. My people need rest and change, fellowship with each other, and spiritual refreshment. So I set aside a special day for the e things.

MOSES: Lord, you have good reasons for everything. I don't think we quite understood that.

GOD: No, that's my impression too. Let's hurry on. I'll put the questions now. You seem to be losing your nerve a bit. How do you feel about honoring you father and mother?

MOSES: Well, some of the young object!

GOD: Please ask the young to wait until they have children. What about the sixth commandment? No killing.

MOSES: The general principle is acceptable. They just want an amendment to cover irresponsible driving which is fun.

GOD: For whom? The driver or the victim? Number seven now. Adultery?

MOSES: Well, Lord, everybody does it. Sex is pretty much a free-for-all now. The law seems so old fashioned, so people break them.

GOD: No, Moses. They don't break the laws. The laws break them. Just look around. Very unscientific, too. You should know that one doesn't break laws. One just illustrates them. No, Moses, I recant not one word! Not on adultery, or on theft, or on false witness, or on covetousness. My commandments were given to protect and promote man's happiness, not restrict it. You see, I love men enough to want the best for them. To ask me to revise my commandments is to ask me to stop loving. You know I can't do that.

MOSES: No, Lord. No, you can't. So what am I to do?

GOD: Go back to them, Moses, and say that what I have written, I have written. And don't forget -- tell them I wrote it because I love them.

This article published in the "AZALEA CITY NEWS AND REVIEW" was given to me some time ago. It gives a pretty good account of the antique car clubs in Mobile, although in a few places it is not entirely accurate. It is very well handled by both Jerry and Lloyd and worth reading.

Azalea City News & Review, October 4, 1984

Go cars and show cars

by Susan Nelson

A Silver Cloud Rolls Royce, a top-of-the-line Mercedes Benz, a DeLorean convertible.

A list of the ideal cars? Maybe, to some people.

But there is a group of people in town whose idea of a dream car is a 1909 Sears Auto-buggy or a 1929 Hupmobile 4-wheel drive.

These people belong to the antique car clubs in Mobile. These two groups share an appreciation for old cars and the preservation of times past, in the Dixie where good times are not forgotten.

The Old South Antique Auto Club

In August of 1962 a group of five people with a common interest in old cars met for the purpose of discussing antique autos. That meeting cranked into life the Old South Antique Auto Club.

The club soon found it was on a fast track. Bi-monthly meetings were established to keep members informed of happenings in the antique car world and to plan family outings. Interest in ownership, restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the old automobiles grew and the club soon boasted many new members.

Parades, picnics, banquets and various other activities paved the way to success for the growing club, which also established an Annual Car Show and Display at Springdale Mall.

"Our main bylaw is to have fun," says Jerry Pulliam, a long-time member of the Old South Club. "(The club) was started for the purpose of preserving the old cars and the love of old cars; for something you could be proud to show."

Pulliam's children grew up around the old cars. Family vacations, in the form of antique car tours, soon became part of the summers for many members.

Pulliam's son, Jerry, remembers traveling with his sisters, Rhonda and Daphne, in the rumble seat of the 1923 T-model. He claims there's not a

better way to see the country.

"I've always loved old cars," says the elder Pulliam. "Before the children were born, I wanted to purchase one. My wife said, 'You can't buy a car until I get my furniture.' Then it was 'I've got to have my house before you can buy a car.' So after we got the furniture and the house, I started buying antique cars."

And he went hog wild. Pulliam now owns about 14 antique cars of various models and vintages. His 1923 T-Model placed second in a national car show. It was the first official car over the I-65 bridge with the Governor, the first official car over the new Dauphin Island bridge with the Governor, and it was in the Mike Hammer movie, *The Travelling Executioner*.

"Each car we have is roadworthy. You could just about eat of any part of the car," says Pulliam.

Disbanding

In 1967 the Old South was disbanded in order to bring the National Gliddon Tour to Mobile. The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) organized the tour and local clubs had to belong to the national before the distinguished caravan of old autos would travel to their city.

There was some disagreement among members about joining the national club. Membership in the AACA included the National Gliddon Tour, easy access to auto parts, insurance and other advantages. But some members did not want to pay dues to a national. So the Old South Club was revitalized.

Old car enthusiasts who just wanted a local membership joined the Old South. People who wanted membership in the AACA joined the Deep South Region club. Many of the antique car owners carry a dual membership.

"Each club tries to have an outing on different days, once a month, so there won't be any conflict. Those who are members of both clubs have two chances to bring the cars out and enjoy them," says Pulliam, who is a member of the AACA.

The Deep South Region

The Deep South Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) was chartered in March of 1967 with 29 members. The AACA, headquartered in Hershey, Pennsylvania, is the largest antique auto club in the world with regions and chapters all over America and many foreign countries.

The Deep South Region's roster book proclaims, "The greatest pleasure of antique car ownership is the fellowship and spirit of cooperation and helping each other in restorations as well as in touring."

Activities for the Deep South Club include parades, car shows and the 11th annual Smokey Mountains Tour.

"We've got go cars and show cars," says Lloyd Crowdus, president of the Deep South club.

Members can find parts and answers to questions concerning restoration by word of mouth. "Once you get in a club, we know so many people with cars, that somebody knows what you want and where to get it," explains Crowdus.

The colorful Crowdus is the proud owner of a canary-toned 1931 Model A Ford lovingly called "Old Yellar." Although the car never exceeds a speed of 40 miles per hour, there is still a sense of excitement when touring at the wheel of the historic authentic automobile.

Some of the Deep South Club members have been collecting cars for over twenty years. "You can't find them in old barns very often anymore," says Crowdus. "People are realizing their value now."

And their adventure, Crowdus might have added. The trunk of his horseless carriage runs over with extra gallons of water, hoses, spare carburetors, tow ropes and tools. Antique car owners can testify to the pleasures and the perils of tooling the backroads in style.

Membership in both of the clubs is diverse and the opportunities for participation are many.

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR PREZ:

A person with an hour to kill usually spends it with someone who can't spare a minute!

After the long, hard, and tiring but diligent effort that Lloyd spent getting our club house property, the building, utilities, and workers organized for the building, "Tex" Faust made a classic statement. He said that after watching Lloyd work, he was sure that Lloyd could sell sand to the Arabs!

John and Shirlee Butler have a beautiful and spacious new home that they build at 1620 Norwich Court in Mobile. Their 3 sons are all on cloud #9 in the new home. Shirlee said this is their last move and will live there the rest of her life! Famous last words, Shirlee!!!

- PLEASE NOTE -

Mrs. Faye Polk needs five more 22 ounce Ivory Liquid bottles to make the napkin holder dolls. How about helping out Mrs. Polk, ladies!

IT'S ALWAYS TOO SOON TO QUIT!!!

Pensacola's AACA West Fla. Region has begun publication of their first newsletter, "LUG NUTS & WENCHES" by editor Ken Tebay. This was taken from the newsletter.

FIRST ISSUE

This is our first go at a publication. It will be once every two months so hold on to your copy to remind you of meeting nights or just remember 3rd Tuesday of each month at Warren Hardware time 7:30 PM. For our paper to be successful contributions will be expected. Some have already been received, so when you find an article of interest please forward it to Ken Tebay or one of the officers. Please feel free to write your own. I'm sure you all have stories, tips, etc. relative to the hobby that would be of interest, such as, how I became hooked on antique cars or For Sale cars or Car Items, and Wanted. Our first meeting of 85 will deal with plans for the year, so you will receive a calendar of events, have it in a conspicuous place and see how many meeting and fun events you can attend. One of the neighboring clubs - Deep South Region - has its own club house relocated on their property, so you see we have a way to go-----

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome Mrs. Faye Polk into the DSR. Everybody knows Mrs. Polk! She is Geary's mother and is always "on the go", either with Geary, helping out at the club house, or just doing something! While Mrs. Polk has always been welcome to come with us, she is now a 100% qualified voting member.

OUR PREZ SEZ:

Now that the club house is in its final stages of being completed, I would like to thank all of the DSR members who have been so dedicated in this effort. However, we still need all of you to work together to complete this goal.

I would like to invite all of you to come to the first meeting on January 24th and personally see what has been accomplished.

I know you will be pleasantly surprised.

Lloyd

JAN. MYSTERY PHOTO



This popular little lady beside her brand new car is very active in the DSR and rarely misses a meeting or outing. Look very close, then come to the meeting Thurs. night and tell us who she is!!!! Remember, it's in our new club house 951 Forest Hill.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Because of some conflicts over club house work, and to avoid any possible miffed feelings, Lloyd is going to appoint 8 members to a building committee at our Thursday meeting. The committee's responsibility will be to set priorities, keep costs within a budget, and relieve the load that has been totally on Lloyd and Geary. This is a much needed move, as we surely do not want to work our best horses to death!

CLUB HOUSE NEWS

The club house has all utilities connected! Electricity, sewer, gas, and water. However, the water board knocked us off our feet with a \$450 connection fee that the DSR just doesn't have! We are going to have to raise that much by next week end, hopefully by a rummage sale on Saturday, Jan. 19th. The patio is poured and looks great. Flood lights are hooked up, porch is finished, painting outside complete, one of the rest rooms usable, central heating going, but we need a new roof, ceiling, and chairs. Lloyd and Geary have worked continuously trying to get some of our necessities donated and so far have done an unbelievable job! The \$450 is now the most urgent thing we have ahead.

FAIRHOPE ARTS AND CRAFTS:

The DSR has been invited to participate in the parade and Arts and Crafts at Fairhope again this year. It will be on March 17, Sunday. You will be notified by telephone as to time and place to meet.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB HOUSE:

Get on I-65 and turn west on Springhill Ave. When you get to Zeigler Blvd, which butts into Springhill without a turn, you will see the AACA club house. It's about 1 1/2 or 2 miles from I-65. On Zeigler turn to the right in front of the club house onto Forest Hill Drive for our driveway. We will be expecting you! That's Thursday, January 24th at 7:30 P.M. Bring your own chair, lawn, folding, or whatever, as we do not have seating facilities yet -- but PLEASE COME!!



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