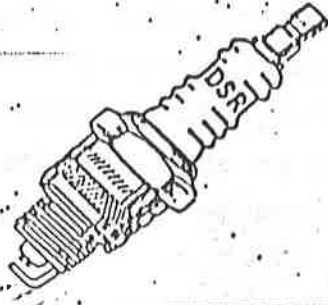


# Sparkplug

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



## 1989 Club Officers:

President: Bill Tunnell-675 9200  
Vice Pres.: Bill Whiting-666 1660  
Secretary: Brenda Rollins-661 1696  
Treasurer: Bob Hedburg-344 0423  
Activity: Dale McLaney-479 0823  
Memb. at Large: Geary Bolk-342 4594



Editor: Pierre Fontana | 661 7098

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Next Meeting: Jan 26 at 7:30

You all come, you hear.....

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.

## Minutes of Meeting Nov. 17, 1988

Meeting was called to order by President Lloyd Crowdus at 7:30pm, with 63 members present. Invocation was given by Vernon Hopkins. New members and visitors welcomed. Applications for membership on James and Janet McDole was presented to club and accepted. There was no reported accidents, sickness or deaths.

There was no reports from Vice President, or Secretary. The treasurers report was given by Katherine Harper and approved & accepted by the members.

Activity Coordinator, Ray Harper, reported on upcoming events: Sat Dec 3, Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade, candy will be furnished by Tillman's Corner this year; Sat Dec. 10 Loxley Christmas Parade, candy will be furnished; Sat Dec 17, Irvington Christmas Parade, candy not furnished. Members voted & approved that each member buy their own candy if they want to throw candy.

Lloyd Crowdus reported on Veteran's Day Parade, the club had 15 cars there. O.D. Dickerson reported on and read a letter of thanks from the Oak Park Church.

Lloyd Crowdus reported that insurance coverage on the club building had increased to \$25,000 on the building and \$5,000 on the contents, and a check had been sent in for the premium. Also reported that he had the gas turned on this past week.

Lloyd Crowds ask for approval to put the Christmas lights up on the club house, members voted on and approved.

Lou Eschette reminded that he found out that roll insulation could be used to insulate the ceiling of the club house, he will get 3 prices on installing this, beginning next week.

Pierre Fontana told of a 1941 Olds. for sale in Bay Minette, for \$2800, Pierre has the phone number. Ray Harold from Gorge Hill has Model A parts for sell

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Voting for 1989 officers was held, results were:

President-Bill Tunnell

Vice President- Bill Whiting

Secretary-Brenda Rollins

Treasurer-Sharon Fontana

Activity Coordinator- Dale & Betty McLaney

Member at Large-Geary Polk

Bill Tunnell stated that there would be a meeting of the new executive board in Jan. to appoint a new newsletter editor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Refreshments served.

Jan Hartman  
Secretary DSR



Polo Match...

International riders

Relaxed members...

Ernie, Eugenia, Lloyd

and Ann, must been

good.....

Actual advice, opinions, and complaints I have received from members about the SPARKPLUG and about what we do:

1. Why not leave out the report on the meetings. If members are interested let them come to the meetings!
2. I like the meeting report because I can't make every meeting.
3. I think the religious devotional just makes the newsletter!
4. Why don't you leave out the Chaplain's report -- nobody reads that stuff!
5. You report too much about sickness and deaths. That's depressing!
6. The SPARKPLUG should be only about old cars. You report too much about things unrelated to antiques.
7. I really like to know about our members. I like the personal touch!
8. You do a fine job about reporting what happens at the Board meetings and keeping the members informed. Keep it up!
9. Quit reporting what happens at Executive Board meetings. The members do not need to know!
10. Don't report Executive Board meetings. If members are interested let them come to a meeting for an oral report.
11. Getting the SPARKPLUG is like finding an Easter egg in the mail box!
12. I don't read the thing! I throw it in the waste basket!
13. I was at that outing and you left my name out!
14. Why didn't you make a special write-up about my car. It was the only one like it at the outing.
15. I told you at the meeting and you forgot! (So did 40 others!)
16. We don't need a newsletter!
17. We don't need a club house, we can meet in the park!
18. We don't need a show! They are too expensive and too much trouble!
19. We don't need money raising events! Raise dues to take care of it!
20. The newsletter is what holds the club together!
21. The beautiful, well kept club house makes me proud to be a member!
22. The DSR puts on the finest show in the entire area!
23. Attending fund raising events and talking with the people are things I enjoy most!
24. Raise dues one more time and I'm dropping my membership!
25. I'd rather pay \$100 any day than go on these fund raisers!
26. Get rid of the club house flower beds and just have a bare lawn!
27. Driving down Zeigler Blvd. the club house <sup>are</sup> beautiful!
28. On our antique car tour, why not leave the antiques at home this year.
29. Why don't the members cut the club lawn? Of course, I can't, I'm not able!
30. Why don't we just hire the lawn mowed?
31. Why mow anyway? It's too expensive.
32. Why leave on this outing at 8:00 A.M. That's too early!!
33. Why on earth do we have to wait around until 8:00 to go on the outing.
34. We go too fast on tours! Don't the leaders know these are antique cars?
35. Why do we need to drag around on the highway? It's dangerous! Why not speed up a bit!
36. The only thing I even belong to the club for is to go on the rallies!
37. I hate rallies! Why even have them? All they do is cause trouble!
38. I'd like to see the DSR grow to be the South's largest Region!
39. We'd be better off if we had only a dozen good members!
40. Ray Harper doesn't put on a show! The members put on the show!
41. Lloyd Crowdus doesn't make money for the club! The members make the money!
42. We couldn't have a show if it wasn't for Ray Harper arranging it!
43. We wouldn't have such a good treasury report if Lloyd Crowdus didn't arrange our fund raisers.

Maybe these things will make us all think of some of the things we say and consider what would happen if our "wants" came true! In reality, we need everybody's ideas -- but keep other members in mind when you make them!

TAG INFORMATION: Mobile, Decatur, Montgomery, Birmingham, issued porcelain tag as early as 1909.

Now all tags are made at Holman State Prison in Atmore, several millions.....  
The first "Powered" vehicle license in Ala. was issued on April 15, 1905 for a Marsh Motorcycle, cost: .25¢ in Jefferson County.....  
Porcelain tags were I2X5 color indicate the year.  
Teens, twenties were I5X6"; thirty I3½X5½ to sixty then I2X6"  
1943 & 1944 during the war, no metal, no tag..Just a Sticker on the windshield

# The goal is 75,000 members

## *Riggs challenges every member to recruit a member*

By Lloyd Riggs  
Vice President membership

Our 1988 National President, Howard Scotland, has charged us with trying to reach the goal of 75,000 members.

I believe the best way to achieve this goal is for "every member to get a member." This should be a relatively easy task for us!

Just think of the wonderful benefits each of us receives from belonging to the largest antique automobile club in the world. Why not vocalize that enjoyment?

Locally, we have club tours where we enjoy driving our antique vehicles; meetings where we socialize with friends and enjoy great refreshments; and local shows where we can show off our pride and joy to the public.

We also receive the local club newsletter. In it is current information on club activities, members, events and a section of classified ads.

Nationally, we have our great publication, "Antique Automobile" with timely articles on meets and events across the country as well as articles on various vehicles plus a great classified section.

For those among us who like to tour, we have such events as the Glidden, Reliability, and new Founders tours. Each is a great tour in its own right.

For those of us who enjoy showing our vehicles in competition we have national meets across the country as well as the annual Grand National Meet.

These meets are planned for different areas across the country at different times of the year in order to be of benefit to the greatest number of members.

All of these opportunities for enjoyment are there for the small sum of \$3 to \$4 per month (if you belong to a local club as well as to the national organization.)

Our great organization has so much

to offer the antique vehicle hobbyist that our job of selling our club to prospective members should be fairly easy.

Plan to carry a couple of membership applications with you in your auto's glove compartment so you will be prepared to sign up a fellow hobbyist the next time you are telling of the fun you had last weekend on the tour or last night at the meeting.

The membership applications are available from your local club or by contacting National Headquarters.

I believe the best informative booklet/membership application available is titled "Reflections from the Past."

The brochure includes a pictured presentation of the National Headquarters, the library, national meets, the annual meeting and the magazine. The brochure easily fits in a jacket breast pocket.

So let's learn to carry some with us at all times and "Every member get a member."

Sick Call: I only received messages on two Gold Bricks....

George Mazzagotte is in the Pensacola Naval Hospital and Cecil Nettles is in Mobile Infirmary both getting a minor tune up, no major overhall this time.....

L... Ford's Model "T" was the dream of C. Harold Wills...it was Wills who conceived the planetary pedal operated transmission and was the brain in design and production, including the Ford logo still used today, and all this time I believed Ford invented the car....

Want to see the oldest car?...it has been in a museum in Paris since 1801.....  
Made in 1769 in October that year, it ran into a wall and demolished the wall...  
Nicholas, Joseph Cugnot a french engineer probably did not have liability insurance but Napoleon liked him and helped him in endeavor.  
It was called a 1770 FARDIER, BY THE WAY IT HAD TO CARRY 5 TONNES ???????

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM #286320 J


I would like to thank everyone who campaigned, voted for, and supported me in the November 1988 election for club officers. It was very gratifying, flattering and even over-whelming to know that so many of you voted me in as club treasurer. However, I must be a candidate for the Guinness Book of World Records for holding the shortest term of elected treasurer. It must have been a whole five minutes before the "rug was pulled out" from under me by way of pointed disqualification for my absolute ignorance in forgetting to join the National A.A.C.A. Shame on me.

Never-the-less, it was not at all a total loss as (at the expense of the club members, so to speak) I gained much insight into human behavior and becoming almost humorous, had it not been for the embarrassment the majority of the club and I suffered through all the pathetic and ludicrous written inquiries sent to the National A.A.C.A. Headquarters regarding my track record as a member. This, is an important part I regret - that the club as a whole was caused an ensuing embarrassment which made us appear as Southern Rednecks void of class. This was grossly unfair to you, as members.

The grand finale came as we were deprived of our fine club president and one of the finest club newsletters in any of the National A.A.C.A. regions due to constant verbal abuse. This was dispicable and unforgivable.

I do hope that in time we will be able to overcome this blight put on our club.

Again, I sincerely appreciate all the votes and support you gave me.

  
Sharron Fontana



EDITOR'S NOTE:

First, a big thanks to the past D.S.R. officers, Lloyd-Jerry-Jan-Katherine-Ray-Tex-Ernie Delores-Jeannie-Vell- V. T.-Geary-Ed-Elven-Herb and all the other members having donated their time so we could enjoy the club's functions.

Many years ago, 29 of us started this Region, we wanted a newsletter, and so was borned the Sparkplug, during the years Ernie refined it to perfection. Was it really 1967 ?? My God...

Welcome to our new crew for 1989, Bill Tunnell, President--Bill Whiting, Vice-President Brenda Rollins, Secretary--Dale McLaney Activity Chairman--Bob Hedburg, Treasurer--Geary Polk, Member at Large--Pierre Fontana Editor, necessary appointments made later will be announced as I receive them.

Of Capital importance this newsletter is the forum for any and every member to offer, not impose, his or her opinions, wishes, suggestions, feelings, what ever he or she has to share with others.

Your material sent in will be reproduced as you wish, as is, no corrections, no omissions, no censorship or edited as usual, no anonymous anecdotes, stand for your beliefs...

I have literature, manuals on many cars from all parts of the world, since I had to do many repairs on them, if I can help lean, on me...

This typewriter is older than many of your antique cars, has not seen any action in years, I would really enjoy using 2 sticks of 60% nitro and send it to the moon.....

Members and out of town Clubs, send your material to the return address on the mailer. or call me at home: 205- 661 7098 evenings.

Pierre Fontana, Editor.

*Dec. Activities : By Dale & Betty*

December 3 rd. Tillman's Corner Parade.

On Saturday, we had 15 cars & 27 members meet for the parade. It was a beautiful day for a Christmas parade and every body seemed to really enjoy themselves. After the parade, some members walked through the Arts & Crafts booths at the Cloverleaf Shopping Center. Later several members went to Shoney's for lunch. It turned out to be a nice day of fellowship. Present were 3 McLaney's-Hopkins-2 Floyds Jordan-3 McDole's-2 Hepler's-Francis-Tunnell-Crowdus-2 Mosley's-2 Shaffer's-4 Whiting's-Eschete-Fontana 1 dog-2 Harper's-Nettle's

Dec 10 th. Loxley Parade.

On Saturday at 8 AM 7 cars met at the Battleship. It was very cold, so we all stopped in Loxley, we were treated to coffee by Condie Langham, it sure warmed them old bones.

We were met in Loxley by 7 more members, now numbering 20 and 12 cars. There was a big turn out for the Parade and was enjoyed by all.

After the parade, we all went by Condie & Lucille's Langham beautiful. new home. Later Don & Jan Hartman invited us to their home, which also was a beautiful place. They served us lunch for all the members and we had a feast. After lunch some of us rode to Robertsedale to Lawrence Moseley's home to look at all his fine antiques, he also have a beautiful place.

Our hats are OFF to Loxley for a fine parade & to Don and Jan Hartman for an excellent lunch and good hospitality.

PRESENT: Laurence Mosley-Codie & Lucille Langham-Don & Jan Hartman-Bert & Lois Carver-Dale Betty & Jason McLaney-Lloyd & Lycyle Crowdus-Floyd & Betty Jordan-Jim McDole & Family-Ernie & Eugenia Youens-Bill Tunnell-Hop Hopkins.

## THE PREZ SEZS

I hope everyone had Happy Holidays with a very merry Christmas. There are some members in the Region that I have not had the pleasure of meeting. So here is just a brief background on the new prez. I have lived in Saraland most of the time since moving there in 1952. I am a graduate of Vigor High and Auburn University. For 27 years I have been an electronic design engineer with the Corps of Engineers. We joined the Deep South Region in Nov. 1984. Linda, my wife, graduated from Satsuma High and South Alabama, and is an accountant with a private firm. We have two daughters, Kim and Pat, and a son, Jim. Linda has a 1961 Metropolitan and I have a 1957 Oldsmobile.

Now for Regional business. some members may not know that Sharron Fontana was not a member of the A.A.C.A. and, therefore, was not a member of the Deep South Region when elected Treasurer at the November meeting. This made her election invalid. I requested guidance from Mr. Ronald Barnett, the A.A.C.A. Vice President for Regions and the Chairman of the Policy and Procedure Committee.

Mr. Barnett recommended that we get the Treasurer Elect to join both the A.A.C.A. and the Region so she could become the Treasurer. Mr. Barnett also concurred that the Bylaws permit the Executive Board to fill the vacancy.

The Executive Board elected to consider the position of Treasurer on the Executive Board as vacant. The position as filled, as outlined in ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 of the Region Bylaws. After discussions with Pierre and Sharron Fontana, we appointed Pierre as editor of the Regional Publication, the SPARKPLUG. We appointed Mr. Robert Hedberg as Treasurer.

I realize that the Executive Board's action on the Treasurer position went against the majority vote of the November election and my basic belief is that the majority should rule. However, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 allows the Executive Board "...to proceed in any manner as may, in their judgement, serve the interest of the Region." (A copy of my letter and Mr. Barnett's response will be provided to any member upon request.)

Dues are due prior to March 1, 1989. You may give them to Bob at the meeting or mail them with a copy of your 1989 A.A.C.A membership card.

I am very optimistic about 1989. I have several ideas, which should make it a fun year for all of us. I know that each member has even better ideas, so lets exchange our thoughts and make 1989 an exciting year.

*Bill Tunnell*

Bill Tunnell

December 17 th. Irvington Parade.

On Saturday at noon, we had 27 members & 13 cars meet at O.D.'s for a delicious lunch. Later we drove to Irvington, we met 11 more members and 4 cars for a grand total of 17 cars and 38 members, plus 3 Old South cars. Bad luck Hopkins Met. broke an axle at O.D.'s and then his 27 Chevy was scraped by a wagon after the parade...but even with the bad luck we still had a good time. Several members dropped by James Francis's home for some cold drinks and R & R. For the members that missed these outings, you missed a lot of fun and we hope to see you all next year.

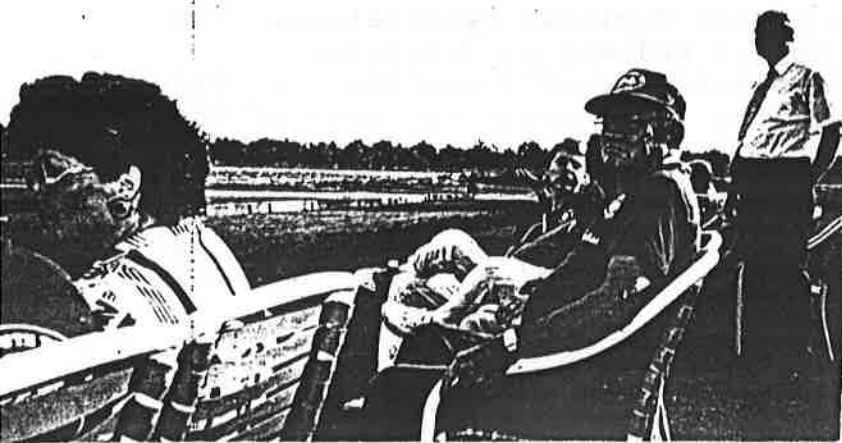
PRESENT: Gavin Edwards- 2 Youens- Bill Tunnell- 2 Floyd Jordan 3 Fontana- 3 Bobby Hover  
Ray Harper- O.D. Dickerson- 2 Hop. & Brown- 2 Lloyd Crowds- 4 Bill Whiting- 2 Lou Eschete  
3 Jerry Page- 3 Bud Moseley- 4 Dave Hepler- 2 Junie Jarvis

Your Activity Coordinators  
Dale and Betty McLaney

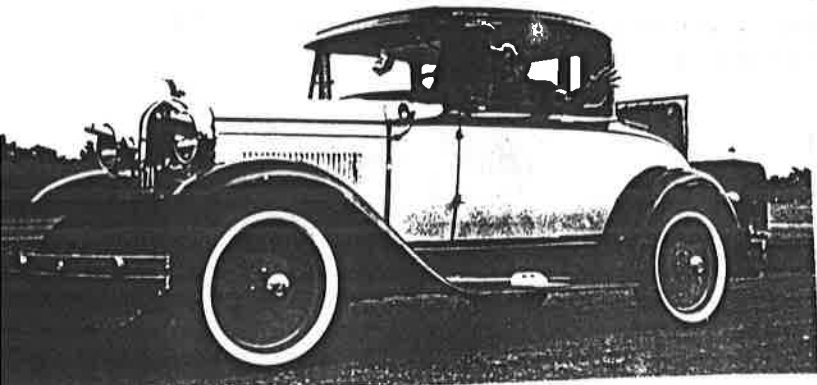
HEED TO THE METROPOLITAN GANG: NEVER use petroleum base brake fluid in your brake or clutch system (American brake fluid) in time, it will dissolve all the "real" rubber parts including flex hoses. Vegetable, Girling is the only one. American cars use synthetic rubber so it is not affected.



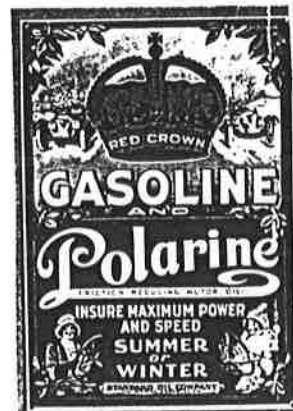
*Westminster  
Village*



*Where is  
the Rock?  
at the  
Polo Match.*



*Dirty Old Man  
waiting at young  
girls*





Last new member, we welcome Eric and Angela AU YANG of Mobile, their two children Arick and Kai. They are the proud owner of a 1963 BENTLEY, S3

## FIRST ACTIVITIES FOR "89"

### CATAHOULA Junque

Feb: 24-25-26

Home of Jerry and Linda PAGE  
Route 3 Box 855  
Bay St. Louis, MS. 39520  
601-255 7384

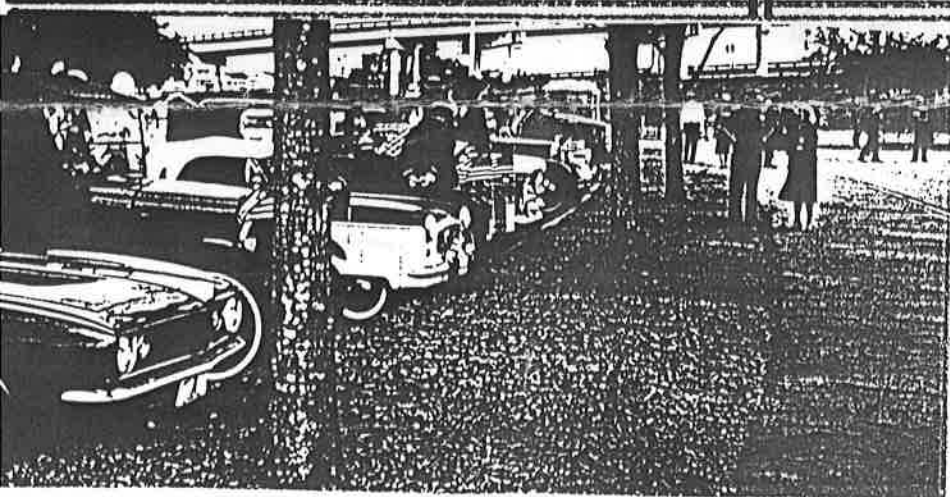
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### SOCIAL AT CLUB HOUSE

Feb: 11 2 PM

Bring drinks and sweets for an  
informal party at the club.

Bring a potential member.....



*Veteran's Day  
the largest parade  
80 groups -  
Thousands of  
Participants  
Thanks to Model "I"*

HINT TO EVERY ONE: Winston Bell used S.T.P. in old transmissions and rear end, and he was right. Do not use in "T"s

HINT TO POOR LIGHTS: Wiring being adequate, grounds are the problems. We try so hard, we use so much paint etc. Use inside star washers here and there when reassembling light brackets, fenders, etc. you will be surprised at the difference.

HINT TO VERY SLOW & SMOOTH IDDLING: "Cadillacking" Model "T", to win a slow running contest, open plug gap to .045 slight rich mixture at carb. setting, spark started, throttle closed, idle as low as it can stand, you will "crawl" for the crowd.

# Vote for AACCA directors, Library and Research Center directors

because of their excellent work they have done in the past for the club.

Study the backgrounds of each nominee, if you don't already know them, and make your choices.

The national board of directors has ruled that all ballots must have seven choices marked to be eligible for counting. Vote for seven, no more, no less.

The second important election is for directors for the Library and Research Center. Ballots and a brief resume of each nominee will be mailed in late December or early January.

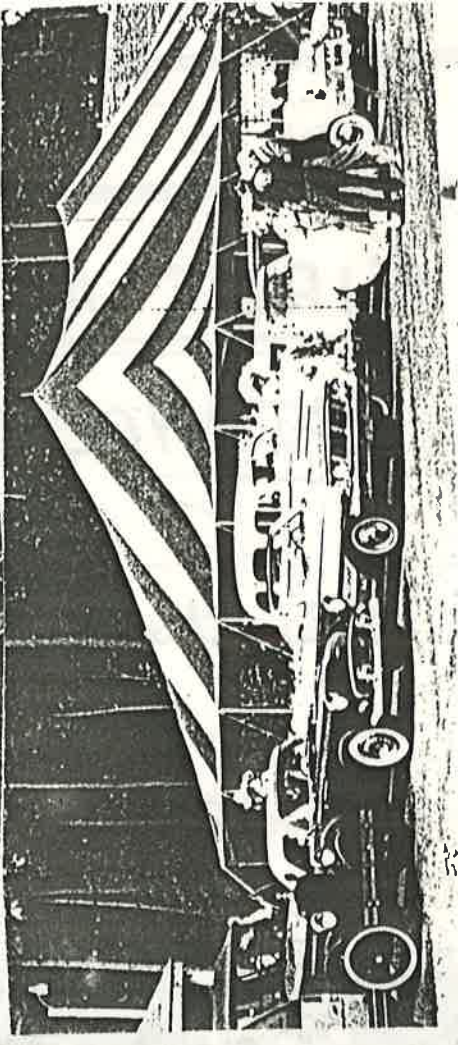
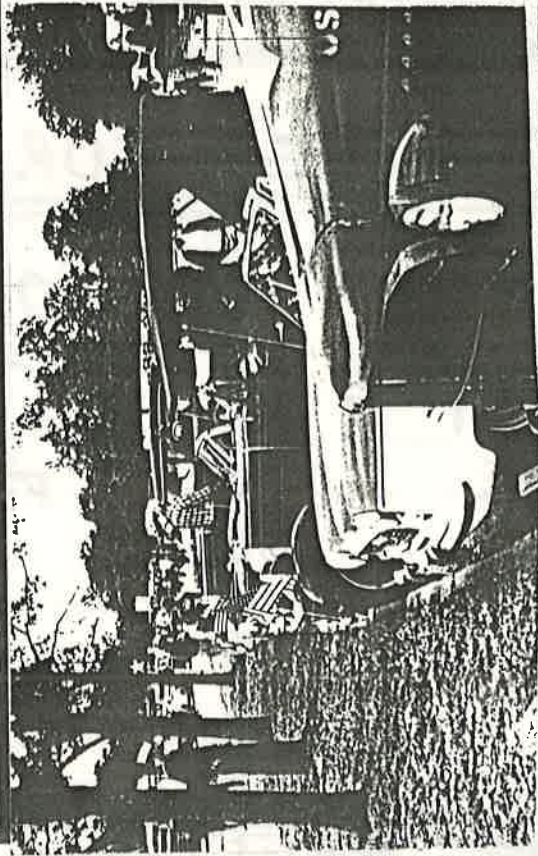
**By Ed Rouze**  
 Rumor-cope Box editor

The 1988 presidential election is history, but there are two more elections that are of great importance to AACCA members.

The first election is for AACCA National Directors. Ballots for the directors' election are included with each member's membership renewal notice.

Included with the ballot is a brochure that gives an outline of each of the candidates' backgrounds.

The nominees have been selected

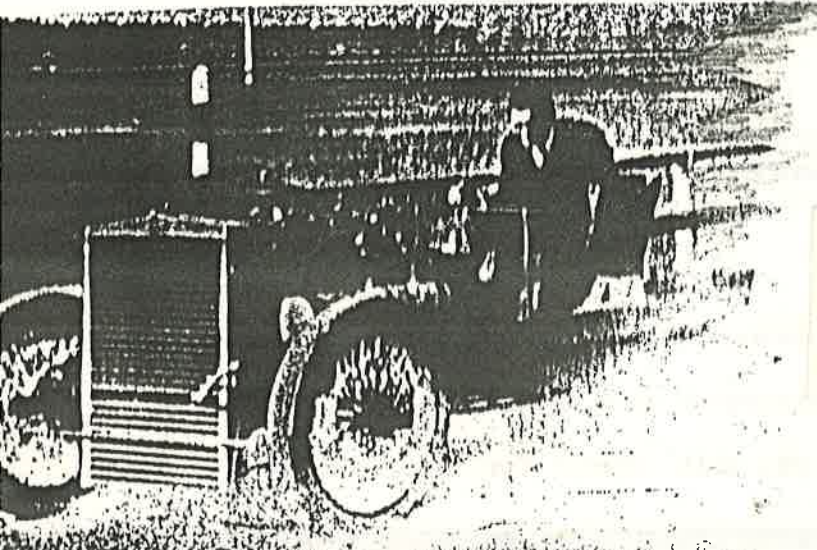


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