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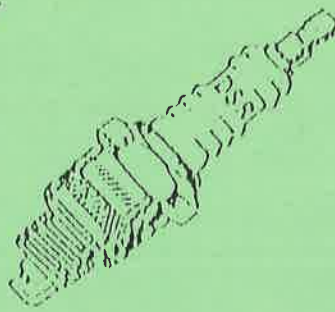


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What's in store in '94?

Birthday 7-21-33

PRESIDENT

Buddy Paquet was re-elected as DSR's President for 1994. Since his retirement the first of April last year, he has been a busy fellow. Co-chairing the annual car show in May kept him on his toes until that was over but he isn't sure what happened to the rest of the year.

When asked what was the highlight of the past year as president, he replied, "Seeing our membership grow and the cooperation of the members, no matter what the project was." He stated that it is his feeling that the officers are the leaders of the club but that the members are the real backbone. "My job as President was really very easy" he said. "It was due to the members willingness to do whatever needed to be done." Questioning him as to what he would like to accomplish in the coming year, Buddy told me, "I would like to see more of our members attend the meetings and outings. I know that none of us can attend everything but those who are not there are missed even if they are not aware of it."



VICE PRESIDENT

Al White is a native of ElDorado, Arkansas but has called Mobile home for the past 29 years. He and Anna have been married 40 years this past June and have three children; one son and two daughters. They have four grandchildren whom they really enjoy.

Al met Anna when she was a senior in high school and Al was a college freshman. The story goes that Anna was dating Al's best friend and when they broke up Al moved right in. Soon after that, they were married and Al was into the Army for two years. The birth of their first child kept Al out of Korea.

While working for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Texas, he was transferred to Virginia. He wasn't happy there and answered an ad in the local paper for a position with Courtauld's here in Mobile. Following the interview while Al was waiting at the airport he was paged for a telephone call and found he had the job. Al retired from Courtaulds in 1988.

Al and Anna are members of the Moffat Road Baptist Church and are also belong the the Mobile Bay Mustang Club where both are on the Board of Directors. Al served as activity director for MBMC along with working on their annual car show.

Working on cars is his hobby but he is also adept at home projects. He recently added a beautiful deck to their home.

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Take Me to Your Leader (s)!

New President is a "Do-er"

John Reid moved to Mobile, with his wife Brenda and daughter Christine, in 1973 while a member of the U. S. Coast Guard. They were transferred to Florida in 1978 but returned to Mobile in 1980. John was an aircraft maintenance officer and retired from the USCG in 1984 and remained in Mobile.

Always interested in cars, the decision to replace the family car came due. The question was: do we buy a new car or an older car and restore it? John chose a 1966 Mustang Fastback. His Mustang is essentially a 1990 model car as all the body, paint, suspension and drive train was restored in that year after purchasing it in 1989.

The success the restoration brought John to car shows. So many fine and interesting people were met at the shows that John & Brenda decided to get involved in car clubs. They joined the Mobile Bay Mustang Club and learned of DSR. After visiting at a DSR meeting they decided that DSR was also a club they wanted to be affiliated with.

A veteran of organizing car shows, John has brought the Camellia Classic and Hooters Open Car Shows to Mobile.

John now works for H. Koch (pronounced "Coke") & Sons Co. where he is the Eastern Regional manager. His work involves aerospace life support equipment and requires extensive travel both in the U.S. and overseas.

His non-car, non-work activities include photography, gardening, reading, cooking and trying to learn his new computer. Both he and Brenda are involved with Mardi Gras societies and will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this year.

Vice President is a "Yes-Man"

Al White rarely ever says "No" when asked to help with anything DSR is doing. He makes time to help with displays and parades, work on and around the clubhouse, help with car shows, the list goes on and on. This is Al's second time to serve as DSR's vice president, which automatically makes him chairman of the Building/Grounds Committee.

A native of Eldorado, Arkansas, he and his wife, Anna, are parents of one son and two daughters and have four grandchildren. They met when Anna was a high school senior and Al a freshman in college. They will be married 43 years in June. Al worked for Courtaulds as a Production Shift Manager for 25 years and retired in 1988 but he won't let Anna leave her job in the Athletic Department at the University of Mobile. They are members of the Mobile Bay Mustang Club and have been DSR members for over five years.

Restoring is Secretary's Hobby

Greg McDonnell enjoys making new things grow but his greatest pleasure comes from bringing old things back to life. His occupation as a landscape contractor/architect provides him with the outlet for starting a project from the beginning and his love of antiques allows him a means to bring life back to something old. His first "old" car was a '85 Olds but he recently acquired a 1966 Cadillac Eldorado convertible. Actually, neither of the cars needed much restoration, just some elbow grease and polish. He has discovered that having two cars can be a lot of fun but keeping both in top condition can be a lot of work.

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