



## MINUTES

### DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA CHRISTMAS MEETING

The annual Christmas Meeting was held at Korbet's on December 9, 1994. The meeting hosted 61 members and guests. The meeting was called to order by Buddy Paquet, president, at 7:30. The invocation was given by Don Dillehey.

A special DSR Christmas cake was served after the buffet and Christmas door prizes were given to each person present.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Margie DeCrease reported on the three Angel Tree children. Toys were purchased for a three year old, a four year old and a ten year old. Donations taken amounted \$191.00 so the members asked Margie to purchase gifts for one more child. Thank you, Margie! All other business was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Numerous awards and citations were presented to "retiring" officers and members on the telephone committee. Presentations were also made to those members who served as officers this year.


#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Buddy Paquet presided over the Installation of the 1995 Officers. Members taking the Oath of Office were:

President: Frank DeCrease  
Vice President: Brenda Reid  
Secretary: Jane Bruton  
Treasurer: Frances Whigham  
Member at Large: Raymond Cochran  
Activities: Betty & Melvin Neese  
Editor: Patt Paquet

Buddy Paquet gave a brief speech and "passed the gavel" to Frank DeCrease and the meeting was adjourned .

Respectfully submitted,



#### MEMBERS REQUIRING MAINTENANCE

**Janice Bailey** broke her leg during the Christmas holidays and has had to wear a cast but anticipates getting it off in about another week.

**Betty Cordell** has been caring for her mother who had pneumonia just after Christmas as well as her sister who has also been ill.

**Lloyd & Lycyle Crowdus** were involved in an automobile accident (modern car) on Christmas Day. Both are doing fine as of now.

**LaVerne Hopkins** had eye surgery on Jan. 18th and was doing well when the newsletter was printed.

## NEW VICE PREZ IS A BUSY PERSON

**Brenda Reid**, the new vice president of DSR, was born in Rutherfordton, North Carolina and moved to Hialeah, Florida as a child. While in high school, she met her husband, John. She and John have been married for 28 years and have one daughter, Christine. John's Coast Guard transfer in 1973 brought them to Mobile where Brenda learned that our annual Mardi Gras was to her liking. She is a member of two mystic societies. **Brenda** is a very avid traveler and never misses a chance for more. She has traveled extensively in western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zeland as well as the U.S. She is employed as the manager of Bay Cruise & Travel. She is an active member of the Mobile Bay Mustang Club as well as DSR.

## Secretary, Treasurer and Editor Re-elected

**Jane Bruton, Frances Whigham and Patt Paquet**, DSR's Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor respectively were elected to serve another term for DSR. You met them through the Newsletter last year. Each of them have pledged to work diligently for the club in 1995 and encourage members to contact them if there are any questions concerning the Minutes, Treasurer's Report or the Newsletter.

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## ACTIVITIES COORDINATORS

DSR's new Activities Coordinators, **Melvin and Betty Neese**, say they would appreciate any ideas for outings and other club activities that members will offer. **Melvin**, originally from Dixie, Alabama--which is near Brewton--and **Betty**, a native of Des Moines, Iowa, have been married for 37 years and have lived in Mobile all of that time. They met when **Betty** visited her sister living in Colorado Springs. **Betty's** brother-in-law, stationed at Fort Carson, brought the youngest fellow in camp home to meet her. When **Melvin** was transferred to Germany, they wrote to each other for a little over two years and when he returned, they were married. **Melvin** tried his hand at heavy equipment work but that wasn't steady enough for him so he got into the printing business and that is where he is today.

**Melvin** has been actively involved with the Lions Club and Shriners for a number of year and **Betty** is a Deacon at Overlook Presbyterian Church as well as the Presbyterian Womens Moderator for the church. She also leads the Senior Citizens Craft Class at the church. When they are not busy with all of the above mentioned activities, they enjoy traveling, having completed two long trips last year. **They are hoping to plan some tours for DSR in the coming year so pack you bags and get your cars ready to go!**

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## **New Member to Serve as Member at Large**

**Raymond Cochran** joined DSR about a year ago but believes in being an active member of the club. He will be the member at large and performing the duties as stated in our Bylaws.

**Raymond** has lived in Daphne, Alabama for six years and he and his wife, Sharon, have been married just over five years now. He worked for Western Union and then the City of New Orleans Engineering Department prior to coming to the Eastern Shore from his hometown of New Orleans. Sharon is employed by Mercy Medical Home Health and Raymond is retired.

He and Sharon are active in the South River Park Church of God in Fairhope where they both sing in the choir. They both enjoy traveling and while Sharon enjoys working with various crafts, **Raymond** enjoys cooking. He is a member of the Mustang Club of America, the Mobile Bay Mustang Club and the Gulf Coast Mustang Club as well as AACA and DSR. After completing his 1965 Mustang, he sold the '89 Mustang Convertible and replaced it with a tow vehicle and trailer.

## **Don Dillehay Continues as Chaplain**

**Don** will be DSR's Chaplain for 1995 and offers the following to begin our new year:

### **The Words of Jesus**

In Ch.12 Vs. 34 of the Book of John:

The people asked Jesus: The Son of man must be lifted up?: Who is the Son of man?

Vs. 35: Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light; lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. Vs. 36: While ye have the light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.

## **Way Back When.....**

**December 17th** was a busy day for many DSR members. Assisting in transporting a wedding party of 29 from Christ Our Savior Catholic Church to the Battleship, which required 13 cars were **1 (Tom) Brown, 2 Brutons, 1 Crowdus, 1 Finley, 1 (Floyd) Jordan, 1 Lyles, 1 Moore, 2 Paquets, 1 Reid, 1 Vines, 1 Whigham, 1 White and 2 Youens.**

Following this some of the members took off for the Irvington Christmas Parade. Helping to celebrate were **2 Crowdus, 1 DeCrease, 1 Francis** (carrying the Queen, as usual), **1 Lyles, 2 (Dale) McLaneys** and **Jason** (in the Met), **2 Paquets, 1 Vines & 2 Whites.** After the parade members "paraded" over to **Sammy & Emma Francis'** house for refreshments and a short visit. It was indeed a welcome respite since some of the members had participated in the wedding mentioned above and had not had time for lunch.

## **Korreckshun Correction**

In the December newsletter's article regarding the Christmas party it was noted that Frank DeCrease presented out-going officers with plaques. **I failed to mention that he presented a plaque to the 1994 President, Buddy Paquet.** My sincere apologies to both Frank and Buddy for this oversight.

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**If errors in the newsletter are noted, please be kind enough to call it to my attention so the correction can be made. Mistakes happen but I do want to correct them as soon as possible. THANKS!**

Congratulations to the following members who paid their dues on time. If your name is **not** on the list, your dues were not paid at the time the newsletter was printed.

**Bailey, Carl & Janice**  
**Bowden, Paul & Kathy**  
**Breland, Dene & Barbara**  
**Brown, O. P. & Nina**  
**Brown, Tom & Martha**  
**Bruton, Shelby & Jane**  
**Bush, Ron**  
**Cammon, B. L. & Geneva**  
**Carver, Bert & Lois**  
**Cochran, Raymond & Sharon**  
**Cordell, Herbert & Betty**  
**Crowdus, Lloyd & Lycle**  
**DeCrease, Frank & Margie**  
**Dillehay, Don & Frances**  
**Edwards, Gavin & Gladys**  
**Faust, Laura**  
**Finley, Jerry**  
**Hedbert, Bob & Anne**  
**Henderson, Jim & Nancy**  
**Hopkins, LaVerne**  
**Jordan, D. R.**  
**Little, Alfred**  
**Lowe, Floyd & Jeanette**  
**Lunsford, Ed & Joan**  
**Lyles, Charlie & Robbie**  
**Martin, Jim & Judy**  
**Moore, Robert & Sharon**  
**Neese, Melvin & Betty**  
**Nettles, Cecil & Lucille**  
**Paquet, Buddy & Patt**  
**Polk, Geary**  
**Sloan, Ross**  
**Whigham, Hershel & Frances**  
**Whitworth, Virginia**  
**Wright, Bill & Bivian**  
**Youens, Ernie & Eugenia**

The Sparkplug is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. DEEP SOUTH REGION meetings are held the third Thursday of each month in the clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive. Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America is required to be a member of this region. Annual local dues are \$15 and AACA national dues are \$15 and AACA national dues are \$20 single and \$24 joint. Views expressed in the Sparkplug are not necessarily those of the Region officers or AACA.

## SHEARER-MARTIN

Laura Jane Martin and Jeffrey Hudson Shearer exchanged wedding vows Dec. 31 in Christ United Methodist Church with the Rev. Daniel Harless of Ashland City, Tenn., officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Richard Martin, while the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes Shearer Sr.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her sister, Leslie Martin Spellmeyer of Grand Bay as matron of honor. Her bridesmaids included Mrs. Deborah Cooper Connelly; Mrs. Donna Milstead Haginas; Miss Sunny Carol Cochran of Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Gay Simmons Hicks and Mrs. Kathy Simmons Shearer, both of Irvington; Mrs. Paula Brown Hoskins of Branson, Mo.; Miss Amy Elizabeth Connelly; and Miss Casey Lynn Cochran of Tampa.

The bridegroom was attended by his father as best man. His other attendants included his brother, Robert Hughes Shearer Jr., Irvington; Douglas Lee Hoskins of Branson; Joseph Brent Miller; Michael DeWayne Spellmeyer of Grand Bay; Dennis James Melton of Johnson City, Tenn.; and Edward Dee Hicks of Irvington.

Flower girls were Amy Blackman and Laura Blackman, while Brantley Cooper Hall served as ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion after which the couple left on a honeymoon to Gatlinburg, Tenn. They will reside in Mobile.

The bride is a graduate of the University of South Alabama where she earned a degree in music performance. She is self-employed at Laurie's Nails. The bridegroom is a graduate of Faulkner State Community College where he earned an associate degree in business. He is employed by Circuit City.



**Mrs. Shearer**

DSR members were invited to the wedding and reception of **Jim & Judy Martin's** daughter, Laurie, on Dec. 31st. Transporting the wedding party from Christ United Methodist Church to the Bragg-Mitchell home were **1 (Tom) Brown, 2 Crowdus, 2 Moores, 2 Paquets, 2 Whighams, 2 Whites and 2 Youens**. The bride and groom rode in Jim & Judy's '29 Ford.

*Two friends  
touched love  
and joined their hearts  
Together with their parents  
Hope Charlene Perkins  
and  
Jason Scott McLaney  
request the honor of your presence  
at their marriage  
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*Reception immediately  
following ceremony  
in Fellowship Hall*

*Hope and Jason*

## IMPORTANT DATES

### January:

Jan. 26th: DSR Meeting in the clubhouse at 7:30 pm

### February:

Feb. 3-5th: 19th Annual Swap Meet & Show-Hiway 133 South of Moultrie, GA  
For more information call Jerry at (916)686-2102

Feb. 5th: Nashville Automotive Swap Meet-Tennessee State Fair Grounds  
Contact Carl Berning at (615) 273-2110

Feb. 23rd: DSR Meeting in the clubhouse at 7:30 pm

Feb. 25th: 3rd Annual Corvette Club Swap Meet-7100 Bellingrath Rd. 9:00am - 3:00pm  
For more information call Tommy Miller at (334)653-6228/661-1822

### March:

March 4th: Coastal Classic Car Show-Ft. Walton Beach, FL-Registration 8:00-11:00  
For more info call (904)244-1360 Days or (904)863-2212 Evenings

March 18th: 13th Annual Panhandler Cruisers Car Show-University Mall-Pensacola  
Registration opens at 3:00 pm on Friday 3/17/95 and entrants can cruise at 6:30 pm with the local club. On Saturday registration from 8:00-12:00 noon. For more information call Gerald Nixon at (904)477-4455

March 19th: Azalea City Classic Chevy Club 6th Annual Spring Car Show "Back home at the What-A-Burger" on Hiway 90 in Mobile, AL Call E. Swift (334)675-7875

March 25th: 33rd Annual Old South Antique & Classic Car Show-Ft Conde in Mobile, AL. For more information call (334) 457-2339

March 23rd: DSR Meeting in the clubhouse at 7:30 pm

### April:

April 8th: 2nd Annual Camellia Classic Car Show hosted by Mobile Bay Mustang Club and Bellingrath Gardens. Call John Reid for more information at (334)666-3761

April 8-10th: 10th Annual Gold Cup Antique Car Race-Registrations will be limited so make your reservations early. Call (904)871-4077

April 22nd: 2nd Annual Edgewater Mall-Coast Mustang Show-MUSTANGS ONLY  
Call John at (601)388-5256

April 27th: DSR Meeting in the clubhouse at 7:30 PM

April 27-30th: 23rd Annual Pate Swap Meet-Hiway 337 Fort Worth Texas-Call (713)649-0922

### MAY:

May 13th: 12th Annual Deep South Region Car Show at DSR clubhouse & grounds  
Call Jerry Finley at (334)479-1358 or Al White at (334)344-2643



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