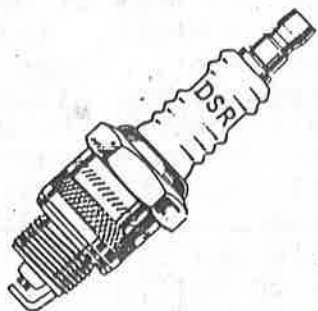


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July 26 - Meeting -
266 South McGregor Ave.
at 7:30 P.M.

July 28-29 Outing -
Bud Moseley leading -
Hosting Magnolia State
Model T Ford Club and
Miss. Auto & Engine
Club. Meet at Pinebrook
at 10:00 A.M. Sat.
28th for a day of fun!

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. in Dr. W. T. Wright's office at 266 South McGregor Ave. The SPARKPLUG will be mailed the weekend before each meeting. Annual regional dues are \$10.00. This includes wife membership, with no extra dues, if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$13.00 single and \$16.00 joint (husband and wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

OUR JUNE MEETING.

The June meeting was opened by President Lloyd Crowdus at 7:35 P.M. on Thursday, June 28th with 40 in attendance. Our acting chaplain, V. T. Hopkins, gave the invocation. Our secretary, Jeanie Dobbs, reported that all requirements of the National AACA on the DSR membership had been fulfilled for 1984. Prez Lloyd said that he wished to thank everyone for the cooper-

ation shown by all 50 people on the Smokey Mountain Tour. Much discussion about the tour and much laughter about the troubles we all had followed. Everyone agreed it was a great tour! Lloyd then said he also wished to thank all those members that attended Col. and Peggy Large's outing to the Gulf last month. Discussion followed on the coming 1984 Christmas Party and election of 1985 officers in December. Plans are being made now on time, place, and cost. Lloyd called for a turn-out of cars to support Fairhope on their July 4th celebration. The Moseleys told us of their coming outing on July 28 and 29 when we host the Mississippi Clubs. A possible fish fry, films of our outing to the Page's home and the DSR tour, and visiting our different members' garages are planned. It was announced we will meet at Pinebrook at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 28th for a day of fun! There was more discussion on a DSR club house. Some of our members that attended the organization of a Pensacola Metropolitan Club reported on their interesting meeting. The June Mystery Photo member with his skimpy attired girlfriend was identified as Herb, whereupon Reba promptly proceeded to clobber him with her purse! It was announced to all concerned that the Laurel Flea Market date has been changed to August 24, 25, & 26. Activity Coordinator, Ray Harper, told of a group of DSR members that went to Pell City, Ala. and looked over an antique auto restoration shop and showroom. The Dobbs told of the Buick Club Meet they attended in Atlanta following the Smokey Mountain Tour. Lloyd thanked everyone for turning out for the meeting and we adjourned at 8:35, then some saintly, scarlet shirted soul suggested Shoney's, so our starving society of sophisticated specialists sought this shop for sweets, sodas, sandwiches, and such.

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Aug. 12 Sunday Outing -
Geary Polk leading -
Meet at Pinebrook at
4:30 P.M. for a great
time!

Aug 23 - Meeting -
266 South McGregor Ave.
at 7:30 P.M.

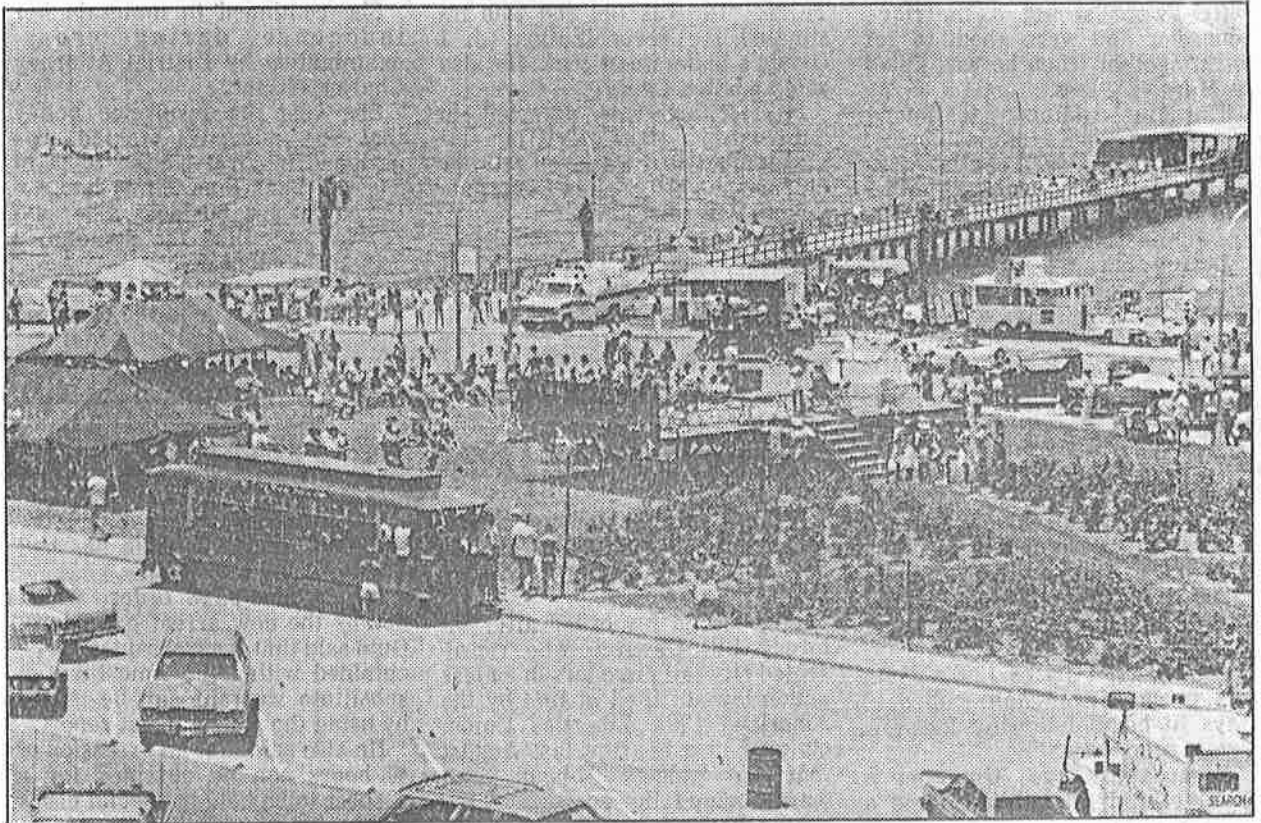
Aug. 18-19 Model T Ford
Club invitation to DSR
to McComb, Miss.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR PREZ: "They who run into debt usually have to crawl out!"

The Blueberry Festival and Antique Car Show at Brewton took place during the week-end our Smokey Mountain Tour began. This conflict caused many of our members to miss this very good event. Those DSR members that did attend, however, were the Heplers, Moseleys, Lowes, Dillehays, Edwards, Griffins, and Kysers. (Hope we didn't miss anyone.) The Show was held in a shady, pleasant place with many trees and the cars under them. The weather was threatening but no rain fell until after the awards ceremony. Every DSR member that took a car brought home a trophy! It was a very nice and congenial show with all participants enjoying the activities very much. We hope that next year there will be no conflict and the DSR can turn out in force to support the Brewton Blueberry Festival!!!

Fairhope celebrates 'Glorious Fourth'

This photo taken from the Mobile Register shows a few of the DSR antique cars that were in Fairhope at the pier.



On the morning of July 4th the DSR went to Fairhope to support their "Glorious 4th Family Fun Day", a patriotic parade and display at the Fairhope pier. We had 22 of our folks in 11 antiques, plus a local 1939 Bentley whose owner plans to

GLORIOUS FOURTH — The Municipal Pier in Fairhope was the scene for 1984's "Glorious Fourth" celebration Wednesday. Families participated in a variety of activities and beat the July heat in the waters of

Mobile Bay, but the number of participants was smaller than that of the past several years. (Press Register photo by Graham Heath)

join the DSR. We all met at the Fairhope Civic Center on Section Street and the parade, the antiques decorated with flags, balloons, and red, white, and blue streamers, started from there. Five of the antiques carried the Dogwood Trail Girls. The parade took us through the streets of Fairhope and to the pier where our cars were put on display. There was a lot of activity around the pier. It was a very orderly and well behaved crowd. We all left at about 3:00 P.M. It certainly gives you a good feeling to support such an activity and was most pleasant and interesting. Many thanks to all those DSR members attending, and especially to Jerry, Linda, and Jolene Page who drove from Waveland, Mississippi (near New Orleans) in their 1929 Packard to support the DSR in this patriotic event!

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome our newest members, Ron and Karen Dollar and Louis and Arline Eschete, into the DSR.

Ron and Karen live at 4723 Bavarian Drive in Mobile, 36619, with their son, Ron, Jr. The antiques they own include a 1931 Ford coupe, a 1932 Ford V-8 sedan, a 1955 F-100 Ford pickup, and a 1958 Edsel sedan. Of the special interest cars they own include a 1963 Galaxie, a 1965 and 1966 Mustangs, a 1965 Galaxie convertible (which is fully restored and for sale), and a 1973 Mustang. Their telephone number is 666-7597.

Louis and Arline live at 1206 West Carre Drive in Mobile, 36618. They are the owners of a 1948 Studebaker Champion. The Eschete's telephone number is 344-8765.

We are very happy that the Dollars and Eschetes have joined the DSR and we hope to see them often at our meetings, outings, and tours. The DSR is growing fast and we welcome these fine folks into our organization!

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:YOUR WALKING DOES THE TALKING

The best "preaching" is often expressed in actions rather than in words. When we do what is right without saying anything, we can have a far greater impact for good than when we tell others what they should do, without doing it ourselves. Yes, it might be better to skip the "preaching" altogether if there is no "practicing."

This is one point many parents overlook as they instruct their children. Mom and Dad talk about God, explaining salvation through Jesus, and expect good works - but it all ends there because their own example fails to match the expectations they have for their children. In other Christian homes, however, mothers and fathers make sure their walk supports their talk. Their exemplary living in itself provides clear and consistent guidelines. Of course, we must never discount the importance of verbal instructions along with a worthy example.

Although we usually think that the only preachers are those who speak from the pulpit, the truth is that we are all "preaching" every day. Our conduct at home, our handling of business matters, our response to difficulties, our reaction to temptation - everything our youngsters, friends, and associates observe about us is "preaching". Someone has wisely said, "What you're doing speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you're saying".

How important it is that all our actions are in harmony with God's revealed will! Remember, whether we realize it or not, our walking is doing our talking!

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS OF OUR MEMBERS:

Shannon Douglas has had an operation to relieve the pain in his back that we reported on last month. For a while, following the surgery, the lower part of his body became paralysed but it apparently will be OK in due time. The Douglases have all been under quite a bit of stress with his illness and we in the DSR are praying for a quick recovery for Shannon.

Gloria Rothenburg had a torn retina in her eye following the Smokey Mountain Tour. It required a bit of surgery in the hospital in order to correct it. We are happy to announce that Gloria's hospital stay was short and she is now doing OK.

Geary Polk has been "under the weather" recently. We hope that he will be improved enough to make the meeting Thursday night. Geary is the kind of guy that just about won't stay down!

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WITHOUT A SMILE TODAY, GIVE HIM ONE OF YOURS!

NEW ACQUISITIONS:

Howard and Agnes Shafer have acquired an unrestored 1931 Chevrolet coupe. Howard had been hunting a car like this and we will be glad to see the Shafers buzz around in their little Chevy.

Art and Doris Griffin have acquired the last Packard limousine that was owned by Walter Bellingrath. Art has a knack for locating and getting this fine type of automobile!

Ray and Katherine Harper have acquired a 1929 Model A complete running gear in fine condition. Ray has his eye on a choice body and it wouldn't surprise us to see Ray and Katherine in HIS & HERS 1929 Model A's!

Mac and E. C. Weaver of Biloxi have acquired Art Griffin's unrestored 1934 Cadillac sedan. The Weavers plan to completely restore it. It will sure make a first class automobile!

Shannon and Glenda Douglas have sold their 1938 Chevrolet sedan.

John and Barbara Miller (who are planning to join the DSR this week) have acquired a very nice unrestored 1930 Chevrolet 4-door. John has restored sport cars and will do a very good job on his "new" Chevy. We are looking forward to having the Millers with us!

CARS FOR SALE:

1946 Chevrolet truck, 1927 Ford coupe, 1930 Chevrolet 4-door. Call heard "Tex" Faust at 633-5331.

1928 Chevrolet Landau Coupe. Frame up restoration. Green body, black fenders, tan upholstery, 5 WW tires. Very nice car, National AACA 2nd in 1981. Bargain at \$6500 or part trade. Bob Hargreaves - 1375 Ridge Way - Cantonment, Fla. 32533. Phone 904-968-2637. I'd sure like to see one of our DSR members get this!

THE PREZ SEZ: Thanks very much to our loyal members who participated in the Fairhope parade on the 4th of July. A special thanks to Jerry, Linda and Jolene Page who drove their packard from Waveland MS to help us out in the parade. I feel that we need more of a team effort on these outings if we are to keep a good active club. We also need more of our new members to come to our regular monthly meetings and take an active part in helping out the DSR.

Lloyd

JULY MYSTERY PHOTO

This fine lady often attends our outings and really enjoys being with the DSR although she seldom attends a meeting. Make your guess as to her identity and let us know what you think at the meeting Thurs.

Guy Short wants to plan a "free barbeque" for the DSR in his back yard soon. Sounds good, doesn't it!? The only requirement is that while we are there we help him put up a garage for his antiques. It will be known, said Guy, as "GUY SHORT DAY"!

It seems many of our DSR members are in the middle of their July vacations! Dobbs just back from a week at the Gunersville State Park, Moseleys visiting son Robert in Missouri, and many others. Hope everyone has enjoyed their summertime vacations!

At the Metropolitan meet in Pensacola on June 10th, two Metropolitans from the DSR attended. In an awards presentation Lucille Langham won a 2nd with her 1955 convertible and Lloyd won a 3rd with his 1958 coupe! Quite an honor for Mobile's DSR when several states were represented!

"FAITH is what lets you believe there are two gallons left in the tank when the gauge indicates "empty!"

If you think meekness is weakness, try being meek for a week!

About our 11th Annual Smokey Mountain Tour, some folks have asked, "Who went?" In alphabetical order we had: Ronnie, Rose, and Connie Condour with their niece, Kendra Hamm in a '55 Olds - Herb and Reba Counselman in a motor home - Lloyd and Lycyle Crowdus in a '31 Ford - Bill, Jeanie, and Deana Jobbs and friend Kristi Rich in a '31 Ford (pulling a small trailer with 47 pair of step-ins -- honest, that's what Bill said!) - Elvin and Nell Few in a '31 DeSoto - Charlie and Ardie Froehlich in a '35 Ford - Willie and Inez Guillot in a '47 Mercury - Ray and Katherine Harper in a '29 Ford - V. T. Hopkins in a '27 Chevrolet - Junie and Ann Jarvis in a '33 Chevrolet - Howard and Dorrie Kahn in a '37 Chrysler - Ray and Mary Lou Montgomery in a '55 Buick (then changed to a modern) - Cecil, Lucille, and niece Tammy Nettles in a '36 Chevrolet - Alice and Drew Navarre in a '29 Pierce Arrow - Jerry, Linda, and Jolene Page in a '57 Chevrolet - Ed and Gloria Rothenburg in a '31 Ford - Howard, Agnes, & Howard's father Léon Shafer in a motor home - Guy and Barbara Short in a modern - Ray and Peggy Stom in a modern - Mac, E. C., Kevin, and Wendy Weaver, in a '23 Ford - Ernie and Eugenia Youens in a '27 Ford. There - all 50 people and everyone made the entire week long trip in 21 (not 20 as previously reported) vehicles. Quite a group of exceptionally congenial and cooperative people and on one of the best tours yet!

Bud and Peggy Moseley are planning on hosting the Magnolia State Model T Club and the Miss. Antique Auto & Engine Club on July 28th & 29th. We will all meet at Pinebrook at 10:00 A.M. on Sat. July 28th, for a drive to Chunchula for a fish fry at the Odom's. Please bring a covered dish or dessert, your own drinks, and lawn chairs. Then after eating and visiting with the Odoms and looking over their barn full of antiques, we plan to drive to Harper's where Ray will show us video taped movies of our antique car events, both in Miss. and North Carolina. Then on Sunday, the 29th we plan to take the Miss. folks around to visit DSR member's garages and look over their JUNQUE! About noon we will drive to Quincey's Steak House for dinner. It should be a great day and a wonderful time. Try to make this fun filled week end and meet some of our fellow Mississippi hobbyists.

Cecil and Pat Therrell's 1950 Chevrolet was stolen from their car port at Spanish Fort but recovered wrecked. The thief, in an apparent effort to get away quickly, ran across their back yard, through some shrubbery, and struck a stump he did not see. He only traveled a few hundred feet but he badly bent both front fenders and bumper plus other mechanical damage. By a miracle the excellent grille was torn a loose but not damaged. Its sad that such criminals are allowed to run loose and defended in our country! We hope the Therrells can get their little Chevy repaired and get back with us soon.

Geary Polk is planning an outing on Sunday, August 12th. We will meet at Pinebrook at 4:30 P.M. and drive to an area for an evening cook-out. Come and join us for a fine time with great food! Geary really knows how to put a good time and great feed on!

Remember the meeting this Thursday night from 7:30 to 8:30 at 266 South McGregor Avenue. We want to see a larger turn out this month! We have quite a few new members that haven't attended a meeting in quite a while and we miss and need you! YOU are important to the well being of the DSR. Every meeting important decisions are made that affect us all and we need your ideas. We have been having about a 30% attendance, but we want at LEAST 50% of our members to decide on our future activities. Come guess who is in this month's mystery photo, come invite the Mississippi Clubs into your garage, come tell us if you can make the fish fry this coming week end! We will be looking for you at the meeting. We only meet for one hour - your visitors are welcome!!!! SUPPORT YOUR DEEP SOUTH REGION!!!!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!
(and at the coffee shop afterward!)



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