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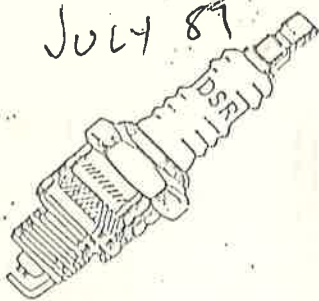
NEWSLETTER OF THE  
DEEP SOUTH REGION

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## EVENTS

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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 \$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.

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## MINUTES

Deep South Region A.A.C.A.  
June 29, 1989

The June meeting of the DSR, moved to the fifth Thursday in order to offer hospitality to the visiting combined club tour of the Horseless Carriage Club and the Southeastern Region A. A. C. A., was opened following dinner by president Bill Tunnell, at the Alpine Hills Church of Christ fellowship hall.

President Bill welcomed those guests and Keith Sanders of the Pensacola Club.

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Activities co-chairman, Dale McLaney, announced upcoming events.

Dave Hepler moved that we donate \$100 to the Alpine Hills church in appreciation for the loan to us of their fellowship hall. The motion was seconded and approved.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Brenda Rollins*  
Brenda Rollins, Secretary

Pierre: Here is a quote from a letter to us from Bob and Jo Garrison of the Southeaster Region A.A.C.A., Atlanta, who visited us on the recent tour:

"Please express our appreciation again to your region for the wonderful meal they prepared for us during our visit to Mobile. We have never been entertained so royally. Hope we have the chance to do the same for your club."

## THE PREZ SEZ

Well, June went out with a bang. The Sports Festival was nice but included a lot of waiting as usual with those type functions. When we did get the cars inside they really looked good. The Jordan outing was great even with the brief rain showers. The food was delicious. Speaking of delicious food, didn't the ladies do a superb job of preparing food for our meeting with the car club from north Georgia. I want to thank each and everyone that helped. Well, it did not rain on our 4th of July parade but it sure poured after the parade was over. Sue had some good ice cream sundaes for those that stopped by their house on the way home.

We have several new members this month. Everyone should introduce your self and visit with them. We need to build a reputation as a friendly club.

The Executive Board is going to be working on revisions to our by-laws. Any recommendations or suggestions should be given to one of them. I have several changes that I would like to make. The main one is making the editor of the Sparkplug an elected officer.

It is the time of the year when we need volunteers for the nominating committee and the Christmas party.

For the members that have not been by the clubhouse recently, Alabama Power Co. has relocated the power line to make room for an addition to the clubhouse. This is not a mandate to add to the clubhouse but provisions to add when the club decides. As I have stated, I am the president for every member and not any select group. I will always do what the majority votes, whether I agree or not.

*Bill*

## NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth & Olivia Mathis  
1055 N. Magnolia Street  
Loxley, Alabama 36551  
Phone: 964-6535  
1941 Chevrolet

Tom & Mary Ruth Johnson  
2624 Charlotte Oaks Drive  
Mobile, Alabama 36695  
Children: Jason & Sean  
Phone: 666-1655  
1931 Model "A" Tudor

Charles & Patt Paquet  
52 Freeway Lane  
Mobile, Alabama 36619  
Phone: 661-4009  
1955 Ford Fairlane  
2 Dr. Sedan

Melvin & Doris Stein  
208 Childree Drive  
Mobile, Alabama 36608  
Phone: 342-6877 or 1968  
1959 Cadillac Limosine  
7 Passenger Sedan, Model 59



4th - FAIRHOPE -  
Before the rain!

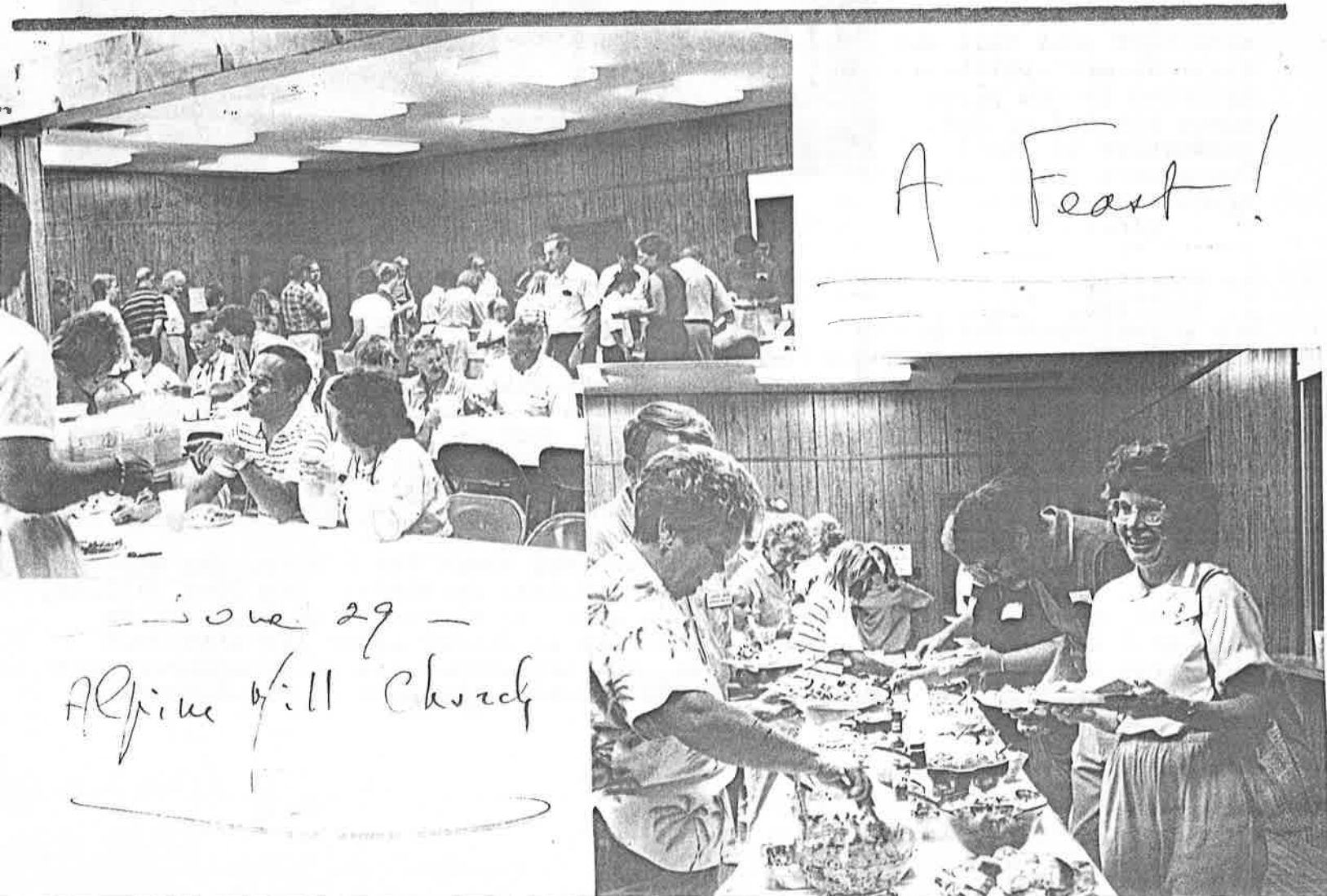
## The Atlanta Tour Group: We Left a Good Taste in Their Mouths!

On the evening of June 29, the DSR had the pleasure of preparing supper for about fifty visiting antiquers from the Atlanta area, a combined tour of Southeastern A.A.C.A.'ers and Horseless Carriage folks. Nell Few, who chaired the preparations for our meal, and her number one assistants, Elvin Few and Jeannie Hepler, arrived at the Alpine Hills Church of Christ fellowship hall at one in the afternoon, not to leave again till last dish was washed that evening. About three o'clock Darren Polk came to help (it's Darren's and Geary's church), and later Linda Tunnell, Katherine Harper and Jeannette Lowe arrived, rounding out the hard-working committee.

What a feast there was--plenty of food for everyone--thanks, as Nell says, to the great cooperation of club members who brought everything from fresh fruit, to casseroles, to a myriad of salads, to desserts. One of the biggest hits with our "northern" neighbors were the boiled crawfish, and not every one of them got up enough nerve to eat the little tasty rascals!

Many thanks for Nell and everyone who so ably helped her coordinate this event. Anyone who has fed this many people before knows what a hard job it is just getting in touch with everybody! Nell: a job well done!

By Brenda Rollins.



## EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

### NATIONAL METROPOLITAN CLUB MEET

By Ernie Youens -

The fourth National Metropolitan meet, sponsored by the Razorback Chapter of the Metropolitan Owner's Club of North America (MOCNA), was held in Eureka Springs on June 9th, 10th, and 11th. Members of the DSR attending the meet were Tom and Martha Brown, Dick and Shannon Crutcher and daughter Katherine, Junie and Ann Jarvis, Floyd and Betty Jordan and daughter Debbie, Dale and Betty McLaney and son Jason and Betty's mother, Mrs. Rogers, Jim and Jan McDole and daughter Joy, and Ernie and Eugenia Youens -- 19 DSR folks! A very good showing for the Deep South Region!

There were two parades with all Mets sight-seeing around Eureka Springs on Friday and a big one through town with 80 Metropolitans participating on Saturday, and that's a lot of Mets!! There were 80 Metropolitans registered for judging and several not registered. We were told that this was the most Metropolitans gathered in one place since the end of Met production in 1961! There were three categories of judging,

1. Original and restored to original,
2. Non-original, and
3. Modified.



SOME OF THE 80+ METROPOLITANS READY FOR JUDGING. PHOTO TAKEN FROM MOTEL BALCONY WITH CONVENTION CENTER ON LEFT WHERE ALL SHOW BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED AND THE BANQUET WAS HELD.

There was a real neat Metropolitan pickup in the modified class from the West Coast. 29 states and 2 Canadian providences were represented with 245 people attending the Awards Banquet. It was without doubt, the most friendly group I've ever seen at any National Meet -- from the National President to the newest member! I attended the MOCNA judging instruction meeting and learned it is completely different from AACA, T-Bird Club, or Mustang Club judging. It was good, fair, fool-proof, and was an education for me! They do not use any other club's rules, only MOCNA rules! And your car really has to be good to win a trophy. None of us did.

I'll have to say, it was a most beautiful place for a show, the most pleasant, most enjoyable show I've ever attended anywhere! And Lord willing, I intend to go to the next Metropolitan meet --- wherever it is. Places suggested at the National officers' meeting on Sunday after the show were Delaware, Kansas, Minnesota, Illinois, and Kentucky. All MOCNA members were invited to attend the Sunday's officers' meeting and most of the members there did attend.

## JORDAN'S FISH RIVER OUTING

By Ernie Youens --

On Saturday, June 24th, at 10:00 A.M., a group of DSR members met at the battleship for a drive to the Jordan's fishing camp on Fish River in Baldwin County. Several of our DSR folks were already there when we arrived and several came later. In all, we had 21 vehicles, 7 of which were antiques, 49 people and a Pekapoo there. It was a beautiful day, the Jordans had prepared seafood gumbo, fried cat fish and mullet, and all sorts of delicious goodies to go with it including really tasteful desserts brought by the Jordan's daughters, Debbie and Denise, and several of our DSR ladies. Ole Hop asked a blessing and we all dived into an absolutely scrumptious meal -- and there was enough food there to feed the whole U.S. Marine Corps! Betty and Floyd really put on a first class feed!!!!

After eating, most of us sat around laughing and enjoying each others' company. Ray Harper brought a speed boat and Floyd had one there and they took some of the folks for a ride on Fish River. Some of the young folks went water skiing. Then a sudden shower sent everyone to shelter and some folks rushing to put up convertible tops. Lloyd and Lycyle were in the back seat of Lycyle's recently judged AACA first place Rambler convertible when Floyd stuck his head in the door during the rain. Floyd said he heard them talking about not being able to get a zipper up! Floyd explained that he did not know what zipper they were talking about, but thought he'd best just leave!!!! We all later learned it was the zipper on the convertible rear window that was stuck! Back under the shelter, Betty McLaney went to put her hands in the pockets

of her slacks -- but her hands just wouldn't go in! That's when she -- and everyone else there -- learned, to her embarrassment, that she had put her slacks on backward. She said she thought they had felt funny all morning!

Then the rain stopped and Betty McLaney and several others took a boat ride. Returning to the dock, several of our big and heavy guys jumped to the side of the boat, causing a near 90 degree list, to help Betty up onto the dock. Of course their weight pushed the side of the boat so low in the water that poor Betty had to actually climb up to get on the pier! She just had too much help! Someone asked Betty to do it again for a video camera, but she said, "NO WAY"! Someone else there asked if her problem getting out of the boat and onto the pier was caused by her slacks being on backward. Well, I sure don't know! Was it? Girls?

Then Junie and Ann bid everyone goodbye and left in their little 1961 Metropolitan. They got about 1/4 mile when the right "A" arm came loose and they had to get a wrecker to haul the little car back to the Jordan's to be picked up later.

All 49 of us had a ball!! The Jordans are great hosts. President Bill Tunnell proposed that we do this once a month for the rest of the summer -- but Floyd spashed cold water all over the idea!

This was one of the nicest and most congenial outings the DSR has had in a long time and we all wish to thank Floyd and Betty for such a great outing! It was real nice!! And those that did not make it, well, you just missed a lot of good fun!!!!



OUTINGS:

SPORTS FESTIVAL JUNE 22ND:

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO HELPED US OUT FOR THE SPORTS FESTIVAL AT THE CIVIC CENTER. IT RECEIVED ALOT OF RECOGNITION FOR OUR CLUB. JEWEL BELL'S CADILLAC WAS CHOSEN TO ESCORT GOV. & MRS. HUNT INTO THE AUDITORIUM. WE KNOW IT TOOK A LONG TIME GETTING SET UP & GETTING STARTED, BUT WE APPRECIATE ALL THE PATIENCE TO ESCORT THESE DIGNITARIES FOR THE SPORT FESTIVAL. AGAIN THANKS, ERIC EUYANG, JEWEL BELL, TOM & MARTHA BROWN(DRIVING HOP HOPKINS CAR), LLOYD & LYCLE CROWDUS, DON DILLIHAY, LOU ECHETTE, PIERRE & SHARRON FONTANA, ART GRIFFIN, JIM HENDERSON, JUNIE JARVIS & SON, SUE & BOB MASON, DALE, BETTY, & JASON MCLANEY, STEVE, JANICE PAULINA & THEIR DAUGHTER, BILL & LINDA TUNNELL, CHARLOTTE VINSON & SON, ERNIE & EUGENIA YOUENS

FLOYD & BETTY JORDAN'S OUTING: JUNE 24TH:

WE WANT TO THANK FLOYD & BETTY FOR THEIR OUTING WE HAD A GREAT TIME. WE HAD OVER 49 IN ATTENDANCE. THE FOOD WAS DELICIOUS BETTY MADE A REMARK THAT NOBODY EVERY LEFT HER HOUSE HUNGREY, AND WE CAN ALL VOUCH FOR THAT, WE WERE ALL STUFFED. SOME OF US WENT BOAT RIDING, SOME WENT BOB SKIING, SOME FISHING, AND ALOT OF US JUST ENJOYING RELAXING, BUT ALL OF US JUST ENJOYED ALL THE FELLOWSHIP THAT TOOK PLACE. A CERTAIN PERSON EVEN HAD SUCH A GOOD TIME SHE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE SHE HAD HER SHORTS ON BACKWARDS.HA!HA!! AGAIN WE SURE DID HAVE A GREAT TIME. THANKS AGAIN BETTY & FLOYD.

ATLANTA CLUB:

WE RECIEVED ALOT OF THANK YOU'S FROM THE ATLANTA CLUB, THEY REALLY ENJOYED THEIR MEETING WITH US. THEY WERE REALLY SURPRISED ABOUT HOW NICE OF A CLUB HOUSE WE HAD. THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL THE HELP WE HAD IN SETTING THIS MEETING UP.

THANKS,

*Dale & Betty McLaney*

ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN

CO\_ORDINATORS

DALE & BETTY MCLANEY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 27TH: DSR MONTHLY MEETING  
JULY 29TH: BILOXI AUTO SHOW AT THE COLLISIUM, BILOXI, MISS.  
JULY 30TH: DSR/OLD SOUTH JOINT OUTING TO DAUPHIN ISLAND.

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AUG. 13-20 EDGEWATER MALL ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW, BILOXI, MISS,  
AUG 24TH: DSR MONTHLY MEETING  
AUG 26TH: 22ND ANNUAL INVITATION ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW,  
PENSACOLA, FLA.

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YOUR ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATORS

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Details on the July 30 th joint outing will be ready by our monthly meeting  
if you miss it, call for details any time.

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FROM HUNTSVILLE WITH LOVE - - -

On June 15-17, the AACA Spring National Meet was held in Huntsville, AL. The show was a very successful show with over 348 registered cars. Those attending the show from the DSR were Dale, Betty & Jason McLaney, Warren & Brenda Rollins, Jerry, Linda, & Jolene Page, Art & Doris Griffin, Lloyd & Lycyle Crowdus, Bobby & Lisa Hover and Dick & Shannon Crutcher. The trophy winners were Warren & Brenda with their 1913 Brass T, a Senior Award; Jerry, Linda & Jolene- 1929 Packard, a 2nd Junior and Lloyd & Lycyle- 1962 Rambler Convertible a 1st Junior. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS...

*Lycyle*

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Ernie Youens, a man you all know for his gentle ways and dedication to our hobby had to pass a major hurdle in his life.

At 7.30 wednesday, major heart surgery was required to replace a failing valve.

He is at Providence Hospital, doing well in I.C.U.

Take care of him Eugenia, let me know when he starts pinching nurses.



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