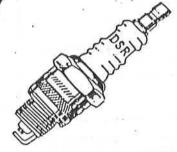
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July 11 - Sat. Ding at the Gift Horse Dinner Restaurant, Foley.

July 23 - Thurs. DSR regular meeting at Clubhouse, 7:30 PM.

July 26 - Sun. Joint meet with Old South. Watermelon Run to Dauphin Island. Meet at Theodore Hardee's at 1:30 PM.

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.

Red DSR shirts were a sight to behold in the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley on July We all had a great time together and a fine meal. The group met at the battleship at 11:00 A.M. and drove to Foley where we were all seated together in a special room and at a discount group price of \$9.75 each for the meal including

"THE GIFT HORSE"

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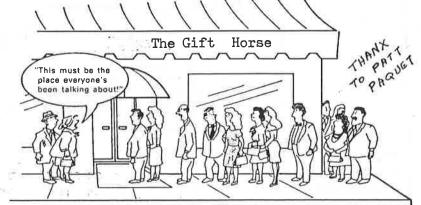
> Aug. 15 - Sat. MDA First Annual Show at Mobile Fairground.

Aug. 22 - Sat. AACA Pensacola Show at Seville Square.

Aug. 27 - Thurs. DSR regular meeting at Clubhouse, 7:30 PM.

After eating we went through a few antique shops where Lycyle found tips. Then some of and bought a couple of dining room chairs that matched hers.

our members headed home and a few accepted Jim Henderson's invitation to drive to Gulf Shores to his beach house --- and it is a beauty! Jim's wife, Nancy, was there to greet us and she was a most gracious We had 18 members in nine hostess. cars, 3 were modern with air-conditioning because of the hot but very beautiful day. Although it turned cool in the afternoon with a soft breeze, the heat is probably the reason we didn't have half of the club's membership there. If you were one that missed this outing



without a good reason, you sure cheated yourself! Those members that made the Gift Horse outing were: 2 Browns, 2 Crowdus, 2 Hendersons, 2 Hopkins, 2 Lunsfords, 2 Paquets, 2 Reids, 2 Whites, and 2 Youens.

This outing was set up by our activity coordinators, Lloyd and Lycyle and we all had a very enjoyable time. The Gift Horse is a real unique res-I'd like to see the DSR do this again some day! And everyone wear their red shirts again -- they did look great!!!

Lloyd said he'd like to thank all those that made the outing in spite of the July heat and that he really appreciated your support.

IF YOU THINK YOUR ANTIQUE CAR IS EXPENSIVE TO OPERATE, TRY OPERATING A SHOPPING CART IN YOUR LOCAL SUPERMARKET!

MINUTES - June 25, 1992 DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA

The June 25, 1992 meeting of the Deep South Region AACA was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Tom Brown. There were 39 members and 4 guest present. Invocation was given by "Hop" Hopkins.

OLD BUSINESS & REPORTS:

President:

Tom called the members attention to the new banner on display in the clubhouse. He asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the May minutes. Being none, L. Moseley moved the minutes be approved as printed, P. Fontana seconded; motion carried. Discussion of the April minutes followed. P. Fontana had called the AACA attorney regarding the number of members necessary for a quorum. Following the discussion, B. Paquet moved the April minutes be approved as printed, H. Whigham seconded, motion carried. A discussion regarding a quorum followed. R. Harper moved to amend the Bylaws as follows:

"A quorum shall consist of 20% of the voting member—

"A quorum shall consist of 20% of the voting membership and this 20% shall include 3 board members."
This motion was seconded by P. Fontana, motion carried
with one dissenting vote being cast. (ACCORDING TO
PRESENT DSR BYLAWS ARTICLE X, Section 2, REVISIONS
TO THE BYLAWS NOTICE OF REVISIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED
SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE BEFORE BEING
VOTED ON)

Vice President:

Buddy presented to the membereship a price quote from Mobile Siding to apply vinyl siding the the clubhouse. He noted that the treasury could not withstand the amount necessary to pay \$2,286.00 to have this done. L. Crowdus stated he would contribute \$100.00 toward this and challanged all other DSR members to match his donation. Buddy stated that perhaps not all of the members could match his amount but that whatever they could contribute would be appreciated; that all donations be given to B. Hedberg, Treasurer, and he would keep the individual amounts confidential. H. Hopkins moved that when the sufficient amount was in the treasury the club should proceed with having the repairs made. Motion seconded by H. Whigham and was carried without opposition.

Secretary:

No report

Treasurer:

B. Hedberg presented the Tresurers report. There were no questions; P. Fontana moved to accept the report as presented, F. Sturges seconded, motion carried. (Copy attached)

Activities

L. Crowdus announced the July outing would be lunch at the Gift Horse Restaurant with the club meeting at the Battleship Park on July 11, 1992 at 11:00 am and proceed to the restaurant in Foley. He also reminded members of various events relative to the clubs in the area. A visitor, Charley Street, a member of the Old South auto club asked to be recognized. He invited all members of DSR to join Old South on July 26, 1992 for a trip to Dauphin Island for watermelon. Anyone wishing to attend should meet at Hardee's in Theodore at 1:30 pm that day.

Editor: ,

No report

Member at Large: Absent

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Being no further business to come before the membership, H. Hopkins moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by N. Few, motion carried.

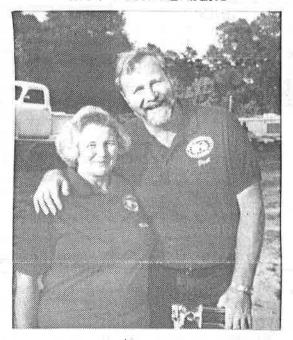
Respectfully submitted,

Patt Paquet, Sepretary

DSR MINUTES

I hope all members read the minutes on the left of this. Our secretary, Patt, does an excellent job of reporting things as they are and we all should keep up with the Deep South Region's business. You will always be kept informed by reading Patt's meeting minutes!

KNOW YOUR MEMBERS



Paul and Kathy Bowden are both local folks, Paul grew up in Prichard and Kathy in Whistler. They were married on December 20, 1964 and have four children, 2 boys and 2 girls and 2 grandsons. The Bowdens live in Stockton, AL, just north of I-65 on highway 225. Kathy said they live right in the middle of town! They joined the DSR this year just before the May Show. Paul owns the Paul Bowden Electric Company in Mobile on Government Street and Kathy works 2 days a week there and handles their paper work. She was formerly a nurse. If you need any electrical work done, Paul's business phone is 666-4870 and their home phone is 937-6155. Kathy said they gradually became interested in antique cars as they grew "older". (Paul is the age of our son!) They own a 1947 Plymouth, a 1957 Chevy, a 1962 Chevy, and a 1964 Mercury. The Bowdens are friendly Christian people that are a pleasure If you haven't met the Bowto know. dens, make a point to get acquainted with them!

-- NEW MEMBERS --

We want to welcome Clyde and Janet Smith into the DSR. Clyde works for a trucking firm and they live on 2012 Robinhood Drive in Mobile 36605 with their son Brian. Their telephone number is 473-7834. The Smiths own a 1957 Thunderbird and have visited the DSR several times recently. We are happy to have the Smiths join us and hope to see them often at our future meetings and outings. Welcome to the Deep South Region, folks!!

We have several other DSR friends that have applied for membership and

they will be voted in this coming Thursday's meeting.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN, V. T. HOPKINS:

GETTING THE WRINKLES OUT

As a boy I used to sit and watch my mother ironing clothes. Out would come the rolled-up, wrinkled shirts which had been previously dampened. The combination of the heat and pressure of the iron would take out even the deepest wrinkles -- wrinkles I thought could never be ironed out.

God knows we've got wrinkles in our thinking and creases in our character. So He holds back His protective hand and permits unexpected trouble and even long term difficulties. He uses these pressures to improve us.

We don't like it when we have to go through tough times. Nobody does. When the family has to deal with a long term illness, it's hard on everyone. When our job is phased out and we're having a hard time finding another one, it's rough. When we've made dumb decisions that strain relationships, we all suffer.

But think about it. Whenever we go through tough times like these with our faith intact and our trust placed firmly in the Lord, we come out of it a little better and stronger. Someone has written, "Whatever does not kill me, strengthens me".

We really should rejoice, because it's God's way of applying the

heat and pressure so that He can "get the wrinkles out".

"PRESSURE PRODUCES PATIENCE!"

Copied -- "Ole Hop"

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

On July 8th Albert Carver had surgery on his bladder for a malignancy. It was a very serious operation and he was in the Intensive Care Unit of the Mobile Infirmary for several days, but he is recovering well and is in his room #5309. The doctors informed Lois that the malignancy had not spread and that they were able to remove it all which is the best news yet! Bert is smiling in his bed and looks as if he'd never had surgery. He is a tough guy! We are all happy it's over, that he's doing good and we hope he gets to go home soon.

Lucille Nettles' brother had a heart attack that required heart surgery and 5 by-passes, and seemed to be doing OK, but an infection set in and he had to be opened up twice to stop it. But now he seems to be recovering. He has had a very rough time of it and we all hope he continues to improve. At the same time Cecil's sister-in-law also had heart trouble and was in a life threatening situation that required several by-passes. She was not expected to survive, but she has recovered and is now expected to be able to go home soon. The two relatives are in different hospitals and the Nettles have constantly been going from one to the other, and with Cecil's recent very painful shoulder surgery, he is also taking daily therapy treatments. The Nettles have certainly been in a trying situation and we hope the very best for them!

Sickness & Accidents continued on page 4 --

Sickness and Accidents of Members continued from page 3 --

Gladys Edwards has had a lot of difficulty with bronchitis that has now caused internal problems. She will soon go into the hospital for a thorough check-up and necessary treatment. Gladys is certainly a fine lady and has had such a difficult time. We all sure wish the very best for her!!

You find that friendly old car folks are everywhere! When we were at the Montgomery National AACA Show in June, we met Gene and Nita Cofer of Tucker, (near Atlanta) They were in a motel room near ours and we were fascinated with the cars they had with them. They were entering a Duesenberg, a Stutz and a Tucker in the show, all prize winners. The Cofers own a total of 32 antique cars! In talking to them I mentioned that I was editor of the SPARKPLUG. They said they saw an article on "How to Read Antique Car Ads"

MINUTES - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

July 7, 1992

The Executive Board Meetiing of the Deep South Region AACA was called to order at 7:15 pm by Tom Brown, President. All Board members were present:

Tom stated he was hopeful the question of a quorum could be voted on at the next regular meeting in order to send the Bylaws to National

Vice President:

Buddy asked B. Hedberg for a report on the money contributed for the siding. At this date a total of \$1559.00 has been deposited with one pledge of \$50.00 to be paid leaving a deficit of \$727.00. Buddy asked the opinion of the Board members on proceeding since the price quotation would expire soon. It was the consensus of the Board that the balance would be in by the time the final payment had to be made.
L. Crowdus will call the company and ask them to start on the building.

Secretarys

Patt stated she had the Bylaws change. typed and copied to mail to each member. The Board discussed the fact that some members were not at the June 25th meeting and would not be aware of the discussion on the addition of siding to the clubhouse and since there was a proposed Bylaws change being mailed perhaps a letter informing the members on the status of the money for the siding could be included. B. Paquet stated he would write the letter and provide the copies to go to the members.

Treasurers

Bob emphasized the the Board members the fact we must increase revenue and decrease expense on the next car show. He felt we needed to involve more members in the show. Buddy felt a budget should be set up for the show and work within it. It was felt that 3 "Chairmen" could work together to have a successful show next year.

Editor

No report

Activities:

Lloyd asked Eugenia Youens to have the calling committee get in touch with the members about the outing on July 11th. He and Lycyle are working

on the Christmas party.

Member at Large:

Bill agreed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the 1993 officers. He will report back to the Board on his findings.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patt Paquet, Secretary

that would be good for a newsletter, and asked if I'd like a copy. Of course, I said yes and they sent it to me so all of our members could read it, and here it is: --

HOW TO READ ANTIQUE CAR ADS

Contributed by: JACK MILLER

IF HE SAYS THIS Motor quiet Needs minor overhaul Needs major overhaul Uses no oil Completely gone over Body fair Body good Parts car Immaculate condition Concours condition Drive it away Deliver for expenses Can be towed Drive anywhere Fine old Classic Bowlegged old dog Has Classic lines Desirable Classic Rare Classic Stored twenty years Completed CARavan Extensive re-chroming done Other interests interfere

Extra parts Call anytime No time to complete Good investment Rough Sharp Need money Must sacrifice Firm Asking Leaving for Army New top Top good

Top bad

Solid as a rock

HE MEANS THIS: I'm using 60 weight oil Needs new engine Ready for the junkyard Just throws it out Had spark plugs sandblasted No dry rot where you can see it Touched up things with brush Couldn't get to run Had it washed Had it waxed I live on top of a hill I like caviar Has four wheels . . . no tires Within ten miles of home His car Your car Box on wheels Nobody likes it but me Nobody liked it even when new Motor is frozen On a trailer Had the front bumper buffed I finally gave up on it My wife finally won the battle I'll sit here 'till I sell it Can't find the parts anyway Couldn't depreciate any more It's too bad to lie about Whitewall tires Found a better one Can't give it away \$200 off for cash \$500 off for cash Finance company getting mean Only two years old Leaks only on rainy days Nothing but shreds Everything rusted together

HAD YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE ECONOMY SIZE IN SOAP IS LARGE, BUT IN CARS IT'S THE SMALL SIZE.

A GREAT MOBILE TURN-OUT!

What a spirit of cooperation we all enjoyed when the Great American Race cars began arriving at Bel Air Mall parking lot on Tuesday afternoon, June 23rd! The DSR, the Mobile Bay Mustang Club, the Southern MoPar Club, the Corvette Club, the South Alabama British Car Club, the Azalea City Classic Chevy Club and several folks representing no club at all, all joined in to welcome the 81 1938 or older race cars to Mobile, Alabama! Mobile gave the racers a tremendous welcoming turn-out. Many hundreds of people were there. Just prior to the race cars arrival, the U. S. Navy Band and the local Boy Scouts gave a patriotic salute to America and professional singer Brooke Steuart sang several patriotic songs accompanied by the Navy Band, including our national anthem. It couldn't help but make you feel both proud and humble. What a display! Then gold medallion awards were given to those club members that outstandingly assisted in organizing the reception. From the

DSR our Lloyd Crowdus received one, the Mustang Club's Gayle Reinhart, and the British Car Club's Ben Caddell. And there is on doubt that these three deserved their awards! They really went all out to make

this a success!

There was a "Shine Time Amer# ica" there, which was a display of 60+ local antique cars competing for awards. Four awards were presented, one to our own Bill Whiting in a 1931 Chrysler convertible, one to Orville Carter, a DSR visitor in his 1940 Chevrolet coupe, one to our Ed Grimes in his 1956 Thunderbird, and one to the Classic Chevy Club's Margaret and David Hickson in their 1955 Chevrolet. The 4 winners paraded their cars through the arch used by the racers to the cheers of the crowd. All the volunteers from the different car clubs were assigned to host a



LLOYD MAKING A TALK TO THE CROWD AFTER RECEIVING HIS GOLD MEDALLION.

race car. Several of the drivers told us that Mobile, so far, has won hands down to all other cities in putting on a great welcome. Of course, at the time, they still had many cities yet to host them. (Mobile didn't win but came close to it!)

From the City's Convention Center Staff, several people are to be commended for a "jam-up" job well done in a short time to get the different carclubs to all cooperate and assist this most successful event. Four ladies were wonderful to us in answering questions and getting us organized. Thes outstanding ladies were Gwen Dowd, Ann Sirmon, Jackie Maynard, and Barbara Moore. Our hats are off to these wonderful women for their patience, hard work, and especially their pleasant personalities in getting us all together.

Many of the clubs' volunteers were there helping out from 12:00 noon until 9:00 PM. I believe we were all exhausted but happy with the clubs,

the crowds, our leaders and just about everything!

Now a little "food for thought". After this many Mobile car clubs had such a great time together, maybe we should have an annual get-together of all Mobile area clubs for an ice cream or supper party, possibly at the DSR clubhouse. Just for a good time with each other, not a show, not competition, not flea markets, just to enjoy.

Think about it!

This is the letter from the Convention Center that Lloyd and several other volunteers received thanking them and the Deep South Region for our effort in making Mobile's Great American Race welcome a success.



Mobile Convention & Visitors Corporation

June 29, 1992

Mr. Lloyd Crowdus Antique Automobile Club of America Deep South Region 4111 East Burma Road Mobile, AL 36609

Dear Mr. Crowdus:

On behalf of the Mobile Convention & Visitors Corporation please accept our sincere appreciation for helping make the 1992 Great American Race a tremendous success. Thank you so very much for your untiring support and genuine commitment. Because of volunteers like yourself, we were able to put on this premier event and make it a success for our City.

We sincerely appreciate your willingness to put in long hours to make certain Mobile would look good to the rest of the world. Volunteers are always the life blood to a program, and please know we could not have done it without you.

Again, we thank you for your willingness to share of yourself and your time.

Sincerely,

Jacket Vannare Jackie Maynard

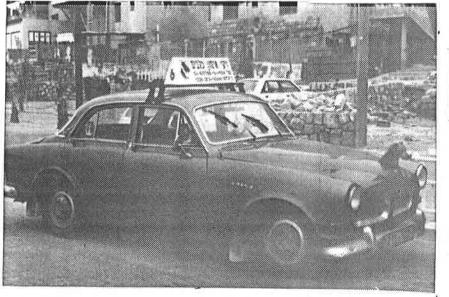
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ON BOB AND ANNE HEDBERG'S RECENT VACATION TO ISRAEL, BOB TOOK THIS PHOTO OF A VOLVO. NOTICE THE DOG HEAD HOOD ORNAMENT!

A MEMBER'S OPINION

We received the following from Pierre Fontana which is his opinion of improving the club's activities, which he requested be in the SPARKPLUG. This is not necessarily the opinion of the editor, officers, or anyone except the writer. We would like to encourage members to write their ideas and opinions and we will put them in the SPARKPLUG. All we require is that it be your idea, in good taste and not insulting or immoral.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE EMBARRASSED BY AN UNDESERVED SMALL TROPHY ...

Because we are "Human", capable of intelligent decisions (sometime), we all see things differently and have different tastes. Just think how boring it would be otherwise.

After playing with old cars for too many years to say, I now like to drive one that looks good, runs good, and I really don't care to spend \$10,000 on it to take home a \$10.00 trophy.

I don't care to park my old Vette by an over-restored, over-shined, overspent car like mine, even if it belongs to my best friend, because that is his thing, not mine.
I want to respect his desire to

compete, and for other members not interested or not able to, I would like room, classes, made so we can have a place too.

With our peers...

I would like to take a souvenir of the Show, like a plaque mounted on a see real piece of wood with something artistic and simple related to the show or club, not an undeserved plastic trophy.

I would like good food, games, music (soft), flea market, fun auction to raise funds for the club, and quality trophies in fewer numbers for the deserving ones.

A Mississippi Club has the idea -- the name of their show: The Good Ole Boys, Do Nothing, Eat All Day, Have Fun Car Show.

It don't get any better than that.

-by Pierre Fontana

BY-LAW CHANGE

By now you should have received a letter from our secretary, Patt Paquet, if you were not at the last meeting, that explains the need to vote an addition to our by-laws to include a quorum as requested by the National AACA. The vote will be at this coming Thursday night meeting.

BREWTON BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

-By "Ole Hop"

Saturday, June 20th, I went to the above Festival. Bill Dobbs led me with his "darned old Mustang" on a trailer. We drove up I-65 to the Wallace turn-off, across Wallace, and down to Brewton, non stop. It was about 95 miles that way but good driving. About a two hour drive.

We checked in, registered, and were very orderly parked under those beautiful trees. The trees provided much needed shade, but there were so many cars and people there that we didn't get much breeze. Hot! Hot! It was quite a show with about 185 cars registered!!!!

There were about a dozen from the DSR there and several won trophies. Bill Dobbs won a first place and Jerry Finley received second. Moseley won two trophies with his pick-up truck. Several others got trophies but I was taking a nap at the time and didn't get to see them. We had a good turn-out of DSR members which reciprocates for their attendance at our show.

The Arts & Crafts displays were tremendous and busy with sales. Several food concession stands were loaded with customers at noon. There were games

and rides of your choosing and they were busy too!

Bill and I left about 4:00 P.M. and headed home down highway 31. We ran into a tremendous rain storm on the causeway but it subsided as we came to the tunnel.

All in all it was a great day and a great festival. Very well planned and well put on as Brewton always does. I look forward to going to their Festival next year. Let's all cooperate with them. They do cooperate with uslll

FOR SALE

Charlie Froehlich has 3-5:50 x 16 WSW tires & tubes and 4 1936 to 1939 Ford wheels for sale cheap. Call him at (504) 392-6067.

1964 Falcon 6 cyl. 4-door, 70K miles. Bert Wheeler says it's perfect inside & our. Call him at 342-2819.

1961 Cadillac Sedan DeVille. Call Julian Guarisco at 626-3819.

WATERMELLON RUN

Remember, Old South had Charles Street to be at our last meeting and invited the DSR to join them for a watermellon run to Dauphin Island. Let's all meet at the Theodore Hardee's on Sunday, July 26 at 1:30 for a very good time!!

M.D.A. SHOW

Let's all our members get behind the Muscular Dystrophy Show on August 15th, Saturday. Please notice the change in the day and location -- to the Mobile Fairgrounds on Ziegler Blvd. inside the exhibit bldg Dash plaques to the first 200 entries with judging and trophies. \$15 early registration, \$20 day of show, \$6 aditional car. This is for a very good cause so let's go all out in support of it!!!!!!

COME TO THE MEETING!

Remember the meeting this month is Thursday, July 23rd, the 4th Thursday! (There are 5 Thursdays in July this year) We need you at the meeting as we will have several new member applications to vote on. Buddy and Lloyd have about got the club house siding ready to go on, but they still need your support. Come and let's put it over! This is the last meeting before the Muscular Dystrophy Show on August 15th. Come hear about it! And register your car while you are there! But most of all, come enjoy the fellowship in our air conditioned club house and let's all just have a great time together! See you there at 7:30 PM Thursday night!

		COMING SHOWS IN OUR AREA
July	18-19	Annual Gadsden Antique Car Show at *Noccalula Falls. (The big one) 38 classes, \$10 registration fee.
Aug.	15	First Annual Muscular Dystrophy Show at Fairgrounds on Zeigler Blvd. Exhibit building. PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF LOCATION!
Aug. Sept. Oct.	26	Pensacola AACA Show at Seville Square. New Orleans Mustang Show at Lakeside in Metairie. South Alabama British Car Day Show in Fairhope. HERSHEY!
Oct.		Tentative date for the New Orleans Antique Car Show. Shriners Charity Open Car Display at Auto Zone parking lot Cottage Hill at Azalea. Sponsored by Mobile Bay Mustang & Auto Zone. Proceeds to Children Hospital.
Oct.	24	Meridian Show at Village Fair Mall.

LATE NEWS FLASH!

Gavin and Gladys Edwards are looking forward to being great the looking forward twins in the grandparents to twins in middle of September!!

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