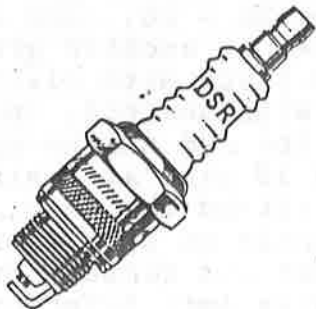


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
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A.A.C.A.



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June 16 through 23 - DSR Eleventh Annual Smokey Mountain Tour. Details were in the May SPARKPLUG.

June 28 - Meeting - 266 South McGregor Ave. at 7:30 P.M.

June 30 - This outing cancelled.

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.

President Lloyd Crowdus opened our May meeting at 7:30 P.M. with 33 present. Our Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins gave the invocation. Visitors Lou Eschete, Ron Dollar, and Gene Looney (father-in-law of Ron) were introduced to the membership. On our sick list, Frank and Jean Waites' youngest son was reported in the hospital. David Hepler announced that the DSR still has car protection stands for sale at \$12.00 per pair.

Activity Coordinator Ray Harper told of our May 20th outing to the Large's place at Gulf Shores. He also said that he appreciated the big turn out and member support we had for our first annual show at Tillsman's Corner on May 12th. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Ray be show chairman for the 1985 DSR show. Ray accepted. Katherine gave us a statement of profit and loss on the show which is published in this Sparkplug. \$1000 was voted to be set aside for our 1985 show. Our treasurer for many years, Ick Crane, requested to be relieved for the rest of the year as he is unable to attend our meetings or outings due to sickness in the family. Lloyd appointed Lycyle to serve as treasurer for the remainder of 1984. It was announced that Condie and Lucille were having their 33rd anniversary today. Congratulations were in order. Lloyd said the DSR had a little set-back on our obtaining club house property but they have a couple of other prospects in mind that are also very desirable. Lloyd said that he had been asked by several members to cut down on the number of outings the DSR has. We have been going on some type activity, including other club's shows, and civic activity support almost every week end. He asked the membership to consider this and let him know their wishes. Fairhope requested cars for an activity they have on July 4th. (Letter in this Sparkplug) The 1984 Glidden Tour will be in French Lick, Indiana on September 23 to 28. There was discussion on our Smokey Mountain Tour on June 17th. Few said that they were getting their 1931 De Soto convertible painted and will be ready for the tour. The meeting adjourned at 8:35, then our happy, hungry horde of highway hobbyists heeded Hop's hospitality and hastily headed to the Hopkin's household for heaping helpings of healthfood which heightened humor and harmony before heading homeward.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR PREZ: Worse than being a quitter is one afraid to begin!

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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. Details in July SPARKPLUG.

BILOXI DID IT AGAIN!! They registered 138 cars at their sixth annual show at the International Plaza on May 24 - 26. The Antique Auto and Engine Club of Mississippi are to be commended on another great show, with plenty of food, a very nice and shady show place with plenty of parking space. The banquet was held on the grounds with seafood, including crayfish, galore! The DSR was very outstanding in the red shirts and were quite impressive. Our Deep South Region registered 18 cars at their show plus vendors at their flea market. We had 47 members attend the show, not counting the Gautiers and Greens, who joined the DSR while we were there. Quite a few of our members spent the night in motorhomes and campers on the grounds both Friday and Saturday nights. Hop and Junie left Saturday afternoon driving their antiques home. Hop's little Metropolitan had a rod bearing insert turn on the way home and burn out. But "Ole Hop" has already made the necessary repairs to his little jewel. Bill Dobbs' model A, pulling a pop-up camper, acted up on the way home but knowing Bill, he also had it like new in short order. The DSR brought home quite a few trophies. Art Griffin, who was there with fleas, had previously owned four of the cars that won first place awards! It was certainly good to see such a nice turn out of our members at Biloxi as they sure did support our show on May 12th! It was a great show, beautiful cars, and congenial fellowship everywhere!!!

This is the statement of profit and loss on our first Annual Show on May 12th as compiled by Katherine Harper. This was beyond our expectations on a first show, and while we show a nice profit, all but \$198.77 will go back into funding our 1985 Show. As you can see almost \$2400 went into getting this year's show put on. Ray and Katherine, as show chairmen, are certainly to be commended on the way they held the line on costs. And the entire membership are to be commended on the outstanding effort each of you made!

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
CAR SHOW

RECEIPTS

Car Registration	558.00
Chamber of Commerce	200.00
Banquet	1,044.00
Coke Money	168.79
Raffle Tickets	1,617.00
Total	3,587.79

EXPENSE

T.V.	233.08
Fish Cooker	76.96
Paper	34.82
Trophies	849.27
Misc. Exp.	32.78
Stamps	20.00
Tickets	10.00
Mat. for ticket box	5.70
Copy Machine (Toner)	20.00
Banquet	1,044.00
Cokes	62.41
Total	2,389.02

PROFIT \$1,198.77*

CARS FOR SALE:

1947 GMC truck. In daily use by Rick Newman. \$1500. See photo below.



1956 Morris Minor for sale. Call 473-4727 or see Bill Dobbs. 1938 2-door Chevrolet \$1500. See or call Shannon Douglas at 452-1535.

1919 Chevrolet engine \$450. Complete engine. Raymond Taylor in Pensacola. 904-476-5712.

Dr. Dayton and Susanne Whites are getting enthused about restoring their very excellent 1926 Model T touring and going with us on some of our activity. Dayton has located a 1926 Buick and a 1933 Chevrolet that he is trying to buy. We are looking forward to having Dayton and Susanne with us!

Nothing destroys the truth faster than stretching it!

Ed Grimes' father died on May 25th and was buried on the 28th. He was 87 years old and had recently been in bad health. On the way to his father's home on the 25th, Ed and Barbara had a bit of car trouble and when Ed got out of the car he fell and broke his wrist. In addition to losing his father, Ed will be off his job for some time while his wrist heals. Our heartfelt sympathy is with Ed, Barbara, Eddie, and the Grimes family on their loss.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

NONGOSSIP SECTION



A teenager who works as a busboy for a local restaurant told me that on Sunday the manager designates two rooms as nonsmoking areas to accommodate church-goers who come in for a bite to eat after their evening service. The busboy said he is glad to see the large number of nonsmokers. But then he added, "They may not smoke, but you ought to hear them gossip! If we had a nongossip section, nobody would be there." Now, I'm sure he was exaggerating. Most Christians don't get together at the end of their Sunday activity just to gossip. Yet some do, and even a few too many!

People gossip for a number of reasons. Some just want to create a little excitement. Others like to satisfy their desire for prestige by giving "inside" information their friends don't know about, and sometimes under the guise of "sharing so you can pray about it more intelligently." Still others talk about people because they feel insecure, and making another person look bad makes them look good. Some are seeking revenge. How sad that those who repeat gossip, as well as those who are eager to hear it, actually prefer to believe the worst rather than the best about their brothers and sisters in Christ!

Proverbs 18:21 tells it straight: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." If you really want to read of the power of the tongue, read the third chapter of James. Please read it slowly and apply it to your own self before you gossip or criticize your fellow man. No, none of us are perfect, but certainly it would be well for us to shovel the dirt from our own front door before we point out the dirt in the door of our fellow man.

Don't murder your own fellow man with idle gossip!

"Ole Hop"

Shannon Douglas has been very slowly improving but has quite a bit of pain in his back. Mainly in the lower part of his spine. He hopes to be well enough to take a much needed vacation trip later this summer. We are all glad Shannon is better and hope the pain in his back soon eases. It is possibly caused from an old injury as the doctors have found no cause for the pain.

Cap Capdepon had a freak accident happen a few weeks ago. He was on his way to Lafayette to pick up an engine when his car began to run hot. He stopped and began to open the radiator cap to the first or pressure relief notch when it accidentally came off. The hot water went over him and caused second degree burns. Fortunately it missed his eyes. We are all glad Cap came out as well as he did!

Frank and Jean Waites' youngest son, Lynn, had a virus infection and became dehydrated bad enough to require hospital care. Just a week before that their oldest son, Kenneth, was also hospitalized with bronchitis, and before that their daughter, Tabitha, had surgery. All three of their children in the hospital within a few weeks! All the kids are home now and all doing well, except for the doctor bills left for Frank and Jean! Several weeks ago Frank's mother had open heart surgery. She is also at home now and Jean said that she is doing fantastically well! We are all glad the Waites' ordeal is behind them. It all proves the old saying that when it rains it pours!!!!

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome our new members, the Gautiers and Greens into the DSR. Earl and Frances Gautier own a 1931 Ford, a 1932 Ford, a 1934 Chevrolet, and a 1935 Chevrolet. All four of the cars are immaculate. The Gautiers address is P. O. Box 97, Moss Point, Mississippi 39563. Their telephone number is 601-762-6249.

Bob and Carolyn Green live at 1500 Oldfield Drive in Gautier, Miss. 39553, with their children, Bobbi, Kim, Derek, and Aaron. They own a beautiful 1940 Plymouth 2 door. The Green's telephone number is 601-497-4214.

We in the DSR are very pleased that these fine Mississippi folks joined us and hope to have the Greens and Gautiers with us on our future outings, meetings, and tours. Welcome to the DSR, folks!!

OUR PREZ SEZ:

I would like to thank U. S. and Peggy Large for a great outing at Gulf Shores on May 20th. Those who didn't make it missed a good time enjoyed by everyone that went!

It was indeed a pleasure to see so many of our DSR members in their red outfits at the Biloxi Show. This shows what a great team the DSR club members prove to be!!!

Lloyd

JUNE MYSTERY PHOTO

This month's mystery photo may cause our very active club member to be clobbered by his pretty wife! His own description of this photo is "DSR MEMBER WITH A GEORGIA PEACH". And that AIN'T his wife in the picture! Come to the meeting this coming Thursday nite and make your guess as to who this young Romeo is. His wife always attends our meetings so you may get to see him clobbered!!!!

The City of Fairhope's Chamber of Commerce is planning a July 4th celebration and said they would appreciate the DSR's participation in their activities. The parade begins at 10:00 A.M. as the letter below states. Fairhope has been very cooperative with the DSR and anyone that can, should make this outing. (It is not an official DSR club outing)

Fairhope's "Glorious 4th" Family Fun Day

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce is working with the City of Fairhope in an effort to make the 4th of July festivities, held at the Fairhope Municipal Pier, more of a family day. Mr. Don McGriff has been asked to chair the event which is being labeled Fairhope's "Glorious 4th" Family Fun Day. The event will begin on the morning of July 4th at 10:00 a.m. with a full range of activities through 6:00 p.m. with the annual City of Fairhope fireworks display at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. a parade will move south on Section Street from the Fairhope Civic Center and north on Fairhope Avenue to the Municipal Pier.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. an opening ceremony will be held at the Pier. Included in the ceremony will be a flag raising, a convocation, a speech by the Mayor of Fairhope, and patriotic music. Chairs will be provided for senior citizens.

Activities for all ages will be provided. Activities Chairmen are Buford Lipscomb and Dennis Brown. Children's activities will be puppets, clown face booth, pony rides, dance recitals, water balloon relay, sand sculpture, bike race, kite flying contest, watermelon eating contest, and fish for prizes booth, plus others. Other activities will be a dunking booth, volleyball tournament, chess tournament, checker tournament, picture board, best decorated boat award and boat parade, best decorated booth award, best American costume award, talent show, oratorical contest (What Makes America Great), old bathing suit revue, square dancers, gospel groups, art show contest (artists who best capture the American Spirit), American History skit contest, Miss Jubilee Pageant/fashion show (sportswear), and tug of war tournament.

Booths are available for any church, civic, school, or other non-profit organization at a cost of \$25.00 per booth. Twenty-five arts and crafts booths will also be available on a first come, first serve basis with local artists and craftsmen given preference.

Persons interested in volunteering their time or needing information on booths should contact the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce. Organizations such as churches, civic groups, etc. are encouraged to participate by providing volleyball teams, tug of war teams, and participants in the parade. Prizes will be awarded for all contests including a prize for the best Early American costume.

By our Sparkplug Star Reporter, JEANNIE HEPLER:

Sunday, May 20th, Colonel and Peggy Large invited the car club to Gulf Shores at their condo for some fun and sun. Barbequed chicken, hamburger, hot dogs, slaw, potato salad, and all the sweets you could possibly want to eat.

Our outing was turned inside the condo when rain appeared, but even that didn't stop our teen-agers that went along! If you didn't get a chance to go on this outing, you sure did miss a grand time!

Thanks again to Colonel and Peggy for all the time and preparation they made for us -- we all had a real ball!!!

After many years of loyal service to the DSR, repeatedly being elected our treasurer, Ick Crane asked Lloyd to replace him for the rest of the year as he cannot attend meetings or outings due to the constant care required of Helen's mother. The DSR will certainly miss Ick and Helen and look forward to having them back working with us again. We also pray for a recovery for Helen's mother in the near future. Lloyd has appointed Lycyle to serve as treasurer for the balance of 1984.

Gavin and Gladys Edwards' prize winning 1928 model A rumble seat roadster won "Best of Show" at the DSR show at Tillman's Corner. It is really beautiful! But on the way to the Biloxi Show, Gavin was loading it onto his trailer when it slipped off and banged it up a bit underneath. Gavin now has it back in prime condition with all the necessary repairs made. This accident, however, caused the Edwards to miss showing it at Biloxi and a sure trophy last month.

Elvin and Nell Few have their 1931 De Soto convertible all fixed up and painted blue with black fenders. It is a real beauty! They got it ready so they could go on the DSR Smokey Mountain Tour.

In Pensacola a Metropolitan Club is being organized. Sunday, June 10th, 14 Metropolitans and 42 people met with plans to organize. From the DSR Lloyd and Lycyle, and Condie and Lucille drove their Mets over. Lloyd reported it was very nice but said that he felt that Mobile has more potential for more members. In attendance at Pensacola were Metropolitan owners from Ga, Fla, Ala, Miss, and La.

Condie and Lucille have another Metropolitan, a 1961 convertible that they are having restored. Now they will have HIS & HERS Met convertibles!

Bud and Peggy Moseley's outing they are planning for July 28th and 29th will be here in Mobile both days. The tentative plans are that the DSR will host the Magnolia State Model T Ford Club. The Moseleys will probably take the group to the different DSR members homes and look at their cars. The Odoms are planning a feed for the group. As this will be after our July newsletter is published, further details will be in that issue.

When you read this SPARKPLUG the eleventh annual Smokey Mountain Tour will be over, but this newsletter is necessarily being written before the tour. The June schedule is too crowded to be able to write the entire letter after the tour.

Do come to the meeting this coming Thursday night, June 28th, at 7:30 P.M. It's at the same ole place, 266 South McGregor Ave. There will be discussion on the tour, on our new club house, and on Bud's and Peggy's coming outing on July 28th and 29th, hosting the "T" Club. Come see our mystery photo victim be identified, then clobbered! We want and need you at the meeting. Your views are valuable in planning our next outing! Make every effort to come; let's surprise Lloyd with at least 60 members attending!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

OUR SMOKEY MOUNTAIN TOUR

Life will never be the same again! Once you've driven an antique car across the Smokey Mountains and you see the natural beauty coupled with the pleasant temperatures, your outlook will ride on cloud nine! Our eleventh annual DSR tour starting point was from Cleveland, Tennessee on Sunday morning at 8:00, June 17th. There were 20 cars with 50 people there ready to go. Some of us had trailered, some had driven and there were 3 modern cars. The troubles we have are always remembered with good humor. (But it darn sure ain't funny when it happens!) On the way to Cleveland one of the antiques being driven overhead and was taken back home, thus one of the 3 moderns. There was an engine valve keeper failure, 5 flat tires, a generator failure, a burnt valve, a clutch failure, a dead battery, a few overheated cars, along with other ever present minor problems. But what would an antique car tour be without them! All in all I believe everyone will agree it was one of the best and most beautiful tours yet!

Sunday morning our caravan of antiques left Cleveland, Tennessee bound for Pigeon Forge, Tenn. All tow vehicles and trailers were left in care of the Holiday Inn in Cleveland for the week. The drive to Pigeon Forge was through beautiful hill country, but the most beautiful was yet to come! We arrived at our motel in Pigeon Forge at about 4:00 P.M. The motel had shade trees and a pavilion that we all used a lot. It was a very pleasant place for us. Sunday evening we all went to dinner at the Apple Tree Inn in a dining room reserved for us. All you could eat - and of anything you could want. Then back to the motel. We had reserved our motel room there for three nights.

Monday we all drove to "Silver Dollar City", an old time village that would take you all day to go through. Some of us went to "Miss Kitty's Saloon" where there were dancing girls. Miss Kitty had quite a "conversation" with Lloyd, and Ann Jarvis was quite an attraction in the show. One of the men singers in a derby hat persuaded Ann to sit while he sang to her. (Poor Ann didn't have much choice!) We all enjoyed the sights and everyone seemed to have had a great time. Monday evening we all went to an antique car museum near our motel and Monday night to a country music show in the Coliseum at Pigeon Forge.

Tuesday was our "On Your Own" day. Rest, relaxation, or sight seeing. This is something that Lloyd and Lycyle have begun on our tours that has been most welcomed. I hope that we can continue to have an "On Your Own" day in the mid-week of all our future tours. Some slept late, some stayed around the pool and pavilion, and some went sight seeing.

Wednesday morning, up and ready at 8:00 for the big climb across the Smokey Mountains to Cherokee, North Carolina. It was a breath taking, and absolutely beautiful drive along a mountain brook for 16 miles continuously UP. Our poor little model T in low gear all the way up! Then came problem #2, we've got to go down - steeper than up! The T burned #1 exhaust valve on the climb and we reached the crest on 3 cylinders. That afternoon at our motel in Cherokee we replaced the valve in 3 hours. Easiest one I have ever changed. All cooks and the bottle washer were helping. Bill Dobbs was up to his elbows inside the engine! Another thing I learned - Mac and E. C. Weaver with their Ruckstell axle flew up the mountain in their T. I have got to get a Ruckstell! Wednesday night we all went to "UNTO THESE HILLS", a play put on by the Cherokee Indians of their history. It was most interesting. Tragic and sad, but interesting.

Thursday - up again and on the road to Maggie Valley, N.C, up, up, up and away - again! Not as many miles up, but steeper than before! Low gear and full throttle again at times for five miles then down, down to Maggie Valley. Just beautiful everywhere you look! Near Maggie Valley we all went to "Ghost Town in the Sky", an attraction on a mountain top at 4600 foot elevation where there were stage shows, a western style shoot out on the streets and sight seeing galore! Thursday night we went to the "Stompin Barn",

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a country/mountain music show and dancing. We had a downpour there Thursday night which prevented very many people from attending the show but the DSR was there! These Gulf coast folks are used to that kind of rain!

Friday morning - up and on the road again at 8:00 A.M. A beautiful cool crisp day. Tops down and coats on, back to Cleveland, Tennessee. Our most beautiful drive of all, through Cherokee, Tipton, Tomotla, then Cleveland along a river with rapids all the way. We reached Cleveland about 3:00 P.M. and started loading the antiques on trailers. There we all bid each other fond farewells. A few of us stayed at the Holiday Inn where our tow vehicles were Friday night.

Saturday morning 7 cars left Cleveland for Mobile. (Others had left earlier.) We went through Pell City, Alabama where there was an auto restoration shop called "Big Boy's Toys". There was a show room full of restored antiques for sale, mainly model A Fords. We arrived in Mobile around 7:00 P.M. Saturday afternoon.

The Deep South Region's eleventh annual tour had ended. A most pleasant picturesque tour. 50 people and 1 Chihuahua that Jolene Page named "Sparkplug" after the newsletter made the entire tour. The cars were great and created a lot of attention. And so did the 50 people in 'em. We enjoyed having our Louisiana and Mississippi members and friends with us and hope to see them on our next year's tour. Lloyd and Lycyle are certainly to be commended on planning the best tour yet. It was by far the most beautiful drives and picturesque country we have ever toured through. The planning was flawless, quite a feat to make arrangements for 50 folks at motels, restaurants, and other accomodations. Our hats are off to the Crowduses!!!!

This is an article in the local paper at Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The picture that accompanied this is on the back cover of this SPARKPLUG.

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Antique auto club

Touring with 'Old Yellar'

By MICHELLE GAPS

Staff Writer

"Bazooka, baz-o-o-o-ka," hollered "old Yellar" as it rode down Pigeon Forge Parkway amidst a sea of curious onlookers.

"Old Yellar," a canary-colored 1931 Model A Ford, was one of 18 antique cars owned by members of the Antique Automobile Club of America who have been touring the Great Smokies this week.

"This is our 11th annual tour," said Lloyd Crowdus, proud owner of "Old Yellar" and president of the Deep South Region, AACA, which is sponsoring the tour. "This year the tour includes more than 50 members of the

AACA, including people from Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi." Crowdus said he put at least \$8000 into "Old Yellar." "I bought her for \$4000, and it took \$4000 more to restore her," said Crowdus.

According to Crowdus, some of the club members have been collecting antique cars for more than 20 years. "Some of those in our group have up to eight cars." Crowdus has three himself. "You can't find them in old barns very often anymore," said Crowdus. "People are realizing their value now."

The oldest car in the group is a 1923 Model T Ford owned by Mac Weaver, Biloxi, Miss. "It's the only one on the tour you have to handcrank," said Weaver.

Price value for the antique automobiles ranges from \$10,000

to \$40,000 each. Crowdus said he put at least \$8000 into "Old Yellar." "I bought her for \$4000, and it took \$4000 more to restore her," said Crowdus.

Though "old Yellar" never runs more than 40 mph, there is still a sense of excitement when sitting behind the old-fashioned dashboard and feeling a breeze through her open windows. "We usually take our time on the old back roads when we travel," said Crowdus, as he pulled "Old Yellar" up beside the grandfather-like 1923 Model T. "We sure have a good time driving these cars."

Don't forget that the 20th Annual Noccalula Falls Meet at Gadsden is on July 21 & 22 this year. For information call Fred or Jean Clements at 1-547-7143. This is always a good show!

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OLD YELLAR AND FRIENDS: Antique cars are touring the Smokies

MICHELLE GAPS