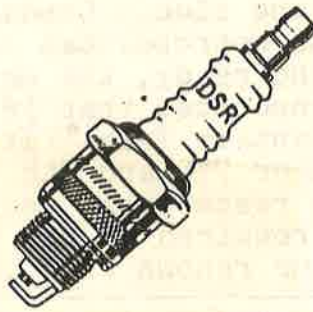


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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
DEEP SOUTH REGION  
A.A.C.A.



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Mar. 22 - Meeting -  
266 So. McGregor Ave.  
at 7:30 P.M.

Mar. 24-25 - Outing -  
Meet @ Pinebrook at  
7:30 A.M. for an over-  
nite run to Paul B.  
Johnson Park near  
Hattiesburg. Meeting  
Jackson, MS T Club  
there.

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 FEBRUARY MEETING.

Our regular meeting on Thursday night, Feb. 23rd, was called to order by President Lloyd Crowdus at 7:30 with 51 present. Acting Chaplain V. T. Hopkins gave the invocation. Lloyd said he was glad to see so many of our members turn out for our meetings. Secretary Jeanie Dobbs read a letter from A.A.C.A. headquarters approving the May 12th date for our first annual DSR show. Lloyd thanked the Pages for showing us such a fine time and also the Capdepons

for leading us. Vice President David Hepler called on all antique car drivers to be courteous on the highway and leave 300 feet between cars when traveling. He said that in Forbes magazine it told of some areas of our country outlawing antique cars on the highway. Activity coordinator Ray Harper said Mrs. Fayard of Atmore called and requested cars at their Mayfest Celebration at Atmore on May 5th. The DSR will receive a donation for this and it will be considered a club activity. Ray also announced that the awards banquet on May 12th after the show will be buffet style, all you can eat for \$7.00 per person, with a choice of meats and other foods. He also told of the model car contest posters being placed in the schools, of the availability of rest rooms at the show, and that motor homes can stay on the school grounds, however there will be no hook ups. Also the Tillman's Corner Chamber of Commerce is planning to make a donation toward helping the show and that we will have live radio coverage. A large tent has been donated for the day and a hospitality center will be under it. Hop requested and received a category for 4 cylinder early cars. Art suggested some identification of car owners at the hospitality center to prevent "crashing" by outsiders. Ray asked everyone to pre-register so we can get an idea on how many to expect at the banquet. Lloyd requested each member to take 1 or 2 books of tickets to be sold at \$1.00 each. Jeannie Hepler asked for each member to please furnish two door prizes at the show. Lloyd said that DSR red T shirts and hats are available at "T Shirt Plus" shop in Bel Air Mall. Lucille Nettles was identified as the mystery photo subject in the February Sparkplug. Today, being Lucille's birthday, we all sang "Happy Birthday" to her - then to H. D. whose birthday is the following day. Lloyd asked for as many cars as possible to be at Fort Conde on Sat. the 25th. He also said he wished to thank the calling committee for a job well done! Fairhope Arts and Crafts, Lloyd announced, have invited us over

### April

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Apr. 26 - Meeting -  
266 So. McGregor Ave.  
at 7:30 P.M.

Apr. 28-29 - Outing -  
Overnite to water park  
near Fla. line. Free  
camper parking. Sunday  
run for those that can  
not make Saturday.  
Hartmans leading.

on March 18th to participate in their celebration. It was also announced that we have a "new" antique in the club. Condie and Lucille Langham have bought a fully restored 1955 Nash Metropolitan convertible. Also the Nettles' 1936 Chevrolet is now complete and ready, the Moseley's 1929 Model A will be ready in about a week. Lycyle announced that 58 people are planning on going on our eleventh annual Smokey Mountain Tour. It was announced that the Pensacola Show will be on September 7th and 8th this year. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 and our refined Region's respectable restorers rambled toward rest, relaxation, and refreshments we required at our regular reliable restaurant we relish, and readily renewed our renown relationships!

### NEW MEMBERS

The Deep South Region wants to welcome our new members into the club. We are most happy to have these very fine folks with us. They have all visited us on our outings and are known to most of our members.

Gavin and Gladys Edwards, who live in Mississippi, not very far from Herb and Reba. Their address is Route 2, Box 470 - Lucedale, MS 39452, telephone 601-947-2281. The Edwards have a 1953 and a 1956 Chevrolet.

Frank and Jean Waites have also joined the DSR. They live at 411 Thompson Blvd. in Chickasaw, AL 36611, with their children, Tabitha, Kenneth, and Lynn. The Waites have a 1947 Ford 2-door. Frank is in the upholstery business and has done quite a few DSR member's antique cars in their original upholstery. And he is good! Their phone is 457-0956.

We are very glad to have the Waites and Edwards in the DSR and hope to see them often at future meetings and outings.

On Sunday, February 19th, Cecil and Lucille Nettles drove their newly restored 1936 Chevrolet out of Ray's garage and home to stay. As they drove it out of the garage, where it had been restored, Lloyd "Christened" it by breaking the traditional bottle of Champagne over the front bumper to the cheers of everyone there. After the "ceremony" the Nettles took the beautiful running little Chevy for a cruise around the neighborhood, then back to the Harper's for cake and ice cream. I suppose this all means the Chevy is ready to go anywhere!

Lloyd wishes to announce that at the coming first annual DSR show on May 12th, the person that sells the most \$1.00 donation tickets for the drawing of the RCA TV, the fish cooker, and the battery charger, will have his choice of the door prizes to be given out at the awards banquet. There are some very nice door prizes -- and remember, each member is to furnish two door prizes. These you can buy or have donated to the club, but you are responsible for 2.

And now, our own comic strip, starring Bill Dobbs and Ole Hop!



G. SHORT

We regret to inform you of the death of Mr. Raymond Hartman, Don Hartmans' grandfather. He died in Atwood, Kansas on February 14th at age 84. Our deepest sympathy goes to Don, Jan and the Hartman families.

Howard Shafer's mother died in December after a brief illness and surgery. She lived in California and the funeral services were held there. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Howard, Agnes, Jimmy and the Shafer families.

On our sick list, we have had several DSR members visited by the flu bug. Among them are Ray, Dave, Lucille, Cecil, Howard, and several others. All of these folks are doing OK now but by the time you read this others may be being visited by the "bug".

Shannon Douglas is still taking chemo-therapy treatments. He went in the hospital on February 20th for one, and after one week at home, had to go back to the hospital to recuperate from the treatment. He still has several treatments to go before he gets a clean bill of health. Meanwhile between treatments, the Douglases may join us on a Sunday afternoon outing!

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:



### FEEDING THE ENEMY

During the 19th century the tribespeople of New Zealand were often engaged in conflict with the occupying British troops. One day while resting from an exhausting skirmish, a General named Cameron and his men camped on the banks of the Waikato River. His soldiers were short of provisions, and they expected the Maori warriors to attack. Suddenly a man who was stationed as a lookout signaled that several large canoes were coming up the river. Cameron and his men expected the boats to be full of warriors but were surprised to see the boats were loaded with milk goats and potatoes. The Maoris said, "We heard you were hungry and the Book missionaries brought says, if enemy hungry, feed him! You enemy, you hungry, we feed you, that is all!"

The Maoris quickly came ashore, unloaded the goods, and returned quietly to their village. These tribal New Zealanders, enlightened by God's Word, had shown love for their enemies. They had taken Romans 12:20 to mean exactly what it says. Should we do less?

Recall for a moment your reaction when someone on the job angered you. Think about someone who mistreated you. Did you retaliate with the milk and honey of human kindness? Or better still did you give him a taste of the fruit of the Spirit from your life?

Our true character as Christians is best shown by our actions toward those who mistreat us. Vengeful retaliation should have no part in our lives. Instead, let's do like the Maoris and "feed the enemy".

The most glorious victory you can have over an enemy is to turn him into a friend!

Though foes may hate, despise, revile,  
Your friends unfaithful prove;  
Unwearied you should love them still;  
Your heart with kindness move.

Anon-

Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you. Luke 6:27

"Ole Hop"

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in Books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Martin Luther

Look for them, they will be coming soon.  
Look for Him, He will be coming soon.

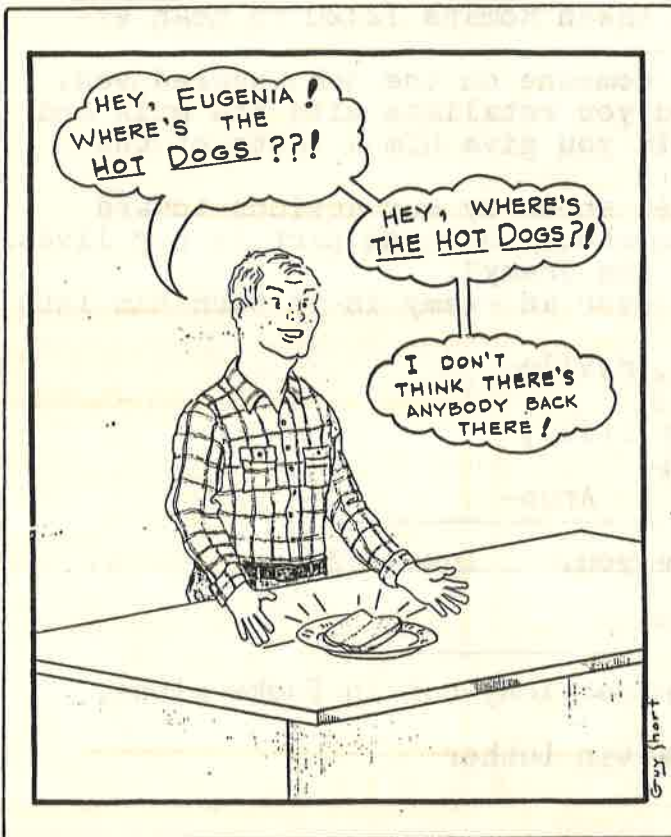
What an impressive turnout for the Alabama Film Commission!!! The Deep South Region was most outstanding! On Saturday night, February 25th, at 7:00 42 DSR cars with 68 members showed up at Fort Conde to take between 150 and 200 Alabama Film Commission people and movie dignitaries from Riverview Plaza to the Battleship where the commissioners were entertaining them. The dignitaries represented all but 2 of all the states in the U.S. The antique cars were lined up at 7:30, with the antique limousines up front and others following. The original plan was to let a car load up at the Plaza, then drive on toward the Battleship while the next loaded up, but when the movie folks saw all the antiques in line from Riverview to Fort Conde, they "stampeded" down Government Street and to Fort Conde, running to get a seat in one of the antique cars. Most of these folks were well known movie executives and celebrities and we were able to take the entire group at one time. You can be assured these folks were pleasantly surprised at the DSR, the quality of our cars, and the refinement of the DSR members. And we certainly enjoyed their company, their conversations, and their courteous remarks. Several of the movie people made statements such as, "We had no idea we would have such a very outstanding ride in such very nice automobiles". Courtney Martin of Montgomery, secretary to the Film Commissioner, Phil Cole, presented Lloyd with a very nice donation to the DSR and told him that they were very happy with the DSR, very pleased, and very impressed. She also said that we can be assured we will be remembered for future events. We had a full police escort from Riverview through the Wallace tunnel with our celebrities and on to the Battleship. We wish to thank all of you that turned out in support of the DSR. A special thanks for "beyond the call of duty" for those members that came from out of town to help. Among them, Jerry and Linda Page drove their Packard limousine all the way from Waveland, MS. Also to Doug and Alice Newman who drove their Lincoln Continental from Pascagoula, and to those from Loxley, Don Hartman in a 1949 Chevrolet and Condie Langham in a 1955 Metropolitan. Also a hearty thanks to the Mobile Police Department for their escort and consideration for the Deep South Region and our cars. With this kind of support the DSR cannot fail to do whatever we decide to do! You can all throw your chests out, chins up, and be VERY PROUD of your Deep South Region!!!

### WHERE'S THE MEAT!

This cartoon of David Hepler (looks just like him, doesn't it?) by Guy Short tells a little story. Last month the show committee came out to the Youens' home to use the Club copy machine to make brochures for the coming DSR show. Guy did the art work and everybody worked hard for several hours getting everything together. Eugenia made hot dogs for everybody, complete with mayonnaise, mustard, sour kraut, chile, buns - but alas, she forgot to get out the wieners! David, first in line, made a delicious looking meatless hotdog, and - well - the cartoon tells the rest!

Bud and Peggy's 1929 Model A is fresh out of Frank Waites' upholstery shop and, boy, does it look snazzy! The Moseleys have a sure show winner! It has been under restoration for a long time and now it is complete - a real black beauty!

WHAT DO YOU GIVE A MAN THAT HAS EVERYTHING?  
YOU BETTER GIVE HIM ANTIBIOTICS!



On April 28th and 29th Don and Jan Hartman's outing will be to the Styx River Water Park near the Florida state line on I-10. The Hartmans have arranged for free camper parking spaces for those that have campers and wish to spend Saturday night there. For anyone that wants to go in the heated pool or on water rides, the fee is \$7.75 per person. We will probably be fed by the water park owners on Saturday. Then Sunday the Hartmans and Langhams plan to treat us to a barbeque. Anyone that cannot get there Saturday for spending the night can come over Sunday morning and join the group. During our stay there, for the free park services, we are asked to please listen to a 45 minute talk on the water park. Don and Jan want to ask all the Mississippi folks that attended Jerry and Linda Page's Waveland outing last month, as well as other club's members in the area, to join us in this outing. This is a very good deal the Hartmans are getting the DSR, so let's all go over and have another real ball!! Remember this is on the last week end in April! The time we leave will be announced later, probably in the next newsletter, but make your plans now to join us in this fun filled outing!

THE PREZ SEZ: Again our loyal D.S.R. members came through for the Club. I would like to thank everyone who put forth a special effort in order to accomplish this goal, especially those from out of town. The D.S.R. Club was highly praised by the Film Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce for a job well done. I am proud to be a D.S.R. Member.

Lloyd

#### OUR MARCH MYSTERY PHOTO



Here's a dandy picture of a young'un practicing for antique car riding by taking a ride in a 1937 wheelbarrow. In fact this picture was made in October 1937. (The '38 wheelbarrows were probably in the wheelbarrow dealer's showroom.) He is very active in the DSR, takes part in almost everything, and it is most unusual if he or his pretty wife miss any of our activity. Look at his face -- believe it or not, it DOES look like him!

Condie and Lucille Langham have bought a beautiful, always cared for, fully restored 1955 Nash Metropolitan convertible. It is solid yellow with a black top. They have been hunting one for a long time and found this one in Ocean Springs, MS. It's enough to make any Metropolitan lover envious. Condie has been driving it around lately, but we are expecting Lucille to take it away from him at any minute!

Ray Harper has agreed to work on Rev. George Skipper's model A. What ever Ray does to it, it will be a fine job when he's finished!

#### CARS FOR SALE.

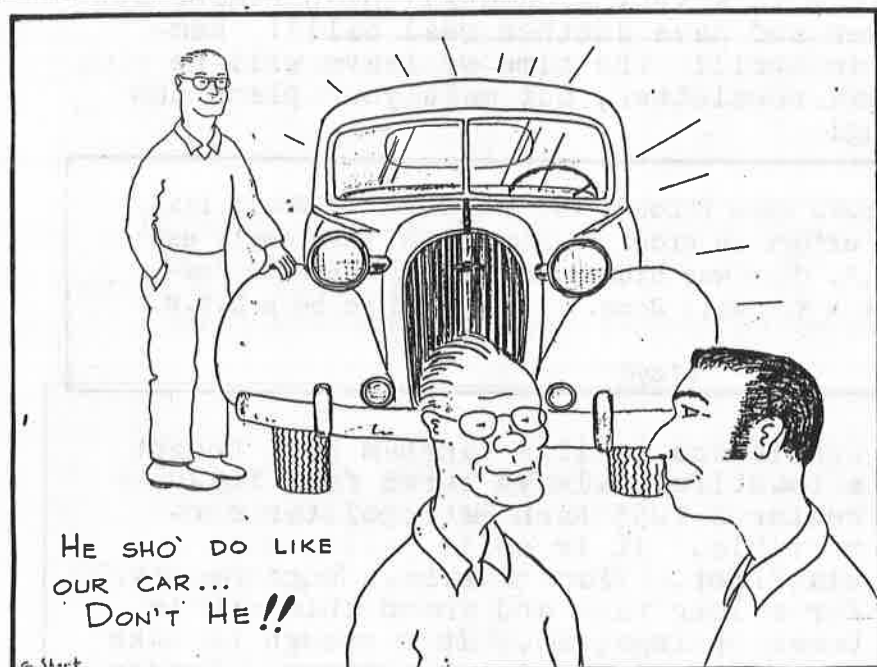
- 1940 DeSoto - good condition. \$2000.
- 1957 Chevrolet pickup. \$1500
- 1967 Austin Healy  
See Lloyd for these or call 661-8486.
- 1957 Dodge Royal 2-dr HT. Runs good, good transmission - push button.  
All parts there, some rust. \$800  
See Condie Langham - 205-964-5294.
- 1951 Chrysler 4-dr parts car. No seats.  
6 cylinder. B & R Camper Sales in Theodore. Call 653-7700 or see Art Griffin.

The sharpest tongue and the dullest mind are often found in the same body!

Did you stop to think that the DSR show is only 7 weeks off, and the eleventh annual DSR tour is only 12 weeks away! Lycyle has been working and planning -no small job! - for all the folks going on the tour. Please note the following:

SMOKIE MOUNTAIN TOUR- JUNE 16-23, 1984- Just wanted to let everyone know who is going on our Smokie Mountain Tour that we are in the process of making reservations for everyone. If for some reason you will not be able to go on the tour, I will have to know no later than May 1st. We will let you know later on the final plans and activities.

Lloyd and Lycyle



Our Guy Short cartoon shows the three Chevrolet boosters in the DSR. In case you can't figure the characters out, that's Ole Hop and Robert Liggett envying Cecil Nettles and his '36 Chevrolet. So much, in fact, it seems they have stamped a claim on it!

Here is another antique car for sale. A. J. Moseley (no kin to Bud) wants to sell his 1937 Chevrolet Master Deluxe 4-door. It is all original Grille and bumpers re-chromed with many extra parts. He said he will sell reasonable. His phone 649-4453 or call his son at 645-0394.

The new 1984 DSR roster of members will be out within a week. It will have a blue cover this year. A few of our members did not get a picture in in time so there will be a blank space in these places. Please try to get us a picture in time for the 1985 roster - you have one year but a year gets away fast! And for some reason they seem to be going faster than they used to!

We felt quite honored when we received a 1983 Award of Distinction for our newsletter. Although quite a few of these awards are made throughout the U.S. it is our first and we are proud of it. The honor goes to all DSR members because of the talent, congeniality, and spirit of cooperation found in the DSR. Without the phone calls, letters, news items, everything you contribute, Guy's monthly cartoons, Lloyd's "Prez Sez", Hop's devotional, David's VP reports, Jeanie Dobbs helping with the minutes, Jack with new members, Ray and Katherine with outings, Lycyle's tour reports, Jeannie Hepler reporting on who and what, plus all other good SPARKPLUG star reporters, We just couldn't operate otherwise!



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On this coming weekend, March 24th and 25th, Saturday and Sunday, we will go to the Paul B. Johnson Park in Mississippi near Hattiesburg for an over-nighter. We will meet at Pinebrook at 7:30 A.M. next Saturday morning, the 24th and drive to the Park. There are camping facilities there for those that wish to take a camper and spend the night on the Park grounds. We will meet the Magnolia State Model T Ford Club there and we will have a ball with them again! If you wish to stay in a motel Saturday night there is one close by, Dru's Inn. Several of our DSR members are staying there. To make motel reservations call 601-544-6837. If you get no answer then call the adjoining restaurant they own, 601-545-9756. The cost of two people in one room is \$20.00 + tax. Come join us and be with these fine Mississippi folks. They always have a good time and they have a lot planned for this weekend! Bring a picnic lunch.

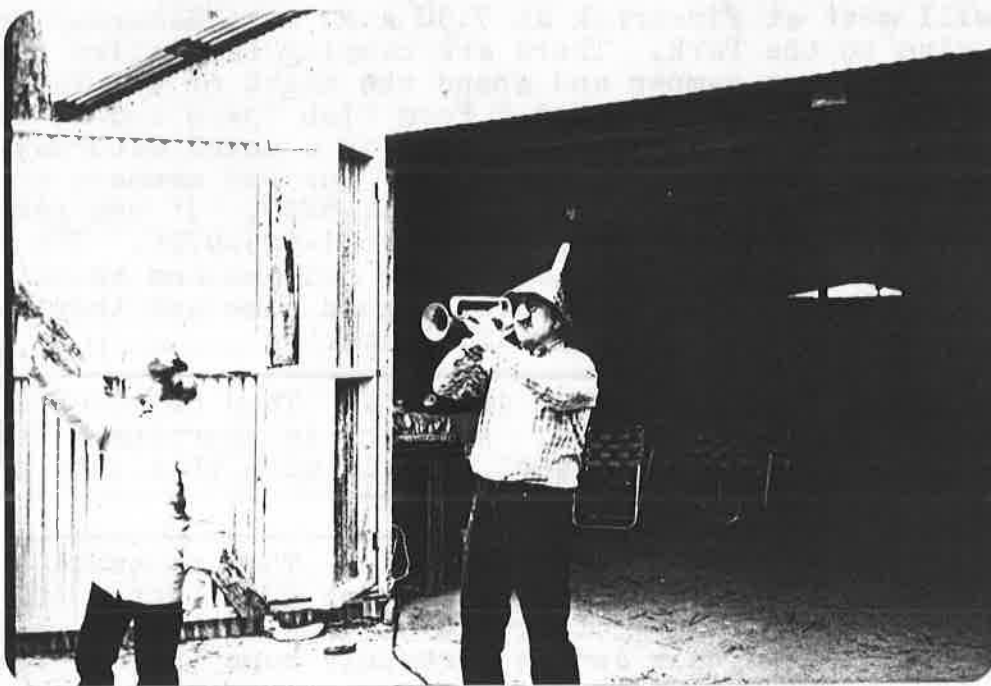
Congratulations are in order for Herb and Reba. They celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on February 12th. And Reba is sporting a beautiful new coral ring that you'll have to see! We all wish this very good and friendly couple many more happy anniversaries!

Frances Dillehay had dental surgery last month. That is quite a painful operation and we feel for Frances. She is doing much better now but we learned that her mother will have to go in the hospital this week for tests. She hasn't been too well lately and we certainly hope the doctors find everything OK.

#### COMING SHOWS IN OUR AREA:

- April 5-7 Ninth Annual Cloverleaf Mall Show in Hattiesburg. Reg. fee \$5.00. Awards banquet at 7:30 P.M. Sat. For info - Bob White at 601-426-6053.
- April 21 Ninth Annual Show at Sun Plaza at Fort Walton. Reg. fee \$5.00 1st car, \$3.00 2nd. Awards banquet \$9.75. For info contact Vince Sadowski at 904-862-1024. (Classic & special interest show)
- April 26-29 Fort Worth, Texas Swap Meet.
- May 12 Deep South Region Show. Griggs School ground at Tillman's Corner, Mobile, Ala. Pre-reg. \$5.00, day of show \$10.00. Banquet and awards. Info contact Ray or Katherine Harper @ 661-5017 or Lloyd Crowdus @ 661-8486.
- May 24-26 Biloxi Show at International Plaza. Reg. fee \$10.00 1st car, \$5.00 2nd. Free vendor space. Dixieland bands. Banquet on grounds. For info call Dan Resch @ 601-872-3814 or Mac Weaver @ 601-392-4002.
- May 26 Central Ala. Region Invitational Meet at Montgomery. For information call Jim Jacks @ 277-2065.
- July 21-22 Gadsden's Noccalula Falls 20th Annual Meet. Try to make this one! For info call Fred or Joan Clements @ 1-547-7143.
- Sept. 8 Old South Antique Car Show at Fort Conde. For info call Jimmy Neese @ 675-4508 or Jerry Pulliam @ 457-2339.
- Oct. 11-13 Hershey!
- Oct. 20 New Orleans Annual Show. For info call Charlie Froehlich at 504-392-6067.

Be SURE to come to the meeting this Thursday night, March 22nd, at 266 South McGregor Ave. at 7:30. We are getting close to our May 12th Showtime and we need your attendance at the meeting. Help us with your ideas. Tourtime is also just around the corner! Come make your guess who the wheelbarrow baby is on page 5. Come listen to the important announcements that Lloyd and Ray have to make! Come hear the explanation and comments about the cartoon on page 6. Last month there was standing room only at the meeting, but this month we will have chairs for everyone! We will be expecting you! There are 5 Thursdays this month so remember this Thursday the 22nd is the 4th Thursday and meeting night. SEE YOU THERE!!!!



THE MYSTERIOUS MISSISSIPPI BUGLER!

His identity is still uncertain, but we have learned that he had at least one brother at Waveland, Miss!

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