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Another Helping???

Three different kinds of lasagna, three different varieties of spaghetti, three huge tossed green salads, none of which were alike, and three delicious desserts. Who said trouble always comes in threes? Not this time! Anyone who left hungry had only themselves to blame. The only problems we had was that someone had taken the heater apart and failed to put it back together so there was no heat in the clubhouse and the electric oven wouldn't work when we were ready to heat the bread. Not be outdone on having warm bread, we used solar energy and placed the wrapped loaves out on the front porch railings in the sun. The other food was hot and tasty and the fellowship warmer than ever so everyone had a great time. Enjoying the "Italian Day Lunch" were 1 Bell, 2 Burdeshaws, 1 Cammon, 1 Coker, 1 Collins (with 2 daughters), 2 Coxes, 1 Crowdus, 2 DeCreases, 2 Dillehays, 2 Ebls, 1(L) Faust, 2 Fews, 1 Finley, 1 Howell, 2 Hunts, 1 Jarvis, 2 (F)Jordans, 2 Lunsfords, 2 McCuskers, 1 McDonnell, 2 Martins, 1 Nelson, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets, 1 Polk, 2 Reids, 1 Sloan, 1 Vinson and 2 Youens. Joining us as a guest was past member Marien Brent. Late in the afternoon we discovered it was John Howell's eightieth birthday and the group, if not in good musical voice but in good spirit, sang a rousing "Happy Birthday".

This issue contains proposed changes to DSR Bylaws. Please read carefully and be prepared to vote on these changes at the March 28 meeting.

Brewer Center Mardi Gras Parade

This is one parade that will make you count your blessings. Clients of the Brewer Center probably enjoy this event more than anyone else enjoys any Mardi Gras parade. Seems as if this year when DSR was participating in the Mardi Gras festivities, the weather gets really cold and this event was no exception. The wind was blowing 15-20 mph and it seemed the temperature was steadily dropping but we all had a great time. Driving their cars and throwing beads and moonpies were 2 Fews, 2 Lunsfords, 1 Lyles, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets, 2 Reids and 1 White. If they had handed out trophies for the best decorated car, the Lunsfords would have won hands-down. Their '37 Ford looked sharp with all the bows and masks.

Record Low March Gold Cancels Tour

The weather channel showed rain and possible sleet for northern Mississippi on March 7, the day before DSR planned to leave on our 3-day trip. A phone call to the motel confirmed they were experiencing snow flurries at noontime. One of our members called in the late afternoon after arriving in Mobile from that area to let us know driving conditions were not good. The entire weekend had bright sunshine but the wind chill was in the teens.

The trip will be re-scheduled for a later date with the same side trips as originally planned and we can spend some time with members of the antique car club in Starkville. Perhaps we can add some more members to go along on the second try since some of you had conflicts with the March date.

Minutes

Deep South Region A.A.C.A. February 22, 1996 Meeting

With thirty members and one guest present, the February 22, 1996 meeting of DSR was called to order at 7:30 PM by John Reid, president. Don Dillehay gave the invocation.

Old Business:

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as printed by a motion from Hershel Whigham with a second from Raymond Cochran. Lucille Nettles, treasurer, distributed the February 1996 financial report. It was accepted by a motion from Jane Bruton with a second from Ed Grimes. Activities coordinator, Buddy Paquet, recapped upcoming events including a trip to Starkville, MS in March. It was announced that Patt Paquet, editor of the Sparkplug, received an Award of Excellence for A.A.C.A. for her outstanding work on the club newsletter. John Reid asked for a motion to transfer \$900 from the General Fund to the Building Fund to pay for the new heat pump/air conditioning unit that was being installed in the clubhouse addition. Anna White made the motion and Hershel Whigham provided the second.

New Business:

John Reid suggested the club acquire a display case for automobile memorabilia. He also noted that Ross Sloan's impressive auto tag collection, which dates back to the 1920's, will be displayed on the walls of the clubhouse. Member-at-Large, Jim Martin, briefed everyone on Formosan termites as well as the special bond Terminix has offered concerning the additional termite insurance. Jane Bruton provided the second. John Reid recapped what was discussed at a brief Executive Board meeting which was held on February 17, 1996. Some proposed Bylaw changes were discussed. Ernie Youens made a motion to amend **Article VI, Section 2** to read: **...new members will be accepted or rejected by the Executive Board.** Shelby Bruton offered the second. After some discussion it was decided the petty cash account should contain \$100 at all times. John Reid updated the group about the upcoming auto parts swap meet in April and the mailings he has done to vendors and to national publications. Patt Paquet provided information about the car show program sponsors and urged everyone to help by selling advertisements in the program.

Announcements:

Al White, vice president, will conduct the March meeting as John Reid will be out of town. The 50-50 pot was won by Jim Martin. A motion to adjourn came at 8:30 PM by Don Dillehay with a second from Brenda Reid.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg McDonnell

Minutes

Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Executive Board Meeting

The first meeting of the Executive Board of the DSR was called to order by John Reid, president, on February 17, 1996 at 2:00 PM. Al White, vice president was the only board member not present. He had reviewed the bylaws and had given his comments and suggestions to John Reid. After a brief discussion concerning the club's direction, the changes to the bylaws were undertaken. The following changes have been made and are hereby submitted:

Article IV: Duties of Officers

Add: Section 7: Member-at Large-(A) The Member-at-Large shall chair a committee of three (3) members to review the Bylaws of the Deep South Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America annually. (B) The Member-at Large shall serve as the tie breaking vote on the Executive Committee.

Article V: Elections

Section 1: (Next to last sentence) Candidates for office shall be elected at the November meeting by secret ballot on which there shall be a space for writing in candidates or by acclamation.

Section 3: (First sentence) All ballots, tally sheets etc. used in the election shall be placed in an envelope and sealed. The year of the election shall be written on the envelope unless the vote is by acclamation.

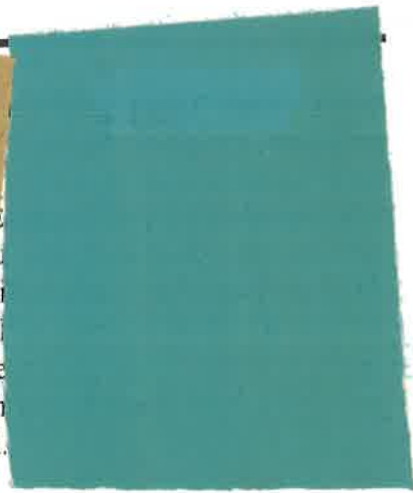
The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM by a motion from John Reid with a second from Jim Martin.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg McDonnell

Tech Tips

When masking off an area for painting there are several tricks that can be employed for better results. First, use real masking paper available from automotive paint supply shops instead of newspaper. The masking paper is wax treated and will not allow overspray to saturate. Second, fold the edges under before taping to reduce the risk of seeping overspray. Last, tape up (continued in next column)



Red Snapper Festival and Car Show

Carl Bailey

Shell Park at East Orange Beach was the scene for this fourth annual event sponsored by the Orange Beach Sport Association and Orange Beach Fire Department. Although it was sunny, it was windy and a bit chilly but the crowd was there all day. The Festival consisted of food and drink, arts and crafts, live entertainment, 50's music and of course, the car show.

There were approximately 50 vehicles entered in the show, mostly street rods and/or modifieds and the top ten received trophies. The Best of Show trophy went to Homer McNeil for his peach-colored 1932 Ford Coupe. The winner of the longest distance trophy was from Mississippi at a total of 142 miles one way. The entrants judged, or voted on, the ten cars of their choice so I know my Model A got a least one vote, but alas, no cigar! I enjoyed talking to the many people who came by to examine it.

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Sparkplug Receives AACA Award

Thanks to all of you who helped this past year, our newsletter received a 1995 Award of Excellence. I appreciate the articles, the passing on of information and other contributions from members. Please keep up the good work. Look at the mailer portion of this issue of the newsletter to see our achievement in print and give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back.

Remember When?

Ernie Youens

Ten years ago, March 1986, the recipe-of-the-month was Nell Few's Sweet Potato Casserole. Twenty members came to clean up the clubhouse and grounds on March 1 in preparation for the May car show. Don Hartman brought his wrecker known as the "Happy Hooker" to pull up tree stumps on the back of the property to make room for motor home parking.

We met at 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 16, at the Fairhope School to participate in the Arts and Crafts Festival with 63 people and 26 cars not counting the first five parade cars carrying the Dogwood Trail maids. After the parade, the cars were put on display at the Civic Center while we strolled the streets. Afterward, on the way home, we stopped for refreshments at Guy & Barbara Short's home in Daphne.

New members, Skip & Becky Bouler who own a 1930 Pontiac, were welcomed to the club. Becky is the daughter of Ann and Junie Jarvis.

Plans were finalized for the group going to Montgomery on March 22 for the Central Alabama Region's AACA national show.

Vernon "Hop" Hopkins offered a donation of \$100 along with supplying the paint and brushes to the club if members would paint his garage. This offer was quickly accepted and completed March 29.

Everyone was excited about the homecoming of the 1947 Mobile Bears baseball team, including Chuck Conners of "The Rifleman" fame, on April 4-5. DSR was furnishing vehicles to take them, along with several dignitaries and the Azalea Trail Maids, from the Admiral Semmes Hotel to Stanky Field. This event was scheduled for national TV coverage which would gain recognition for DSR.

Editors Note: The Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival is where Buddy & I discovered DSR. We had our first exchange student (from Holland) with us and he just could not believe people in the U.S. drove such old cars! We talked with several of the members and shortly after Buddy joined the club with me coming along a year later.

I'll Give It A "10"

The second car judging seminar hosted by DSR on March 3 was well attended by members and guests. The 100 point judging system was discussed and a generic judge sheet refined somewhat. There were numerous questions and answers and occasionally a question came up that defied a clear-cut answer. A few of those who attended went through the judging process step-by-step. DSR discovered that one of the clubs from Mississippi has an apprentice judging program in place which works well for them. Everyone learned something and had an opportunity to visit with members of other clubs. DSR members participating were moderators **Jerry Finley, Buddy Paquet and John Reid** plus **1 Collins, 1 Cordell, 2 DeCrease, 1 Demetropulos, 2 Ebls, 1 Ford, 1 McDonnell, 1 Martin, 1 Nelson, 1 Paquet and 1 White.**

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Greg McDonnell

Members in the News

There was a big article in the Mobile Press Register March 4 regarding collectible cars. That was our very own **Bob Gechjian** and **Jerry Finley** featured with their vehicles! Also some comments from **William Smith**, Executive Director of AACA were included.

Ross Sloan was interviewed on March 6 on a segment of the early morning news on NBC's Channel 15 regarding his new book.

The March issue of *Mobile Bay Monthly* has a major feature titled "Courting the Outdoors" which shows the work of **Russell Coker** and **Greg McDonnell** landscaping of a traditional Southern courtyard here in Mobile.

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DSR's Newest Retiree

February 29, 1996 marked a milestone in the life of **Orville Carter** when he retired from Allstate Insurance after 28 years. Originally from Centerville, Alabama, Orville moved to Mobile and began work with International Paper Company. Not liking shift work, he found a job with Devan Ford and soon met his wife-to-be, Ann, who worked across the street. While employed by Devan, he met a man who introduced him to the insurance business and the company with whom he advanced to staff claim analyst with a number of employees working for him.

Orville has no plans to just sit back and do nothing, however. He is in the process of setting up an office near Smith Bakery for his own business. He also plans to enjoy driving his '40 Chevy coupe and Ann's '67 Camaro convertible as much as possible.

To All My Friends in DSR,

I want to let you know how much I appreciate all the cards, love, concern and most of all, your prayers for me during my long illness. It has been a long struggle but I'm at home now and getting stronger every day. I love you all.

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Azalea City Classic Chevy Club's 7th Annual Spring Show

There were 73 cars registered for this open show held at Sam's Club on Saturday, March 16, and approximately 150 pounds of food collected for the Bay Area Food Bank. Evelyn Swift, president, said the judges told her the vehicles entered were the highest quality they have had in their show. DSR entries included **Bailey, Burdeshaw, Cammon, Collins, Lyles, Martin, Nelson, Paquet and Reid.** Several other members visited during they day to have a look around.

Buying?? Selling?? Searching??

For Sale: 1928 Model A Sports Coupe Convertible with rumble seat, 100% restored. Larry Odom (H)(334)344-1400 (W)(334)634-0331
Want to Buy: 55-57 T-Bird-Same as above.

For Sale: 1923 Durant A-22 Coupe with complete frame-off restoration, new everything. Only '23 coupe known in existance. Bill White (904)227-1822 after 5 PM.

The Sparkplug is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. DEEP SOUTH REGION meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive. Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America is required to be a member of this region. Annual local dues are \$15 and AACA national dues are \$24 single and \$26 joint. Views expressed in the Sparkplug are not necessarily those of the Region officers or AACA.

HENDERSON-SNYDER

GRAND BAY — First United Methodist was the setting for the March 16 ceremony uniting Tracy Kay Snyder and Gordon Scott Henderson. The Rev. Ray C. Kelly performed the ceremony.



The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeLoach. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James L. Henderson.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Cyndy Cando of Union Springs, N.Y., as honor attendant, and Donna Williamson of Mobile was bridesmaid.

John C. Sipple of Mobile served as best man. Mike Damoff and David Lemay, both of Mobile, also attended the bridegroom.

Sister of the bride, Amanda Snyder of Crowder, Miss., was the flower girl. The bridegroom's son, Travis Henderson of Mobile, served as ring bearer.

A reception followed the ceremony at "The Farm," the couple's future home. After a wedding trip to Belize, the couple will reside in Grand Bay.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham's dental hygiene program and is a registered dental hygienist. She is employed with Dr. Harry B. Coker and Dr. Earl D. Rogers. The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of South Alabama and is employed with Mobile Lumber and Millwork.

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DSR Car Show Update

Jerry Finley, Chairman, and **Ed Lunsford**, Co-Chairman, are continuing to formulate plans for the 13th Annual DSR car show to be held May 11. The raffle tickets will be ready for you to pick up at the March meeting. This year we will have the food trailer from the Shriners selling lots of good things to eat as well as their making some \$\$\$ for all the good work they do. **Jane Bruton** is in charge of registration and will be looking for help. Positions that still need to be filled are Parking Chairman, Door Prize Chairman and Chairman of the Tally Committee. If you are willing to help even for only a few hours, please let Jerry and Ed know. **Al White** will be selecting a date for us to spruce up the clubhouse and grounds prior to the show and we need volunteers for this, too. Remember, this is a club event and you are a club member!

1996 Membership Rosters

If you were not at the January meeting, the February outing or the February meeting (and there were lots of you who missed this meeting) you can get your new Membership Roster and "Quick List" at the March 28 meeting. It cost 55 cents to mail just one Roster so save the club some money as well as have a great time by coming to the meeting to pick up your copy.

Members Under Restoration

Elven Few had foot surgery on March 15...**Ernie Youens** is having radiation therapy 5 days per week until April 19....any other illnesses?

IMPORTANT

Don't get confused on the meeting date just because you are getting the newsletter a week early. It is to comply with our Bylaws which state members must be notified 7 days in advance of a meeting when Bylaw changes are proposed.

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Azalea Monogramming Moves

Jeanette Varnadore and **Azalea Monogramming** have moved to 4122-D Government Boulevard. This is the last place of business in the group of buildings where Skyline Bowling Lanes is located. She is settled in the new location and ready to embroider red shirts with our logo on the back so you can have yours in time for our car show. She prefers to do at least 4 at a time so find some friends and get together.

Highlights of AACA Annual Meeting

Over 800 persons registered for the annual meeting held Feb. 9-10 in Philadelphia, PA. **Edward Bains**, of Ohio, was elected AACA President for 1996 with **Sam High** from Pennsylvania serving as Executive Vice President. Total membership at the end of 1995 was 55,895, just short of the 60,000 member goal set by **Benny Bootle**, immediate past president, in his 60/60 program. AACA had 404 regions and chapters at the close of the year.

John Myer of Birmingham's Dixie Region was reelected to the National Board for another 3 years and will serve as Vice President of Publications in 1996. He also serves on the new AACA Museum Board as Secretary.

The National Board of Directors approved the Dixie Region to host the National Spring Meet for 2001 to be held in May of that year.

IMPORTANT DATES

March:

Mar. 23 34th Annual Old South Antique Auto Club Show-Fort Conde-Mobile, AL

Mar. 28 DSR Meeting at Clubhouse 7:30 PM

Mar. 29-31 17th Annual National Mustang Show-Univeristy Mall-Pensacola, FL
Donnie (904)455-6588

Mar. 30 First MOPARS at the Battleship-Contact Larry Jordan (334)653-5154

April:

Apr. 12-13 AACA Central Division National Spring Meet-Dallas, TX (See AA CA Magazine)

Apr. 13 3rd Annual Camellia Classic @ Bellingrath Gardens - John Reid (334)3761

Apr. 13 Strawberry Classic Car Show-Ponchatoula, LA Sid Starkey (504)294-3809

Apr. 20: 11th Annual Gold Cup Antique Car Race-Panama City Florida

Apr. 20-21 DSR AUTO SWAP MEET at Clubhouse -Contact John Reid (334) 666-3761

May:

May 11: 13th Annual Deep South Region Car Show-Clubhouse-Mobile, AL -Jerry Finley
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