



# The Sparkplug



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## Happy Birthday, DSR !

A petition submitted by 29 Mobile area antique car buffs was approved in February 1967 by AACA at the annual meeting. A charter was issued March 7, 1967. The Deep South Region was born. Only one of those charter members, Pierre Fontana, was able to attend on Saturday, March 11, 2000, when DSR celebrated 33 years with a covered dish birthday luncheon.

The clubhouse was gaily decorated in our club colors of red and white. The tables were covered in white cloths with red ribbon streamers and red and white balloons. It appeared there might be an over abundance of food but the 29 members and a guest were able to put a sizable dent in it. There was enough left over, however, for members to do a little "doggy bagging".



Past presidents who are still members and in attendance Pierre Fontana, Ernie Youens, Don Dillehay and Eddie Anderson were recognized by current president, Buddy Paquet. Enjoying the meal and birthday cake were 2 Andersons, 2 Coxes, L. Crowdus, D. Dillehay, G. Edwards, P. Fontana, 2 Francisces, 2 Jarvises, 2 Mims, 2 Musgroves, 2 Neeses, 2 Paquets, 2 Rowells, R. Sloan, 2 Vaughans, 2 Whighams, 2 Youens and Marien Brent.

Following the meal, members enjoyed looking through a photo album and other memorabilia that Pierre had thought to bring along. Did you notice there were 29 charter members and 29 members present for the celebration? Shades of the *Twilight Zone*???

## Laissez bon temps roule

You don't have to have a degree in French to know that means "Let the good times roll." DSR did just that with a Mardi Gras Breakfast in the clubhouse on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Members and guests were treated to purple, gold and green decorated tables, doubloon favors and Mardi Gras masks scattered over the walls.

Some folks got into the spirit of things by wearing Mardi Gras tee-shirts, hats and beads while others were more sedate in their attire. The caterer arrived exactly three minutes before the time set to begin eating and had all the food set out on the dot! It would be hard to say if that sort of timing is their norm or it was just coincidental. One thing was sure and certain; it was hot, tasty and plentiful.

Assisting to put away the scrambled eggs with bacon and sausage, hash brown potatoes, hot biscuits with butter and jelly plus coffee and OJ were, in reverse order, 2 Youens, A. White, 2 Whighams, 2 Rowells, C Pugh accompanied by his daughter, Nancy, 2 Paquets, 2 Nettles, 2 Neeses, 2 Musgroves, L. Mims, 2 McLaneys, H. McCrory and guest, 2 Lunsfords, 2 Jarvises, C. Froehlich, 2 Francisces, J. Finley, 2 Dillehays, L. Crowdus, B. Cox, 2 Coulings, and 2 Andersons. Guests were Jim and Janet McDole and Donald and Loretia Kriss.

Thanks to our member, Lambert Mims, we had a speaker, Dr. John Dindo. He holds degrees in Marine Biology and Marine Science and is affiliated with the Dauphin Island Sea Lab and Estuarium. Dr. Dindo showed a short film of the Mobile delta followed by a brief talk. His presentation was an interesting addition to our morning. His explanation of the how new construction in the city and county impacts Mobile Bay was startling, to say the least. It sparked a number of questions and left us with something to think about.



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**Out of the President's toolbox**  
 by Buddy Paquet

First, on the lighter side, our Twin Activities Coordinators did a fine job with DSR's birthday party. If you weren't there, you missed a grand time but you were missed as well.

At the annual AACA meeting last month, a Legislative seminar addressed several issues of concern to the old car community. First was the use of MTBE, which translates to Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether. This is what EPA approved as a safe replacement for lead in gasoline. MTBE is an organic compound manufactured artificially and has been found to be as toxic as acetone. At this time there is not acceptable substitute for MTBE. It has been proved to be polluting ground and drinking water at an alarming rate in some states. At this time, EPA is unwilling to rescind its mandate on MTBE as a gasoline additive.

Another item was emissions testing of car exhausts. Because Californian is usually considered to be more progressive, most states look at them. The current California exhaust testing guidelines are: (A) For testing purposes, an old car will be considered 30 instead of 25 years old (B) If your car is five years old or newer, it *won't* be tested and (C) because of lobbying AACA as a national organization has done and information it has supplied, lawmakers know that old car owners are not a threat to the environment because :

- There are not that many old cars.
- We don't drive our older cars that much.
- Our cars are maintained better now than when they were new.

We, as a Region, have excellent support from the National organization on the legislative front. Another watchdog is SEMA. It was this group that brought to my attention HB20 which has been introduced during the current Alabama legislative session. A synopsis of it was in last month's newsletter.

April is the next page over on the calendar and the 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date of the multi-club picnic at Claude Kelley State Park near Atmore. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy our hobby. DSR will be furnishing the meats for this outing and there will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for you to indicate you will be going and what you will provide. We are being joined by the Central Alabama Region, the South Alabama Region, the West Florida Region, the Southern Mopar Club and the Gulf Coast Model A Club. The big news is our special guests will be AACA President and First Lady, John and Nancy Myer who are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.



Early '40s B.C. (Before Cars)

## Minutes

### Deep South Region, A.A.C.A. Meeting, February 24, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Buddy Paquet, Pres., at 7:30 PM, with 43 members and 2 guests present. He welcomed Floyd & Jeanette Lowe back after an extended absence due to illness; and offered club sympathy to Ardie Froehlich on the death of his brother in North Dakota.

**Chaplain Lambert Mims** gave the invocation.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Former president, Eddie Anderson gave a certificate of appreciation to Ross Sloan for his excellent work as chairman of our Open House committee back in July; and presented a plaque to Jane Bruton for her outstanding service as secretary to the club.

**President:** Buddy announced that with the exception of the Car Show Chairperson all committees are complete. Several people volunteered to help Buddy with the car show. **Good Luck Chairman Buddy!** Buddy announced that the committee to investigate the feasibility of incorporating the club is at work, but it will probably take about 6 months to complete.

**Vice-President:** Pat Francis had nothing to report. **Secretary:** A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Joyce Francis and seconded by Susie Anderson. Motion carried. **Editor Patt Paquet** announced that the rosters may be picked up. **Activities:** Susie Anderson & Joyce Francis reminded us of several upcoming events: The Brewer Center Parade on 3/3/2000; DSR's 33<sup>rd</sup>. Birthday Party on 3/11/2000 at the Club House, 12 Noon; the Miranda Homes Display in Fairhope, 3/18-19/00 (a total of five cars is needed each day). Since DSR is the sponsor of the multi club picnic at Claude Kelly State Park on 4/22/00 the Club was urged to participate. A decision was made to make this a club event after a motion by Leah Musgrove with a second by Eddie Anderson. On a motion made by Eddie Anderson and seconded by Ross Sloan it was decided to make the Lucedale Festival (4/8/00) a Club Activity. **Member at Large Cecil Pugh** "forgot his message for the club because he ate too much soup and chili." **Mike Williamson**, Chairman, Hooters Car Show, was finally able to announce the arrival of the check. He made a motion, seconded by Bob Vaughan, to transfer the show funds to the general account. A motion was made by Eddie Anderson and seconded by Theresa Vaughan to table the decision on whether or not the Club wanted to put the show on the October calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The president, Buddy Paquet, asked for discussion on memorial contributions. After several opinions were expressed, a motion was made by Lambert Mims and seconded by Melvin Neese to send memorials only to immediate family members. . **Vice President Pat Francis:** None. **Secretary Reecie Mims:** None. **Treasurer Wilma Jones:** A motion was made by L. Mims and seconded by Eddie Anderson to approve the financial report as presented. **Editor Patt Paquet** announced that she has application blanks for two very interesting tours to Louisiana. One of the tours includes a cock fight. **Activities directors** Susie Anderson and Joyce Francis announced a new event - **A YARD & BAKE SALE - TO BE HELD AT THE CLUB HOUSE** on March 18<sup>th</sup>., 8AM - 3PM. Susie mentioned that a Mr. Kenneth Ravell from Merrill, Lynch had called and asked to speak to the Club about investments. That did not set well with some members. Consequently, it was decided by an overwhelming majority that we should reject his plea. **Member at Large Cecil Pugh.** None. **Treasurer Wilma Jones** and her vaudeville troupe put on a very good show - that showed us all up (most of us, anyway). A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Musgrove and seconded by Mike Williamson. The 50/50 pot was won by a visitor, Loretia Kriss.

Respectfully submitted,

*Reecie*

## We made a wrong turn somewhere....

by Ruby \_\_\_\_\_

*Lois, Ruth and Ruby are continuing to explore the country in Lois' newly-purchased Essex. They are pioneers of a sort, considering how young and resourceful they are. They are about to find things aren't always what they seem.*

Monday, July 9, 1928

We drove to Montreal and arrived there at about ten o'clock. Montreal is an awfully queer old place. The streets are crooked and narrow and there are so many horses that driving there is terribly hard especially if you don't know where you're going. We went on a trip around the city with one of the sight-seeing buses. There are some lovely cathedrals in Montreal and we saw two ~ Notre Dame and the Oratory of St. Joseph. They were simply magnificent. This section of Quebec certainly is French. You could easily imagine that you were in Europe. The people in the small towns, at least some of them, don't speak any English at all and we had some difficulty in getting even our groceries. All of the signs are in French and the houses are quite foreign, too. They have shutters which are tightly closed all of the time. Evidently the people don't crave too much air. Catholicism permeates everything. The small towns have only one church ~ Catholic. Every now and then we saw a shrine right out in a field with a saint or an image of some kind in it. Most of the schools are Catholic, too. Montreal has literally hundreds of schools, orphanages and churches. McGill University was interesting, too ~ very old and very large. We're putting up for the night on Lake St. Peter thru which the St. Lawrence River runs. We rode along the shores of the St. Lawrence all afternoon. I went in swimming and the water was keen.

Tuesday, July 10, 1928

We arrived in Quebec about noon and hired a guide to ride around the city with us and show us the sights. He was an Englishman, I think, and very nice. Quebec is certainly an old and very quaint city. Of the population of 132,000, there are only about 5,000 Protestants ~ the rest are Catholic. There are some wonderful old cathedrals and basilicas there. The old city was walled in to protect the people against the Indians and those walls are still in existence. The old Quebec has very, very narrow streets. Soirs le Cap is just about as wide as a car and there are places for a car to turn out when it meets another one. We also saw several interesting

historical spots in Quebec ~ the house where Ben Franklin set up his first printing press, Montalms and Wolfe's headquarters, etc., etc. We also saw the beautiful Hotel Chateau Frontenac. I decided that I'd stay there the next time I go to Quebec. It's magnificent. The Quebec Bridge was also a wonderful piece of architecture. It's the biggest bridge I've seen. The houses in Quebec are all of French architecture and the shutters are always tightly closed. We passed the market places but didn't stop. The newer section of Quebec is below the terrace on which the old town is built and every now and then, one see flights of perhaps a hundred steps which form a shortcut to the upper town. The Parliament buildings and the Governor General's home were awfully pretty and very old. We left Quebec about three o'clock and came to the U.S. Customs between Jackman and Armstrong about nine. The man made us take everything out of the car so he could look it over. We nearly went into hysterics because everything was so messy since we'd packed in the rain that morning. Anyway, he didn't find anything suspicious so we came on over and had a little cottage in Moose Lake, ME. We were rather glad to get back to civilization where the people talk English and not French. Ruth was especially glad because she had an awful time trying to get a loaf of bread in one of the little French villages. They make peculiar bread ~ two loaves hitched together, each one weighing somewhere in the vicinity of a ton. Ruth couldn't make the woman understand she wanted only one, so she came out to the car staggering under the weight of the double loaf.

Wednesday, July 11, 1928

We didn't start out until noon because we did the family washing. Exciting to say the least. After starting we had to pass the immigration officer. He asked us if we could prove that we were American citizens. We looked blank because, of course, we couldn't prove anything. Finally, I ~ quite unusual for me ~ had a bright idea. I told Lois to show him the letter about her car. She did ~ the officers sniffed suspiciously and said ~ "Pass on." It worked like a charm. It rained nearly all afternoon, but the Maine woods are absolutely wonderful. You have such absolutely grand views of the grass covered hills. We went up through the Kennebec River and saw all the logs floating down river to the sawmills.

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In some places you couldn't see the water at all ~ just logs. We passed two men going down the Kennebec on a log raft and became quite friendly with them ~ we were about a half a mile away. In fact, we became such good friends that we took their picture. They thought we were crazy, I guess. We camped a few miles out of Augusta. The ground was terribly wet because it poured all afternoon but we didn't mind a little thing like being soaked.

Thursday, July 11, 1928

We started south from Augusta. The first real point of interest was Brunswick, ME. There we drove through the campus of Bowdoin College. It's very old and full of historical traditions. Longfellow and Hawthorn went to school there and Harriet Beecher Stowe's husband taught there. We saw the big colonial house where Stowe lived. In Portland, Ruth and I went through the house where Longfellow lived. It was one of the most interesting old houses I've ever been in and they've collected all the old things from dresses to kitchen utensils that the Wadsworth and Longfellow families used. They even had Longfellow's bills while he was in college. The old kitchen contained all of the old kettles and pans that was used in cooking in the fireplace. We also saw the Longfellow monument in the city square. At Portland, we decided to go to Boston by way of the White Mountains. They are beautiful ~ much prettier than the Adirondacks I think. The mountains are much higher; Mt. Washington being about six thousand feet high. There are some perfectly grand hotels up here with beautiful views. We drove past the Presidential range of mountains and camped at Twin Falls, NH.

Friday, July 13, 1928

We were still in the White Mountains and fell quite in love with them. In some places the tops of the trees touched over the road and made it almost dark. The gleaming white trunks of the birch trees were the only touches of color and showed up very plainly. We stopped to see the Old Man of the Mountain, and very realistic he is, too, which is the Great Stone Face about which Hawthorn wrote. We also saw Indian Head Rock and went through the various notches that are so common up here. We saw New Hampshire's largest lake, Lake Winnepesaukee, which has a number of islands in it and is very pretty. At Concord we saw Franklin Pierce's

house, the Rumford Press, the State House, etc. We crossed the Merrimac River several times going across on the old covered bridges that they have out here. We camped between Concord and Boston, just four miles from Manchester.

Saturday, July 14, 1928

Boston was just as exciting as we thought it would be. Knowing that it would never do to descend on the hub of the universe with knickers on, we dressed and felt quite respectable for a change. We came into Boston's busiest section at the hub where eight or ten streets meet. Naturally, being from the sticks, we were quite bewildered, but we had one aim in mind ~ to see Boston and see Boston we did. We asked a policeman about a tour of the city and got into quite an animated discussion with him. He wanted to know how the West felt about Al Smith. The policemen in Boston don't seem to have much to do but talk. Every time you see one, he's talking to his girl or someone else. We decided that we'd first go with a sightseeing car around the city. It was awfully interesting because there are so many historical spots. We saw Beacon Hill, the State House, Bunker Hill and the monument there, the old churches and burial ground where lie many of the makers of American history. We saw the site of Daniel Webster's office, the site of the home of John Hancock, the Charles River where Paul Revere crossed to Charlestown. Over the Charles River is the largest drawbridge in New England. We saw the old South meeting house and the old North Church, and the old State House from whose balcony the Declaration of Independence was read the second time. We also went over to the navy yard at Charlestown where we saw Old Ironsides which is being reconstructed. Only fifteen percent of the original material will be left in the ship, but it will look just like the original. It's being made of live oak wood which has been seasoned for seventy-five years under water. Old Ironsides will cruise around and go to all the important harbors of the U.S. We saw the President's private yacht, the drydock, some rum runners, etc., etc. We had a fine view of Boston harbor. After leaving Boston, we went to Lexington and Concord. There are, of course, many historical places in both these cities. We saw the place where Paul Revere was captured by the British and the battle ground of the Battle of Lexington and Concord plus the old manse where Emerson wrote and

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**Editorially speaking....**

Last month you were asked what you enjoyed reading most in our newsletter. Well, you're not going to believe the response I had to that question! It was on the same order as when the President asks for volunteers at a meeting. But in order to comply with what the *respondent* asked for and suggested, a "Tool & Tips" column will start and will continue as long as you will share information and contribute. I have it covered for this month and it can be found elsewhere in this issue. I need someone to provide it for next month. *Mike Elb*.....how 'bout you?

**Model A # 1**

Model A # 1 with engine and frame stamped # 1 was a 1928 Tudor Sedan. Henry Ford wanted to honor his good friend, Thomas Edison, with the first Model A built. The story goes that Mr. Edison did not care for the Tudor but wanted a Phaeton. The Tudor was returned to the Ford factory where the Tudor body was taken off Model A #1 and replaced with a Phaeton body. Model A # 1 is at the Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.



**Buying??? Selling??? Searching???**

**For Sale:** 1968 Chevy Bel-Air 2-door HT with 56K miles. Engine is a 307, car has a 3 speed tranny with column gearshift. Calvin at (334)661-4227 says the car also has new tires.

**Wanted:** 1929, 30 or 31 Ford Pickup that is in restorable condition but not a basket case. *Must* be a pickup so Mr. Golden at (334)928-8777 can carry his other smaller car with him. (Only joking, folks!)

**Brewer Campus Mardi Gras Parade**

by Susie Anderson

It was a foggy Friday morning on March 3<sup>rd</sup> when we arrived at the Albert Brewer Center to be a part of their annual Mardi Gras parade. This line-up is about the only Mardi Gras festivity that we go for. It is short, fun and sincerely appreciated by both the staff and clients at the facility.

Although not a large as your downtown parades, it is probably a lot more fun. There were bands from Mary G. Montgomery and Theodore High Schools, five lovely Azalea Trail Maids, the Bay Bears mascot, the Abba Temple Keystone Cops, the Coast Guard's Power Squadron and five decorated floats plus our antique vehicles.

I was riding with Leah Musgrove in her 1940 red Ford Pickup. For some unknown reason, the truck decided to quit running right there in the middle of it all.. Wouldn't you just know it? But fortunately for us, a couple of nice guys picked up on what was happening (smart + strong = help) and gave us a push off the roadway so the parade could continue. They saw we had lots of moon pies and beads left and insisted on our finishing out the route on their float. That was all well and good but the float was on the back of a BIG truck. Now you that truck beds are up high and you also know that I am height challenged. Well, with much help from these two strong fellows and no help, unless you count bent-over, knee-slapping laughter, from Leah, I was aboard. The procession continued on with us tossing goodies left and right. By the time it was all over, Bill Musgrove had arrived to rescue us. It just goes to prove you never know when or where these old cars are going to quit on you.

Adding to all of this hilarity, along came a rain shower. It was there and gone so fast, the Francis didn't even have time to get the top on the car before it was over but it was WET !!

Participating were **myself**, **L. Crowdus** with daughter-in-law and her son, **2 Fews**, **2 Francis**, **2 Jones**, **2 Lunsfords** with grandson, **L. Musgrove**, **2 Neeses**, **R. Sloan** and daughter, **2 Whighams** out in front riding **Dr. Harris** and **2 Youens**.

## Make-a-Wish Show 'n Shine

by Larry Jordan

The Tillman's Corner Walmart Tire & Lube Center held its third show and shine car show on Saturday, February 26, 2000. It was a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the 70s.

Everyone is aware that charity shows would not be successful without participants. A total of 52 cars and trucks representing four car clubs from the Mobile area, one from Florida and one from Mississippi participated in this one. There has been talk that if this show continues to grow, it will have to find a new location other than the store's parking lot. But then again, show cars attract people and people spell customers.

The Moines raised for this event came from competitors donating a "entry fee" and a 50-50 Pot which in itself totaled over \$400. Walmart will chip in \$200 on top of that. All of this will go toward making a wish come true for a terminally ill child.

Walmart employees got involved by picking (*not judging*) the cars and trucks they liked. Awards were given to five cars, five trucks and five race cars. All others were given a participation ribbon.

The Gulf Coast Mopar Club from Pascagoula, MS and the Miracle Strip Mopar Club from Pensacola, FL brought some fine looking vehicles. The Southern Mopar Club from here in Mobile also showed some beauties. The Mobile Bay Mustang Club had some good-looking ponies out grazing and the Gulf Coast Model A Club had the older crowd doing a lot of touchy-feely on their automobiles. The Deep South Region had a wide range of cars with **P. Francis, J. Henderson, J. Martin, B. Paquet, H. Rowell and E. Youens** as entrants. In the cheering section were E. Anderson, J. Finley, B. Musgrove, and C. Nettles.

Following the Walmart display, Jerry Finley and Scott Henderson met at W. C. Griggs School to hook up with the Tillman's Corner Tricksters Mardi Gras Parade. They were providing transportation for Rep. Mike Dean and County Commissioner Gary Tanner respectively. The club appreciates Jerry and Scott for their participation on DSR's behalf.

## Tool of the month

The Prep Pen, available from your NAPA store, is one handy little item. It is a fiberglass brush that can reach into and clean small areas that other tools or sandpaper cannot reach. It is useful for cleaning electrical contacts terminals, fuse holders, screw heads or small paint chips before applying touch-up paint. The part number is 770-3781 and comes with one refill for under \$6. The refill cartridges are Part No. 770-3782.

The above is admittedly stolen from the Mardi Gras MGs newsletter, *Spark & Spanner*, edited by Sue Mason.

## Oil Filter Testing

After cutting apart and checking some of the popular brands, you will find most have a metal shell covered with paper element. But a few, like Fram and Pennzoil have just cardboard end caps. Some filters have more square inches of element material than others and inlet holes in the metal casings also vary in number from brand to brand. The WIX/Carquest (identical) have lots of pleats but slightly smaller cases than the others which may help if you have steering or header clearance problems. In both Fram "black filters with Teflon" that were inspected, the filter element had holes blown through them. What came on the bottom of the stack? AC and Havoline. The Purolator/Motorcraft filters rated high in testing, have lots of surface area and have very finished-looking end caps. The \$10 Mobil 1 filter looked good but aside from the element material itself, it was identical in construction to the Deusch and STP \$2.50 ones.

Also purloined, this one came from the *Connecting R.O.D.S.* January 2000 issue.

## Ft. Lauderdale Region AACA hosts first National Meet of the year

by Patt Paquet

They said "Come early...stay late, enjoy the tropical weather." If you accepted their invitation, you certainly got the tropical weather. You also got a lot more than that. There was good, old-fashioned Florida hospitality and congeniality from the moment you entered the hotel until you left the show field. There was a bus tour of two private car collections. The first was the Dauer Collection that had more than 65 pristine restored automobiles of the '50s and 60s. The other was the Hunter Collection contained over 24 historic vehicles, including a Tucker, plus a large accumulation of automobilia. The day ended with an evening on historic Las Olas Boulevard. There was a trip to Sawgrass Mills, the world's largest outlet mall (really shop 'til you drop) plus a riverboat cruise on the Jungle Queen up the New River to an exotic island for dinner.

But there's still more. A big flea market and swap meet that opened on Friday morning, a Judging School and Members Rountable that afternoon. On Saturday morning if you were a worker bee and not a drone, you went to the Judges Breakfast to get your assignments for the day. If you were judging and showing a car, after the breakfast was over, you could go put your car on the show field and give it a little spit and polish. Drat! I forgot that if you are a judge and needed to do your voluntary or mandatory Continuing Judges Education session, that was also available. Whew! Are you tired yet? You'd better not be too tired or else you won't make it to the awards banquet Saturday night to collect the metal that you worked so hard to get.

There were 375 vehicles registered in 67 classes including HPOF. The 250+ judges had their work cut out for them. Several of these judges were presented awards for reaching various plateaus

of judging credits. All of those receiving recognition had very impressive numbers but the one that really stood out was Howard Scotland. This show marked his 250th Judging credit and he was given a standing ovation by his fellow hobbyists when he stepped up to receive his plaque at the Judges Breakfast.

The show field itself was the beautiful Pompano Harness Track. A shuttle operated between the show field and the host hotel both Friday and Saturday. The harness track location handled all of the RVs and motorhome parking, the tow vehicle and trailer parking, the flea market/swap meet as well as the show cars nicely.

Unfortunately, when you are working in the Administrative portion of the show, you don't often get to see many of the cars. I understand, however, there were some exceptionally fine

cars at this meet. It was exciting to find two vehicles registered in the new Factory High Performance Class 36 a-e. There was a 1969 Pontiac GTO Hardtop and a 1970 Pontiac Convertible. This will be a big class in future meets this year.

There can't be enough nice things said about the members of the Ft. Lauderdale Region. Let's all give them a big round of applause for a great meet!




### Under restoration....

Geneva Cammon and Betty Cordell are continuing to recuperate from recent surgeries. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Cards and phone calls are welcome. If there are other illnesses, the Editor is unaware of them.



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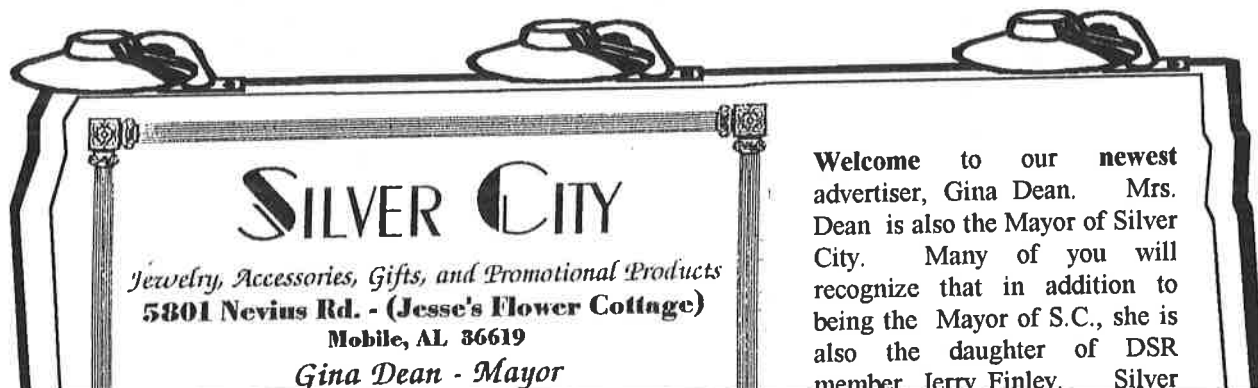
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and Hawthorn lived. We also went through the quaint old house of Louisa M. Alcott. It would take pages to write about the other things we saw. Anyway, we camped about ten miles out of Concord and planned to go on to Albany the next day. I almost forgot ~ we saw the undertaking establishment where Sacco and Vanzether were taken after their deaths.

Sunday, July 15, 1928

We drove through the Berkshire Mountains to Albany over the famous Mohaw Trail. The Berkshires are a lot like the White Mountains and the Adirondacks. They're certainly commercialized. Every few feet you see a tower which you can climb for the grand sum of ten cents to see the view. We decided to wait until the price came down to a nickle ~ we didn't wee the view. Lois insisted that she saw three states at once from one mountain but we were dubious because she couldn't tell us which was which. We had another stroke of luck. The Berkshires yielded up their store of raspberries and we picked two quarts of keen ones. They were certainly good even if it was schorching picking them. I've never seen so many wild ones before. We're county of blackberries next. Pretty hot! We wen't over Hoosac Mountain across Hoosac Tunnel which is over four miles long. In the little book we had, the scenery was described as being wild. It seemed rather tame to us, but then we're used to the Rockies. The traffic was awfully heavy, and I'd like to have accurate statistics on the numbers of tons of hot dogs, sandwiches, etc., that were consumed by the ravenous multitude. We had rather a difficult time to find some place to camp in Albany. Camp grounds seem to be scarce in the East so we had to go out on the Schenectady road some five or six miles from the city. They have a beautiful State House in Albany. Ruth says that the architecture isn't unified but that it is supposed to be Gothic. Anyway, it's beautiful and so is the building of the State Department of Education.



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Gina Dean - Mayor

Welcome to our newest advertiser, Gina Dean. Mrs. Dean is also the Mayor of Silver City. Many of you will recognize that in addition to being the Mayor of S.C., she is also the daughter of DSR member Jerry Finley. Silver

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## Important Dates

- Mar. 23** Monthly meeting in clubhouse beginning at 7:30 PM
- Mar. 25** Old South Antique Auto Show ~ Fort Conde
- Mar. 24-26** Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club (Pensacola, FL) sponsored National MCA show  
Info: Chuck Hayes (850) 457-1223 or Bev & Lark Bragg (850)458-5832
- Apr. 1** Camellia Classic sponsored by Mobile Bay Mustang Club at Bellingrath Gardens ~ Info: 666-3761
- Apr. 6-8** Contraband Chapter AACA Annual Spring Tour (Lake Charles, LA) Registration forms at meeting
- Apr. 7-8** Gold Cup Antique Auto Race ~ Panama City, FL ~ Info: Bob Porter (850)234-2890
- Apr. 12-15** AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour (Williamson, NC) Must get tour info from AACA Headquarters

