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Walt's Thoughts

Your immediate attention is invited to read and take action on the follow article.

Legislative Alert

**By J. Pat McCann
Vice President – Legislation**

The U.S. Senate has before it a Bill that could be a horror story for old car enthusiasts. The Senate Bill number is S. 1766, and the particular horror section is Section 803.

This Bill, if passed, and signed by President Bush, would make Federal Tax dollars available to individual states to help them fund the scrappage of old cars and trucks. I don't think we want our Federal tax dollars to be used for a "cash to crush" program that would turn our future automotive history into a "lost horizon".

What must they be thinking about? This certainly might be the time for you to write a letter to your Senators and Congressman.

At the Philadelphia Seminar on Legislation, I will be discussing this Bill. I hope many Region representatives will be on hand to hear it.

Editors Note: Let's all take an active part in saving our hobby.

Reminder Membership Dues

Dues must be paid by March 1st, 2002 to guarantee inclusion in the Roster and to continue receiving the Sparkplug newsletter. Also Please submit any changes (i.e. cars, address changes to include email) for the new roster.

Keeping the pedal to the metal...



The Steering Column By Lambert Mims

The word from your President is:

I am a firm believer in bridge-building; and am so pleased to see DSR members connecting with not only one another, but with those associated with other Auto Clubs and their activities.

Many of our members are also members of other Auto Clubs, i.e., Mustang, Mopar, Model A, Corvette, Old South, Catahoulla, etc.; which gives opportunity to interact with these groups and further the preservation and collection of antique and special interest autos.

Some of us attended the Catahoulla Activity at Lillian on March 8-9. A number of DSR members participated in the outing sponsored by DSR & SAR at Claude Kelly State Park on March 16th. There were many folk from other AACA Regions and other clubs enjoying fellowship, food, fun and old cars.

All who attended the Christ United Methodist show and the UCP display at the Fair Grounds were building bridges. We look forward to coming events which will further our bridge building and help our Vice President and DSR's 19th. annual show chairman make our May 11th. show the biggest and best yet.

Thanks to all for your interest and participation.

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A matter of record

Minutes

Deep South Region, A.A.C.A. Meeting, Thursday, February 28, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Lambert C. Mims, President, with 38 members, plus two visitors, present. One of the visitors, John A. Pendergrass, joined our club. Lambert introduced and welcomed him to our club. Lambert then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance; asked for prayer requests; reported on the condition of the sick and infirm in our membership, including Joyce and Pat Francis, who are recuperating from an automobile accident; and offered condolences to Bill Musgrove on the death of his brother. Hershel Whigham, Chaplain, gave the invocation, remembering the prayer requests.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved..

OLD BUSINESS:

The activities Committee announced that there is a slight change in the "Trip to China" outing to the China Exhibit on March 30. Instead of eating Chinese food we will be eating at Roussos' Restaurant. The \$13.50 fee for the China Exhibit should be given to the Committee. Lambert asked for and received permission to increase the amount of money to be spent on the barbeque to be taken to Claude Kelley State Park to \$131.78 (motion by Leah Musgrove, second by Anna White.) Lambert reported that he had obtained a plaque, as specified by the Club, for Jim Henderson and attended the banquet honoring him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Activities Coordinators: Lycyle announced a display at Bruno's (Airport & McGregor) on April 20th. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. A donation is expected. A motion was made by Jim Martin with a second by Bill Cox to make this a Club Activity. Motion carried. Another display was announced at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School on Sunday, April 28th from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. A motion was made by Patt Paquet with a second by Walt Fuller to make this a Club Activity. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Carl Bailey distributed the financial report. It was accepted as printed on a motion by Bill Cox and a second by Eddie Anderson. Carl read the names of the members who have not renewed membership. He also read from the by-laws that as of March 1st. membership expires for all who have not paid their dues. Consequently, a motion was made by Leah Musgrove, with a second by Ann Rowell, for the club to send a letter, including an application, to each person with unpaid dues asking for a new application for membership.

Editor: -0-

Other: Lambert reported that vice-president, Ross Sloan, is out of town, but very busy on the Mother's Day Car Show; and wanted him to bring to the Club his ideas on including scooters and cycles in the Show. In response, Ernie Youens made a motion, seconded by Patt Paquet, to give Ross the authority to make the decision as to what should be included in the Show. Motion carried. Lambert announced that Ross would like to have a special trophy for the person putting the most preservation cars in the show. The winner would receive the trophy, and a check for \$1,000.00 would be given to a charity chosen by the winner. Ross will contribute the \$1,000.00. Eddie Anderson made a motion to that effect, seconded by Leah Musgrove. The motion carried. Ross asked for another special trophy to be given to the Club with the highest percentage of participants in the Show, excluding DSR. A motion was made by Leah Musgrove with a second by Anna White to do this. Motion carried.

Announcements: Dr. Paul Dagenais, with the U. S. A. Pathology Department, announced that his department is offering to our membership a free hearing test. A decision should be made by our next meeting.

Patt Paquet announced that Charlie Froelich and the DSR Club received an award from the AACA for the SE Tour.

50/50 drawing won by Reecie Mims

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Reecie Mims

Club Activities

B-B-Q at the Fairgrounds

Saturday, March 9, 2002 was a great day for antique cars and many turned out for the UCP sponsored display at the Mobile Fair Grounds. A good subtitle for this event will be, "For the love of BBQ" or "Butt Rub, Tinfoil and Saucy Secrets".

There were over fifty teams of folks from all over the South who came to Mobile to show that they were the best Bar-B-Quers in the South. The competition was at a high pitch around the lunch hour on Saturday and the aroma of BBQ cooking surely whetted the appetite for many, including yours truly.

Vendors of all sorts were plentiful lined up on the fairway but beyond the vendors were all of the folks who were competing for the prizes / awards for the best BBQ in town. A stroll down the fairway netted you all of the free samples that you could possibly want. The variety of sauces was great. I especially enjoyed the samples that the Bartlett House B.B.Q. folks were serving. Their store is at 9373 Nursery Rd., Semmes, Al. They would have gotten my vote, if I had one.

The antique cars were around the corner from the main fairway but many folks found them and a steady flow of admirers came by. The Ford products were requested by our contact person and Ford products we had. Both Deep South Region of AACA and the Gulf Coast Model A Club (duel members) were represented at the display with; Eddy Anderson and his '65 Mustang, Susie Anderson and her '65 Mustang GT Convertible, Carl Bailey with his '31 Model A Tudor, John & Suder Bogle with their '37 Ford Tudor, Lycyle Crowdus with her '65 Mustang Convertible, Don & Frances Dillehay with their '29 Model A Fordor, Pat Francis with his '55 Thunderbird Convertible, Walt & Martha Fuller with their '29 Model A Roadster Coupe, Ed Grimes with his '56 Thunderbird, Eddy Grimes with his '67 Mustang, Dale and Betty McLaney with their '70 Ford XL, Jayson McLaney with Dale's '61 Metropolitan, Hershel & Frances Whigham with their '67 Mercury Cougar and Anna White with her '66 Mustang Convertible.

After everyone had seen all of the many attractions, such as lawn mower races, dance recitals, musical entertainers and many more, we sat around visiting in the shade of a building. It wasn't sunny all day but the sun would break out once in a while. Anna White brought a Chocolate Carmel Cake. We all munched on that for a while which topped off the B-B-Q splendidly. Thanks Anna.

With the skies beginning to look darker and more threatening everyone started thinking about getting the cars back home. It only took a few minutes for everyone to load up and head for home. A great time was had by all.

– Carl Bailey

A Day at Charlie's

By Mike Ebl

The morning of February 23rd started out very cold with the temperature near freezing, but it was bright and clear, with the promise of warmer temps later in the day. We (Mike & Darlene) had agreed to meet at Charlie Henderson Ford in Waveland, MS in case Joe Henderson needed any help getting ready for the display.

When we arrived around 8:45 AM, Joe already had the front lots empty and there were four show cars there ahead of us. Mr. Henderson had been advertising all week on TV, radio and in the newspaper about the "show & shine" event. As more and more vehicles came rolling in, employees kept moving new cars and trucks to the back lots to make room for the participants out in front.

No one expected the LARGE turnout, over 130 vehicles registered. Registration was free but it provided an opportunity to count the number of entries and give each of them a windshield card with the owner's name, year, make and model of the vehicle and where they were from. Because of the cold, we were a little slow getting started but it didn't take long to get into the swing of helping get the vehicles parked then registered. There was a great variety of cars and trucks; this wasn't just a Ford and Mustang show. It was open to everyone and Mr. Henderson was pleased with the number and type of vehicles that came.

Joe Henderson was ecstatic about the show and told me he wanted to do it again next year. He and his staff, when they weren't cooking hot dogs and hamburgers, mingled with show participants. I sure hope no one else in Waveland was planning a picnic for that day. Henderson Ford bought out one grocery store's complete supply of hamburger patties! There were 320 hamburgers cooked and an untold number of hot dogs.

Just before 2:00 PM, Mr. Henderson and his staff passed out plaques and a trophy for the show. One of the neatest cars there was a 1940 Ford Deluxe Convertible that belongs to Kris & Loree Kristoff. Believe me, it is a beauty.

Representing DSR were Mike & Darlene Ebl and Buddy & Patt Paquet. If there were other club members there, I didn't see you and apologize for leaving you out.

Sunshine Report

Pat and Joyce Frances continue to rehab after their automobile accident.

The Sparkplug

Deadline for April Issue

Is

April 15, 2002

Do not forget your

DSR/AACA

Membership Dues are due.

Claude Kelly State Park Picnic

Plans for our picnic at Claude Kelly State Park seemed to be a bust as we started out this Saturday morning. However, the spirits this multi club function proved to him wrong. What started as a rainy and foggy day turned into bright sunshine by the time everyone arrived. Many of the members did not let the weather scare them and they drove their antique cars. As other people began to gather in the park they were excited to see our cars. Good food and fellowship was the order of the day. You just can't beat good home cooking when ever it is served.

The clubs represented were South Alabama Region AACA, Gulf Coast Model A Ford Club, Cruisers Unlimited and the Deep South Region AACA. The clubs were well represented with numerous types of vehicles and some members brought more than one car. Bill & Leah Musgrove win the prize with five of their cars out in the weather. However we took it back because she left her delicious sweet potato casserole at home.

DSR members that attended the event were Ed & Eddie Grimes, Patt & Buddy Pacquet, Frances & Herschel Whigham, Martha & Walt Fuller, Reecie & Lambert Mims, Betty & Dale McLaney, Artie & Charlie Froehlich, Leah & Bill Musgrove and Chris, Susie & Eddie Anderson and Carl Bailey.

Thanks to all for making this a successful outing. Everyone had such a good time that we are going to do it again next year.

New Members

We would like to welcome our new members John & Dolly Pendergrass to our club. They have an award winning 1937 Packard 120 convertible. We also understand that he is putting the final touches on a 1929 Model A Town Sedan. We are looking forward to having you participate in our club activities.

BRUNO'S DISPLAY

DON'T FORGET ON APRIL 20TH WE WILL HAVE A CAR DISPLAY AT BRUNO'S ON AZALEA ROAD AND AIRPORT BLVD.. THE TIME WILL BE FROM 10:00AM TIL 2:00PM. WE NEED TO HAVE ABOUT 15 CARS. IF IT RAINS WE WILL RE-SCHEDULE. AFTER THE DISPLAY WE PLAN TO EAT LUNCH. THE PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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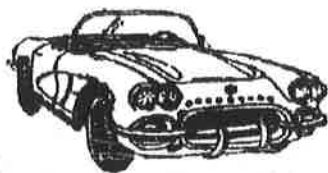
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Tech Tip

By Jean-Pierre Fontana

Asbestos and you...

One of my favorite actors, Steve McQueen, died of asbestosis. Prolonged contact with asbestos is probably necessary to cause the onset of this deadly disease. When you own or do repairs on an old car, even a not so old car, like Mustangs and Corvettes and many others. You come in contact with many asbestos materials, such as brake dust the most dangerous. When it gets air born, use a garden hose to wash the assembly before dismantling and wear a respirator when grinding on head gaskets or manifold gaskets and when cleaning heads and blocks. They are filled with asbestos, it gets on you and in you, therefore you must take precautions not to bring it in from the garage to the house. Some insulation on floor pans, panels and in doors, are asbestos sheets too. There is a documented example, a ten year old boy watched his truck mechanic father repairing brakes on big rigs, the father never had a problem, but the boy died before he could become a teenager. So, fan the stuff away from you, wet it down and wash it away, before you start hammering on those drums to get them off, be safe. Feed the birds and leave them some water, it is that time of year they can use a little help since we are taking over their domain.

Other touring interest.....

- *Apr. 5-7 Contraband Annual Spring Tour, Beaumont, TX. Info: Bunny LeDoux (337) 477-3345
- *Apr. 9 McNeese State University Cowboy's Baseball team's "Turn Back the Clock" Night
- *Apr. 20-21 Smiley's Car Show and Soiree (Sponsored by Baton Rouge Chapter AACA)
- *May 2-5 Louisiana Region Tour and Spring Membership Meeting, Bogaloussa, LA

* = Point earning event

March meeting will be March 28, 2002 at 7:00PM

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Important Dates 2002

- Mar. 30 China Exhibit at the Explorium and lunch at Roussos. Park in the Adams Mark parking garage and meet at Roussos Restaurant at 11:15am. We need to be at the Explorium around 12:45pm. Tickets for the exhibit are \$13.50. Please pay Frances Whigham or Lytle Crowds for the exhibit tickets only.
- Apr. 6 9th Annual Camellia Classic Open Car Show at Bellingrath Gardens. Registration from 9:00am to noon. For more info, call 666-3761
- Apr. 20 Car display at Bruno's on Lee Road and Airport Blvd. 10:00am to 2:00pm
- Apr. 28 Car display at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (Lawn Party) located on Boykin Blvd. We will meet from 1:00pm to 4:00pm
- May 11 19th Annual DSR AACA Mother's Day Car Show (DSR Clubhouse)