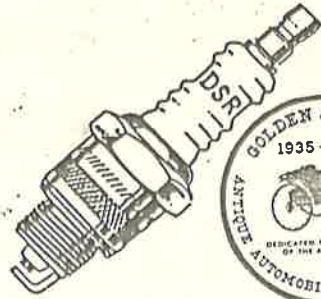


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A.A.C.A.



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May 4 - Saturday outing.
Display of cars at Loxley.
Condie Langham leading.

May 11 - THE BIG ONE!
DSR Show, Tillman's Cor.

May 18 - Saturday outing.
Run to Heritage Nursing Home. 1:30 P.M.

May 23 Meeting - In the club house at 951 Forest Hill at Zeigler at 7:30 PM.

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. at the A.A.C.A. club-house at 951 Forest Hill Drive at Zeigler Blvd. The SPARKPLUG will be mailed the weekend before each meeting. Annual dues are \$10.00. This includes wife membership if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$15.00 single and \$19.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

OUR APRIL MEETING

President Lloyd Crowdus opened the April meeting on the 25th in the club house with 52 present. Ernie gave the invocation as our chaplain was at the Fort Worth Swap Meet, as were several of our other members. It was announced that on Saturday, April 20th, Lucille Langham's father passed away. Lloyd thanked

Geary for helping install the patio railings and the wheels that Ray Harper donated and painted, as soon as he got out of the hospital. Treasurer, Katherine Harper, gave out the monthly financial report. Ray Harper, our show chairman, gave a report on the May 11th DSR Show progress and told of the good time they all had at the Laurel Show on April 20th. There were several questions asked by the membership about the coming DSR show which Ray answered. Activity coordinator, Cecil Nettles, gave a report on the Fort Walton Show and said 80 cars were registered there. He also reported on Don Dillehay's coming outing on Saturday, April 27th to Gulf Shores' Godfather Pizza and on Condie Langham's coming outing on Saturday, May 4th.

Lloyd told of coming dates on car displays and asked for a show of hands of the people willing to participate in the parade and display at the Tenn-Tombigbee Waterway opening on June 1st. He said there will be quite a few government dignitaries in the parade and they would like to get as many open antiques as possible.

1985 DSR Tour Leader, Charlie Froehlich, gave us details of the coming 12th Annual Tour into Louisiana and asked for those planning to attend to please get their reservations (printed in the April SPARKPLUG) in to him as soon as possible.

It was announced that Condie Langham had sold 39 books of donation tickets to the DSR Show!

A request was made to visit the Heritage Nursing Home on Saturday, May 18th with our antiques. These older people really look forward to our visits.

Lloyd thanked H. D. Lowe for mowing the grass on the DSR lot and made an appeal for help on keeping it mowed.

The March Mystery Photo was identified as Jean Waites.

Ray requested help from everyone on getting items for our "goodie bag" for the Show.

Les Yoder reported on the availability of a silk screen for our club

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June 1 - Tenn-Tom Waterway Parade. Time and place will be announced at meeting.

June 15 to 22 - DSR 12th Annual Tour into Louisiana.

June 27 - Meeting - In the club house at 951 Forest Hill at Zeigler at 7:30 PM.

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logo to be put on our red shirts and of a way to get an excellent job done.

Lloyd thanked all for coming out and the meeting adjourned at 8:45. Then our faithful following of fifty-two fabulous fender-fixers fell into the festive, friendly, familiar fellowship and feasted on favorite foods and fluids furnished by a few of our fine feminine folks.

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome Wayne and Doris Webster into the DSR. The Websters were with us on the Godfather Pizza outing at Gulf Shores in their 1956 Lincoln Premier sedan and also at our recent show at Tillman's Corner. Their address is Route 3, Box 1343 in Foley, Ala. 36535, and their telephone no, is 1-949-6435.

Also welcome is Russell and Annice Watson. They are good friends of Cecil and Lucille Nettles and they, like the Nettles, own a 1936 Chevrolet sedan. Their address is Route 1, Box 141, Peterman, Ala. 36471. Their telephone number is 1-564-2594.

Another harty welcome goes to Oliver and Thelma George. The Georges own a 1930 Ford coupe and a 1929 Ford roadster. They had the roadster at the DSR Show and it is a beauty. Their address is P. O. Box 411, Spanish Fort, Ala. 36527 and their phone number is 626-0185.

All of the above members have been approved by the executive board according to our by-laws and we all want to give the Websters, the Watsons, and the Georges a congenial DSR welcome and hope to see them often at our future meetings and outings.

Please mark these new members down in your roster.

OUR GULF SHORES OUTING:



On Saturday morning, April 27th at 8:00 we met at the battleship for a display of our cars at the Grand Opening of a new Godfather Pizza at Gulf Shores. Don Dillehay led this very interesting and picturesque outing. We took the scenic route along by Point Clear in Baldwin County. We arrived at the Godfather Pizza at Gulf Shores at about 10:00 where we put the antiques on display until about 3:30 P.M. The DSR received a very substantial donation and our people were given all the free pizza and drinks we wanted. We had 21 antique cars and 50 or our folks there. Quite a nice turnout, and the Godfather people were delighted! They

want us to put on another similar display soon at another Grand Opening at another location. This helps them, it helps us, helps the DSR, and increases our well known congenial fellowship between members!

On our way home, Geary Polk and Don led us to Charlie and Helen Sanders' home in Robertsdale to look at their collection of beautifully restored Packards. Charlie is in the process of restoring a 1931 Cadillac V-16 sport coupe and it will be right, correct, and a sure trophy winner when Charlie finishes it, as all his cars are! Charlie does his own work and is a perfectionist to the tiny details, an ideal restorer. We all certainly enjoyed our visit with them!

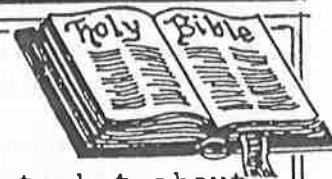
Please note that the Carvers have moved into their new home near Foley. Their new address is Route 2, Box 599, Elberta, Ala. 36530 and their phone is 1-986-7040. We wish the best for Albert and Lois in their new home! We are certainly going to miss them being close to us in Mobile.

We regret to inform you of the death of Lucille Langham's father on April 20th in Loxley. He had been in very bad health for quite some time and his death was not unexpected. Our sympathy is with Lucille, her mother, Condie, and their families.

Sadly we also inform you of the death of Gloria Rothenburg's mother, Mrs. Speers, on May 11th in Citronelle. She too had been in bad health recently. Our sympathy is with Gloria and her sister, Ed and the Speers family.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

WHAT IS IN A NAME?



Are you proud of your name? Certainly most everyone is but what about those who aren't?

Many people change their name for a variety of different reasons. Some being: - I just don't like it - I want to change my identity - Something happened in my life and I want to erase all traces of it from my life - I am ashamed of my past, - people won't forgive and forget my past - My martial life was horrible and I don't want to be associated with it - My present name brings back bad memories - I am trying to escape - etc. etc. Changing your name doesn't give you complete relief from every situation, only erases the tie to a certain situation in the minds of others, however, it cannot change the tie in God's mind. He never forgets. In fact, God Himself changed the names of people close to Him. It would be only speculation if we tried to give His reason for doing so. He changed Abram to Abraham, Sari to Sarah, Jacob to Israel, Saul to Paul, Simon to Peter, and several others, but God changed their names because of the good things they had done and that they might be remembered.

Our sir name was handed down to us from our forefathers and we should rever them by trying to upgrade our image before man that we might be remembered and looked upon with high esteem.

If you should die today, how long would your name be remembered, and for what? Would it be for good you have done or for evil and confusion you have caused while you lived? Regardless of which it may be, an accounting is being made of all our deeds and we must answer for each entry into the Book of Life.

Think on these things. Read Psalm 37. If God seems far away, who moved?

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Elvin Few has been in the hospital with his knee joint. With a recently technology, the doctor was able to do a type of operation without the customary incision and it helped Elvin a lot. He gets about quite well on his crutches now, and will be off from his work for a time until his knee heals. We wish Elvin a speedy recovery.

Bud Moseley's mother was taken to the emergency room at the Foley Hospital on Tuesday night, May 7th for tests. She was feeling very bad. The doctors told her after taking the tests, that it was a discomfort she would have to live with. Mrs. Moseley is doing O.K. but is still not feeling good.

Mr. H. R. Odom hasn't been feeling well lately and hasn't been able to get out very much. We certainly hope Mr. Odom improves quickly and can get back with us.

Mrs. Faye Polk has been having a lot of trouble controlling her sugar intake recently. We all hope a speedy adjustment for Mrs. Polk.

A CRITIC IS SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THE WAY, BUT CAN'T DRIVE THE CAR!

FORT WORTH SWAP MEET:

The Deep South Region was represented at the Fort Worth Swap Meet last month by Junie and Ann Jarvis, Ole Hop, Art Griffin, Doug and Alice Newman, Eric and Paula Gould, Don Hartman, and Jimmy Neese. Hop reported that there were over 3600 vendors there and that in no way could a person possibly get around to see everything there. This meet is growing larger every year!

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING:

Our building committee chairman, Lloyd Crowdus, called for a meeting of the committee, their wives, and a few other interested and active workers, to decide on a floor for the club house. The meeting was called for Monday, April 28th. Lloyd explained at the meeting that we were ready for our "Grand Opening" except for the unsightly old floor covering, and as we plan quite a few visitors to the club house during our May 11th Show, we need it completed. He then turned the meeting over to the committeemen for discussion and vote. Geary Polk had brought an experienced floorer, Mark Pannell, to explain the pros and cons of vinyl VS carpet. After a question and answer session with Mark, we all thanked him for his information and he left us to decide.

Much discussion followed. Ray Harper went to a material house to get prices and costs of the two types of flooring. How much money was available was also a topic of discussion. While carpet costs slightly more than vinyl alone, no plywood foundation would be necessary as it would with vinyl. Vinyl would be slightly more when the cost of plywood is included. The problem of keeping vinyl or carpet clean was discussed then a vote was taken. It was determined that either cost was approximately \$700+ or - when completed. A 6-2 vote to go ahead with the floor was made. Then a vote of 2 for carpet, 1 for one piece vinyl, and 5 for vinyl tile, made the decision to go with vinyl tile and plywood.

The cost was decided to come from the general treasury without going into the Show Fund, which had been set aside until after the May 11th Show.

Then, in order to "get the ball rolling", Lloyd, H. D. and Geary were to get the plywood, vinyl and adhesive, Tuesday, April 30th. A call for all volunteers possible to come out Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights to install the new floor.

Lloyd then asked for volunteers to keep the grass cut. Ray Harper said he'd volunteer for June, Ernie volunteered July, and Lloyd volunteered May. We still need a volunteer for August and September.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40, then we all stayed for refreshments and a bit of further fellowship for a while before heading home.

NEW ACQUISITIONS:

Ivan and Grace Nall have acquired a 1949 Plymouth sedan and added it to their collection. How about let's getting it out and on the road, Ivan!

O. D. and Mickey Dickerson have acquired a 1950 Chevrolet "fastback". I believe they called them Fleetline in 1950. It is a very nice old car and has a powerglide transmission, the first year of Chevrolet's automatics. O. D. drove it on our Gulf Shores outing.

Be patient with the fault of others, after all, you want them to be patient with yours!

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"LET'S ALL COME ALIVE FOR THE DSR IN '85"

OUR LOXLEY OUTING:

On May 4th, Saturday, at 8:00 A.M. the DSR met at the battleship for our outing in support of the Baldwin County Mental Retardation Center at Loxley. The Nettles led us to Loxley and Condie Langham, who was in charge of the outing, took over there. Condie's mother is the sponsor and backbone of the Mental Organization there, and just seeing the joy and pleasure of the people at the center, certainly makes our small effort worth while. We took the folks from the Center on a parade in our antique cars through the city of Loxley into the downtown area. There the people of Loxley had contests for them and awarded prizes. You can surely see that the unfortunate people from the retardation center look forward to this event each year. The DSR is proud to support such a worthy cause!

We had 19 antique cars and 31 members there, which included visitors Bill and Pat Wilkerson with their 1928 Model A Sport Coupe. Don and Jan Hartman picked up the tab for feeding us all which was surely "beyond the call of duty". It was another great outing! These kind of events that the DSR supports can't help but make you feel proud to be a part of our congenial organization!

THE FORT WALTON AND LAUREL SHOWS:

The Fort Walton and the Laurel Shows were both held on the same day - April 20th. Most of our members would like to have attended both shows and we hope the conflict can be avoided next year. Sadly, that same day was the day that I (Ernie) had promised our son that we would visit him at Auburn, with friends of his from New Jersey. Too many commitments on the same day! I requested information on these two shows from the Crowdus and Harpers which is as follows:

LAUREL

Ray gave me the information that the DSR was represented by 20 of our members at the Laurel meet and that every

FORT WALTON

On Saturday April 20th five families travelled to Fort Walton to the car show held at Fort Walton Square. Those attending were Lloyd & Lycyle, Cecil & Lucille, Dave & Jeannie, Bud & Peggy and Ed & Eddie. All attending received a trophy.

DSR member that took a car won a trophy, with Earl and Frances Gautier getting "Best of Show". Ray and Katherine got "Slowest $\frac{1}{4}$ mile", and Jerry, Linda and Jolene Page got "Longest distance". Ray said there was much activity including Model T Ford racing, and it was certainly enjoyed by everyone!

TOUR NEWS:

Time is growing short on the 12th Annual Deep South Region Tour into Louisiana. We are to be in Baton Rouge at 12:00 noon on June 15th to tour a private antique car museum that the Froehlichs have planned for us. Eugenia and I have been to it and it is quite fabulous! Those that plan to trailer, be at the Tillman's Corner Merchant's Bank parking lot at 7:00 A.M. Saturday morning, June 15th, ready to go. We will be leaving promptly at 7:00!

CARS FOR SALE:

Don Hartman has a friend in Nebraska that has the following cars for sale. There are some real choice cars here: 1917 Chalmers - \$4500, 1915 Chevrolet touring - \$4500, 1914 Detroit 4 cyl. touring \$6000, 1917 three passenger Reo - \$4000, 1925 Dodge roadster - \$4000, 1916 Dodge touring - \$3200, 1916 Dodge roadster \$2250, 1920 Studebaker big 6 touring - \$2500, 1923 Studebaker small 6 touring - \$1500, 1920 Oldsmobile touring - \$5000, 1916 4A-48 Pierce Arrow with 522 cu-in engine (no price). The owners name is Milo Smith of Wanneta, Nebraska, telephone 308-394-5369. See Don if you want more details.

Larry McIntyre of 2921 Squire Lane in Mobile has a dismantled 1931 Chevrolet coupe in good shape (no glass or wood) for sale. Call 633-6598.

MORE CARS FOR SALE:

1955 Chevrolet convertible, \$8500. This car is in excellent unrestored condition. It has a 283 engine and a new black paint job but the car has never been rusty. I believe the engine is wrong. I have a picture of it if you want to see it. Also a 1954 MG TF in show condition, \$10,000. A 1948 Packard 4-dr. 8 cyl with 52,000 miles for \$3500. A 1958 MG Midget \$500. Eugenia and I saw these cars. Call J. A. Gibson at 912-862-5278, Butler, Ga.

CLUB HOUSE NEWS:

On Monday, April 29th, the building committee gave the green light on installing a new floor in the club house (Meeting data on page 4 of this SPARK-PLUG).

On Tuesday April 30th, 9 families met at the club house and finished getting the plywood and entire floor down! Ray Faust and Geary Polk filled all seams (plywood joints) with a compound so the vinyl tile could be installed the following day. H. D. had got the plywood while Lloyd and Geary got the vinyl and adhesive. As the building committee decided, all costs came from the general treasury.

When you come to the meeting Thursday night you will see the A.A.C.A. sign up in front of the club house complete with floodlights.

Ray Harper led us in getting up gutter on the rear of the club house so that rain water will not pour off the roof onto the patio.

Geary led us in getting the patio side railings up for safety.

The club house is constantly becoming more attractive and it has a real "homey" atmosphere. The entire DSR membership has done an outstanding job!!!

OUR 1985 ROSTER

The 1985 pictorial roster is out and ready for you to pick yours up. Please see me or come to the meeting Thursday night and get your new DSR roster. It has a light red cover and has all members except those that have joined since May first.

SPARKPLUG - SPARKETTE

We were all sorry to learn that the mascot of our last year's tour, Jolene Page's little Chihuahua, Sparkplug, was run over and killed at their home the last of April. Jolene now has a new Chihuahua they have named "Sparkette". And so now she might even wind up with a few little "Sparklers" around the house!

Your editor just finished reading a very fascinating but sad book "The Indomitable Tucker", by Charles T. Pearson. It is about the life of the late Preston Tucker, the Tucker automobile, and the unbelievable opposition he had toward building the car. I was intrigued by the Tucker car in 1948 and the book brought back memories. Only 50 cars were built and 48 are still running. To any auto enthusiast it is certainly worth reading. Tucker planned a come-back in 1951 with Brazilian support but died of cancer in the mid fifties. Tucker did certainly have an outstanding automobile!



MAY MYSTERY PHOTO

This little doll is one of our very active members and attends almost every DSR function. Her face is still very much the same so look at her closely and come to the meeting and tell us who she is!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

COMING SHOWS IN OUR AREA:

May 23-24-25 Biloxi Show at International Plaza. Reg. fee \$15.00 1st car, others \$5.00. For info call Mac Weaver 601-392-4002.
 July 20-21 Gadsden's Noccalula Falls Meet. Reg. fee \$5.00 per car. For information call Larry Swindell 1-734-1296 or Glenn Brisendine at 1-927-5419.
 Sept. 7 Old South Show at Fort Conde. Reg. fee \$7.00 1st \$3.00 other cars.
 Oct. 10-11-12 Hershey!
 Oct. 19 Tentative date for New Orleans Show. Call 504-392-6067 for info.

At the DSR Show at Tillman's Corner Marien said someone picked up her green lawn chair by mistake and left a different one. She said she will be happy to exchange it with the proper owner.

OUR PREZ SEZ:

Many thanks for all the support the members gave the club in the Grand Opening of the Godfather's Pizza at Gulf Shores. Also it was just fantastic how our members turned out in support of our car show! It could not have been such a success if the members had not worked together as they did.

I need again to ask for your help in the downtown parade of the Tenn-Tom Waterway Opening. This will be the biggest and most publicized parades in the history of the club. Let's all work together and make this a big success. We will be needing 25 to 30 cars. I will announce time and place to meet as soon as I can find out and will have this information at our meeting Thursday night.

Lloyd

PLEASE NOTICE: There is no information in this SPARKPLUG about our Tillman's Corner Show. The winners and date of the show will be in the July SPARKPLUG as they have not yet been compiled. However, the DSR did certainly do well with over 135 entries registered. The exact number will be in the next issue.

MORE CARS FOR SALE:

1940 Chevrolet Coupe in good condition. See Ray Harper for information.
 1955 Chevrolet 2-dr. hardtop in good condition. See Lloyd for info.
 1963 Rambler American 440 2-dr. HT with air. Call 471-3277 or 478-5072 after 5:00 P.M. Hop has further info on this car.

NOTICE!

Linda Page has requested that as many DSR cars as possible to come in support of the Pediatrics at Slidell (La.) Memorial Hospital, on Sunday May 26th from 12:00 noon to 5:00 P.M. While the Pages understand that this is an awkward time, being the day after the Biloxi Show, we certainly should support them! They surely have gone all out to support us in the DSR. It's not far from Biloxi, so let's all go that possibly can!!

Wedding bells at the Crowduses! Lloyd's youngest daughter, Jaryn, was married to John Thomas Brown Tuesday night, May 14th at the Dauphin Island Baptist Church. We in the DSR hope much happiness for Jaryn and John in their life.

COME TO THE IMPORTANT MEETING! --

Be sure to attend the meeting this Thursday night at 7:30 at the club house at 951 Forest Hill Drive. Coming up is the results of our car show and how the DSR did. This is important for our club and will be worth hearing. Also it is the last meeting before our 12th Annual Tour into Louisiana. Lloyd will be announcing details of the coming Tenn-Tom Waterway Parade and the part we will be playing in it. President Reagan will be here for the ribbon cutting of the waterway. Lloyd will also be announcing the time of the Grand Opening of a new Popeye's Fried Chicken for which the DSR is participating and receiving a donation. Have you guessed the identity of the cute little girl on page 6? Be at the meeting and hear the news!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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