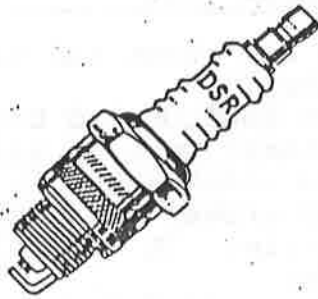


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
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MINUTES OF OUR APRIL MEETING -By acting secretary, Lycle Crowdus

Our Prez, Lloyd Crowdus, opened the meeting at 7:30 with 47 in attendance. Herb Counselman gave the invocation in the absence of our Chaplain, Hop Hopkins. Lloyd introduced our visitors Ron & Joyce Bush, Chris Bolka, and Jerry Smith.

Our Chaplain as well as some of our other members were out of town at the Pate

JUNE						
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June 2-4 - National AACA Show, Murfreesboro, TN.

June 11 - Outing to the Jordan's fish camp. Meet at the battleship at 9:30 A.M.

June 18 - Brewton's 8th Annual Blueberry Festival & Antique Car Show.

June 23 - Meeting at the club house 7:30 P.M.

June 25 - Mobile's Junior Miss Pageant, need DSR convertibles.

May 7 - Deep South Region Show at the club house!

May 14 - Classic Chevy Show. Airport @ I-65.

May 26 - Meeting at the club house 7:30 P.M.

May 28 - Biloxi Show!!

May 28-29 - Metropolitan Meet @ DSR members Dick & Shannon Crutcher's in Pleasant View, TN.

Swap Meet in Fort Worth, Texas.

On our sick list Condie Langham's father is doing fair, Bill Whiting's father is in the hospital, also Sydney has been sick but is doing better.

The following new members were approved by the Executive Board: Joe Morris, Jason Jones, Floyd and Betty Jordan, O. P. and Nina Brown, Bill Jeffress, and Angus and Marilyn Carver. We welcome these new members into our club.

Ray Harper, Activity Coordinator told us about the Fort Walton Show. He said we had about 19 people representing the DSR. The Montgomery AACA Show we had 15 members to attend. The upcoming shows that Ray announced were the Azalea City Classics Show at Holiday Inn@ I-65 & Airport Blvd., Brewton Blueberry Festival Show - June 18th and the National AACA Show will be in Murfreesboro, TN on June 2 to 4. Ray reported on our upcoming DSR Show. Friday night May 6th we will have Hospitality from 6 til 8 with cokes, chip and dip. He also reminded everyone to bring their door prizes and refreshments for the show. Ray also asked for a vote to have \$400 set aside for expenses for the car show which was approved by the membership. As of the meeting \$1215.57 had been spent on the show. Also approved by the members that we pay the Senior Citizen Band \$150. Ray asked Lloyd to arrange for two Port-a-lets to be delivered Friday. Volunteers were asked to come to the club house Saturday to do yard work and finish the trophies. Ray asked the members to park their personal cars on the day of the show across the street at the Garden Club site. He also called the Mobile Press and the DSR Show will be advertised starting Sunday, May 1st in the Antique Car section.

Jeannie Hepler will be in charge of selling cokes on the day of the show. It was approved that cokes would sell for 75 cents.

Minutes of the meeting continued from page 1 --

Reba asked that everyone see her about the ticket books for the quilt to be given away the day of the show.

Arlene Eschete announced that \$602.00 had been collected on the raffle books. Everyone was asked to do their part in selling these tickets.

Lloyd asked for volunteers to speak about 10 - 15 minutes at each meeting on old cars or have a question and answer session.

Herb sold his 1956 Ford Victoria. It was sold to someone in New Hampshire. Sorry to see this car leave Mobile.

Lloyd told of 2 cars for sale, a 1969 Mark 3 Continental and a 1965 Rambler American. Jason Jones has a 1973 Maverick with 36,000 miles. It belonged to his grandmother. If you know anyone interested, please contact Lloyd or Jason.

Jerry Page awarded Bobby Hover with a plaque with a washer and a magnet on it. With the problems he had in Laurel, Jerry felt he deserved it!

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 with drinks, donuts, cake and ice-cream served by Thelma George, Agnes Shafer and James Francis (in the absence of his wife, Emma).

MONTGOMERY'S CENTRAL ALA. REGION'S SHOW

The Central Alabama Region (C.A.R.) held their annual show at the Old Union Station just off I-65 on Water Street in Montgomery on Saturday, April 23rd. The weather was bad! It rained on the Mobile folks going to the show just enough to mess up the antiques right! Fortunately C.A.R. was lucky enough to have a sheltered display area and we all cleaned up our old vehicles as best we could. From Mobile we had 15 members in 7 antiques. Not too bad for a wet day, but not as good of participation as a club as big as the Deep South Region should have had! Especially after our Prez and Show Chairman made such an effort to get DSR members out! Most of our members brought home a trophy. DSR members attending were: Tom and Betty Brown (Tom's neice), John and Melody Ardis with their daughter, Lori, Lloyd and Lycyle Crowds, Art Griffin, Ray and Katherine Harper, Rev. Bill Hurlburt, Capt. Bill Jeffress, Gus and Wanda Vergos, and Ernie and Eugenia Youens.

We all had a great time there and it was a fine show with very friendly folks. The covered area was super! They awarded trophies after judging in the afternoon, and most DSR folks formed a little caravan to Mobile following the awards presentation.

Near Greenville, AL, still in the rain, we passed a van and pickup that had had a minor collision on I-65. Who but DSR member Betty Jordan and her daughter Debbie were in the van! Debbie was driving and the van filled with wives and widows of retired railroad employees. They had all been to Birmingham and were on their way home. The pickup driver apparently had dozed off and ran into the side of the van as he was passing it at a rather high speed. Capt. Jeffress went to get the police while the rest of us remained with the ladies in the van until everything was secure.

Then on to Evergreen for an absolutely great seafood supper! There, Capt. Jeffress, forever helpful to someone, helped a marine from Florida get his fuel pump repaired. He stayed with the young man until he got his car going.

The rest of us left for home after eating and Capt. Jeffress soon caught up with us.

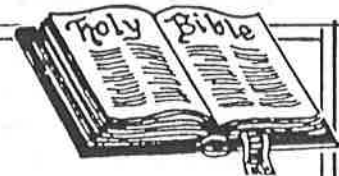
It was a very good show, the shelter was wonderful, and the fellowship was fabulous! Those DSR members that stayed home because of gray skies and a little rain goofed again! Think about it --- they didn't have the good fellowship nor that good feeling of being helpful to someone in need.

Let's have more of our DSR folks going to Montgomery next year!!! After all, our Region is almost twice as big as the Central Alabama Region and they matched us about 1 for 1 on cars at our show! Come on DSR, let's do better than that!!!!!!!!!!!!

We regret to report that Mickey Dickerson's brother died in Houston, Texas the last week of April with a massive heart attack; and she and O. D. attended the funeral there. He had no previous heart problems. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mickey, O. D., and all of her brother's family.

We are also sorry to inform you that former DSR member, Jean Waites' father, Mr. Kenneth C. Weisbach, of Satsuma, died April 20th after a long illness. Mr. Weisbach was 78 years old and on a life support system, which was removed shortly before his death. Our sympathy is with his wife, Jean, Frank, their children, and all of Mr. Weisbach's family.

A SELECTION FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:



NONE INDISPENSABLE

Sometimes when you're feeling important, sometimes when your ego's in bloom,
 Sometimes when you take it for granted, you're the best qualified in the room.
 Sometimes when you feel that your going, would leave an unfillable hole,
 Just follow this simple instruction, and see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water, put your hand in it up to the wrist;
 Pull it out and the hole that's remaining, is the measure of how much you'll
 be missed.
 You may splash all you please as you enter, you can stir up the water galore,
 But stop and you'll find in a minute, that it looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this example, is do just the best you can
 Be proud of yourself, but remember, there is no indispensable man.
 The club may be set back a bit, with the loss of a leader big or small,
 Or any one of our good members, but you can be sure it won't fall!

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Good news about "Ole Hop"! The doctor told him this week that he wasn't doing good -- he was doing excellent! Just great news!

Elven Few has been off from work for several months with a broken foot that hasn't seemed to heal as it should. He went to another doctor who found that his knee was also injured in his fall at Scott Paper Co. and he will be off work even longer.

Condie Langham's father is still a very sick man, but he has good and bad days. The last few days he has seemed to be slightly better.

Delores Dyer's mother has been very sick recently and Delores went to Illinois to see her during our May Show. We all hope all is well with her.

Bill Whiting's father is in the hospital at this writing for surgery on his pancreas. In addition to that, Sydney has been off from work for three weeks and just recently returned to her job. Also their son Joseph is very fretful with an ear infection. The Whiting household has really been on the "sick list", but as Bill said, hopefully by meeting night they will all be better.

Arthur Shiver, Mary Lewis' brother, is in the Mobile Infirmary in very serious condition. We all hope the best for Mary's brother

Eugenia's aunt in Bradenton, Florida has a colon infection and Ernie and Eugenia went to visit her last week. She is 85 years old, very sharp and alert, and is in very good spirits.

THINGS WOULD SURE BE A LOT NICER IF ANTIQUE PEOPLE WERE VALUED AS HIGH AS THEIR ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILES!

OUR VACATION TO THE PATE SWAP MEET!

By Ernie --

This one is written up as it happened to Eugenia and me! Most of you know that my 90 year old mother lives in Columbus, Texas between Houston and San Antonio, and our son, a native Alabamain, lives in Houston.

Eugenia and I left Mobile on April 26th, Tuesday, to visit Mom first, to take care of some personal business in Texas, to go to the Pate flea market near Fort Worth, and to see son John and his wife Nancy in Houston. In that order. We spent Wednesday with Mom and met a visiting neice from Colorado that we'd never met, then took care of the personal business. Then we were Pate bound! -Some 200+ miles away on Thursday morning. We had read of an antique car museum in Rosanky, Texas near Austin, and decided to go by there on the way. Rosanky has a total population of 210 people, 16 dogs, 4 cows, and a pig. However, the museum isn't downtown Rosanky, it's a couple of long miles in the country from Rosanky. As it was rather early on Thursday morning, 8 A.M., when we were there, I told Eugenia that it couldn't be much of a museum, being so far out in the boon docks, and if we missed it we surely wouldn't miss much. Boy, was I ever wrong!!! We pulled into the museum drive behind another car -- the only other one on the highway, I believe. It was the manager of the museum and brother to the owner. He had just arrived for work and informed us that the museum didn't open until 10:00 A.M., but being that we had come so far, he would let us in and give us a guided tour through it. He was one of the most accomodating fellows I've ever met and we spent the next two hours in what must be the most fabulous antique car museum in the entire South! There were over 100 very excellent fully restored prestige cars. Several Rolls, a couple of Duesenbergs, an Empire, a Tucker to mention a few. All of them in "ready to run" condition and kept that way. The owner of the museum drives one of them on the Great American Race each year! And the fellow took us behind th ropes, opened hoods, and gave detailed explanations -- and us the sole occupants of the museum! GREAT!! WONDERFUL!! I would not have missed it! But it did put us a couple of hours later than we planned at Pate. And Pate! That's something else!! We arrived there in the early P.M. and drove up to the fellow in charge of parking motorhomes and campers. He was president of the Central Texas Region of AACA and I happen to exchange newsletters with his editor wife. B. R. and Vivian Speir of Austin. Real fine folks! B. R. arranged for us to find Junie and let us park near his motorhome. Otherwise we'd have been walking a mile just to get to the flea market. There are that many people there! There were 18 DSR members at Pate! We spent Thursday afternoon and Friday morning there, which I can assure you isn't anywhere like enough time to see even half the stuff in the flea market! We are going back, and next time we'll spend more time there. Eugenia and I stayed overnight in a motel at Cleburne, TX about 22 miles from Pate and at a most reasonable \$28 per night. It was a modest, but nice and clean motel. I would certainly recommend it! Anybody else wanna go next year??

Then at 1:00 P.M. Friday it was good-bye Pate -- and on to Houston. We stayed Friday and Saturday nights with John and Nancy -- visited a park there that I had not been in since the 1930s. It had changed! It wasn't even in the edge of town any more, it was downtown! The only thing I could recognize was a statue of Sam Houston! He hadn't changed! And the same pigeons must still fly overhead there!

Then Sunday morning -- Mobile bound. We arrived here around 4:30 P.M., and I'll have to say it was a great vacation! I do wish the DSR could somehow plan a visit to the museum at Rosanky and maybe visit Austin. Maybe even Pate. But then maybe I'm dreaming.

A VACATION IS A BRIEF PERIOD OF RECREATION, PRECEDED BY A PERIOD OF ANTICIPATION, AND FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF RECUPERATION!!!!!!!

NEW MEMBERS

We want to welcome a couple of single guys into the Deep South Region! Joe Morris, Jr. of 103 Church Street in Fairhope, has a 1958 Formula Jr. Bandit III race car with a 1100 cc English Ford engine, and he is searching for an Austin Seven Tourer. If anyone knows of one, please notify Joe. His mailing address is P. O. Box 794, Spanish Fort, AL 36527 and his phone number is 626-6772 or 928-7054.

Jason C. Jones, a student at the University of South Alabama, lives at 6014 Galena Drive, Mobile, AL 36608 and his telephone number is 460-0153. Jason owns a 1968 Sports Fury Plymouth convertible and a 1970 Dodge Charger 500.

We want Jason and Joe to know that we are happy to have them in the Deep South Region. Both men have been approved for membership by the Executive Board.



THE MAY 7th DEEP SOUTH REGION SHOW AT THE CLUB HOUSE.

Antique Automobile Club of America



DEEP SOUTH REGION

To All DSR Members:

We would like to thank you very much for the support each one of you gave in putting on the best car show we ever had. We worked hard and were very tired when it was all over on Saturday night. The best part of all was when our guests were leaving and came by to say good-bye, and their comment was, "This was the best car show we have ever attended". And it didn't stop there! We have had numerous telephone calls from out-of-town as well as in town on what a great show we had. This is what makes all the hard work worth while!

All of you out-of-town guests that receive our newsletter, thanks for taking time out to support our show!

It's not whether you win or not. It is the fellowship one receives by being with one another. We have met some of the best people in the world at the different shows we have attended, and all of these people have become some of the best friends anyone could want!!!

Thanks again,

Ray & Katherine Harper
Show Chairman

A LETTER FROM
RAY & KATHERINE

To the left is a letter to all D.S.R. members from the Harpers. They are thanking all of us for supporting the show and making it the big success that it was. We D.S.R. members would like to thank Ray and Katherine for their excellent work in organizing and then putting it all together to make it such a success!

While it is sure necessary to have everyone pulling together, there must be a leader to make it successful!

On the next page is a write-up about the show and page 7 has all winners of trophies listed.

THE 5th ANNUAL D.S.R. SHOW

On Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7, the Annual DSR Show on the club house grounds had 118 registered antiques on display. The antique cars, some antique engines, and motorhomes started coming in on Friday the 6th and continued up until registration was stopped around noontime Saturday. We had more very immaculately restored cars this year than ever before and "Best of Show" was extremely difficult for the judges to pick. To give you an idea, Earl Gautier's 1939 just restored Chevrolet won it by the slimmest margin. Again, the DSR had many compliments from visitors on the show, the location, the grounds, the club house, the food, but best of all the compliments on the congeniality of the DSR members! We couldn't have anything nicer said about us!

On Friday evening the DSR ladies furnished a delicious assortment of chip-and-dip, cookies, cakes, coffee, cold drinks and many other treats for all participants. It was a pleasant way to meet and treat our guests! Then Saturday, the BIG day, we had wall to wall people and antique cars on the grounds. Everyone was greeting old and new friends everywhere! We had more vendors than usual and something for everyone. At noon the DSR ladies again served the participants sandwiches, hot dogs, cold drinks, chips, and all kinds of snacks, buffet style in the club house. The 5 very pretty Dogwood Trail Maids from Baldwin County in their ante-bellum dresses walked among the antiques enhancing the beauty of everything! (Did you see the ultra-conservative demure young beauties doing cart-wheels in their ante-bellum dresses?) The Senior Citizen Band played very fitting tunes and songs of the past under one of the 3 big tents we had set up, while people sat around listening. Soon after the judges completed their difficult task, Mickey and her group from O. D.s Restaurant, with the help of some of the DSR ladies, set up in the club house to cater our banquet, buffet style, with tables and chairs set up under tents outside with cool breezes blowing off of the park lake. Our Chaplain, "Ole Hop" returned thanks and we had a most delicious meal of barbequed beef, pork, and sausage with all the trimmings. All you could eat, seconds, thirds, or whatever, and finishing up with Mickey's speciality, her delicious banana pudding. As soon as everyone had eaten, Show Chairman Ray Harper began the awards presentation, with trophies and door prizes given out by the lovely Dogwood Girls. One very unusual happening, unnoticed by many, was that the Trail Maids' dresses were each a different color and two of them would step into the club house for a few seconds while passing out trophies, and come out with their dresses swapped! Did you notice? How on earth did they do it so quick?

After all winners were announced and trophies given, there was a drawing for the raffle winners. One of the Trail Maids drew Woody Roberts for 1st prize of \$300. 2nd was Marshall Underwood for \$175, and 3rd our own Laura Faust for \$75. Then the drawing came for the hand made quilt. Reba Counselman's name was drawn - but she declined winning as she was the leader in getting the quilt. Next name drawn was our own Prez's wife, Lycle Crowds, who happened not to be present at the time of the drawing, so it was saved for her.

This was our best show yet! Our Show Chairman did an outstanding job of coordinating many of our folks into positions to make the show a great success. Our hats are off to Ray and his many assistants for another very wonderful show in very beautiful sunny weather. Hats are off also to our wonderful DSR ladies who made, brought, and served food for everybody!

The only sad note of the show is that over one third of our own DSR members did not even show up or bring a car! While many had reasons for not coming, a few just had excuses. How sad for them, to miss the wonderful time and that good feeling you have meeting and talking with all the fine congenial old car folks, some from as far away as Tennessee! It was super!

But looking on the good side, nearly two thirds of all our DSR members were there!!!!

Below is a list of all winners at the May, 1988 Deep South Region Show. It was a great show and we hope to have all of you back again in 1989. We thank each of you for coming!!

1988 DSR AACA Awards

FIRST PLACE AWARDS FOR SENIOR CARS AACA

Marion Brent 1909 Sears
E.A. Clements 1930 Ford
John Gleske 1956 Buick
Larry McGowan 1930 Ford A
Kenneth Moore 1930 Ford A
Ed Rouze 1961 Corvett

Class A-1 1927 and earlier
1st none
2nd Art Griffin 1926 Buick
2nd Art Griffin 1921 Reo
3rd Hop Hopkins 1927 Chev

Class A-2 1928 -1931
1st Deward Kuser 1930 Buick
2nd Elvin Few 1931 Desoto
3rd Gus Venkos 1928 Chev
3rd Howard Shafer 1930 Chev

Class B-1 Brass Radiator Model T Ford
1st Warren Rollins 1913 Ford T
2nd Bill & Ann White 1914 Ford T
3rd Rod Or199eth 1915 Ford T

Class B-2 Steel Radiator Ford T
1st Robert Hover 1926 Ford T
2nd Ernie Youens 1927 Ford T
2nd H. D. Lowe 1925 Ford T
3rd James & June Goldman 1921 Ford T
3rd Howard Shafer 1924 Ford T

Class C-1 1928-29 Model A Open
1st Gavin Edwards 1928 A Ford
2nd Oliver George 1929 A Ford
3rd Judson Parnell 1929 A Ford

Class C-2 1928-29 Model A Closed
1st Ronnie Goldman 1929 A Ford
2nd Johnny Ray Pascoe 1929 A Ford
3rd Jewel Bell 1929 A Ford

Class D-2 1930-31 Model A Closed
1st Thelma Clements 1930 A Ford
1st Chris Mikles 1930 A Ford
2nd Herby Purcell 1931 A Ford
2nd Bob Lancaster 1930 A Ford
2nd James Ward 1930 A Ford
3rd Oliver George 1930 A Ford
3rd Lloyd Crowdus 1931 A Ford

Class E-1 Classics
1st Jerry Page 1929 Packard
1st J. L. Poy 1935 Ford
2nd Frank Barrow 1938 Chev
3rd W. O. Jarvis 1933 Chev

Class G Prod. 1939-1946
1st Paul Stephens 1939 Ford
2nd Ken Tebay 1939 Bantam s/w
3rd John Mitchell 1939 Chev

Class H Prod. 1947-1954
1st O.P. Brown 1952 DeSoto
2nd ED & Jo Ann Bradley 1952 Chev
3rd Cecil Johnson 1948 Chev
3rd Robert Daugherty 1954 Ford
3rd Bill Wright 1950 Ford

Class I Prod. 1955-1959 Except 55 thru 57 Chev.
1st None
2nd Charles & Doris Johnson 1956 Plymouth
2nd Bill Newsam 1958 Lincoln
3rd Joel Kolb 1956 Ford Victoria
3rd Henry Bundy 1955 Ford Crown Vic.

Class J Prod 1960-1963
1st John W. Ardis, Jr. 1963 Chev
2nd Pat Newsam 1960 Cadillac

Class K Chev 1955-1957
1st O.D. Dickerson 1957 Chev
2nd Pierre Fontana 1957 Chev
3rd Eric Gould 1957 Chev

Class L-1 Commercial 1948 and earlier
1st Tom Parson 1931 A Ford
2nd Bill Wright 1930 A Ford
2nd Lawrence Mosley 1946 Chev
3rd Lawrence Mosley 1948 Chev

Class L-2 Commercial 1949-1968
1st O.P. Brown 1952 Dodge
2nd Charlie & Jewel Baldwin 1958 Chev
2nd Gavin Edwards 1966 Chev
3rd John McCrary 1948 Chev

Class M Mustangs
1st Ralph Thacker 1967 Mustang
2nd Edward Grimes 1967 Mustang
2nd Harold Foster 1967 Mustang
3rd Herb Spies 1966 Mustang
3rd Ernest Sikes 1966 Mustang

Class N T-Birds 1955-1957
1st Edward Grimes 1956 T-Bird
2nd Dale Brown 1957 T-Bird
3rd James Feancis 1955 T-Bird

Class O T-Birds 1958-1968
1st Chuck Miller 1965 T-Bird

Class R Special Interest 1964-1968
1st Carolyn Davis 1955 Chrysler
2nd None
3rd Robert Hughes 1966 Lincoln
3rd C.T. Yarborough 1967 Cadillac

Class S Imports 1968 & Older
1st bob & Lynn Moore 1953 Jaguar XK120
2nd Richard Sterett 1935 British Ford
3rd Don Gregory 1963 Volvo
3rd Bob Limbcke 1967 Austin Copper

Class V All Other
1st Stacey Roberts 1969 Chev Camaro
2nd Bill Jeffres 1974 Dodge Challenger
2nd Ray Proia 1969 Cadillac
3rd Bill Jeffres 1970 Ply Barracuda
3rd Daryl Few 1970 Pontiac

Class W Models
1st Jolene Page 1926 T Ford
2nd Justin Griffen 1958 T-Bird
3rd Justin Griffen 1927 T Ford

Class Y MetroPolitans
1st Lloyd Crowdus 1955 Met.
2nd Ernie Youesn 1959 Met.
3rd Hop Hopkins 1961 Met.

Modifieds
1st Brian Holland 1970 Mustang
2nd Jimmy Lockhart 1970 Ply. Roadrunner
3rd Bob Hurley 1965 Ford

LONGEST DISTANCE DRIVEN
Bob Lancaster
LONGEST DISTANCE TRAIERED
Larry McGowan
HARD LUCK
Jolene Page
CLUB PARTICIPATION
Fort Walton
BEST OF SHOW
Earl Gautier



DON'T FORGET BILOXI ON MAY 26 to 29!!

Biloxi is one of the DSR's best supporters and we need to get all the cars we can to help support them at their show on May 26th through 29th. Of course, their big day will be Saturday, May 28th. They always put on a fine show with plenty of food and refreshments of all kinds. Do your best to attend these fine folks' show!!!! It's only a short drive to Biloxi, and the show is just across the bridge as you enter town. They will be glad to see you and I guarantee you'll feel welcome!!!

Another show we must attend if at all possible, is the South Alabama Region's Show at Brewton on Saturday, June 18th, at the Jefferson Davis State Junior College. It is put on in conjunction with the 8th Annual Alabama Blueberry Festival. We need to form a caravan of antique cars and attend their show. Like Biloxi, Brewton isn't far away from us and we all should make an attempt to attend both of these shows. They are fine folks!

It seems that Memorial Day weekend is a time many clubs have chosen for their shows. Panama City's Classic and Antique Car Ass'n is having a show on that date in addition to Biloxi. Also there is a Metropolitan Meet at the home of DSR members Dick and Shannon Crutcher on that same day. The Metropolitan Meet is sponsored by the Louisville, Ky. Club and the Crutcher's home is in Pleasant View, TN, 40 miles north of Nashville.

SMILIN' LOU!
It ain't nothin' to smile at!



HERE!
AT THE DSR SHOW ON MAY 7th, OUR OWN LOU ESCHETE RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT FROM A LOW FLYING BIRD, AS RECORDED ON THE ABOVE PHOTO. THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT QUALIFIED LOU AS A CONTESTANT FOR THE "HARD LUCK TROPHY", ALTHOUGH JOLENE PAGE BEAT HIM OUT. JOLENE'S TEAR JERKER WAS WHEN SHE TOLD OF ALL THE DIFFICULTY AND THE MISFORTUNES SHE HAD PREPARING HER ANTIQUE CAR MODEL FOR THE SHOW.

This was written by the Classic Chevy Club's president, Evelyn Swift, and we thought it good enough to reprint in the SPARKPLUG. Evelyn gave us her permission to use it.

"THE CLASSIC FEVER"
By Evelyn Swift-

It was battered and old,
When he drug it home.
And he looked like
He had found a Pot of Gold.

But, riding in his,
Just wasn't my style.
To ask for his keys,
Would just drive me wild.

What is it? I said,
And he looked surprised.
It's a '57' Chevy,
He said with pride.

Two Classic Chevy's
Is what we need.
Then I could have
My own set of keys.

I only paid \$200.00
And that's a steal.
But, where's the top?
And where's the wheels?

A hug and a kiss,
And a threat not to cook.
He grinned, and gave in
For he knew I was hooked.

Oh! It needs a little
Paint and repair.
But, just wait,
It'll make people stare.

The "Classic Fever"
I believe it's called.
And it happens to the best.
Or, so I've been told.

That's what I'm afraid of,
I thought, but didn't say.
Because he looked just like
A little boy that day.

And would you believe,
To my surprise.
They even have a club,
For all of us guys.

He worked day and night
Adding engine, and paint.
And I brought the coffee,
And listened to complaints.

The Azalea City Classic,
Ours is called.
And we meet once a month,
Out near the Hill.

As the days turned to weeks,
And the hard work continued.
A Classic Chevy,
It started to resemble.

If you have "Classic Fever"
And searching for a cure.
Call a Chevy Club member,
We are always near.

And finally it was finished,
And I took my first ride.
People were smiling,
And we both felt the pride.

Now, before I end
A word of advice.
The disease is terminal,
But, having it is nice.

SIGN ON A FLORIST TRUCK -
"DRIVE CAREFULLY. THE NEXT LOAD MAY BE YOURS."

PERSONALS

Les and Janet Yoder of Grand Rapids, Michigan are DSR members and had paid their dues for 1988. Somehow we lost track of the dues and the Yoders did not get in our 1988 Roster. We regret this and would like for each of you to put Les' and Janet's name in your roster - they are are DSR members! They plan to come South soon to be with us again.

Most of you know Donald Middleton, Lloyd's and Lycyle's nephew. He has been with the DSR on many events. Donald graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi and the graduation exercises were held on May 7th during our show. Lloyd asked your editor which event I thought he should go to. He wanted to attend both! He took my suggestion that he go to Donald's graduation, because Donald thinks there is no one like "Uncle Lloyd", and shows are held every year. But graduation is once in a lifetime! That's why our Prez wasn't at the show on Saturday. He was there Friday and Sunday.

Buddy and Anne Givens have recently acquired a 1959 Ford Galaxie 4-dr in very excellent original condition and with all extras. They also acquired a 1919 International 2 ton truck. It has a front end similar to the old Mack trucks, with the radiator behind the engine.

O. D. and Mickey Dickerson recently bought a 1956 Chevy 2-door station wagon at the Pate Swap Meet. A 2-dr wagon is a rare number!

The DSR's good friends, Don and Lisa Pritchett, bought a 1956 Morris Minor at the DSR Show. Don helped the DSR in acquiring our copy machine.

The new 1988 roster is out and we would like for you to get yours as soon as you can. They will not be mailed out because of high postage costs on such a booklet. See Ernie or Eugenia and get yours.

Clean-up day at the club house before the show brought out quite a few volunteers. The Prez said he wished to thank all those that helped out and that the grounds looked great at show time!!

Anyone wanting a 1931 Model A tudor, call Herv Percell in Ocean Springs, MS at 601-875-7825.

There was a beautiful 1952 black Chevy 4-dr Deluxe at our DSR Show for sale. Call Ed Bradley in Meridian at 601-693-3959.

David and Jeannie Hepler sold their Metropolitan convertible (sadly) but they have acquired another Model A pickup.

Jewel Bell sold her motorhome to Bo and Bobbie Parnell of Vancleave, MS at the DSR show. The Parnells have an application in to join the DSR! They are fine folks and we will be glad to have them as members!

George and Audrey Mazzagotte are on a month long vacation up the east coast then to Ohio. They may stop by Crutcher's in Tennessee for the Metropolitan Meet, if possible, on their way home.

Ole Hop and LaVerne are in Memphis visiting relatives this week and intend to also go to Crutchers' for the Metropolitan Meet on Memorial Day weekend.

More vacationers are Bob and Sue Mason. They are in Merry Olde England visiting all sorts of antique car spots and having a ball!!

Our friends at the Classic Chevy Club had quite a successful show at Holiday Inn on I-65 on May 13 and 14. They had some beautiful Chevys there!!

REMEMBER THE MEETING!

Don't forget that our meeting is on this coming Thursday night, May 26 at 7:30. We have much important business following the show. Also Floyd and Betty Jordan are having the DSR to their camp house on June 11th on Fish River in Baldwin County. Floyd said we will have fish, if they are biting! If not he said we'd have something else! PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH OR TEA. (-is the dish something to go with fish, Floyd?) On this outing we will meet at the battleship at 9:30 A.M. Saturday, June 11, and drive over.

We also have several new members coming into the DSR -- come and meet them Thursday night at the meeting! Also our Prez has plans that will include some of us in Mobile's Junior Miss Pageant. Come hear him. This is another very important meeting -- we will see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

COMING SHOWS & EVENTS IN OUR AREA:

May	26-29	Biloxi, Mississippi Show @ Point Cadet Plaza.
May	28	Panama City Classic & Antique Show.
May	28-29	Metropolitan Meet @ Crutcher's, Pleasant View, TN.
June	2-4	National AACA Show - Murfreesboro, TN.
June	16-18	Annual Petit Jean Mountain Show, Arkansas.
June	18	Blueberry Festival & Car Show - Brewton, AL.
June	23- July 4	The Great American Race!
July	23-24	24th Annual Noccalula Falls Meet at Gadsden, AL.
Aug.	2-6	A.A.C.A.'s First Founders' Tour at Huntsville, AL.
Sept.	3-4	Annual Meet & Rally at the Gould's - Excel, AL.
Sept.	11-17	Glidden Tour in Michigan.
Oct.	2-9	Annual DSR Car Display in Bel Air Mall.
Oct.	6-8	HERSHEY!!
Oct.	15	Tentative date for the New Orleans Show.
Oct.	21-23	Annual Meet at the Counselman's Home in MS.
Oct.	22-24	Annual Show at Village Fair Mall, Meridian, MS.

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