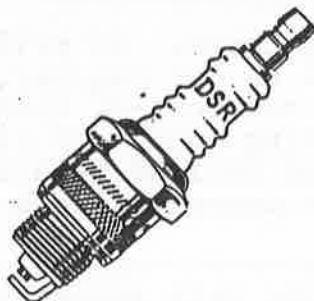


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Nov. 15 - Meeting -
266 South McGregor Ave.
at 7:30 P.M. Remember
this is the 3rd Thurs.
due to Thanksgiving.

Nov. 22 - Have a Happy
THANKSGIVING!!!

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. in Dr. W. T. Wright's office at 266 South McGregor Ave. The SPARKPLUG will be mailed the weekend before each meeting. Annual regional dues are \$10.00. This includes wife membership, with no extra dues, if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$13.00 single and \$16.00 joint (husband and wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

OUR OCTOBER MEETING

President Lloyd Crowdus opened our October meeting at 7:30 P.M. with 50 present, down from our 54 last month. Acting Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins, gave the invocation. Visitors introduced were Randy and Billy Spicer, Don and Judy Lovell, and John Wingard. On sickness and accidents, Lucille Langham reported Condie's mother in the hospital and in traction, Ed Rothenburg reported Betty

Capdepon's mother in the hospital, Ray Faust reported his mother out of the hospital and doing better, Cecil Nettles reported his brother is doing good, and Jimmy Neese was reported to have a severe case of pneumonia. Our secretary has written AACA headquarters concerning club house insurance but so far has received no answer. (More on this and an answer in this SPARKPLUG). President Lloyd reported on the amount spent on our club house property and building. Activity coordinator Ray Harper told of the New Orleans Show and of the coming Christmas parade in Tillman's Corner on Dec. 1st and Loxley parade on Dec. 8th. Also of Herb and Reba's invitation to their home for a car and engine show on Nov. 10th. He urged everyone to come! Ray also told us of the coming show in Jackson, Ala. on Nov. 3rd. He explained that due to so much activity, the Lowe's outing set for Nov. 17th will be canceled. Our Prez then thanked everyone that assisted in the lot clean-up, for the support and organization of the club house work, and again thanked everyone that put their cars in Bel Air Mall, especially those from out of town. He announced that Grace Turner has the 1923 Model T that she won at the Mall up for sale. Lloyd told us how Geary cut himself on a broken piece of glass during work on the club house. The mystery photo in the October SPARKPLUG was identified as Fay Liggett. Lloyd explained how the club house is to be moved onto our lot on Friday, Nov. 2nd, a day earlier than we had planned, and that the new club house address will be 951 Forest Hill Drive. Lloyd announced a nominating committee of Ray Harper, Elvin Few, Peggy Moseley, Jeanette Lowe, and Don Dillehay. They will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 6th. Lloyd asked the membership for a free-will donation to a club house fund to help pay for odds and ends so as not to deplete our treasury. Don Hartman offered the first donation of \$100 followed by several others for a total of \$655. Several members requested a delay in donations they wished to make until next month. Lloyd showed the membership the 30 cup coffee pot that the

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Dec. 1 - Saturday -
Christmas Parade at
Tillman's Corner.

Dec. 6 - DSR Annual
Christmas Party and
election of officers.
At Rodeway Inn on
Government Street.

Dec. 8 - Saturday -
Christmas Parade at
Loxley, Alabama.

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ladies have acquired for the club house. He said that a target date for the first club house meeting will be our regular January meeting. (Jan. 24) He asked for an investigation on the cost of folding chairs to be kept in the club house for our use. Meeting adjourned at 8:45, then our dedicated, diligent, distinguished delegation decided to drive to the designated delicatessen for delicious, desirable dessert dishes with delightful drinks before departing.

THE NEW ORLEANS SHOW - By SPARKPLUG Star reporter, Jeannie Hepler:

On Saturday October 20th, these DSR members went to the "World's Fair City's" New Orleans Antique Car Show: Frank, Jean, Tabitha, Kenneth, and Lynn Waites, Bud and Peggy Moseley, David and Jeannie Hepler, Ray and Katherine Harper, Lloyd and Lycyle Crowdus, Ed and Eddie Grimes, Bill, Jeanie, and Deana Dobbs and guest Scott.

On our way home we helped Jean Waites celebrate her birthday at Shoney's. Those who won trophies were Bill Dobbs 1st place, Ed Grimes 2nd place, Eddie Grimes 2nd place, and David Hepler 2nd place. It was a very nice show and we all had a very good time.

This comic strip by Guy Short is a self explanatory true story. This happened on our over night outing to Monroeville last September!



One of our members called us telling of the Magnolia State Model T Ford Club's own Randy Harding (well known to many DSR members) saying Randy went to Hershey this year. The only thing different from every one else -- he drove his 1926 model T touring from Jackson to Hershey and back!

Deep South Region members that attended the recent antique car show in Jackson, Mississippi were Jerry, Linda and Jolene Page, Earl and Frances Gautier, Herb and Reba Counselman, and Art Griffin. It was reported to have been a very good show and one we should have had better attendance.

Ray and Katherine Harper were recently surprised when they saw a picture of their 1929 Model A featured in an article on the New Orleans Show in OLD CARS WEEKLY.

The 1957 DeSoto that was donated to the DSR by Glenda and the late Shannon Douglas, was sold Tuesday, October 6th, to Mr. R. L. Steppe for \$400. This will go into our club house fund as per Shannon's request.

IT'S NOT SMART TO SAY THINGS THAT DO!!!!

Betty Capdepon's mother, Mrs. Suente, died Friday October 26th in Jackson, Mississippi. The wake was held Sunday in Bay St. Louis and burial Monday the 29th in Kiln, Miss. Mrs. Suente had been ill for several months. Our heartfelt sympathy is with Betty, Cap, and their family.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:



"THANKSGIVING" GOD'S PROVIDENCE

In just a few days we will all celebrate Thanksgiving.

Those of us who are working will probably get a holiday on that day. What for? That is quite a hard question for some to answer. Yes, we can name off lots of things we have been fortunate enough to receive or acquire in the last year. I am sure our list would begin with life, health, wealth, new friends, family, possibly a new car, a new home, good food, clothes, prosperity, a good job, possibly a new addition to your family, the welfare of your family, etc, etc, etc. It would be impossible to list all the things that people could think of.

Now let's take a look at this list and we will find that most of these are physical and could be removed real quickly. These things are temporal and can fade away, then could you still give thanks? Suppose you lost all of them - could you still give thanks?

You may say you are thankful, but to whom are you thankful? You would quickly say God. That is good but is He your God? True enough, God provided all things to all mankind, and all mankind is the recipient of all these things. The sun shines on the just and the unjust. Also it rains on the just and the unjust, while we are on this earth. Yes, Christians experience the same fortunes and adversities while he walks this earth and is thankful to his God for each.

Some of you may say you are thankful to God but you have denied His Son Jesus Christ. If in faith you haven't received His Son, He is not your God. When you depart this life and come into His presence, He will say, "Depart from Me, I never knew you"! He is not your heavenly Father and will deny entry into eternal life. Eternal life is the most important thing that we can have to be thankful for.

So those of our club can give thanks to our God, if we have confessed His Son, while those who have refused to confess His Son can "just give thanks". This is comparable to treading water or shadow boxing. Neither shadow boxers or water treaders accomplishes anything. However, they are spending energy and sooner or later will sink or fall from exhaustion.

So now, what do we really have to be thankful for, and to whom? Which is the more important to you? If we have all the physical things in life and miss the spiritual part, which is eternal, then life is to no avail.

If you would like to pursue this further I will be glad to talk to you. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, day or night. Please do not be ashamed to call me.

I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for giving His Son for the forgiveness of my sins, that I may enter into His kingdom for eternity. This is much more valuable than the things of this earth. Which is your priority?

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT OF MEMBERS:

Geary Polk cut his hand on a broken piece of glass while working on our club house building, and it required several stitches. While it was certainly a bad cut, it could have been much worse as it almost severed a tendon and that would have required surgery to correct along with the lost use of his hand for quite a while.

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Jimmy Neese recently missed a couple of weeks of work because of a severe case of pneumonia. Jimmy is slowly doing better and was able to attend the Jackson, Alabama Show on November 3rd. We are all happy that Jimmy is getting back to normal and hope to see him around a lot soon!

Jerry Pulliam recently had a tough break. He was chasing 2 young girls who apparently had been shop-lifting at Gaylord's where he works on Government Street. They all ran into the parking lot where the girls jumped into their car and quickly started up, striking Jerry. The front wheel of the car ran up onto Jerry's chest. Fortunately no bones were broken but Jerry had to spend several days in the hospital. Although Jerry is not a DSR member, he is our friend and is active in antique car circles. We all wish Jerry a speedy and complete recovery.

OUR PREZ SEZ:

The donations we received at the last meeting for the club house project were very much appreciated. I realize that many of you were not prepared to donate at such short notice. However it would be greatly appreciated if those that wish to give and help out with the project would do so at the next meeting.

Lloyd -

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

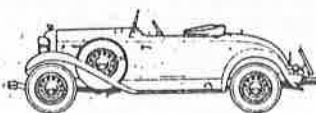
The building committee is establishing a club house fund to get the building completed with insulation, paneling, cabinets, plumbing and electrical hook-ups, etc. as quickly as possible. This can be accomplished over a period of time but we would all like to see the club house ready as a meeting place soon! The building fund through donations is growing but for a quick completion we need help. This is strictly a free-will, one time donation and if you can see fit to help us, please be at the meeting Thursday night or mail in a donation to:

Building Fund
c/o Lloyd Crowdus
4111 East Burma Road
Mobile, Ala. 36609

Make checks payable to D.S.R. Building Fund. So far, donations have been anywhere from \$10 to \$100. If you'd like to help, give only what you feel.

OUR NOVEMBER
MYSTERY PHOTO

Who is this masked man?!?!? No, it is not John Wayne as a boy in "True Grit". This is one of the DSR's very popular members at the ripe old age of 11 years. Make your guess and be at the meeting Thursday night on November 15th and tell us who he is!!

ANTIQUE CARS FOR SALE:

1923 Model T touring. Unrestored running condition. Call Grace Turner 661-8112.

1957 Thunderbirds - 2. Restorable with complete parts car. \$7500 for both. Rudy Hearn @ 452-2450.

1966 Mustang hardtop 289 automatic, air. Robert Harper @ 344-6744. \$3495.

1930 Model A coupe. \$7500. Older restoration. Very good condition. Ben Bailey, Philadelphia, MS. Call 601-656-4703.

1963 Corvair Monza 2-door, 2nd owner. Call Bob Bedsole @ 471-4375.

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome Don and Patty Reber into the DSR. Don is an artist and paints beautiful scenes and likes to put antique cars and other items of nostalgia in them. The Rebers are hunting an antique car. They live at 616 Cherokee Trail in Theodore, Ala. 36582, with their children, David, Mary, and Brian. Their telephone number is 653-7975.

We also want to welcome Don and Judy Lovell into our club. The Lovells own a 1954 Corvette, a 1953 Chevrolet Bel Air, a 1960 Chevrolet 2-door hard-top, and a 1957 Isetta. They live at 133 Geneva Drive in Daphne, Ala. 36526 with their children, Dal and June. Their telephone number is 626-5088.

The Deep South Region is happy to have the Rebers and Lovells with us and hope to see them often at our future meetings and outings. Welcome aboard, Folks!!!!

Concerning liability insurance on the club house, Lloyd called Mr. William E. Bomgardner, executive director of the A.A.C.A. in Hershey, Pennsylvania and got first hand information. The DSR is insured for one million with an umbrella policy of four million. Mr. Bomgardner is to mail a letter regarding this to the Mobile city clerk and a copy will be sent to us. As soon as we receive it we will publish it in the SPARKPLUG.

THE MERIDIAN SHOW:

On Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27 at the Vintage Wheels Club antique car show in Meridian, the DSR had a good showing of 20 people and 8 cars. Most of the cars from the DSR won trophies. The DSR's own Earl and Frances Gautier won "Best of Show" with their 1934 Chevy. From the DSR we had Winston, Paul and Elizabeth Bell, Jerry, Linda and Jolene Page, Herb and Reba Counselman, Don and Frances Dillehay, Gavin Edwards, Earl and Frances Gautier, Art Griffin, Ray and Katherine Harper, H. D. and Jeanette Lowe, and Ernie and Eugenia Youens. As always, the Meridian Show was a success with about 90 cars registered. It was more than they had anticipated but when you put on a good show you will grow! All the out-of-town ladies that were at the show were treated to a sight seeing and shopping tour of Meridian and treated to a meal at a very popular restaurant there. All by the Vintage Wheels Club! This was very nice and many nice comments were made about it. After the show nearly everyone went to the awards banquet at the Holiday Inn. Many door prizes were given out.

Most DSR members left Sunday morning for the trip home. A soaking wet ride home for all that came south! It was certainly an outstanding show and well put on. I might add that our own Ray Harper treated everyone to video film of the show during the banquet.

Our hats are off to these Meridian folks for their efforts and to their success!

JERRY PAGE'S ACQUISITION:

In Meridian during the Vintage Wheels Show there on Oct. 27, Jerry Page found and bought a 1939 Packard parts car. He got every available man from our area to help him get the car on his trailer. It had 4 flat tires and hadn't been moved in many years. We all piled into Jerry's van and just as we were pulling out of the parking lot, Art saw a friend driving a wrecker. Art jumps out of the van, flags the man down, and asks him to help us load the Packard junker on the trailer with the wrecker. He said that he really didn't have time to help but Art persuaded him, telling him it was only 3 miles away. Jerry corrected him saying he thought it was 6 miles. Actually both were right. It was 9 miles. 6 and 3 do make 9, don't they? Art's victimized friend was absolutely essential to getting that heavy Packard on the trailer. The moral of this story is that if you need help for anything, get Art! He knows somebody everywhere he goes! If I ever go to Rome, I want Art with me to introduce me to the Pope! To cap this story off -- the fellow with the wrecker almost won the hard luck trophy because of the time he spent helping us caused him to be late at the banquet!

CLUB HOUSE NEWS:

Oct. 17, Wednesday - Put windows in the building and installed glass in the front doors. Geary cut his right hand on broken glass in the front door that required 6 stitches. Workers: Geary, Ray and Tex Faust, David Hepler, Bud and Peggy, and Lloyd and Lycyle.

Oct. 21, Sunday - Finished putting in windows. Removed 2 closets, the sliding doors in the center of the room, and the old ceiling tile. Workers: Geary, Tex, Ray and Katherine, Hop, David and Jeannie, Bud, Peggy and Boo, and Lloyd and Lycyle. On the lot, O. D. Dickerson brought his bulldozer to clean off a place for the house. Tex and Geary also cleaned up the lot.

Oct. 27, Saturday - Cleaned out the house, took out old wall paneling and installed new insulation. Also removed both rest room doors. Workers: Geary, Lloyd and Lycyle, Peggy Moseley, Ed Rothenburg, Ray Faust, Cecil and Lucille Nettles, Dave and Jeannie, Fred Newell, and Guy and Barbara.

Oct. 28, Sunday - Installed rest room doors in a new location, roughed in electrical wiring and began installing new paneling. Workers: Geary, Lloyd and Lycyle, Ray and Tex Faust, Bud, Peggy and Boo Moseley, Dave and Jeannie Hepler, Cecil and Lucille Nettles, Guy, Ed and Gloria, Ray Harper, and Larry Martin.

Oct. 29, Monday - Electrical wiring rough in and panel installation. Workers: Geary, David and Jeannie, Lloyd and Lycyle, Bill Dobbs, Tex, Peggy Moseley, Hop, Guy, and Ernie and Eugenia.

Oct. 30, Tuesday - Put up paneling and more electrical. Got plumbing ready for moving house. Hauled trash to city dump. Workers: Geary, Mrs. Polk, and Darren, Lloyd and Lycyle, Bud, Peggy, and Boo, Ray and Katherine, Ray and Tex Faust, Guy, David and Jeannie, Harold Stacey, Hop, and Ernie and Eugenia.

Oct. 31, Wednesday - Went to the Alabama Power Co. to initiate getting power to club house when it is on the lot. Finished clean-up at the house. Workers: Lloyd, Ray Faust, and Ernie.

Nov. 2, Friday - Mr. Fauver's men

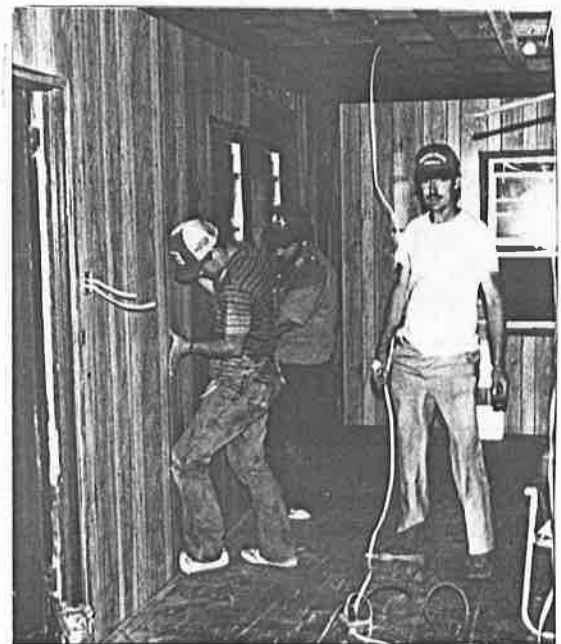


MR. FAUVER WITH HIS MEN AND LLOYD WITH TWO TRUCKS PULLING THE HOUSE FROM IT'S OLD LOCATION ON AIRPORT AND UNIVERSITY BLVDS.

Friday morning and moved building on our

lot at 951 Forest Hill Drive. The DSR members present to assist were: Geary, Lloyd, Hop, Peggy Moseley, Ed Rothenburg, O. D. Dickerson, and Ernie and Eugenia.

Nov. 5, Monday - Broke out the curbing to get ready for a driveway and made plans for a foundation. Workers: Geary with a hired black laborer, David and Jeannie, Lloyd and Lycyle, Tex, Howard Shafer, Guy, Ernie, and Cecil Nettles who brought a generator for lighting and saw power. Lloyd and Ernie went to the City Hall in the A.M. trying to get a permit to place house on our lot.



left to right - TEX FAUST, HAROLD STACEY, AND GEARY POLK INSTALLING PANELING.

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Nov. 6, Tuesday - Dug footing for foundation. Workers: Geary, Harold Stacey, Ray and Tex Faust, and Lou Eschete. (Other members were at the Nominating Committee meeting.)

Nov. 7, Wednesday - Finished digging footing, got concrete blocks for the foundation and stacked them. Scattered dirt from footing around the house. Workers: Geary, David and Jeannie, Lloyd and Lycyle, Boo Moseley, Ray and Tex Faust, Harold Stacey,

Nov. 8, - Thursday - Finished all digging for foundation, patio, and front porch. Got permit for house from city. Finished digging out for driveway and had city to inspect it. Workers: Geary, Lloyd and Lycyle, Ray Faust, Bill Dobbs, Guy, and Ernie. Had hired black man on curbing at driveway and two foundation men on house.

There has been much other work done and we know that we have missed some of the work and workers, but this will give you a general idea of what is going on with the new DSR CLUB HOUSE!!!!

Just got a call saying Mr. H. R. Odom was recently in the hospital for two weeks. He accidentally stuck a piece of shrimp that he was working with into his finger and it became infected and had to be lanced in the hospital. We are happy to report that Mr. Odom is at home now and is doing good.

The nominating committee met at the Crowds home on Tuesday, Nov. 6th. Committee chairman, Ray Harper, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. There was discussion as to having 1 or 2 candidates per office offered by the committee. A decision was made to have 2 where possible. All committee nominated candidates will be announced at the November meeting and further nominations from the floor will be called for. Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

As yet we do not have a write up on the Jackson, Ala. Show on Saturday, Nov. 3rd but we will have it in the December SPARKPLUG.

Let's all turn out to support the Tillman's Corner Christmas parade on Sat. Dec. 1st and the Loxley parade on Sat. Dec. 8th. Both of these communities have been very helpful to the DSR. Remember them!

Harold and Debie Stacey have acquired a 1955 Chevy 2-door that is partially restored. The Staceys will soon be breezing around in it with us!!!

NOTICE!! NOTICE!!

The club house has been the main thing on the DSR's agenda lately but let's not forget the Christmas Party on Thurs. Dec. 6th at the Rodeway Inn on Gov't St. This is the last SPARKPLUG until after the party. Be sure to pay either Barbara Short or Gloria Rothenburg by meeting night as Rodeway must have the number that will attend by this date. It is \$10.00 per person and an excellent meal is planned plus a lot of fun! Each person please bring a gift of not more than \$5.00. Each man bring a man's gift and each lady a lady's gift. Above all, though, get the \$10.00 per person in by meeting night!

Also at this important meeting the 1985 DSR candidates will be announced and further nominations will be accepted from the floor. Please attend this very important meeting Thursday night, November 15th at 7:30 P.M. at 266 South McGregor Ave.



This is not our regular mystery photo, but see if you can guess who the newspaper reader is. This is in the clubhouse with no plumbing, walls, or doors in this room.

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Mr. Cliff Fauver will certainly be remembered by the DSR. He moved the DSR club house 3 1/2 miles onto our lot at approximately his cost. Please recommend Mr. Fauver! He told Lloyd that he is never too busy to help friends like the DSR!



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