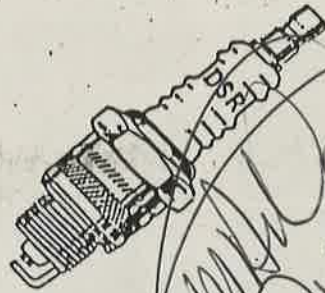


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
DEEP SOUTH REGION
A.A.C.A.



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Nov. 14 - Sat. Theodore Pecan Festival. Meet Tillman's Corner K & B at 8:30 A.M.

Nov. 19 - Thurs. DSR regular meeting at the clubhouse, 7:30 P.M.

Nov. 26 - 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. 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 \$15.00. This includes wife membership if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$18.00 single and \$22.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

THE OUTSTANDING NEW ORLEANS SHOW

187 Antique cars! Yes, that's right, and only 4 from the Deep South Region. Of course, the very worthy Open Car Show at Auto Zone in Mobile did cause the DSR to be a bit short on cars at New Orleans. But let me assure you that the show at the Delgado College City Park Campus on

October 17th was super with fine antique cars everywhere you looked! The fenced in, fully paved, level parking lot easily held the 187 cars. There was no banquet, but your entrance fee of \$12.00 (\$17.00 on day of show) included a very good inside noon meal for all passengers with your choice of a table or booth. It was very nice! The DSR members driving over from Mobile were Lloyd and Lycyle Crowdus in their 1965 Mustang, Buddy and Patt Paquet trailering their 1955 Ford, and Ernie and Eugenia Youens in their 1965 Mustang. DSR members Eric and Paula Gould drove to New Orleans from Excel in their modern car. We three couples from Mobile met at Shoney's at Tillman's Corner at 6:30 A.M. for breakfast, left about 7:00, arriving at the show site around 10:00. We left New Orleans as soon as the trophies were awarded and arrived in Mobile about 8:30 P.M. All of the DSR cars, including the Froehlich's 1937 Ford Pickup won a trophy. (except the Crowdus Mustang who requested that it not be judged) Charlie and Ardie of Gretna near New Orleans, who are also members of the local clubs there, were taking a very active part in putting on the show. The weather was cool and dry, but cloudy all day. We saw many old friends and made many new ones!

One of the highlights was the presentation of an annual trophy to the person who had been selected as outstanding in helping the club and supporting the antique car hobby with the greatest enthusiasm. It is called the "Vernon T. Hopkins Award"! The reason for this award is that "Ole Hop" was unable to attend the New Orleans Show a few years ago, but sent his registration fee in anyway with a note that it was to help their club. It touched everyone there, so they decided to give an annual award named for "Ole Hop"! This year the award went to one of their faithful supporters in a wheelchair and he received a thunderous applause!

We were all so impressed with the show and friendly folks until I believe none of us will miss next year's show -- and we hope we will have a long caravan of DSR cars making the trip in 1993! Plan on it!!!!

DECEMBER

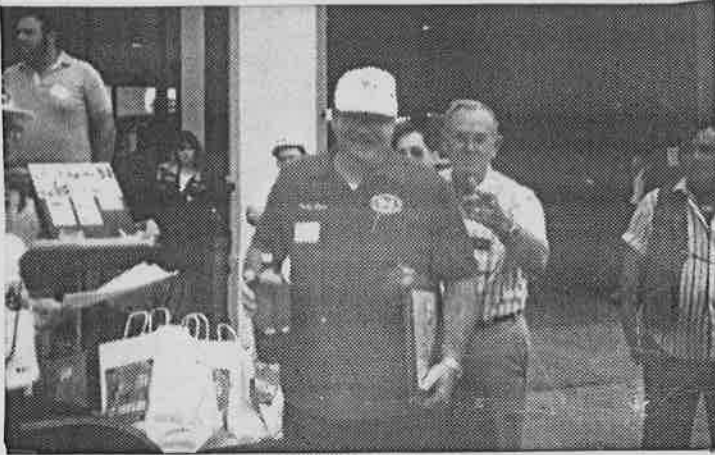
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Dec. 5 - Sat. Tillman's Corner Parade & Show. Meet there at 8:30 AM.

Dec. 12 - Sat. DSR Christmas Party at Korbei's. Banquet at 7:00 PM, Social Hour at 6:00 PM.

Dec. 19 - Sat. - Irvin ton Christmas Parade. Meet at Theodore Hardee's at 12:00 Noon.

Dec. 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!



BUDDY WITH HIS TROPHY AND A DOOR PRIZE AT THE NEW ORLEANS SHOW.



AT THE NEW ORLEANS SHOW. L to R, ERNIE, EUGENIA, LYCYLE, LLOYD, BUDDY, PATT.

CORRECTION ON OCTOBER'S SPARKPLUG

In reporting the K-Mart display of DSR cars in last month's newsletter we left out Al and Anna White displaying their very pretty blue Mustang convertible.

Also at the Daphne Show we failed to report Bernard Cammon's beautiful 1963 Cadillac won the "People's Choice" award and also a second place trophy at the Shriner's Charity Show at Auto Zone.

We regret that these were missed and appreciate anyone calling our attention to any oversight so we can correct them.

KNOW YOUR MEMBERS



The very attractive Dr. Terrell Ann Ford is a professor of Management at the University of South Alabama. She was born in Charleston, S. C. and grew up on the beach in Pascagoula, Miss. She is the mother of one child, Linda (now Mrs. Glenn Miller), and has a new born grandchild, Taylor Glenn Miller. Her former husband, Roy W. Pike, was a district attorney and an attorney in private practice in Mississippi.

Terrell moved to Mobile in 1988 from Palm Beach, Florida, where she was Vice President of First Securities Company in Palm Beach and "sold tax-exempt bonds to the rich".

Previously, she taught graduate management courses in England, Germany, Spain, and Canada. She has worked for eight different universities, including Ole Miss, the University of Southern Miss, the University of West Florida, Concordia University in Montreal, the London School of Economics, and the University of London. She has been a management consultant in economic statistics for attorneys in Mississippi and Alabama.

Terrell and her sister, Catherine Ford Brister of West Palm Beach, have been filmed by a travel company for travelogues during the past two summers. The first travel film was made of their Far Eastern tour to Japan, China, Honkong, Singapore, Thailand, and Macao. The film editors for "Life styles of the Rich and Famous" did the editing for the video.

Last summer Terrell and Catherine traveled at company expense on a European tour of nine countries, including London, Paris, Rome, and Monaco. Terrell wore what she calls her "Gulf Coast Ethnic Costume" which consists of flowered summer sundresses and ruffled lace parasols.

In 1982 Terrell bought a 1977 Mercedes Benz 280 SIC (sport coupe) when she lived in Germany. She appreciates the advice and information the DSR members have volunteered and very much enjoys her association with our club.

We in the DSR are very fortunate to have Terrell Ann in the Deep South Region and look forward to having her in her Mercedes with us on our outings soon. If you haven't yet become acquainted with her, by all means do so! You will be glad you met this most pleasant lady.

**SAFETY NOTE TO ALL DRIVERS: "WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN,
-- ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE DRIVING A CAR"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Lucille Nettles' brother is in the rehabilitation center at Knollwood Hospital. He is doing as good as can be expected after such difficulty and surgery he has had. Although he has stomach problems, he can move around and pull himself up but can't walk. Lucille spends much of her time caring for him. She said it's likely to be another month of this.

LaVerne Hopkins is still slowly improving although she still has a lot of pain at times. She has not regained her strength -- but with the sever surgery she has been through, it's no wonder. Considering what she's been through, she certainly looks good and does very well!



FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN, V. T. HOPKINS:

A DAY FOR THANKSGIVING

When the American colonies were first settled, the newcomers suffered many hardships. They spent much of their time in fasting and in prayer, asking the Lord to help them in their distress.

According to Tom Olson in NOW magazine, on one occasion, when some New England settlers were discussing their hardships, one person suggested that they set aside a special day for fasting and prayer. Another man stood up and said they had been dwelling too much on their problems. It was time, he emphasized, to focus on their blessings.

The man pointed out that the colony had been making good progress. The harvests were becoming abundant, the streams were full of fish, and the forests provided plenty of game. But more important than that, he rebuked them, that they now had what they had been seeking when they left their homeland -- liberty. He recommended that instead of fasting a day, they have a day of thanksgiving!

Many nations do not set aside an annual holiday known as Thanksgiving Day, as we do in the United States. But I would encourage you, wherever you are reading this, to join with us. With praise to God for His many blessings, let's make this a great day for Thanksgiving!

For the year of peace and plenty, and blessings without end.
Let the voices of the people, in Thanksgiving praises blend.

If we pause to think, we have cause to thank!

Copied,
"Ole Hop"

FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS

On Monday, October 26th, Mobile College requested three convertibles to be in a parade against drugs in the downtown area of Mobile. Anna White is Athletic Department Secretary at Mobile College and was involved in getting things organized for this event. Those participating from the DSR were: Lloyd in his red Mustang, Hershel in his burgundy Falcon, and Al and Anna White in their blue Mustang. They met at 11:30 A.M. and the parade went through the downtown area and around Bienville Square twice. Then as they disbanded, Mobile College's coach treated them all to dinner at the Admiral Semmes. Those that attended said it was a very pleasant and it was certainly worthy event.

IF YOU ARE UPSET AND DISGUSTED WITH YOUR CHILDREN,
JUST IMAGINE HOW GOD MUST FEEL ABOUT HIS!!!!!!

MINUTES - OCTOBER 22, 1992

DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA

The October 22, 1992 meeting of the DSR was called to order by the President, T. Brown at 7:30 pm. There were 36 members and 5 guests present. Invocation was given by H. Hopkins.

OLD BUSINESS & REPORTS:

- President: None
- Vice President: None
- Secretary: None
- Treasurer: B. Hedberg clarified the question of the "50-50 Pot" deposits which had been tabled at the September meeting.
- Editor: None
- Activities: L. Crowdus asked J. Finley to report on the Mustang Club sponsored car show for the Shriner's CC fund that was held earlier in the month. Jerry announced that a total of \$1850.00 was raised for the charity project.
- Member at Large: None

NEW BUSINESS & REPORTS:

- President: T. Brown advised members they could now obtain both Mastercard and Visa credit cards through AACA. He also noted that both national and local dues should be paid as soon as possible in order for the reports due national headquarters can be completed on time. *****
- Vice President: B. Paquet stated that he and D. McLaney have had the first meeting for the 1993 car show.
- Secretary: None
- Treasurer: B. Hedberg presented a copy of the monthly financial statement. H. Hopkins moved the report be accepted (Copy as presented, seconded by F. Sturges, motion carried. att.)
- Editor: E. Youens said he had been told that some copies of the "Sparkplug" are being torn in the mail and offered to replace any member's copy of the newsletter.
- Activities: L. Crowdus reminded the membership of the many shows and parades in November and December. He asked that as many members as can to assist in these. He asked if the DSR wished to again participate in the "Angel Tree" project this year. H. Hopkins moved that the club do so by taking \$150.00 from the treasury which would be replaced by collecting donations at the annual Christmas party, seconded by B. Whiting, motion carried. Bill volunteered to do the shopping for this. Lycle reminded the members that the Christmas party would be held on Dec. 12th at Korbet's Restaurant beginning at 7:00 pm and asked that everyone pay the \$12.50 per person charge as quickly as possible.
- Member at Large: B. Whiting, chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the 1993 slate of officers which is:

- President.....Buddy Paquet
- Vice President.....Dale McLaney & Terrell Ford
- Secretary.....Jane Bruton
- Treasurer.....Frances Whigham
- Editor.....Ernie Youens
- Activities.....Lloyd & Lycle Crowdus
- Member at Large.....Frank Sturges & Betty McLaney

Tom asked for nominations from the floor at this time, being none, H. Hopkins moved the nominations be closed, seconded by J. Reid, motion carried.

**** Tom asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the September minutes. Being none the minutes were accepted by concensus as printed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The drawing for the "50-50 Pot" was won by Lycle Crowdus who donated her portion to the treasury.

Being no further business to come before the membership F. Sturges moved the meeting by adjourned, seconded by D. Dillehay, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patt Paquet
Patt Paquet, Secretary

THEODORE HOMECOMING PARADE

Theodore High School Annual Homecoming was held this year on Friday, October 30th. They had requested at least 10 antique convertibles, something we all wondered if we could get on a working day! Impossible to get convertibles? No sir!! The DSR responded with 14 cars, 13 of which were convertibles! Plus 2 furnished by former members, Bill and Jeannie Dobbs. We agreed to meet at McDonalds at 11:00 AM -- and while we were there it began to rain! One of our members had trouble with his convertible but we all worked and got it going. Rain did not dampen the need for convertibles and tops went up and down several times as we were lined up at the school before the parade. But once the parade started, the rain stopped and everything turned out just great. The really great story in this is the DSR member's loyalty to the club in getting this many antiques on a Friday, a working day for most of our folks! Some got off work to participate, some that could not get off got another driver, but the wonderful support was really super!!

Our Activity Coordinators, Lloyd and Lycle Crowdus said they'd like to thank all those that supported the DSR by bringing their cars out. They said that without a doubt, the enthusiasm of the members is proof that the DSR is continually gaining in both quantity and quality of folks! Of course, we all know that Friday at noon is a time when, for many, it is just not possible to attend. Lloyd said he was overjoyed with the turnout!

Those that attended in alphabetical order were: 1 Bell, 1 Crowdus, 1 Francis, 1 Garland, Henderson, 1 Hopkins, 1 Jordan, 1 D. Lowe, 3 McLaneys, 1 Smith, 1 Whigham, 1 White, 1 Youens, plus 1 car driven by Clyde Smith's nephew, and 2 cars furnished by Bill & Jeannie Dobbs. Their daughter, Debbie and Debbie's husband, Mike McCarthy drove the cars. (Bill was at work). The Dobb's grand-daughter, Jennifer McCarthy, a Theodore student, was involved in organizing the parade.

This was absolutely beautiful for the Deep South Region!! And to top it all, the fellowship was fabulous!!!!!!!



VINTAGE WHEELS CLUB MERIDIAN SHOW

The Meridian Show on October 24th was held again this year in the Village Fair Mall. It was another fine show put on by a club of friendly and helpful people. The weather was at its best! Pleasant, sunny, a beautiful day for a show -- and it was inside the air conditioned Mall! Some of our DSR folks arrived Friday and some Saturday morning. We had 23 of our members there in 9 antique cars, an antique pedal car, bicycle and motor bike. From the DSR we had 2 Browns, 2 Carters, 2 Crowdus, 1 Finley with Eleanor Hadley, 1 Griffin, 2 Harpers, 2 H. D. Lowes, 2 Neeses, 2 Paquets, 2 Reids, 2 Whighams, and 2 Youens. Our 9 antique cars brought home 6 trophies -- a very good showing! They had the Mall filled with 61 cars. One of the Vintage Wheel Club's officers told us that one year they packed 100 cars inside the Mall! They had to be packed in -- I would like to just see 39 more cars in there! Boy oh boy! That would be a show!!

The ladies of the Vintage Wheels Club took all the visiting ladies to Morrisons for a free noon meal and told them how much they appreciated everyone coming to the show. In the afternoon, during the judging of the cars, all the folks that brought cars sat around or walked about talking with each other and looking at the very pretty showing of old cars. There were some real beauties on display!

At about 8:00 P.M. Morrisons Cafeteria closed to the public and we all went through Morrisons regular cafeteria line for a banquet meal in their dining room. The trophies and prizes were given out quickly after we ate, to give the people time to get their cars out, or you could just leave them overnight and get them out Sunday morning. I believe all the DSR folks opted for Sunday morning, as we all went to our motels or motor homes for the night. It was a great show and we are looking forward to their 1993 Show!



Jeanette Lowe and Katherine Harper eating ice cream in the Mall.



Lloyd, John Reid, Eleanor and Jerry Finley in a discussion at the Meridian Mall.

A "HARD LUCK" INCIDENT GOING TO MERIDIAN

Early Saturday morning on October 24, 7 DSR cars met in Saraland and formed a caravan to Meridian, MS to attend the Vintage Wheels Antique Car Club's show at Village Fair Mall. On the way to Meridian, much to our regret, we all went through 9 miles of slag covered new pavement south of Fruitdale, Ala. Big trucks meeting us peppered and damaged all the cars paint and broke the windshield of the Carter's modern car!

Then 2 weeks later at the Jackson, Ala. Show, just as the trophies were to be awarded, John Reid requested permission to give out 7 "Hard Luck Awards" to the car owners that had their car's paint damaged going to Meridian. He said that he and Brenda had gone back to

the area where the slag was on the road and "found" a piece of slag for each car with its color paint on the stone. Each car owner received a Hard Luck plaque with the appropriate stone glued to the plaque. The Carter's plaque had a piece of glass "from the broken windshield" on the stone. It caused a bit of laughter to the otherwise irritating event. Hershel, whose newly restored Falcon's paint was damaged, said he'd rather have that award than any trophy! I know mine will be on permanent display at our home!

Many thanks to John and Brenda Reid for turning this upsetting, car damaging incident into memorable laughter for all involved!!

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Leslie L. Dean
Vice President
and Trust Officer

October 20, 1992

Antique Automobile Club of America
Deep South Region
625 Second Avenue
Saraland, AL 36571

Gentlemen:

As the Secretary of the Daphne-Spanish Fort Lions Club, I would like to thank you for participating in the First Annual Grand Jubilee Charity Auto Show. Even though the weather did not cooperate, your participation helped us raise about \$2,000. This money will be used to provide eye care for needy children in our area.

Please mark October 2, 1993 on your calendar for the Second Annual Grand Jubilee Charity Auto show. We certainly want your club to participate next year. Please contact our Auto Show co-chairman, Jody Davis, at 205-626-6795 or Jim Small at 205-626-5257 to let them know if your club can participate.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Leslie L. Dean
Secretary
Daphne-Spanish Fort Lions Club

THE JACKSON SHOW

The 10th annual Antique Car Show was held Saturday, November 7th in conjunction with the Southwest Ala. Forestry and Wildlife Festival in Jackson, Alabama. As usual, it was an excellent show in good but a bit chilly weather. There were antique cars, arts & crafts, contests, food, and wall to wall people everywhere! For those of you that have never been to the Jackson Show, it is held in the blocked-off-to-traffic downtown area with only the antiques parked on the streets. 29 DSR folks were there, brought 14 antique cars, and brought 11 trophies home. There were 100 cars registered -- really high quality vehicles. Most of you know Bob and Sara Smith; they live in Jackson and do a great job every year putting the show on. They invite everyone to their home for a meal following the awards presentation. Jackson is only about 60 miles from Mobile and if you've never been to their show, you ought to!

Several DSR members did not stay for the meal at the Smiths, so as not to drive home after dark, but we did stop at Catfish Junction Restaurant in Saraland for a meal. And the DSR fellowship was really great!!!

DSR members Eric and Paula Gould recently returned home after a Model T Ford tour in the "Down Under" land of Australia! The following 3 pages were written by them and it is GOOD!!



To your left is a letter the DSR received from the Daphne-Spanish Fort Lions Club thanking us for our participation in their Grand Jubilee Charity Auto Show. They also are announcing the 1993 Show date as October 2nd.

Below is the minutes of the November DSR Executive Board meeting. These meetings are important and really helps us get information to our members and assists us in planning for future developments and functions to bring before the club at our regular meetings. Read them all -- and keep up with your DSR's business!

MINUTES - NOVEMBER 5, 1992

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Tom Brown, President. Bill Whiting was absent but all other Board members were present.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS & REPORTS:

- President:** Tom had received information from the Stone River Region in Tennessee about a show and swap meet in February 1993 which he asked be included in the November newsletter.
- Vice President:** Buddy asked Ernie to also include in the newsletter a copy from another car club. It is relative to the current "Clunker" bill.
- Secretary:** None
- Treasurer:** Bob offered some suggestions for the 1993 year which the Board discussed. He thought it would be helpful to the 1993 officers for the 1992 and 1993 officers to attend the January Board meeting. Everyone agreed to this.
- Editor:** Ernie stated that there was more than usual to be put in the November newsletter and if he is to include everything pertinent it will require additional postage. He advised the Board that this seems to occur about twice or three times per year. After some discussion the Board felt the newsletter is one of the most important aspects of the club and a means of keeping all of the members informed about its functions. Buddy moved that Ernie use his discretion on publishing and if additional postage is necessary the it should be paid. Lloyd seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Activities:** Lloyd has been contacted by Pep Boys Automotive who requested 15 cars be displayed for their opening of a new store. The club will received \$200.00 for this and Lloyd is waiting for confirmation from their national office. He also reminded the Board of the November and December activities we are scheduled to participate in.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Australian 9T2 TourBy Eric & Paula Gould

G'day Mates!

Paula and I aren't very good at being reporters, but we did volunteer to write a report on the Australian 9T2 Model T tour we participated in on our vacation.

We have to say that our success on our Australian vacation and tour was due largely to Peter and Sally Kable and Bill and Merrill Holder-Keeping whom some of you met at the 1991 Gulf Shores Model T tour. They were the two Australian couples that came to the tour and our barbeque and invited us to attend their club tour this year in Griffith, Australia.

We were met at the air port and taken to Peter & Sally's home where we met with other American's attending the tour. There were 37 Americans on the tour from all parts of the United States---California, Alabama, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, and Washington state. Some of these people were also at the Gulf Shores tour. Some of you may have met them as well.

Before we went to Peter & Sally's, they took us on a cruise on Sydney Harbour. We had lunch and toured some of the shops and then we went on a tour of the Sydney Opera House. You have seen it on television and in photos about Sydney---it looks like clam shells standing on end. It is a really interesting and fascinating place!

We then came back across the Harbour and took the train back to Sally's van parked in the out-skirts of town and then to her home in Kiama, approximately 70 miles away.

Upon arriving at their home we were treated to a wonderful supper ("tea") prepared by some other Americans that were guests as well. There were 13 of us visiting in their home. They have a very large home which accomodated all of us. It was a very interesting home too because they are antique collectors as well---furniture, glassware, everything as well as Model T memorabilia.

After a good night's rest, we were all up early for breakfast and a time of repacking and streamlining our luggage to travel to Griffith for the tour. During that time we began to meet other Americans who were guests of other Aussies. Sally had organized for all of us to leave together and caravan to our first night's stay in Cootamundra, Aust. only about 175 miles away. This isn't a long way by our standards, but for them it is quite a day's trip due to no interstates like ours, narrow two lane roads and lots of villages and towns along the way.

One of these villages was Wagga Wagga where we stopped for our morning tea and to join with two more families going on the tour with their T's called "J.R." and "The Undertaker".

After about 50 miles more we stopped in Yass where we had our lunch and met with MORE "T" people. We also saw three Model T's being driven from Sydney to the tour.

We then proceeded to Cootamundra where we were met on the outskirts of town by the Antique Auto Club of Cootamundra. The club members offered us rides into town in their antique cars. After settling into our hotel in which we all shared the bathroom facilities down the hall, this is very common in small town hotels in Australia as well as in Europe, we prepared to be met by the car club again to take us to a seven course Chinese banquet they had arranged for us in honor of our visiting their town. After supper they presented each of us with folders of points of interest and history of Cootamundra and their club badges. When we were finished we were all invited to one of the members homes to see his car collection and hit and miss engines. Then it was back to the hotel to rest and get ready to travel to Griffith the next morning.

Sunday was another day of traveling most of the day to get to Griffith.

Oh!, by the way---I was hijacked at at our lunch stop and was given a chance to drive the "Red Rocket", a 1923 Tourer. It was then that I got to see my first Kangaroo in the wild. They only come out when it begins to get dusky dark but this one was out early. On the way we stopped at a historical home known as Monte Cristo. It used to belong to a wealthy land owner and is now inhabited by 5 ghosts! They had been seen two weeks prior to our visit.

Upon arriving in Griffith we found our motels where we had all booked rooms for the week of the tour. After settling in the men went to tour headquarters to check in where we received our goodie bags and any T-shirts and things we had pre-ordered and purchased some souvenirs of the tour.

This was a six day hub tour averaging 100 miles per day. There were about 185 Model T Fords and one Chevrolet on the tour. Our tour organisers and arranged for each American family to ride with different people every day. They also had a few cars available if anyone wanted to drive one on their own instead.

Our days began early but we were back in each day about an hour or so before supper time. We toured mostly back roads and visited different places of interest each day which included wineries, a rice processing plant, orange juice plant, scenic overlooks in the foothills, two large lakes and a small town on the edge of the "outback" called the "Black Stump". We also spent a day at Pioneer Park which is an old Australian village re-created as it was during the early settling days of Australia. There we enjoyed a steam engine and tractor display, an animal park and shops, hospital and living quarters re-created there. It was all very interesting.

One night we had a "Bush Dance". Contrary to what you might think, it is very similar to what we would call a barn dance. Instead of a country & western band they had a folk band. They were like an Irish folk band. They played folk music and had a piccolo included in the instruments. We did folk dances and square dances as well. It was really great fun! This dance was attended by one and all--- young and old alike. It lasted till about 1:00 A.M. which made for a long day the next day.

Another night there was a barbeque held at one of the wineries in honor of we Americans. It was a little different from our barbeques but the fellowship was no different at all!

We also had a short tour of the homes and gardens around Griffith. The Town of Griffith also hosted a parade of the antique cars which concluded at a rugby field where the cars were on display for the public to see. The Lions Club set this up as a fund raiser by charging admission and selling food to raise funds for the Crippled Children's Home. A total of \$2500.00 was raised for this purpose.

There was also a "Grand Prix" race day for anyone who wanted to participate with their Model T's on a dirt and sealed (paved) track. At the display there was no judging of the cars just a display of everyone's cars that they had driven and most of them had another T at home.

Friday night was the final dinner and banquet where awards were given for the Grand Prix race, Furthest Distance, Oldest Car, Oldest Couple and Oldest Person participating on the tour and the Most Unique Car on the tour. The oldest car was a 1904 Ford driven by Mr. James Eisenhauer who is, by the way, related to Dwight D. Eisenhower. The most unique car was a 1913 Tourer which was an all original car and the man who owns it is the third owner. The car had only 675 ORIGINAL miles on it when the tour began! This car is in pristine condition! Recognition was given to all day chairmen and organizers. After that we were all treated to anniversary cake and coffee for it was on that day that the first Model T was sold in the year 1908. Paula had heard that as well on the television news.

Saturday a breakfast was held for us and a short tour of a steam powered generator plant and irrigation system. Then we left for our twelve hour drive back to Kiama.

It was a really great tour. Morning and evening teas were provided for us every day free of charge as were one or two lunches on the tour. All of the food and fellowship were fantastic. It was very much a family oriented tour where the kids had something to do each day and babysitting was available if needed as well. There was one family there with a Depot Hack which had three car seats in the back for their children!

If anyone on the tour did not have a great time it was their own fault because all of our needs were certainly taken into consideration. It was wonderful.

After arriving back in Kiama on Saturday evening, Sunday was a day of rest, laundry and re-packing. On Monday we said farewell to most of our new American friends who were flying home. We continued to tour Australia with our friends for five more days before we had to say a very sad farewell to our new and old friends. We could have easily spent another whole month there without staying in a motel at all for we had so many invitations from our new Australian friends and a couple of New Zealanders to stay with them in their homes. Perhaps next time.

There is going to be another tour in Australia in 1995 called--- "T's Alive In '95" and Paula and I are planning at this time to try to attend it as well. If anyone else is interested in going let us know and we will try to get a group together to go. It will be well worth it and a trip of a life time!

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I hope you enjoyed this most interesting article from Eric and Paula. After reading this, I'd sure like to make that trip in 1995! Wouldn't you? We'd all like to thank the Goulds for sending this -- it's SUPER!!!!

THE VETERANS' DAY PARADE

ANOTHER RAINY DAY PARADE! The DSR had 11 antique cars and 2 visitor cars in the annual Veterans' Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11th. The DSR cars carried 16 survivors of the Doolittle Raiders in the parade. They were the ones that flew the first bombing mission over Japan after Pearl Harbor and shocked the Japanese who thought they were out of range of our American bombers at the time.

Nine of the DSR cars and our two visitor cars were open vehicles, but all tops stayed up due to constant rain! It was a very orderly and nice parade, except for the weather. After the parade we all went to the Government Street Whataburger for a snack and drink along with lots of good ole DSR fellowship before heading home. The weather sure didn't dampen the good spirit and laughter of the DSR participants!!

CAUSE FOR ALARM FOR US ALL!

Buddy Paquet gave us this for the SPARKPLUG. It was published by another car club the Paquets belong to and it is alarming! This information has also been in the AACA news. Please take note and write your senators! We just must not let this asinine legislation pass!!

The following information was sent to us by officials as well as members who understand the importance of acting NOW to keep the "Old Car Industry" alive.

This article and survey appeared in the September 17 issue of *Old Cars Weekly*. It outlines the importance of a coordinated effort and the importance of industry quantification — we need to know how big our industry is.

Please take the time to fill out and return the survey to the indicated address. Also as Bob Haas stated, please write your Senator as soon as possible.

The Government May Be The Next Owner Of YOUR Car!

Our government wants to crush all cars & trucks made before 1980. Elected federal and state officials have introduced and continue to introduce legislation that would rid our highways of all pre-1980 vehicles or tax the owners and operators of these automobiles. Listed below are a few examples. Please make a copy of this form letter and mail both copies to your respective state senators using the address on the letter! It's up to you, the voting American, to get involved!

For more information send a S.A.S.E. to:
Clunker News, P.O. Box 13372, Ft. Wayne, IN 46868-3372

Sample Letter

A Message From ^(V.P. OF BUDDY'S CLUB) Your Vice President

As one of my duties as Vice President, I'm going to oversee and voice my opinion against what is known as the "Clunker Bill".

This is a bill that is in the U.S. Senate, if passed, would penalize or unjustly tax owners of older vehicles.

On October 17, I attended a conference, held in Chicago, for all the car club presidents and representatives. I will report on this conference in the next newsletter.

In this newsletter you will find some information on this Bill, along with a sample letter. I urge you to write a letter in your own words to your Senator as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Bob Haas

"President Bush acted yesterday to let oil refineries and other industrial polluters meet federal clean-air standards by taking up to 40 million old cars off the road instead of curbing their own smoke-stack pollutants."

The Washington Times
March 20th, 1992

"A legislative struggle in California to salvage a troubled budget has resulted in important changes in registration fees . . . the Department of Motor Vehicles has the power, [AB758-passed June 28th, 1991], to charge a registration fee based upon the current [possibly collectable] market value of that vehicle."

Classic Auto Restorer
February 1992

"An accelerated retirement program, simply stated, buys old cars and retires them faster than they would have been retired in the absence of the program . . . Controlling previously uncontrolled or minimally controlled sources might be cheaper than tightening controls on already highly regulated emitters, whether stationary sources or new cars. In many areas, old cars are one of the few remaining significant sources of criteria emissions that have not yet been controlled."

Accelerated Retirement of Vehicles
Prepared under Section 108(f) of
the 1990 Clean Air Act
March 1992

Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Sir:

This letter is to voice my strong opposition to any and all legislation which would encourage the scrapping of pre-1980 motor vehicles for environmental or economic reasons.

I urge you to vote NO to any legislation that is not in the best interest of the millions of old car enthusiasts and would destroy a multi-billion dollar industry made up of thousands of small businesses supplying these enthusiasts.

I urge you to vote NO to any proposal that would penalize or unjustly tax owners of older vehicles or in any way, shape or form, restrict operation, ownership and the right to drive and enjoy these automobiles.

Stop bowing to the demands of big business and fanatical doomayers and stand up for your constituents. As an active collector car hobbyist/concerned citizen, I, and millions of others, are prepared to fight for the right to keep and enjoy our old automobiles.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip _____ # of Licensed Voters [Over 18] _____

Sample Letter



FROM THE DEEP SOUTH REGION

Our annual Christmas Party for 1992 will be held at Korbet's on Airport Boulevard at 7:00 PM on Saturday December 12th. The meal will be buffet style. The cost will be \$12.50 per person payable to Bob Hedberg. Please make your reservations by December 7th.

MENU

Seafood AuGratin
 Roast Beef with Mushroom Sauce
 Potatoes AuGratin
 Green Beans Almondine
 Corn & Lima Succotash
 Salads

Cocktails (Cash-Bar)

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Apple Cobbler

SEE YOU AT THE PARTY.....

NEWS TID-BITS

We have an excellent & interesting article on the very early Mustangs given us for the SPARKPLUG written by Charlie Froehlich. I've been trying to get it squeezed in the past several issues, but we just haven't had room! We will put it in the December issue! It is good!

Please pay Bob Hedberg for your DSR Christmas Party Banquet at Karber's on December 12th as in the notice above. Please pay as soon as possible so we will know how many to expect!

Dale and Betty McLaney's 1970 Ford convertible was in the Press-Register on Oct. 17. We wanted to put it in the newsletter but it won't reprint.

Don't forget the big Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade and Show to be held on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 10 to 3.

Then on Sat, Dec 19th, we will participate in Sammy (Mr. Irvington) Francis' Christmas Parade in Irvington -- and that same day we are to put

15 cars at the new Pepboys Auto Parts Store in Mobile for a substantial donation to the DSR.

There are 2 more convertibles in the club!! Buddy bought a red 1964 Mercury Caliente convertible and Patt a black 1963 Falcon convertible! We are "going to town" with convertibles in DSR!

Don't forget the meeting Thursday night, Nov. 19th at 7:30 and vote for the new DSR officers of your choice!

Lloyd and Lycyle said they really wanted to thank all the DSR members for the tremendous response they've had from the members on this year's activities. They both said that we've got to have the best members there is anywhere!!!

Several of our members attended the Oct. 17th Charity Open Car Show sponsored by the Mobile Bay Mustang Club and Auto Zone, but we haven't yet got a report on it. We will have it in next month's newsletter.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING THIS COMING THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7:30!!!

DON'T FORGET THE MEETING IS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE OF THANKSGIVING. ALSO IT'S THE MEETING FOR VOTING FOR YOUR 1993 DSR OFFICERS. WE ALSO HAVE SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS TO VOTE ON. THIS IS CERTAINLY AN IMPORTANT MEETING! PLEASE BE AT THE CLUB HOUSE AT 7:30 ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19!

COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- Dec. 5 Saturday, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade and Car Show. \$10 entrance fee, \$15 day of show. Candy will not be furnished to all cars this year.
- Dec. 12 Saturday, DSR Christmas Party at Korber's at 7:00 P.M. Please pay Bob Hedberg as soon as possible. \$12.50 per person.
- Dec. 19 Saturday, Pepboys Auto Parts need 15 cars from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. for a good donation to the DSR. Also Irvington's Christmas Parade on the same day. Meet at Hardee's at Theodore at 12:00 noon for this parade
- Dec. 25 Friday, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

I can vouch that this very fine colored paper donated to the DSR really runs easy through our copy machine! Did you notice this month's SPARKPLUG paper is "Regal Gray". Pretty, ain't it?

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