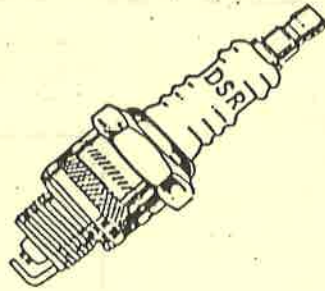


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
DEEP SOUTH REGION

A.A.C.A.



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Nov. 13 - Sat. Springdale Christmas Parade. Be at Springdale at 9:00 AM.

Nov. 13 - Sat. After the Springdale Parade we go to Whigham's Open House. Meet at Battleship 11:30.

Nov. 14 - Sun. DSR invited to Mobile Bay Mustang Club Annual Picnic, Battleship Park at 12 noon.

Nov. 14 - Sun. Gavin & Gladys Edwards invite all to their open house from 2 to 4 PM.

Nov. 18 - Thurs. DSR reg. meeting at the clubhouse 7:30 PM. vote for 1994 officers.

Nov. 20 - Sat. DSR will host New Orleans Tour Group at the club house!

Nov. 25 - Thurs. No meeting! It's THANKSGIVING TIME!!!!

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 \$20.00 single and \$24.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

ELECTION TIME!

Election time has rolled around again! The nominating committee has a recommended slate of candidates for 1994 and their names will be on the ballot to be voted on at our November meeting on Thursday, the 18th. There were no nominations from the floor at our October meeting. You will notice this is the 3rd Thursday, as usual in November, because the fourth Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. There will be a space on the ballot for a write-in for each office if you so choose. Before you write in a name, however, be sure he/she will serve, or your vote will not be counted. At this meeting we will also have new members to vote in, so please be at the meeting this Thursday night at 7:30 and cast your vote. We need you there!

Also, to make things easier for you and your new officers, please give our secretary, Frances Whigham, a check or cash for your AACA and DSR dues at the meeting. Frances has graciously agreed to send in your AACA dues which will certainly be a convenience to you. Dues for both National and Local clubs are \$39 for a couple and \$35 for single -- and this pays you up in both clubs! It can all be made out in one check if you wish.

Reservations must be made to attend the DSR Christmas Party at Korbet's Restaurant on December 11th, so please let Lycyle know and pay for your meal and reservation. It is \$12.50 per person and she must know at least a week in advance. The DSR Christmas Parties are always nice and very pleasant.

See you at the Election Night meeting next Thursday at 7:30. The 1994 candidates on the ballot will be Buddy Paquet for president, Al White for vice president, Jane Bruton for secretary, Frances Whigham for treasurer, Robert and Sharon Moore for activities coordinators, Frank Sturges for member-at-large and Patt Paquet for editor of the Sparkplug.

As a member of the nominating committee, I'd like to say that we have really great members in the club to select from and we believe that we have a very excellent slate of candidates. The DSR is going forward under their leadership. In fact, they already have plans for a bigger and better 1994!!!

DECEMBER

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Dec. 4 - Sat. Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade. Meet at service road (as last year) at 9:00 AM. Candy furnished.

Dec. 11 Sat. Bayou La Batre Christmas Parade. Meet at Theodore Hardee's 2:00 PM.

Dec. 11 - Sat. DSR Christmas Party at Karbet's 7:00 PM. \$12.50 each. Please notify Lycyle!!!

Dec. 18 - Sat. Irvington Annual Christmas Parade. Meet at Theodore Hardee's at 12:00 noon, bring own candy throws. Visit Sammy Francis after the parade.

Dec. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY! Do remember what we celebrate!

THEODORE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE-by Patt Paquet

DSR had the pleasure of assisting Theodore High School celebrate its annual homecoming festivities by providing vehicles for their parade.

After meeting at the Theodore Hardee's at 12:30 drivers moved over to the school to pick up the Azalea Trail Maids and representatives of the school board. Although the weather was cool the excitement was keeping the Trail Maids warm and they were lovely. After forming up at TAAC park with the class floats, band and other groups we wound our way back to the school by going through the Nan Gray Davis Elementary School to put some excitement in the younger students day. By the time we arrived back at THS classes were over and the driveway lined with boys and girls waiting for the candy that was being thrown as well as generally having a good time.

Participating in this outing were 1 Crowdus, 1 Henderson, 1 Jordan, 1 Paquets, 1 Reid and 1 White who all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The DSR received this very nice "Thank You" for our participation.



Dear Mr. Crowdus,

On behalf of the Theodore High School Student Council I would like to thank you for your participation and preparation for the Theodore High School Homecoming parade. We all enjoyed the cars and I hope you enjoyed being in our parade. Please tell the other drivers thank you for their participation. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Joanna
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A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING

The DSR is often requested to transport a wedding party from the church where the wedding takes place to the reception, sometimes a few miles away. Our club is usually given a donation for this. Such was the case on the cold Saturday night of October 30th at the wedding of Charlotte Lynn Thomas and Jason Leon Smith. The DSR furnished 13 cars to take the bride, groom, their parents and attendants from the Springhill Methodist Church to the reception at Stewartfield on the Springhill College grounds. Convertibles with tops down were requested for this gala affair -- but with temperatures in the 30's, their minds changed to tops UP and heaters ON! A most wise decision!!

At the wedding the DSR members attending were: B.L. and Geneva Cammon in their 1963 Cadillac, Lloyd and Lycyle in their 1965 Mustang, Jerry Finley in his 1966 Mustang, Jim and Nancy Henderson's 1957 Chevrolet driven by Bud Moseley, Floyd and Betty Jordan in their 1964 Ford, Ed and Joan Lunsford in their 1937 Ford, Robert Moore in their 1959 Mercedes, Melvin and Betty Neese with Betty driving their 1928 Ford and Melvin driving the Jordan's 1927 Chevy touring with the bride and groom as his passengers, Buddy and Patt Paquet in their 1964 Comet, Hershel and Frances Whigham in their 1963 Falcon, Al and Anna White in their 1965 Mustang and Ernie and Eugenia in their 1965 Mustang.

The weather was so cold that nearly everyone went home after taking the wedding party to the reception even though we were invited to come in if we wished. Lloyd and Lycyle got this event for us and the club received a nice donation for our efforts. And in spite of the cold we all enjoyed the very beautiful wedding ceremony from the church balcony. We were all asked to wear our red shirts, but they were all covered by warm coats! And as usual, the members all seemed to really enjoy the congenial association in spite of the coldest October 30th in the history of Mobile, Alabama!!!

Robert Ramey, Eugenia's brother, died of a massive stroke on October 22nd. He was a great friend and a gentleman. In fact, we named our first son "Robert" after him. His wife had died a few years ago and they had no children. He lived about a block from Eugenia's sister Ruth, a widow who had a rough time after her husband's early death, and they looked out after each other. The tour group met them in September when they came to eat dinner with all of us at a restaurant in Owensboro. Our sympathy is with all of Robert's relatives and friends. This very fine fellow will surely be missed by everyone that knew him.

FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, HERSHEL WHIGHAM:



THANKFUL THEY FOUND GOD THERE!

When the American troops were campaigning in the South Pacific, a crew from a bomber made a forced landing on a strange island. Knowing nothing about the natives, their nature or their sympathies, they prepared to defend themselves with whatever weapons and arms they had at their disposal. Suddenly they heard the singing of a Christian hymn which suggested to them that they had landed among friends, not enemies. Within a short time they learned that nearly every soul on that island was a Christian --- the product of mission work maintained by Australians.

One father, speaking of the experience of his son in this forced landing, said to his minister: "I never believed much in missions, and it is a certainty I've never contributed much monetarily or by personal witnessing. For this I'm heartily ashamed. You see, it was another man's 'shouting in the wilderness' that prepared the hearts of those islanders to welcome my son when he was in need of a friend and a protector. I guess I should have remembered that missions, like chickens, come home to roost."

copied -- Hershel Whigham

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Don Dillehay fell and injured his left hip joint in early October and stirred up the arthritis in it that he didn't know he had! It has been painful for Don, but medication has really helped him and he is doing much better now.

Leon Hunt had cataract surgery on Monday, November 8th and he came through it with flying colors! We are all happy for Leon.

Lloyd Crowds has had ups and downs this past month from an apparent medication problem following gall bladder surgery. In spite of having a bad time occasionally, Lloyd is feeling better as time passes.

Sammy Francis, Lucille Nettles and Martha Brown were all reported in our last newsletter as having physical difficulties. We are glad to report that they are all improving and doing much better.

THEODORE PECAN FESTIVAL

The DSR participated in the Annual Theodore Pecan Festival again this year on Saturday, Nov. 6th. A parade from Tillman's Corner to Theodore was organized with the DSR cars in the lead. It was a very slow moving parade. We had a "new" red antique car in our DSR group that we heard several people say was very pretty and outstanding! It was Lambert and Reecie Mims' 1941 Plymouth coupe -- and it is sharp! The parade went to the old Theodore school where a lot of activ-

ity, arts and crafts, singing and much delicious food was available. The antique cars were then put on display. It was a most pleasant day, a little cool, but very nice. Regretfully, the Jackson Show was held on the same day which did cause a loss of cars at both events. At Theodore from the DSR were: 2 Cammons, 2 Crowds, 1 Francis, 1 Hunt, 1 Jordan, 2 Lunsfords, 2 (Dale) McLaneys, 1 (Thomas) McLaney, 2 Mims, 1 Nettles, 1 Whigham, 2 Whites and 2 Youens.

AUTOMOBILES DID AWAY WITH HORSES -- AND NOW THEY'RE WORKING ON PEOPLE!

OCTOBER 23rd MERIDIAN SHOW

--by Patt Paquet

Meridian's Vintage Wheels car show was as good as ever even though the number of entries was down this year. Our DSR member, O.P. Brown, who lives in Meridian attributed the lesser number of cars to the extremely bad weather they had in the area all week prior to the show. Some of those who had arrived on Thursday had to wait until Friday to unload and get into the mall because of the heavy rains.

This club always makes you feel welcome and with the use of a vacant store across from the registration desk with hot coffee and soft drinks along with plent of snacks for everyone the hospitality was wonderful.

Buddy and I met the Moreheads from Bigelow, Arkansas as well as the Howards from north Alabama, Florence to be exact. Our hobby of old cars always provides a topic of conversation and it is so easy to make new friends, even out of town. The Moreheads have a beautifully restored pickup and the Howards have a Mercury but did not have it in the show.

DSR had 2 Browns (O.P & Nina) from Meridian and 2 Harpers along with 2 Paquets from Mobile along with our Mustang club friend Billy Dobbs.

Figures Never Lie

Lloyd gave us this little article. See if you can figure out how it works!!

TAKE YOUR age, multiply by 2, add 5, multiply by 50, subtract 365, add the loose change in your pocket under a dollar, add 115.

The first two figures in the answer are your age and the last two the change in your pocket.

JACKSON, AL SHOW

-November 6th-

--by Patt Paquet

BRRR! It was cold but not unbearable up in Jackson at the annual Forestry Festival and Car Show. DSR members gathered in Saraland at 7:00 AM to go up with 5 of our cars and 1 Mustang Club member.

Bob Smith and his group never fail to put on a good show and with the outstanding craft show and food on hand there was lots to see and do. Those of us from Mobile arrived early and were fortunate to get parked where we were in the sun and out of the wind.

All DSR members who entered a vehicle brought home a trophy, but the BIG NEWS is that Ed Grimes won Best of Show Post War selected by the Jackson police chief. CONGRATULATIONS to Ed and his Thunderbird!

From Mobile DSR had 1 Finley, 1 Grimes, 2 Harpers, 1 Moore, 2 Neeses and 2 Paquets along with 2 Browns from Meridian, MS. Also Eddie Grimes with the Mobile Mustang Club was with us and brought a trophy home as well.

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

15 Deep South Region cars and 2 visitor cars met near the municipal auditorium to participate in the annual Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th at 9:00 AM. The day was absolutely gorgeous -- sunny, and very pleasant temperatures caused all tops to go down on convertibles. Quite a contrast to last year's rainy, wet and cold Veteran's Day Parade. It sure makes you feel good to take part and support this patriotic event and our service men. Pierre Fontana led in the parade with astronaut Alan Shepard, Jr., commander of the Apollo 14 lunar landing mission, as his passenger in his 1941 World War II command car. Floyd Jordan had a highly decorated marine from Fairhope riding with him. Other DSR members participating in the parade were: 1 Crowdus, 2 Grimes, 1 Hedberg, 1 Henderson, 2 Hunts, 1 (Dale) McLaney, 1 (Thomas) McLaney, 3 Mims, 2 Neeses (3 counting Winston), 1 Paquet, 1 Whigham, 1 White and 1 Youens.

After the parade most of us went to the Whataburger on Government St. for a snack and lots of fellowship. It was VERY nice!!!!

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

At 7:00 PM. on November 11th the DSR Building Committee held its first meeting at the club house, called by Committee Chairman Robert Moore. The committee members present were Robert Moore, Paul Bowden, Lloyd Crowdus, Bob Hedberg, Buddy Paquet and Ernie Youens. Absent were Terrell Ford, Jim Henderson and John Reid. Robert appointed Paul as vice chairman and Buddy to take minutes of the meeting.

The purpose of this preliminary meeting was to get information on our lease, insurance, finances, the feasibility of building and approximate size of the addition. Of course, any plans will come before the DSR membership for approval. Robert is a very wise choice of building committee chairman as he is a building contractor and is excellent in organizing and in presentations.

The DSR has a lot going for us and a covered shelter (or a big room if that is the memberships choice) will be a big help at our shows and will eliminate the need of renting a tent and putting it up each year. This can also be used for future club meeting as we get more and more members. We often have the present meeting room filled to capacity! And we're growing! It's very obvious that the club is getting more and more knowledgeable and capable members and the expansion is something that will be a "must" if we continue to grow. And any organization either expands and improves -- or it loses and falls. There is no organization that just "holds its own" and stays the same! It either goes forward or it goes backward. Think about this and let's all get behind Robert and offer assistance to see the DSR become the foremost, finest and most active AACA Region! We now have the people in our membership to do it! And who will benefit? You will!! By belonging to the most active, most family oriented organization that has the most fun and is most civic minded. Support your DSR and you will be proud that you did! Our building committee chairman is bubbling over with excitement and his contagious excitement has us all enthused. Robert is a very cautious fellow and his professional experience is valuable to the Deep South Region!

AUTOMOBILE AWARENESS

-by Ernie Youens

Many of us, I know I did, thought that Henry Ford had the first technique of building mass-produced automobiles in his famous Model T. Not so! Ransom E. Olds was first and built 10,000 of the little one cylinder Curved Dash Oldsmobiles runabouts from 1901 to 1907. Of course we know that Ford Motor Company organized and began building cars for sale in 1903 and then astounded the world with his mass production techniques. By the 1920's, three of every four cars sold in the USA were Model T Fords! In 1925 you could buy a new full size Ford for only \$260.00! At that time there was a popular song, "You Can't Afford a Wife if You Can't Afford a Ford!"

Did you know there have been over 2000 different automobile companies in the United States with each having their own name plate? 1912 is generally considered to be the year that more different makes of automobiles were produced than any other.

Many people today think a Model T Ford is a difficult car to drive, having a foot shift with 3 pedals on the floor and a hand throttle. One fellow told me that he could not drive a Model T because it had 3 foot pedals and he only had 2 feet! The only reason people find it difficult is because it has different controls that the one they learned on. If you had only driven a horse and buggy, the Model T would be much simpler than a so called standard shift! And you can easily tear the gears out of a standard transmission, but it is next to impossible to damage a Model T transmission. They were almost fool-proof and the horse driving public loved them!

NOTHING WILL ADD HEAT TO AN ARGUMENT LIKE RUBBING CAR FENDERS TOGETHER!

**DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA
MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 1993**

The meeting was called to order by B. Paquet, president, at 7:30 PM. There were 44 members and 5 guests present. The invocation was given by H. Whigham.

OLD BUSINESS

Buddy reported that the club received a \$1000 donation for participating in the Gulf Coast Auto Show. Robert Moore reported that the **building committee** will meet and bring plans before the membership at the next meeting. Committee members are: Robert Moore (chairman), Terrell Ford, Jim Henderson, Paul Bowden, Bob Hedberg, John Reid, Ernie Youens, and Lloyd Crowdus.

Junie Jarvis reported on the status of purchasing a water heater. A motion was made by John Reid and seconded by Hershel Whigham that Junie **purchase and install a 20 gal. water heater** at the club's expense. The job will be completed by 11-20-93.

A brief discussion regarding **grounds maintenance** was held. Floyd Jordan and Buddy Paquet volunteered to do the fall trimming.

A motion was made by Tom Brown and seconded by Lloyd Crowdus to **accept the September minutes** as written. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Raffle tickets are now available to purchase for the **miniature replica 1932 Cadillac V16 Sport Phaeton**. Tickets are one dollar and Pat Paquet will keep track of ticket sales.

The nominating committee has proposed the slate of **officers for 1994**. They include: President, Buddy Paquet; Vice President, Al White; Secretary, Jane Bruton; Treasurer, Francis Whigham; Editor, Pat Paquet; Activities, Robert Moore; and Member at Large, Frank Sturgis. There were no nominations from the floor.

The **October financial report** was presented by Francis Whigham. A motion to accept was made by Anna White and Seconded by Melvin Neese. The motion carried. A motion was made by Jerry Findley and seconded by Al White to place the \$1000 donation in the **building fund**. The motion carried.

Lloyd and Lycyle reviewed the numerous events coming up. The **Louisiana AACA** will be coming through Mobile on **November 20** and the DSR will be providing a meal for them. A motion was made by Melvin Neese and seconded by Lloyd Crowdus for the club to purchase the meat for that function. The calling committee will be calling for this event.

The **Christmas Party** will be held on December 11, 1993 at Korbet's. The cost is \$25 per couple. Installation of officers will be held at this meeting. A motion was made by Tom Brown and seconded by Ernie Youens that the club collect money for the Angel Tree purchases at the December meeting. A motion was made by Robert Moore and seconded by Al White to earmark \$150 for the purchase of gifts for three children from the Angel Tree. Jane Bruton will be in charge of the gift purchases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The membership was reminded that the **November meeting** is an election meeting and for **members only**.

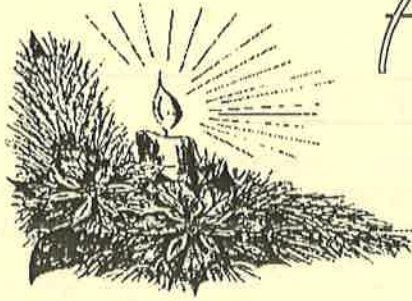
Floyd Jordon has donated the National Service Data Book and LaVerne Hopkins donated How to Restore Your Collector Car and Collectable Cars From 1930-1980. These books will remain at the clubhouse for your use.

The 50/50 pot was won by Melvin Neese.

Respectively Submitted,



Jane Bruton



Holiday Greetings

from the Deep South Region

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at Korbet's on Airport Boulevard at 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 11th. The meal will be buffet and the cost will be \$12.50 per person, payable to Frances Whigham. Please make your reservations by December 6th.

MENU

Roast Sirloin of Beef au Jus

Seafood au Gratin

Potatoes au Gratin

Green Beans Almandine

Corn & Lima Succotash

Salad

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Hope to see YOU at the Party!

A VERY ACTIVE YEAR END!

The weekend that we mail this newsletter out, will be the same Saturday and Sunday of the Springdale Mall Christmas Parade, the Whigham's open house, the Edwards' open house, (two new homes!) and the Mustang Club's Annual Veteran's Day Picnic that we are invited to! A full weekend plus!!!!

Then the following weekend, on Saturday, Nov. 20th, we will host the New Orleans Club to a meal at the clubhouse. Our club will furnish the meat -- ham, turkey and roast beef. The DSR ladies are asked to bring 2 covered dishes. A salad, vegetable or dessert. There will be 29 New Orleans club people on tour plus the DSR members there. We estimate 50 people in all. (Quite a few DSR members will be at the Moultrie, GA swap meet). Let's give these New Orleans folks a hearty welcome and a good meal! The DSR can do it! Believe me, they have and will go all out for us when we tour Louisiana!

Then comes the Christmas parades! On Sat, Dec. 4th is the Annual Tillman' Corner Parade. We will meet at the same place we did last year just south of highway 90 at the old shopping cen-

ter to line up. Be there at 9:00 AM. Candy throws will be furnished to the participants.

Then on the following Saturday, December 11th is the Bayou La Batre Christmas Parade. Meet at Theodore Hardee's at 2:00 PM and we will drive together to Bayou La Batre. If you want candy throws, you must furnish your own. Then Saturday night will be the DSR Christmas Party at Korbet's Restaurant with a "happy hour" cash bar from 6 to 7 -- the banquet starts at 7:00. Please see the notice above this.

Then last we have the Irvington Christmas Parade that the DSR always participates in. It is on Saturday, Dec. 18th, and if you want candy throws, you must furnish them. After the parade, we hope everyone will go by Sammy and Emma Francis home in Irvington and say hello to them! Sammy hasn't been doing too good recently and we all will enjoy the visit!!!!

AND THIS COMING THURSDAY NIGHT, DEC. 18th IS THE DSR MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, VOTE ON NEW MEMBERS, MORE INFORMATION ON THE NEW ORLEANS CLUB VISIT AND ON THE BUILDING COMMITTEE. PLEASE COME!

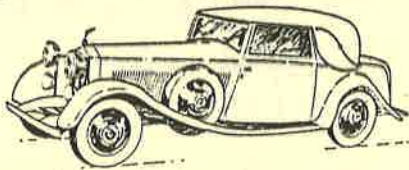
WHY NOT START YOUR CHRISTMAS HINTING EARLY THIS YEAR!

COMING SHOWS AND EVENTS IN OUR AREA

Nov.	20	DSR will host New Orleans Tour Group to a Meal.
Dec.	4	Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade. Be there at 9 AM.
Dec.	11	Bayou La Batre Christmas Parade. Theodore Hardee at 2 PM.
Dec.	11	DSR Christmas Party at Korbet's. Happy Hour 6. Meal 7PM.
Dec.	18	Irvington Christmas Parade. Theodore Hardee at 12 Noon.
Dec.	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!
Jan.	1	New Year with newly elected 1994 Officers.

We just received word that Martha Brown is back in the Mobile Infirmary for observation. They're checking for problems she had before she had gall bladder surgery.

We had only 2 reams of high quality Long Grain Ivory paper from our anonymous donor and this is printed on it. Pretty, ain't it!?!?!?



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November

TO: