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SECOND ANNUAL GULF COAST INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

DSR's antique and classic auto display was just one of the highlights of the recent auto exhibition in the Mobile Convention Center. Sponsored by the Mobile New Car and Truck Dealers Association and the Mobile Press Register, the show was produced by Liberty Productions of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. If you wanted to see the new '95 models there were as many as anyone could desire to see; cars, trucks and vans were all there in an "automobile wonderland".

The highway carpet, traffic lights and overhead highway signs were just some of the decor that makes this show unique.

Featured in our display this year were the following:

- Paul & Kathy Bowden's 1947 Plymouth Sedan
- Dene & Barbara Breland's 1967 Olds Toronado
- Lloyd & Lycle Crowdus's 1955 Metropolitan
- Bob & Linda Gechjian's 1958 Corvette
- Jim & Nancy Henderson's 1964 1/2 Mustang
- D. R. Jordan's 1946 Chevrolet Pickup
- Cecil & Lucille Nettles's 1936 Chevrolet Sedan
- Buddy & Patt Paquet's 1955 Ford Fairlane
- Ross Sloan's 1954 Chevrolet Sedan
- Ernie & Eugenia Youens's 1927 Ford Model T

My sincere thanks to them for help the club by not only displaying their cars but helping to staff the display along with "Hub" & Betty Cordell, Frank & Margie DeCrease, Jerry Finley, Ed & Eddie Grimes, Ed Lunsford, Robert Moore, Melvin & Betty Neese and John & Brenda Reid.

VINTAGE WHEELS SHOW Meridian, MS

The annual Vintage Wheels Car Show at Meridian's Village Fair Mall was held Oct. 20-22, 1994. DSR members **Jerry Finley** with Maree Roush, **Hershel & Francis Whigham** and **Ernie & Eugenia Youens** were joined by Mustang club member Bill Dobbs at an early 5:00 am Saturday and headed for Meridian. And yes, all of our cleaned and polished cars were drowned in the muddy rain water before we got there. We all spent the first couple of hours in the Mall trying to get some semblance of cleanliness back to our antiques!

Already there from the DSR were **Ray & Katherine Harper** displaying their very beautifully restored motorbike and, of course, **O.P. & Nina Brown**, members of both the DSR and Vintage Wheels Club. They live in Meridian and are very active in the club there.

It was a good show with quality cars; however, because of the weather only about 45 cars showed up, but as always, the friendliness of those Meridian folks is outstanding. Eugenia and I have attended this show for quite a few years and we have never heard anything but compliments about it. Finley, Whigham, Youens and Dobbs all brought trophies home. The Harpers declined having their motorbike judged and O. P. & Nina, being officers of the club there, also declined having their cars judged. This show is sure a nice one and is a recommended event for all our DSR members.

By Ernie Youens

MINUTES

DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA GENERAL MEETING

The October 27, 1994 meeting of the DSR was called to order by Buddy Paquet, President, at 7:32 P.M. The invocation was given by Don Dillehay. There were 47 members present.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter on a motion by Hershel Whigham and second by Ernie Youens.

The building committee chairperson, Robert Moore reported that we had only two bids for phase II of the building project. Robert asked for members to alert licensed, bonded contractors to project. Interested contractors should contact Robert Moore.

Patt Paquet thanked all the members that helped in the Second International Auto Show. She also presented the club with a substantial check.

John Reid reported on the status of the Hooters Open Car Show. He also thanked the membership for volunteering to help in the event.

NEW BUSINESS

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented on a motion from Ernie Youens with second from Raymond Cochran.

Activities Chairperson, Robert Moore announced that the DSR Christmas party would be a dinner at Korbett's restaurant. It is to be Friday, December 9, 1994 at 6 P.M. Cost is \$25.00 per couple or \$12.50 for individuals.

Robert also mentioned various parades, car shows and marriages in the area. All these will be in the November newsletter.

Brenda Reid, Nominating Committee Chairperson, reported that the Nominating Committee met and offered the following slate for the November elections:

President - Frank DeCrease
Vice President - Brenda Reid
Secretary - Jane Bruton
Treasurer - Frances Whigham
Member at Large - Raymond Cochran
Activities - Betty & Melvin Neese
Editor - Patt Paquet

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M. on a motion from Jerry Finley with Hershel Whigham seconding.

Respectfully submitted,



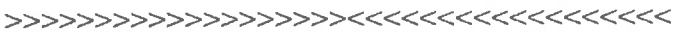
CODEN HERITAGE DAYS CELEBRATION

The Coden Methodist Church, which is 105 years old, sponsored the annual festival for Coden Heritage Days Oct. 14-15. This event is held so that visitors can have some concept of Coden's history and its early industries. DSR provided automobiles for a display on Saturday with *Frank DeCrease, Jerry Finley, Ed Lunsford, Charlie Lyles, Buddy Paquet and Al White*. This was a "guys day out" down in the bayou and they all enjoyed a delicious gumbo lunch.



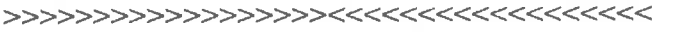
THS HOMECOMING PARADE

The Club was invited again this year to assist in the Theodore High School's annual Homecoming Parade held on Oct. 21. This is a short parade and one that is fun to participate in. The Azalea Trail Maids and some dignitaries as well as students ride in the cars. This year those from DSR who helped were *Bernie Cammon, Lloyd Crowdus, Bob Hedberg, Scott Henderson* filling in for his dad, *Jim Henderson, Buddy Paquet, John Reid, Hershel Whigham and Al White*.



KORRECKSHUNS...CORRECTIONS

It was called to my attention that in the write up on the Grand Jubilee Auto Show in last month's newsletter I failed to include *Bernie & Geneva Cammon* as being entered in the show. I sincerely apologize for this error.



CAR TRIVIA

In what two calendar years in the 1950's did Ford outsell Chevrolet? (6561 & 1961)

1st ANNUAL OPEN CAR SHOW SPONSORED BY HOOTERS *on Oct 29*

As you all know, we did it!!!

I would like to thank all of the DSR members that agreed to work for the event. Without you we could not have put a show like this together. To recap a bit of the past, I approached the general manager of Hooters restaurant, Mr. Rob Skillman in May. On June 1st he agreed to sponsor the show and we were on our way.

On July 7th DSR met with the restaurant and United Cerebral Palsy to discuss who would do what with whom. Generally, the restaurant agreed to sponsor the event and UCP agreed to get the T-shirts printed inexpensively, get the posters printed and help with media advertisement; which they did.

All during July, August September and October, we had many people working to obtain entertainment, to keep the show site as they had construction ongoing, to get material printed and distributed and to make the show "happen".

We also had our members on TV to "pitch" the show. I know that I had to be at channel 15 at 6:30 AM. It was because of Kelly Thames of UCP that we had such great TV/radio exposure. The bottom line is that I had this idea to make some building fund money for DSR -and we did. This show could not have been pulled off by one person; we had a great many helping--in other words; WE DID IT!

WE DID WHAT? We donated \$1000 to UCP and made enough money to complete Phase II of the building expansion.

John Reid, Chairman

12th ANNUAL ANTIQUE CAR SHOW
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
SOUTHWEST ALABAMA FORESTRY
& WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

Kenny Smith, chairman of this year's event, did a great job with Jackson's annual show. They always have plenty of food, crafts, entertainment and fellowship and 1994 was no exception.

DSR was well represented with 2 Browns (O.P. & Nina) 2 Browns (Tom & Martha), 1 Cochran, 2 Cordells, 1 Finley (& Maree) , 2 Paquets and 2 Reids.

Visiting during the day were 2 Dillehays, Ed Grimes (his son, Eddie, had his Mustang there) and 1 Henderson.

ALL DSR ENTRIES WON TROPHIES!!

THEODORE PECAN FESTIVAL

There was a total of 9 antique & classic cars, of which 7 were from DSR , parading for a thin crowd. Once on the school grounds the crowd pickup quickly. With an abundance of craft and food booths plus live music, cake walks and the like, everyone seemed to have a great time. This was the first year that trophies had been awarded and DSR took 6! On hand to enjoy the day were 1 Crowdus, 2 Lunsfords (with 3 grandchildren), 2 Lyles (with 2 cars), 1 McLaney (Dale) 2 Nettles, 1 Vines and 2 Whites.

By Ed Lunsford

ALABAMA'S MISS AMERICA

Watch your future issues of *Antique Automobile* for an article on the Birmingham's Dixie Region and Heather Whitestone. She participated in the annual "Drive Thru the Past" event with them in August just a month before being crowned.

NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE
ONE WEEK EARLY

Our monthly meeting will be Nov. 17th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Also please remember that no guests are permitted at this meeting since it is our election of officers. Nominations will be accepted from the floor if you have that person's permission for his/her name to be placed on the slate. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING....PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND!!!!!!

WIRING QUESTIONS GOT YOU
DOWN?

You may order any wiring diagram of your car for just a few bucks.

For example, "RHODE ISLAND WIRING" is a good source with two catalogs; 1939 and earlier as well as 1940 to 1959, foreign and domestic. One phone call will get you a copy of the original factory diagram and color code. If you need wire, they will supply you with the original colors and materials and connectors.

If you are too lazy to do it yourself, they will sell you the whole harness ready to install with the "ends" tagged to what they attach to.

Most cars have a main harness and series of small ones going to headlights, taillights, ect. They can be purchased separately like when as new.

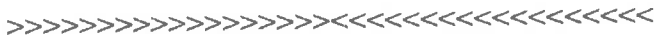
For example, let's take a 1937 Chevrolet, depending if it is a Master series 68 or DeLuxe series GA, a coupe, sedan, etc. There are many harnesses made to fit that particular car. A main harness will sell from \$166 to \$185 depending on the car. NOTE: Local suppliers do not handle or stock the old cotton-braided type.

I have used Rhode Island Wiring Company's harnesses many times. Their telephone is 1-800-777-4947.

Pierre Fontana

**"THE DEALERS CHOICE" NOW IN
NEW LOCATION**

Many of you know and have used Dealers Choice for upholstery work of some kind in the past. They have moved to their new building just off Schillingers Road on McKinley Avenue across from the flea market. They are in the second building on the right which is directly behind DAPS. It is a large green metal building behind the fence. The address is 7779 McKinley Avenue and the new telephone number is 607-9393.



BUYING? SELLING? SEARCHING?

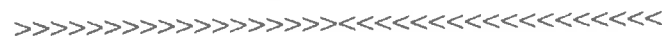
FOR SALE: 1962 Corvair Greenbrier Van, mint condition. Engine has been re-worked including new carb, fuel pump, O-rings, etc. Steel hub caps still in box. \$1200 price includes "Corvair by Chevrolet" neon sign. Call Glen Jacobs in Mobile at 342-0172 or Dr. Jacobs in Decatur at (205)353-4700

FOR SALE: 1971 Olds Cutlass in original and immaculate condition with 78K miles. White over blue. \$4200 Raymond Cagle 342-3183.

FOR SALE: 1947 Maroon Chrysler 4-door sedan with rebuilt engine, upholstery needs replacing. 2nd owner. John Martin 661-6133.

FOR SALE: 1935 Chevrolet Sedan
Jim Bridges 824-2483 (Bayou La Batre)

FOR SALE: Model T rear end. J. McDole
661-5140



If you think 45 is old, just ask George Foreman. He recently became the heavy weight champion for the second time at age 45.

DSR MEMBER AUTHORS BOOK

Ross Sloan, club member and insurance agent, has written a book titled "*The Ross Sloan Life Insurance Buyers Guide*" which should be on the shelf between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The final draft will soon be sent to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. for copyrighting.

It is a critical expose' of the life insurance industry and is a must for anyone anticipating buying life insurance. What makes this book unique is that it is small and written in easy to understand terms so that most anyone can read it in about 45 minutes to an hour.

The price has not yet been determined but will probably be less than \$5.00 which is very little considering what can be saved by being knowledgeable before purchasing an insurance policy.



**IT'S TIME TO START THINKING
ABOUT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

If you are like Buddy and me, we long ago ran out of ideas of something to buy each other for Christmas. However, what about club shirts or jackets? Azalea Monogramming will soon have the DSR patch available for hats and caps or anything else you would like to put one on.



DSR HAS SO MANY ACTIVITIES COMING UP DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. KEEP YOUR ACTIVITIES CALENDAR IN A PROMINENT PLACE AND CHECK IT OFTEN. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT A PARTICULAR EVENT, CALL ROBERT OR SHARON MOORE -344-1720 FOR MORE INFORMATION. WE NEED YOU AND YOUR CAR(S).

DSR'S TERRELL FORD SPENDS SUMMER AS MODEL IN THE "BIG APPLE"

Terrell Ford spent the summer in New York as a commercial print model for McDonald-Richards, Inc., the oldest commercial print agency in New York, and for Specialty Models of New York (SMNY). A commercial print model appears in magazine and catalog pictures, on billboards and any other type of advertisement using a person and sometimes a product.

She lived in a residential hotel for women on Gramercy Park along with 298 other women, most of whom were models and actresses. The hotel provided breakfast and dinner and was located only two blocks from the agency where she worked. A "perk" of the hotel was the use of Gramercy Park which is a private park surrounded by a tall wrought iron fence and can be entered only with a key. You could turn in your room key and receive a key to the park and upon returning exchange it for your room key again.

Ms. Ford says that modeling is very glamorous, but that it is really much harder work than most people think it is. Every day is different and you are sent on a lot of "go sees" which means you go see the company requiring the use of a model. They may decide right then that you are the one they will use or it may be several days before you know if you have the job. Her agent told her to "sight-see, be happy, have fun, drink 8 glasses of water daily and check her messages 4 times each day".

According to Terrell, New York is not a "car city" due to several factors, only

one of which is the mass public transportation. Another is that on-street parking is almost non-existent and the owner of a vehicle must move it periodically. A car cannot remain in the same parking space for 24 hours. The use of a parking garage is very expensive. It can cost anywhere between \$800 to \$1,000 per month. Being a member of a car club, something that caught her attention was the obvious lack of pride in New Yorker's automobiles. She said it was an oddity to see one that was clean, without dents and dings, all the hubcaps in place and in generally good condition. On a trip to a part of the city known as South Port, she saw several vintage cars for sale but she never saw any of this type on the streets.

Terrell enjoyed her time in New York and plans to return next summer to model but is not considering a permanent move. After living there for fourteen weeks, she says that she has an even greater appreciation for Mobile's natural beauty, the graciousness, gentility and basic good-heartedness of the people in the South.

Editors Note: Many of you have not had the opportunity to meet Terrell since her duties as a professor at USA keep her busy and she does not get to attend many of our meetings. However, let me assure you she is the epitome of Southern charm and grace.

Pictures appear on following page.

CHAPTER CHATTER

Apparently this has been a generally healthy month for DSR members. I have not heard of any illness or misfortunes among our members. Good for us!



NO PLANS FOR THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND?

It will be discussed in more detail at the monthly meeting but rumor has it that we can join the Mustang Club for an outing. They will be meeting at the Battleship for a tour of International Paper Company's plant on Saturday, Nov. 26th. If you are interested in participating with them, be at the November meeting to get all of the info.



THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER!

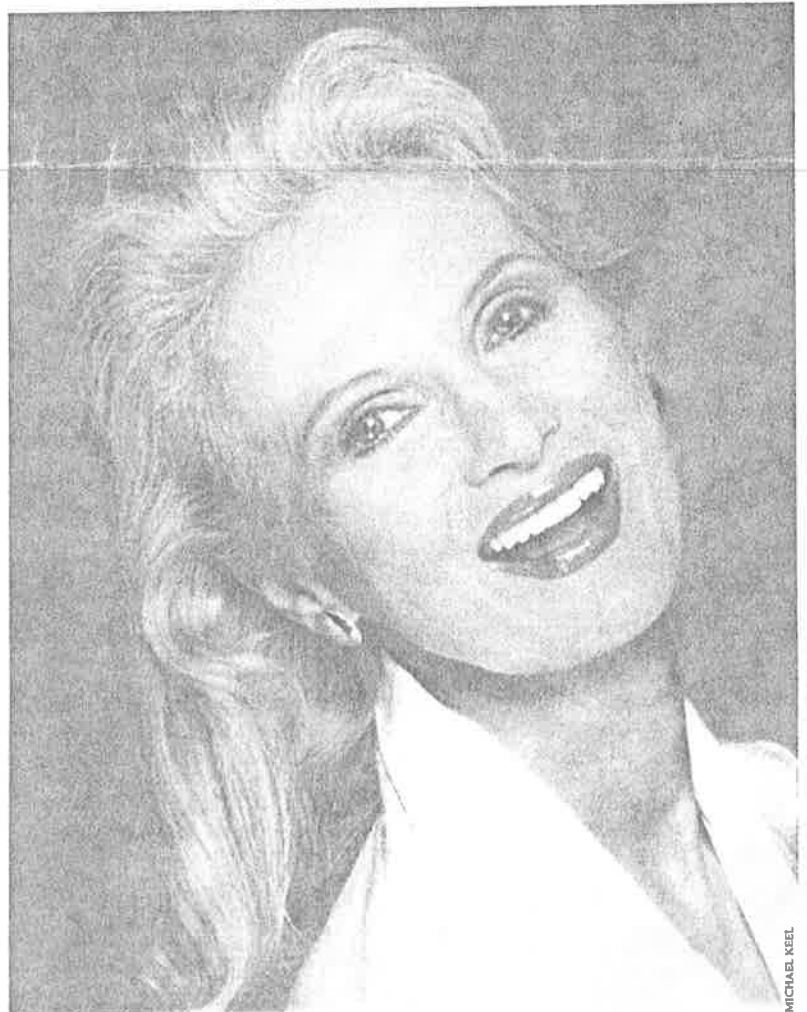
The elections are over with and I hope you took the time to vote and that your candidate won. Congratulations to Mike Dean, who is Jerry Finley's son-in-law and to Hap Myers, who is Barbara Breland's long-time employer.



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DEEP SOUTH REGION'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1994 KORBET'S RESTAURANT

CASH BAR 6:30 pm BUFFET DINNER 7:30pm

COST: \$25.00 COUPLE \$12.50 INDIVIDUAL

INSTALLATION OF 1995 OFFICERS FOLLOWING DINNER

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