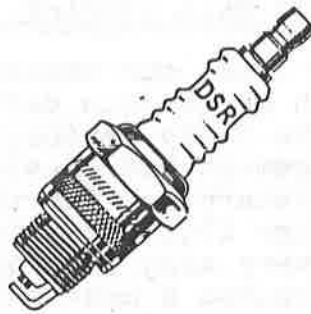


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
DEEP SOUTH REGION

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Oct. 25 - Meeting -
266 South McGregor Ave.
at 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 27 - Guy & Barbara
Short's outing canceled
due to conflict with
area shows.

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 SEPTEMBER MEETING

President Lloyd Crowdus opened our meeting at 7:30 sharp on September 27th. Our acting Chaplain V. T. Hopkins gave the invocation. Visitors Don Reber and Forney Hatters were introduced to the membership. Geary Polk's brother was reported rushed to the hospital just before the meeting with a ruptured appendix. Ray Faust reported that his wife Laura's broken foot is doing better. Condie

Langham reported all fingers cut with a chain saw are now "back in service". Jeanie Dobbs reported that she has ordered the big coffee pot for our new club house. Prez Lloyd reported to the membership that our new club house building is paid for. Activity Coordinator Ray Harper reported on our fun filled Monroeville outing, and encouraged as many people as possible to support the New Orleans and Meridian Shows. Guy and Barbara Short cancelled their October outing as all October weekends are already filled with activities and would be in conflict with area shows. Lloyd thanked the calling committee for getting a sufficient number of cars for the Bel Air Mall. He told of where to meet and where the cars are to be placed in the Mall. Then he told the humorous story of how the 1923 Model T was acquired, how we got it running, and the troubles we had doing it. The T is to be given away by the Mall management on Monday, October 8th. Our Prez told how much he appreciated the membership working together toward the projects the DSR plans. Mrs. Polk asked Lloyd to thank everyone that attended her birthday party. Lloyd told about talking to Mr. Fauver about moving our club house and the price. Mr. Fauver has been most cooperative! He also told of how the house was acquired and about the need for replacing windows in it. He will check on the cost of windows. The August Mystery Photo was identified as LaVerne Hopkins. Condie requested cars for the Loxley Christmas Parade the first Saturday in December with a rain date the second Sat. The DSR Christmas Party and election of 1985 officers will be on Thurs, Dec. 6th. The membership voted to exchange gifts of not more than \$5.00 each. The 1985 DSR annual tour date has been set for June 15th to June 22nd. Lloyd requested that we ask for donations of building material for the club house. Our Prez called on the membership to help clean up our newly acquired lot at Forest Hill and Zeigler on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 and our eager, eloquent enrollment of energetic early engine experts exuberantly embarked to our exceptional eatery that everybody enjoys.

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

Nov. 17 - Outing -
Loves leading to Lane
Chevrolet in Pascagoula
for free barbeque.
Time & place to meet
will be announced at
the meeting on 15th.

THE BEL AIR MALL DISPLAY

Sunday afternoon, September 30th, our wonderful DSR members met at the Bel Air Mall parking lot with 42 antique cars to be put in the Mall on display for 7 days. During the 7 day period, an unrestored 1923 Model T touring car that the Mall management had previously bought was also in the Mall, to be given away. Registration for the car was at no charge and no purchase was required. Over 40,000 people registered. While the DSR cars were in the Mall there were many favorable comments made by customers and visitors. The DSR received a most substantial donation for our part and it will cover the entire cost of moving our club house building onto our DSR lot! We had agreed with the Mall management to get the old '23 T running for them (they paid for parts used) so we took it to Ray and Katherine's garage at their home. We repaired a flat tire, replaced some burnt valves, a starter bendix, a new battery, and several other minor parts, and got the T "on the road again"!

On Sunday afternoon, October 7th, at 4:00 P.M., the DSR members again met at the Mall parking lot and within 30 minutes had all cars out of the Mall and the floor underneath them cleaned up. Each person took care of his own. The Mall management expressed their thanks and we requested that they remember us in the future. They said they would!

On Tuesday morning, October 9th, a drawing for the T was made. The name that was drawn was Grace Turner, a 23 year old South Alabama student from Mobile. She won the car and I can assure you that she was on the beautiful cloud #9!!! Her first gesture was to hug the 1923 radiator and kiss the hood of her "new" car! She then hugged Aggie Lynch, the pretty Mall manager, who had

drawn her name from the barrel of registration forms, then hugged every red shirted DSR member there. We took her car to her home in the Cottage Hill area on a car hauling trailer. As soon as the car was removed from the trailer Grace wanted to get Model T Ford



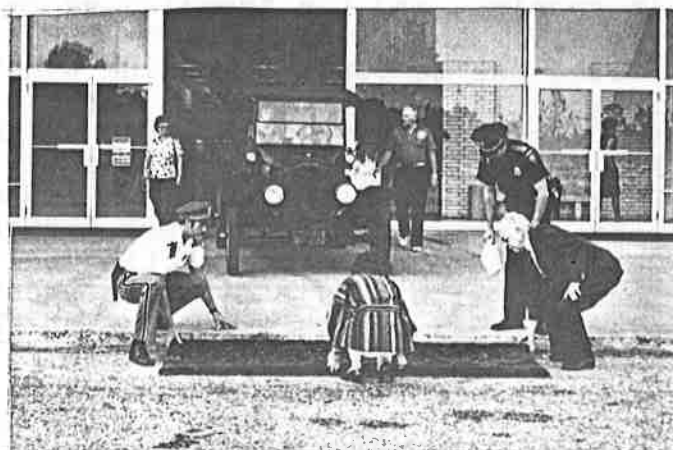
GRACE AT THE WHEEL OF HER '23 MODEL T!!!!

driving lessons, so she could drive her car. Although it was dusk and lights were necessary, once around the block was all that was needed and Grace had mastered the art of driving a Model T. Would you believe her father is in the process of restoring a 1941 Chevrolet? They all plan to join the DSR soon and we will look forward to having them with us!!!!

"My jokes don't hurt anyone. When a politician makes a joke it turns into a law -- and their laws turn into a joke" -
Will Rogers



JUST AFTER THE DRAWING, GRACE TURNER HUGGING HER "NEW" 1923 MODEL T FORD!!



GRACE LEAVING THE MALL IN HER T. LYCYLE & LLOYD WALKING BESIDE THE CAR. TWO MALL GUARDS HELP AGGIE LYNCH & MR. CALAGAZ PLACE RAMP.

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Katherine's mother recently had a stroke and spent one week in the hospital. She is at home now and doing as well as can be expected. Those DSR members that went to Monroeville will remember Katherine's mother at Katherine's sister's home that we all visited. Also at the Harper household, Ray got into some poison ivy a couple of weeks ago while getting wood for their fireplace, and has it over both arms.

Because of the very dry weather causing dust and pollen in the air, Bill Dobbs has been having respiratory problems that almost put him in the hospital. A good dust settling rain would really help Bill.

Cecil Nettles' brother had another light heart attack on Sunday night, October 7th, The doctors are checking him out and may send him to a Mobile hospital for further examination. By the time you read this, there should be another report.

Geary Polk's brother, Edgar, that had the ruptured appendix is doing fine, can drive his car, but cannot as yet return to work. Geary's twin brother (did you know there were two of 'em?) fell and dislocated his shoulder but he too, is doing good now.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:YOU MUST BE ONE TO HAVE ONE!

A true friend is a means of overcoming the dreaded enemy of loneliness. A friend may well be reckoned the "masterpiece of nature". A small boy defined a friend as "someone who knows all about you but likes you just the same". An old Arab saying goes like this, "A friend is one to whom we may pour out all the contents of our hearts, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away." A friend is the first person to come in when the whole world goes out. The wise man Solomon wrote in Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loveth at all times." We can't improve on that definition. To have someone that remains true to us under all circumstances is indeed one of life's choicest blessings. The support and encouragement that only an intimate friend can offer is sorely needed when the burdens and pressures of life weigh heavily upon us. The heading of this message makes a very important point. Quote, "A man who has friends must show himself friendly." The implication is clear, friendliness must begin with us. We must take the initiative in developing relationships with others.

Let each of us ponder the question to ourselves when we feel that others aren't being friendly toward us, "Are we making an honest effort to be friendly toward others, or are we waiting for them to make the first move?"

Let's be to others what we desire ourselves. When it comes to friends, to have one you must be one!

I went outside to find a friend,
But I could not find one there.
I went outside to be a friend,
And friends were everywhere!

Let's all grade ourselves and the score, and I am sure it will surprise us all.

"Ole Hop"

How immense appear to us, the sins that we have not committed. "Hop"

NO DAY IS LOST IN WHICH YOU HAVE TRIED TO DO SOMETHING FOR OTHERS!!!!

-- CLUB HOUSE NEWS --

On Saturday, September 29th, 20 DSR folks met on our club lot at Forest Hill and Zeigler Blvds. and all pitched in for a good day of work. We all cleaned up the lot, cut down under brush growth, mowed the grass, and even cut down a tall hurricane damaged pine tree. It was leaning and could have been dangerous. One of the city officials came by and saw what we had done and commented on how good the place looked! If you haven't



"OLE HOP" MOWING THE LOT. ELVIN AND FRED WERE ALSO MOWING.

seen it, by all means go by and take a look. It does look great and is an absolutely beautiful spot. It will make a grand club gathering place! We all had a very good time working together. At noon we had sandwiches, cold drinks, and desserts brought by our ladies. In



OUR PREZ GETTING THE JOB DONE WITH HIS TRUSTY CHAIN SAW!!!

alphabetical order we had Lloyd and Lycyle Crowdus, Gavin Edwards, Lou Eschete, Ray Faust, Elvin and

Nell Few, David and Jeannie Hepler, "Hop" Hopkins, H. D. and Jeanette Lowe, Peggy, Randy (Boo) and his helpful friend, Fred Newell, Guy Short, and Ernie and Eugenia Youens.

On Thursday morning, October 11th, five of our DSR members met at the club house building at University and Zeigler Blvds. and prepared the windows for having the house power washed. We used polyethylene and plywood to seal the windows, most of which were broken. Lloyd and Lycyle, Ed Rothenburg, and Ernie and Eugenia made the preparations and Thursday afternoon Bruce Ward, whom we had hired, power washed



PEGGY MOSELEY CARRYING THE BRUSH AWAY.

FRED NEWELL WITH THE BEST MOWER WE'D EVER SEEN. IT WOULD CUT DOWN ANYTHING!!

the building with water and chemicals to get it ready for painting which we had planned for Saturday.

Saturday morning, October 13th, 19 of our DSR folks met at our club house building with paint, brushes, sprayers, scrapers, carpenter tools, and other equipment to make the building presentable and pretty when we move it onto our DSR lot. Much of the material was furnished by



ED, LLOYD, AND ERNIE SEALING THE WINDOWS WITH POLYETHYLENE AND PLYWOOD.

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different businesses at cost to help the DSR. Again everyone brought drinks, food, lawn chairs, and tables - all of which came in mighty handy for a group of hard working people. Our painters were Lloyd and Lycyle, Don Dillehay, Ray Faust, David and Jeannie Hepler, Hop, Larry Martin, Bud, Peggy, and Boo, Fred Newell, Geary, Faye, and Darren Polk, Ed and Gloria, and Ernie and Eugenia. It was a very busy but pleasant day and we got a lot accomplished. We painted the house brown and trimmed it with a tan. Very pretty! Geary, with the help of several others, made shutters for the front windows. He will build the rest of them at his home. The building looks great! It will look even greater when it's on the DSR lot!!!

Lloyd has been working very hard, meeting with business men, city officials, inspectors, and others in a constant effort to get this club house at the least possible cost to the DSR. Personally, I did not think he'd get as much done as he has and at such a little cost to our club! His untiring efforts have paid off handsomely. We are going to have a beautiful debt-free club house and lot that we can all be proud of! The DSR has been growing to the point where we have had trouble seating people at our meeting place at Dr. Wright's office. We had to make a move or the club would have started down hill. You either grow or you lose, there is no middle ground, whether it's a business, church, or any organization. And we are in that position! Each of you can be proud to be a part of this progressive and positive action the club has taken. Without the help of each of you, the club could do nothing. What a wonderful group of folks the DSR is !!! Doesn't it make you feel GOOD just to be a part of it!!!!!!

OUR PREZ SEZ:

Thanks so much for the great response we had at the lot clean-up, Saturday, September 29th. You all did a great job and it looks very good.

The support I received from all the members who took time from their busy schedule to put their antique cars in Bel Air Mall was fantastic. Your help in obtaining this goal has been very effective toward the Bel Air Mall Merchants Association. Thanks for the great clean-up after taking the cars out.

With this kind of support I will always believe we can accomplish any goal.

Again thanks for a job well done on the club house on Saturday, October 13th. The house looks great! The response we have had at all these projects has been great and I am so proud to be associated with such a fine group of people.

Lloyd

- OCTOBER MYSTERY PHOTO -



Look closely at the pretty little 7 year old girl playing with the baby. She still looks much the same. Although she nor her husband are able to attend our meetings regularly due to other commitments, they are very loyal to the DSR and very helpful to all of our members. If you've ever been to their home, you didn't leave without an offer of a cup of coffee. That's all I'm going to tell -- come to the meeting on Thursday night, October 25th at 7:30, and make your guess. The club members are getting excellent with their guesses but this lady nor her husband know of the picture being in the SPARKPLUG!

ANTIQUÉ CARS FOR SALE:

1968 Cadillac Fleetwood Limousine. Excellent condition. Low milage. \$10,000 firm. If interested call 476-1822.

1947 Chrysler New Yorker 4-door. Very good condition, no rust. Very excellent mechanical condition. Needs upholstery repair. See or call Bill Dobbs at 479-9102. Only 26,000 miles. \$1500.

1959 Plymouth 4 door sedan. Car runs but needs tune up and battery. Only \$400. Robert J. King. Call 343-2140.

Just received word that Gloria Rothenburg had fallen in a new home that she and Ed were looking at and injured her hip. For a while Gloria will be in a wheel chair because of severe bruises. We are very sorry for her misfortune and will be glad when Gloria is up and about again.

Guy and Barbara Short just donated a very nice sofa and chair to the DSR for use in our new club house. They went to Florida to get it and have it in Ray and Katherine's garage.

I'm writing this on Tuesday, October 16th, and I just received a call from Lloyd that the lease on the lot is signed as of 11:45 today. So now the lot at Forest Hill and Zeigler is the DSR's. At least for the next 20 years!

Did any of you see Fred and Helen Newell's little 3 year old grandson taking pictures of the cars at Bel Air Mall? That's not a typographical error, it is 3 year old!

We learned recently that Jan Hartman, who is in a Nursing School made the Dean' list!! Sure, it figures, Jan's a smart gal!!!

Albert and Lois Carver have their new home almost completed over in Baldwin County. It is on Highway 95 where it comes into Pirate's Cove. Their house backs up to Perdido Bay and the Carvers plan on having the DSR over to their new place in the spring for a fish fry. Boy, we are all looking forward to that!!!!

Guy and Barbara Short's outing that was originally planned for October 27th has been canceled because area shows and other club activity have taken up all October weekends.

Lloyd received this very nice letter from Aggie Lynch of the Bel Air Mall. We all certainly like to get letters like this one and will be looking forward to our next event with them.

Bel Air Mall

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October 10, 1984

Mr. Lloyd Crowds, President
Deep South Region AACA
4111 Burma Road
Mobile, Alabama, 36609

Dear Lloyd:

I will never be able to express my appreciation enough to you, Ernie and the entire Club for the tremendous spirit of cooperation that was extended to Bel Air Mall for our 17th Anniversary celebration. Believe me, if everyone I dealt with was as generous with their time and help, my job would be sheer bliss. Please express my sincere gratitude to each member who took the time to put their car in the Mall on a busy Sunday afternoon.

A special thanks to you and Ernie for finding the car, arranging for storing it until needed and getting it running, not to mention "spit shinning" it. I know there were a number of others who willingly took time out to assist you and I would ask that you express my appreciation to them.

Lloyd, I am very pleased with Grace Turner and believe that she will enjoy the car as much as one of your own members. She seemed to be a delightful young lady. Again, thanks for yours and Ernie's assistance in instructing her with the operation of the car as well as seeing that it was delivered safely to her home.

I will look forward to working with you and the Club again real soon and wish you all the best of luck in getting your new Club House in full operation.

Sincerely,



Aggie Lynch
Marketing Director

For all you potential tourers that are planning on the 1985 DSR Annual Tour into Louisiana, the date has been set for June 15th (or June 16th) through June 22nd. The tour date is always firmed up at our September meeting so that those members that have to plan their vacations early can do so. Make your plans now do go with us!

In the Gadsden Antique Auto Club's September newsletter, RUSTY NUT REVIEW, was the following article -- Don and Jan, take note --

Know there are several GAAC members who are not too happy about the 1959 Ford Retractable which was for sale at our show getting away but you guys got to realize you have to stay one step ahead of those Mobile folks which isn't easy to do! More from the Spark Plug that Jan Hartman was the one elected to drive it back to Mobile so Don didn't have to take the blame for not checking the gas tank!

H. D. and Jeanette Lowe's outing is planned for Saturday, Nov. 17th. They are planning to lead us to Pascagoula to the Jerry Lane Chevrolet business where we will join the Biloxi club for a free barbeque. We will display our cars there and each club will receive a donation. It will be a very pleasant outing so let's all turn out for it! You will be notified of time and place to meet at a later date.

At our Christmas Party on Thursday, December 6th, we will have a 2 entree buffet dinner. In addition to a salad bar we will have chicken teriyak, baked ham with fruit sauce, steamed rice, potatoes au gratin, green beans almondine, plus apple cobbler, hot rolls, and tea or coffee. Quite a meal for \$10.00. It will be at the Rodeway Inn on Government Street. Please pay either Gloria Rothenburg or Barbara Short as soon as possible. If you pay by check make it payable to the DSR.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The club house will be moved onto our lot on Saturday November 3rd, weather permitting, and we will need all cooks and the bottle washer to come on out and help! Please bring shovels, picks, or whatever you have to dig the footing for the foundation blocks. The members have been very loyal and willing to give assistance and we need you again! If you haven't joined us in helping, please do so now. You will be proud of the part you play in making the club house a wonderful place! Meet us Saturday morning on the 3rd at University and Airport Blvds and help us out!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On Monday, November 5th, the house should be on the lot and the footing will be poured at that time. Then the next day, Tuesday, the foundation blocks will be put down ----- AND WE'LL HAVE A DSR CLUB HOUSE!!!

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR PREZ:

The world owes us nothing. It was here first!

Don't forget the important meeting Thursday night, October 25th at 7:30 P.M. This is another VERY important meeting as we need help, suggestions, and support for the DSR club house. Your DSR is on the threshold of becoming one of the most outstanding clubs of any kind in the whole area. Come and support your officers and building committeemen, who have worked hard on this as have many loyal members. Come tell us who the cute 7 year old is on page 5. Do come to the meeting! WE NEED YOU AND YOUR HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! A nominating committee will be appointed at this important meeting to select candidates for 1985 DSR offices. Herb has a very interesting plan for us at his home on Saturday, November 10th. Come hear about it!!!

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!



DEEP SOUTH REGION MEMBERS CLEANING OFF THE
LOT - GETTING READY FOR THE CLUB HOUSE!

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