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### OCTOBER

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### NOVEMBER

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Nov. 9 - DSR Rummage sale at the club house.

Nov. 10 - Sunday Outing. The Faustus hosting a feed & possible scavenger hunt on their 115 acre place. They will furnish turkey & dressing, please bring covered dish to go with it. Meet at the club house at 12:30 to 1:00 P.M. Sunday Nov. 10th.

Nov. 10 to 17 - Antique cars in Bel Air Mall.

Nov. 21 - Meeting - 7:30 P.M. at the club house. Please note, as Thanksgiving falls on the 4th Thursday, the meeting will be held on the THIRD THURSDAY in Nov.

### -OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING-

Our September meeting was opened by our President, Lloyd, at 7:30 P.M. with 47 present. Our Chaplain, "Ole Hop" gave the invocation. We had one visitor present, Mr. Charles Dewberry, a Model A owner. On sickness and accident, it was reported that Frieda Lanier's mother had died. Also Ron Dollar's father had passed

away.

Our secretary, Jeanie Dobbs, reported that she had sent a thank you letter to Leon and Aileen Hunt for the flowers and decorations they furnished at our open house. She then told us of the outing to Grove Hill that she and Bill are leading.

Lloyd told us of DSR donations for our car displays from the Tanners, from the Grand Hotel, from National Auto Super Stores, and from Atmore.

Show Chairman, Ray Harper, said that he felt we could have the 1986 show on the club house property. The tentative date is May 9th and May 10th.

Lloyd then thanked everyone that attended the Fairhope display in August. He also expressed thanks again for the quilt given him by the members. Too, he thanked all concerned for the flagpole and the water cooler.

Our treasurer, Katherine Harper, passed out the monthly financial report. Nell Few told us of the Citronelle home coming parade on October 4th in which 6 of our antique cars are needed.

Jeannie Hepler announced the date of a rummage sale to be held at the club house on November 9th and requested all help possible.

The September Mystery Photo was identified as First Lady, Lycyle Crowdus. Then came the vote for the 1986 DSR tour. Several members wanted June and others October. A vote count was taken, 16 for October and 12 for June. To many tourists the date did not mater so they abstained from voting. The 1986 tour date is now officially set for October 26 to November 1, 1986!

Lloyd suggested as many DSR members as possible, attend the coming shows at New Orleans, Meridian, Jackson, Miss. and Jackson Ala.

Volunteers to serve refreshments for Oct. are Reba, Peggy, and Jamie. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Then a group of our gifted girls graciously guided the grateful gang of gas, grease, and garage geniuses to the groceries they had generously given!

## THE DSR OPEN HOUSE!!!

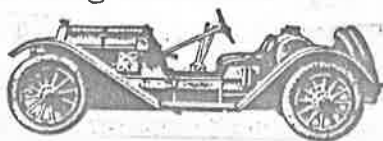
Our September 21<sup>st</sup> Open House was a gala event for the DSR on 951 Forest Hill Drive! The weather was made to order for an open house. (It rained the next day!) Our members had manicured the property and had the club house spic and span, ready for our guests. Practically everyone brought or prepared something. There were three beautiful and huge bowls of delicious punch, beautifully decorated cakes and other goodies. Mobile City councilman elect, John Peavy, in whose district is the club house, cut the ribbon to officially open the club house after brief interesting speeches by President Lloyd Crowds and Mr. Peavy. After the ribbon cutting, Nell Few presented Lloyd with a beautiful quilt, hand made by the ladies of the club, with the club house in the center and members antique cars on one foot squares on the rest of the quilt. All current members names are on the quilt. We have more on this quilt and how it was made later in this SPARK-PLUG.

After the ribbon cutting and presentation, the two front doors of the club house were opened and the DSR ladies served everyone the punch and cake. We had many visitors from local and out of town clubs. Leon and Aileen Hunt had the club house decorated and dolled up with very beautiful flowers, two silver punch bowls, and a candelabrum on the table. Grandpa Hunt's antique old tire swing with flowers in it graced the front porch and numerous other decorations and blooming pot plants were throughout the club house. Channel 5 and 10 had TV news people there and taped the process which was shown on the 6:00 news. The entire front area around the club house was filled with antique cars, including a 1927 unrestored Buick that David and Jeannie Hepler had acquired and just got home at 2:00 A.M. that morning!

We all enjoyed the company of the many members and visitors from as far away as Lafayette, La. to Fort Walton, Fla. We even had one visitor from England! And he was driving his 1951 MG TD.

After all visitors had left, tables and chairs were set up on the patio and the club members, most of whom had worked all day on this event without eating, enjoyed a delicious covered dish supper furnished by the ladies. There was much food left over after everyone had their fill and then gone back for that last extra helping!

It was certainly a grand event for the DSR. Only a few members failed to show, and if you are one of them, you had sure better go to the mirror, look yourself right in the eye-ball, and give yourself a good excuse, because you really missed out on a great meal, wonderful fellowship with antique car lovers, and the most congenial get-together you could imagine. It was truly a "one in a lifetime" activity and an event that all members will long remember and cherish!



## Antique Automobile Club of America



M. G. "PINKY" RANDALL  
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August 25, 1985

Mr. Lloyd Crowds, Pres.  
Deep South Region, AACA  
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Dear Lloyd,

Many thanks for the nice invitation to your Deep South Region Open House at your new Clubhouse. What a nice occasion for your Region in the Golden Jubilee year. It should have some special significance for your region and its members.

I regret to inform you that we will be unable to be in attendance for your festive occasion of the open house. However, we wish you well and much success in your endeavors. Please convey our best wishes to your Region and its members. Too, we want to thank you for your continued support in AACA and its several programs.

Sincerely,

M. G. Pinky Randall  
President

LLOYD RECEIVED THIS VERY NICE LETTER FROM PINKY RANDALL, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL AACA, IN REGARD TO OUR OPEN HOUSE.

Ron Dollar's father, Mr. Oliver E. Dollar of Tillman's Corner, died on Monday, September 23. Mr. Dollar had been suffering with cancer for quite some time. He was 69 years old. Our heartfelt sympathy is with his wife, with Ron, Karen, Ron Jr, and the entire Dollar family.

Frieda Lanier's mother, Mrs. Nancy Daught, passed away in the Mobile Infirmary on September 19th. She was 91 years old. Funeral services were held in Fort Payne, Alabama, at their old home. Mrs. Daught was active and had a sharp mind until a few weeks before her death. Our sympathy go out to Frieda, Paul, and their families.

Jeanie Dobbs' father, Mr. Howard E. Fowler, of Columbus, Mississippi died at his home on October 9th. Mr. Fowler was 76 years old, active, sharp, and apparently in good health with no previous problems. He died suddenly of a massive heart attack and was buried at their old home town of Fayette, Alabama. Our sympathy is with Mrs. Fowler, Jeanie, Bill, Deana, Marie, Debbie, and their families.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:



RUB OUT THE LINE!

Friendships are sometimes destroyed by such small misunderstandings! A hasty word, a misplaced comment, or a thoughtless deed may wither the most beautiful flower of fellowship. Robert Louis Stevenson's story of two maiden sisters in Edinburgh illustrates an extreme example. The sisters lived comfortably in a rather large one room apartment. But one day they had a disagreement. As time passed, their anger grew, and they stopped speaking to each other. Instead of resolving their dispute or one of them moving out, they stubbornly stayed in the apartment - all the while refusing to communicate. A chalk line was drawn on the floor to separate their two domains. It bisected the doorway and the fireplace, so that each could go in and out and do her cooking without violating the territory of the other. So for years they coexisted in hateful silence. Never did four walls look down upon an uglier spectacle!

How foolish! But there is an even uglier spectacle - two children of the same family, separated by quarreling. Has this happened to you? Are you having difficulty with a friend? If so, you both are depriving yourselves of friendship, fellowship, and love, while at the same time that hate continues to build up and may explode.

What can you do? Take the initiative and go to your friend and make things right again. Don't place blame on either of you, rather acknowledge that both of you are wrong. That line will automatically be erased and you will never have had a better relationship before!

Remember that Jesus Christ put away our sins as far as east is from the west!

Never the twain shall meet!!

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

We were happy to learn that Elven Few has been able to return to to work after being off several months because of his knee.

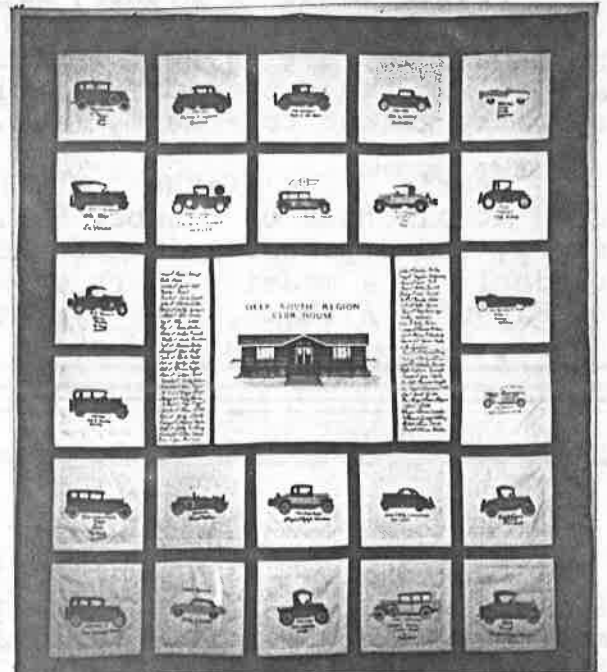
Lycyle's sister, Marita, has had major surgery due to an infection internally. Fortunately no malignancy was found and she is slowly recovering from her ordeal.

Cecil Nettles is doing OK following his surgery but a bit of a problem came back when he did a little lifting. We all want Cecil to take good care of himself so he will be back to normal soon!

Worrying about smoking cigarettes can be beneficial -- it takes your mind off of lung cancer!

THE DSR QUILTING PARTY:

A couple of months ago several club members got together with the intention of presenting Lloyd a gift for his three years as president of the DSR and for his efforts and work in getting the club house. Nell Few and Jeannie Hepler suggested something other than the usual plaque and Nell came up with the idea of a quilt with the club house and members cars on it. So Nell and Jeannie began to organize other members in the effort. Nell is quite proficient in embroider painting, so she planned a get together with 20 or so members at the club house one night. Guy Short drew the club house and a few of the cars. All this was being kept quiet from our Prez and First Lady in order to surprise them. We almost blew it!! One of Lycyle's relatives passed by and saw all the activity at the club house and called Lycyle to ask what was going on. Fortunately they didn't come around, but called several people the next day to try to find out why the mid-week meeting and who was there. White lies were the order of the day, but we all succeeded in a cover-up. Richard Nixon wouldn't have been in any trouble if he could have had this bunch! After this close call, the group decided to meet in the future at Nell Few's home in Satsuma on pre-arranged nights until the quilt was completed. And it is beautiful! It was a Quilting Party Deluxe!



A PHOTO OF THE FINISHED QUILT AS PRESENTED TO LLOYD & LYCYLE.

At our Open House, Lloyd and John Peavy had just completed their speeches on the club house porch, when Nell went up to request the microphone. She thanked Lloyd for his tireless effort in getting the club house and organizing the working members on the building. She then presented him with the quilt. Lloyd was visually stunned and I believe for the first time in his entire life, was at a loss for words!

It is a beautiful hand made quilt with every member's name on it beside the embroider painted club house and antique cars. It was very befitting for Lloyd and in a small way, showed our appreciation for the three years Lloyd has devoted to the Deep South Region.

CORRECTION:

In last month's SPARKPLUG we stated under "Club House News" that Junie Jarvis donated and installed a water cooler in the club house and Bud Moseley painted it. It should have been -- donated by David and Jeannie Hepler of Hart's Fried Chicken, installed by Junie and painted by Bud. We're sorry about this error.

ANTIQUUE CARS & EQUIPMENT FOR SALE IN OUR AREA:

1935 Ford sedan - see Ray Faust. Several engine blocks and other parts, at a reasonable price. Call 633-5331.  
 1940 Ford 4-dr. with 38,000 miles. \$1250. Call Mike Gradick 666-7414.  
 1954 Ford bumpers for sale. Call Nina Reed at 456-8723.  
 Antique car hauling trailer, double axle, tongue jack. Call the Lowes at 666-1555. Priced to sell at \$300.  
 1978 XPLOERER motorhome, all fiberglass body good condition, 25½ feet. Call Art Griffin at 342-7013.

THE TANNER DISPLAY:

On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24 and 25, Lloyd and Hop took their antique cars to Joel & Catherine Tanner's store on 5460 Old Shell Road and put them on display from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Then on Thursday, September 26, Cecil & Ernie put their antiques there for the day to attract business to the Tanner's Grand Opening. Joel and Catherine made a very nice donation to the DSR for this. They have a very unique and interesting business and every DSR member should go by to see it. They have the old antique scales used by Joel's father and grandfather in their stores. The clean and neat little store is filled with things every antique lover would enjoy. Do go by, if only to look. It is at 5460 Old Shell, just about a block's distance from University Blvd. You'll love it!!!

OUR PREZ SEZ:

Once again I am asking for your help. We will be putting our cars in Bel Air Mall Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> after 6:00 P.M. We will leave them there until the following Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. and remove them at that time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have been so supportive of the displays and outings we have had this year. It sure makes my job easier when I can count on the members for their help in these activities.

Lloyd

OUR OCTOBER MYSTERY PHOTO

This cute little barefoot watermelon eater regularly attends our meetings with her very active husband. She is well known in the DSR for her very excellent cooking ability. Come to the meeting this coming Thursday night, October 24<sup>th</sup>, and tell us who you think she is.

NEW ACQUISITIONS:

David and Jeannie Hepler have acquired a very straight 1927 Buick sedan with all parts intact. They found it in Mississippi near Lucedale through Herb Counselman. He and Ray Harper went to get it late one afternoon, got it on their trailer, and arrived at home with it at 2:00 A.M. on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Before taking it off the trailer, they took it to the DSR Open House the next morning and put it on display. Now **THAT'S** what you call enthusiasm!

Bill and Linda Tunnell have acquired a 1957 Chevrolet parts car. They intend to use it in the restoration of their recently acquired 1957 Chevy 2-door hardtop.

OUR NEXT OUTING:

The Fausts are making plans for our Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday outing at their home. Laura, Ray, and Tex are furnishing turkey and dressing and are asking members to please bring a covered dish to go with it. They may have a scavenger hunt (on foot) on their 115 acre place, weather permitting. Meet at the club house at 12:30 or 1:00 P.M. We will leave at 1:00 sharp! You may drive your modern car if you like as we will be putting our antiques in Bel Air Mall immediately after this outing.

THE DOBBS' GROVE HILL RUN:

On beautiful, sunny Saturday morning, September 28th, a group of DSR members met at Hart's in Saraland for a run to Magnolia Inn at Grove Hill. The Dobbs led us that crisp morning, stopping only once at a picturesque rest stop along the way. In Grove Hill we all drove the antiques through town, then to the home of Nell Few's Uncle George Campbell. He showed us his paintings, and they were certainly outstanding, and his antique furnishings. In his house he had a wind up music box that required a penny in the slot in order for it to play. It was of 1800 vintage and worked beautiful!



DSR CARS AT MAGNOLIA INN AT GROVE HILL, ALABAMA

Then on to the Magnolia Inn for a delicious meal at very reasonable prices. The Magnolia Inn is located just southeast of Grove Hill on a picture like farm. At the Inn we were joined by DSR club members Eric and Paula Gould and several friends from Monroeville. The Phillips were there in their 1924 Hupp.

After eating we all drove to the Claiborne Lock and Dam on the Alabama River where the lock operator let us go through the building that housed the machinery. It was educational and interesting.

There, the group decided to drive on to Monroeville to Vanity Fair so some of the ladies could do a bit of shopping.

Then home to Mobile by way of I-65. Being a bit late, the older cars with poorer headlights left a little earlier than the others. Cecil and Lucille, with excellent headlights, were kind enough to lead us home in their 1936 Chevrolet. Sadly for Eugenia and me, as we were crossing the I-65 bridge just east of the twin arches, one of the Model T engine bearings gave way, which slowed us to about 15 or 20 MPH, but we managed to limp on in. Elven and Nell stayed with us until we were secure.

Everyone had a great time, the weather was fantastic, the meal, the fellowship, the cars were all just great. In alphabetical order we had from the DSR - 2 Counselmans, 2 Crowduses, 2 Dobbs, 2 Fews, 2 Goulds, 2 Harpers, 2 Heplers, 1 Hopkins, 2 Moseleys, 2 Nettles, 3 Pages, 2 Shorts, and 2 Youens. We also had quite a few friends from both Grove Hill and Monroeville join us and we all had a wonderful time together. In fact, this could have easily been made an over night run, as there was so much to see and do! Our thanks go to the Dobbs for their good planning and leading!!!!

NATIONAL AUTO SUPER STORE DISPLAY:

On Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, the DSR furnished 13 antique cars at the National Auto Super Store at Airport & Schillingers Rd. They had requested 10 cars and gave the DSR a very nice donation for our effort. We had cars from the following members: Brent, Crowdus, Faust, Few, Hepler, Hopkins, Lowe, McLaney (in Hop's 2nd car), Moseley, Nettles, Polk, Dr. Wright, and Youens. We all enjoyed shopping around the center and the DSR good fellowship. Marien brought a TV and a few of us watched the Auburn-Florida game. It was a very pleasant day and the display was followed by the Dickerson's outing that afternoon for the grand finale!

CITRONELLE HOMECOMING & ATMORE - By SPARKPLUG Star Reporter, OLE HOP:

Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 antique cars and 8 members of our club traveled to Citronelle, Alabama to participate in their high school homecoming parade. Upon arrival the police directed us to a designated parking area which put us in the front of the parade. While waiting for the parade to start we men engaged in a lot of small talk and girl watching. Youth is a beautiful thing! The parade wound around the city and back to the starting point. Bud, Ray, Peggy, and Nell Few hauled those beautiful Azalea Trail Maids. "Some have all the luck!" The rest of us hauled some of the officers of the homecoming committee. After the parade we all headed for home and arrived without incident. It was a privilege, pleasure, and an enjoyable day, and another of our civic activities taken care of.

Then on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 6 cars and 8 members traveled to Atmore, Alabama to participate in their Arts & Crafts Show. Upon arrival the police directed us to a very well selected place to display our cars. We were parked at an angle alongside Highway 31 which gave us a lot of exposure to the public. Many people came by to view them and ask questions which we gladly responded to. We received many compliments on our cars for which we are grateful. We browsed around the many displays of arts and crafts and bought a few items. One of our members registered at the Scott Paper Co. booth and she won a large sack of paper products made right here in Mobile. (JUST LUCKY!) We had lunch in Atmore and headed back to Mobile at about 3:30 P.M., arriving home without incident. We had a very good day and will receive a donation to our club for our display for which we are very grateful.

"Ole Hop"

THE SHADY GROVE CAMPGROUND OUTING:

At O. D. and Mickey Dickerson's outing on Saturday, afternoon, October 22, 35 of our folks got together at their campground in Theodore and enjoyed a delicious meal under the big oaks near the lake on their property. The Dickersons furnished a huge pan of barbequed pork ribs and chicken, and drinks, and the members brought covered dishes. There was more than plenty to eat and it was all good! The Dickersons specialize in barbeque at their restaurant and this was done to perfection!!!

After we'd eaten all we could hold plus a few more pieces of barbeque, we all took a stroll around the lake and enjoyed the scenery. Then O. D. took us through his shops to show us his work area and his antiques. Mickey then showed us through their home. All the rooms are huge and filled with antique furnishings of all kinds. The entire house has a bit of a rustic look, is elaborate and just magnificent! The members of the club that failed to come on this outing, particularly the ladies, must surely regret that they did not see all of this!

OUR COMING RUMMAGE SALE:

Another rummage sale for the benefit of the DSR is being planned to take place on the club property on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please gather up your old clothes, knick-knacks, odds & ends and bring them to the club house either Friday afternoon, Nov. 8 or EARLY Saturday morning. Plan to be with us to help out if at all possible, but please bring your goods! For any further information call Jeannie Hepler at 344-2040.

New Orleans is having an antique car show at the St. Matthews Church grounds at 10021 Jefferson Highway on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration fee is \$7 & \$9. For more information call Darryl Moran at 504-737-8050. Trophies all classes.

Our meeting this coming Thurs. night, Oct. 24, has some very important issues concerning the DSR's future. The nominating committee for 1986 officers will be appointed at the meeting. The Dec. 13 Christmas Party information will be announced. Year-end discussion on several subjects must be decided on. Come to the meeting and have your say. --- WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



AZALEA TRAIL BEAUTIES ON THE CLUB HOUSE PORCH DURING  
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