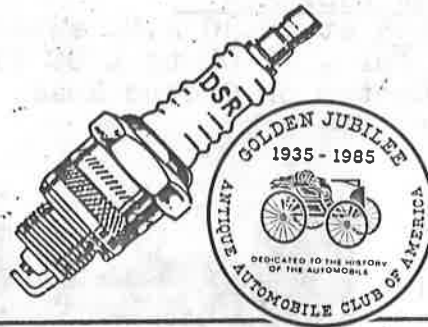


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A.A.C.A.



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Oct. 12 - Saturday outing. Dickersons hosting the club at Shady Grove Campground in Theodore. Free camper hook-ups and space for DSR members Friday & Saturday nites. Barbeque Sat. afternoon 4 to 5. Bring covered dish.

Oct. 24 - Meeting - In the Club House at 951 Forest Hill at Zeigler at 7:30 PM.

-OUR AUGUST MEETING-

President Lloyd Crowdus opened our August meeting on a very hot night at 7:30 with 51 present. Our Chaplain, Hop Hopkins gave the invocation. New members Bill and Sydney Whiting were introduced to the membership. Also visitors Leon & Jamie Campbell and their two daughters, Wendy and Molly. Also visitors George Dye and Mark Coors were introduced.

Joel Tanner told us of his antique

shop they recently opened up and said any DSR member can get a discount by showing your DSR membership card.

On sickness and accidents, Don Hartman's brother was killed in an accident in Kansas, Condie Langham's mother is very sick, Cecil Nettles' recent surgery has confined him at home, and Elven Few's knee is still giving him trouble.

Treasurer Katherine Harper passed out the monthly financial reports.

VP Geary Polk announced the Labor Day Parade route we are to participate in and Lloyd announced the Fairhope Shopping Center display for which the DSR is to receive a donation. Lloyd then thanked everyone that supported Popeye's, Bayou La Batre, and the Dungan wedding in Mississippi. He then thanked David and Jeannie Hepler for putting on the "Hart's Road Rally".

Discussion was made on timing of the 13th Annual DSR Tour. We had a unanimous vote to have the tour in October 1986 to avoid the summer heat. (However, a vote will be taken Thursday at the meeting to determine the exact week.)

Junie Jarvis and H. D. Lowe volunteered to get a flag pole for the club.

The August Mystery Photo was identified as Arline Eschete.

Lloyd then read a letter from Tom Reese, AACA VP of Regions praising the DSR on our club house.

Ray and Katherine Harper agreed to get material for Deep South Region red flags to go on the antique cars for display.

Volunteers to serve refreshments at our September meeting were Bill and Sydney Whiting, Nell Few, Jamie Campbell, and Jeannie Hepler.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Then our gifted group of gentle gasbuggy geniuses and guests got going to Godfather's grille for a gracious, grand, gleeful gathering and for gnawing at their good groceries.

THE TWO TOUGHEST THINGS TO HANDLE IN LIFE ARE SUCCESS AND FAILURE!

THE FAIRHOPE SHOPPING CENTER DISPLAY-

On Saturday, August 24th at 10:30 A.M. several DSR members and their cars met at the battleship for a 12:00 to 4:00 display of antique cars at the new Fairhope Shopping Center on Greeno Road. The DSR received a donation for this. We had 21 of our people in 12 cars plus two local non-member cars and drivers, making a total of 14 cars and 23 folks. Although they had requested 15 cars, they were very pleased with us and the quality of our cars, and they presented Lloyd with the donation check. This all helps the DSR with our expenses of a newsletter, of club house utilities, and for our 1986 DSR May Show. We certainly should have had at least a couple of more cars from the DSR. Please support your DSR and don't say "Let George do it". Are you guilty? We all had a wonderful time with all the very congenial folks over there and they were pleased enough to request us back again next year! If you didn't make this outing you sure missed a very nice short run in very nice weather, ice cream, free cold drinks, and the familiar DSR congenial good fellowship feeling!!!!



LLOYD "SUFFERING" THROUGH AN ENCOUNTER WITH SHOPPING CENTER PROMOTER, TAFFY PIPINS. HE PERSUADED HER TO GET THE DSR AGAIN IN 1986 FOR ANOTHER ANTIQUE CAR DISPLAY!

ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

Our Golden Jubilee Year

Tom Reese

Vice President - Regions
3641 Bartlett Boulevard
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August 16, 1985

Lloyd Crowder, President
Deep South Region, AACA
4111 E Burma Rd
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Dear Lloyd:

Thank you for inviting me to the dedication of your region clubhouse. I would dearly like to be present at this unique event, but it is a far piece from Mound, MN to Mobile, AL, and I haven't been able to come up with a business reason why I need to go there. We had our AACA board of directors meeting at the Huntsville meet, so I was at least close, - and that was the first time that I had ever been in Alabama in my life!

So far as I know, with the exception of Hershey, DSR is the only region with a clubhouse. A number of regions have contacted me wanting to know what to do with all their money. A project such as yours would seem to be a good way to pull the membership together and contribute something that is tangible and lasting toward the future of a region. I really hope that we can plant a seed that will result in other regions undertaking such an endeavor. I may call on you for consulting advice for other regions. Send me some slides of the dedication that I can show at the Regions Seminar at the AACA Annual Meeting.

1985 will go down as the year that AACA built two buildings: The Library and the DSR Clubhouse! Congratulations.

Yours truly,

Tom Reese
Vice President - Regions AACA

This is the letter Lloyd read at the August meeting from Tom Reese, V.P. of Regions. Tom has been one of our close observers in the AACA and has been very interested in the progress we have made in the DSR on the club house.

HURRICANE ELENA!

The Capdepon's home in Pascagoula suffered quite a bit of roof and window damage.

The Jarvis' beach house on Dauphin Island was destroyed by the high winds and waters of the Gulf.

The Dobbs' beach house at Gulf Shores had window and internal damage.

Lycyle's sister's beach house on Dauphin Island suffered minor damage.

The Page's had a tree blow over on one of their Packard parts cars.

There may have been others with damage from the hurricane but we haven't heard from everyone yet.

Guy and Barbara Short have been visiting in Oklahoma. Guy's aunt had a heart attack there. We sure hope the very best for her.

Don Hartman's brother was killed in a tragic accident in Kansas on August 15th. He was only 39 years old. He was on his job as foreman of the Power Company there and was driving a company one ton truck when a woman driving a car at approximately 100 MPH hit him head on causing a firey explosion that killed them both. Don's brother was married and had two daughters aged 12 and 18. We are all saddened by this untimely, tragic, and unnecessary death of a fine young man. Our deepest sympathy is with his wife and children, with Don and Jan, and the entire Hartman family.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:

DEDICATION



There is a church in Mobile that has a membership of over 8500. Of this number, 51% of the families do not contribute one cent to the church. How ridiculous! Yet they attend services occasionally, then criticize the seating, the air conditioning, the heating, complain the service is too long, and they must have their minds on the long lines they must stand in at the Morrison's Cafeteria so they can have "roast preacher" for dinner. Only 12% of the remaining 49% tithe, so God is robbed. That church has a budget of \$3.1 million dollars for this year and will reach it only because of the dedication of the 12% and 49%.

Let's not let our Deep South Region fall into such a state, by letting only a few (12% or so) support the club by our labor and participation on club projects. When the DSR decided to build a club house there was almost a unanimous vote to go ahead, and now it has become a reality. Yes, we have a beautiful club house and we get many nice compliments, and compliments are in order!

When our president asks for cooperation and help from the membership, let's all respond. Don't be like the above church with only 12% giving full support, 37% weak support, and 51% no support. Did you ever notice that most complaints come from those that do nothing and contribute nothing?

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

In addition to losing his brother, Don Hartman's father has been very sick and has been back in the hospital for tests. Mr. Hartman has lost 17 pounds recently and we all certainly hope the very best for him.

Elven Few is still having problems getting about because of his back and knee problems. He has been in the hospital for therapy and tests. Elven has had quite a time of it all and we all sure hope he improves soon.

On Sunday, August 25th, Hop had a light heart attack while attending church service. He still gets about OK, but has to go a little slower and will have to be a bit more careful for a while. We all hope for a complete and quick recovery for "Ole Hop".

Paula Gould has been in the hospital in Mobile but is back home in Monroeville now. She said that she is feeling good and hopes to be back with us soon. We are thankful that she is doing so well!

Frank Waites has had a slipped disc in his back for the past several months that has given him a lot of pain. Frank has had to go to the hospital for tests, but is back at work now. He is still having some trouble though, with his back. Their daughter, Tabitha, also has been down with a broken foot. She tripped and fell over a water hose, but is at long last getting around again. Jean said that other than a couple of other sick kids everything is fine! This just hasn't been a good year for the Waites!

Cecil Nettles is slowly improving since he left the hospital and is much better now. We are all thankful that Cecil is getting back to normal.

Sickness & Accidents continued from page 3 -

Condie Langham recently broke the small bone in his right foot when he slipped when stepping from their motorhome. The doctor told Condie that he would have to be off his feet for 4 to 6 weeks. Condie said he misunderstood him and thought he said 4 to 6 hours, so he didn't miss any work! He is doing well now and we are all thankful for that.

Condie's mother was also in a very serious condition in Loxley with a badly infected foot. She was in the hospital for 6 weeks and had to stay off her feet for another week after she got home. Mrs. Langham is doing better and can now get around some. We know this has been a trying time for this very active, popular, and benevolent lady, and we wish her a quick complete recovery.

Ron Dollar's father has been very sick recently and has spent quite a while in the hospital. He is at home now and is slightly better. We all certainly hope the very best for Mr. Dollar.

It was good to see Thad and Mary Partridge out again at the Pensacola Show. Thad has been in and out of the hospital several times recently with his emphysema. We all sure hope that he continues to improve so that he will soon be back to normal.

This has been a summer the Capdepons will remember a long time. Cap is sporting a scar on his forehead with 22 stitches which, Betty said, he injured while he was working on an engine. (Cap said it was Betty's heavy cast iron skillet!) On September 1st the hurricane Elena hit Pascagoula full force and blew down two columns on their front porch which broke out their two front windows, and did some damage inside. They also lost part of the shingles on their roof from the high winds. Before that, in late July, the husband of their daughter Pam, had to have back surgery from an injury he had. Next on August 8th, the wife of their son Stephen, was in a wreck which left her in serious condition requiring some plastic surgery. She had been working in a bank which has had two armed hold-ups recently while she was there. The Capdepons said they are glad this summer is at last getting away, and we can sure understand why.

THE PREZ SEZ:

Thanks to everyone who in any way has helped in getting the club house ready for our Open House. We have had a lot of help on this project and it again proves the Deep South Region can accomplish anything we set out to do!

I would like to thank too, all the members that helped out in our shopping center display in Fairhope.

Lloyd



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Joel & Catherine Tanner

Joel and Catherine Tanner have opened up an antique shop on 5460 Old Shell Road. They will give a discount to any DSR member that presents his membership card. Go out Old Shell and look over their shop. Any antique car buff will love it! The Tanners are good supporters of the DSR, let's all support them!

From the Gadsden Club's Newsletter-

On the wall of the traffic bureau: "In 1993 there will be more than two hundred million automobiles in use. If you want to cross the street, you'd better do it now!"

OLD SOUTH ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW:

The Old South Antique Auto Show at Fort Conde on September 7th was well attended by DSR members with their cars. There were 45 DSR members and their guests with 22 of their antique cars entered. Of the 45, 21 were dual members, (members of the DSR and Old South), and 24 were members of The DSR only. In alphabetical order we had: 4 Bells, 1 Brent, 2 Dillehays, 3 Dollars, 2 Edwards, 1 Gould, 3 Griffins, 3 Grimes, 2 Harpers, 1 Hartman, 1 Hopkins, 3 Hovers, 1 Jarvis, 2 Kysers, 2 Moseleys, 4 Neeses, 2 Pages, 2 Petersons, 4 Rollins, and 2 Waites. Our Prez, Lloyd had requested at the last meeting that as many of our members as possible to support the Old South and Pensacola Shows. This is what makes the DSR so outstanding, it supports all antique car clubs in their activities and events. Many trophies were won by DSR members for their antique cars. Bell won a 1st, Brent a 1st, Dillehay a 3rd, Edwards a 1st and 2nd, Griffin 2 1st and 2nd, Grimes a 1st and 2nd, Harper a 2nd, Hopkins a 3rd, Hover a 1st, Kyser a 1st, Neese a 2nd, Page a 1st, Peterson a 1st, Rollins a 1st, and Waites a 2nd. So the DSR did quite well! Also Gavin and Gladys Edwards' Model A won "Best of Show, People's Choice". Doris Griffin won 2nd in the adult fashion show, and in children's fashion, the Bell's granddaughter won 1st, the Griffins grandson won 2nd, and the Page's daughter won 3rd. In the antique model car division, the Bell's grandson won 1st. Then to cap it all off, Bobby Hover won the "Hard Luck Trophy".

Ray Harper said he would like to express his thanks to the DSR people that supported the Old South Show. Ray supplied us with the above information and, as he was unable to attend the show all day because of having to work, he did go early, take his car, then after work went back to the show and attended the banquet that night. He said he was sorry if he overlooked anyone, but did his best in the short time he was able to attend the show.

Our hats are off to Ray and other DSR members that made such an effort in the Old South's support.

Dale and Betty McLaney are in the process of building a double garage for their future antique! Question. Dale, how are you going to get your first 3 antique cars in a two car garage?

Charlie and Ardie Froehlich haven't moved -- they still have the same address but a new zip code. It's 70056. Please make this change in your roster.

In the Wall Street Journal on the front page of the September 11th issue is a lengthy article about the little Metropolitan. It is titled "The Born Again Car: Ice Cold Met of '50's Is a Hot Item in '80's". Anyone that would like a copy of this article, see Ernie. It cannot be published in the SPARKPLUG without permission.

CLUB HOUSE NEWS:

The DSR is now flying the colors from our new flag pole at the club house! Junie Jarvis and H. D. Lowe supplied the pole and it was painted and installed by Lloyd, Geary, and Hop. Take note when you see it! Lou Eschete donated the big U. S. flag.

Junie Jarvis donated and installed a water cooler in the club house and Bud Moseley painted it.

Many members have been mowing, cleaning up (especially after hurricane Elena), trimming, working flower beds, repairing and cleaning floors, and many odds and ends getting ready for our Open House. The club house is truly a club project with so many members contributing and helping it is difficult to keep up with them all! It's a marvelous tribute to the DSR membership to work together for the beautiful outstanding meeting place we have. Its effect has been to pull our members even closer together! Ain't you proud of your Deep South Region!!!!!!

While writing this newsletter, I just received word that one of Mobile's antique car enthusiasts had just died. Mr. George Dreading, although not a DSR member was a friend of everyone. He had been suffering with cancer for quite some time. Mr. Dreading is the father of Barbara Pulliam of Old South. Our deepest sympathy is with Barbara, Jerry, their children, and the Dreading family.

PENSACOLA SHOW:

On September the 14th the AACA's West Florida Region held their annual Antique Auto Show at the very beautiful and shady Seville Square in downtown Pensacola. It was held on our first cool snap of the season, a beautiful day in the 60's and 70's. There were over 80 antiques registered and as Pensacola always is, a very good, pleasant, and congenial show. From the DSR there were 31 of our people in 14 show vehicles. In alphabetical order we had 3 Bells, 1 Brent, 2 Capdepons, 2 Froehlichs, 1 Griffin, 2 Grimes, 1 Gould, 2 Harpers, 1 Hepler, 5 Hovers, 2 Kysers, 3 Pages, 2 Partridges, 2 Shorts, and 2 Youens. Almost every DSR member that took a car brought home a trophy. The many Deep South Region red shirts were outstanding there and we all enjoyed the fellowship with each other as well as with the friendly West Fla. Region members. It was again a fine show and we are looking forward to next year's show with them!

NEW ACQUISITIONS:

Howard and Agnes Shafer bought the 1930 Chevrolet from DSR members John and Barbara Miller, who recently moved to Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Ray Harper and Howard left Mobile on August 31st, Saturday, at 6:30 A.M. for Pine Bluff to get the car. They ate on the road and made no stops except for gas, they arrived at Pine Bluff, loaded the car on a trailer, and headed back to Mobile. Their only stop on the way home other than for fuel was for supper, and they arrived home at 3:08 Sunday morning.

If you need a car in a hurry, call on Ray and Howard, the non-stop specialists in antique car delivery!

Barbara Miller hated to see the little Chevy get away from them, but then we hated to see the Millers get away from us and we hope they someday will move back to Mobile!

Howard plans to have the car at our Open House on September 21st.

Junie and Ann have acquired a 2 cylinder, air cooled, front wheel drive Citroen in Louisiana. Junie and Hop went to Baton Rouge last week and picked it up and Junie now has it at home. Junie and Ann were really needing other antique car bad!!!!

NEW MEMBERS:

We want to welcome our newest members, Bill and Sydney Whiting into the Deep South Region. The Whitings live at 5832 Hanging Moss Court in Mobile, 36609 with their young son, Will. They have a 1930 Model A Ford 2-door. Their telephone number is 666-1660. Put this information in your roster, and welcome this fine young couple into the DSR. We are glad to have you aboard, folks!

OUR SEPTEMBER MYSTERY PHOTO

Of the two little sisters in this photograph, the one on the left is one of the DSR's very active and widely known members. I won't give you any clues on this one, just come to the meeting Thursday night at 7:30 and make your guess as to her identity. You just might be surprised!!!



IF YOU DON'T THINK ILLEGAL ALIENS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM IN AMERICA, ASK ANY INDIAN!

THE LABOR DAY PARADE:

The belated Labor Day Parade, which was postponed to September 14th because of hurricane Elena visiting us on Labor Day. This put the parade in direct conflict with the Pensacola Show. As the DSR had agreed to participate in the parade, 9 DSR cars with 19 of our people did go. We had 2 Counselmans, 1 Crowdus, 2 Eschetes, 4 Fausts, 2 Fewes, 1 Hopkins, 3 Polks, 4 Whitings, and our visitor, Bill Appling. It was a very nice parade through downtown Mobile and the streets were loaded with spectators. After the parade most of the participants went to the club house, ate dinner, and spent the afternoon working there getting ready for the Open House.

FAYE POLK, the celebrity:

We have a TV celebrity in the DSR! Faye Polk and Darren went to California the last week in August to be on the TV program, "The Price is Right". Mrs. Polk said she didn't quite make the program, but said that she and Darren had a ball while they were there. We are all glad they had such a good time, -- and who knows, Mrs. Polk might somewhere, sometime, be on your TV screen!

LOUISIANA REGION TOUR:

Ray and Mary Lou Montgomery, with another couple from Louisiana, are planning a Louisiana Region tour to Arkansas on Thanksgiving week. They plan to leave Nov. 23, sightseeing on their way to Hot Springs, then home by way of the Rockefeller Museum at Morrilton. Any DSR member interested in making this trip, let Ray know. So far, the Pages from the DSR are joining them. This will certainly be a pleasant trip in pleasant weather!

THE DICKERSON OUTING:

On October 12th, Saturday, O. D. Dickerson will have an outing at their Shady Grove Campground on highway 90 in Theodore. They have invited anyone with a camper to stay Friday and Saturday nights if you wish. They are to be parked around the lake there for a day or two of fishing, visiting, or just talking old cars. All camper hook-ups are free to DSR members and the Dickersons will furnish barbequed ribs and chicken Saturday afternoon at 5:00. They requested each family to bring a covered dish to go with the barbeque. If you can't come in a camper (some of us just ani't got 'em), then come spend Saturday with us in your Antique car.

THE DOBBS' OUTING

Bill and Jeanie Dobbs will be leading us on an outing to Grove Hill, Ala. to a very nice little restaurant there for dinner on Saturday, September 28th. We will leave in our antique cars from Hart's Fried Chicken Restaurant on Highway 43 in Saraland at 8:00 A.M. That's near the Winn-Dixie store there. You can get ice for an ice chest at Hart's if you need it. This will be a very pleasant drive with a lot of sightseeing, so come join us. You will have a great time!

We received this very nice note from Les & Janet Yoder --

*Dear Friends:
We are enjoying the "sparkling" letters & are sorry to miss the Open House - Oh sure it will be a Gala Event - will be thinking of you.
Plan to arrive in Mobile the last of October & are looking forward to once again becoming active members!
Janet & Les Yoder*

Come to the meeting this coming Thursday night, September 26th, at the club house at 7:30. Our Open House will be past, the Dobbs' and Dickerson's outings will be discussed, the date of the 13th Annual 1986 DSR Tour will be voted on, and many important issues are to be brought up that does concern our future. At least 5 couples have said that they cannot attend a tour in Oct. and 2 couples said they cannot go in June. There will be discussion on this. Also the Meridian Show will be on October 24 to 26. Let's get a caravan to go to Meridian! Be sure to attend this very important meeting!

WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!!!!



WE KNOW THAT'S NOT TIF -- BUT WHO IS THAT GRANDPA RAY
IS HOLDING?

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