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Get Ready Arkansas! DSR is Coming!

If you are in the mood to do a little traveling, the opportunity is available. **Melvin & Betty Neese** have mapped out a fantastic trip beginning on September 11. The group will leave Mobile on Monday morning and drive to Natchez, Mississippi where we will spend the night. Leaving there on Tuesday and leisurely making our way northwest, we will arrive in Hot Springs in mid-afternoon.

They have scouted out a number of attractions to keep us busy on Wednesday and Thursday. Heading home on Friday by way of Vicksburg, Mississippi, we will stay there before departing for Mobile on Saturday morning.

You can sign up for the trip at the meeting on Thursday night but if you miss the meeting you can call (649-3038) and do so. **The deadline for signing up is September 1** due to finalizing reservations with the motels and restaurants. There will be some members in older cars and some prefer to drive their modern vehicle but it doesn't matter as long as we have fun.

Help!...Fire!

If there is one word that strikes terror in all of us, that has to be it. And how many of us are guilty of having potential hazards in the garage or workshop as well as the home? Gas, paint, oily rags, a pan left on the stove too long...the list goes on and on.

Take advantage of learning how to prevent loosing not only your cars, modern as well as antique/classic, but also your home and personal belongings. We will have **Inspector Gary Smith of the Mobile Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau as a speaker at the August 24 meeting.** He has been with the Fire Department 15-plus years and in the Prevention Bureau since October 1994. He is also a National Registered Paramedic.

The presentation will center on what you can do to prevent a fire but if one should occur, how to handle it. How many of us have ever actually used a fire extinguisher? Afterward there will be a short question and answer session if you have something specific to be addressed.

Work Progresses on Clubhouse

The siding for the clubhouse has been ordered and the framing around the windows should be done by the August 24 meeting. Once this is finished, we will have Phase II completed. Hopefully, the air conditioner will be working better than it was at the last meeting but we had a record number of members present which really put a load on it so let's just grin and bear it a little longer.

October Road Rallye

Bob Gechijian is working on plans for the outing which will be either the first or second weekend. The departure point has not be set but we will end up at the Gechijian's house on Dauphin Island for a cookout. This will be a timed event with printed instructions and landmarks to keep you from getting lost. More information will be provided at the September meeting.

MINUTES**DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA
GENERAL MEETING**

The July 27, 1995, meeting of the DSR was called to order at 7:30 by Frank DeCrease, president. The meeting was held at the DSR clubhouse. The invocation was given by Don Dillehay. There were 54 members and four guests present.

GUEST SPEAKER

Frank DeCrease, president, introduced Allen Cameron from Diversified Paint as the guest speaker. Mr Cameron spoke briefly about paint, paint products and safety then answered questions from the members regarding auto paint and painting.

OLD BUSINESS

- *Money was collected in memory of Tom Brown in the amount of \$169.
- *The June Minutes were accepted as printed on a motion from Buddy Paquet and second by Lloyd Crowdus.
- *Robert Moore, chairman of the Building Committee, reported that it will cost \$2,200 to complete Phase II of the project. This is for the siding. Paul Bowden will do the electrical wiring at no charge. The air conditioning is in Phase III of the project.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Jane Bruton, secretary, reported that the certificate of insurance required by the City of Mobile has been requested from the national office of AACA.
- *The June treasurer's report was given by Frances Whigham and was accepted as presented on a motion from Ross Sloan with second from Margie Decrease.
- *Editor, Patt Paquet, reported that the Liberty Gulf Coast International Auto Show will not be held this year and the DSR will not receive a donation of \$1,000 as we have in the past.
- *Ross Sloan volunteered to supervise the collection of two complete sets of Alabama license plates. One will remain at the clubhouse and the second set will be sent to the national AACA office.
- *Frank announced that the nominating committee chair person will be appointed by next month.
- *Buddy Paquet was appointed to be the local legislative contact for the state legislative person.
- *Frank asked that all members "recycle" and donate trophies to be used for the Hooter's Show. Trophies should be brought to the next meeting with the owner's name on masking tape on the bottom.
- *Floyd Jordon made a motion to transfer \$1,300 from the general fund to the building fund to make the \$2,200 needed for the siding. Second from George Demetropolis...the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *A birthday cake was provided as refreshments in honor of Geneva Cammon.
- *The 50/50 pot was won by Larry Nelson.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 on a motion by Lloyd Crowdus and second by Margie Decrease.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Bruton

Automobile Tag Collection for Display in Clubhouse

At the last meeting there was some discussion of putting together an extensive collection of Alabama automobile tags beginning with the first tag issued in our state up through the present time. This idea was proposed by **Ross Sloan** who already has a large number of license plates. He had talked with Bill Smith at AACA regarding our assembling two sets with one being sent to the museum in Hershey which interested Mr. Smith very much.

The following is a list of what Ross **does not** have and if you have one or more that you will be willing to put toward completing the two sets, it would be gratefully accepted.

- Need: (2) each 1912 through 1926**
- (1) 1927
 - (2) each 1928 through 1945
 - (2) each 1947 through 1949
 - (1) each 1950 through 1957 ('51-Need 2)
 - (1) 1959 through 1965 (except '61)
 - (2) 1966
 - (1) 1968
 - (2) 1977 through 1979
 - (2) 1981
 - (1) 1982 and 1983
 - (2) 1984 and 1985
 - (1) 1987
 - (2) 1988
 - (1) 1989 through 1991
 - (1) 1992
 - (1) 1993
 - (2) 1994 and 1995

FOR TRADE:

Florida: 1970, 1971, 1973

Illinois: 1972, 1974, 1981

Louisiana: 1973, 1993

Mississippi: 1962, 1969, 1972, 1973

You can reach Ross at (334)633-0674

Hooters Car Show Positions Need Filling

Chair and Pre-Registration: John Reid

Registration Chair: Patt Paquet plus

Becky Burdeshaw, Margie DeCrease, Brenda Reid

Parking Chair: Buddy Paquet plus

Carl Bailey, Al White (Need 2)

Head Judge: Jerry Finley

Writers: Shelby Bruton, Barbara McCusker(Need 4)

Runners: Mickey Cox, Bob Hedberg (Need 4)

Tally Chair: Betty Jordan plus

Jane Bruton, Betty Cordell, Lucille Nettles

Peoples Choice Chair: Vacant plus need 3

Door Prizes: Ed & Joan Lunsford (Need 2)

Photos: Jim Kotis (Need Photo Traffic Control and Photo Runner)

Food Bank Chair: Vacant

John will be giving an update on the show at the meeting August 24 and looking for members to fill the vacancies. If you can help for even just a few hours, it will be appreciated. If you have questions about what a particular position entails, ask him. We want and need everyone to be involved .

Members Needing Restoration

Several of our group have been hospitalized recently and we wish all of them better days ahead. **Floyd Lowe** had surgery July 7 and is recuperating slowly at home; **Sammy Francis** also had surgery the latter part of July and **John Howell** had surgery August 15. Don't forget how much it brightens the day to get a phone call or especially a card.

The Sparkplug is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. The DEEP SOUTH REGION meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month in the clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Drive. Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America is required to be a member of this region. Annual local dues are \$15 and AACA national dues are \$20 single and \$24 joint. Views expressed in the Sparkplug are not necessarily those of the Region officers or AACA.

If you were to pen a list of ten accomplishments which changed most our way of living, I'm sure your list would include the discovery of electricity and the invention of the telephone.

Other accomplishments to your list would vary, but it is safe to say that our hobby would not exist without the foresight of the Duryea brothers who in 1896, in Springfield, Massachusetts, produced thirteen identical machines, thus giving birth to the American Automotive Industry.

The upcoming Centennial which we prepare to celebrate in 1996 is fast approaching, and your committee is busy planning and implementing a year long celebration which can involve each and every member of AACA.

Tours, National meets, local region and chapter activities should be geared, in part, to celebrate the American Automotive Industry Centennial in 1996.

Imagine, for a moment, a display and parade of 100 automobiles, in the Detroit area, led by the last remaining 1896 Duryea and followed by a vehicle representing each year up to a new 1996 model. This would be a once in a lifetime display, and it can happen with your help and support.

A focal point of the celebrations will take place in the Central Division National Spring Meet at June 1996, in Dearborn, Michigan, hosted by the Wolverine Region. A special commemorative emblem, participation by the Big Three Automakers, honoring industry legends, group tours and a 1,400 plus vehicle show are all in the works for this Centennial celebration.

The brothers Duryea changed our way of life. For the automobile industry and hobbyist the year 1996 will prove to be a once in a lifetime celebration. The American Automotive Industry Centennial will be historical, exciting, and here and gone before you know it. Don't let it pass you by. For additional information contact Centennial Chairperson, Sterling Walsh at 17525 Grace Road, Hampstead, Maryland 21074.

by Don Barlup

1995 CENLA TOUR

"Dodging the bullet" named Erin, we left early on August 4 for Vicksburg to meet up with this group. **Ed and Joan Lunsford** together with **Buddy and myself** arrived at the Hampton Inn to find some folks already there. That afternoon we went to the Army Corps of Engineers Waterway Research Center to tour the Experiment Station which was established in response to one of the nation's most destructive natural disasters - the Mississippi River Flood of 1927. We saw an automated model which simulated both natural and controlled flow of water from its origin in the mountains to its destination in the ocean along with a model of Niagara River and Falls model. Next was a display of experimental vehicles which are one-of-a-kind and no longer available.

A hospitality room catered by the CENLA club was a feast that evening and we saw old friends and made new ones.

Saturday morning found us touring the Old Courthouse Museum and the Toys and Soldiers Museum. Both of these were absolutely wonderful. Afterward was a visit to the USS Cairo Museum which has the wooden remains of the USS Cairo, the first war ship sunk by what was then a torpedo. We had lunch in the Waterfront Park overlooking the river.

The first part of the afternoon was spend wandering through the Biedenharn Coca-Cola Museum which is a restored 1890 building where Coca-Cola was first bottled anywhere in the world in 1894. It contained reproduction bottling works along with a 1900 soda fountain. Later we saw the world's largest collection of Civil War gunboat models along with Civil War artifacts in the Gray & Blue Naval Museum. Dinner that night was held at the Holiday Inn next door after which we were treated to some delightful entertainment.

Sunday morning we said our good-byes and left for home with a short side trip through the zoo in Jackson. It was a great weekend and we are now looking forward to either the Baton Rouge tour in September or the Thanksgiving tour in November. See you there !!!



The Chaplain's Corner

from Don Dillehay

Loving is...childlike, reaching up for God's hand for guidance in this sin troubled land.

Loving is...trusting God will always forgive.

Loving is...believing that God's way is the best, and that in heaven His good children are blessed.

And loving is...helping, doing a good deed for friend or foe who is in need.

By Mary Gemma Brunke, S.L.

Mental Health Association in Southwest Alabama's 5th Annual Fund Raiser

DSR has been invited again to participate in this event held at St. Dominic's Catholic Church on Burma Road. It is scheduled for September 16 and if you missed it last year, don't let it happen this time. Members who displayed their cars were treated to complimentary tickets which entitles you to food and drink along with participation in the games and silent auction. There will be more information on this at the August 24 meeting.

New members, **Archie & Evelyn Brisendine**, tell me they did not get the '65 model they were looking at but they haven't given up, the search continues. We are also hoping our other new members, **Artic & Anita Gibson**, will be able to join us at a meeting soon and tell us about their cruises.

Meeting Reminder

Do yourself a favor. Take a couple of hours to relax with your friends. You will enjoy the fellowship, may meet a new friend, might learn something and have a chance to win some \$\$\$\$. What better way to spend a Thursday evening (Aug. 24-7:30 PM) Unless of course, you ENJOY sitting home watching re-runs on television !.

What a Difference One Person Makes

We have just purchased a new typewriter, and it works very well except for one key. The other forty-five keys work quite well, but only one key makes quite a difference.

How many times have you said to yourself...What's the difference whether I go help, I'm only one person, what I give won't make or break a program...but you can see having only one part that doesn't work properly makes a difference and having only one more person giving can make a difference.

Any organization needs active support, cooperation and the full participation of all its members in order to be effective.

So the next time you think your support and generosity are not needed, think about my new typewriter and say to yourself...I'm a key person and my support is needed !!

Submitted by Margie D'Crease

It's HOT out there folks !

Do not wait until you get symptoms before thinking about replenishing your fluids. Most of us never acclimate to working in this hot weather because we live in air conditioning, so we sweat more and get dehydrated sooner than those who work outside. By the time you get thirsty or weak/jittery, you could be minutes from severe cramps, fainting and heat stroke. How much is enough? You should drink enough **water** (for those of us who are out in the heat only once in awhile and not running a marathon, the only fluid you should be drinking is pure water, not the sports drink stuff) so that you have to urinate every 2-3 hours. You may need to drink a GALLON or more an hour, but the quantity you need to put in depends on too many factors, so just pay attention to what comes out! Acute dehydration lowers your performance and increases your risk of injury and illness.

(By Dr. Vern Harpole in the *TCACC Advantage*)

How to Read Antique Car Ads

By Jack Miller

If He Says This:

Motor quiet
Needs minor overhaul
Needs major overhaul
Uses no oil
Completely gone over
Body fair
Body good
Parts car
Immaculate condition
Concours condition
Drive it away
Deliver for expenses
Can be towed
Drive anywhere
Fine old Classic
Bowlegged old dog
Has classic lines
Desirable Classic
Rare Classic
Stored twenty years
Completed CARavan
Extensive re-chroming done
Extra parts
Other interests interfere
Call anytime
No time to complete
Good investment
Rough
Sharp
Need money
Must sacrifice
Firm
Asking
Leaving for Army
New Top
Top good
Top bad
Solid as a rock

He Means This:

I'm using 60 weight oil
Needs new engine
Ready for the junkyard
Just throws it out
Had sparkplugs sandblasted
No dry rot where you can see it
Touched up things with a brush
Couldn't get it to run
Had it washed
Had it waxed
I live on top of a hill
I like caviar
Has four wheels...no tires
Within ten miles of home
His car
Your car
Box on wheels
Nobody likes it but me
Nobody liked it even when new
Motor is frozen
On a trailer
Had the front bumper buffed
I finally gave up on it
My wife finally won the battle
I'll sit here 'till I sell it
Can't find the parts anyway
Couldn't depreciate any more
It's too bad to lie about
Whitewall tires
Found a better one
Can't give it away
\$200 off for cash
\$500 off for cash
Finance company getting mean
Only two years old
Leaks only on rainy days
Nothing but shreds
Everything rusted together

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IMPORTANT DATES

August:

- Aug. 24: DSR Meeting in the Clubhouse at 7:30 PM
Aug. 20-26: AAECM's 26th Annual Edgewater Mall Antique Car Show-For info contact John Roberts (601)896-7284
Aug. 26: West Florida Region AACA's 28th Annual Antique Automobile Show-Pensacola, FL
For more info contact John Webster (904)455-7184
Aug. 26: 5th Annual Car Club of Panama City Open Car & Truck Show-Panama City Marina
For more info contact David Aard (904)769-2709 or Mike Jones (904)769-4572

September:

- Sept. 1-2: Magic Carpet Car Show & Swap Meet-Pensacola, FL-For more info contact Wesley Chalk (904)484-2684 or Jerry Thompson (904)587-2374
Sept. 4: 50th Annual Labor Day Celebration at the Greater Gulf States Fairgrounds-Mobile, AL. For info contact Bryan Daniels (334)661-1071 evenings and weekends or Gayle Reinhart (334)661-2011 or (334)661-4635 days.
Sept. 9: 4th Annual Grand Jubilee Charity Auto Show by the Lions Club in conjunction with the Jubilee Arts & Craft Festival-For more info contact (334)626-2345
Sept. 10-16: DSR AACA tour to Hot Springs, Arkansas-For info contact Melvin & Betty Neese (334)649-3038
Sept. 15: Baton Rouge Fall Tour & Rallye-For info call Charlie Matthews (504)272-6161
Sept. 17: 4th Annual Big Boys & Their Toys Car Show-Lafayette, LA-For info call (318)988-0735
Sept. 22-24: 18th Annual Gulf Coast Hot Rod Run-Hiller Park-Biloxi, MS -Pre '73 Vehicles Only
For info contact call Patty Hunt (601)392-0878
Sept. 28: DSR Meeting in the Clubhouse at 7:30 PM

October:

- Oct. 5-7: **HERSHEY !!!**
Oct. 7: 5th Annual British Car Day at USS Battleship Alabama Park-For info contact Mike Thomason (334)343-0726
Oct. 14: 18th Annual New Orleans Antique Auto Show-Grace King High School-Metairie, LA
For info contact Charles Maher (504)833-6483
Oct. 14: Seabee Day Custom Car & Bike Show-Seabee's Base-Gulfport, MS-For info contact Mike Hutton (601)864-3429 (Home)
Oct. 28: 2nd Annual Hooters Open Car Show-Springdale Mall-Mobile, AL-For info contact John Reid-(334)666-3761 or Patt Paquet (334)661-4009



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