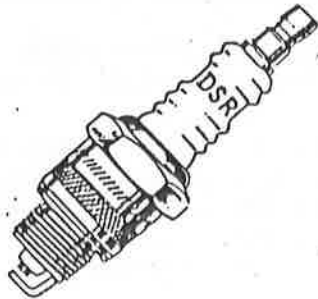


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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
DEEP SOUTH REGION

A.A.C.A.



## 1987 OFFICERS

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### - OUR NOVEMBER MEETING -

Our Prez, Herb Counselman, opened our meeting on November 19th at 7:30 with 76 present. The invocation was given by Rev. Bill Hurlburt. Visitors introduced were Bill Beckford, who claimed to be Lou Eschete's only friend, Lonnie Williams who is seeking an antique car, Bill Jeffers who is a collector of MoPar cars, and John and Helen Wingard who own a 1964 Corvette.

Herb announced a membership application has been received from John Adris who had visited us at our October meeting, and requested a vote on his acceptance. It was voted on and granted. Herb then announced the raise in A.A.C.A. National dues that has affected us all.

Treasurer Katherine Harper passed out the monthly DSR financial report.

Activity Coordinator Lucille Nettles announced several Christmas Parades the DSR has agreed to participate in and told us of the times we are to meet. Grand Bay and Irvington have their parades on the same day and have requested cars in both communities. It was suggested that we meet and divide in order to attend both parades. Loxley and Lucedale Christmas Parades are also on the same day and it was suggested that each person go to the parade of his choice. Larry Martin said his company has requested cars for a safety parade through the plant. We will be notified of this at a later date.

Lloyd told of the Bel Air Mall's request for 4 open Metropolitans to assist Santa Claus in a parade through the Mall. Lloyd, Hop, Bill Tunnell, and Ernie furnished the Mets and the DSR received a \$100 donation for our part. The parade was held entirely inside the Mall!

The Prez then told the membership of the problems trying to get qualified candidates for the 1988 offices in the DSR. It was a JOB!!

Ballots were then passed out to qualified DSR voters and the Prez appointed Rev. Hurlburt, Bud Moseley, and Jeannie Hepler to tally the votes. Two run-offs were required to get a majority vote for Vice President and for Member at Large. After the votes were counted the winners were:

President ----- Lloyd Crowds  
Vice President ----- Jerry Page  
Secretary ----- Jan Hartman  
Treasurer ----- Katherine Harper  
Activity Coordinator- Ray Harper  
Member at Large ----- "Tex" Faust

New officers will take office on January 1st, 1988.

While the tellers were tallying the votes, Jan Hartman told us of the DSR Fall Tour into North Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia and of all the fun they all had. (There is a complete write-up by Jan in this newsletter. Be sure to read it! It's good!!! And will surely make you want to go on tour next year)!!

Minutes of the November Meeting continued from page 1 --

Herb also told us that he had not been able to utilize the newly formed Steering Committee and he was turning it over to the incoming new officers.

After many guesses, (at least a dozen names were called) the cute little four year old "cowgirl" in the Mystery Photo in the October newsletter was correctly identified as Paula Gould by Katherine Harper.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 and delicious goodies were furnished and served by Arline Eschete, Laura Faust, Betty McLaney, and Brenda Rollins.

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DEEP SOUTH REGION 1987 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The DSR Christmas Party was held this year at 7:00 P.M., December 3rd, at the Western Sizzlin Steak House banquet room on Government Street in Mobile with 69 members present.

Outgoing President, Herb Counselman, welcomed everyone and requested V. T. Hopkins to ask a blessing for us and to give thanks for our food.

After a delicious steak dinner, Herb told us of a very serious accident the Langham's son and daughter-in-law were in but they are OK now.

Then with tongue-in-cheek the outgoing Prez presented Jerry Page with the latest Model T Ford accessory, a corn cob. Jerry can explain this one! Don Hartman was next -- he was presented a can of condensed billy goat milk! (This is what Don calls his favorite mixed drink). O. D. Dickerson always says he's got to get all his ducks in a row before he begins anything. So he was presented a neat group of ceramic ducks, all in a row! Katherine Harper, as most of you know, is forever cold, even at 80 degrees! So Lisa Hover presented Katherine with a fire brick to go in the Model A to keep her feet warm! Then Paula Gould capped it all by presenting Katherine an enlarged photo of Katherine standing in their Model A rumble seat with the top half of her body through the rear window getting warmed in the cab!

Then in a more serious note, Herb presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Harpers, Moseleys, Nettles, Dillehays, Youens, Hopkins, Eschetes, and Crowdus for their assistance they gave during his 1987 term of office.

In lieu of exchanging gifts, the members had voted previously to donate the cost of gifts to charity. At the Party the members present voted unanimously to donate the money to the Angle Tree at Bel Air Mall, which will go toward purchasing gifts for orphaned or impoverished children. Collected was \$161.00.

Then outgoing Vice President, Don Dillehay, presented Herb with a plaque for his hard work and service to the DSR as president during 1987.

Arline Eschete then presented Herb with a purple colored cushioned seat for his tractor as Herb had complained about the hard seat. Herb questioned if the new purple upholstery would clash with his tractor's International red!

Herb then turned the floor over to the new officers. Incoming President, Lloyd Crowdus took the floor and asked all the newly elected officers to stand. He told of his intention to form a Board of Directors as the size of the DSR is getting so large and the need for new ideas. He also told of several things he has planned for 1988 and requested help from all the membership.

A vote by the members was made to permit Katherine to pay all club bills due this year.

Hop requested and received a unanimous vote to let him put up Christmas lights on the club house as we had last year.

David Hepler moved that no money be spent in 1988 except as approved by the membership. Motion passed. (This is in our new by-laws).

The 1987 Christmas Party and business meeting adjourned at 9:30.

We are sorry to report that Richard Rester, Lycyle's father, died on November 28th after a long and hard battle with cancer in his chest. He was 75 years old. Lycyle's mother, Kate Rester, died several years ago. Our heartfelt sympathy is with Lycyle, her sister Marita, and their entire families.

Also we regret to report the death in early November of Hosman Gann, Bill Dobbs' uncle of Fayette, Alabama, who also suffered from cancer. He was 79 years old. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Gann, to Bill, Jeanie and to Mr. Gann's entire family.

Almost a year ago "Ole Hop" gave me this devotional for our December 1987 SPARKPLUG. It is both appropriate and good for this newsletter. Please read it ---- and think about it!!!!

A SELECTION FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:



ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirty-three when the public turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on the earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today, He is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life!

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Paul Lanier spent time in the hospital in early November but is at home now and says he is doing fine.

Violet Harris, Audrey Mazzagotte's mother, has thyroid problems and recently had two heart attacks. She is having tests made now. Mrs. Harris lives in Detroit, Michigan and is 81 years old.

Condie and Lucille Langham's son and daughter-in-law were in a very severe auto accident near Loxley 4 weeks ago. The son had his neck broken and she had her back broken. They were taken to the hospital in Pensacola where they were both fitted with braces. Both are back at work now and doing good, but are still in their braces and do naturally have pain and discomfort. Both were very fortunate and as Lucille said, that their survival was the best Thanksgiving gift they could receive!

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome John and Melody Ardis into the DSR. John is an engineering designer and they live at 5620 Candia Court in Mobile, 36609, with their daughter, one year old Lori. Their telephone number is 661-5096.

Please put the Ardis name in your DSR roster. We are happy to have them join us. Welcome aboard the Deep South Region, John and Melody!!

DON'T DEPEND ON A RABBIT'S FOOT -- UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU ARE A RABBIT!

### CHRISTMAS PARADES

On Saturday, December 5th, the DSR participated in the Annual Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade with about 15 cars. As always, the parade was well attended by both spectators and participants, and all DSR cars were given candy throws. After the parade nearly all the DSR folks went to O. D.'s and Mickey's Restaurant for refreshments. Everyone had a great time!!!!

Then the following Saturday, December 12th, the DSR members participated in four Christmas Parades! 14 DSR cars were in the Loxley Parade, 10 in the Robertsdale Parade, 3 in Lucedale's Parade, and 2 in Saraland's Parade. This was a great turnout of DSR cars for the four parades on a beautiful, sunny, and warm afternoon! It was really nice!!

Now, coming on December 19th, the DSR has plans to participate in the Grand Bay Christmas Parade and hopefully in Irvington's, if we can get another good turnout of cars!

### SANTA CLAUS'S MALL ENTRANCE!

Santa Claus rode his sleigh into Bel Air Mall on Friday, November 13th at 7:00 P.M. to the delight of a multitude of kids! The Mall management had requested 4 Metropolitan convertibles with tops down to bring Santa's helpers and "Miss Bel Air Mall" in a little parade through the Mall itself. As the DSR publicity chairman, Lloyd had arranged for the DSR to get a \$100 donation for the short 15 minute drive through the Mall. Bel Air Mall is the DSR's main source of income each year and, to stay in good graces with them, we all should support their request for cars. I can assure you that they are happy with the Deep South Region!!

Attending were Lloyd, Hop, Bill Tunnell, and Ernie, all in Met Convertibles.

### IMPROMPTU BAYOU LA BATRE OUTING

On Sunday, November 22nd, our incoming Activity Coordinator Ray Harper, got an invitation to visit a novelty blacksmith shop in Bayou La Batre in our old cars. Ray called everyone he could get on such a short notice and got 8 cars. They met at O. D.'s Restaurant at 1:00 P.M. and drove the antiques to Bayou La Batre. Going were: 1 Griffin, 2 Harpers, 4 Heplers, 1 Hopkins, 1 Jarvis, 3 McLaneys, 2 (Bud) Moseleys, and 1 Shafer.

All that went agreed that it was an interesting outing watching the blacksmith work with horse shoes, rods, wire, and metal of all kinds making novelties. Even a puzzle with horse shoes! Then on the way home, everyone stopped by Howard's home and ate fresh pecans and enjoyed typical DSR fellowship!!

Our hats are off to the Harpers for getting members together that they could for this kind of outing! This is what everybody likes!!

1988 is going to be another great year!

## Newlywed Couple Offers Flight Instruction, Photos

This is Buddy and Anne Given's son, Al, and daughter-in-law, Becky. They made the front page with this photo in the CALL-NEWS DISPATCH, the newspaper of North Mobile and Washington counties!! Buddy and Anne are DSR members from Vinegar Bend.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1987. CHATOM, ALABAMA 36518 & CITRONELLE, ALABAMA 36522



AL AND BECKY GIVENS  
...With Their '69 Piper Arrow

LaVerne and Ole Hop are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 2nd from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Red Room of Cottage Hill Baptist Church and they have invited all Deep South Region members. They request no gifts, please. Let's all turn out and give them a hearty DSR congratulation! Mark this date and time down RIGHT NOW on your new 1988 calendar so you won't overlook it when the time comes!

Also below is a map of how to get to the Red Room at the church, and where you can park. We will see you all there! (Deep down in your heart don't you think LaVerne deserves a lot of praise for putting up with Ole Hop for 50 years? -- Ernie)



1987

1937

In honour of the  
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of  
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon I. Hopkins  
their children and grandchildren  
request the pleasure of your company  
at a Reception  
on Saturday, the second of January  
nineteen hundred and eighty-eight  
two until four o'clock in the afternoon  
in the Red Room  
Cottage Hill Baptist Church  
4255 Cottage Hill Road  
Mobile, Alabama

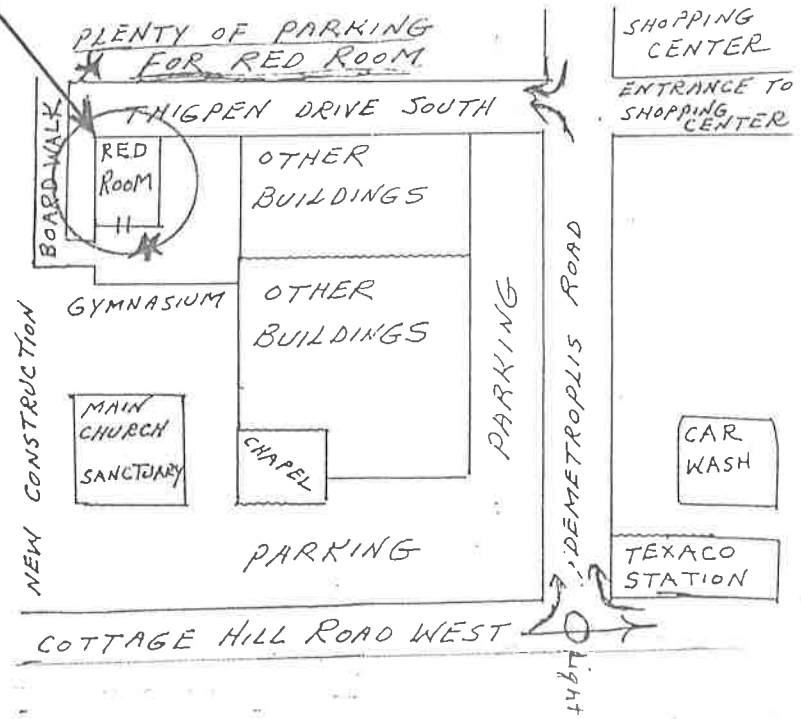
Please omit gifts

ANTIQUE CARS FOR SALE

1953 2-door Chevrolet, all original with 81,000 miles. Call 626-6478. Oliver George told us of this one.

1965 Ford Falcon Ranchero. Excellent condition with rebuilt engine with only 27,922 miles. Call J. E. Fulford 904-492-0574. George Mazzagotte told of this.

1966 Corvair 2-door Series 500, 110 H.P., 2 carbs, can be driven daily. Good condition. \$600 firm. Call 342-6911 ask for Victor Bearer. Lou Eschete told us of this one. Has auto transmission.



It's sure nice to receive a nice Christmas Greeting card from friends! The DSR received the very nice card below from the Azalea City Classic Chevy Club ('55-'56-'57 Chevys). How wonderful to have such a friendly and congenial group of folks in our area interested in the same hobby! We in the Deep South Region certainly wish them all success, good fortune, many pleasant outings, and happy motoring!!!



1956 Bel Air Sport Coupe

To our friends at DSR  
 may God Bless you and your families  
 in 1988 with Good Health and lots of new  
 friends. From all the members of the Azalea  
 City Classic Chevy Club.  
 May this be a "Classic" holiday  
 and may the New Year  
 be one to remember

Sincerely  
 Evelyn Swift - President

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#### PERSONALS

More DSR proud grandparents!! Ronnie and Betty Capdepon's son Stephen and his wife Debbie presented Cap and Betty a new grandson born last July first. They have named him Nicholas Stephen Capdepon.

Paul and Frieda Lanier's grandson, Paul Lanier II got married on November 19th. We all wish much happiness to the newly wed couple.

George and Audrey Mazzagotte are looking for a left front fender and the extension in front of it, for a 1979 Cadillac El Dorado. If anyone knows where they can find one, call George at 1-904-455-8141. (Pensacola)

We were all glad to see DSR members Les and Janet Yoder from Grand Rapids, Michigan at our November meeting and at the Christmas Party. We sure miss these fine folks and wish they could move back home to Alabama!

Cap and Betty Capdepon took a 3 week long vacation and covered 3000 miles sight-seeing in Oklahoma, Indiana, Georgia, and other points of interest. They said they had a great time!

As Hop and LaVerne prepare to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Cecil and Lucille aren't far behind. Last November 30th they had their 47th anniversary. Eugenia and your editor will celebrate #45 in January, and Junie and Ann had their 41st last September. And there are probably several other members right along there with us that we are not aware of.

Bill and Jeanie Dobbs are about to wind up the restoration of their 1966 Mustang coupe. Deana has plans to go to the University of Southern Mississippi when she graduates in May, and she may get it for her first car to commute between Hattiesburg and Mobile.

Ole Hop, Lloyd and Ernie have the Christmas lights up on the club house and it does look pretty at night. They are timed to come on around 5:30 PM and off at about 11:00 PM. By all means, if you haven't seen them, do go by the club house and look at 'em!

On the next page is Jan Hartman's write-up on the DSR Fall Tour. She has done an excellent job on it again this year! Read it and I'll guarantee you'll want to go on the 1988 Tour!!!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1987 DSR AACA FALL TOUR TO TENN, N.C, & GA. by Jan Hartman-

Members and cars attending:

Elven & Nell Few - 1953 Chevrolet	Herb & Reba Counselman - Part way in a modern
Junie & Ann Jarvis - 1960 Metropolitan	Jan & Don Hartman - 1955 Chevrolet
Bert & Lois Carver - 1931 Ford Sedan	Hazel Hartman - Don's mother
O. D. & Mickey Dickerson - 1956 Studebaker Hawk	Nan Gunter - Jan's mother

Saturday, October 24 --

The Mobile people left from the Alabama Power Co. in Saraland at 7:00 A.M. and met the Baldwin County people at Jones' Truck Stop at the Bay Minette exit on I-65. We all left there about 8:30 in good spirits and looking forward to our tour with great expectations! The Fewes were in the lead. Everyone brought food along for lunch and we stopped at a rest area near Montgomery for a picnic. With full stomachs, we hit the road again toward Gadsden. We were all enjoying the ride and the idle conversation on the CBs, when we saw smoke coming from Bert's car. We all pulled off to see what was wrong and found out that the car had run out of water and got hot. Thanks to some melted ice in coolers and the goodness of a man who stopped with a jar of water, we were soon on the road again. We arrived in Gadsden about 4:00 P.M., got checked in and moved into our motel; by then it was back to the cars, we went down to Noccalula Falls for some sight-seeing and picture taking. At 6:00 P.M. we met the Gadsden Antique Car Club at one of the pavilions for a super meal prepared by their club members. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Gadsden Club for their hospitality and for the great food. After eating it was back to the motel and to bed. And, believe me, most of us should have walked back!!!!

Sunday, October 25 --

After eating breakfast at the motel's restaurant, we hit the road again for Chattanooga via the scenic route up the Lookout Mt. Parkway. We stopped several times to look at the view and take pictures. We stopped at one place to watch some hand gliders jump off the side of a mountain and I had only one thing to say, they have more guts than I do or I have more sense than they do! Later we stopped in Mentone, AL to look in an antique shop. We arrived in Chattanooga about 5:30, checked in, and took off to see Ruby Falls, ate at Shoney's, then headed for the rooms and bed.

Monday, October 26 --

After a 7:00 A.M. breakfast at Shoney's, we took off toward Pigeon Forge, again stopping along the way for sight-seeing and picture taking. We arrived in Pigeon Forge about 3:00 P.M. Herb and Reba were already there. We checked in, stood around talking, and making plans for a while. We then split into 2 groups, one group going to Gatlinburg and one to the outlet mall. After meeting back at the motel, we all walked down the street to eat at Shoney's. We surprised my mother with a fudge cake for her birthday.

Tuesday, October 27 --

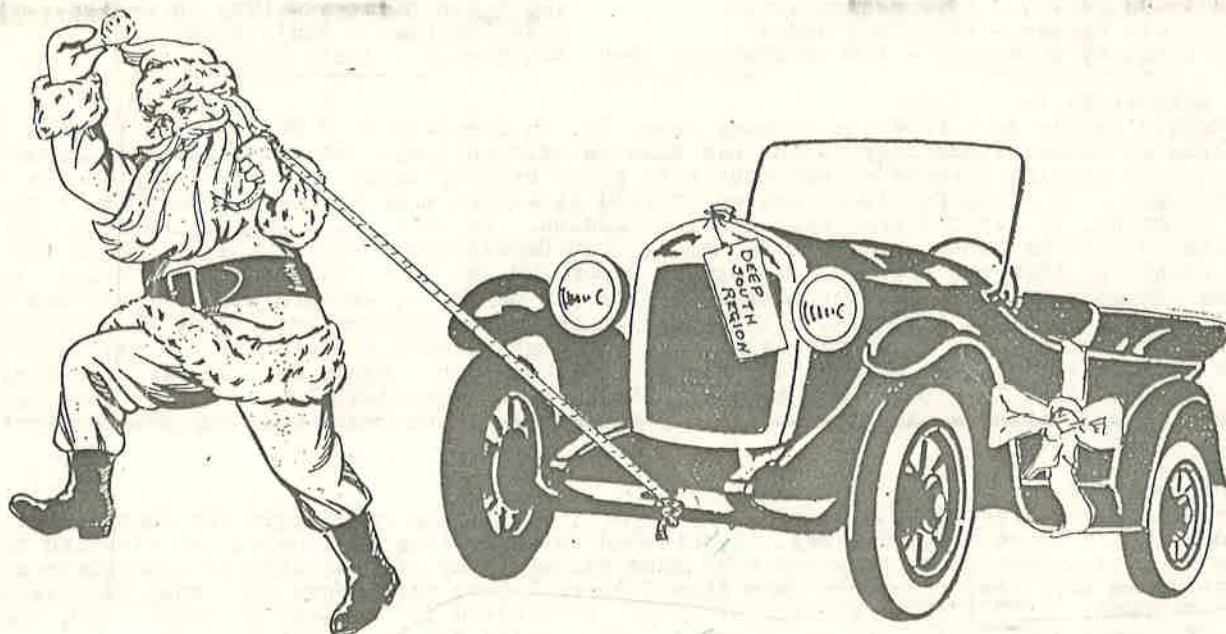
We decided to sleep a little later this morning since this wasn't a traveling day, so instead of breakfast at 7:00, we had breakfast at 8:00, and, where else, but Shoney's. About 9:00 we headed back the way we came to look at a log house we saw on the way in, and then hit the outlet mall for 4 hours of shopping! We were all glad that we weren't on the road since it rained all day and it was cold. We had supper at the Apple Tree Inn about 6:00 and later took in a country music show, which we all enjoyed, and we all laughed a lot!

Wednesday, October 28 --

It was breakfast at Shoney's, then on the road toward Cherokee - and car trouble! Don had to stop and put grease in a wheel bearing on our car. Then, after an enjoyable stop at Sugarland's Visitor Center, we were coming down the mountain when Junie's little car started to knock and smoke. Upon examination, the men learned that it had damaged a rod. The men decided it will be OK for him to drive it into Cherokee, which wasn't very far, and he did. We arrived in Cherokee about 11:30, checked in, then enjoyed another picnic lunch in back of our rooms. The motel had a beautiful stream and picnic tables behind it. After lunch we all hit the shops in Cherokee, or as I should say, we women did. The men went to look for something for Junie's car. We ate supper at "Mama's Country Cooking" and the food was great. Then it was bed time.

Thursday, October 29 --

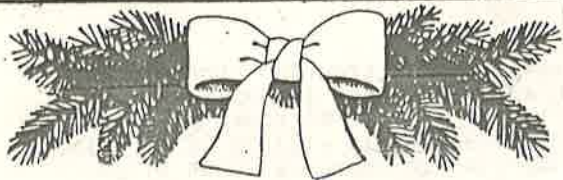
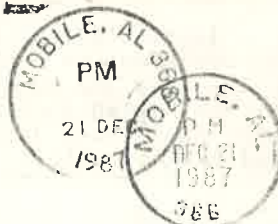
Had breakfast at McDonald's across the street from our motel then it was on the road again



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE DSR!

*Santa Claus*

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

From all of your Deep South  
Region's incoming and outgoing  
officers and staff!!!

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