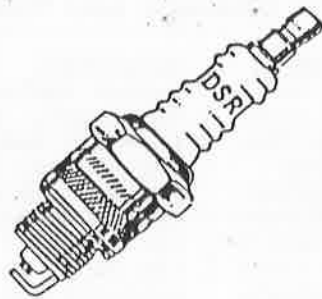


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Wishing you

a Merry, Merry Christmas

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and the

Happiest of New Years

-- 1993 DSR CHRISTMAS PARTY --

The Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11th, was one of the best the Deep South Region has ever had in it's 26 years of existence! It was held at Korbets Restaurant at the Loop with the "Happy Hour" cash bar from 6:00 to 7:00 PM with the banquet starting at 7:00. There were 59 present including 3 guests. Our Chaplain, Hershel Whigham, asked a blessing and we began a buffet style delicious meal with a choice of many courses available. The tables were beautifully decorated.

After eating, Lloyd thanked everyone for coming out and for the assistance the members gave during 1993. President Buddy Paquet requested all 1994 elected officials to come forward for their installation and thanked all retiring 1993 officers. Secretary Jane Bruton then told of the DSR's "Angel Tree" donation of \$150, taken from the treasury by an earlier vote, to make a good Christmas for 3 needy children. Jane had volunteered to do this on behalf of the club and a plate was passed around to reimburse the treasury. \$200+ was donated, \$50 more than needed, so a vote was taken to give one more needy child gifts.

The Prez then announced that an application for membership had been received from Richard and Katie Berry and they were voted in by the members present.

President Buddy then told us that the DSR cars that participated in the annual Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade on December 4th had won the "Best of Show" plaque for the DSR, he showed us the very pretty plaque and announced it will be placed on display in the club house.

The Danbury Mint 1932 Cadillac V-16 model that was donated to the DSR by our member Melvin Stein, to be raffled off for our building fund, had the winning ticket drawn ---- and who won it but our retiring Activity Chairman, Lloyd Crowdus!

Retiring calling committee chairman, Eugenia Youens, then presented a small gift to all the 1993 callers on the committee in appreciation of their help during the year.

The Irvington Christmas Parade, to be held on December 18th, was announced and a request was made for as much support and member attendance as we can get.

During the entire party, door prizes were given out intermittently until the party was dismissed. We'd all like to thank Lycyle Crowdus, who headed up and organized this great party and all those that helped her in getting door prizes, making the Christmas party decorations and in decorating the dining area. It was sure a great way to end 1993!!!!!!

And now we are all looking forward to a bigger and better 1994!!

MEETING THE LOUISIANA AACA TOUR GROUP

On November 20th, a Saturday afternoon at 7:00, the DSR had the pleasure of hosting the Louisiana Region of AACA to a meal in the club house. They were on a week long tour into Fla. and points east and the 20th was their first day on the road. There were 26 of their group visiting us and 4 of their members are DSR members also. They are Charlie and Ardie Froehlich and Richard and Lillian Meaux. 31 of our local DSR members came out with much food --- salads, vegetables, desserts and drinks. Several DSR members that could not make it sent food. And Marjorie DeCrease got delicious beef, pork and turkey. Several of our ladies had prepared the club house with tables and chairs for all 57 people there and they had the tables beautifully

decorated. It was a very excellent feast! DSR member Lambert Mims led in a blessing and we all "dove in". We are happy our members responded so well, because you can believe these Louisiana antique car folks will really turn out to make you welcome when you tour their part of the country! Being that a few of our club's leaders were away at the Moultrie, Georgia Swap Meet on the 20th, including our Prez Buddy Paquet, our activity man Lloyd Crowdus was requested to fill in for Buddy. So Lloyd and their tour leader, Charlie Froehlich entertained us after the meal with tall and short tales. Both men were well capable of creating good spirits and laughter!

It was super to be able to meet with and enjoy a visit from another club and we all had a great time. A few years ago when the DSR made an annual week long tour, we were often hosted by other antique car clubs in places along our route ---a couple of times by the Louisiana Region. It's a real pleasure to host a group -- or to be hosted! Thanks to all!!!

**DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA
MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 1993**

The meeting was called to order by Buddy Paquet, president, at 7:30PM. There were 45 members present. The invocation was given by Hershel Whigham.

OLD BUSINESS

Buddy reported that the water heater has been installed and the electrical hookup will be completed by 11/20/93.

Robert Moore, chairman, reported for the building committee. The committee is continuing to meet and will present a detailed report at the January 1994 meeting. All work will be done by a licensed, insured, bonded building/construction contractor on a bid basis. Club members are asked to contact the building committee members with ideas and contractor names.

The election of the 1994 officers was presided over by the president. The slate of officers was presented and a motion was made by George Demotropolis and seconded by Bob Hedberg to accept the slate as presented by the nominating committee. The motion carried.

A motion was made by John Reid and seconded by Al White to accept the October minutes as presented in the newsletter. The motion carried.

Lloyd Crowdus reminded the group that the Louisiana AACA will be at the clubhouse for dinner on November 20, 1993. The annual DSR Christmas Shindig will be held on December 11, 1993 and all members interested in attending need to get your money in.

NEW BUSINESS

New members accepted into membership were: Raymond and Sharon Cochran, Dean and Barbara Breland, and Scott and Melanie Foster.

Ernie Youens, editor, reported that the copy machine must be repaired or replaced. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Ed Lundsford and seconded by Robert Moore to buy a used copier (Sharp) for \$1,000 and to use the old copier for a trade in for a maintenance agreement. The money will be removed from the general fund for the purchase.

The October Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by John Reid and second by Melvin Neese.

Lloyd Crowdus reported on the many activities coming up in December. Pat Paquet reported on the "kick-off" for the Fairhope Centennial and after a brief discussion the group decided to not participate as a club. The group also discussed a Christmas card offer from K-Mart that includes a picture of the clubhouse. Marjorie DeCrease made a motion that the club purchase the cards and postage; the second was by Bob Hedberg. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 50/50 pot was won by Eugenia Youens. A motion to adjourn was made by John Reid and seconded by Melvin Neese. The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectively Submitted,

John Brator

THE DSR HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL CARDS OF THANKS FROM OUR GOOD LOUISIANA FRIENDS IN THE LA. TOUR GROUP THAT WE MET AT THE CLUB HOUSE ON NOVEMBER 20th. VERY NICE OF THEM! WE WILL HAVE THOSE CARS IN THE CLUB HOUSE ON DISPLAY.

NEWS TID-BITS

Martha Brown wants to thank everybody for their cards, calls, flowers and prayers during her recent stay in the hospital. She is a lot better!

Bill and Sydney Whiting have a brand new baby girl and they have named her Margaret. We had the privilege of seeing her and she is a beautiful baby!!!

Al and Anna White have a new grand daughter born in Tecumseh, Michigan on December 2nd. Her name is Sydney Carol White and Al and Anna flew to Michigan last week to see the little one and will return in January after the holidays.

Patt Paquet has her 1963 Falcon convertible home from the body restoration shop and she and Buddy are getting it ready to roll! It is a solid black beauty with a white top and black and white upholstery.

*****!!-IMPORTANT!!-*****

THE NEXT DSR OUTING WILL BE OUR ANNUAL CATFISH RUN TO DAVID'S CATFISH HOUSE ON HIGHWAY 31 ON JANUARY 22nd, SATURDAY. MEET AT THE BATTLESHIP AT 1:00 PM.

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

NEW MEMBERS

We have 8 new members joining the Deep South Region and they are a very fine group --- the kind of folks we are proud to have in our Region!

SCOTT & MELANIE FOSTER of 110 Florence Place in Mobile, 36607, have joined the DSR. They are searching for a Model T or A that they can restore themselves. Melanie also likes a Metropolitan convertible. Their telephone number is 479-1643. Scott is manager of Little Caesar's Pizza. They come to us recommended by Ernie Youens.

E. J. (DENE) and BARBARA BRELAND of 1501 Roland Drive in Mobile, 36693, are now DSR members. They own a very fine all original 1967 Oldsmobile Toronado. Dene is a retired mechanical engineer and Barbara is executive secretary for BCM Engineers. They have one child, Nancy, at home. Their telephone number is 661-4001. They come recommended by B. L. Cammon.

RAYMOND & SHARON COCHRAN of 10225 Rebel Road in Daphne, AL 36526, have become members of the DSR. Raymond is retired and they have a 1965 Mustang under restoration and a 1989 Mustang convertible as their regular car. Raymond is president of the local Mobile Bay Mustang Club. Their telephone number is 626-5744. They come recommended by Buddy Paquet.

RICHARD & MARY K. (KATIE) BERRY of P. O. Box 258 in Magnolia Springs, AL 36555 have joined the DSR. They are life members of AACA and they own a 1908 Jackson touring, a 1918 Cadillac touring, a 1921 center-door Model T, a 1923 Packard Sports touring and a 1929 Ford "project car". Their telephone number is 205-965-3031. They come recommended by Albert Carver.

We are very happy to have the Berrys, Cochrans, Brelands and Fosters join the Deep South Region and hope to see them often at our future meetings and outings. When you see these very fine new members, meet them and welcome them into the club



FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, HERSHEL WHIGHAM:

WHY DON'T WE?

The mother was tired after a long day of Christmas shopping. Her two children were tired too, and cranky. But the three perked up as they neared their house and spotted a package on the doorstep. Inside the box they found a red candle and a small figure of a lamb. A note was attached that read, "On the first day of Christmas....."

Each of the next 11 days brought another box, often delivered by a messenger who refused to reveal the name of the sender. Inside there was always a manger figurine and a note, "On the second day of Christmas..... --On the third day of Christmas.....--"

On the 12th day the Nativity scene was complete when the figure of a little Baby Jesus arrived.

To this day the family does not know the name of their benefactor, but they've never forgotten the excitement and the spirit of that particular Christmas.

Surprise presents for the 12 days of Christmas -- what a lovely way to make someone feel the warmth of the holy season. And how wonderful to give without expecting something in return. As the Bible says: "When you do a kindness to someone, do it secretly" (Matthew 6:3 TLB).

copied -- Hershel Whigham

We are sorry to report that Melvin and Betty Neese's only daughter's husband, Jerry Brien, died in Kenner, Louisiana on November 22. Their daughter, Laura, and her two sons plan to spend a while with Melvin and Betty until things ease up on her. Laura's sons are 1½ and 3½ years old.

SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Viola Howell has recently had surgery and is in Providence Hospital at this writing. We all hope the best for Viola and hope that she will soon be able to go home.

Don Dillehay, as reported in last month's newsletter, had fallen and injured his hip causing arthritis that he didn't know he had. It is still giving him quite a bit of trouble in back pains which makes it difficult to lie down or ride in a car. We sure hope Don gets over this soon!

Aileen Hunt has had problems with her knee and Leon has had eye surgery, but both are improved enough that they plan a trip to Arkansas to visit Aileen's sister during Christmas. Former DSR members George and Dean Skipper (Aileen's other sister) are traveling with them.

Sammy Francis has "ups and downs" but is feeling a bit better and has recently been able to eat better.

Martha Brown, we are happy to report, is continuing to improve and she feels much better.

LaVerne Hopkins is "holding her own" and plans to go back to the hospital in New Orleans after the holidays for tests and possible treatment.

Lucille Nettles is still having trouble with her knee, she has some good days and some bad. She has just recovered from a virus but is still getting about.

OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS PARADE

The DSR participated in the November 13th Christmas Parade at Springdale Mall bringing Santa Claus in. Ol Santa rode on a fire truck! This was the first of several parades the DSR will take part in before Christmas Day. We met at 9:00 AM at the Rose Garden in the Springdale parking lot for a line-up of vehicles and loading all the pretty girls then the parade began at 10:00. Several civic groups were in the short parade around the Mall and we all tossed candy throws to the delighted and excited kids that lined the parade route. The DSR had 22 of our folks in 11 antique cars as follows:
3 Bowdens in a '67 Olds, 2 Cammons in a '63 Cadillac, 2 Crowdus in a '65 Mustang, 2 Grimes in a '56 T-Bird, 1 Hagamaker in a '70 Olds, 2 Mims in a '41 Plymouth, 2 Nettles in a '36 Chevrolet, 2 Paquets in a '64 Comet, 1 Whigham in a '63 Falcon, 3 Whites in a '66 Mustang and 2 Youens in a '59 Metropolitan. Being in a Christmas Parade is always a lot of fun seeing all the happy kids (and parents) along the way!

After the parade most of us went to the battleship to assemble with another group of DSR members for a drive to the Whighams for an Open House Party in their new home at Spanish Fort, Alabama!

THE WHIGHAM'S OPEN HOUSE

Hershel and Frances Whigham have built an absolutely beautiful and spacious home in the Wakefield area of Spanish Fort. They invited the DSR to an open house and an afternoon meal there on Saturday, November 13th, after the club participated in the 10 AM Springdale Mall Christmas Parade. We met at the battleship at 11:30 and drove together to their home at 30966 Wakefield Drive. They had set up tables and chairs in one of their two built-in double garages and had a buffet style meal that was really neat and scrumptious! There was enough delicious food there to feed the whole Confederate Army --- and if they had had a meal like that, the outcome of the war would have been different! The 39 DSR folks that attended the open house in 10 antique and 9 modern cars were: 2 Cammons, 2 Carters, 2 Crowdus, 2 De-Crease, 1 Finley, 2 Grimes, 1 Hopkins, 3 Jarvis, 2 Jordans, 2 Lunsfords, 2 (Dale) Mc-Laneys, 2 Mims, 2 Neeses, 2 Nettles, 2 Paquets, 2 Reids, 3 Whighams, 3 Whites and 2 Youens.

We would all like to thank the Whighams for their gracious invitation, the wonderful meal and for the tour of their beautiful new home!!

MOBILE BAY MUSTANG CLUB PICNIC

On Sun. afternoon, Nov. 14th, the Mobile Mustang Club had their annual Veteran's Day picnic at Battleship Park and invited several clubs including the DSR to enjoy a good time, good food, and good fellowship. John Reid, Activity Chairman for the MBMC did a fine job of organizing this event and he grilled the beef patties and franks for hamburgers and hot dogs. And he had 'em just right! They were delicious! It was a bit of a blustery day and paper plates and cups would be blown away if you didn't watch, but the fellowship, choice food and laughter just made everything most pleasant! There were 10 DSR members at this cook-out. A large tent had been set up for this event and a serving table under the tent was absolutely full of tempting baked beans, salads, cold drinks and everything to go with hamburgers and hot dogs including a variety of desserts. One thing for sure! The Mobile Bay Mustang Club is no place to lose weight! Our thanks to them all for a very nicely planned and enjoyable afternoon outing!

TILLMAN'S CORNER CHRISTMAS PARADE

On Saturday, December 4th, the annual Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade was held on a very pretty but windy morning and, as usual, a very large and enthusiastic and orderly crowd of spectators lined the route. The Tillman's Corner Chamber of Commerce furnished candy throws to the cars and floats participating in the parade and everything was most pleasant. The DSR furnished 15 antique cars with 23 of our folks, a very nice turn-out! It was good to see Dan Garland and his daughter sporting their newly restored 1968 red Mustang convertible! It was sharp and outstanding! Those DSR people that attended were: 2 Bowdens, 2 Cammons, 1 Carter, 1 Crowds, 1 Edwards, 1 Finley, 2 Garlands, 1 Harper, 1 Hedberg, 1 Hunt, 2 Lunsfords, 2 Mims, 2 Paquets, 1 Whigham, 1 White and 2 Youens. We heard a lot of compliments about what a nice parade from both spectators and participants. The Tillman's Corner folks really do turn out and support their community. And somebody in Tillman's Corner must have a lot of influence! The morning of the parade was beautiful --- but after noon time, and we were all home, it poured down rain!!!!

FROM YOUR RETIRING EDITOR

It's with a little sadness that I'm giving up the job of being your Deep South Region editor. Since 1980 I have written the Sparkplug except for the years '89, '90 and '91, when I had physical problems including 3 major surgeries. And I am most thankful for the good recovery I've had. The DSR's Sparkplug has been exchanging newsletters with many car clubs in our area and the most common complaint of editors is that their members do not let them know of things that go on that they need to know. Not so with the DSR! The DSR has got to have the world's best membership! We are constantly told and called by our good DSR folks about things our members are involved in and interested in. This makes writing a real pleasure. And too, I've always been able to call on someone to write about some event that I've been unable to attend. Recently Patt Paquet has been a real help to me in reporting and writing in the Sparkplug. Beginning in January, she will be your new editor and while I plan to assist her in any way I can, I know our members will do the same by passing the news on to Patt. She is very enthusiastic and will make an excellent editor.

As for me, I feel that I am getting far enough along in life that I may cause the Sparkplug to stagnate and "new blood" is needed to keep our very fine club moving forward to new and better things! Next April 21st, I'll hit number 72 and I think everyone will agree that's time to "back off"! Another little problem we all learn about this age is that, as my 73 year old brother said, "My remember-er is broke!" When I start writing I really do have difficulty trying to remember things that have happened. Even so, Eugenia and I have no intention of slowing down on the DSR's very wonderful activities!!

I'd like to tell you all how much I have appreciated your encouragement, support and assistance while I have been your editor. Please continue your very loyal support to Patt!!!!

THE EDWARDS' OPEN HOUSE

--by Patt Paquet--

Gavin and Gladys Edwards celebrated the move into their new home with an open house hosted by their daughter on November 14th. It is located only a short distance from where they previously lived but is on a paved road for which Gladys is enormously grateful. The house is light and airy with beautiful tile floors throughout and a massive fireplace in the living room. There is a huge cabinet in this area also which holds the many trophies that Gavin has won over the years.

Along with many of their Old South car club friends there were 1 Bell, 2 Dillehays, 1 Faust, 2 Jordans, 2 Neeses and 2 Paquets to enjoy the afternoon with them.

This very nice Christmas card came from our friendly Azalea City Classic Chevy Club. ----

May the peace and hope of
CHRISTMAS

brighten your coming year

Merry Christmas to all our
Friends at Deep South. May
the New Year bring you
Good Health and Peace.

From your Friends in the
Azalea City Classic Chevy
Club Evelyn Swift-Pur.

TWO CHRISTMAS PARADES

There were two Christmas parades our DSR folks participated in the morning and afternoon before the DSR Christmas Party on Dec. 11th. That morning was the Citronelle parade with 4 DSR cars and 7 members. Participating were: 2 (Tom) Browns, 1 Finley, 2 Paquets and 2 Whites. Then that afternoon was the Bayou La Batre parade with 11 DSR members in 6 antique cars. They were: 1 Finley, 2 (Dale) McLaneys, 2 (Tommy) McLaneys, 2 Neeses, 2 Paquets and 2 Whites. The folks in the Bayou La Batre parade had to hurry back to attend the DSR Christmas Party that evening. Our hats are off to these devoted folks to support the club's activities that well!!

Enclosed in this newsletter is a brochure and a post card from Fairhope. While the DSR voted to not participate as a club, anyone that so desires can certainly do so on his own. The DSR is not opposed to your participation.

Garrett

COMING SHOWS AND EVENTS IN OUR AREA

Jan.	22	DSR's Annual Catfish Run. Meet at Battleship at 1 P.M.
Feb.	4-6	Moultrie, Georgia Swap Meet.
Mar.	5	Open Car Show at Mobile Festival Center.
Apr.	10-15	AACA Founder's Tour at Gainsville, Georgia. Consider this!
Apr.	30	Mobile Bay Mustang Club Show. Probably at Bel Air Mall.
Apr.	30	Azalea City Classic Chevy Show at I-65 Holiday Inn.
May	7	DEEP SOUTH REGION SHOW AT THE CLUB HOUSE!
May	27-29	AAECM Point Cadet Show at Biloxi.
July	23-24	30th Annual Noccalula Falls Show. (The Big One!)
Sept.	2-5	Mustang Grand National Meet at Pensacola!
Oct.	5-9	HERSHEY!!!!!!
Oct.	15	Tentative Date for New Orleans Show.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR
AACA OR DSR DUES, PLEASE
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GIVE HER THE MONEY!!!!!!

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