

Minutes

Deep South Region A.A.C.A. December 7, 1996 Meeting

The DSR Christmas Party for 1996 was held in conjunction with the December 7, 1996 meeting. President John Reid welcomed everyone calling the meeting/party to order at 7:00 PM. Fifty seven members were present as Don Dillehay offered the invocation.

Old Business

Ann Rowell and Joan Lunsford gave a report on the Angel Tree Project. Two children were selected and toys were purchased for both. Just over \$100 was spent on this very worthy cause.

New Business

John presented plaques to the following members who so generously donated their time to offices, committees or to offering the invocation at monthly meetings in 1996: A. White, L. Nettles, B. Paquet, D. Dillehay and B. Neese. Hershel Whigham was named the new chaplain and Ann Rowell will chair the calling committee for 1997. New DSR officers for 1997 were installed. They are: Carl Bailey, Treasurer; Jim Martin, Member-at-Large; Greg McDonnell, Secretary; Patt Paquet, Editor; Mike Williamson-Vice President; and John Reid, President. John Reid offered a recap of DSR accomplishments for 1996. Almost \$7,000 was raised in two car shows. Seven outings were held during the year and vehicle displays and wedding processions netted the club \$1,300. Eugenia Youens and Lycle Crowds provided everyone with an historical account of the beautiful quilt hanging in the clubhouse addition. It contains names and renditions of cars belonging to some of the original members of DSR. LaVerne Hopkins was presented a plaque naming her a charter lifetime member of DSR.

Announcements

Eugenia Youens crocheted every one of the beautiful candles adorning the tables at the Christmas Party! Those present were given a candle to take home for Christmas. Through the sale of raffle tickets for a delicious looking layer cake, \$131 was raised to replace those monies used in the Angel Tree Project! Betty Neese won the layer cake. There was no 50-50 Pot at this meeting.

Since the meeting took place during the Christmas Party, no official motion was made to adjourn. The party ended around 10:00 PM and a great time was had by all!

Respectfully submitted,

Greg McDonnell



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New Member and His New "Old" Car Join the Club

Cecil Pugh acquired his 1931 Model A Ford Briggs 4-door sedan in November. He is presently in the process of getting it running safely and then will be ready for some upholstery work. The previous owner had it about one year having brought it to the Mobile area from Pennsylvania.

Woodworking and photography are two other hobbies that Cecil enjoys along with flying. He met one of DSR's other pilots, Ross Sloan, some years ago.

Mr. Pugh is the owner of Cecil Pugh Advertising Agency which opened in 1954. He is still actively involved, working as "many hours as needed" according to him. His daughter is the owner of Nancy Pugh Conservatory of Dance located at 1060 Forest Hill Drive. She has a lifetime involvement with dance having taught at USA and Springhill College prior to opening her business.

He has been invited to attend the "Catfish Outing" with us and plans to be at the Jan. 23 meeting. Please use either opportunity to greet him.

The Sparkplug is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. DEEP SOUTH REGION meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the clubhouse at 951 Forest Hill Dr. Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America is required to be a member of this region. Annual local dues are \$15 and AACA dues are \$24 single/\$26 joint. Views expressed in the Spark-plug are not necessarily those of the Region officers or AACA

Dec. 21, 1996

Dear DSR Members,

I was so surprised to receive the Lifetime Membership Plaque. That was really a nice thing you did for me and I feel honored to be the first on the list. The DSR has truly meant a lot to me. Everyone has been so good to me, especially since Vernon died. Next to his family and the church, DSR was first in his heart and life. Thanks for everything, I love you all.

LaVerne Hopkins



New Coffeemaker for Clubhouse Kitchen

Thanks to Dale McLaney, we now have a new Bunn 2-pot coffeemaker. Dale acquired it through his company and donated it to the club in memory of "Hop" Hopkins. It was presented by Dale to the club at the Christmas party.

A white-haired man was walking one day when he noticed another man coming his way. "Oh no," he thought "I've known him for years. In fact we had lunch yesterday but I can't remember his name." When they met, he decided not to fake it and said, I know we had lunch yesterday, but I can't seem to come up with your name."
 "How soon do you need to know?" the friend asked.

(Copied from Ann Landers' syndicated column)



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The 1902 Rambler

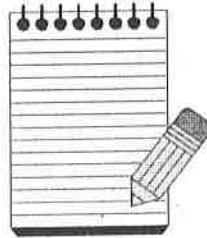
Body Style: Runabout **Cost:** \$850.00
Model: C **Drive:** Central Chain **Cylinders:** 1
Maker: The Thos. B. Jeffrey Co. Kenosha, WI

The early American car was a light, buggy-styled town runabout. Construction was flimsy, hardly suited to the abominable roads of that day. The engine was located amidships under the seat, the hood being a dummy having a tube radiator at its base. Top speed was 25 mph; steering by tiller. In 1902, Oldsmobile was the big name and Ransom E. Olds sold 2100 of his mass-produced machines. Thos. B. Jeffrey was close behind with 1500 and gradually building up a solid reputation along the way. The Model C could be cranked from the seat. It had an oversize flywheel, planetary transmission, full elliptical springs and some models had wire wheels (wood illustrated). On these were mounted single-tube tires. Production rate was 124 cars per month in 1902, the company's first year of operation.

By 1905 Rambler had adopted the steering wheel upon which was mounted the throttle, a round disc below the wheel itself. 1908 saw four-cylinders, gas lights and as extra equipment, bumpers, top, windshield and speedometer. In 1910, a chauffeur-driven limousine with closed passenger compartment was offered at a staggering \$3,750. Prior to this, Rambler offered the spare wheel, later called the "Fifth Wheel". This came complete with inflated tire but without hub center. With special tools, a tire could be changed in three minutes.

Rambler's motto: "The Car of Steady Service"--and they backed this up with numerous victories in hill climbs, rallies, cross-country and road records. Among the best known of these, the run between Los Angeles and San Diego in the astonishing time of 10 hours 32 minutes for 130 miles--and back again--no stops and no repairs. Quite an accomplishment for that time.

Chas. W. Nash took over the Jeffrey Company in 1916. The name was changed to his own and the first car so called appeared in 1918. For a number of years American Motors, which is now a part of the Chrysler corporation, carried on that proud tradition.



Editor's Notes for January

As we begin a new year, I want to encourage all of you to be an active part of the club. We already have three new members this month so please make them feel welcome.

I must begin work on the Membership Roster so you can have it, hopefully, by the February meeting. Therefore **any member whose dues are not been paid by Jan. 31 will not be listed in the 1997 Membership Roster.**

The column to the left will be a regular monthly feature. I hope you will enjoy both reading about some of the older cars as well as maybe learn something you didn't know.

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have something for the newsletter. Deadline for submission is 10 days prior to the monthly meeting.

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New Refreshments Chairman Asks for Help

Joyce Francis has assumed the duties of making sure we have coffee, soft drinks and snacks for each meeting. She would like anyone who might care to provide their "specialty" for a meeting to contact her. She already knows that there are some super bakers in our midst and would like your assistance in having something for all those who have a "sweet tooth". If you are willing to provide a treat for the **January 23 meeting**, please call her at 342-3398 no later than January 21.

Benny Bootle, 1995 AACA President, Dies

Benjamin Thomas "Benny" Bootle, Jr., past president of AACA died Dec. 1, 1996. He was 65 years of age.

Benny was a life member of AAA. He was an avid car exhibitor and Master Senior (70 credits) Judge and served most recently on the HPOF team.

He loved and enjoyed most every aspect of the old car hobby. He never met a true hobbist he didn't like. He left an imprint on our hobby and will be missed.

Editors Note: I had the delightful experience of interviewing Benny in July 1995 in Charlotte, N.C. One of the questions I asked him was what he would like most to be remembered for and he said "I am a 'people person' and if I can do anything for someone else, I enjoy it." There is no doubt he will long be remembered by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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Two 1997 AACA Tours to be Held in Southeastern Division

The Founders Tour will be May 14-16 in the Tallahassee, Florida area for vehicles not eligible to participate in the other two AACA sponsored tours. The Glidden Tour will be Oct. 26-31 in the area near Thomasville, Georgia and is limited to vehicles manufactured in 1935 or earlier. The Reliability Tour is for brass era cars, those built in 1914 or earlier. If you would be interested and your car qualifies for any of the tours, you can call or write AACA for all the information. This is probably the closest these tours will be to us for a long time.

New Area Residents Become Members of DSR

Richard and Wilma Jones moved to the Gulf Coast in September 1996 from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Richard, who is Betty Neese's cousin, and Wilma had visited several times before making the decision to move. They say they are not missing the "big chill" Iowa has been having. He is a retired meat cutter/butcher who was self-employed for 36 years in Pella, Iowa (the original home of Pella windows, by the way) and Wilma was Activities Director for a local nursing home for five years before they moved to Mobile.

Wilma is a Certified Nursing Assistant and is currently working at Gordon Oaks as a Resident Assistant. She enjoys the 3 C's; crafts, cooking and crocheting when not working. Richard is an avid "flea marketer" and also does woodworking as a hobby.

They purchased a 1965 red Comet Caliente convertible in November and are quickly getting it in top condition. They plan to be active members and look forward to driving their "dream machine". Please introduce yourself and make them welcome.

Members Under Restoration

Raymond Cochran had a heart cath on Jan. 3 and had a mild heart attack while in "pre-op" waiting for it to be done. Good news is no changes since one he had which was in mid 1995. **George Demetropulos** is progressing so well that he only wears his back brace when he feels it necessary. He has bought his "throws" and is planning to ride during Mardi Gras. **Gladys Edwards** was discharged from George County Hospital in Lucedale, MS back to the nursing home on Dec. 24. (What a great Christmas present for her & Gavin!) Her pneumonia resolved and she is up and about with some good days. **Henry McCrory** had more surgery on Jan. 7. He underwent surgery on the left carotid artery which hopefully will prevent future strokes. His doctor's appointment on Jan. 13 showed he is on the mend.

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Deep South Region A.A.C.A. Executive Board Meeting
January 13, 1997

All Board members were present along with Ernie Youens as an invited impartial observer.

The first Executive Board meeting of 1997 was called to order by John Reid, President, at 7:05 PM. The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss the lack of an Activities Director for the coming year. Other topics of discussion were clubhouse use or the lack thereof, Life Membership in the Deep South Region and DSR sponsored car shows.

John stated that due to his work schedule he could not undertake the responsibility of coordinating activities for the club. There was discussion of separating the duties of the Activities Director. The consensus of the Board was to have one person handle outings etc., and another be responsible for coordinating parades, weddings and displays. A review of the current membership was made by the Board for potential candidates. Two members were selected for contact by John at an early date. John asked the Board's opinion of creating a printed form for persons requesting information regarding the previously mentioned events which would state DSR's guidelines for participation. The Board concurred and John is to prepare sample forms for review.

John expressed his desire for more frequent use of the clubhouse for activities this year. A lengthy discussion ensued and a number of suggestions were made for using the clubhouse for future outings.

Criteria for Life Membership was discussed. It was decided that more thought should be given to this issue; it was tabled until the next Board Meeting.

The President stated his idea of the May DSR car show becoming an "antiques only" event. After consideration, the Board members agreed it was certainly worth trying for the coming show this year. Publicity for the car show and ad sales for the car show program were also addressed.

John will bring the Board's recommendations to the membership at the January 23, 1997 regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg McDonnell

Are You One of Them ?

This is a story about four people name Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.



There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that



because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



This was given to me sometime ago. I would like to give credit to the author but I do not know who he/she might be. Thanks to "Unknown Author" for allowing it to be used.

"Me & My Shadow...No,...Me & My Bug"

Bill Cox

In 1972 I purchased a used 1967 VW Beetle while visiting a friend in Charleston, S.C. It looked good but by the time I had driven it back to Newhall, CA which is near Los Angeles, I found that the body was the only thing on the car that was in good shape.

The first stop on the 2500 mile trip was in New Orleans where I was told the electrical problems would be solved by a new battery. Later I found they weren't and that I really didn't need the new battery. The next stop was west of San Antonio for more work. After this, my "Bug" and I were really eating up the miles. Until we got to the San Diego mountains, that is. Climbing up, every light on the panel came on but we made it.

Fortunately, there were a couple of mechanics in my community that knew all there was to know about the VW. Their names were, appropriately, Gerhardt and Herman. I got to know both of them very well over the following 13 years.

After an engine rebuild and several other procedures the car worked great except for a heat short in the starter. When the engine was hot you had to short the starter with a screwdriver to get it started. I drove the VW for 13 years, nearly 100,000 miles, with no real problems. It was great on gas, the insurance was cheap, the tires lasted 70,000 miles and as I mentioned, I had two great mechanics.

I used the "Bug" as a drive-to-work car. Mickey didn't like it because there was no air conditioner and it had a firm suspension (i.e. "rough ride"). We made trips, etc., in her larger car. My cousin once mentioned that a VW was dangerous because there was nothing up front to protect you if you ran into anything. My reply was, of course, that I didn't plan to run into anything.

When we left California, I sold by "Bug" for what I paid for it originally, \$900. It really was a great car and I still remember it fondly to this very day. Sometimes I even wish I still had it.

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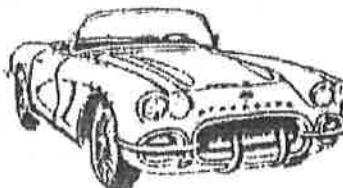
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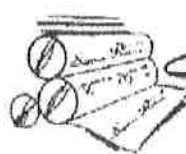


Bob Gechjian

DSR Made This Happen

Remember Nick and Jamie, the two young boys who have muscular dystrophy and live just down the street from the clubhouse, that Ross Sloan asked we remember with Christmas cards? Well, we did a lot more than that. With the \$32 left over from the "Angle Tree" plus the \$58.38 left after the Christmas party expenses were paid, the club provided a Picadilly Cafeteria gift certificate, Blockbuster Video gift certificates and a sizeable gift certificate from Foodworld. A "From All of Us" card signed "Your DSR Neighbors Down the Street" with all of the gift certificates inside was delivered to the family on Dec. 20. Another gift consisting of a \$100 check for the mother and a \$25 check for each of the boys was contributed by a club member who will remain anonymous until the club meeting. Doesn't it make you feel good to know you are part of a group of people who care for those who need just a little something extra in their lives?

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Donnie Webb

Owners' manuals that accompany new cars recommend periodic checks of a car's systems. These are some of the items that a thorough mechanic will examine.

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IMPORTANT DATES

1997

Jan. 23	<u>DSR Meeting in the Clubhouse at 7:30 PM</u>
Feb. 6	Sonic Drive-In, Highway 90/Azalea Road, Cruise In
Feb. 11	Mardi Gras
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Feb. 27	<u>DSR Meeting in the Clubhouse at 7:30 PM</u>
Mar. 21	Old South Antique Auto Club Car Show
March . 30	Easter
Apr. 5	MBMC's Camellia Classic Car Show
April. 12	Panana City-Apalachicola Gold Cup Race
May. 10	DSR 14th Annual Car Show
May. 23-24	Point Cadet Antique Auto Show
June. 14	Blueberry Festival Car Show
June 21-22	Mississippi Coast Mustang Club Mustang and Ford Show
July. 18-20	Autorama 10th Annual
Oct. 09-12	Crusin' The Coast
Oct. 08-11	Hershey

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