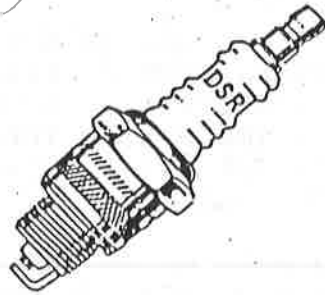


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NEWSLETTER OF THE
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A.A.C.A.



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Jan. 23 - Sat. Meet at battleship @ 1:30 for David's Catfish House.

Jan. 28 - Thurs. DSR regular meeting at the clubhouse, 7:30 PM.

The SPARKPLUG is non-profit and published for the information of our members and friends. Deep South Region meetings are held once each month on the fourth Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at the A.A.C.A. club-house at 951 Forest Hill Drive at Zeigler Blvd. The SPARKPLUG will be mailed the weekend before each meeting. Annual dues are \$15.00. This includes wife membership if she is a National A.A.C.A. (or joint) member. National dues are \$20.00 single and \$24.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

1993's FIRST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

On Tuesday, January 5th, President Buddy Paquet called for an executive board meeting with both outgoing and the incoming DSR officers to meet jointly. The purpose of the meeting was to get as smooth of a transition as possible for the beginning of the new year. The meet-

ing was very successful as nearly all officers of 1992 and 1993 were present and the cooperation, assistance and advice were excellent. While no major decisions were made, the discussions centered around the DSR May annual show, our 1993 activities, the budget for the coming year and ways to improve on our very good membership participation and interest we've had in 1992 and means of increasing membership in the Deep South Region.

YOUR CLUB OFFICERS

Patt Paquet, our 1992 secretary, has written very good articles on all the 1993 officers. I think it is a great idea, as it lets our members, especially our new ones, know a little something about the type of folks they have elected. And here they are:

PRESIDENT

BUDDY PAQUET JOINED DSR IN 1988 BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER UNTIL 1990. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN AS MANY EVENTS AS POSSIBLE.

HE HAS BEEN WITH THE MOBILE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 30 YEARS AND WILL RETIRE APRIL 1ST. HE AND PATT HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 23 YEARS AND LIVED IN THE TILLMAN'S CORNER AREA ALL OF THIS TIME. BUDDY GREW UP THERE AND ATTENDED THE OLD THEODORE HIGH SCHOOL LEAVING IN 1955 TO JOIN THE U.S. NAVY. HE RETURNED IN 1959 AND WORKED FOR NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY UNTIL JOINING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN 1963. HE HAS ALWAYS HAD AN INTEREST IN CARS AND AT ONE TIME DROVE "DIRT TRACK" CARS OVER IN MISSISSIPPI JUST FOR FUN. HIS FIRST ANTIQUE IS THE 1955 FORD WHICH HE PURCHASED FROM A FORMER CLASSMATE FROM THEODORE. HE KNEW THE CAR FROM THE TIME IT WAS ORIGINALLY PURCHASED BY HER FATHER.

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Feb. 3 - Wed. Display @ Delchamps Univ. at Cottage Hill. Cancer Day.

Feb. 25 - Thurs. DSR regular meeting at the clubhouse, 7:30 PM.

Feb. 26-27-28. 11th annual Catahoula outing At the Page home.

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BUDDY AND PATT HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF HOSTING FOUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS SINCE 1986; PASCAL FROM HOLLAND, PETER FROM NORWAY, SONJA FROM DENMARK AND FELIX FROM AUSTRIA. PASCAL WILL GRADUATE FROM USA IN JUNE BUT THEY ALSO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHERS, PETER AND SIV PRESENTED BUDDY AND PATT WITH THE FRIST "GRANDCHILD" FEB. 29, 1991 WHICH WAS A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE GIRL, ODA.

ASKED WHAT HE PLANNED TO DO WHEN HE RETIRES, BUDDY SAID "I WILL ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH DSR FRIENDS, WORKING ON MY MERCURY CONVERTIBLE AND RESTORING THE '63 FALCON FOR PATT." IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT LLOYD, ERNIE AND HERSHEL ARE THINKING UP WAYS TO KEEP HIM BUSY.

VICE PRESIDENT

by PATT PAQUET

DALE McLANEY IS A MAN OF MANY INTERESTS AND TALENTS. NOT ONLY DOES HE ENJOY ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CARS BUT IS A "CB'ER" HAVING BELONGED TO CB CLUBS IN THE PAST BUT IS ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED WOODWORKER. HE MAKES THE WOODEN POTATO BINS, TRASHCAN HOLDERS AND OTHER POPULAR WOOD ITEMS. SANTA CLAUS BROUGHT HIM A SCROLL SAW WHICH COMPLETES HIS WOODWORKING TOOLS.

HE AND BETTY HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR ALMOST 31 YEARS AND HE HAS WORKED FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC FOR THOSE 31 YEARS. THEY HAVE A SON, JASON, WHO IS 18. THEODORE HIGH SCHOOL IS DALE'S ALMA MATER AND AFTER DATING BETTY FOR 2½ YEARS THEY WERE MARRIED ON HIS 21ST BIRTHDAY. (SHE WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE NEVER FORGOT THEIR ANNIVERSARY!) THEY ATTEND THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH ON MICHAEL BOULEVARD WHERE THE FAMILY IS ACTIVE.

DSR IS FORTUNATE THO HAVE DALE AS A MEMBER; HE HAS SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBER AT LARGE AND HE AND BETTY WERE ACTIVITY COORDINATORS DURING THEIR EIGHT YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ADDITION TO THE '70 FORD CONVERTIBLE AND THE '58 MET HARDTOP, DALE IS RESTORING A '58 MET CONVERTIBLE FOR BETTY. HE RECENTLY PURCHASED 5 METS AND FROM THESE HE WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE RESTORATION AND HAVE PARTS LEFT OVER!

SECRETARY

by PATT PAQUET

JANE BRUTON IS ORIGINALLY FROM MISSOURI BUT SHE AND HER HUSBAND, SHELBY HAVE LIVED IN THE SOUTH FOR 20+ YEARS. HE IS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE HERE BUT THEY WERE IN MONTGOMERY, WHILE HE FULFILLED HIS MILITARY OBLIGATION THEN IN NEW ORLEANS FOR HIS RESIDENCY. THEY HAVE BEEN MARRIED 26 YEARS AND HAVE 2 SONS, JASON AND JOHN.

SHE IS A REGISTERED NURSE AND IS THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS FOR ROTARY REHAB. BOTH JANE AND SHELBY ARE AVID TENNIS PLAYERS AND ARE NOW INTO HOME PROJECTS WHICH AT THE MOMENT IS THE BUILDING OF A GAZEBO.

ASKED WHICH OF THE TWO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THEM TO JOIN THE CLUB JANE ANSWERED PROMPTLY "ME!" I HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET SHELBY TO JOIN ONE OF THE CAR CLUBS FOR QUITE AWHILE." THEY HAVE A '52 PICKUP AND A '51 CADDY CONVERTIBLE.

IT IS GOING TO BE VERY NICE TO HAVE JANE AND SHELBY PARTICIPATING IN THE OUTINGS AND OTHER EVENTS DSR PROVIDES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS THEY CAN PROVIDE.

We regret to inform you of the death of Bill Whiting's father, Mr. Richard W. Whiting, on January 17th. Mr. Whiting had been very ill and had suffered for the last two years. Memorial services were held at Radney on the 19th. Our heartfelt sympathy is with his wife, with Bill and Sydney and with the entire Whiting family

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN, V. T. HOPKINS:



HONEY AND STINGERS

A young boy was playing in the yard outside his house when he noticed a bee on a clover blossom. When he tried to catch it, the bee sunk his stinger into the pudgy little hand. He ran screaming to his mother shouting, "I hate bees!"

She did what she could to ease his pain and then gave him some bread and honey. So he ate, then mother said, "You really like that, don't you?" He replied, "OH yes, I love it!" She then explained that the same little bee that sometimes stings also produces the same sweet honey that we enjoy.

No Christian can hope to reap the good that comes from life that is God directed without also feeling the sharp barbs that are part of God's loving plan to discipline our life. Along with the sweet parts of life we must also take the stings. The key is in calling on God for the grace to be content with what He allows into our lives, and to respond properly.

Paul said, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, to be content, and I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". (Phil 4:11, 13)

Let's check our attitudes. Are we crabby and complaining or contented and Christ-like? It's a difference of attitude, not circumstances.

Copied - "Ole Hop"

--SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Lucille Nettles' brother went back into the hospital on December 18th, then went back home on January 12th. He is doing fair but he has lost 25 pounds. His blood sugar is very low and he had to take six prescriptions home with him. The poor guy has really had a rough time of it! And on top of all this, Lucille has been on the go so much caring for him until she has come down with the virus that's going around.

Elvin and Nell Few have also got the virus. Nell has glaucoma and cannot take some of the medicines her doctor wanted her to take for it.

DUES TIME!

Dues time is here again! Gosh, it seems we just paid them! You mean a year has already passed? So help me, the years are not as long as they used to be! And if you haven't paid your 1993 DSR dues by February 28th you will be taken off the roster and mailing list. And please remember, you must be a National AACA member in order to be a Deep South Region member. This is necessary for your own and the club's protection in case of a law suit. If you are not an AACA member you cannot be considered a DSR member. National AACA dues are easy to let slip by, as your renewal notice is sent you in the wrapper of your ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE magazine. I had it slip by me one year and I was almost late getting my dues in. Are you getting the ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE magazine? If not, you had better check on why. You may have failed to renew. Your DSR officers will be happy to help you if you are in doubt or have any questions.

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TREASURER

by PATT PAQUET

FRANCES WHIGHAM'S HOMETOWN IS TOXEY, ALABAMA BUT SHE MOVED TO THIS AREA FROM GILBERTOWN WHEN HER HUSBAND, HERSHEL, WAS TRANSFERRED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. THEY WERE MARRIED 40 YEARS AGO IN WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI AND HAVE TWO CHILDREN, A SON WHO LIVES NEAR THEM IN SARALAND AND A DAUGHTER LIVING IN HUNTSVILLE.

SHE WORKED FOR 21 YEARS FOR THE SHADOWLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH IN PRICHARD PRIOR TO BEING EMPLOYED BY THE MOBILE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN PERSONNEL WHERE SHE HAS BEEN FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. FRANCES SAID IT WAS QUITE AN ADJUSTMENT WORKING WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFTER HAVING WORKED ALONE FOR SO LONG.

HER INTEREST IN CARS AND THE CLUB WAS DUE TO HERSHEL. AFTER HE RETIRED IN 1981 HE HAS HAD TIME TO WORK ON SEVERAL, THE LATEST, OF COURSE, IS THE FALCON CONVERTIBLE. THEREFORE FRANCES HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY HIS EFFORTS. THE TRIPS OUT OF TOWN AND THE MEMBERS ARE WHAT SHE FINDS MOST PLEASURABLE. SHE SAID "I WAS SO PLEASED TO FIND EVERYONE TO FRIENDLY; WE WERE MADE TO FEEL REALLY WELCOME."

CRAFTS AND NEEDLEWORK ARE SOME OF HER OTHER INTERESTS. SOME OF THE CROCHETED CANDY BASKETS ON THE TABLES AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WERE MADE BY FRANCES AT THE MERIDIAN SHOW AND ON THE WAY HOME AFTERWARD.

ACTIVITY COORDINATOR(S)

by PATT PAQUET

THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT OF LLOYD AND LYCYLE CROWDUS. THEY WILL BE MARRIED 22 YEARS IN JUNE AND BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM THEY HAVE A TOTAL OF 6 CHILDREN AND 10 GRANDCHILDREN, ALL OF WHOM LIVE IN MOBILE.

LLOYD REFERS TO HIMSELF AS "TOUGH LUCK" (T.L. ARE HIS INITIALS) CROWDUS BUT ANYONE WHO HAS OPEN HEART SURGERY IN APRIL AND GOES ON A CAR TOUR IN JUNE MUST HAVE SOME GOOD LUCK! SITTING IN A BARBER SHOP LLOYD HEARD ABOUT A FELLOW WHO HAD SOME OLD CARS AND HIS LED TO HIS JOINING DSR. HIS FIRST CAR WAS A 1941 OLDSMOBILE WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO A '31 MODEL A, A '55 MET, A '55 CHEVY, A '62 RAMBLER AND A 1965 MUSTANG. HE AND LYCYLE STILL HAVE THE MET, RAMBLER AND MUSTANG.

KENTUCKY, THE HOME OF "FAST WOMEN, BEAUTIFUL HORSES" AND FINE BURBON, IS WHERE LLOYD CALLS HOME. LYCYLE IS A NATIVE MOBILIAN HAVING ENTERED THE WORLD AT THE OLD CITY HOSPITAL. AFTER SPENDING 4 YEARS AT BROOKLEY IN THE AIR FORCE, HE RETURNED TO KENTUCKY AND WENT TO WORK FOR METROPOLITAN INSURANCE COMPANY. THEY TRANSFERRED HIM TO MOBILE IN 1961 AND HERE HE HAS REMAINED. WHEN ONE OF THE ENGINEERS AT THOMPSON ENGINEERING DECIDED TO OPEN HIS OWN OFFICE, LYCYLE WENT WITH HIM IN 1974 AND IS STILL WORKING AT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING. EVEN THOUGH, LLOYD ENJOYED THE OLD CARS SHE WAS MORE INTERESTED IN CERAMICS BUT NOT TODAY. WHEN ONE OF THE CARS HEADS FOR AN OUTING, LYCYLE IS USUALLY BEHIND THE WHEEL.

LYCYLE HAS ORGANIZED SEVERAL TOURS AND ONE OF THE BEST WAS TO HELEN, GEORGIA. AS THE TALE GOES, EVERYONE HAD BEEN OUT TO EAT AND WAS ON THE WAY BACK TO THE MOTEL WITH LLOYD AND LYCYLE LEADING THE WAY. THEY WERE MEETING A CAR AND FOR SOME REASON SHE THOUGHT THEY

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COMING SHOWS AND EVENTS IN OUR AREA

Feb.	3	Wednesday. Cancer Day, Delchamps 10 to 4 car display.
Feb.	7	Sunday. 5th Annual Nashville Swap Meet.
Feb.	26-28	11th Annual Catahoula Region outing at Page home.
Apr.	3	Gold Cup Antique Car Race at Panama City, Florida.
Apr.	3	Nothing New Car Show at Thomasville, Alabama.
Apr.	29-May. 2	Pate Swap Meet Cresson Texas.
May	1	Mustang Round-up Ford powered show at Bel Air.
May	1	Chevy Fever Show. '55, '56, '57 Chevys. Mobile.
May	8	DEEP SOUTH REGION SHOW!!!!!!
June	19	13th Annual Blueberry Festival & Car Show - Brewton.
July	17-18	29th Annual Nocalula Falls Meet at Gadsden.
Oct.	2	Daphne Lion's Club Charity Antique Car Show.
Oct.	6-10	HERSHEY!!
Oct.	16	Tentative date of New Orleans Show.

You notice we are using white paper this month instead of our donated luxurious tinted paper. The reason is that some of the newsletters have a little too much weight for one stamp, and the tinted paper is a bit heavier.

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MOBILE REGISTER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1993

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Youens of Saraland, the former Eugenia Ramey, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a surprise dinner at Marriott's Grand Hotel in Point Clear on Jan. 1. The dinner was given by their two sons and their wives, Bob and Holly Youens and daughter Erica Resso of Fairhope; and John and Nancy Youens of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Youens were married Jan. 1, 1943 in Gulfport, Miss. and lived in Chickasaw following their marriage.



January 1st --- the world's worst time for a wedding anniversary! If everybody isn't watching football it's because they are suffering a hang-over from the night before! Our son asked us, "Whatever on earth possessed you two to get married on New Year's Day?!" My answer is very simple, in 1943 World War II was at its peak and January 1st was the only time we could get off. The last thing on our minds was thinking what might happen a half century later! So this year we had planned to let Jan. 1st slide quietly by then in a couple of weeks get a little reception party together, but we were very much surprised when our sons and their wives got together for a dinner for us at the Grand Hotel! And it certainly was very nice!

CATAHOULA OUTING

On Friday through Sunday, February 26 - 28, will be the 11th annual Catahoula Region outing at the Page home. Saturday, of course, will be the big day. As usual, there will be a pig roasting and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, a cassrole or vegetable, to go with pork. This will probably be the last annual outing to be held at the Page's, but it will be held at another location next year. We encourage as many of our members as possible to attend. You will enjoy the fellowship of all the other antique car enthusiasts.

CANCER DAY

February 3rd, Wednesday, from 10 AM to 4 PM, is the time for the DSR's car display at the Delchamps store at the corner of University Blvd. and Cottage Hill Road. Delchamps gives a percentage of all they take in on that day to the American Cancer Society to help fight cancer. It is certainly a very worthy cause and we want as many DSR antiques to support this as we can get. Bring your lawn chairs and we will have a great time together! The antiques out front will encourage people to stop in at Delchamps, and in turn help the Cancer Society. We will see you there! You are very much needed! Please be at the Delchamps store at 10:00 in your antique.

COME TO THE MEETING!

Remember the DSR regular meeting is on Thursday, January 28th, at 7:30 PM. This is the first meeting with our new 1993 officers, and with our new Prez Buddy Paquet presiding. Show your support by coming to the meeting! Seeing a lot of members there will encourage the new officials and make them feel good! Ernie and Eugenia will supply a cake and refreshments to celebrate their 50th anniversary at the close of the meeting. Come and share it with us. Buddy has a lot on the agenda -- learn what your DSR will be doing in 1993 and the changes we all hope to make. And if you haven't paid your 1993 DSR dues, please pay your \$15.00 to Frances Whigham, our new treasurer. For those who have paid, we will have your 1993 DSR membership card at the meeting Thursday night.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!

SCIENCE TELLS US THAT THE WORLD'S POPULATION WILL DOUBLE IN THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS. THAT TELLS US THAT IF YOU WANT A PARKING PLACE, YOU'D BETTER FIND ONE FAST!

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EDITOR

by PATT PAQUET

ERNIE YOUENS SAID "IF I HAD MY "DRUTHERS" I WOULD HAVE BEEN A SPACE ENGINEER." WHEN I ASKED HIM IF HE IS A FRUSTRATED WRITER AT HEART. HE INHERITED THE NEWSLETTER SHORTLY AFTER FREDERICK BLEW THROUGH MOBILE AND HAS HAD IT SINCE. ERNIE WAS THE ONLY MEMBER WHO HAD POWER FOLLOWING FREDERICK AND OFFERED TO PUT OUT THE NEWSLETTER THAT MONTH. HIS TELEPHONE WAS WORKING AND HE CALLED TO CHECK ON ALL OF THE MEMBERS AND REPORT IN THE NEWSLETTER HOW EVERYONE WAS GETTING THROUGH THE DIFFICULTIES. A SHORT TIME LATER THE PERSON WHO WAS EDITOR AT THE TIME RESIGNED AND ERNIE KEPT ON AS EDITOR.

TOURS ARE ERNIE AND EUGENIA'S FAVORITE THING AS FAR AS DSR IS CONCERNED. THEY WENT ON THE FIRST TOUR DSR MADE. IT WAS A 5-DAY TREK INTO MID-ALABAMA AND WAS MADE UP OF 5 CARS. ASK THEM TO TELL YOU ABOUT THEIR TRIP TO TEXAS AND BACK IN THEIR 1927 MODEL T!

ERNIE'S FIRST "ANTIQUE" WAS A 1925 MODEL T WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY BOUGHT FOR ONE OF HIS SONS. BOB WANTED A HOT ROD BUT AFTER MONTHS OF "FRIENDLY PERSUASION" IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CAR WOULD BE RESTORED. THIS GAINED THE INTEREST OF THE ENTIRE FAMILY AND CONTINUES TODAY.

AFTER 35 YEARS AS AN ELECTRICIAN AT SCOTT PAPER, ERNIE RETIRED IN 1984. HIS OTHER INTEREST AFTER CARS IS READING, PARTICULARLY ABOUT OUR PROGRESS IN SPACE EXPLORATION. HE AND EUGENIA RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND HE IS A FATHER THREE TIMES OVER. THE ONLY OFFICES THAT ERNIE HAS NOT HELD IS THAT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER. CONSIDERING HIS TALENT WITH THE NEWSLETTER PERHAPS THIS IS JUST AS WELL.

A WET, BUT HAPPY, DECEMBER 19th!

The Irvington Christmas Parade and the DSR Antique Car Display at the Grand Opening of the PepBoys' auto store on Montlimar (next door to Home Depot) were both held on Saturday, December 19th. This put a bit of a strain on our members, 2 outings with many antiques needed to support two events at the same time. The DSR has traditionally supported the Irvington Parade on the last weekend before Christmas and this year the DSR had the opportunity to get a donation for displaying at least 15 antique cars at Mobile's first PepBoys auto store. And all this only six days before Christmas -- and in terrible weather -- really proved the wonderful dedication of our membership! We were able to furnish PepBoys with 18 very nice antiques for their Grand Opening and they were very pleased. At the same time we had 13 antiques in the Irvington Christmas Parade, 11 of which were open cars. Many of our members put a car in each of the events. The Irvington parade was lined up with their floats in all their glory and beauty and the antique cars with tops down and candy throws ready for the spectators. Then came the excitement of the parade starting. We had not gone

two blocks when the bottom fell out! A down-pouring, frog-choking, gully washer for which Mobile is famous! Tops were going up at record speed! But alas, a couple of the convertibles had difficulty and couldn't get their tops up before the riders were soaked. One of them was carrying Mobile Police Chief Johnson, who is now fully acquainted with Mobile's fast changing weather. He is a great guy and only laughed at his very wet clothing! -- And the parade went on!

Meanwhile, back at PepBoys. The rainstorm sent everyone there uping tops and windows in their cars and scurrying for cover inside the building. What a messy day!!!

But you know something? I heard lots of laughter from our DSR members and I did not hear one gripe! This is really great! This is what I mean when saying how very wonderful is the spirit and quality of our members! This is what creates the wonderful fellowship we all enjoy!!

Doesn't it make you proud that you are a member of the Deep South Region!!!

A motorist jumped out of his car after a collision with another car and shouted at the driver, "Why don't you people ever watch where you're driving? You're the fourth car I've hit this morning!"

-- from the Mobile Bay Mustang Club newsletter --

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WERE ABOUT TO CRASH HEAD-ON. SHE GRABBED THE STEERING WHEEL, TURNED IT SHARPLY AND DROVE THEM RIGHT INTO A DITCH! WHEN THEIR TAIL LIGHTS DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT THOSE FOLLOWING STOPPED BUT IT IS RUMORED THEY WERE WORRIED BECAUSE IF THE RIGHT PERSON HAD BEEN BEHIND THEM HE WOULD HAVE DRIVEN RIGHT ON OVER ON TOP OF THEM.

BOTH OF THEM HAVE HELD MANY POSITIONS IN DSR AND DO A GOOD JOB. I ASKED LLOYD WHAT HAD GIVEN HIM HIS GREATEST PLEASURE BEING A MEMBER. "I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING THAT I, OR WE, HAVEN'T ENJOYED BUT HELPING THE CLUB ACQUIRE THE CLUBHOUSE AND WORKING WITH THE MEMBERSHIP TO GET IT REFURBISHED IS WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE MY GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT."

BOTH LLOYD AND LYCYLE ENJOY THEIR BEAUTIFUL YARD AND FLOWERS. FOR THE CLUB THIS IS REALLY A PLUS BECAUSE DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER YOU CAN USUALLY FIND LLOYD AT THE CLUBHOUSE MAKING SURE THE PLANTS ARE WATERED AND CARED FOR. DSR IS FORTUNATE INDEED TO HAVE THIS TEAM.

MEMBER AT LARGE

by PATT PAQUET

FRANK STURGES A TRUCK DRIVER! MOST PEOPLE WOULD SAY "NO WAY!". BUT IT IS TRUE THAT THE LAST EIGHT YEARS OF FRANK'S WORKING LIFE WAS SPENT PUSHING AN "18 WHEELER". HE IS A NATIVE OF CHICAGO BUT HAS LIVED IN MOBILE FOR THE PAST 42 YEARS. HE IS A "DOUBLE RETIREE" HAVING BEEN AN ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE AS WELL AS A STOCKBROKER. THE WARM CLIMATE OF THE SOUTH LURED FRANK TO MOBILE BUT UNFORTUNATELY WHEN HE WAS DRIVING THE TRUCK MOST OF THE MILES WERE RIGHT BACK UP IN THE MID-WEST AND NORTH.

SITTING BEHIND THE STEERING WHEEL OF A TRUCK WAS NOT ALWAYS A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE. THE WORST THING THAT HAPPENED TO HIM FRANK SAID WAS WHEN A DRUNK DRIVER ATTEMPTED TO PASS ON A TWO-LANE ROAD AND MET A CAR HEAD-ON WITH A WOMAN AND TWO CHILDREN INSIDE. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE REAR OF THE TRAILER OF FRANK'S RIG AND DUE TO THE TRAFFIC BEHIND HIM HE COULD NOT STOP. HE DROVE ON AND NOTIFIED THE HIGHWAY PATROL BUT DOES NOT KNOW IF THERE WERE ANY SURVIVORS.

TWO DAUGHTERS, ONE IN NEW YORK AND ONE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND TWO SONS WHICH LIVE IN CHICAGO AND MOBILE RESPECTIVELY MAKE UP FRANK'S FAMILY. NEEDLESS TO SAY HE IS THE PROUD GRANDFATHER OF FOUR.

DURING THE PAST 4-5 YEARS HE HAS BEEN COLLECTING FRANKLIN MINT AUTOMOBILES AND HAS A TOTAL OF "THIRTYSOMETHING". THERE ARE FORDS, CORVETTES, JAG'S AND VARIOUS OTHER MODELS. HIS FAVORITE, OF COURSE, IS THE 1914 BRASS T, BOTH IN THE COLLECTION AS WELL AS THE ONE HE DRIVES.

FRANK HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF DSR SINCE 1991 AND HE AND LUCY ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO LEND A HAND WITH ANYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. ALSO HE HAS A WONDERFUL SENSE OF HUMOR AND A WIT THAT WILL KEEP YOU LAUGHING. NO WONDER LUCY IS SO FOND OF HIM.

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