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GRAND JUBILEE CHARITY AUTO SHOW

The Daphne/Spanish Fort Lions Club car show was a success again this year in spite of "tropical depression #10" with 75 cars entered. A number of the competitors participated in the parade with some of the automobiles carrying the Dog Wood Trail Maids. Show officials chose to conduct a fully judged show with the top 40 high-scoring cars being winners. **DSR** had 21 members and 15 entries in the show and this won us the **club participation trophy** which will be displayed in the clubhouse. Entering cars in the show were **1 Bailey, 1 Breland, 1 Cochran, 2 Crowduses, 2 Decreases, 1 Finley, 2 Lyles, 1 Moore, 2 Paquets, 1 Reid, 1 Vines, 2 Whighams and 2 Whites**. Visiting during the day were **1 Brown, 1 Carter, 2 Lunsfords & 2 Youens**. A number of our members brought trophies home. The happiest winner of the day was **Al White** who won the 50/50 pot which was a nice piece of change.

Rear Window Foggy on the old "Ragtop"?????

There is an easy solution if it is due to surface haze, mildew, fine scratches, etc. and appears as a white translucent haze. Some of the new "chemical" polish that looks like Pepto-Bismol used with the special foam pad will bring back all of the luster and transparency of bygone days. You may be able to see that new "cop" in your rear-view mirror again. It can be used by hand also, buy slowly, and the results are not as spectacular. By **Pierre Fontana**

BRITISH CAR DAY 1994 CAR SHOW

This year the South Alabama British Car club held their show on the grounds of Battleship Park. It was a most successful show with 94 British built cars registered and I saw quite a few visitors to the show with their "unregistered" British cars in the parking lot. So actually, they easily topped 100 cars!

DSR had 1 car in the show, our '59 Met, which took a trophy in its class. Visiting during the day were **1 Brown (Tom) and Ed & Joan Lunsford**. Also, **Pierre Fontana**, a **DSR** and **SABCC** member was there with his car-related items and Meatball, too. The trophies won by various car owners were announced but withheld to have the owner's name and make of car inscribed on the trophy. These British car owners are an enthusiastic bunch and I believe it would be a benefit to the **DSR** if we had a special British car class in our **DSR** May show in order to attract these very nice cars. Many of you know their president, Ben Cadell, a most accommodating and pleasant fellow with a lot of unique and good ideas in promoting their organization.

We all had a very good time there!

by Ernie Youens

NEW LOOK FOR 'SPARKPLUG'

The colorful front page of our newsletter is the work of our "superior" member, Melvin Neese. Doesn't it look great? This is what you will find throughout the rest of the year. Let Melvin and I know what you think of it.

DEEP SOUTH REGION AACA
GENERAL MEETING

The September 22, 1994 meeting of the DSR was called to order by Buddy Paquet, president, at 7:35 PM. The invocation was given by Hershel Whigham. There were 27 members present.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter on a motion from Ernie Youens and second by Raymond Cochran.

The building committee chairperson, Robert Moore, reported that bids are now being taken for Phase II of the building project. Interested contractors should contact Buddy Paquet or Robert Moore for specifications.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill and Mickey Cox were voted into membership.

Robert Moore, activities coordinator, reported on several upcoming events. The membership decided on the **October outing** on a motion from Robert Moore and second from Ernie Youens. The outing will be the Gulf Coast International Auto Show to be held on October 20-23. The **Christmas party** will be December 9 at Korbet's restaurant.

The **treasurer's report** was accepted as presented on a motion from Jim Kotis with second from Raymond Cochran.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ross Sloan read a very entertaining essay called "Things that were (and were not) if you were born before 1947"!

Patt Paquet reported for the **Hooter's Open Car Show**. Volunteers are still needed for the show. Call Patt if you can help.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:10 on a motion from Floyd Jordon with the second from Hershel Whigham.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Bruton

Chapter Chatter

Raymond & Sharon Cochran have been vacationing in Florida...**Katherine Demetropulos** is recovering after an automobile accident...**LaVern Hopkins** is still not feeling well...**Floyd Jordan** is continuing to improve after surgery...**Lucille Nettles'** younger brother recently had surgery...**Frances & Hershel Whigham** graduated from their square dance class on Oct. 14...planning to attend the car show in Meridian, MS Oct. 22-23 are **Lloyd & Lycyle Crowdus**, **Jerry Finley**, **Hershel & Frances Whigham & Ernie & Eugenia Youens**.

Oh, those electric cars

By Homer Brickey - The Toledo Blade

The electric car is an idea whose time has come --again. In the 1990's, carmakers may finally be getting serious about electric cars.

California and some other states are mandating low-pollution standards that electric vehicles might meet more easily than gasoline-powered cars.

And there's a technological race to see which company can make electric vehicles cheap enough and good enough to satisfy motorists of the 21st century.

Electric cars were popular in the early part of the 20th century, but only a handful of them are left--as museum pieces. One perfectly preserved antique--a 1913 Ohio Electric--is owned by Ruth Dodge of Ohio.

Her late husband, Henry Marvin Dodge, restored the elegant electric car after he discovered it on a farm, where it was used as a chicken coop.

"You can imagine what condition it was in," said Mrs. Dodge. His restoration efforts took him on a chase across the country for parts. Dodge found a company on Long Island to make brocade window pulls to match the original ones that held curtains in place. He got a collection of advertisements and specifications from a fellow collector in Glen Cove, N.Y., and he painstakingly rounded up such hard-to-find parts as lamps, cut-glass vases, and clocks. Vases? Sure. For the flowers. **Electric cars were designed to appeal to women drivers in the years just before World War I.**

They had many touches of elegance and comfort. The electric cars were quiet, they didn't give off fumes, they didn't go very fast, some could be steered by a tiller instead of a wheel, they didn't need a crank for starting and they had plush upholstery. Small wonder, then, that many of the early electrics resembled fancy carriages more than automobiles.

"The interior is just absolutely incredible" said Mrs. Dodge, pointing out the accoutrements of the 1913 car. "This was not a cheap vase."

Indeed, there was nothing cheap about the Ohio brand, whose various models sold for \$2,300 to \$4,000--a fair amount of money in those days.

And, Mrs. Dodge added, "the seats swiveled so a lady could drive and her friends could talk to her while she steered the tiller."

If it was cold outside, no problem. A cone under one of the seats held wires that produced electric heat.

When the Dodges drove the restored car, "it was terrifying at first," Mrs. Dodge recalled. "It could go only 22 miles an hour and people would pass and gawk." So, Mr. Dodge added extra batteries. "Then it could go 35 miles per hour."

Mrs. Dodge also remembers electric cars from her youth in Connecticut. "The garages were all purple at night" from battery re-chargers, she said.

She married into the Dodge family in 1933. Her husband was the son of one of the "less famous Dodge Brothers," she quipped--not related to the Dodge Brothers of Detroit. Toledo's Dodge Brothers were Henry Perkins Dodge (her father-in-law) and Frederick Dodge. For a while they worked together in the auto industry, and then they became competitors.

H.P. "Perk" Dodge was an engineer who developed among other things, improved batteries. He and his brother were among the founders of the Ohio Electric Car Co. in 1909. It produced cars from 1910 to 1918.

In a letter written 40 years ago, Henry Marvin Dodge told a fellow collector: "My father and uncle agreed to disagree...My father wanted to make a car for the luxury market in relatively small volume, whereas my uncle wanted to mass-produce a cheaper car."

"Consequently, in 1911 my father and his associates moved (Ohio Electric) out of the Milburn Co. and continued to make the Ohio Electric in a factory on West Bancroft Street. "My uncle and his associates stayed with Milburn and consequently manufactured the Milburn Electric...Both bit the dust in favor of the gasoline engine after the First World War."

The Milburn could be called the "Ford" of electrics, selling for \$985 to about \$2,700, while the higher priced Ohio was a "Cadillac of electrics," in Mrs. Dodge's view.

Dodge, who was a vice president of Libbey-Owens-Ford for many years, also told the collector that he especially wanted to restore the Ohio Electric model "to give the car to my mother as a birthday gift. It's the only type of car she ever learned to drive by herself, and I know she'll get a kick out of being in one again." (His mother was in her 80's at the time.)

The Ohio model was pitched to women. One ad in 1913 proclaimed it "the only car for the woman of refinement today...Never again will the woman of fashion, driving alone in her electric, have to sit in the front seat like a chauffeur, uncomfortably conspicuous. The beautiful Ohio Electric, with a double drive from both front and rear seat, makes it possible to drive with a clear view ahead and in privacy at all times."

Dodge went on to restore a number of other cars, including a one-of-a-kind 1925 Wasp touring car that is now in the Bennington Museum, a 1908 Cadillac that Mrs. Dodge still owns, a 1904 Oldsmobile, a 1926 Rolls-Royce, a Ford Model A truck, and a Yale car.

The above article appeared in the Mobile Press Register Monday, September 26, 1994 and is copied.

SOUTH GOES NORTH or OUR FIRST TRIP TO HERSHEY!!!

by Jim Henderson, Jerry Finley & Buddy Paquet

After much discussion and planning the day finally arrived! We were going to car-lovers heaven, a place more commonly known as Hershey. That's Hershey, PA. We left Mobile at approximately 9:45 am on Sunday, October 2nd in a misty rain. Wanting to get as far "up the road" as possible and hopefully, ahead of the weather front, we drove all the way to Charlotte, N.C., arriving about 10:00 pm. The nasty weather stayed with us to within 30 miles of Charlotte.

Monday morning found us on the road to Baltimore for a day of business for Jim while Jerry and Buddy went along. But this was not to be. Nearing Washington, D.C., we began experiencing transmission problems with the Surburban. When we located a dealership that could make the necessary repairs we were told it would be the next day before it would be ready. However, being the resourceful fellows we are, we rented a van and continued on our merry way refusing to let something like car trouble get us down. Arriving in Baltimore, we located the Convention Center and began a search for a motel on Howard Street. Remember those two words: Howard Street. After several times of "going around the block" we gave up and took a motel near the convention center. While walking to a restaurant that night, Jerry looked up at a street sign....guess what? It was Howard Street.

Now it's Tuesday and we think time might be running out on us so back to D.C. to get the Surburban and get back on the road to HERSHEY! Now all of you know that when you leave an automobile to be repaired it is going to be ready at just exactly the time they told you it would, right? WRONG! Now that we have a few hours to wait, why not play "tourist" in our nation's capitol? It goes without saying that if you have to wait for anything and you are in Washington, D.C., what else do you do but go to the capitol building and the White House. Other than the fact there is no parking to be had, this was a great side-trip. Now that we have our vehicle repaired, we are on the road again headed for York, PA where we will be staying.

WEDNESDAY....this is the day we had been anticipating....all those cars...all those flea markets....all those vendors. How could we know that when we arrived at 10 am that morning we would not sit down again until we got back in the Surburban headed back to the motel? Believe it or not, there is not one single place to sit down unless you can find a spot of grass or a bit of curbing. We covered the "chocolate" field but it took us just at 8 hours and we were all six inches shorter from the continuous walking than when we started out.

OK...now it Thursday and we are rested and ready to go again but at a little slower pace. Today we cover the "green" field...well, almost. About three-quarters of it anyway. Here are not only the individuals with parts and car-related items for sale but also the BIG BOYS. Tee-Bird Parts, Obsolete Ford/Chevrolet, Eastwood and TIP. You name it and you can find it. Also all of the cars that are for sale and entering the show. Ten hours later back at the motel, Jerry speaks for all of us when he says he is "tired from his chin down".

Friday found us completing the "green" field with occasional forays out to the car corral. By the end of the week we were able to locate more of the parts we were looking for. Again, this was a full day but alot of fun. On Saturday we made one last run out to the area since the main feature of the day was the car show. And what cars there were! There were approximately 1900 cars entered in the show so after a while they all start to look alike. We knew it was time for "South to go South" again and we were on our way to **MOBILE!**

THE A.A.C.A. LANGUAGE GUIDE (unofficial)

Ron Moskalczak

Scranton Region AACA

The AACA has a language of its own. You will find yourself meeting individuals from the four corners of the globe talking "AACA". You may ask, "What is talking AACA? What language is this?" Well, this time it stands for the "Antique Automobile Catalogue of Annotations." "What is that? Never heard of it!" you say. It is a yet to be published (maybe by the Vice President - Publications) dictionary of AACA words used at meets, tours and flea markets. I know that in the course of your travels you have heard many words used in strange ways at AACA events. I'm am going to try to define some of the more frequently used terms now.

FLEA MARKET (noun) - not a place for fleas to do their family shopping but a collection of used (sometimes new) items that the husband must get rid of "Or else!!"; usually causing many people to swarm or flock to.

BIBLE (noun) refers to the AACA judging manual updated every year. If it's not in the Bible, you don't need to know it!

1,2,3,4,5 (nouns) not numbers, but conditions of vehicles rated by amount of restoration or disrepair the vehicle is in. A "1" is a new-car-off-the-floor condition, where as "5" is the usual condition that your husband brings cars home in. Always add 1 to whatever number your husband describes the vehicle to get its true condition.

DEADSEA SCROLLS (noun) another name for the "Old Cars Price Guide", that lists vehicles "suggested" price by condition. A necessary piece of literature for all car corrals.

SCROLL (verb) to look up the vehicle by its condition to find its suggested price; such as: "Frank, scroll this car for me."

KEEPER (noun) the person designated to carry the Dead Sea Scrolls. This is a very high and powerful position only given to the most trusted individual.

CAR CORRAL (noun) public parking lot for cars that are for sale; usually found at shows.

FLEAS (noun) vendors that sell parts at the Flea Market. (this has nothing to do with dogs)

VINTAGE (noun) condition of your husband's new purchase. Ranges from a 3 to an 8!

ONCE IN A LIFETIME DEAL (phrase) Too late! He's already bought it! It will be in your garage tomorrow!

GARAGE-SPACE (noun) elusive area required to house cars. Something that you can never have enough of...hmmm; I always thought that was something else.

TOURING (verb) driving your antique car all over the place with other antique cars and having a great time.

A FIND (noun) an unrestored, low mileage, beautiful vehicle that runs perfect. (This is Very Rare)

USED CAR (noun) a car that is too good to junk and too new to be an antique.

CHOCOLATE, GREEN, & BLUE (WHITE) (nouns) These are not colors, but highly treasured real estate in Hershey every Fall. Names of the three major flea market fields.

Now Ladies, to successfully enjoy the hobby and impress your husband you should try to use these phrases in every day situations. **EXAMPLE #1** - If you plan to visit every shop at the outlet mall, and he asks, "what stores will you be in?" you reply, "Dear, this is the **GREEN FIELD** and I'll see you later." He will immediately understand that you will be visiting every store and that he will see you before the sun goes down. **EXAMPLE #2** - If you are dressing for a big social event, you should say; "Dear, do I look like a 1 or a 2?" Of course, if he answers "2" you then could whack him!!!!

UMMM...UMMM...GOOD !

Catfish, hushpuppies, cole slaw, iced tea...is this the South or what? That's what the members who attended the October outing on the 8th enjoyed at David's Catfish Cabin along with lots of laughter and fellowship. We met at the entrance to Battleship Park at 11:30 am and then motored over to the restaurant with Ernie & Eugenia in the lead in their '27 Model T. Boy, did we get some looks and a lot of "thumbs up" along the way! My personal thanks to Ed & Joan Lunsford for letting me ride with them in the '37 Ford. Attending were **2 Brelands and their daughter, Nancy, 2 Browns, 2 Crowduses, 2 DeCreases, 2 Lunsfords with grandsons Matt & Channing, 2 Moores, 1 Paquet, 2 Whighams,, 1 White and 2 Youens.**

Even though the weather was somewhat overcast as the day started, by the time we met it was warm and beginning to clear and by the time we were ready to return home, the weather was wonderful.

Sorry other DSR members missed this one.

BUYING? SELLING? SEARCHING ?

Looking for a 1939 Chevrolet 4-door sedan
John Manuel 404 Crestway Dr LaFayette, LA
70503 (318)984-4324

For Sale: 1946 Mercury 4-door, radio, heater
Edith Crawley (205)262-1270 (Montgomery)

For Sale: 1966 Dodge Dart 270 4-door 6 cyl.
Original owner with all paperwork-car was bought
from Mobile Dodge on St. Louis St. 3/31/66.
Automatic, PS Air (Works), Heat, Seat Belts
White/blue with light & dark blue interior
Annie Ruth Balzli (205)661-8164 (Mobile)

WHY DID THEY LEAVE THE CAR ?

A Model T owner advertised in his local paper:
"I will give \$200 reward for the arrest and conviction of the party/parties who broke into my garage and robbed in 1920 Ford touring car top, curtains, wheels,, cushions, carpets, floorboards, hood, radiator and tools."

CARING FOR YOUR SOUL

Why Did God Command Noah to Build the Ark?

In Genesis 6:5: And God, that wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Since Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, God gave Noah details on how the ark was to be guild.

What a feat that must have been!

In Genesis 6:22: Thus did Noah, according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Don Dillehay, Chaplain

WELCOME TO

Bill & Mickey Cox, DSR's newest members were voted in at the September meeting. They are out of town at this time and I was not able to speak with them in order to introduce them through the newsletter. However, **Mickey** has a 1967 T-Bird. We look forward to having them as members.

DUES ARE DUE ! (Already??!!)

Did you notice that in with the last issue of the AACA magazine your dues notice was included? It was and on it is the date of **Dec. 31**. Last year our treasurer was kind enough to accept one check for local **AND** national dues and forward the national dues on for members. In **November** you can write a check for your Christmas Party reservation and a check for your local/national AACA dues and it will all be taken care of.

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 national dues are \$20 single/\$24 joint. Views expressed in the Sparkplug are not necessarily those of the Region officers or AACA.

October 23 - December 3

DSR Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27 7:30pm DSR MEETING AT CLUBHOUSE	October 28	October 29 HOOTERS OPEN CAR SHOW- SPRINGDALE MALL.
October 30	October 31 HALLOWEEN	November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5 9:00am THEODORE PECAN FESTIVAL, THEODORE, AL JACKSON AL. CAR SHOW
November 6	November 7	November 8	November 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12
Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17 7:30pm DSR. MEETING AT CLUBHOUSE	Nov 18	Nov 19 9:30am SPRINGDALE MALL CHRISTMAS PARADE
Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24 THANKSGIVING (Happy Turkey Day!)	Nov 25	Nov 26
Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	December 1	December 2	December 3



- Oct. 21-23** 2nd Gulf Coast International Show - Mobile Convention Center
Oct. 29 1st Annual Hooters Open Car Show - Mobile, AL
Nov. 5 Theodore Historic Foundation's Pecan Festival-Theodore, AL
Nov. 5 12th Annual Antique Car Show-Southwest Alabama Forestry & Wildlife Festival
Jackson, Alabama
Nov. 6 Alcazar Rund #7 (Crippled Children) Lineville, AL
Nov. 18-20 Moultrie, Georgia Car Show & Swap Meet

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- Jan. 20-22 3rd Annual Winter Rod Run - Diamondhead, MS
Mar. 19 6th Annual Spring Car Show (Azalea City Classic Chevy Club) Mobile, Al
Mar. 25 33rd Old South Antique Auto Club's Antique/Classic Car Show - Mobile, Al

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