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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
DEEP SOUTH REGION

A.A.C.A.



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Sept. 5-6 - Outing to Gould's in Excel, AL.

Sept. 12 - Old South Show at Ft. Conde.

Sept. 19 - Outing to Silverhill, AL. Meet at battleship @ 9 A.M.

Sept. 24 - Meeting at the Club House @ 7:30 P.M.

Sept. 26 - Saturday all day. Rummage sale and clean up at the club hse.

Sept. 27 - DSR CARS IN BEL AIR MALL FOR ONE WEEK!

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 \$15.00 single and \$19.00 joint (husband & wife). Membership is required in the National A.A.C.A. if you are a regional member.

### - OUR AUGUST MEETING -

The August meeting was called to order by President Herb Counselman at 7:30 with 46 present. Our Chaplain, V. T. Hopkins gave the invocation.

Our sick list included Mr. Rester, Lycyle's father and Mr. Harper, Ray's father.

Treasurer Katherine Harper read and explained the monthly treasury report which was approved by the membership.

Ray Harper substituted for our activity

coordinators, who were away on vacation. He requested a vote on whether to participate in the Tillman's Corner Christmas Parade again this year on Dec. 5th. The membership voted to take part. He also announced coming activities for the month.

Hop told of using his 1927 Chevrolet in the movie being made in Mobile, and of a display of the Chevy in Sears. Herb told of using many DSR cars in the movie, for which the DSR will receive a very nice donation.

Don Hartman requested information on what the members would like to do after the parade in Silverhill on the 19th. A decision to eat dinner at Silverhill then come home as each individual desired.

Our Prez requested volunteers to cut grass at the club house during Sept. Julian Farill, Bill Tunnell, Tex Faust, and Herb Counselman volunteered.

Jan Hartman told of our coming DSR October Fall Tour. Elven and Nell are running the tour route in their motorhome making preparations. The Gadsden Club will meet and feed us Saturday night and a few of their members may join us on the tour. A printed sheet of the tour details will be made and presented to all tour participants.

A clean-up day and yard sale at the club house is planned for Saturday September 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 and Ray Harper and Dave Hepler put on "cute" little waitress hats and served everyone peach cobbler, ice cream, and cold drinks. Man, these two guys put on a feed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Oct. 2-3-4 - Outing. Overnight (or two) to the Counselman's in Mississippi.

Oct. 7-18 - Jackson, Miss. Show.

Oct. 17 - Outing to Monroeville's Arts & Crafts & Pecan Festival.

Oct. 17 - New Orleans Show.

Oct. 22 - Meeting at the club house @ 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 24-31 DSR Fall Tour. See Jan Hartman or Nell Few.

"I BELIEVE THAT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER INVENTED MAN BECAUSE HE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN THE MONKEY!"  
 --Mark Twain

### MEETING OF FALL TOUR PARTICIPANTS

On Thursday, August 20th, 19 members of the Fall Tour group met at Shoney's on Airport Blvd. at 7:30 to discuss the tour after a good supper. The Hartmans and Fews called the meeting to get the feeling of the group on places to go and what the members would like. It was decided to leave the Saraland Alabama Power Co. office at 7:00 A.M. Saturday morning for Gadsden. This is on October 24th. Our overnight stops will include Gadsden, Chattanooga, Pigeon Forge, Cheerookee, Helen, La Grange then home. The group voted to go to Gadsden via I-65. Of course, this is the basic details and a lot of planning (and some changing) must take place, but it gives the tour leaders something to go by. It was a most pleasant meeting and everyone seemed to be anxious to get the "ole cars" on the road!

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### THE PENSACOLA SHOW

The West Florida Region of AACA fooled the weather man on Saturday, August 29th, and had a beautiful day for their show!! They had 66 beautifully restored cars in the picturesque Seville Square on Pensacola's water front. They had their usual very fine show. The Deep South Region was represented by 27 DSR folks and 9 antique vehicles on display. They brought home 7 trophies, a very good average! Especially considering the quality of cars that were registered! Pensacola always has a very nice and congenial meeting of antique car enthusiasts. Next year we hope we can have more DSR members for this very good one day show to our nearest AACA Region. The weather report had a bad influence on participation as heavy rains were predicted, but it turned out to be a gorgeous day!!! Anyone that stayed home because of the weather ---- goofed! And yes, their after show banquet was super and very reasonably priced.

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### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

President Herb Counselman called for a meeting of the executive board on August 31st at 7:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to get advise and feelings on getting 1988 DSR candidates for the different offices. Herb suggested, and all board members agreed, that we try a questionnaire in the SPARKPLUG to get the feeling of the membership on who will serve and who the members prefer. He suggested that this be in the September SPARKPLUG, and if successful, a similar questionnaire be in the October SPARKPLUG for preferences on appointed officers. (editor's note: There is a short questionnaire as to a preference on elected officers in this SPARKPLUG. Please fill it out and give it to Herb).

The Prez also said we needed to get more enthusiasm in the mystery photo, or something similar, in each month's SPARKPLUG. He explained that the membership seemed to enjoy guessing the member's youthful pictures and he would like to see it continue.

Herb and the executive board members discussed different ways of maintaining the club house lawn and grounds with several options discussed. Herb said that he only has 4 months left to serve as president, and that grass cutting has about ended for the year. So he said he'd probably turn it all over, with any suggestions from the members, to the 1988 officers.

Possibility of the President appointing a STEERING COMMITTEE to help solve club problems and "ways and means" was discussed. Herb said we need views from all concerned members to get balanced ideas for club progress. It was suggested that he appoint all past DSR presidents plus the currently serving executive board (the executive board is the serving elected officers) to serve as our STEERING COMMITTEE. This would bring in many new, and a variety of ideas to promote the DSR. If this proves successful, it could be written into our by-laws. Herb plans to promote this idea Thursday night.

Herb said we must get volunteers for our Christmas Party and must make arrangements to maintain the club lawn for the balance of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN - V. T. HOPKINS:



THE PAINFUL TRUTH

It is very hard for us to verbalize what we now know to be the painful truth.

These words came in the form of a letter from a woman to her pastor, whose oldest son had become an alcoholic. She expressed the agony of her family as to how a handsome, intelligent, promising young man had become a stranger in their midst.

For obvious reasons, said the mother, I cannot sign this letter, however I feel led by God to share these experiences with you, in hope that you, in your ministering, will use them to benefit others. I could be a member of a large church, middle-aged, mother of several children, Christian family, material comforts, education, health, etc. etc.

In effect, the mother who wrote these words lay bare a broken heart. Naturally she feels guilt, shame, and a feeling of depression that is difficult to handle.

But her name is "LEGION". Multitudes of parents, grand parents, sons, daughters, husbands, and wives try to deal with shattered dreams and broken hearts which are directly related to them and their families. Many of them struggle day by day as they as they face painful truth, and seek to find a way to put the broken pieces of lives back together that have been fragmented.

A young man came to see his pastor after he had received a divorce. The facts that emerged during the divorce proceedings were so painful he could not talk about them. He wept uncontrollably.

Life is not always sweetness and light as has been demonstrated. Truth is not always pleasant for us to face. Yet it is inevitable that all of us must confront it at times even though it is painful.

This is a tremendous opportunity for each of us to extend a helping hand. Not with an air of superiority, but with a spirit of one who understands. After all, most of us have been hit with truths about ourselves and members of our families that are painful. Many people are wounded in the battle of life. This is the painful truth!

No medicine, salve, tonic, prescription, or even doctor can help as much as the soothing, careing, understanding and healing tender words from a genuine friend or loved one. This is the duty we have to each other and it should be reciprocal. Try it!

"Ole Hop"

SICKNESS & ACCIDENTS OF MEMBERS:

Lycyle's father, Mr. Richard Rester, is holding his own quite well, but still has difficulty with his chest infection.

Ray's father, Mr. Harper of Monroeville, is still up and about and it appears that he is enjoying life. His infection seems to be arrested.

Jan Hartman was in the hospital last week for 3 days for tests because of a stomach problem. She is OK and back home now working and planning our Fall DSR Tour!

THE OLD SOUTH ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

The Old South Antique Auto Club Annual Show was held at Fort Conde on Saturday, September 12th.

There were 70 cars on display, eleven or so were from the Deep South Region of AACA along with approximately 19 members. Some served as judges. I do remember Eric Gould was checking the under side of these cars!

Nearly all the Deep South members stayed over for the awards banquet held at Russo's and were awarded trophies and various door prizes.

It was a good show!

*Don Dillehay*

THE EXCEL OUTING

Eric and Paula Gould had Jerry and Linda Page assist them in putting on a great weekend gathering of old car nuts at the Gould home in Excel, AL on September 5th and 6th. There were 64 adults and eleven or more young-uns all over the place! From the DSR we had 23 of our folks in 8 antique cars and a few moderns. Four different area antique car clubs were represented and I can assure you we all had a great time!! I believe the weather frightened many away or the number of folks participating would have doubled, and those that let a little damp sunshine scare you off, missed a wonderful, congenial get-together! Many of the folks that attended arrived Friday afternoon and stayed in campers at the Gould's home. Others arrived Saturday morning for a scrumptious breakfast of eggs, ham, grits, biscuits, and coffee. It was out of this world good!!!!

After breakfast all the ladies and a few of the unfortunate guys went to the Vanity Fair outlet shopping center to do a bit of shopping and spending \$\$\$.

After the shopping spree, we all went to the very picturesque City Park in Monroeville for a noonday lunch, and from there we went on a whing-doozie of an antique car rally that was planned and organized by Jerry and Linda. None of the 3 top winners were DSR folks, but we sure tried!!

When the rally ended, back to Eric's and Paula's where we had absolutely delicious barbaqued chicken, ribs, and sausage with all the trimmings! Then home made ice cream for desert! While the ice cream was being served our group, headed up by H. D. and Jeanette Lowe, brought out a huge birthday cake with "HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAULA" on it and really surprised her! And the cake and ice cream was truly delicious! There was easily enough food and desert to feed twice the number present. Both breakfast and dinner were served in Eric's antique car garage which he had cleaned out for the occasion. (I'd hate to think I had to clean mine out like he did -- I believe it'd take 2 years).

Then the usual talk session before we all turned in for Saturday night. Some to their campers, others to a local motel.

Sunday morning the Goulds, Pages, and Hovers had hot coffee and sweet rolls for us as we began arriving. A light rain did NOT dampen spirits as we began playing "car games". A potato race, sweeping a beach ball into a basket, and a blindfolded driver balloon busting contest! It was great fun! Some of the tops were down in spite of a misting rain.

Then for our noon meal, off to the Southwind Restaurant in Monroeville for a delicious cafeteria style meal of all you could eat. After our meal, as all good things must come to an end, we all started the journey back to our homes. The outing was a fantastic success, we all made many new friends from other clubs, and if the Goulds do this again next year -- for goodness sake -- and your own sake, make it!! And enjoy the time of your life!!!!!!

*Thanks for everyone's  
help in making it a  
success!*

Dear Fellow Club Members,

I thank you all who were able to make it attend our outing last weekend. You made it so very special and enjoyable for us all!

I thank you too for the surprise Birthday cake! I was totally shocked! It's things like that that make this club so special. Everyone cares so much about each other.

We had a great time & hope you did too!

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Paula & Eric Gould

THE DSR RECEIVED THIS VERY NICE  
NOTE FROM THE GOULDS.

THE THREE MAJOR PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, AND THE ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB PARTY!!!!!!

OUT OF HERB'S GLOVE BOX

Hey! Hey! We still have a few more weeks of rushing around, some good shows to go to, display the old cars in Bel Air Mall, big yard sale at our club house, and a bunch of fun waiting for us to come along. Know we'll find some on our tour the last of October. So all in all let's try to stop worrying and just have some fun!!!

See you at the meeting,  
Herb --

P.S. See Bobby Hover if you need your tires cleaned!!

H.C.

SEPTEMBER MYSTERY PHOTO

This cute little rascal is not yet a member of the DSR but he and his wife have been attending our meetings regularly. He is known by most DSR members and has given us an article on his life and antique cars which we will publish in the October SPARKPLUG. Come to the meeting Thursday night and tell us who he is!!!!!!!

THE FALL TOUR: There will be a short meeting of the group going on the Fall Tour just after our regular DSR meeting Thursday night, September 24th. Please plan to stay for it if you are going on the Fall Tour.

REQUEST FOR CARS

Hank Sierke of the Marriott Hotel at Point Clear (Grand Hotel) got with Lloyd for a display of DSR cars. They need two cars of the 1950's for a "Sock hop" at the hotel on Wednesday, October 21st. The cars will be parked on the lawn of the hotel as a back ground. The DSR will receive a very nice donation for this. Our publicity chairman, Lloyd, has sure worked hard to try to keep our treasury in good shape which supports this newsletter, the annual DSR show, club house utility expenses, and various other costs. While there are pros and cons to the club house, the greatest asset is that because of it, the DSR is well known and therefore we get these displays which really support the club and brings us new members. It is truly a beautiful place!!

TWO OUTINGS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

Herb and Reba are having their annual run to their home in Mississippi on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of October. That's on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Go over when you can, but do go over there -- it's a lot of fun! Some of our members plan to go over Friday in their motorhomes to be there Saturday morning. Others plan to go over Saturday morning. If you go, you will not regret it!!

Then on Saturday, October 17th we will all meet in the old cars at 7:00 A.M. at the Saraland Ala. Power Co. for a run to Monroeville's Arts & Crafts, Pecan Festival, and parade. There will also be time for shopping at the outlet center there. If you've never been to it, you will like it -- it's a very interesting place. If you have been there, you know how good it is!!

PROFANITY IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF STUPIDITY.  
SWEARING IS A LAZY MAN'S WAY OF TRYING TO BE  
EMPHATIC.

NOTE →

PERSONALS

**CORRECTION:** In last month's newsletter, we listed Don and Deloris Dyer's telephone number incorrectly. It is 343-3324. Please correct this in your roster.

Laura Faust has her Model A back home with a beautiful professional restoration completed except for upholstery. It is a sure winner!

O. D. and Mickey Dickerson have bought another Studebaker! A 1956 Power Hawk that he found locally. They now have three Studebakers!

The club's getting full of grandmas and grandpas! Melea Lynn Moseley was born August 16th to Robert and Shelly Moseley. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces. Robert is the son of Bud and Peggy Moseley. Robert is in the Coast Guard and was recently stationed in Mobile. Shelly and Melea Lynn were in Missouri, but have now joined Robert here.

More proud DSR grandparents are Bert and Lois Carver. They have a brand new grandson, Jeffrey Ryan Totsch. He weighed in at 7 pounds 13 ounces and is a tall little rascal! 22 inches long! He was born June 24th to Jeff and Colleen Totsch in Elberta, AL. Colleen is the daughter of Bert and Lois Carver.

Lloyd and Lycyle recently found and bought a 1962 Rambler American convertible. It is red on red on red! And beautiful! It has an automatic transmission, so now Lycyle has an antique convertible of her own. (Sorry about that, Lloyd!)

Bob and Lisa Hover have acquired a 1927 Model T touring which Bob said he plans to make into a real show car! His 1926 touring, he said, will be their "go car".

Lou and Arline Eschete recently bought a 1938 Chrysler sedan in excellent condition in Pensacola. It has only 47,000 original miles on it and they plan to use it on our tours and outings. They are still in the process of restoring their Studebaker.

Don and Frances Dillehay had a bit of tough luck last week when a big limb broke off a pecan tree and fell on their modern Olds. It did quite a bit of damage to the front fenders and hood.

Don't forget, if you would like to get a DSR name badge, see Geary Polk, or call Bancroft at 342-2538.

Willie and Ouida Nelson are planning a trip to the Holy Land soon. We hope it is most pleasant for them.

Hop and LaVerne spent a few days in Memphis recently visiting relatives and attending a reunion of retired Swift Company Employees.

Cecil and Lucille Nettles took a week vacation recently in the mountains of North Carolina. They flew up there and visited an uncle of Lucille's.

Elven and Nell Few made a trip into Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia in their motorhome, making plans and checking out motels while preparing for our coming DSR Fall Tour.

**FOR SALE:** Joel Tanner's brother, Peter Tanner, has an all original 1951 Ford pickup from Arizona and in very good condition for sale for \$1995. Call him after 6:00 P.M. at 653-7482.

Eric and Paula Gould have sold their little Model T depot hack! We sure hate to see the little car get away, but knowing ole Eric, he will soon have another Model T!

The group of DSR Metropolitan owners that went to Tennessee for the Metropolitan Meet there, now have visitors coming! Dick and Shannon Crutcher are visiting Mobile and may join in with us on our Silverhill outing on Sept. 19th. We are most happy to have these good folks here and hope to show them a good time. They sure did show us a good time in Tennessee!

**IMPORTANT!!!**

DSR RUMMAGE SALE

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Please get your "stuff" together and bring it to the meeting Thursday night to be priced for our yard sale Saturday, Sept. 26th. Please do your part!! Get your saleable material together, bring it to the meeting and please be at the club house EARLY Saturday morning to help out! It's fun!!

THANK YOU from LLOYD CROWDUS

I would like to thank all the members that assisted me so much and the good DSR cooperation in getting antique cars for the movie filmed in Mobile, "WAR AND REMEMBRANCE", about WW II. Because of the help you all gave, the DSR was able to get a very substantial donation that will give our treasury a boost.

Now I'd like to again get the DSR's help and support for the Bel Air Mall display of DSR cars. We will need at least 40 cars to be put on display inside the Mall again this year for one week, beginning at 7:30 P.M. Sunday, September 27th. We will meet with our antique cars on the east side of Parisians (same place as last year). We realize this is a little late in the day, more than usual, but it was all we could get this year. So please help support this -- which will be supporting your DSR!

Be sure of the time, 7:30 P.M. Sunday, September 27th!

Thank you,  
Lloyd --

COMING SHOWS IN OUR AREA

Sept. 20-25	Glidden Tour in Columbus, Ohio.
Oct. 7-18	Jackson, Mississippi Show at State Fairgrounds.
Oct. 17	New Orleans Show.
Oct. 24-31	Deep South Region Fall Tour. See Hartmans or Fewes.
Nov. 7	Jackson, Alabama Show.
Nov. 14	Meridian, Mississippi Show.

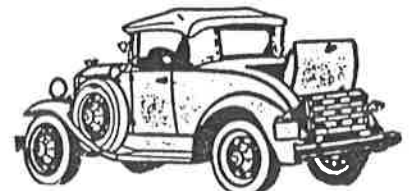
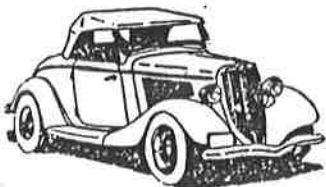
COME TO THE MEETING

Don't forget the meeting this coming Thursday night, September 24th at the club house at 7:30 P.M. Herb has a lot of things to bring up. We have his outing to his home near Lucedale, the Pecan Festival in Monroeville, the DSR Fall Tour all coming up in October! Also the yard sale and clean-up day on Saturday after the meeting, September 26th. There are a lot of important things in the making! Herb also hopes to announce his plan for a DSR STEERING COMMITTEE. There also is going to be a most interesting video, obtained by Bob and Sue Mason, and to be shown by Ray Harper, of the White Post Restoration shop, which is one of the foremost restoration shops in the world! It is 22 minutes long and well worth seeing! So you see, this is an important meeting! All should attend!

Then immediately following refreshments after the meeting, there will be a short and informative meeting of the Fall Tour participants. Anyone going on the tour, or just wanting to learn about our tours, is certainly encouraged to attend!

Don't miss this important meeting! And PLEASE bring your card from this newsletter on your preferences for 1988 officer nominations, and give it to Herb.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!





LOOK WHAT SOME OF YOU GALS MISSED!! LYCYLE AND REBA  
WITH ROBERT MITCHUM, STAR OF "WAR AND REMEMBRANCE",  
BEING FILMED IN MOBILE WITH DSR CARS.

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