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## *The Presidents Message*

*by Jon Stevens*

Hi Everyone! Well, like it or not 2008 has officially arrived. I don't know about you, but I still have some 2007 things to catch up on! In case you weren't there, we had an excellent turnout at our annual club Christmas Dinner at Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant in Lufkin. You can see by the pictures of that event in our newsletter that it was well attended.

Everyone was able to order anything on their menu and the club picked up the tab for one of their excellent deserts! After dinner, most everyone participated in a fun "Chinese Gift Exchange" that was coordinated by Sherry Stevens. For a little while, I had a fine miniature of a 1940 Ford pickup but, as you know in this type of gift exchange, someone else may also like your gift and snatch it right out of your hands! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Dinner as much as I did.

This is the time of the year that the officers and directors of the club are planning out our activities for the balance of the year. We are very interested in any ideas or suggestions that you may have for our future activities. If you have an idea or suggestion, please let us know about it! We decided not to have a director's meeting at the end of December, but we will be hard at this planning new business during the January meeting!

Very soon, we will be publishing a new yearbook for our club, which is being put together by our newsletter editor, Mike Stroup. If you have any updates to your personal information, please let him know very quickly. You can contact him at [mstroup@sfasu.edu](mailto:mstroup@sfasu.edu) or call him at 936-462-7266.

For those of you who missed it, we had a great covered dish dinner at the New Hope Methodist Church in Nacogdoches. Club member Hugh Murray gave us a wonderful presentation properly storing old cars and for starting old cars after several years of neglect. Great job, Hugh!

You won't want to miss the next club activity, which will be our **Valentine's Day Dinner at 6:00pm at Carrizzo Creek Café (formerly known as Wall's Restaurant) this Saturday, February 9th**. This restaurant is located on CR 302 (Upper Melrose Road). Take Center Highway just past the loop and look for Upper Melrose Rd on your right, a hundred yards or so beyond Mr Will's gas station. The restaurant is located not too far down that road. So bring your sweetheart and your appetite. There will also be some fun door prizes to give away!

I'll see you there!

—Jon



*DETR club members enjoyed great food and great company at the annual Christmas Party, held at Ralph and Kacoo's Restaurant in Lufkin.*



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*Earline and Billy Shipley (above) enjoy the festivities at the Christmas Dinner. DETR members got to pick out and unwrap a gift (below) during the Christmas gift exchange.*



## 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 10th**     **DETR Valentine's Day Dinner!**  
6:00pm at Carrizo Creek Café  
on Upper Melrose Road
  
- Mar 15th**     Covered Dish Dinner at Woodmen of  
the World building. A short DVD film  
will be shown with unique footage of  
the 1960 AACA Texas Tour.
  
- April 19th**    Annual Spring "Show n' Shine" to be  
held at the parking lot of the new  
Beall's Shopping Center at North  
Street and the Loop.
  
- May 17th**     Mini-Tour and picnic at Ratcliff Lake



*Gary Wallace (above, left) shares a table with Wendall and Connie Spreadbury. Larry and Ann Hargis (below) share an evening of fun.*





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*New club members Corbitt and Elizabeth Baker enjoy the good food and festivities at the annual DETR Christmas party.*



*Linda Sparks (above left) shares a table with Lawson and Frances Lunsford (above right).*

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*Robert and Linda Grogan (right) share a good laugh at the tall tales that were told at their table.*







*Mike and Lori Stroup (at left) and Jon and Sherry Stevens (at front) enjoy a good tale told by Bill Ferguson, who is seated by his wife, Frances.*



*Ken and Merry Thompson (at left) enjoy the company of Jim Thrall and his guest, Carroll Shaw.*



*James Sanders (immediate left) chuckles as Dennis and Martha Wankan (far left) mug it up for the camera.*







## January Birthday Greetings!

*DETR Members with birthdays in January:*

*Roger Baker,  
Travis Chandler  
and  
Beverly Pritchett*

**Happy Birthday!**



### ***The DETR Newsletter needs a picture of you and your car!***

*We are trying to highlight all the DETR members and their cars in the newsletter by publishing a picture each month along with a short vignette about the car. Tell us about your antique car—like how you got it, or an adventure you had with it, or perhaps some little known facts about your unique ride. Please send a picture of yourself in or next to your car, along with any interesting information about it to the DETR Newsletter Editor at: 3621 Buckingham Dr., Nacogdoches, TX 75965. Or send just a picture with an e-mail note to [mstroup@sfasu.edu](mailto:mstroup@sfasu.edu).*

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