

President's Message

By Jon Stevens

Hi Everyone! March has been quite a busy month. On March 8th, we had an outing to visit a private car collection near Powell Park on Lake Sam Rayburn. About 28 club members and friends turned out to see all of the rare and beautiful cars and tractors in Mr. Lendell Martin's incredible collection. Lendell and Roger Martin were on hand to give us background and history on many of the vehicles in the collection. We also got to watch them move some of the cars from one building to a recently completed new building. (See pictures on pages 5 and 6.)

During this moving process, I was asked by Roger Martin if I would like to drive a 1911 Renault Taxi into the new building. Now, you know how long I had to think about that before saying yes! What a thrill it was to drive that little Renault—it was definitely the highlight of my afternoon! After viewing the cars, we went to the Powell Park Marina and enjoyed some lunch and good conversation. I would like to sincerely thank Lendell and Roger Martin for allowing our club to view their fine collection. It was truly a one of a kind experience.

On March 15th, we had a Bring a Dish Dinner at the Woodmen of the World lodge in Nacogdoches. After we enjoyed all of the fine food and deserts, we were treated to a presentation by club director Ken Thompson. Ken showed us pictures and talked about the many car tours that he, his wife Merry and several other of our club members have experienced. Many of the pictures that we saw were from past Texas Tours. Ken finished up by showing us a home movie film that his father shot during the 1960 Texas Tour that was held in Nacogdoches! Thanks, Ken, for that fine presentation.

Well, the way time is flying by, it will be time for our Deja Blue Car Show and the Blueberry Festival before we know it! At our last club director's meeting, we formed our Deja Blue Planning committee. It's members are Wendall Spreadbury, Gary Wallace, Martha Wankan, Mike Stroup, Bill Ferguson, Ken Thompson, James Sanders, and I. We had good response to the changes that we made to last years show and to the new processes we implemented.

So, we will utilize what we learned for the 2008 show. As always, we could not make any of this happen without club member support from all of you. The members of the planning committee will soon be organizing their respective crews for the show and as we did last year, we will be providing breakfast and lunch for all workers at the show. Thanks in advance for your support!

The next club activity will be our 2nd Annual "Show and Shine" to be held Saturday April 19th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Market Place II shopping center (the new Bealls shopping center) located on the corner of North St. & North Stallings Drive (North Loop 224). So, let's get those old cars dusted off and checked out for the show. (I am working on the gas gauge in our '50 Olds right now!) Let's have a great turnout. Even if you don't have an old car to bring, come on out anyway—we may need you to help push! Hope to see you there!

-Jon



Lendell Martin, a dedicated antique auto collector, recently gave many of our club members a personal tour of his extensive collection of beautiful vintage automobiles and tractors. Here, Lendell welcomes club president Jon Stevens (right) while Ken and Merry Thompson (left) survey the many fine antique vehicles.



The Texas Gulf Coast Unit

of the

Wally Bayam Airstream Caravan Club

is hosting an

Antique and Classic Car Show!

Saturday, April 12th
from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

All DETR club members are invited to join in showing off your antique and classic cars!

The show will be located at:
449 Angelina Street (just off Hwy 147)
in Zavalla, Texas 75980

For additional information contact DETR club member Robert Pritchett at 936-897-1098.

The East Texas Vee Dub Club

presents:

The Blooming Good Show IV

Featuring antique and custom VWs from all across Texas and beyond!

Saturday, March 29th
from 8:00am to 2:00pm

**People's Choice Award,
Longest Distance Driven Award,
many other "Best of" Classifications**

The show will be located at:
200 South Fredonia Street
in Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

For more information, contact DETR member Sammie Smith at 936-569-7821 or contact James Perryman at 936-564-7460 or Daniel Watts at 903-297-3496

or visit their website:
clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=etvedub

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 19th** Annual Spring "Show n' Shine at the new Beall's Shopping Center.
- May 17th** Mini-Tour and picnic at Ratcliff Lake.
- June 14th** The Annual Deja Blue Car Show.
- July 19th** Mini-Tour and lunch to Cushing, TX.
- Aug 16th** Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church.

DETR BOARD MINUTES

February 25, 2008

Attending the meeting were: Mike Tollett, Wendell Spreadbury, Dennis Wankan, Gary Wallace, Bill Ferguson, Robert Grogan, Jon Stevens, Cecil Sparks and Martha Wankan.

President Jon Stevens called the meeting to order. Club Secretary Wankan read last month's minutes. Club Treasurer Ferguson gave the Treasure's report. The Board discussed the status of the club funds and decided that we will have an appointed committee to audit the Treasurer's reports the last Monday in the month of November.

Old Business:

The Board discussed a plaque for Bernard Livingston.

The Board also updated the Calendar of Events: **March 15**, Bring a dish dinner at Woodmen Of the World. Ken Thompson will make a presentation.

April 19, The annual Show & Shine was discussed, still working on a place to hold it.

May 17, Picnic at Ratcliff Lake. Details will follow.

June 14, Deja Blue Car Show

June 19, Mini Tour to Cushing, TX. Gary Wallace will organize this tour.

August 16, Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church. Bill Ferguson will present a program.

New Business:

Bill Ferguson made a suggestion that about four times a year the club leadership should mail a survey to our members to share information on the restoration of our old cars. The Board agreed.

The Board discussed the annual Deja Blue car show. The flyer for the show will be on our web site. "The Deja Blue Crew" will consist of Jon Stevens, Wendell Spreadbury, Gary Wallace, Mike Tollett, Mike Stroup, Bill Ferguson, Ken Thompson, and James Sanders. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Cecil Sparks and seconded by Bill Ferguson.



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2008 SWAP MEETS AND CAR SHOWS

What:	Where:	When:
Sonic Classic Car Show www.ddrockinrods.com/	8625 Camp Bowie West, Ft. Worth, TX	3-22
9th Annual Swap Meet & Car Show www.netraaca.com/	Hunt County Fair Grounds, Greenville, TX	4-4 to 4-6
North Houston Spring Swap Meet www.hotrodsoftexas.com/	Sam Houston Race Park, Houston, TX	4-6
Texas Motorsports Expo www.texasmotorsportsexpo.com/	Ford Park in Beaumont, TX	4-11 to 4-13
Mid-Cities Antique Mall Classic Car Show www.ddrockinrods.com/	809 W. Pipeline in Hurst, TX	4-12
VTR South-Central Regional Triumph Meet (JimT@ieee.org)	5701 South Broadway, Tyler, TX	4-16 to 4-18
Memory Road Classic Car Show www.memoryroadshow.com/	Texas Motor Speedway	4-18 to 4-20
The Texas VW Classic www.texasvwclassic.com/	Fredricksburg, TX	4-19 to 4-20

Rusk Rotary Club's Antique Auto Show!

Friday, July 4th, 2008

Parade at 10:00am! Air Force Fly-Over!

Pre-Registration: \$15.00 Day of Show : \$20.00

Lots of vehicle categories, including:

**Mayor's Choice, Sheriff's Choice, Chief of Police Award,
30's and older, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s,
Best of Show, Street Rods, Pre-WWII Trucks,
Post-WWII Trucks and more!**

*Just mail in your name, address, phone number and e-mail,
along with the Year, Make and Model of your vehicle to:*

Rusk Rotary Club, P.O. Box 324, Rusk, TX 75785

For more information call:

Toni Meador (903) 683-8899 or (903) 721-2853

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Club members watch as Lendell Martin and his colleagues move another of his beautifully restored antique cars between buildings at his private museum.

Club member Robert Stanaland stands next to one of Mr. Martin's vintage tractors. Many club members speculated as to which was the older "antique."



For those of us more "seasoned" folks who might think that the present generation of blow-hard politicians have been exceptionally loud and noisy during our current election season, just take a look at this public relations machine from the election season of an earlier era in our country's political history.

All pictures courtesy of Club Member Cecil Sparks



Club member Willie Partin laughs while fellow club member Robert Stanaland attempts to start a conversation with an effigy of country singer/songwriter Willie Nelson.



Club members saw many beautifully restored farm tractors that were on display in the Martin Collection, including these two examples of farm implements at opposite ends of the size spectrum.

Club president Jon Stevens gets lessons on how to operate a 1911 Renault Taxi from owner Lendell Martin. Stevens mentioned that this short drive was the high point of his day.



*All pictures courtesy of
Club Member Cecil Sparks*





Birthday Greetings!

DETR Members with a birthday in March:

***Paul David,
Ann Hargis,
Robert Stanaland,
Steve Tracy,
and
Euna Murray***

Happy Birthday!



Meet DETR member Corbitt Baker and his 1984 Series IV Excalibur Phaeton! It's styled after the 1937 Mercedes 500 and it was built on the 20th anniversary of the Excalibur company. It all started for Corbitt on a short business trip last summer when he ran across a unique looking car sitting in a warehouse. After learning it was an Excalibur, he then researched the car and the company. He discovered that when Studebaker closed shop, one of their best designers, Brook Stephens, opened up his own car factory in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These factory built cars are constructed by hand from the ground up and they are indeed very rare. Corbitt finally got a lead on this very nice example of Excalibur craftsmanship for sale in New Jersey. After flying up to see it, Corbitt then bought the car and had it shipped back to Nacogdoches. It is beautiful!

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