

President's Message

by Jon Stevens

Hi Everyone! If you didn't attend the min-tour and picnic outing at Ratcliff Lake on the 17th, you missed a very good event! The weather couldn't have been any better and we had a good turn-out of both old and regular cars on the tour. We were treated to some good chicken purchased by the club and some great side dishes and deserts that were made by the various members who attended. We were also treated to a presentation by a U.S. Forest Service archeologist who spoke about the old 4C Saw Mill that was located in what is now a state park. I had no idea the old saw mill was such a large operation in it's prime! Before we left the park, Mike and Lori Stroup took some more pictures of club members and their cars to be added on our web site and used in our monthly news letter.

Sherry and I drove our 1948 Studebaker from home on its maiden voyage to the picnic outing. I'm happy to say that it covered the 200 plus miles (and the 3000 plus lovebugs!) just fine. It only took me an hour to get those bugs all cleaned off! A special thank you goes to Cecil Sparks and Jim Thrall for setting up our visit and to Mike and Billie Tollett for taking care of our chicken, drinks and eating utensils.

Well, we all know how time flies by. It seems to me like our last Deja Blue Car Show was just a few weeks ago! But in reality, our 2008 Deja Blue Car Show is just around the corner on Saturday, June 14th. Your Deja Blue planning committee has met once so far and two more meetings are scheduled for May 27th and June 9th to insure that the show goes smoothly again this year. Our Deja Blue officials are: Wendall Spreadbury and Gary Wallace (registration and vote counting); James Sanders (parking and set up), and Ken Thompson

(announcer/door prizes). They will be asking for your help with specific duties at the show and I urge you to please participate. We will again be providing breakfast and lunch for all of the workers at the show. Thanks in advance for your support!

Since the Deja Blue Car Show and the Blueberry Festival will be our club's June outing, our next event after that will be a Mini-Tour to Cushing, Texas on July 19th that has been set up by Gary Wallace. We will eat lunch together at the 7th Street Restaurant. We will gather at the Lowe's parking lot at 10:30 on the 19th and Gary will lead our caravan up to Cushing. We did this trip last year and it was a whole lot of fun, so don't miss it!

I'll see you all at the Deja Blue Car Show on Saturday, June 14th!

— Jon



DETR members Willie and Dottie Partin and Hugh Murray, listen to a U.S. Forest Service archeologist who described the immense size and scope of the 4C sawmill that was once located on the same site as the state park. Club members enjoyed passing around many vintage photographs of the sawmill that once dominated the local economy. The presentation and the images made it easy for us all to imagine what life was like for the people who worked the giant mill during the post-WWI era.



2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 14th	The Annual Deja Blue Car Show
July 19th	Mini-Tour to 7th St. Café in Cushing
Aug 16th	Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church
Sept. 20th	Covered Dish Dinner at Woodmen of the World
Oct. 25th	Mini-Tour to the Sassafras Festival in St. Augustine.
Nov. 8th	Mini-Tour to Henderson for the annual Syrup Festival
Dec. 13th	Christmas Party at Ralph & Kackoo's restaurant, Lufkin



Above: This suspicious picture, taken at Ratcliff Lake, looks like a DPS officer is giving DETR members Mike Tollett, Jon Stevens and Bill Ferguson a speeding citation as they all reach for their drivers licenses. However, they were merely recruiting a U.S. Forest Service employee (who was very interested in their antique cars) to become a DETR club member. At least, that was their story...

Right: DETR members (left to right) Martha Wankan, Billie Tollett, Dennis Wankan, Mike Tollett and Sherry Stevens all enjoy the sunshine and fellowship during the club Mini-Tour to Ratcliff Lake.

DETR Board Minutes

April 28, 2008

Attending the meeting were Mike Tollett, Wendall Spreadbury, Dennis Wankan, Gary Wallace, Bill Ferguson, Robert Grogan, Jon Stevens and Martha Wankan. The meeting was called to order by President Jon Stevens.

The minutes were read by Secretary Martha Wankan. The Treasurer's report and Membership report were given by Bill Ferguson. The Board considered the following events for the coming year:

- May 17th: Mini-tour and picnic to Ratcliff Lake. Several board members volunteered to get items that are needed for picnic.
- June 14th: Deja Blue Car Show. The old team organizers will perform their same duties again this year and will hold another meeting to ensure all of the details are covered.
- July 19th: A Mini-Tour to Cushing and lunch at the 7th Street Café. We will meet at Lowe's parking lot and caravan to Cushing.
- August 16th: Covered dish dinner at New Hope Church. Bill Ferguson will make a slide show of his recent trip to Russia and Ukraine.
- September 20th: Covered dish dinner at Woodmen of the World, if we can reserve the facility.
- October 25th: Sassafras Festival in San Augustine.
- November 8th: Mini-Tour to Henderson to the annual Syrup Festival.
- December 13th: Christmas Party at Ralph & Kackoo's restaurant in Lufkin.

The meeting was adjourned.

— Respectfully submitted by Martha Wankan



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2008 SWAP MEETS AND CAR SHOWS

What:	Where:	When:
1st Annual Harley Hoschar Memorial Car Show www.westsidetricclassiccruisers.com	3400 Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth, TX	June 7th
1st Annual Flag Day Classic Car Show call Virginia Stanley at: (903) 294-0309 or (936) 524-0184	Downtown Huntsville, TX	June 14th
17th Ever! Bluebonnet Open Rod Run mikeine@aol.com	Central Park, College Station, TX	June 14th through June 15th
5th Annual Cruisin' Kirbyville Car and Bike Show (409) 201-4191	Memorial Parkway Hwy 96, Kirbyville, TX	July 18th through July 19th
7th Annual East Texas Blast Off Truck and Car Show chevytruckin07@yahoo.com	Longview, TX	
4th Annual Show n' Shine Car Show www.longviewcarshow.com	Maude/Cobb Convention Center, Longview, TX	Aug 9th

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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***DETR Members with
a birthday in April:
Jimmy Blackburn,
Pat Livingston,
Bernard Livingston,
Francis Lunsford,
Felix Muckleroy,
Hubert Murray,
Dottie Partin,
Earl Reneau,
Linda Sparks,
Sherry Stevens,
Mary Wallace
and Martha Wankan***

Happy Birthday!



This is Pat and Vicki David's 1978 Pontiac Bonneville. He acquired it new back in 1977 as a leased company car while working for Deluxe Check Printers. After putting 50,000 miles on the vehicle in only 16 months, he was assigned a new company car. However, his mother purchased the Bonneville and drove it for 23 years. She eventually gave it back to Pat in 2003 and he was surprised to see the odometer had only 83,000 miles on it! Pat says the car now has 97,000 miles and he's replaced only the shocks and air conditioning unit, as well as had the car repainted the original color. Pat says it is the largest car they own so he uses it regularly to transport large groups of people—like their grandkids! Pat says that while it leaks a little oil, the Bonneville is very dependable. And it gets 19 mpg on the highway! Way to go, Pat!

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