

## President's Message

by Jon Stevens

Hi Everyone! We had a good turnout for our March 21<sup>st</sup> covered dish dinner at Woodmen of the World Lodge. Director Mike Tollett had made arrangements for us to have Darryl Norris of the East Texas Auto Theft Task Force as a guest speaker. We learned a lot about car titles, vehicle identification numbers and motor numbers. There was also some interesting stories from club members and our guest speaker! Darryl finished up by handing his card out to club members and asked that we call him if questions come up about any of the above subjects. He can be reached at 903-593-6090.

As you know, from time to time our club is asked to provide vintage cars for certain events. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Foretravel Motor Homes had their annual "Rally" and asked that we provide some cars. Attending the "Rally" were Robert Stanaland, Travis Chandler, Forest Meador, Byron Porterfield, and Wendall Spreadbury (2 cars) making seven cars total.

Well, time is flying by and it will be time for our Deja Blue Car Show and the Blueberry Festival on June 13<sup>th</sup> before we know it! At our last Director's meeting, the board assigned duties to officials as follows: Parking and Gate Keepers—James Sanders; Registration, Ballot Counters & go-fers—Wendall Spreadbury and Gary Wallace; Master of Ceremonies, P.A. & Scroungers—Ken Thompson. As always, we could not put this show on without club member support from all of you. The Deja Blue Officials 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 latest club activity was to be our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Show and Shine" Car Show. However, bad weather has postponed the event to a future date. So please

watch your e-mail in-boxes for a possible announcement of the new date.

Our next Club activity will be a Mini-Tour and picnic at Ratcliff Lake on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The club will pay for your parking and provide fried chicken and drinks (iced tea and water) for the event. DETR club members are asked to bring their favorite side dishes and/or desserts. We will meet at Lowe's parking lot at 10:00am on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and we will caravan out to Ratcliff Lake. It is a very beautiful park and we had a great time last year!

So even if you don't have an old car to drive, bring the whole family and join us there. We will be calling members for a headcount—we need to make sure we get enough chicken for everybody! Don't miss this one! Hope to see you there!

— Jon



*Gary Wallace shows his good looks and his artisanship at the Veteran's Day parade last year! When DETR club members participate in community events they are ambassadors of a fine club of friendly folks who share a keen interest in antique and classic cars. Won't you ask a friend to join you for our next club event? We'll drive to Ratcliff Lake on May 16th have a nice picnic!*



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## 2009 Swap Meets and Car Shows

What:	Where:	When:
<b>Aeros and Autos at Ellington Airport</b> <a href="http://www.fly2houston.com/ellington">www.fly2houston.com/ellington</a>	Houston, TX	May 9th
<b>Lone Star Corvette Classic</b> <a href="http://www.fly2houston.com/ellington">www.fly2houston.com/ellington</a>	Texas Motor Speedway	May 15th— 16th
<b>Mustang and All Ford Show</b> <a href="http://www.wildhorsemustangclub.com/">www.wildhorsemustangclub.com/</a>	Beaumont, TX	May 16th
<b>Bringin' Back Memories Car Show</b> <a href="http://www.bringinbackmemories.com/">www.bringinbackmemories.com/</a>	Beaumont, TX	June 13th
<b>Diboll Police Car and Bike Show</b> <a href="http://www.dibollpolice.com/">www.dibollpolice.com/</a>	Diboll, TX	June 27th
<b>Longview Car Show</b> <a href="http://www.longviewcarshow.com/">www.longviewcarshow.com/</a>	Longview, TX	Aug. 8th

### Minutes for the Director's Meeting for *March 30th, 2009*

*Attending the meeting were Jon Stevens, Mike Tollett, Bill Ferguson, Corbitt Baker, Wendall Spreadbury, Gary Wallace, Dennis Wankan and Martha Wankan.*

The meeting was called to order by President Stevens. Secretary Wankan read last month's minutes. Treasurer Ferguson gave his report and held a discussion with the board on membership.

**Old Business:** The board discussed upcoming club events, including the April Show and Shine, the May Ratcliff Picnic, and the Deja Blue Car Show in June. Prizes, trophies and advertising task were assigned to various board members. Gary Wallace suggested dividing up the duties and places to go for soliciting door prizes. The rest of the year's calendar seemed to be in order. All board members agreed that an email line needed to be added to the application form for the Deja Blue Car Show.

**New Business:** On April 2, Foretravel would like for any of our club members to bring their antique and classic cars to their location for an event they are having. Food will be served while Foretravel customers look at our cars. Seeing no further business, Mike Tollett moved to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Gary Wallace.

*—Respectfully submitted by Martha Wankan*

### 2009 Calendar of Events

<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Mini-Cruise & Picnic at Ratcliff Lake Meet at Lowe's @ 10am
<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Deja Blue Car Show</i> downtown Nacogdoches
<b>July 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Mini-Cruise to Cushing, Texas and lunch at 7th Street Café
<b>Aug. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church, Nacogdoches
<b>Sept. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church, Nacogdoches
<b>Oct. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Mini-Cruise to the Sassafras Festival at San Augustine, TX
<b>Nov. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Cruise to Henderson Heritage Syrup Festival, Henderson, TX
<b>Dec. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Club Christmas Dinner at Ralph & Kacoo's in Lufkin, TX



*I asked Jon Stevens if he had a really good recipe for making a Studebaker. He smiled and said he indeed had a recipe that he would gladly share with us:*

*Start with the frame of a 1948 Studebaker. Gently fold in the front end suspension of a 1978 Ford Mustang II and the rear end of a 1976 Ford Maverick to make a rolling chassis. Season liberally with sweat.*



*Next, carefully combine the body of a 1948 Studebaker Land Cruiser with the rolling chassis. (Tip: Biting your lip as you slowly lower the lift to marry the two pieces increases your accuracy of alignment.) The bumper of a 1950 Studebaker may be added to give it a little "kick."*



*Jon says this recipe transports four comfortably with style and power. It stores well over time and it will never disappoint a hungry crowd when pulled out of the cupboard. Looks great, Jon!*



*Then carefully blend a 1978 Chevrolet Corvette water pump and belt pulleys with a 1986 Pontiac engine and transmission. Dump this mix into the rolling Studebaker chassis. Let it cool outside in the gentle breeze.*



*Finally, add the steering column from a 1993 Jeep Cherokee and the front seats of a 2001 Pontiac sedan. To enhance the presentation of this dish, add some 1983 Ford rims for style. Frost with your favorite shade of auto paint and re-chrome the flashy flatware.*



**Birthday  
Greetings!**



**DETR Members  
with a birthday  
in April:**

**Bill Ferguson,  
Isabel Hardy,  
Leon Hutchison,  
Virginia Reneau,  
Becky Standley,  
and Mike Stroup**

**Happy Birthday!**



*Wendall Spreadbury, DETR member and Marine veteran, gives "Uncle Sam" a ride in his Duesenbury LN-33 in the Nacogdoches Veteran's Day parade last year. Come join us for our next club activity as we drive to Ratcliff Lake to have a picnic on May 16th. We will caravan together starting at 10:00am at Lowe's parking lot on the north loop in Nacogdoches. See you there!*

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