

# THE Dashboard

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## President's Message

*By Jon Stevens*

Hi Everyone! Well, if you missed our Valentine's Day Dinner at Carrizo Creek Café on February 14<sup>th</sup>, you missed a good one! In terms of club member turnout, Bill Ferguson informed me that we had 46 people in attendance. We were treated to some very good food on the buffet that the restaurant had prepared for us. In addition, Mike Stroup gave out tickets for some very nice door prizes and those were supplemented by Buddy and Judy Parrott donating three batches of their "World Famous Tea Cakes" to be given out as door prizes also. The winners were, to the best of my recollection, Joan Hillin (collector car DVD), Rick Hillin (tea cakes), Ken Thompson (tea cakes), Sue Stanaland (floral arrangement), a nice lady whom I didn't get to meet, (tea cakes) and Sherry Stevens (box of chocolate praline turtles). Also Robert Grogan picked out some beautiful red roses that were presented to each of the ladies that were present at the dinner.

Since you received your last newsletter, we had several folks join our club. They are: Jerome & Sherry Hale (1931 Model A Coupe), Jason & Susie Heflin (1959 Chevy Pickup, 1937 2dr Chevy Sedan), Steve & Karen Jennings. We look forward to getting to know all of you and your vehicles better!

I mentioned in the last newsletter that your club officers and director's had been planning activities and events for the balance of this coming year. Here is what we have so far; March 21<sup>st</sup> - Bring a dish Dinner at Woodmen of the World Lodge, April 18<sup>th</sup> - Show & Shine Car Show at Nacogdoches Market Place II (Bealls Parking Lot), May 16<sup>th</sup> - Mini-Cruise to Ratcliff Lake for Picnic, June 13<sup>th</sup> - Deja Blue Car Show at Regions Bank Parking Lot, July 18<sup>th</sup> - Mini-Cruise to Cushing, Texas, August 15<sup>th</sup> - Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church, September 19<sup>th</sup> - Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church, October 31<sup>st</sup> - Sassafras Festival at San Augustine, November 14<sup>th</sup> - Cruise to Henderson Heritage Syrup Festival, December 12<sup>th</sup> - Club Christmas Dinner at Ralph &

Kacoo's in Lufkin. You will be getting more information on these as they get closer in time.

Several of our club members have car projects going that are in various stages of completion. We would like for you to send us pictures of those projects and we will put them in the monthly newsletter as space permits. Include any information that you would like to go with the pictures and send them to our newsletter editor, Mike Stroup. His e-mail is [mstroup@sfasu.edu](mailto:mstroup@sfasu.edu)

Our next club activity is coming up fast, and will be a "Bring a Dish Dinner" on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Woodmen of the World Lodge, located at 2839 Durst St. in Nacogdoches. Club Director Mike Tollett has made arrangements for a guest speaker: Gary King with the "East Texas Auto Theft Task Force" will talk to us about old and new vehicle titles, how to know you get a clear title, how to verify titles and just about any and every question that you may have about titles! It should be very interesting. I hope to see you there!

—Jon



**Nostalgia:** (noun) A wistful or excessively sentimental, sometimes abnormal yearning for a return to some past period or irrecoverable condition. (Webster's Dictionary)



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## *Project: Jeep Restoration*

*DETR club member Joe Ellis has just finished yet another one of his Jeep projects! As most of you know, he also owns a black 1946 Willys Jeep that he finished a couple of years ago. This latest project was little different: this red 1946 Willys Jeep project was a complete frame-off restoration!*

*Way to go, Joe!*



*It all started with a 1973 right-hand-drive Postal Service Jeep frame. Joe converted the steering back to left-hand drive. Then he added the front seats from a Dodge/Winnebago Motor Home. Joe added a 1976 Chevy pick-up 350ci engine for a little get-up-and-go! He also added a 1980 Camaro 4-speed transmission and a 1958 Chevy radiator. He purchased a new 1946 Willys Jeep body to finish the project.*

*Johnny Cash once sang a song about a Cadillac he built "one piece at a time" by stealing one part from the plant each day. When he finally finished out his illegitimate Caddy, he found he had a car built from parts that spanned many, many years. He sang that the car title itself weighed sixty pounds! Well, Joe came out much better with his legitimate restoration project. His jeep didn't take nearly as long to build and we figure that his title will only weigh about twenty pounds!*





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## 2009 Swap Meets and Car Shows

What:	Where:	When:
<b>Vintage Chevrolet Club 20th Annual Swap Meet</b> <a href="http://www.tradersvillage.com/es/houston/event&amp;e=32&amp;t=17th-Auto-Swap-Meet">www.tradersvillage.com/es/houston/event&amp;e=32&amp;t=17th-Auto-Swap-Meet</a>	Traders Village Houston, TX	Mar. 21st and 22nd
<b>Cars of Palestine Car Show</b> <a href="http://www.carsofpalestine.com">www.carsofpalestine.com</a>	Palestine, TX	Mar. 21st
<b>Lone Star Car Show</b> <a href="http://www.lonestarcarsshows.com">www.lonestarcarsshows.com</a>	Huntsville, TX	Mar. 28th
<b>Texas Corvette Association Car Show</b> <a href="http://www.texas-corvette-association.org/">www.texas-corvette-association.org/</a>	Boerne, TX	Apr. 18th
<b>Kingwood Car Show</b> <a href="http://www.kingwoodcarshow.com/">www.kingwoodcarshow.com/</a>	Kingwood, TX	Apr. 19th
<b>Blast From the Past Car Show</b> <a href="http://www.fabtechassociates.com/misc/CS%20Flyer.pdf">www.fabtechassociates.com/misc/CS%20Flyer.pdf</a>	Conroe, TX	Apr. 25th
<b>Longview Car Show</b> <a href="http://www.longviewcarshow.com/">www.longviewcarshow.com/</a>	Longview, TX	Aug. 8th



*Beautiful scenery like this is available when you accompany the DETR club members on one of their mini-tours throughout the year. Won't you join us?*





## February Birthday Greetings!

*DETR Members with birthdays in February:*

*Eleanor Baker, Leonard Benton, Laverne Chandler, Larry Gast, and Jon Stevens*



## 2009 Calendar of Events

- Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>** Bring a dish Dinner at W.O.W Lodge in Nacogdoches
- April 18<sup>th</sup>** *DETR Show & Shine* Car Show at the Nacogdoches Market Place II (Beall's parking lot), Nacogdoches
- May 16<sup>th</sup>** Mini-Cruise & Picnic at Ratcliff Lake
- June 13<sup>th</sup>** *Deja Blue Car Show* at Regions Bank Parking Lot, Nacogdoches
- July 18<sup>th</sup>** Mini-Cruise to Cushing, Texas and lunch at 7th Street Café
- Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>** Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church, Nacogdoches
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- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>** Cruise to Henderson Heritage Syrup Festival, Henderson, TX
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** Club Christmas Dinner at Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant in Lufkin, TX

### Minutes for the Director's Meeting

03-02-09

*Members present were: Ken Thompson, Bill Ferguson, Cecil Sparks, Wendall Spreadbury, Gary Wallace, Mike Tollett and Jon Stevens*

**Old business:** The balance of the year activities were planned out and dates updated. Treasurer Bill Ferguson took the Board members through an audit of the club's financial records and the records were approved as "in order" by all officers and directors of the club.

**New business:** The Board started discussions and planning for the *Deja Blue Car Show*. The Board assigned duties to officials as follows: Parking and Gate Keepers-James Sanders; Registration, Ballot Counters & go-fers-Wendall Spreadbury & Gary Wallace; Master of Ceremonies, PA & Scroungers-Ken Thompson. The Board decided to start soliciting door prizes for the show no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.*

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## *Valentine's Day 2009!*

*Over forty DETR members enjoyed a wonderful meal at the annual DETR Valentine's Day Dinner at the Carrizo Creek Café (left).*

*Rod and Teresa Reed (below) share smiles at the Valentine's Day Dinner*



*Lawson and Frances Lunsford (below) enjoyed some laughs and fellowship among friends who share a passion for classic and antique cars.*



*Cecil and Linda Sparks (right) share a quiet moment together, though it didn't last long! Too many people to say hello to and share a laugh with. There were smiles all around!*



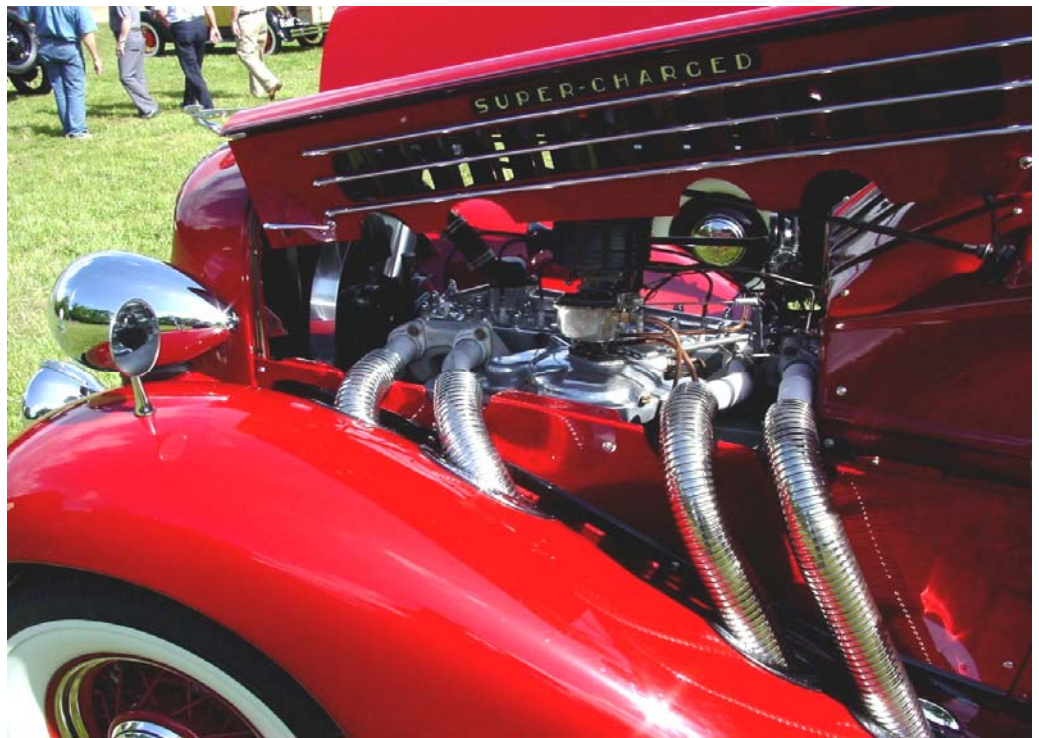
## Birthday Greetings!



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

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

**Happy Birthday!**



***Supercharge our club!*** Ask a collector car fan whom you know to join up with the Deep East Texas Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. You can also give our club officers or board members the name and contact information of someone you know who would enjoy being with our friendly group. They will be happy to call or e-mail them personally on your behalf.

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