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President's Message

by Jon Stevens

Hi Everyone! Happy New Year and welcome to 2009! In case you didn't make it, we had a very good "Bring a Dish Dinner" January 17th at Woodmen of the world Lodge. We heard a very good presentation about chrome plating from Bobby Baker of Superior Chrome Plating in Houston. After his presentation, Bobby also answered questions from members and also looked at any parts that we had there. Wendall Spreadbury also updated us on some current legislation that would be very detrimental to the collector car hobby and let us know what we could do about it. Thanks to Euna Murray, here is a list of the folks that attended the meeting: Gary Wallace, Buck Faussett, Hugh & Euna Murray, Sheryl Murray, Wendall Spreadbury, Stan & Linda Lindsey, Merle Thomas, Joan Hillin, Willie & Dottie Partin, Ray & Linda Robbins, Robert Stanaland, Steve Tracy, Corbitt & Elizabeth Baker, Mike & Billie Tollett, Joe & Charlsie Ellis, Larry & Ann Hargis, Buddy & Judy Parrott, Danny Williams, Bobby & Giselle Baker, and yours truly, Jon Stevens.

This is to update everyone as to your club officers and directors for 2009 that were voted in at our Christmas Dinner Meeting on December 13th, 2008. President: Jon Stevens, Vice President: Wendall Spreadbury, Secretary: Martha Wankan, Treasurer: Bill Ferguson, Elected Directors: Cecil Sparks, Mike Tollett, and Ken Thompson. As returning President, I was to appoint two additional directors and they are: Gary Wallace and Corbitt Baker. I feel that both of these gentleman will be a good compliment to our Board of Directors. Additionally, we voted to update two of our standing policies of the club and add one standing policy. The revised policies are: Prior written approval from the Board of Directors is required for any payment of any kind that exceeds \$500.00, and: The election of club officers will take place during the December monthly meeting of each year and the new duly elected officers shall take office starting the following January for their prescribed terms. The policy added was: Upon the approval of the President or the Board of Directors, the club may allocate up to approximately \$50.00 to pay for

flower arrangements or other appropriate gifts to commemorate the death of a club member or the spouse of a club member.

As I said in last month's newsletter, this is the time of year that we 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 any, don't hesitate to let us know!

You won't want to miss our next club activity, which will be our Valentine's Day Dinner Saturday, February 14th at 6:00pm at Carrizo Creek Café (formally Wall's Restaurant). This year our Valentine's Dinner actually falls on Valentine's day! This Café is located on CR 302 (Upper Melrose Road). Take Center Highway (Hwy 7) just past the loop and look for Upper Melrose Rd. on your right (it is immediately after Mr. Will's Station). Look for the Café which will be on your right.

So, bring your sweetheart and your appetite! Hope to see you there!

— Jon



It's been awhile since we've seen Jim Thrall's COE 2-Ton Flatbed truck, all shined up and out in the sun. Isn't she a beauty!?



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Left: "Bonnie Parker" and "Clyde Barrow" pose for a publicity shot before they reenact a "bank robbery." The performance took place at the 2008 San Augustine Sassafras Festival.

Right: Here the whole troupe appear along with their props. That's Gary Wallace second from the right. And Buck Faussett is sitting in the coolest prop of all, his 1931 Ford Model A Town Car. Looks pretty convincing!



Left: The action gets hot as our Bonnie and Clyde team make their getaway with a hail of gun fire! Many spectators were quite impressed as Buck Faussett squeals those skinny balloon tires for all their worth to avoid the long arm of the law!



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What:	Where:	When:
East Texas Auto and Cycle Show https://etccorga.startlogic.com/acs/	Harvey Convention Center in Tyler, TX	Feb. 20th thru 22nd
2009 Dallas Auto Show www.dallasautoshow.com/	The Dallas Convention Center in Dallas, TX	Feb. 18th thru 27th
Mustang Owners Club of Austin Open Car Show www.mocatx.com/Home.asp	Round Rock, TX	Mar. 7th
Vintage Chevrolet Club 20th Annual Swap Meet www.tradersvillage.com/es/houston/	Traders Village Houston, TX	Mar. 21st thru 22nd
Cars of Palestine Car Show www.carsofpalestine.com/	Palestine, TX	Mar. 21st

DETR Board Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2009

Attending were: Corbitt Baker, Gary Wallace, Cecil Sparks, Mike Tollett, Robert Grogan, Wendall Spreadbury, Dennis Wankan, Bill Ferguson & Martha Wankan.

President Stevens brought the meeting to order and announced that we have two new appointed directors: Corbitt Baker and Gary Wallace. Secretary Wankan read the minutes from the last meeting. Treasurer Ferguson gave his report and discussed an audit planned for the next board meeting.

Old Business: The board updated the calendar for the 2009 year:

February 14th Valentine Party at Carrizzo Creek. Price will be \$ 14.00 per person, payable to Bill Ferguson at the door.

March 21st Bring a dish dinner at WOW. Mike Tollett will ask a DPS representative to present a special program. Tollett also agreed to be responsible for the plates, tea, and ect. for this meeting.

April 18th Show & Shine at the N. Street Shopping Ctr. 10:00am to 1:00pm.

May 23rd Cruise to Ratcliff Lake. Cecil Sparks will reserve picnic area for us and check on scheduling a program.

June 13th Deja Blue Car Show.

July 18th Cruise to Cushing, dine at the 7th Street Restaurant.

August 15th Bring a dish dinner at New Hope Church.

Sept. 19th Bring a dish at New Hope Church.

October 24th Sassafras Festival in San Augustine.

November 14th Syrup Festival in Henderson eat at Fillin Station.

December 12th Christmas Party at Ralph & Kacoo's

New Business: TVCC report was given by Wendell Spreadbury.

*Move to adjourn was by Jon Stevens and seconded by Gary Wallace
Respectfully submitted by Martha Wankan*





January Birthday Greetings!

DETR Members with birthdays in January:

*Roger Baker,
Travis Chandler
and
Beverly Pritchett*

Happy Birthday!



Meet DETR member Sammie Smith, who is standing next to his 1965 Volkswagen Westfalia SO-42 Camper. He says he spent 700 hours restoring this beauty to its original showroom condition. It has 61K miles and still retains the original engine and transmission. Sammie is also the Newsletter Editor of a sister auto club in Nacogdoches called the East Texas Vee-Dub club. He has restored many different VW models, including a beautiful "Baja Bug." Nice!!

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