

President's Message

By Jon Stevens

Wow, there sure has been a lot going on since our last newsletter came out. Our club outing to Ratcliff Lake on May 16th had a great turnout. In attendance were: Willie and Dottie Partin, Joe and Charlsie Ellis, Jim Thrall, Hugh and Euna Murray, Mike and Billie Tollett, Danny and Brenda Williams, Robert Grogan and guest Ray Spivey, Bette Hopper, Ken Thompson, Dennis and Martha Wanken, Corbitt and Elizabeth Baker, Connie and Wendall Spreadbury, Jon and Sherry Stevens, Pat David, Robert Stanaland, Cecil Sparks, George Jordan, and Jason Heflin. In addition to being treated to some KFC chicken and some great side dishes and deserts, we heard an interesting presentation on the Caddo Indians that lived in the area presented by Jennifer Price of the Texas Historical Commission. We also got to see and touch many of the tools and other artifacts that the Caddo Indians used in their daily life.

Also, in case you weren't there, we had the Deja Blue Car Show on June 13th in conjunction with the annual Blueberry Festival. Talking about turnouts, we really had a tremendous turnout for this years show. Last year we had 53 cars entered in the show. This year we had an overwhelming 103! That is the most entries we have ever had, even more than when the Texas Tour was in town! The sheer number of entries was larger than we expected, but the show overall went pretty well due in no small part to our club volunteers that pitched in to help.

A huge "THANK YOU!" goes out to: Bill Ferguson, Gary Wallace, James Sanders, Dennis Wankan, Martha Wankan, Ray Robbins, Linda Robbins, Hugh Murray, Euna Murray, Sherry Stevens, Mike Tollett, Corbitt Baker, Ken Thompson and Merry Thompson. Ken and Merry, without the use of your motor home, we would have died out there tallying up the class winners! Speaking of class winners, several club members won trophies: Jerry Wilson-Best 60s (1962 Mini Copper), Dennis Wankan-Best Mopar (1966 Dodge), Paul Robbins -Best Import (2001 Jaguar), Corbitt Baker-Most Rare or

Unusual (1984 Excalibur) and the big one! Robert Pritchett -BEST OF SHOW (1929 Ford Model A)

We are still trying to get pictures of all club members and their cars posted on our web site. If you do not have a picture on the site, we will be attempting to get a picture for you at our upcoming events. If you have a suitable picture (check out the ones currently on the site) of you and your car, you can e-mail it to Lori Stroup at stroup@suddenlink.net Our club web site address is www.aaca.org/detr

Our next club event is coming up fast and will be held on Saturday July 18th. It will be a Mini-Tour to Cushing, Texas where we will eat lunch at the 7th St. Restaurant. We will meet at Lowe's parking lot at 10:30am and Gary Wallace will lead our caravan to Cushing. This is the 3rd year that we have done this tour and the nice folks from the 7th St. Restaurant have really taken care of us in the past so, don't miss this one! Even if you don't have an old car ready to drive, please come join us for the scenic drive and lunch outing.

Hope to see you on the 18th at 10:30am in the Lowe's parking lot!

— Jon



DETR member Robert Pritchett waves from his "Best of Show" winning 1929 Ford Model A touring car. What a beautiful restoration and a gorgeous car!





DETR member James Sanders gives a young lady a lift and some much needed protection from the hot sun in his golf cart, which proved very useful for coordinating show entrants and their cars at the 2009 De Ja Blue Car Show.

Photos by Cecil Sparks

DETR members Bill Ferguson (left) and Mike Tollett carefully count the car show participants' votes in the cool interior of a motor home that was brought to the car show by DETR members Ken and Merry Thompson. Their thoughtful gesture made the judging process much easier!



DETR members Corbitt Baker (left), Sherry Stevens (middle) and Bill Ferguson man the check-in table where all 103 participants and their vehicles entered the show. Keeping track of such a large number of vehicles and their owners is a daunting task, and the many volunteers did an admirable job in the heat and humidity!



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2009 DETR Calendar of Events

July 18th Mini-Cruise to Cushing, Texas and lunch at 7th Street Café
Aug. 15th Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church, Nacogdoches
Sept. 19th Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church, Nacogdoches
Oct. 17th Annual Show 'n Shine, Beall's Shopping Center, Nacogdoches
Oct. 31st Mini-Cruise to the Sassafras Festival at San Augustine, TX
Nov. 14th Cruise to Henderson Heritage Syrup Festival, Henderson, TX
Dec. 12th Club Christmas Dinner at Ralph & Kacoo's in Lufkin, TX

2009 Deja Blue Car Show			
Vehicle Class	Winner's Name	Hometown	Vehicle
Street Rod- Car	Brian Nabbs	Lufkin	1939 Chevrolet
Street Rod- Truck	Rob Harris	Nacogdoches	1936 Ford Woodie
Resto Rod- Car	Randy Robison	Nacogdoches	1969 Ford Mustang
Resto Rod- Truck	Rob Harris	Nacogdoches	1950 Willys Pickup
Pro Street	Damon Samson	Nacogdoches	1978 Chevrolet Malibu
Best 40's	Lewis Cox	Alto	1941 Cadillac
Best 50's	Jesse Basham	Nacogdoches	1956 Chevrolet
Best 60's	Jerry Wilson	Nacogdoches	1962 Mini Cooper
Best 70's	George Nichols	Lufkin	1972 Chevrolet Nova
Muscle Car	Toby Ridgeway	Reklaw	1969 Chevrolet Camaro
Mustang	Duane Hoxworth	Waco	1965 Ford Mustang
Camaro	Sissy Cartwright	Nacogdoches	1969 Chevrolet Camaro
Corvette	Mike Chandler	Nacogdoches	1960 Corvette
Mopar	Dennis Wankan	Nacogdoches	1966 Dodge
Volkswagen	David Blades	Crockett	1957 VW
Import	Paul Robbins	Nacogdoches	2001 Jaguar
Pickup	Dale Perritt	Nacogdoches	1964 Chevrolet Pickup
Truck/SUV	Gary Nix	Nacogdoches	1983 Jeep
Open Car	Ray Paulsey	Diboll	1966 Ford Shelby Cobra
Model A	Lewis Cox	Alto	1929 Ford Model A
Pre World War II	Glen Humphreys	Lufkin	1939 Pontiac
Pre Fab/ Kit Car	Israel Hernandez	Nacogdoches	1929 Gazelle
Most Rare/ Unusual	Corbitt Baker	Nacogdoches	1984 Excalibur
BEST OF SHOW	Robert Pritchett	Zavalla	1929 Ford Model A
BEST PAINT	Brian Nabbs	Lufkin	1939 Chevrolet

DETR Members with a birthday in June:



*Jimmy Blackburn, Francis Lunsford,
 Felix Muckleroy, Hubert Murray, Dottie Partin,
 Earl Reneau, Linda Sparks, Sherry Stevens,
 Mary Wallace & Martha Wankan*

Happy Birthday!





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

**Ray Robbins,
Linda Robbins,
Lori Stroup,
Joe DiMaggio,
Buddy Parrott,
Charlsie Ellis,
Vicki David,
Lawson Lunsford
& Sue Stanaland**

Happy Birthday!



A record number of entrants (103) participated in the 2009 Déjà Blue car show at the Nacogdoches Blueberry Festival. This annual car show is made possible each year through the volunteer efforts of DETR members. High heat and humidity didn't keep fans of antique automobiles and classic cars from viewing the many excellent examples of lovingly restored icons of American culture and automobile history.

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