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## President's Message

By Jon Stevens



Hi Everyone! Wow, here we are in December again. It seems to have come a little early this year! Our last club event was our annual mini-tour to the Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, Texas. We met at the

Wal-Mart parking lot at 8:00am and Corbitt Baker led our caravan up to Henderson. The weatherman was threatening some not so kind weather for the day of the Syrup Festival so, our attendance was down slightly this year. However, we did have some brave souls that made the trip anyway. Our member's that attended this year's min-tour were: Martha Wankan, Buddy Parrott & grandson, Corbitt & Elizabeth Baker & daughter, Pat David, Rod & Teresa Reed, Jerome & Sherry Hale, and Robert & Sissy Harris. Sherry and I were both recovering from some kind of crud we think the grandkids left with us on their recent visit and we were unable to attend. Martha Wankan had made arrangements for club members to eat lunch together at the Filling Station Restaurant



Club members cars looking good at the Syrup Festival in Henderson, Texas on November 13th. Photo by Martha Wankan

As a reminder our club membership dues for 2011 are due in by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The combined local and national dues are \$55:00. Please make your checks payable to D.E.T.R. and mail them to Bill Ferguson at 3603 Raguet St. Nacogdoches, Tx 75965

**Our next club activity will be our annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm at Ralph and Kacoo's Restaurant in Lufkin.** This year we will again be ordering off their regular menu and each party will receive individual checks. Your

deserts will be paid for by the club and they do have some good ones! As an added treat, we will again be doing a really fun gift exchange (sometimes called "Chinese gift exchange"). Everyone who brings a gift will receive a gift. You can participate individually or as a couple. All gifts should be wrapped with no tag and the suggested cost is in the \$10 to\$15 range. Remember that this is

a fun gift exchange! The rules of this exchange will be explained in detail at the party. This was great fun the last time we did it, so please put this event on your calender and don't miss out on the fun or your free dessert! I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Jon



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[www.aaca.org/detr](http://www.aaca.org/detr)

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## PLEASE NOTE

The address for our club website has changed to: [www.aacadetr.org](http://www.aacadetr.org) The old address will still take anyone to the site while we get the change out to everyone. This was necessary due to technology updates to our system.

### Minutes of the DETR Board Mtg.

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Attending the meeting at Corbit & Elizabeth Baker's home were: Jon & Sherri Stevens, Pat David, Mike & Billie Tollett, Bill & Frances Ferguson, Rod Reed, Ken Thompson, Corbit & Elizabeth Baker and Martha Wankan

- \* President Jon Stevens called the meeting to order.
- \* Secretary Martha Wankan read the last month's minutes.
- \* Treasure Bill Ferguson gave report on new members and finances.



Looks like some serious discussions going on during lunch at the Syrup Festival on November 13th. Photo by Martha Wankan

### Old Business:

- \* Rechecked all upcoming events. The January club meeting will be held at the New Hope Church, bring a dish dinner with speakers Joe Haroldson and Tom Davis of Dept. of Public Safety. Also, reminder that we will

exchange gifts at the Christmas party at Ralph & Kacoos on Dec. 12. this year.

- \* The Slate of officers for 2011 year to be voted on at Christmas party are:

President—Jon Stevens  
Vice President—Mike Tollett  
Secretary—Martha Wankan  
Treasurer—Bill Ferguson  
Director—Ken Thompson



### New Business:

- \* The Valentine Party will be held at Barnhills this year on February 12 @ 6:00PM
- \* The January club meeting will be at New Hope Church, bring a dish dinner with Mike Tollett getting speakers for us. Mark on your calendars.
- \* T-Shirts and sponsors was discussed and agreed on.
- \* Deja Blue Car Show was discussed. Making changes on printed materials was discussed and agreed on.

No further business Motion Made by Bill Ferguson, Seconded by Ken Thompson meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by Martha Wankan*



Club members awaiting their lunch at the Filling Station Restaurant on November 13th. Photo by Martha Wankan





## 2010+ Calendar of Events

December 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm- Christmas Dinner & Fun Gift Exchange at Ralph & Kacoo's in Lufkin
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church



### Car Restoration Tip 11 Cleaning Delicate Parts

Do you have a filthy, painted-over, but otherwise salvageable VIN, engine, transmission or other identification plate that is original to the car? Probably so, and you don't know how to clean it up without losing the very imprints you're trying to save.

Many of these plates were silk-screened or printed in easy-to-remove, oil-based inks, so you don't want to attempt a cleaning using solvents or abrasives. What should you do?

Do what the restoration people at museums do, of course! Use gel-type hand cleaners!

That's right, the art historians who regularly restore priceless paintings use everyday gel hand cleaners (you know, the greasy stuff that doesn't contain pumice!) to gently lift off layers of crud from the delicate finishes.

Use very soft cloth or cotton balls spread with a thin film of cleaner. Gently wipe the plate surface back and forth, changing the cleaning material as it picks up dirt and grease. Be patient, because this will take considerable time. Eventually your plate will look quite presentable, if not like new. When finished you

can apply a little polish to the plate to brighten it up.

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## ANNUAL DUES

Our annual dues for the National AACA club (\$35) and the local DETR club (\$20) will be due soon.

You can pay both dues with one check for \$55 that is made out to DETR-AACA and mailed to Bill Ferguson at 3603 Raguet Nacogdoches, Tx 75965.



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Our Annual DETR elections for club officers will take place at the annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday December 11th. Here is the slate of candidates for 2011.

**President: Jon Stevens**  
**Vice President: Mike Tollett**  
**Secretary: Martha Wankan**  
**Club Director: Ken Thompson**  
**Treasurer: Bill Ferguson**

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Anyone interested in any of the above offices, please contact Martha Wankan at 936-569-8081 or Jon Stevens at 409-584-2044.

*Merry Christmas!*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

