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President's Message

By Jon Stevens



Hi Everyone!

Since our last month's newsletter came out after the Deja Blue Car Show, our July event is still ahead of us. At our last Director's meeting, we discussed event's that we may want to add to our remaining calendar of events for this year. One item (by popular request) was another visit to the Lendell Martin Car Collection near Broaddus, Texas. Another was the "Cruising the Cotton Patch" event at the Cotton Patch Restaurant in Nacogdoches. I'll be talking to these folks to schedule specific dates and they will be included in our calendar of events for the newsletter.

Our next club event is coming up fast and will be held on Saturday July 16th. It is our annual Mini-Tour to Cushing, Texas where we will eat lunch at the 7th St Café. We plan to meet at the Wal-Mart parking lot at 10:30am and we will caravan up to Cushing. Corbitt Baker said he knew a slightly different route that we could take up

to Cushing so we won't get bored with the same old scenery! Even if you don't have an old car to drive, please come join us for the scenic drive and a great lunch outing.

See you on the 16th at 10:30am in the Wal-Mart parking lot!

Jon



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2011 Calendar of Events

July 16th	Mini-Tour to Cushing-Lunch at 7th St. Cafe
August 20th	"Bring a Dish" Dinner at New Hope Church-Nacogdoches
September 17th	6:00pm "Bring a Dish Dinner" at New Hope Church-Nacogdoches
October 15th	Fall "Show & Shine Car Show" 10:00am to 1:00pm Market Place II (Beall's parking lot)
October 29th	Mini-Tour to San Augustine & The Sassafras Festival
November 12th	Mini-Tour to Henderson & The Heritage Syrup Festival
December 3rd	6:00pm Club Christmas Party- Location to be determined



Just a small sample of what you will see at the Lendell Martin Car Collection.

Photo by Cecil Sparks

DETR Meeting June 27th, 2011

Attending the meeting were Jon Stevens, Mike Tollett, Corbitt Baker, Rod Reed, and Martha Wankan.

- President Stevens called the meeting to order.
- Minutes were not present to read, will read next meeting.

- Treasure was absent. Report will be given next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion on June Deja Blue Show. Decided to put a cutoff date for preregistration on the registration forms for next year's show. Also, decided to keep all categories as is for our next show.
- Discussion on the T-shirts, we will continue the T-shirt program for the 2012 Deja Blue Show and will try to sell more ads on the back of the shirt.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We will mail Award Certificates to the winners of this year's car show and also continue to do this every show. This will be something that will go along with the trophies.
- Jon Stevens led a discussion with the board about future club officers and directors. This will be an ongoing topic at future meetings.
- Mike Tollett will try to contact Greg Sowell to speak at our September meeting at New Hope Church.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Tollett
Seconded by Corbitt Baker



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Article by Rob Fortier

Everybody's going "green" these days, or so it seems. Personally, green's not my color—I'm more partial to blue. And as far as the definition of green in an environmentally speaking manner, I'm not totally sold on that, either. Oh, don't get me wrong, I'm all for saving our planet... in a realistic way. I'm also for conserving energy, our natural resources, etc. Again, done in a realistic, reasonable, and fair way, I'm behind all efforts to save planet earth. Unfortunately, that's not the case.

Instead, people like you and me are scapegoated and ultimately are having to pay the price. OK fine, the automakers can follow the rules set by the EPA/CAFE/BS, and build their zero-emissions vehicles. But leave us, the minor minority and our fossil fuel-powered automobiles alone. We're not the ones deserving of the title "gross polluters". Polluters? Yeah, maybe, but in a globally measurable amount, we're but a gnat—a baby one at that—squashed on a windshield. In other, more decipherable words, our contribution to that farce called global warming is minute at best.

The only valid reason I see of removing every single pre-'76 (or whatever manufacturing date they consider) car from the road would be to vastly reduce the number of petroleum based gas pumps across the nation and abroad and make way for the corn-fuel outlets. E85 in hot rods (and customs), why? Sure, we can retrofit our fuel systems to adapt to the alcohol content—we can also retrofit them to run on compressed natural gas (CNG) and/or propane (LPG). Again, why? I see and ultimately, understand—the big picture. In that picture, we as the tiny artist's signature at the bottom are

having to pay the same price— both monetarily and consequentially— as the rest of the shapes and colors in the picture. And here I am back to the colors.

There's got to be a way we can go green with some sort of compromise or clause that in some way favors us fossil fuelers. I don't mind having to pay a little more for gas, a little more for vehicle tax, or even having to register my "old" vehicles as such. Just let me keep them, allow me to drive them (whenever and wherever I want), all without having to mortgage my house to the hilt! Besides, my fireplace mantle is no place to hang a '47 Chevy...



A picture from our last "Cruising the Cotton Patch" in March 2011.

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- 1st Gary Hansen
- 3rd Jim Thrall
- 4th Frances Ferguson
- 6th Forest Meador
- 19th Buck Faussett

Happy Birthday Everyone!!



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More fine samples from the Lendell Martin Car Collection.

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