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President's Message

By Jon Stevens



Hi Everyone! Wow, has it been hot lately, or what! I think our hot weather from last year has returned to us. Our last club event was a Mini-Tour to Cushing, Texas and the 7th St. Café on July 21st. Sherry and I were

unable to attend this function but, Corbitt and Elizabeth Baker reported that we had a good turn out and the folks at the 7th St. Café were glad to see us again. Thanks to Corbitt and Elizabeth baker for filling in for us.

Several of our club members have car projects in progress or have obtained new (old vehicles). Please send us pictures and details so that we can put them in the newsletter as space permits. You can send them to me (popngramret@aol.com) or to our newsletter editor Ruth Stahnke at (newsletter@jewelrybyruth.com). Call me if you have any questions.

Over the years that I have been president of our club, I have been asked a few times about why do we need to be a member of a national club to be a member in our local region club? Bill Ferguson forwarded this information to me from an AACA forum so, I will

share it with you. One benefit that most members of a local club don't think of is that the national club organization carries liability insurance to cover the events of the local region. Most independent local car clubs don't think of the need for insurance or they can't afford to get it. If an accident happens at an organized club event the individual, club, and officers of the club may be sued. Unfortunately, this is the world that we live in today. Most of the other clubs that I am aware of in our area, are taking a risk of operating with no insurance.

Our next club activity is "Cruising the Cotton Patch" on Thursday August 16th at 5:30pm at the Cotton Patch Restaurant in Nacogdoches. As before, the manager of the

Cotton patch has invited our club to bring our old cars to the restaurant. If you bring an old car to the event, you will receive \$10 off the price of your meals! (\$10 per car, not per person) They will section off an area for us to park in and provide security while we are eating. Even if you don't have an old car to bring, come join us for dinner anyway. We have always had a good time at this event so, don't miss it! See you there!



Flashback to Deja Blue 2012: Club member Sammie Smith "Doubling Up" on trophies for his fine VW Van and 1933 Porsche. photo by Merry Thompson

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The club's Board of Directors did not meet on the regular date at the end of July. Therefore, no meeting minutes are posted in the newsletter.



Project Update: Our 1969 GTO rebuilt engine and new overdrive transmission (2004R) are now back in the frame. Currently waiting for new radiator so that engine can be test fired up! It has been silent since 1989! Photo by Jon Stevens



August Birthdays

- 3rd Dorothy Porterfield
- 4th John Sitton
- 8th Jan Tracy
- 9th Brenda Williams
- 15th Larry Hargis
- 21st Ruth Muckleroy
Byron Porterfield

Happy Birthday Everyone!!

2012 Calendar of Events

- August 16th (Thursday) 5:30pm- "Cruising the Cotton Patch" at Cotton Patch Restaurant-Nacogdoches)
- September 15th "Bring a Dish Dinner" & "Movie Night" 6:00pm at New Hope Church-Nacogdoches.
- October 18th (Thursday) 5:30pm- "Cruising the Cotton Patch" at Cotton Patch Restaurant-Nacogdoches.
- October 27th Mini-Tour to San Augustine Sassafras Festival (Leave 8:00am)
- November 10th Mini-Tour to Henderson & The Heritage Syrup Festival (Leave 7:30am)
- December 8th DETR Christmas Dinner-6:00pm at Barnhill's in Nacogdoches



This is shot of some of the cars that were at club member and treasurer Dave Barringer's Memorial Service on August 2nd. Dave was a good friend and an avid club supporter and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Lou and her family. photo by Jon Stevens



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“The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color.”

— Natalie Babbitt, *Tuck Everlasting*



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