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President's Message

By Jon Stevens



Hi Everyone! Happy New Year and welcome to 2012! I don't know about you, but 2011 went by me awfully fast! As mentioned in our

December newsletter, we had our annual "Christmas Dinner at Barnhill's in Nacogdoches and during that meeting we voted on our 2012 club officers. As a returning president, I was responsible for appointing two club directors to the board of directors. I am very pleased that Robert Harris and James Standley have agreed to be club directors for 2012. Also, Robert Grogan will be a director replacing Corbitt Baker who became vice president.

Your complete 2012 Club Board is: President-Jon Stevens, Vice President-Corbitt Baker, Secretary-Martha Wankan, Treasurer-Dave Barringer, club directors: Ken Thompson, Rod Reed, Robert Harris, James Standley, and Robert Grogan. I would like to recognize and thank Bill Ferguson, Mike Tollett, and Pat David for their past service and support to our board of directors and club members.

This is the time of year that the officers and directors of the club are planning out our activities for the coming year. We are very interested in any ideas or suggestions that you may have for our future events. If you have an

idea or suggestion that you would like to be considered, please let me, or any other board member know about it. During our January Board of Director's meeting, we will be working hard on our 2012 Calendar of Events and hope to have it included in the February News letter.

As you may, or may not be aware of, this will be my 6th year as president of our club. While I have enjoyed working to make our club a better experience, I feel that it is time for a change. This will be my last year to serve as President of the club. In the past, we (the club) have waited until late in the year to start thinking

about who might make, or want to be the next president of the club. I'd like that to change, so I'm asking that you think about this and if you would want to be president or if you would like to nominate someone to be considered, please let me or any board member know. Thanks in advance!

On a very sad note, long time club member, Forest Meador passed away on January 6th. He will be

missed and our prayers and sympathy go out to his family.

Our next club activity will be a "Bring a Dish Dinner" on Saturday January 21st 6:00pm at the New Hope Church in Nacogdoches. We plan to have a special "sneak" program for this meeting. Hope to see you there!

Jon



Club members Dave & Mary Lou Barringer at the O'Quinn Collection September 26th, 2009





I was looking for a way to sneak this fine Packard out of the building at the O'Quinn Collection on September 26th, 2009.

A look back at 2011: Autoweek TV Published on 12/30/2011

A look at some of the cars, people and events that made 2011 memorable for car enthusiasts.

TRANSCRIPT

It's Friday, and welcome to the last episode of Autoweek TV for 2011.

Before 2012 gets off to a tire-smoking start next week with the run-up to the Detroit auto show, let's take a quick look back at some of the cars, companies and people that made 2011 interesting. So, in no particular order:

-- Chevrolet celebrated its 100th anniversary, the Jaguar E-type marked 50 years since its debut, and Acura has been with us for 25 years.

-- It was the end of the road for Mercury, Maybach and Saab.

-- In January, ground was broken for the Formula One track in Austin, Texas. In November, the race was all but dead due to a battle over money--but a last-minute deal kept it on the 2012 schedule.

-- Eminem put Chrysler back on the map with his "Imported From Detroit" Super Bowl ad. Darth Vader did the same for Volkswagen.

2011 Calendar of Events	
January 21st	"Bring a Dish Dinner" at 6:00pm at the New Hope Church in Nacogdoches Texas.
February 11 th	Valentine's Dinner at Barnhill's in Nacogdoches at 6:00pm.

-- Ford and Ferrari battled over the use of the "F-150" name. Ford won.

-- *Consumer Reports* magazine gave thumbs up to the redesigned Toyota Camry, while critics gave thumbs down to the redesigned Honda Civic. Honda said a fix is on the way.

-- Here are the cars we thought were the best at the major auto shows, our Best In Show winners: The Porsche 918 RSR, the Lamborghini Aventador LP700-4, the Jaguar C-X16 and the Mazda Takeri.

-- Come to autoweek.com next Monday night to find out what we named the best car and truck for 2012.

-- Rookie Trevor Bayne won the Daytona 500, while Tony Stewart claimed his third NASCAR championship. Sebastian Vettel dominated Formula One and took the driver's championship. Dan Wheldon won his second Indy 500 when J. R. Hildebrand crashed in the last turn of the last lap. Tragically, Wheldon died in a race crash in Las Vegas in November.

-- Donald Trump was hired to drive the pace car for the Indy 500. Then was fired. A. J. Foyt drove the pace car.

-- An earthquake and tsunami wracked Japan, leaving Toyota and Honda dealers in the U.S. scrambling for cars for their lots. It was an opportunity for U.S. carmakers to impress car buyers.

-- Among the people we said good-bye to: Car designer Chuck Jordan, auto journalist David E. Davis Jr., Indianapolis Motor Speedway announcer Tom Carnegie and Hot Wheels inventor Elliot Handler.

And here are a couple of things we're looking forward to in 2012:



-- A new Acura NSX, which will show up at the Detroit show.

-- *Autoweek's* new TV show, *Autoweek's Vinsetta Garage*, which debuts on the Velocity network next Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. Eastern.

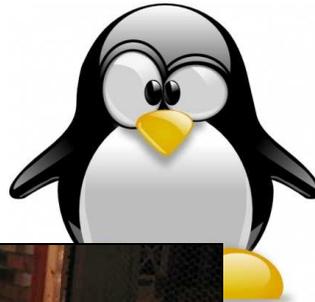
OK, we're gonna take a long weekend to ring in the new year, rest up and be ready to dump the clutch on 2012. We'll see you back here on Tuesday.

And don't forget--enjoy the drive! *Republished from www.autoweek.com*



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 for DETR-AACA and mailed to:

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Club members Sammie Smith & Corbitt Baker having a serious conversation (it couldn't have been about cars!) at our "Christmas Dinner" on December 3rd, 2011. Photo by Jon Stevens



Flashback to our club visit to the O'Quinn Collection September 26th, 2009. Engine shot of one of the many Duesenbergs we saw. **Note: I recently read an update on the status of the O'Quinn collection and it said that "27" Duesenbergs were auctioned off from this collection! Jon**

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January Birthdays

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24th Travis Chandler

Happy Birthday Everyone!!



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Martha Wankan was a popular lady at our "Christmas Dinner" at Barnhill's on December 3rd, 2011. photo by Jon Stevens

