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President's Message

By Jon Stevens



Hi Everyone! Well here we are already in July and hot again! Who said it wasn't going to be hot this year? In case you didn't get to attend, we had our annual Deja

Blue Car Show on Saturday June 9th. The weatherman cooperated and we had good, but hot weather for the show. We registered 92

cars for the show this year and we had a great variety of cars that went from Studebakers to Duesenbergs! Speaking of Studebakers, we had more of them (5 total) than I have seen at any show around here lately. Also, there aren't many car shows anywhere that can boast that they had a real Duesenberg 1932 Model J show up! Several of club members won best in class trophies for their cars. Joe Ellis-Best Jeep 4X4(1985 Jeep Scrambler), Sherry Stevens-Best of 40's (1948 Studebaker Land Cruiser), Sammie Smith-Best Volkswagen(1960 VW Panel Van & Sammie Smith-Best Import(1933 Porsche Spyder), Corbitt Baker-Best Open Car(1984 Excalibur), former club member Ken Leach-Best Pre-Fab(1965 Cobra) and former club member James Bartlett-Best of Show(1932 Duesenberg Dual Cowl Phaeton).(FYI James



Another shot of the "Best of Show" winner. If you were one of the fortunate ones of us that attended our 2009 visit to the O'Quinn Collection in Houston, then you saw this very car among the many Duesenbergs that were there. It was one of the nicest ones. James Bartlett purchased it at an RM Auction after John O'Quinn passed away. photo by Merry Thompson

and Eileen have reinstated in our club) Congratulations to all the winners!

This year the Deja Blue Car Show again went extremely well due in no small part to our club members that helped in putting on the show. Thanks to Sherry Stevens, Elizabeth Baker, Charlsie Ellis & daughter in law, Merry Thompson, Pat David for making sure that the registration went very smooth. Thanks to Ken Thompson for usually fine job of announcing and keeping the show moving along, Thanks to James Sanders for providing a golf cart and insuring that all cars got parked properly.

Thanks to Robert Grogan for providing our office (motor home) and for getting our breakfast and lunch and putting out the show signs with Corbitt Baker. Thanks to Rod Reed for bring the tables and chairs for the registration area and the much needed cold water for us to drink! Thanks to Merry Thompson for taking pictures of the winners. Thanks to Bill Ferguson for bringing our tent and helping count the votes, Thanks to Mike Tollett for helping set up and count votes. This is just a small list of things that were done

and I am sure I missed some! I will just say one more time, **Thank you** to all that assisted in putting on this years successful Deja Blue Car Show.

Our next club event is coming up fast and will



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be a Mini-Tour to Cushing, Texas Saturday July 21st, where we will eat lunch at the 7th St Café. We will meet at the Lowe's parking lot and leave for Cushing at 10:45am and caravan up to Cushing. Even if you don't have an old car to drive, come join us anyway for the scenic drive and a great lunch outing

See you there!

Jon



DETR Directors Meeting Minutes

June 25th, 2012

* Attending the meeting were: Robert Grogan, Rod Reed, Mike Tollett, James Standley, Corbitt Baker and Jon Stevens.

* President Stevens called the meeting to order and read the minutes from the last meeting.

* There was no treasurer's report available and will be covered at our next meeting.

* Discussion on next club event on July 21st at Cushing. Reservations at 7th St café made and we plan to leave Lowe's parking-lot at 10:45am on July 21st. Corbitt Baker will lead our caravan to Cushing.

* **Old Business-** Discussed past Deja Blue car Show. Considering some changes to classes offered on registration form. Need to put cut off date for receiving preregistered forms on registration form. Need to bold the statement: "Judging by Car Show Participants" on the registration form.

Meeting will set up by Jon Stevens with Q107 Radio to clarify future sponsorship of the Deja Blue trophies. Plan to start working on T-shirt program in March 2013

* **New Business-** Had another discussion on club officers for 2013. This will be Jon Stevens last year as president and still currently have no candidates. Continues to next meeting.

* Had discussion and reviewed list of VCRs to be shown at our next "Movie Night" bring a dish

2012 Calendar of Events

July 21st	Mini-Tour to Cushing-Lunch at 7th St. Cafe (11:00am)
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

dinner on September 15th.

* Had discussion on club Facebook issue. Jon will ask Ken & Merry Thompson to next meeting to discuss.

* Motion to adjourn

July Birthdays

3 rd	Jim Thrall
4 th	Frances Ferguson
6 th	Forest Meador

Happy Birthday Everyone!!



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This is the Deja Blue "Best of Show" trophy being presented to winner James Bartlett for his 1932 Duesenberg.



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This is club member Charlsie Ellis and her daughter in law hard at work at the Deja Blue Car Show. They registered 92 cars!

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Club members Elizabeth Baker & Pat David manning the registration table and the money, at the Deja Blue Car Show on June 9th.



This is AACA President Herb Oakes, presenting a 1st Place Grand National Award to Bill Ferguson for his 1947 International truck. The truck class (22C) was the second largest class of vehicles (470) competing for a 1st Place Grand National Award. Congratulations to Bill on his win!



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What To Do With Oily Rags

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We all have them. Anybody who works on their cars will accumulate mountains of them in what appears to be a short period of time. Some people leave their oily rags in a corner of the garage, some throw them in a plastic bag and then into the trash and some try to clean them for use later.

None of these ideas is very good, not to mention safe. Piling oily rags in a corner or anywhere else, for that matter, is a bad thing to do. Your local fire department will tell you horror stories about spontaneous combustion fires that occur each year around the country. Putting oily rags into the trash is bad for the environment and can also set off fires in landfills. Washing out oily rags is seldom effective and puts oil into the wastewater system or worse, your septic tank. It also costs money.

Here's a better system. It's based on the fact that most municipal governments have hazardous waste programs in place that will take items like oily rags at certain times of the year or at certain locations. All you need to do is contact your city/county office and find out when/where to go, but what do you do with the rags until they can be disposed of?

Well, if you have one of those fire-resistant rag buckets that commercial shops use, you can put them there. However, most of us don't have one of those. Most of us



This is James & Eileen Bartlett and their "Best of Show" winning 1932 Duesenberg at the Deja Blue Car show on June 9th. photo by Merry Thompson



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