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## President's Message

By Jon Stevens



Hi Everyone! Our last club event was our Valentine's Day Dinner at Barnhill's in Nacogdoches on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Since Sherry and I were unable to attend this one, I sincerely appreciate Corbitt and Elizabeth Baker filling in for us. We had a

great turn out with 39 club members and guests in attendance. After enjoying some of Barnhill's wide variety of food and deserts, members played several club member participation games. Attending this function were: (I apologize in advance for getting any names wrong) Wendall Spreadbury, Jim Thrall, Bob Meeton, Robert & Sue Stanaland, Louise Tindall, Buddy Parrott, Martha Wankan & Dan Trent, Bill & Frances Ferguson, Rod & Teresa Reed, Joe & Charlsie Ellis, Larry & Ann Hargis, Robert Grogan & Dolores Bryson, Byron & Dorothy Porterfield, Raymond & Linda Robbins, Danny & Brenda Williams, Cecil Sparks, Julia Loy, Rob & Sissy Harris, Earline Shipley, Pearl Meador, Travis & Laverne Chandler, Jerome & Sherry hale, Hugh & Euna Murray, Corbitt & Elizabeth Baker. Thanks to Robert Grogan for getting the roses for the event.

Several of our club members have car projects in progress or have obtained new (old vehicles). I would like to put pictures of them in the newsletter as space permits. Please send us pictures and any information that you would like to go with them to our newsletter editor, Ruth Stahnke. Her e-mail is: [newsletter@jewelrybyruth.com](mailto:newsletter@jewelrybyruth.com) or call me with any questions.



Our next club activity "Cruising the Cotton Patch" is coming up fast on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Cotton Patch Restaurant in Nacogdoches. As we have done 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



*Flashback to our last visit to the Cotton Patch in September 2011. Don't miss our next one on Thursday March 15th 5:30pm. Jon*

you don't have a car to bring, come join us for dinner anyway. We always have a nice time here so, don't miss it! See you there!

Jon



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"Project Update" Well, now that our 1948 Studebaker is done, I have started work on our (Sherry's) 1969 Pontiac GTO Convertible (aka-ratmobile). As you can see, I'm going to have some fun here! Jon

### DETR Directors Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2012

Attending the meeting: Corbitt Baker, Rod Reed, Robert Grogan, Dave Barringer, and Jon Stevens. The minutes were read from the January meeting and touched on membership, tax information, Region's Bank parking lot status, advertising on T-shirts.

Treasurer Dave Barringer gave his report and discussed membership and status of non renewed members



#### Old business:

- Ads in the newsletter-list of new advertisers
- Discussed sponsors for T-shirts
- Discussed registration process at Deja-Blue Car Show
- Discussed printing of T-shirts & contacting shirt company about choices for 2012 shirts
- Discussed door prizes & getting additional items
- Discussed using club P.O. Box address for pre-registration mail ins



2011 Calendar of Events	
March 15th	(Thursday) 5:30pm-"Cruising the Cotton Patch" at Cotton Patch Restaurant-Nacogdoches
April 21st	"Bring a Dish Dinner" & "Movie Night" 6:00pm at New Hope Church-Nacogdoches.
May 19th	Club Picnic at Tonkawa Springs-Nacogdoches 11:30am-until (Rope Trick performance by Burt Hargrove)
June 9th	Deja Blue Car Show-Regions Bank Parking Lot-Nacogdoches (8:00am to 2:00pm)
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

- Discussed having a couple of cars at the Cotton Patch early for the next event on March 15<sup>th</sup>

Jon will get with Rod Reed to call on potential sponsors for T- shirts

Jon will get with Ken Thompson to update changes to Deja-Blue Flyer and registration

Motion to adjourn  
minutes submitted by Corbitt Baker





A 1968 Airstream Overlander Land Yacht  
Merry Thompson



Here are some pics of the Airstream. These are "Before" pictures as we are working hard on beautifying her. Merry Thompson



Inside the Airstream... Looking at the kitchen area. Merry Thompson

**"The Service Station and buying gas in the good old Days"**

Sitting in the back seat of the family Studebaker and learning that you were on the way to the service station was cause for excitement. The *show* started as the car drove onto the lot, DING-DING. That was the ringmaster's signal for a whole troop of service station attendants to actually run to your car and set their skills in motion. One of the men would raise the hood and hide under there. "What's he doing Daddy"? "He is checking the water level in the radiator, the battery water, and... The man would then bring a stick to the window and say, "It looks like you need a quart of Good Gulf paraffin-based oil!"

Another fellow would play hide and seek by the windows; he started by hiding by my window, ducking-down to make a hissing sound and then rising up and going to the front of the car and ducking-down to make the hissing sound again. He always played this game four times and would end it by telling Daddy, "You've got 32 all the way around, sir!"

Another fellow would spray something on the windows and then rub it off. It squeaked a lot and made the car rock back and forth. That was always fun. A fourth man took a hose from a tall orange machine and stuck it in the back of the

**March Birthdays**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Paul David
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ann Hargis
- 18<sup>th</sup> Robert Stanaland
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Steve Tracy
- 27<sup>th</sup> Euna Murray

**Happy Birthday Everyone!!**

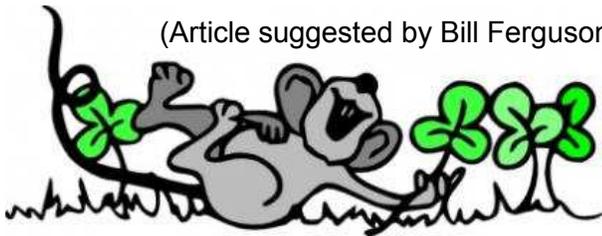


car somewhere. The machine looked like a clock, but the hands went a lot faster and it would make a *DING* when the hands pointed to each number. After all of the men finished their games, one last man would stand by Daddy's window and smile really big and say, "That'll be three dollars and seventy cents, sir."

That was my cue to say, "I have to go potty". Daddy would get out and lean his seat forward and help me and my dolly out of the car. The ladies room was at the side of the service station. It always had a shiny white door and a sign that said, REGISTERED RESTROOM. It always smelled nice in there. My dolly and I would play on the little couch until Daddy knocked on the door to let us know it was time to leave.

After we got back in the car and ran over the hose that made the ding-ding sound, I would look out the back window at the men who were waving at us. They all wore bow ties and dressed alike. One of them usually put his hand up to his hat and smiled really big.

(Article suggested by Bill Ferguson)



## Special Notices

Please be aware of some other events happening in our general vicinity. The 23rd annual AUTO SWAP at Trader's Village in Houston, Texas on March 17 & 18, 2012. This is put on by the San Jacinto Region of The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America.

Hodges Gardens State Park in Florien, Louisiana has a Spring Fling Festival all day March 31st 2012. It will include a display only car show and if you bring an old car, you can get in free. For additional details on either of these events, please call club member Hugh Murray @935-569-8001



*My sweet wife surprised me on my birthday with this cake and by inviting all of our 7 kids and 14 grandkids to come and eat it! I haven't yet had the courage to ask her how much it cost! But, whatever it was, it was worth it! Jon*



**Looks like a leprechaun mobile!**



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