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President's Message

By Jon Stevens

Hi everyone! Well, the Club Mini-Tour to Cushing and the lunch at the 7th St. Café was a success based on the feedback I have been getting. Gary Wallace led our group of about 18 old and new cars along a scenic route up to Cushing. Upon arriving at the restaurant, we were greeted by several restaurant employees and others that showed us where to park. The folks at the restaurant were very glad to see us and went out of their way to take care of us. We had approximately 30 members attending this function, so we really filled up the restaurant. Gary reported to me that the food was great and that the owners of the restaurant really appreciated us coming there. In fact, the owner told Gary that if we wanted to come back again, he could set up a buffet just for our club members! Sounds like we may have to plan a return trip to Cushing pretty soon! After lunch, Gary got everyone back to town safely and with no car problems. Thanks again Gary, for setting up this mini-tour for us. Sherry and I really hated to miss this outing, but we had Grandparent birthday duty in Beaumont that day. Also, while we were at the birthday party we got word from our son in Houston that his wife was in the hospital about to deliver our 12th grandchild! We made it to Houston just in time for our grandson's birth.

I would like to give a special thank you to Robert Stanaland and all of you that have participated in the S.F.A. Parent Orientation on the Downtown Square. This important effort goes on kind of behind the scenes and is coordinated by Robert.

I received a letter from Pastor Frank Holrath of Liberty Hill Baptist Church in San Augustine (DETR club members Mike and Billie Tollett's church) inviting club members to attend a Worship Rally

on September 23rd with our old cars. He says in addition to the antique cars, there will be music, food and games for the children. If you would like more information you can contact DETR member Billie Tollett at 935-598-2287.

Your club officers and directors are continually planning out future events for you. Please let us know of any suggestions for future activities that you might like to see take place. We are updating our club calendar of events at each meeting, so be sure to check it out in your newsletter each month.

Our next club event is coming up real fast on August 18th at 6pm. This will be a bring-a-dish dinner at Woodmen of the World Lodge located at 2839 Durst St. in Nacogdoches. **(Please note the change of address for this event.)** We will be treated to a presentation on the history of license plates given by member Steve Tracy. This should be very interesting and educational. I hope you all can make it. See you there!

—Jon



Several DETR members grow restless at the start of the Mini-Tour caravan to Cushing, TX where lunch awaited them at the 7th Street Café. Many members drove their antique cars and enjoyed the fine scenery along the way.



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**DEEP EAST TEXAS REGION of the
ANTIQUA AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA**
Monthly Board Meeting of July 30th, 2007

Attending the meeting were: Jim Thrall, Cecil Sparks, Bill Ferguson, Dennis Wankan, Jon Stevens, James Sanders, Robert Grogan, Mike Stroup, Wendell Spreadbury, Gary Wallace, Euna Murray, Ken Thompson, and Martha Wankan

President Jon Stevens called the meeting to order. The minutes of last month's meeting were read by Secretary Martha Wankan. The Treasurer's Report given by Bill Ferguson.

Old Business:

The Board updated the calendar of events. The location of the August 18th covered dish meeting is changed to the Woodmen of the World building at 6:00 pm. DETR member Steve Tracy will speak on antique license plates.

Board members discussed the location and catering of the Christmas dinner. Board members also discussed a possible gift exchange or maybe holding a Chinese Christmas gifts exchange.

Bill Ferguson reported that the speaker for an upcoming monthly meeting only recently revealed that he required a speaking fee. When the Board learned of the amount, it deemed the fee to be too expensive. Cecil Sparks will now check with Rick Still to be a substitute speaker.

New Business:

The Board discussed the possibility of a Lufkin car show. Ken Thompson will check with his contacts on the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the club.

The Board discussed a proposal by Roger Baker to participate in a special funeral parade with our antique cars. Wendell Spreadbury will contact Roger to get more information and will report back to board.

James Sanders announced that on Sept. 13, the city would like some of the car club members to come downtown to show their cars between 6pm & 8pm on the square for the Progressive Dinner.

The ArkLaTex Packard club will meet at the home of Wendell Spreadbury on August 25th, around 1:30 PM. He suggested that members of DETR drop by to see some of their cars. The address is 7437 E. State Highway 21, just a few miles east of Nacogdoches.

The Board also discussed various requests by local

churches who would like our cars to be displayed at their church functions, including one request for a Sunday show. The Board discussed establishing an appropriate policy to follow up on these requests.

A motion was made by Euna Murray to adjourn their meeting and it was seconded by Gary Wallace.

—Respectfully submitted by Martha Wankan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007

- August 18th** Bring a Dish Dinner at Woodmen of the World Building at 6:00pm with Steve Tracy on Vintage License Plate Collecting
- August 27th** DETR Board Meeting
- Sept 15th** Dinner at Appleby Mercantile Restaurant at 6:00pm
- Sept 24th** DETR Board Meeting
- Oct 27th** Sassafras Festival in San Augustine, TX from 9am-3pm
- Oct 29th** DETR Board Meeting
- Nov 10th** Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, TX
- Nov 26th** DETR Board Meeting
- Dec 15th** Christmas Dinner

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- Jan 19th** Bring a Dish Dinner at New Hope Church
- Feb 10th** DETR Valentine Party



Cecil Sparks was on hand to take this picture of several of the club member's cars lined up and ready to start the caravan to 7th Street Café in Cushing, TX. Good food, fine cars and terrific friends are what make for a great DETR outing.



SWAP MEETS AND CAR SHOWS:

What:	Where:	When:
Texas Classic Car Show www.texasccs.com	Austin, TX	Sept. 15
Bob's Auto Swap Meet: Antique & Classic Car Parts (214) 384-7008	Garland, TX	Aug. 17-19
Triple C Car Show, sponsored by the Central Christian Church www.cccwaco.org	Waco, TX	Sept. 8
Texas Classic Car Show www.texasccs.com/	Austin, TX	Sept. 15
The Austin and Bantam Society Annual Trophy Meet and Car Show (817) 444-0448	Decatur, TX	Sept. 26-29
Studebaker Showtime 2007 (5-state regional) http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/notxsdc/	Denton, TX	Sept. 28-29
15th Annual Lone Star Nationals at Texas Motor Speedway www.good-guys.com	Ft. Worth, TX	Oct. 5-7
18th Houston British Motor Expo www.houstonmgcarclub.org/	Houston, TX	Oct. 20th
Fall Conroe Swap Meet www.hotrodsoftexas.com	Conroe, TX	Nov. 3-4

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The July Mini-Tour took DETR members to visit Cushing, TX. Here the gang relaxes at mid-day to share some tall tales (some of them believable) at the 7th Street Café. By all accounts the food was delicious and the service was wonderful. However, it was the good company that made the day a terrific experience! Many thanks to Cecil Sparks for the fine photography.





August Birthday Greetings!

**DETR Members
with birthdays
in August:**

**Wayne Hardy,
Larry Hargis,
Ruth Muckleroy,
Byron Porterfield,
Dorothy Porterfield,
John Sitton,
and Jan Tracy**

Happy Birthday!



Meet Jon and Sherry Stevens. In 1998, when Jon was working in Beaumont, TX for Xerox, one of his employees asked a Nacogdoches customer about a picture of a 1950 Oldsmobile Deluxe. When this employee learned that the Olds was for sale and was stored at the Nacogdoches Airport, he immediately called Jon. After a few questions, Jon called Sherry at home and exclaimed, "We have to make an emergency trip to Nacogdoches—right now!" When they arrived at the hangar they also found a 1948 Studebaker Land Cruiser for sale stored next to the Olds. Jon claims that Sherry insisted that they buy both cars. "She is always right," says Jon. "I am a very lucky man!" Jon restored this car himself, including the nice body work and lustrous paint.

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