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The President's Message

By Jon Stevens

Hi Everyone!

Wow, can you believe it's already December again? I guess time really does fly when we are having fun! Speaking of fun, we had some at our recent club outing to the Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, Texas. We met in the Wal-Mart parking lot in Nacogdoches for the caravan drive up to Henderson. Robert Stanaland led the way through some very thick fog that finally lifted as we arrived in Henderson.

When we got in to town, Robert took us on an interesting mini-tour of the downtown square and we finally got to our parking area safe and sound! Martha and Dennis Wankan drove ahead of us to insure that our lunch reservations at the Filling Station Restaurant were set, due to some mix ups that we have had there previously. But this year, lunch went off with out any problems thanks to Martha and Dennis. Attending the Syrup Festival this year were: Robert Stanaland, John Andrews, Joan Hillin, Martha and Dennis Wankan, Pat and Vicki David, Jim Thrall and friend, Willie Partin and his wife, myself (Sherry was under the weather) and two of our friends from Minnesota.

This time of the year there are always lots of activities going on at the same time. The same weekend of the Heritage Syrup Festival, club members Gary Wallace, Wendall Spreadbury, Cecil Sparks and Felix Muckleroy attended the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown Nacogdoches.

Since the last newsletter went out, we have three new club members. They are Merle Thomas from San Augustine (1966 Plymouth Barracuda), Jerry and Cheryl Wilson from Nacogdoches (1962 Mini-Cooper), and Corbitt and Elizabeth Baker from Nacogdoches (1984 Excalibur). We welcome all of you to our club and look forward to getting to know you and you vehicles better!

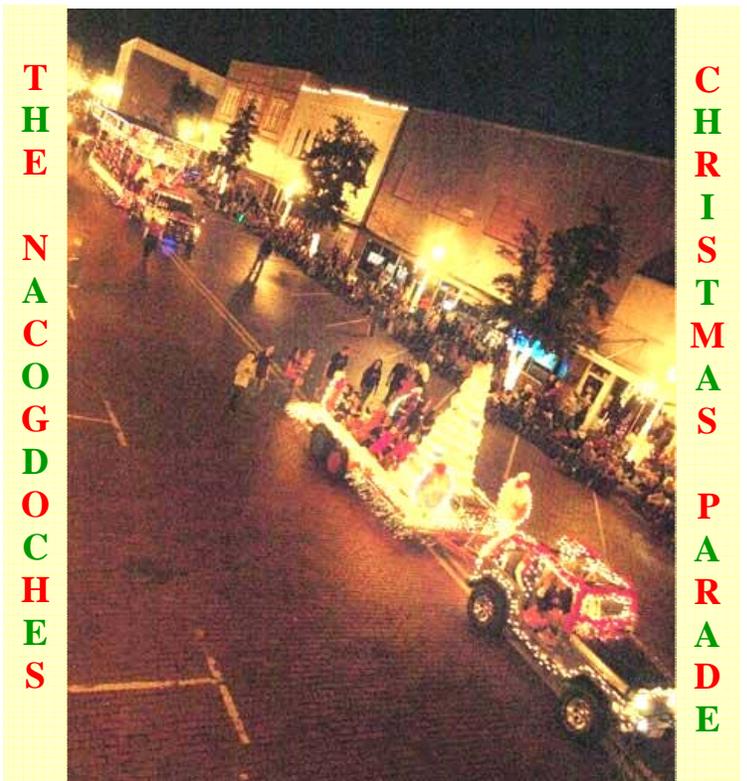
Our next club activity will be our annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday December 15th 6:00pm at Ralph and

Kacoo's Restaurant in Lufkin. This year we will each be ordering dinner off of the regular menu and each party will receive individual checks. Desserts will be paid for by the club and wow, do they have some good ones!

As an added treat, this year we will be doing a fun gift exchange (sometimes called "Chinese gift exchange"). Everyone who brings a gift will receive a gift. This will allow you to participate individually or as a couple. (If you want a gift, bring a gift.) All gifts should be wrapped with no tag and the suggested cost is \$10 each. Remember this is a fun gift exchange! The rules of this exchange will be explained in detail at the Party. Some of you may remember, we did this at our Christmas party several years ago and it was great fun. So, please put this event on you calendar and don't miss out on the fun or the free dessert!

I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

—Jon



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DETR Board Minutes

November 27, 2007

Attending the meeting were Jon Stevens, Robert Grogan, James Sanders, Cecil Sparks, Dennis Wankan, Wendell Spreadbury, Gary Wallace, Mike Stroup and Martha Wankan.

President Jon Stevens called the meeting to order. Secretary Martha Wankan read last month's minutes. Treasurer's report by Bill Ferguson was sent ahead by Bill Ferguson and read by the Board. Mike Stroup gave a report on newsletter and DETR website. The Board commended DETR web designer Lori Stroup for doing a wonderful job on the DETR website.

Old Business

Updates to the calendar of events were discussed:

- Hugh Murray will present a Tech Session at the January 19th meeting at the New Hope Church.
- Robert Grogan reported that we will have the Valentine Party at Carrizzo Creek at 6:00PM on February 10th, 2008.
- Wendell Spreadbury discussed the voting at the up-coming Christmas Party for 2008 DETR Officers and Directors, as well as the proposed changes to the by DETR laws. President Jon Stevens asked Newsletter Editor Mike Stroup to include the slate of candidates and the proposed changes to the by-laws in the December newsletter for DETR members to read. Mike Stroup agreed.

New Business:

- The Board discussed some preliminary ideas regarding next year's Deja Blue Car Show.
- President Jon Stevens asked Newsletter editor Mike Stroup if the 2007 DETR Yearbook publication date could be scheduled for January so that all the DETR members could have a chance to pay their dues and yet it can still be ready to be distributed to the DETR members at the Valentine Party in February. Mike Stroup agreed to try and meet that deadline.
- Due to the busy holiday season, December's Board meeting will be rescheduled for January.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jon Stevens and was seconded by Gary Wallace.

-Respectfully Submitted by Martha Wankan

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| | 2007 |
| Dec 15th | Christmas Dinner at 6:00pm
Ralph and Kacoo's Restaurant
in Lufkin. Bring a wrapped
Christmas gift for the gift
exchange (\$10.00 suggested limit). |
| | 2008 |
| Jan 19th | Tech Session and Bring-a-Dish
Dinner at New Hope Church |
| Feb 10th | DETR Valentine Party at 6:00pm
at Carrizzo Creek |





Birthday Greetings!

DETR Members with Birthdays in December:

***Eileen Bartlett,
Charles Bradberry,
Joe Ellis, Joan Hillin,
Robert Prichett,
Paul Robbins,
Giles Rusk,
James Sanders,
Sammie Smith,
Dennis Wankan***



Meet DETR members Hubert (Hugh to his friends) and Euna Murray. They are standing next to their beautiful 1933 Chevrolet. They have the paperwork going back to the original owner in Tarlton, Ohio. Their documents trail car title changes through five previous owners until the Murrays acquired it in 1986. At that time the car was mostly disassembled but the odometer registered just 45,830 miles! Hugh began a restoration that finally finished in the spring of 2005. Hugh says the Chevy likes runs well and they have toured with it often—once all the way to Pittsburg, Kansas and back!

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