

# THE Dashboard

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## President's Message

By Jon Stevens

Happy new year everyone! I don't know about you, but 2006 went away pretty fast for me. I would like to start off the year by again thanking Ken Thompson for the fine job he did as president of the DETR club for the past two years. In case you missed our 2006 Christmas party, Wendall Spreadbury presented Ken with a nice plaque from the club thanking him for his fine efforts as president of the DETR.

I am your newly elected president for 2007. My wife Sherry and I moved to this area from Beaumont in 2000 when I retired from Xerox Corp. We have been members of the DETR for four years and I have been a director for almost two years.

I can't remember ever not being interested in cars—beginning with my 1931 Model A at age 13. I am also an avid fisherman and since our retirement on Lake Sam Rayburn, I have been able to enjoy both hobbies.

I would like for your experience in the DETR to be interesting, educational, and above all, fun! In order to make that a reality, your input is needed as to the activities you would be most interested in. The club officers and directors are interested in any ideas or suggestions you may offer. Please complete the short questionnaire (men and ladies) in this newsletter as soon as you can so we can use this information in planning for future club activities.

This form can be mailed or handed to any club officer, club director, or the newsletter editor. You can also e-mail us with your ideas as well.

Our home and e-mail addresses appear on the third page of this newsletter. Thanks for your help in advance!

*Be sure to attend the covered dish dinner meeting at the New Hope Congregational Methodist Church on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.* Where, in my opinion, the food doesn't get any better than this! There will be a presentation for the ladies from Chad Gully, Nacogdoches County Extension Agent. Then for the men, a tech session from Bernard Livingston on the Cosmo-chrome process.

*This year's Valentine's Dinner will be at Ralph & Kacoo's Seafood Restaurant on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.* We will be able to choose one of four different entrees and a salad and drink for \$10.50 per person. Deserts are not included in this amount. I have included the menu for your planning on the last page of this newsletter. I would like to thank Ken and Merry Thomson for setting this up for us. I hope you all can attend.

See you all on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the New Hope Church Potluck Dinner!

— Jon

*Ken and Merry Thompson stand next to their 1950 MG-TD at the Texas MG Register's Fall Event. Thanks again, Ken!*



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**DEEP EAST TEXAS REGION of the  
ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB OF AMERICA**  
*Monthly Board Meeting of December 18, 2006*

*The meeting was brought to order by our president,  
Jon Stevens.*

**Officer's Reports:**

Reading of the minutes from last month's meeting was done by previous club Secretary, Mike Stroup. Bernard Livingston was not present to give the Treasurer's Report.

**Old Business:**

The Board Members discussed the upcoming Calendar of events. Times and places were named as follows:

**January:** Covered dish dinner on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the New Hope Congregational Methodist Church.

**February:** Valentine's Day Dinner at Ralph & Kacoo's Seafood Restaurant at 6:30 PM on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**March:** Cecil Sparks will give a Presentation of club activities. It will be held at Woodmen of the World Lodge #210 on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**April:** Cruise Nite at Rays Drive Inn in Lufkin on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**May:** Summer Picnic at Ratcliff Lake. Cecil Sparks will check on fees and Robert Grogan will check be held on May 17th.

**June:** Blueberry Festival Car Show

**New Business:**

The Board Members discussed the newsletter. Newsletter editor Mike Stroup agreed to look at the cost of a hard copy newsletter. All information is due into Mike by the 10th of January in order to make January newsletter.

A motion was made by Jon Stevens to start putting a form in the Sept. Newsletter reminding of club dues. The dues are due by December 31st of the year for the following year. Motion seconded by Jim Thrall. Motion carried by vote of the Board. The Board mentioned that we need to work on the club roster. Bill Ferguson is the new Membership Chairman and the Board will try to speak with him

before or at the next Board meeting.

The Board discussed name tags. Sherri Stevens will keep up with our name tags for the year.

The next meeting will be Jan. 29th at James Sanders business office.

Club Secretary Martha Wankan read the current meeting's minutes for review by the Board.

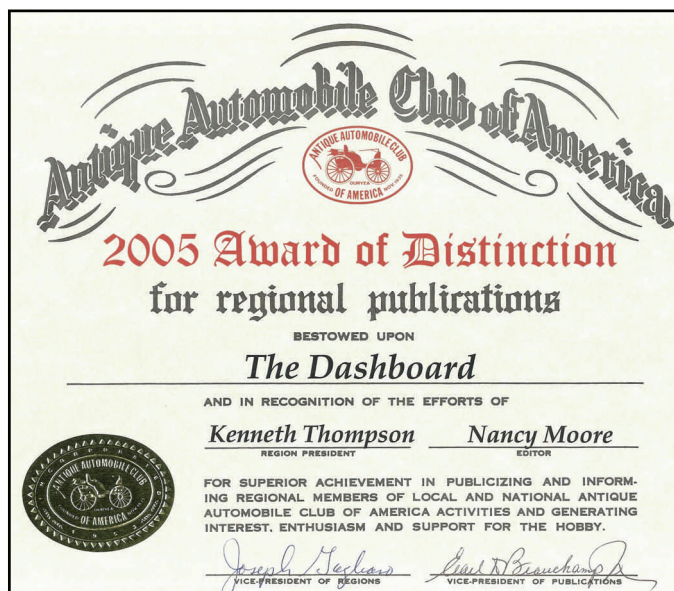
Motion made by James Sanders to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cecil Sparks.

— Respectfully Submitted by  
Secretary Martha Wankan

*A Message From Your New Editor*

It is a pleasure to serve as the new editor of our club newsletter. However, it is bittersweet, as I do miss our previous newsletter editor, the late Nancy Moore. Her artistic talent and happy spirit will be sorely missed by everyone in our club. Her work was recognized by a prestigious award from the Board of the National AACA. This recognition of her high quality work was a testament of her love of working with people to make life a special event to cherish and enjoy. I know my life was made a little sweeter for having known her.

—Mike Stroup



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**Any Suggestions for Future DETR Activities?**

Listed below are a few suggestions. Choose from among these and/or add any others that you want. You can cut this section out and "snail mail" us (or e-mail us) with your suggestions. Send it to any of the club Officers. Their home and e-mail addresses are listed on the left.

**Activity Suggestions for the Men**

- Driving Safety Demonstrations
- Car Videos/Informational Car Product Videos
- Establish a club cruise night this summer
- Know of any interesting Day Tours around Nacogdoches?
- Set up a casual car club show-n-shine some weekend
- Technical auto presentations from outside experts/vendors
- Presentations on Local/Texas History
- Picnics or Community Events


**Activity Suggestions for the Ladies**

- Driving Safety Demonstrations
- Self Defense Demonstrations
- Cooking Presentations
- Know of any interesting Day Tours around Nacogdoches?
- Sales/Demonstrations of Tupperware, Avon, Jewelry, etc.
- Gardening/Landscaping Demonstrations
- Sewing/Tatting/Crocheting Demonstrations
- Presentations on Local/Texas History
- Antiques Appraisals
- Picnics or Community Events

Perhaps you have another suggestion altogether? Please give us specific information (description of activity, the people to contact, etc.) Any club officer would like to talk to you about it!

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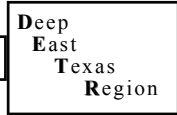
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Join us for a Valentine's Dinner  
on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at  
RALPH & KACOO'S

*(Please choose one of these entrees.)*

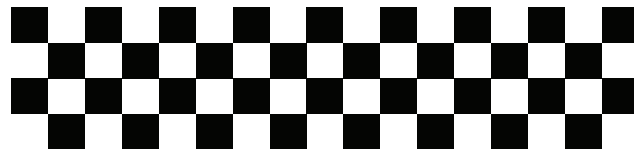
**Chicken Fried Steak:** 4oz steak served  
with a Cajun stuffed potato.

**Tilapia Atchafalaya:** Grilled fish filet  
topped with crawfish etouffee and served  
with a Cajun stuffed potato.

**Chicken Lafitte:** 7 oz. charbroiled  
chicken breast smothered with grilled  
onions, mushrooms and fresh tomatoes.  
Topped with Lafitte sauce and served  
with a Cajun stuffed potato.

**Fish and Shrimp Combo:** Fried golden  
brown and served with French Fries.

All choices are \$10.50, including drink.  
(Desert is extra.)



***DETR would like to thank those  
members that have already paid  
their club dues for 2007:***

Travis Chandler, Mike Clifton, Joe Ellis,  
Robert Grogan, Robert Hutchison, Bernard  
Livingston, Lawson Lunsford, Tom McGrath,  
Felix Muckleroy, Hugh Murray, Willie Partin,  
Giles Rusk, Billy Shipley, Wendall Spread-  
bury, Robert Stanaland, Jon Stevens, Ken  
Thompson, Jim Thrall, Gary Wallace, Dennis  
Wankan, Cecil Sparks, Bill Ferguson.

If you have not paid your dues for 2007,  
please mail a check to our club Treasurer,  
Bernard Livingston. His address appears on  
the left of page three of this newsletter.

***Thanks for your support of DETR!***

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