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President's Message

By Jon Stevens

Hi Everyone! Well, the Sassafras Festival is now behind us and although we did not have a large turnout of cars, we still had more than our friends at the Lakes Area Cruisers Car Club! Gary Wallace led our members from Nacogdoches over to San Augustine for the festival on the 27th to meet up with several other club members that drove in directly from their homes. The weather was absolutely beautiful for the event and perfect for exercising our old cars.

Club member Charles Bradberry made arrangements for us to have a barbecue lunch together in one of the old buildings on the square. Robert and Linda Grogan were at the festival with their corn grinding machine and Robert seemed to have some problems getting it adjusted to his liking. When I left him, I think he was looking for a bigger hammer!

We recently had Kenneth and Marsha Leach join our car club. They live in San Augustine and have a fine looking silver 1965 Cobra replica on display at the Sassafras Festival. Welcome Marsha and Kenneth! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your vehicle better.

On October 20th several of our club members were asked to participate in homecoming parades in both Tenaha and Garrison, Texas. Gary Wallace, Travis Chandler, and Forest Meador attended the parade in Tenaha at 2:00pm and then drove to Garrison to meet up with Robert Stanaland at 4:00pm for that parade! Gary said when arriving back home, he was really ready to get out of his Model A!

In the last newsletter, I included a reminder about our club membership dues for 2008 being due by December 31st. When you send your dues in, please include any changes in your personal information, such as cars, address, etc. In the very near future we will be compiling a new club yearbook. There is a membership form on our website (www.aaca.org/detr) that you can use just for that purpose.

Our next Club activity is coming up fast! It will be the Heritage Syrup Festival on Saturday, November 10th in Henderson, Texas. We plan to gather our cars at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Nacogdoches and caravan to Henderson at 8:00am.

Last year was the first time Sherry and I had been to the Syrup Festival and we really enjoyed it. In addition to the cars that show up, there are all kinds of exhibits and activities to enjoy. Martha and Dennis Wankan have made arrangements for us all to eat lunch together at the Filling Station Restaurant at 11:00am.

So, get your cars shined and tuned up and join us for this fun event. I know that Robert Stanaland is ready because we changed the fan belt on his Model A at the festival last year! I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

— Jon



The Heritage Syrup Festival is held each Fall in Henderson, TX. It is a popular showcase for the historic folk art of making Ribbon Cane syrup. This picture was taken by Cecil Sparks and it shows how locally grown sugar cane is crushed in a mill turned by horsepower. The cane liquid is then moved to a baking pan and slowly cooked over a fire until it reduces into a thick, sweet syrup. Just in time for the Holidays!



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DETR Board Minutes

for October 29, 2007

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

President Jon Stevens called the meeting to order.

Martha Wankan read last month's minutes. Bill Ferguson gave the Treasurer's report. Bill Ferguson gave the New Members report, which included new members Kenneth and Marsha Leach. They own a '66 Ford Cobra replica. Mike Stroup gave the Newsletter update and he discussed the publication of the annual yearbook.

Old Business:

The DETR Calendar of Events:

- *The Henderson Syrup Festival is November 10th.* The caravan will leave the Wal-Mart parking lot at 8:00am. Martha Wankan will make lunch reservations at the Filling Station for 11:00am. The early lunch hour was requested by the Board in order to secure sufficient seating. A head count will be made at the Wal-Mart gathering before we leave and this number will be called in to the restaurant.
- *The December Christmas Party is December 15th.* The annual DETR Christmas party will be held at Ralph and Kacoo's Restaurant in Lufkin. Everyone will order off the menu and pay for their own meal, but the dessert will be paid for by the club. A fun Gift Exchange is planned, with each member bringing a gift to exchange that is worth a maximum of \$10.00.
- *The Nine Flags Christmas Parade is December 1st.* Wendall Spreadbury discussed the registration procedure for DETR members to participate without paying the individual registration fee. The Board asked Mike Stroup to include a parade registration form with these instructions in the newsletter.
- *The January DETR meeting is January 19th.* This meeting will be held at the New Hope Church. Bill Ferguson will look into organizing a tech-session that is traditionally held at this meeting.
- *The Valentine's Day Party is the February 10th.* The Board would like for this meeting to be held at Carrizo Creek. Robert Grogan will check into it.

New Business:

Officer Elections: Wendall Spreadbury, the chairman of the election committee, produced the committee's selection for the list of candidates for next year's DETR officer and director elections. The list of candidates for club officers is comprised of all current club officers. The list of candidates for directors includes Cecil Sparks and Ken Thompson. The Board agreed to accept this current slate of candidates and asked Spreadbury to give the list to Mike Stroup to be

included in the November newsletter so that club members can view the list of candidates.

Election Procedures: Ken Thompson asked that the election policy for DETR officers be changed from the usual practice of holding elections during the November meeting. He mentioned that historically, the low attendance for that meeting provided only a small representation of the club as a whole. Mike Stroup suggested holding the vote at the December meeting when attendance was much higher. The Board agreed.

Revision of Club By-Laws: The Board would like to revise the bylaws to allow for fewer Directors to manage the club. The number of Directors in the club by-laws was increased two years ago when the club was planning and executing the Texas Tour. The extra management manpower was needed then but is no longer necessary now. The Board would like to return to the original number of Directors, which is a total of five: three Directors to be elected by the club members and two Directors to be appointed by the President. The Board asked Wendall Spreadbury to provide a written revision to the club by-laws and provide it to Mike Stroup for publication in the newsletter. The membership can read the by-law revision and vote on it at the December meeting.

A New P.A. System: Ken Thompson showed the Board a new P.A. system that will be handy for club meetings.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Wallace and was seconded by Ken Thompson.

—Respectfully submitted by Martha Wankan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	2007
Nov 10th	Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, TX. Caravan will leave the Wal-Mart parking lot at 8:00am. Lunch at
Dec 15th	Christmas Dinner at Ralph and Kacoo's Restaurant in Lufkin
	2008
Jan 19th	Tech Session and Bring-a-Dish Dinner at New Hope Church
Feb 10th	DETR Valentine Party



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Two Important Issues will be voted on at the December Meeting:

1) The DETR Board of Directors would like to revise the club by-laws to require fewer club directors to manage the club. The total number of Directors was increased two years ago when the club was planning and carrying out the Texas Tour. The extra manpower was needed then but is no longer needed now. The Board would like to return to the original number of Directors, which is a total of five: three Directors to be elected by the club members and two Directors to be appointed by the club President. The Board asked Wendall Spreadbury to provide a written revision to the club by-laws, which follows. After reading these changes, the club membership will be asked to vote to accept or reject this revision at the December meeting.

The current version: ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS *The officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five Directors. One person may hold more than one office if duly elected or appointed but shall NOT wield more than one vote. The members shall elect four Directors in one, two, or three year terms at the initial election of this club and after that initial election, then newly elected Directors shall hold office for a three year term. The president shall appoint four Directors to hold office for one year terms. If the President is not reelected, he/she becomes one of the four appointed Directors for one year.*

The proposed version: ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS *The officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five Directors. One person may hold more than one office if duly elected or appointed but shall NOT wield more than one vote. Three Directors shall hold office by election of the club membership in one, two and three year terms at the initial election of this club. After that initial election, each newly elected Director shall hold office for a three year term. Two additional Directors shall be appointed by the current President in office, with each serving a one year term. During those terms when there is a newly elected President, one of these two appointed Directors shall be the immediate past President, with only one Director remaining to be appointed by the newly elected President.*

2) Assuming that this change to the club by-laws is approved, the DETR Nominating Committee has provided the following slate of candidates for 2008 Club Officers and Elected Directors.

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| President: Jon Stevens | Vice President: Robert Grogan |
| Secretary: Martha Wankan | Treasurer: Bill Ferguson |
| Elected Director #1 (Serving the remaining two years for an Elected Director who is stepping down due to health reasons): Ken Thompson | |
| Elected Director #2 (Serving a normal three year term): Cecil Sparks | |

The election will be held at the December club meeting. Although there is a candidate listed for each position, club members are also allowed to submit a write-in candidate for any position. If you would like to submit a write-in candidate to appear on the slate of candidates at the December election, please forward his or her name to one of the four club officers, or to the Newsletter Editor, whose names and contact information appear in the column to the left. These write-in candidates will then appear on the ballots that will be handed out at the December meeting.

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Birthday Greetings!

DETR Members with birthdays in November:

***Linda Grogan,
Pearl Meador,
Billy Joe Shipley,
Cecil Sparks,
Connie Spreadbury,
Wendall Spreadbury,
and Gary Wallace***

Happy Birthday!



Meet DETR member (and former DETR President) Ken Thompson. He's standing next to his 1950 MG-TD Roadster. This professionally restored beauty was the first year that MG (which stands for Morris Garage) offered the TD model, which replaced the prior year's TC model. Whereas the TC model had a solid front axle and 19" wire wheels, the TD model offered independent front suspension, rack-and-pinion steering and 15" solid wheels. Ken says he's entered it in four consecutive Texas Tours and numerous car shows, where it has always earned first place in its class. Looking good, Ken!

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