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## President's Message

*By Jon Stevens*

Hi Everyone! We had a very good turnout for our club meeting on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at the Appleby Sand Mercantile Café. Not only were we treated to a very good buffet of food, we heard an excellent presentation from speaker Rick Still on the life and times of a Confederate Soldier. Rick also brought a display of articles from the Civil war period for us to view. I would like to thank Cecil Sparks for setting up this meeting. The folks at the restaurant did a fine job of feeding us at a reasonable price. I have a feeling we will be visiting the Appleby Mercantile Café again in the future! We had 59 folks in attendance for this fun outing.

Our car club regularly gets requests to bring our old cars to attend events and activities around town. Robert Stanaland has done a great job in coordinating those requests for the club. Recently, Robert Stanaland, Cecil Sparks, Gary Wallace, Travis Chandler, and Forest Meador showed their cars for Magnolia Court Assisted Living Center. Robert received the following note from the Assistant Director: "Thank you so much for sharing your beautiful cars with Magnolia Court. The folks loved them. Please extend my thanks to your club members who shared their time with us".

If you have any information about club members or any events that you'd like to see put into the newsletter, please get that information to me or any of the club's board members and we'll make sure to include it.

We recently had a new member join the club. His name is John Andrews, he has a 1967 Ford Custom Cab Pickup and was sponsored by Wendall Spreadbury. Welcome John! We look forward to getting to know you and your vehicle better.

As a reminder, our club membership dues for 2008 are due in by December 31<sup>st</sup>. As I mentioned at our last meeting, the combined local and national dues are now \$55.00. Please make your check payable to D.E.T.R. and mail it to DETR P.O. Box 635291, Nacogdoches, Texas 75963. Thanks in advance!

Our next Club activity will be the Sassafras festival on October 27<sup>th</sup> in San Augustine. Plan to meet at Thrall's Grocery at 8:00am on the 27<sup>th</sup> and caravan to San Augustine. Gary Wallace has agreed to be the "Wagon Master" for the trip. The Sassafras Festival Car show runs from 9:00 am to 2:00pm and the Chamber of Commerce will have streets blocked off to park our cars on. Also club member Charles Bradbury has made arrangements for us to eat lunch together. He will take a headcount and collect money after we get there. In the past the lunch has been approximately \$5.00 per person. I have several friends in the Lakes Area Cruisers car club and they think they will have more cars in attendance than we do. I don't think so! We have such a fine group of old cars and I'm really looking forward to seeing them at the Sassafras Festival!

See you there!

—Jon



*Rick Still speaks to DETR club members at the Apply Sand Mercantile Restaurant. He brought artifacts from the era and explained life as it was for the common man living in the Texas region prior to and during the Civil War. His vivid descriptions of the life-and-death dangers and harsh living conditions of that time brought the Texas frontiersman to life in the minds of all the DETR members who attended. Thanks, Rick!*



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**DETR Board Minutes  
for Sept. 24, 2007**

*Attending were: Robert Grogan, James Sanders, Jim Thrall, Jon Stevens, Dennis Wankan, Cecil Sparks, Wendall Spreadbury, Gary Wallace and Martha Wankan.*

Our president, Jon Stevens, called the meeting to order. Secretary Wankan read last month's minutes. The Treasure was absent but president stated that the reports are the same. Mike Stroup was absent, so no report on the newsletter or yearbook at this time.

**Old Business:**

Jon Stevens stated that he sent an email to James Bartlett stating that the club can not host the Texas Tour in 2010.

Our next event will be Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, the Sassafras Festival in San Augustine. Club members will meet at Thrall's Grocery on Hwy 21 East at 8:00 AM. Lunch will be set for us. They will get a head count and take up our money for lunch after we get there.

**New Business:**

The club dues have gone up \$5.00 according to the National office. Four new prospective members will receive free membership for 1 yr.

Some DETR members are planning to get together and caravan to Cochino Ridge on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

President Jon Stevens appointed a committee to nominate club officers for the new year. The committee consists of Wendall Spreadbury (Chairman), Robert Grogan, Martha Wankan, and Gary Wallace.

Wendall Spreadbury reported that we have a new DETR member. His name is John Andrews.

The Board had a discussion on a new P.A. system for our club meetings. All agreed to purchase one. President appointed Bill Ferguson to keep up with our equipment.

Gary Wallace announced the Garrison Home Coming parade will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00PM. Everyone is invited to come.

A motion was made to adjourn by Jim Thrall and was seconded by Gary Wallace

*—Respectfully Submitted by Martha Wankan*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

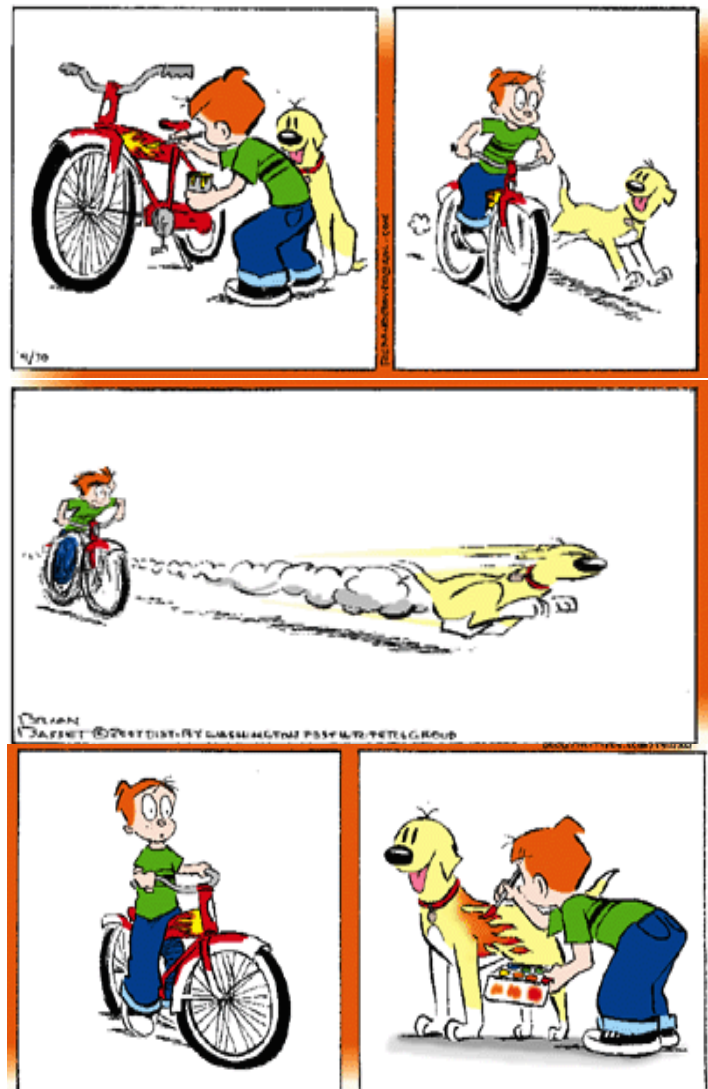
**2007**

- Oct 27<sup>th</sup>** Sassafras Festival in San Augustine, TX from 9am-3pm
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup>** DETR Board Meeting
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** Heritage Syrup Festival in Henderson, TX
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup>** DETR Board Meeting
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Dinner

**2008**

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

**Red and Rover by Brian Basset**



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**SWAP MEETS AND CAR SHOWS:**

What:	Where:	When:
18th Houston British Motor Expo <a href="http://www.houstonmgcarclub.org/">www.houstonmgcarclub.org/</a>	Houston, TX	Oct. 20th, 2007
Fall Conroe Swap Meet <a href="http://www.hotrodssoftexas.com">www.hotrodssoftexas.com</a>	Conroe, TX	Nov. 3rd-4th, 2007
San Antonio AutoRama <a href="mailto:malone@autorama.com">malone@autorama.com</a>	San Antonio, TX	Jan. 18th- 20th, 2008
Joe P. Collins Memorial Open Car and Truck Show <a href="http://www.dpsmustang.com">www.dpsmustang.com</a>	Lufkin, TX	May 3rd, 2008

**Did you know that back in September, DETR members Robert and Linda Grogan celebrated 50 years of matrimony?**



**Please join all the members of DETR as we wish a very Happy 50th Anniversary to Robert and Linda Grogan!**



*DETR members Ken and Merry Thompson (left) and Robert and Sue Stanaland (right) enjoy the country cuisine of the Appleby Sand Mercantile Restaurant during the latest DETR monthly meeting. Everyone enjoyed the food and the presentation by Rick Still on the life of the common man in Texas before and during the Civil War.*





**DETR Members  
with birthdays  
in October:**

***Rick Hillin,  
Karla Randel,  
Mark Randel,  
Michelle Rusk,  
Earline Shipley,  
Cleta Sitton,  
James Standley,  
Ken Thompson,  
Merry Thompson,  
Billie Tollet,  
Michael Tollet***

**Happy Birthday!**



*Meet DETR member Cecil Sparks. Cecil is standing next to his 1947 DeSoto four-door sedan. The car was originally owned by his wife Linda's aunt who lived in Tyler at the time. This beauty sports classic "suicide doors" and has the "fluid drive" two-speed automatic transmission—the first year it was offered by DeSoto. Cecil says the car was painted by a trustee of the county jail for the price of a carton of cigarettes! You see, back when Joe Evans was the Sherriff of Nacogdoches County, the county jail had a paint and welding shop where prisoners could learn to use the tools involved. Most prisoners were happy to get out of their cramped prison cells and have a constructive project to pass the time. Cecil enjoys driving this American classic in DETR mini-tours and participating in local car shows.*

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