

# THE LOW DOWN

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ARLINGTON AREA STREET RODS ☺ April, 2010

## Meeting Times and Place

The meetings in April will be held on the first Thursday (April 1<sup>st</sup>) and third Thursday (April 15<sup>th</sup> TAX DAY) of the month at **Dixie House** on Lancaster.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The first quarter of this year is now history. March madness is not so mad anymore and Spring training has begun with Baseball Season starting in a few days. What is also starting is "our" season. It's the time for all things street rod to start happening. Get out the old Tin Lizzy and clean her up so you can make this the most active Spring, Summer and Fall you have had in many many years. At the end of this year don't be the one that says you didn't get to go to any runs, shows, trips and such because you didn't have the time. You're not getting any younger. Make some time for yourself. Plan ahead. Have some fun with your family. Cruise the U.S.A. I am counting on record participation this year from our members. Be there and show the world your ride.

Bill Geer



## The Pres Sez

Hot Rodders Never Die  
(They Just Get a New Magneto)

**QUESTIONS:** Do you remember the day that you were turned on to hot rods? Do you remember what you were wearing? What gal you were dating? Do you remember sneaking off and drag racing the family car against your buddies' family car? Do you remember when you put straight exhaust on your old ford flat head? Do you remember saying "someday I will have a hot rod or a custom car?"

Well, if you remember just one of those old memories, you are a true hot rodder. For me, it started at an early age.....you see, we were migrant

farm workers, and at the end of the work week, I was given 75 cents to spend as I pleased. The first thing that I would buy was a Car Craft magazine, remember those? They were small – about 6"x8". I would buy one and a pint of ice cream and sit out under a tree and build and day dream of my hot rod.

I know that I have made funny remarks about rice rockets or low riders, but just think, they are realizing their dreams as well. I can truly say that those "low riders" kept an almost dying industry alive. They kept the dream alive, and they are still bouncing their cars. They even have their own TV show, "Living the Low Life" – Vida Guerra looks awesome as she shows off those old low rider cars. (Just ask Ken Smith)

Enough of that.....

Above all we must remain true to our heritage, but that does not mean we can't do it in a better way. If you are a 50's kinda guy, your rod will reflect that; if you are a Chevy gearhead, your ride will be Chevrolet; if you prefer 348's, all your cars will be powered by big blocks; if you prefer deuces, you will have more than a couple in your stable; if you prefer rock climbing, that will reflect what you build.

So what does all that have to do ASRA? Well, I think that we have earned high respect among other car clubs in the area. Many other clubs in the Metroplex look to us for leadership and ideas. Perhaps we are too community oriented and we have some funny club meetings, but if it isn't fun, why bother? I think we should have fun, learn something every time we have a meeting without being too goofy.

**STREET** rods are by far the most creative and diverse cars in the entire automotive hobby. All you have to do is look at all the different rides that our club members drive.

It is a big challenge every month with a following as strong as ours to produce monthly programs. But I promise to do the best job that I can and never forget our roots. So get involved, let me know what you think, or tell one of the other officers to do the same.

Eddie Sandoval – Flatheads Forever  
President  
AASR

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## **MARCH LUNCH RUN**

### **Saturday March 27th**

## **LOCO COYOTE GRILL**

**...just outside Glen Rose...1795  
County Road 1004...Ph: 254/897-  
2324**

*Menu: All servings with big urban  
spoon...cornmeal catfish...BBQ & ribs...chicken  
fried steak w/fries...shrimp...hamburger  
w/onion rings to die for...blackberry  
cobbler...ice tea in a mason jar &/or cold beer.*

*Food served inside on a screen porch  
w/sawdust floor...or outside under a covered  
patio.*

**MEET AT 10:00a.m. AT SERVICE STATION  
@ NW CORNER OF I-35 & HWY 1187.... a  
couple of different routes will be reviewed  
at that time and then we'll leave  
around 10:15. Any questions, call Les  
Stephens.**

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## **Fort Worth Motorama**

By Les Stephens-Vice Prez

If my count is correct, we had a total of 15 members showing 16 cars and one chassis taking home 12 awards. The ford GT belongs to prospective member: Dean Kyle. The guy in the grey t shirt is the builder of Jess Jordan's 1932 5 window, Donnie Bright. He accepted two awards for Jess, one for the '32 and one for the roadster.

Eddie Sandoval accepted for Mick Parkerson as he was not present. Don Smith was also a multiple winner. Two for his '32 and one special award for his project '32 chassis.

Thanks to everyone who showed and helped in any way. You all deserve an A plus, I'll take an F.



As always I try to get the winners together for a club picture. And as always I need to make apologies. Don Smith very wisely left right after the awards to go to dinner and let the crowd subside. I did not realize this until it was too late to include him in the picture. Sorry Don, my bad. Also I asked someone to gather the members who were showing elsewhere in the building and realized too late that I was asking Jess to make a very long trek, across the building that was totally uncalled for as we could have taken the picture in front of his car just as well. Sorry Jess my bad #2. Oh well what can I say?? It will probably only get worse?



Odell West



Mick Parkerson



Don Smith



Gary Cox



Gail Petsick



Don Smith



Pat Conner



Gary Oaks



Ron Johnson



Eddie Sandoval



Joe Flinniken



David Cain



Jess Jordan



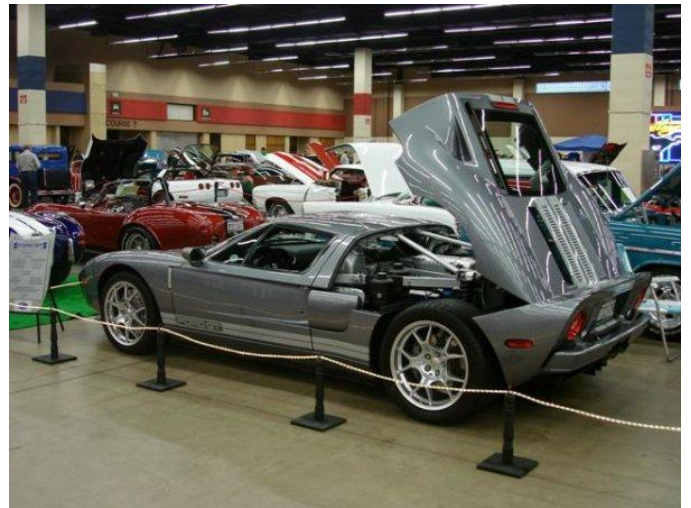
Jess Jordan



Dick McRae



Don Newhouse



Dean Kyle



Cris Lofgren

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**ARLINGTON AREA STREET RODS MEETING  
MINUTES...3.18.10  
by Dave Cain**

Meeting held at Cokers BBQ in Pantego

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM by Eddie Sandoval

ROLL CALL & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:  
36 Members Present  
3 Visitors: Jimmy Lewis, Bill  
Oertwich, Steve Gutierrez

READING MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING:  
Waived

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ xxxx

PROGRAM: Steve Gutierrez from the Mansfield Fire Dept. gave an excellent talk on CPR and symptoms leading to a heart attack.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Deavers – 72 cans of food collected at last meeting
- Phone committee – everyone called
- Hopson – had magazines ready for donation
- Wallace – March 27 – dinner run – 10 AM – Loco Coyote, Granbury
- Thank you card received for Club's donation to the flower fund in memory of Louise Moore, 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist, Bonham

OLD BUSINESS

- Club had a number of winning cars at the Ft. Worth show
- AASR hosting NSRA Inspection Day at Painless Wiring – 3/20

NEW BUSINESS:

- Duncan, Ok, swap meet 3-27-10
- Points sheet has been under review, details to follow
- Jimmy Lewis voted in as new member

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS:

- Friday Night Cruise In is going as long as the weather is above 40 degrees and no rain
- Sunday AM – Busy B
- Hatfield's in Canton, 4-24

Personal history given by Jimmy Lewis  
Nostalgia winner – Gary Oakes

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made and seconded – 7:40 PM

**ARLINGTON AREA STREET RODS MEETING MINUTES...11.5.09**  
by John Bruton

Meeting held at Cokers BBQ in Pantego

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM by Eddie Sandoval

ROLL CALL & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:  
Roll sheet passed around by John Bruton  
27 Members present  
4 Visitors: Brian Williams / Jerry Anglin / Jimmy Lewis and his wife.

READING MINUTES OF PROCEEDING MEETING:  
Waived

TREASURER'S REPORT: Waived

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Deavers – canned food collection...tailgate is "open"
- Wallace – 33 came to club dinner run to Boo-Ray's in Weatherford
- Sandoval – made plea for more door prizes

PROGRAM: Rusty Burford, who is putting on the Texas Nostalgia Nationals at Yello-Belly Drag Strip in Grand Prairie on May 15, was our guest speaker. He gave a run-down on the event...pre-'72 & older cars, \$10 entry, \$10 to race, pre-registration gets free t-shirt. See their website... [www.texasnostalgianationals.com](http://www.texasnostalgianationals.com)

DOOR PRIZE: Jerry Middlebrooks was the lucky winner

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bill Geer – wants to compile a booklet of known reliable vendor references – send him your input

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ft. Worth Car Show – 13+ club cars – everyone asked to wear RED shirt.
- Hopson – correctly answered the Trivia Question
- Sandoval – recognized visitors
- Visitors: Anglin & Lewis – asked to become members
- Bill Ancona – won the 50/50 pot
- Don Smith -- wants the points committee to huddle after the meeting
- Sandoval – called for a group photo of all club members and their cars
- Bob Deavers – answered the personal profile

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made and seconded – 8:10 PM

## Up Coming Events:

- April 17, 1:00-4:00, Big Racks Classic Car Show, 1720 State Hwy 26, Grapevine. D&D Rockin' Rods – 817-797-1197
- April 17, Hill Country Street Rods, Nostalgia Drags-Temple Little River Dragway. Gates Open for Show and Go a 9:00A.M.
- April 24-Hatfield Restoration's-Annual Open House-10:00-2:00-Free Hot Dogs and Drinks-Entertainment: Buddy & The Flashbacks-Canton, TX - 866-635-9699
- April 24, 12:00-3:00 Community Birthday Celebration, Brock Middle School, 100 Grindstone Rd., Brock TX- D&D Rockin' Rods 817-797-1197
- May 1, 12:00-4:00, Texas Pythian Home For Children, 1825 Bankhead Rd., Weatherford, TX, R&R Rockin' Rods- 817-797-1197
- May 8, 1:00-4:00, Mid Cities Mall Spring/Mother's Day Show, Mid-Cities Antique Mall-Open Show- D&D Rockin' Rods
- May 15 Nostalgia Pre 1972-Drags Yello Belly, Grand Prairie - Rusty 214-537-7423
- June 5 Sachse Safety Day NSRA North Texas Safety Inspector, Dwight Leatherwood 214-850-5907 Cell or 940-240-1194 Home

## Fredricksburg Rod Run

Gary Cox has to supply the motel where he has rooms for the club in Fredricksburg a list of the names for each room by April 15, 2010. This means if you folks want a room at the Sunday House, where we stayed last year, you need to tell me pretty soon. Thanks, Gary Cox

## Thank You Card

The Club has received a nice Thank You card from Glenda (Les' better half) with the following message:

“To the AASRA Members,  
Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent to my Mother's funeral. Also thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and to the ones who attended the visitation or funeral.  
At age 97 her determination, independence and keen mind inspired all her family. We were privileged to have her in our lives for so many years.

The Family of Ethel Galbreath  
Les & Glenda Stephens”