

THE LOW DOWN

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ARLINGTON AREA STREET RODS ☺ May, 2011

Meeting Times and Place

The first May meetings will be held on the first Thursday (May 5th) at the Barn. We are to leave the Albertson's Parking lot at 6:15 P.M. sharp and travel to the Barn for a special meeting. (See note at end of Newsletter for more details.)

We will meet on the third Thursday (May 19th) of the month at the **Dixie House Cafe** on Lancaster in Handley.

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Letter from the (Temporary) EDITOR

Usually the newsletter is sent out by the Friday before the first meeting of the month but as you can see this one is a few days late. I was at the Pate Swap Meet and had a great time. As usual there was much junk for sale and a few gems. Finding the real "deals" is what makes the swap meet fun and exciting not to mention the fun to be had with close friends who have the same interests as you do.

Letter from De Prez

What a Great Group of Guys.

I know I am a little bit tardy composing this piece for the newsletter but time has been short and inspiration has been equally tough to come by on demand as well.

That being said I got an email today, which I'm sure you all did as well from James Kunkel thanking the club for it's generous gesture of

traveling to Gilmer to visit his family and ailing Son-in-Law. Using the term "club"

is a bit of a misnomer in that a club is not a physical thing but a club is more correctly a gathering of people. Much like a church is not a building but rather a body of people gathered together in worship.

Reading James's heartfelt thanks and description of the events that took place that day only reinforces my regret that I could not attend the gathering. As much as I would have liked to, business commitments did not permit me to travel with the group for this occasion. I am very serious when I tell you that reading James's message leaves me with a sense of loss because I could not attend and I know I missed one of those very special times that as a member of this club I will never be able to replace.

At this writing I don't have a head count of how many were in attendance but the number of attendees is not near as important as the meaning of the deed.

Likewise the upcoming event planned to honor another of our own is equally as reassuring that Arlington Area Street Rods is the real deal.

For the upcoming event and for that matter any such events that may be planned in the future such as the club picnic scheduled for May 15th. I urge you do whatever you can to attend. Don't miss the opportunity to gather together and make irreplaceable memories. After all isn't that why you joined the club? I promise you when you leave these events you will think to yourself, what a great group of guys.

Bill Ancona

ARLINGTON AREA STREET RODS MEETING MINUTES...4.7.11

by Dave Cain

Meeting held at Dixie House / Handley

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM by Bill Ancona

ROLL CALL & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

37 Members

2 Guests: Mike Neece, Dennis

Overholtzer

READING MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING:
Waived

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$ 4872.00

PROGRAM: Dennis Overholtzer spoke on Painless Wiring and the state of hot rodding

RECEIPT OF
COMMUNICATIONS/ COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Food drive – 1st meeting of odd months
- Hopson – accepting magazines for TCC

OLD BUSINESS:

Set of rims that were presented to the Club will be raffled and the proceeds will go to Pythian Home

- Pep Boys show – very light turnout
- Decatur swap meet – large
- Goodguys – very good turnout
- Lone Star Roundup – very good
- Goliad – very good

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gary Cox spoke on upcoming insurance seminar regarding long term care to be held at Town Village in Arlington on 4- 14
- Club will meet at the IHOP in Mansfield at 9 AM on 4 – 23 for a cruise to Hatfields in Canton
- Club will depart Hatfields after lunch for a continued cruise to Gilmer to see James Kunkel's son in law.
- Gary Cox has rooms for OKC, Fredericksburg, and Pueblo. Please call him if you need one.
- Gary Cox has and Enco table top mill for sale.

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS:

- Friday Night Cruise In - going on as long as the weather is above 40 degrees and no rain
- Sunday AM – Busy B
- Sunday AM – Braums – Mansfield
- Tuesday night cruise in – 6 PM - at Pizza Inn, 1900 block of 8th Ave
- TCCC – South campus will host NSRA Inspection – 4-9
- Hatfields open house – 4-23

Door prize : Don Kemp

Nostalgia question winner: Dennis Hunt
Personal histories given by new members James Davis & Glenn Dickey
50/50 : David Hopson (donated his share to the Club)
Minutes taken by Dave Cain

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:30 PM

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by Dave Cain

No minutes for the second meeting which was held informally at Injected Customs in Fort Worth.

Gary Cox says the LSSRA State run is coming in May and will be here before you know. So you should be making your plans to attend now. He has reserved 20 rooms for the club for May 20 and 21, 2011. People should contact him to be put on the list. Thanks Gary; this service to the club is really appreciated

El Loco Coyote

On Sunday the 17th of April, at 10 AM sharp, with mouths watering for Coyote vittles, 19 members and one guest departed the I-35 Burluson rest stop, following yours truly, for a wiggly trip down the back roads to the Loco Coyote Grill. The list included Jerry and Ramona Middlebrooks, Gail and Cindy Petsick, Mick Parkinson, Gary and Connie Cox, Marc and Abbe Byers, Jess and Margo Jordan, Rex Townsend, new member James Davis, Rick Duffin, Walter and Peggy Clement, David Cain, Odell and Kasina West, guest Johnnie Eller and myself. Thirteen Street Rods and Customs, with only one family car. We will forgive JM cause we know he is thrashing on the '29. Our crooked route took us through Egan, near Keene, Cleburne, past Cleburne State Park, through Brazos Point and Glen Rose. The group did a great job of keeping together this time until I came up with a brilliant idea as we approached Glen Rose. We were a little strung out at this point so I decided that instead of turning left (west) at the courthouse, I would go straight ahead, circle the courthouse clockwise, wait at the street we had just come in on until the last car came by, then proceed west bound for the short final leg of the trip. This would also treat the locals to a small parade. Brilliant, right?? With everyone circled around the courthouse, going maybe 3 mph, the lead car and rear car in sight, I continued on, saying to myself, hey old f---- can still come up with good ideas. Wrong, about 3 miles out of Glen Rose my

phone rings. Someone must need me to hurry up for the sake of a bathroom?? Wrong. Rick is on the other end telling me to stop because we lost about 4 cars in Glen Rose. What???????? How in the [#\\$^&#@*><@%](#) did we do that?? I still don't know. I've decided it really didn't happen. They didn't want me to think that my suggestion of always letting the car behind you catch up before going on would actually work, so they pulled this stunt on me. Oh well, what do you expect, in either case, from a bunch of grown men??

I was a little disappointed in the quality of the wild flowers this year but it has just been too dry. We arrived pretty much on time and just ahead of the crowd. My brilliant idea back in Glen Rose was to "Gather Everyone Up" so to speak, and maybe that is where we gathered up Ron Johnson and visitors Bob and Donna Patton. When we lined up on arrival at the LCG, there they were. Bob and Donna are driving the red '34 in group pic. Neat car and good folks as well. Like always, the food was wonderful, and too much of it. Somehow it was all consumed though, did not see one to go box.

As far as I know, everyone enjoyed the route, the great food and the chance for a good visit. As far as the little stunt they pulled on me or not ???, was good for a laugh and something to remember.

Thanks to all who participated, and do we have a date in mind for the next LCG trip??~~~~~Les





SMALL WINDOW STICKERS	468	3.00
LARGE PATCH	26	7.00
SMALL PATCH	21	3.00
5 Yr. PATCH	10	3.00
SUMMER HAT	1	5.00
WINTER HAT	14	5.00
T-SHIRT LG	7	10.00
T-SHIRT XL	19	10.00
SWEAT SHIRT XXL	2	20.00
5 YR PATCH	29	3.00
10 YR PATCH	26	3.00
15 YR PATCH	22	3.00
20 YR PATCH	26	3.00
25 YR PATCH	10	3.00
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I also have the following shirts:

- Polo one XL and two XXL \$30. each
- T-Shirt one XXL \$10. each

All shirts are plus 6.25% tax.

Club Inventory

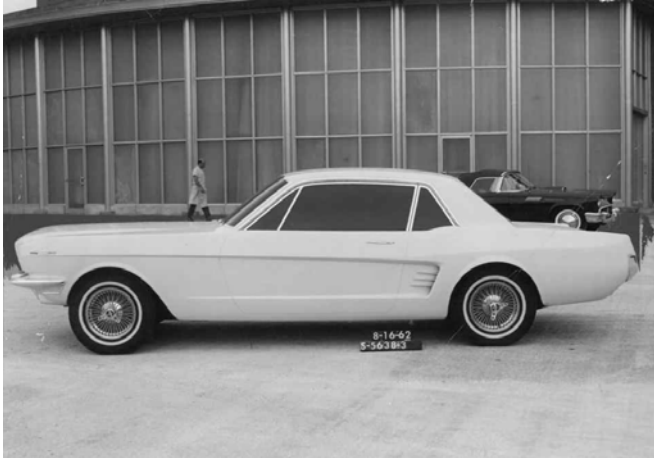
David Cain has custody of all of these items. Let him know if you would like something a day or two before a meeting and he will bring the item(s) to the meeting.

PRODUCT	INVENTORY	PRICE
CLUB LICENSE PLAQUES	32	\$ 20.00
LARGE WINDOW STICKERS	204	1.00



This is a picture I found in the AASR Club Archives of Pat Conner driving his first hot rod.

Notice the club had a different club hat at that time.



Notice anything different about this Mustang? It is a clay mock up in 1962 of what was to become the production model.



This is a picture of Don and Ken Smith opening their first Harley Shop back in the good old days. Nothing but the latest and greatest for these guys: Squeeze bulb horns on the wall and coal oil lantern headlamps on the top shelf.

Painless NSRA Appreciation Day



On Saturday the 9th of April, AASR made a large

showing for the day's activities at TCJC south campus. 17 members including J. Bruton, D. Cain, G. Petsick, B. Robinson, B. Grammer, K. Smith, G. Dickey, G. Cox, E. Sandoval, J. Wallace, J. Flenniken, D. McRae, P. Conners, B. Deavers, W. Clement, D. Yarbrough and myself, all showed up to cook, eat, drink and make merry. Soft drinks that is, by Mary never showed.



Everyone even drove their St. Rods and Customs and B. Robinson debuted his new Poncho. Pat circled it, like Indians circling the wagons, telling Bill everything he ever wanted to know or not know about Pontiacs. It took less than two seconds.



Pat can cook a burger and a hot dog though. He cooked and I served for the first onslaught, and they kept coming back for seconds, so they were either really hungry or the food was really good?? Gail, Eddie and Jerry pitched in for the second wave and that bunch seemed to be just as pleased. I think the count was around 300 burgers and dogs combined??



I didn't get to watch the engine challenge but hear that those guys can tear a sbc down and put it back together, timed and ready to start in less than 2 hours. This does not include the addition of nickels. That takes longer and you must furnish the nickel.



Don't know how many, but Dick McRae and pals inspected several cars for the coveted NSRA safety sticker. Now we can all feel better about driving our cars and driving next to our buddies.



All in all I would say it was a fun day for a great cause, and I thank everyone who showed up to help make it happen. ~~~~Les



Gary Cox is in the market for a pair of backing plates for a 9 inch Ford rear end. He also has a Jet Brand horizontal band saw for sale: just \$100. 817-925-2572.

Les asked me to mention to the Club in this Newsletter that the Cleburne Area Quilters' Guild will hold their Annual Quilt Auction & Ice Cream Social on Monday May 9 at 6:30 P.M. at the Senior Citizens Center, 1212 Glenwood Dr., Cleburne (behind the Civic Center). Please tell your wives for a good time will be had by all who attend.

First Meeting in May

Don't forget to bring your " Food Drive" goodies to the meeting Thursday night. Also don't forget we are initially meeting at Chris Lofgren's weekly shindig location on Little road. Be there in time to " Caravan " depart at 6:15, to arrive at the Party Barn at 6:30. I know the route from there, as may others, so if you don't, not to worry. If for some reason you need to go directly to The Barn, call me for directions if necessary, but either way, don't arrive before 6:30. Should you want to check Map Quest, the address is The Barn 1375 Gilman Rd. Ft. Worth, TX 76140.

To answer Blain's request for our drink choices, and

electing not to ask for a head count on that, my suggestion to Blain was regular Coke, diet Coke and water. No alcohol for us. If I was wrong to make that decision, please bring your own and I will gladly reimburse you.

I am sure that for everyone I have spoken with, this will be a "really feel good" event. Thank you in advance for your help in making this happen.

See you
there ~~~~~~ Les ~~~~~
~~~~~ Try really hard to drive your HOT ROD