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Our regularly scheduled meeting at the Gregg County Historical Museum was well attended. Trays of sandwiches, chips and drinks together with potato salad and a delicious chocolate cake comprised the lunch, which everyone enjoyed while being serenaded by new member, John Williams of Lufkin. John performed a Tribute to Jim Reeves which was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Jim and to all those who furnished lunch (Billy, Terry, Melba, Phyllis).

The beautiful, sunny day on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> brought a record number of Packard lovers out for the meeting at The Gregg County Historical Museum. It was great to see all these folks who share the common goal of preserving and using Packards.

Attending were:

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| Norma & Nelson Bates    | '40 110 Coupe    |
| Todd Bates              |                  |
| Gwyn & John Bazzell     |                  |
| Gene Brewer             | '50 Sedan        |
| Tobi & Russell Chandler |                  |
| Ronald Dean             |                  |
| Carrolyn & Dan Hall     |                  |
| Wendell Hawkins         |                  |
| Cleburne McAllister     |                  |
| Terry McKnight          | '50 Sedan        |
| Larry Myers             |                  |
| Melba Plier             |                  |
| Wendall Spreadbury      |                  |
| Peggy & David Stewart   | '27 Touring Car  |
| C. L. Stinnett          |                  |
| Phyllis & Jim Taunton   | '56 Clipper      |
| David Temple            | '61 Ford Hardtop |
| Billy Vatalcos          |                  |
| Gene & William Villyard |                  |
| Kathy & John Williams   |                  |

A student, Eli Jackie, from LeTourneau Univ. who is studying aircraft engines was the guest of Nelson Bates. He was surprised to learn of Packard's involvement in aeronautical engines.

## Our meeting schedule for the rest of the year

**May – 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** -- Trip to Lafayette, LA – Hosted by Johnny and Eric Toce

**June – 12<sup>th</sup>** – Blueberry Festival – Nacogdoches – The 2010 Deja Blue Car Show  
Info sheets are on next page – if interested, let Nelson know

**July – 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Packard Club National Meet – Gettysburg, PA – Info in Cormorant  
24<sup>th</sup> - **Regular Club Meeting at Gregg County Historical Museum – Longview – Noon**

**August** – Pool Party at Villyards' – date and time to be announced

**September** – Norma and Nelson will host this meeting. Date and time to be announced.

**October - 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>** - North Texas Region CCCA - National Grand Classic in Waxahachie

The following was received from Chuck Conrad:

**“By the way, the North Texas Region of CCCA will be hosting another National Grand Classic in Waxahachie on Saturday, October 16. It will be in the Waxahachie Civic Center as it was last time. Usually, there are some very interesting cars to enjoy. The club has asked me to extend a warm welcome to our friends from ArkLaTex Packards. If you like, you can make it a day trip and come just on Saturday around lunch time, or if there is enough interest, they'd like the group to come on Friday afternoon and spend a couple of nights. They will have a good rate at the Hampton Suites which is about 200 feet from the convention center. There will be a barbecue dinner around the cars (indoors) on Friday, and an Awards Banquet (also around the cars) Saturday evening. The North Texas Region is noted for having a very good hospitality room and are generally a fun and interesting group to get to know.**

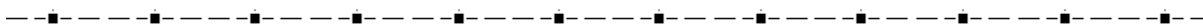
**This is a very unusual invitation. I don't know if any CCCA Region has ever invited another Club to all the activities or not. Usually they are for CCCA members only. We just won't tell National.**

**Of course, if a Packard Club member is also a CCCA Member, and his or her car is one that is accepted by CCCA, then the car could be judged too. In any case, we can work out some kind of special parking for the Packards. We can figure out those details as we get closer and perhaps get a nose count. We'd love to see everyone, and enjoy making new friends....”**

23<sup>rd</sup> - **Regular Club Meeting at Gregg County Historical Museum – Longview – Noon**

**November – 6<sup>th</sup>** – Gilmer Air Show – tentative – David Stewart will confirm

**December** - Christmas Party – date, time and place to be determined



**Minutes for 4-24-2010 At Gregg County Historical Museum**

Discussion focused on setting meeting dates and activities for the remainder of the year. Following are scheduled events:

**May 21, 22<sup>nd</sup>** – South Louisiana - hosted by Johnny and Eric Toce

**June 12** - Car Show in Nacogdoches, more details - it is a part of the Blueberry Festival on that Saturday and there are many things to do. You would need to have your car there between 8:00AM and 10:00 AM. Most activities will be 10:00 to 5:00. They stop letting cars in at 10:00. Trophies are given at 1:00 – 1:30. Costs to enter your car are \$15 to \$20. 10:00 – 6:00 lots of door prizes. We might tour the Spreadbury junk pile. This will replace our normal meeting for that month. Dr. Spreadbury suggested we would need to leave Longview by 6 AM to arrive in plenty of time to get parked and registered.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** - Pate Auction / Swap Meet Saturday

**August** – Pool house at the Villyard's home with hamburgers and ice cream in the afternoon.

**September** – at Nelson and Norma Bates

**October** – Billy will contact Jimmy Blackburn about hosting. Classic car meet in Waxahachie also was mentioned. Chuck Conrad extended an invitation to this.

**November** - Gilmer Air Show David Stewart will check on it.

**December**- Christmas –will be discussed next meeting

Other Notes: Steve Wonderman is a new member of the club, as are Kathy and John Williams.

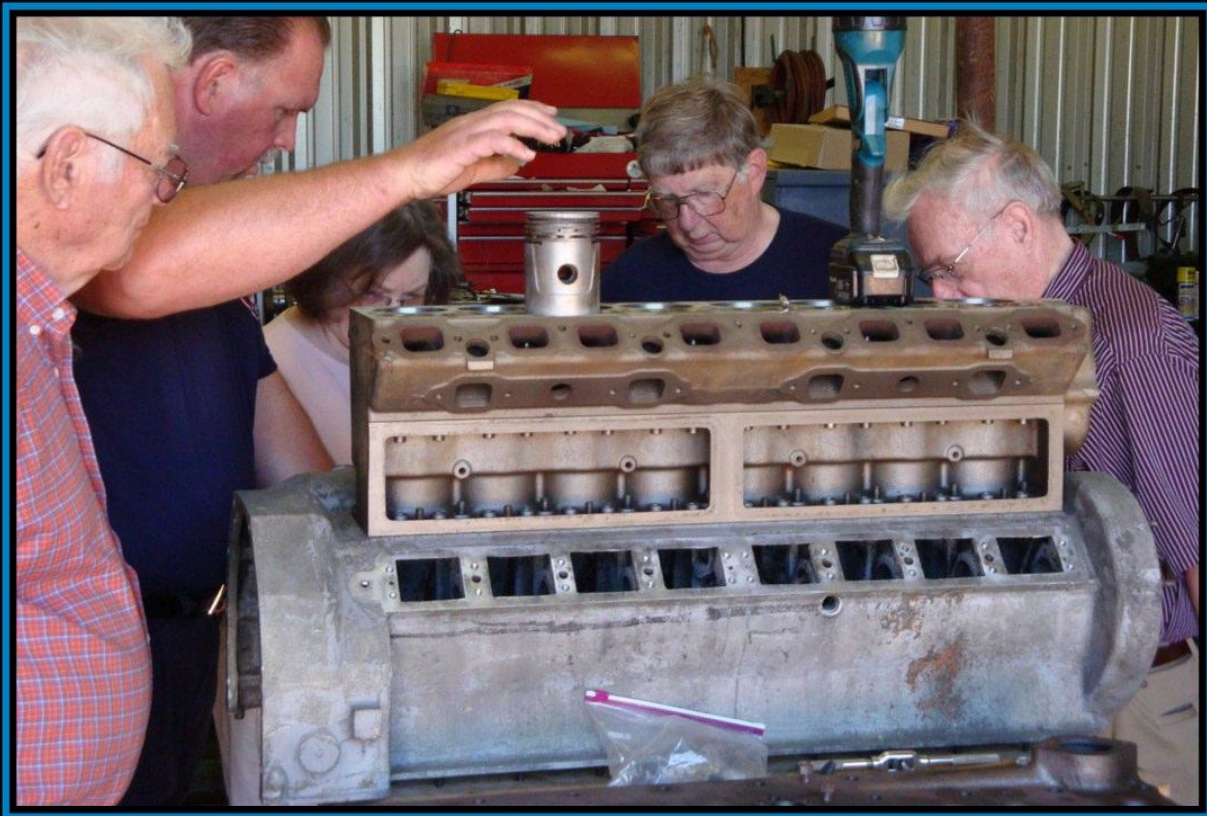
Have pictures of all our cars made in front of the Gregg County Museum / or in front of the Villyard's home.

Are we using our cars in weddings for pictures? If so, be sure you are covered by insurance.

While eating lunch following the meeting, new member John Williams graciously entertained us by performing about a 20-minute tribute to Jim Reeves. What a remarkable voice and delightful addition to close out this meeting. We are indeed grateful to John for bringing his equipment and sharing his talent with our club.

**Submitted 5-12-2010 by Terry McKnight**

After meeting adjourned, a few of the true “gearheads” journeyed out to the Chandler-Bates Garage, where ongoing restoration is taking place on Ronald Dean’s engine and Todd Bates’ car, as well as much more activity of automotive interest. Those making the trek were Nelson Bates, Todd Bates, Eli Jackie, David Stewart, Wendall Spreadbury, Ronald Dean, Phyllis and Jim Taunton. Of course, Russell Chandler was there to explain much of the work being done and to give some limited instruction to the neophyte in the group. Being the only woman there may seem strange to those of you who don’t know of my fascination with all things mechanical; the trip was certainly enjoyable as well as educational. The engine on Ronald’s car was the last year this type was made by Packard – it is considered quite innovative. Todd Bates took numerous photos – some of which were made into motivational posters – a few of which are pictured below. Thanks, Todd!



## PACKARD

No other man-made device since the shields and lances of the ancient knights fulfills a man's ego like an automobile. Sir William

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## RESTORATION

A man's got to do what a man's got to do. A woman must do what he can't.

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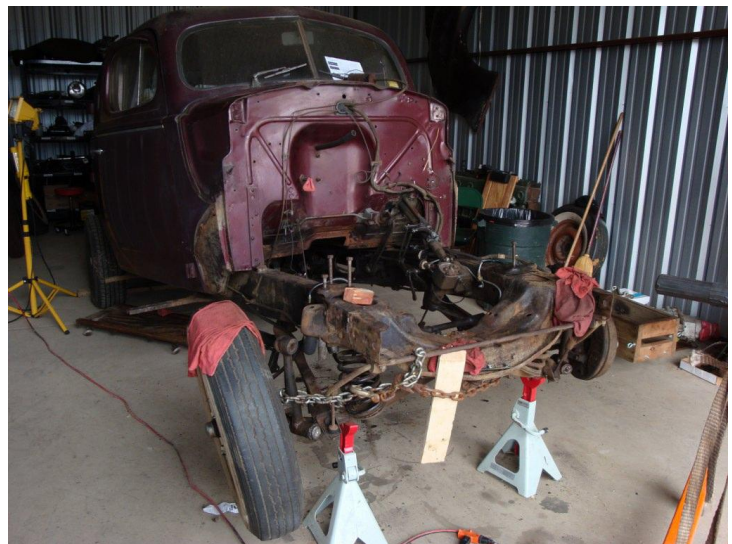
David's overseeing this examination by Ronald!



Nelson's making sure it's done right!



Russell's Garage has the right equipment!



Todd's 1940 - restoration underway

If you plan on attending the Blueberry Festival in Nacagdoches with your car, please advise Nelson or Wendall Spreadbury. Attached is the form for your convenience.

The Deep East Texas Region of the Antique Auto Club of America and Q107 Radio present:

# The 2010 Deja Blue Car Show!

Saturday, June 12th at the Regions Bank Parking Lot, Downtown Nacogdoches  
Registration from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, with trophies awarded at 1:00 pm

- 23 Car and Truck Categories!
- Streamlined Registration Process!
- Pay, Park, and then Register!
- Park with Your Friends or Your Club!
- No "Display Only" Show Entrants Due to Limited Space for Participants!
- Advanced Registration: \$15.00
- Day of Show Registration: \$20.00
- Judging by Car Show Participants!
- Door Prizes Awarded ALL Day!

Car Show Trophy Categories (in addition to *Best of Show and Best Paint*) include:

- Street Rod-Car or Truck
- Resto Rod-Car or Truck
- Rat Rod
- Model A
- Model T
- Pre-WWII
- 1940s
- 1950s
- 1960s
- 1970s
- Muscle Car
- Camaro
- Corvette
- Mustang
- Mopar
- Volkswagen
- Import
- Pickup
- Truck or SUV
- Open Car
- Military or 4x4
- Pre-Fab or Kit Car
- Most Unusual or Rare

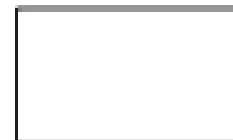
For Pre-registration, make your check payable to "D.E.T.R." and send the following information to: Bill Ferguson, DETR Car Show, 3603 Raguett St., Nacogdoches, TX 75965. For more info, call: (936) 569-8977 or (409) 584-2044 days.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Year, Make and Model of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

Select a category for each car (only one category per car): \_\_\_\_\_



**Fire at Horne Motors, Inc. Packard Dealer in Longview – 1930's**



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