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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Presidents Msg. For Feb. '08 Klaxon

Dear Members of HCAC,

It looks like we are off to a busy year for 2008 as evidenced by our February 10th General Membership meeting at JAZZ restaurant. Including some new members, there were forty of us packed into the dining room, it is a fish place and yes, we sort of were like sardines packed in there! Maybe the close quarters helped, but I am very thankful for the response of club members during the meeting to questions, ideas and even many making the decision to volunteer for service on committees or special projects. This was helped by Phillip's persuasive speech, or was that a bit of standup comedy?

I am not surprised at members deciding to step up, we all just have to ask for help and make sure we understand what level of help is offered, then not to overwork anyone. Please help me to spread the fun around so as not to burn members out, and at the same time encourage everyone to fit in somewhere. The Scholarship committee, with Phillip as Chairman, and the Touring committee, with Marty and Martha as Co-Chairs are off to a successful and early start and kudos to them for that. The July 5th Car Show committee, which I chair, meets February the 18th, 7pm at Kar Clinic so please consider serving as several have signed up, but it requires a lot of staffing.

I have heard very clearly that HCAC members need to feel that they are receiving benefits for being members of our club, so in order to be sure that happens, please consider this an invitation for any input that the leadership can consider to insure that feeling. You are welcome to call, write or e-mail me with thoughts on this subject and I promise to make notes and see if the ideas will benefit the whole club.

God bless each of you and your families, Robert Kluting, President.

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17, 2008 - Daytona 500
February 18, 2008 – 7:00 PM
July 5th Car Show Committee Meeting
Hill Country Kar Clinic, Kerrville
March 9, 2:00 PM - HCAC Meeting
JOs Steakhouse, Kerrville
March 11, 7:00 PM – Executive Officers Meeting - Hill Country Kar Clinic - Kerrville
March 14, 2008 - Classic Car Auction
Tivydale Rd, Fredericksburg
March 22, 2008 - March Tour
Come join us for the first tour of the season. We're taking the back roads to Mason and have lunch on the square at Willow Creek Cafe. There are several shops and historic to-do's around the square if you wish. We might see some Bluebonnets...
We'll leave from Culver's parking lot at 10AM sharp on Saturday, March 22nd. This is a rain or shine event. Please have your tank full and your bladder empty. Maps will be provided...
Marty & Martha Davis

COMING SOON –
HCAC Annual History of Wheels
HCAC July Car Show

IN THE NEWS



Taylor Moser, son of club members Matt and Tammy Moser, who has just completed his Marine Corps Training.

HOBBIES ANYONE??

What is your hobby or past time? We would like to know.

REMINDER –

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CAR??

Tell us about your first car. Each member is invited to tell me about your first set of wheels – if you are not inclined to write it up, just give me a call. The story will be published in each edition of the Klaxon. If we get more, we can include two features in one issue. *See Marty's story on our feature page of this issue.*

FEATURES

My First Car **By Marty Davis**

Well... actually my very first car was a 62 Chevy Impala, but the relationship was brief. I was rear-ended in less than a month and the insurance company totaled the car. That got me \$250 to spend!

My father found a 65 Olds 442 for \$400. I used my insurance proceeds and borrowed \$150 from a local finance company and purchased the car. I believe my payments were about \$15 a month! Anyway, the 442 was bright red, white interior, 400ci, 4 speed, power nothing. You never had to worry about drinking and driving, because it took two hands to turn the steering wheel. Lots of cleaning and the customary oil changes, points, plugs, filters, re-packing wheel bearings, and brakes, Marty was on the road.

This car was a brute, but with gas at a \$1.00 and the oil embargo shortages, keeping it fed was a challenge. Three weeks after I got it, I did a 4000 rpm hole-shot and destroyed the 10 bolt rear-end. GM 391's were plentiful then, so to the junk yard I go. As a side note, this class of car so pretty quick for it's day, but had horrible brakes and handling. They were "stop light" to "stop light" drag cars. The interior had an interesting feature, the tachometer was at the front end of the console. Wonder how many people had accidents while tearing through the gears and staring at the tach, without looking out of windshield.

Sadly, being in the midwest, the winters had chewed on the 442 in the rear. The trunk was rotting from the rear window leaking under the stainless steel trim. Both my father and I became concerned when the fuel tank started falling because the tank straps didn't have anything to be attached to. My father was a millwright at Caterpillar and made some plates to adequately hold the fuel tank and I traded it for a 68 Olds 442.

What a great ride...

      **BE A VOLUNTEER!**     

EDITORIAL

-Needing A Little Rest-

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home. He followed me into the house, down the hall, and fell asleep in a corner. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, resumed his position in the hall, and slept for an hour. This continued for several weeks.

Curious, I pinned a note to his collar: "Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap." The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar:

"He lives in a home with ten children -- he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

FROM THE EDITOR

Spring time and the beautiful Hill Country Flowers are just around the corner. We just have the bitter February cold and one last March freeze to go. Then we will be home free for another eight months. Freezing temperatures and cedar fever will be behind us. Warm sunshine and long days! What a great time for a cruise. If you have ideas for a cruise, let Marty & Martha Davis know. They may be able to use your help in getting one organized, or in just coming up with ideas for neat places to visit.



February is the month of LOVE. Tell someone you love them.

Friday Night at Culvers

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**Beautiful Cars
Good Friends
Ice Cream**

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