

# NEWSLETTER

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Aug., 2020



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## OUR PRESIDENT TO BE

Thank you, Justin for serving as President of the Lake Area Rods & Classics. Also, thank you for last month's note as President Emeritus.

Don Weber has graciously consented to serve another term as our President.

We owe Don a great sense of gratitude, but us older folks (in terms of length of membership and age) ain't gettin' any younger, and the torch gradually needs to be passed if the Club is to survive. We have a lot of new blood, and the Club's heart needs to keep vigorously and joyously beating.

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## OFFICERS

PRESIDENT TO BE	Don Weber
VICE PRESIDENT	Glenn Heimbigner
SECRETARY	Judy Caramanica
TREASURER	Barbara Weber
ACTIVITY DIRECTOR	West Pearson

## NOTES FROM THE CIGAR GUY

### What We Did

**Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – LARC Weekly Breakfast** at Crazy Gals in Burnet. Our attendance is down, but Crazy Gals is doing a good job!

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – A number of LARC cars participated in a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade** in Highland Haven. Had a good time, and the residents came out in great numbers and really enjoyed the parade!

Our annual **Show And Shine** at SSB&T in Kingsland as part of their **Aquaboom** July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration was **cancelled for 2020**.

The **Oldies But Goodies Car Show** and Social Club annual car show as part of Llano Riverfest was cancelled for 2020.

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – LARC Weekly Breakfast** at Crazy Gals in Burnet.

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – LARC Saturday Night Cruise In** at SSB&T in Marble Falls. Good turnout, and one of the few activities we have now, so come out and enjoy!

**Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – LARC Weekly Breakfast** at Crazy Gals in Burnet. At least the Cigar Guy is getting some cigar boxes to Mary Ellen, and she is making some amazing things from them!

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – LARC Show and Shine at 7 Creeks Vineyards**. So sorry I had to miss this, it was a great success! I hear the final count was 21 cars. Gourmet beef sliders, boutique pickles, some wine, good shade and great company! Can't get better than that! This will be a annual event, hopefully earlier in the year in the future!

**Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – LARC Weekly Breakfast** at Crazy Gals in Burnet. Come out and enjoy, Crazy Gals is doing a good job of this breakfast!

**Saturday, July 25<sup>nd</sup> – LARC Saturday Night Cruise In** at SSB&T on US 281 in Marble Falls. Even with the temps we have been getting, we are getting some great turnouts!

### What's Coming Up

First, **what will NOT happen:**

No **Friday Night Catfish** at the Eagles in Granite Shoals until further notice.

No **Oldies But Goodies Car Show** and Riverfest at Badu Park in Llano on their re-scheduled date of September 7<sup>th</sup>. It is now cancelled for 2020.

**Oldies But Goodies** Friday Night Cruise in on the Square in Llano is cancelled until further notice.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN!

**Every Wednesday – LARC Weekly Breakfast** at Crazy Gals in Burnet, 7:30AM-?

**Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – LARC Weekly Breakfast** at Crazy Gals in Burnet. (**Every** Wednesday, 7:30AM-?)

**Saturday, August 8 – LARC Cruise to West Henly Boil Shack**, 7792 US-290, Johnson City. This is on US 290, East of Johnson City, on the way to Dripping Springs. For those who wish to caravan, I will lead from the Exxon Station south of Marble Falls on US 281 (1406 US-281, Marble Falls), leaving the Exxon station at 11:30 AM.

Upon arrival, there is a road going on the left side of their building, usually with a chain guard. The chain should be down for us to go behind the building and find traffic cones to mark our parking. They have inside dining, as well as a great outside atmosphere. They have outside tables, but bring your chairs, you may want to sit out under the trees.

**Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – LARC Weekly Breakfast** at Crazy Gals in Burnet.

**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>– TENTATIVE - Pistons on the Square**, Georgetown. As of now, they are going to try to hold it on this date (they have been stopped) and I will check again before the 15<sup>th</sup>. If held, I will lead a caravan from the Shell Station on the east side of Burnet on Hwy 29, leaving at 7:15AM. Their show actually starts at 7AM, and if you want to get there at that time, you are on your own.

**Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – LARC Weekly Breakfast** at Crazy Gals in Burnet.

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – LARC Weekly Breakfast** at Crazy Gals in Burnet

**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – TENTATIVE - Cruise to Hondo's On Main** in Fredericksburg. There currently have inside dining, can seat groups of 10 or less. If we have more than that, we split to 2 groups. I will lead a caravan leaving Fuzzy's Corner (RR 1431 and Hwy 29) at 10:30, to arrive at 11:30AM (they open at 11).

### **Looking Ahead**

(Always looking for other events let me know of any you are aware of!)

**Bluebonnet Air Show and Car Show** is re-scheduled for March 20, 2021.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of every month - **LARC Saturday Night Cruise In** at SSB&T on US 281 in Marble Falls. 5PM-7PM.

**Saturday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - Luckenrod Classic/Rod Show** – Pre-'76 only! Fredericksburg, 10AM-5PM

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – GTACC 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show and Charity Banquet** at Sun City Social Center Ballroom, Georgetown. 8AM-4PM. More details to follow.

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Marble Falls Main Street Car Show** – 9AM-3PM. Top 20 Awards, Peer (that's you) judging! Pre-registration/online is available now. Registration by Sept 15<sup>th</sup> is \$20, later or at show is \$25. If you register online, you still have to MAIL your check. An email will be put out with the online registration link.

As a last note, if anyone has an idea for a cruise or an event, let this poor guy know!

## EDITOR'S CORNER

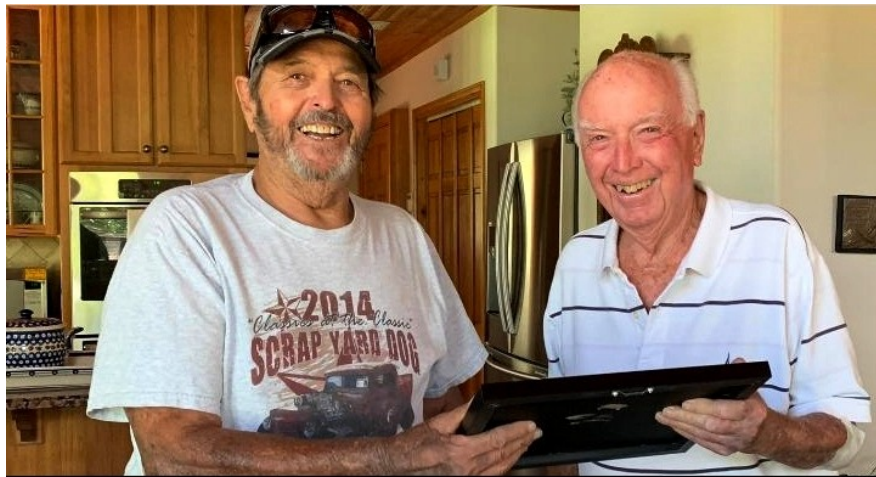
This whole Covid-19 issue has thrown roadblocks on many activities. As of now, we can hope that the events that have been scheduled (Saturday Evening Show and Shine at SSBC, breakfast at Crazy Gals, etc.) will be able to continue. As West or other members find out about events and cancellations, they will e-mail us.

Your Fiendly Editor will keep kicking out monthly issues of our Newsletter, just so you can see that **LARC is not going out of business**. There's a lot of club work going on behind the scenes to keep the club functioning, and yes, to see who is having a birthday or an anniversary. The monthly calendars at the back of the Newsletter will show events as our Activity Director is able to find out about them and they will be published as of the date of his writing, which is usually the latter part of the month preceding the monthly issue of the Newsletter.

We'll publish pictures as events occur, and **if anyone has a good car story to tell, send it in**. The Editor's software package can only accept the story as a Word document or equivalent, and pictures are best sent as JPGs.

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### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO MIKE DOHRSE



In June, the Officers of our Club elected to award a Lifetime Membership to Mike Dohrse, a Founding Member and former Activity Director of our club. Mike and a few other folks got together at Founding Members Don and Cleora Craw's house on April 21, 2004. What followed was the drawing up of a combined Club Constitution and By Laws, so Mike and Norma Jean have been members ever since. **Thank you, Mike for all your years of service.**

If you want to know how our Club was founded, Thank the man receiving this award! Mike was instrumental in getting our Club off the ground in its fledgling days.

Turn to the next page to see how our Club got started. It should be published every so often so that the new members can appreciate the effort that went into the Club's origin.

## LAKE AREA RODS & CLASSICS

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

#### A SHORT HISTORY

Way back in the Spring of 2004, a group of people who fancy old cars of any kind – including those who had cars that were sort of newish, got together and had an idea. It may have begun with a thought like this: **“Let’s get together and form a club for folks who just generally like cars that have character, regardless of brand. There doesn’t have to be any cut off of a car’s year, and it could be a shiny custom, a rat rod, a classic, or just interesting, and the owner(s) could be a man or a woman”.**

The line of thought could have also included something like – **“Let’s band together as a group of folks who like cars and like to hang out together and do things together. Let’s go to dinner together, have a monthly meeting, go places as a group with our special cars. Let’s go to car shows so we can shine them up and let other people share our joy over our chariots. Let’s be of service to our community! Let’s just go have fun with each other!”**

With this nucleus, a group of folks got together at Don and Cleora Craw’s house on April 21, 2004. They were Don and Cleora, Mike Dohrse, Pete Bundrant, and Pat Bullard. Mike, Don, and Cleora had the idea to have this get together, and Mike kicked the proceedings off, and kept the meeting focused. They kicked the idea of a car club around and agreed to meet in early May, after spreading the word around among their friends who fancy unique cars, about a get together.

In early May, folks got together again at Don and Cleora’s house to put together a combined club Constitution and By Laws. This was the first of 3 or 4 intensive get togethers to hammer out these documents. Tasked with this job were: Don and Cleora, Pete and Paula Bundrant, Mike Dohrse, Stan and Sharon Zimberg, John Rex, and Pat Bullard. The hammer work was done during these meetings.

As a result, Article 2 of the proposed combined By Laws and Constitution stated the true purpose of the Club:

**“The purpose of the Organization shall be to establish an association of members for the purpose of encouraging restoration, preservation, and building of classic cars, trucks, and street rods. Other purposes of the organization shall be encouraging participation in community services, socializing, and providing enjoyment for all members”.**

On May 25, approximately 30 or 40 car fanciers met at **the Senior Citizen’s Community Center** in Burnet, and in this organizational meeting, they put together a group of folks that would be willing to serve on a Board of Directors. Several people volunteered to serve and the proposed slate of officers consisted of:

Stan Zimberg- President  
John Rex – Vice President  
Cleora Craw – Treasurer  
Paula Bundrant - Secretary  
Mike Dohrse – Co-Activity Director  
Billy Hutson – Co-Activity Director

approve the proposed By Laws-Constitution.

On June 3, 2004, Cleora Craw published the club’s first newsletter – **Volume 1, Issue 1**, with the headline”

**“NEW CAR CLUB IN TOWN!”**

## “NEW CAR CLUB IN TOWN!”

This spread the news that the germ of an idea was coming into fruition.

As a result, in early June, a new car club was born at a meeting at the Senior Citizen's Community Center, with forty to fifty people in attendance, and at this meeting:

The slate of **Officers** was approved by acclamation

The **By Laws-Constitution** was approved

The name **Lake Area Rods and Classics** was adopted

The **Club Logo** was adopted

Club clothing (T-shirts, polo shirts, blue denim, long sleeve shirts, and hats) was adopted.

**John Rex**, who had great artistic talent, spent many hours **designing the beautiful logo** we now use. *[Editor's Note: The logo of the Lake Area Rods and Classics is copyrighted as of 2004 and cannot be used or reproduced in any way without the specific written approval of the Club Officers].*

In addition, Cleora Craw and Shirley Bullard did heroic work, wading through endless swamps of bureaucracy and red tape to gain a 501C7 tax exempt status as a non-profit, tax-exempt social club – no mean feat, since these ladies did it on their own time, without a penny's compensation for all the blood, sweat, and tears it took to put it all together.

A new club was born and formalized, and as a celebration, the members decided to get together and hold a **Progressive Dinner** on June 13. This was the **Club's First Activity**, and 46 members in 23 cars were in attendance. This was 2/3 of the entire membership that got together for the first organizational outing. **Appetizers and salads** were hosted by **Don and Cleora Craw**. Next, the members in their 23 cars had a caravan en route to **Dinner** hosted by **John and Patty Rex**. Since one of our members Mike Martin, was a Sergeant of the Burnet Police Department, a police escort, complete with red and blue lights and the privilege of running red lights, was facilitated. This was probably the first time that these hot-rodders didn't get a ticket for running a red – maybe 2, 3, 4, or 5? Following the dinner, another caravan was formed, for **dessert** was hosted at the house of **Mike and Norma Jean Dohrse** on the west shore of Lake Buchanan. *[Editor's Note: No record exists to document the speeds that were attained on Hwy 29 west of Burnet on the way to the Dohrse's! Anyway, ain't no one talking about it, so the speeds attained remain buried in secrecy.]*

Well folks, that's how it all began – 13 years ago. **Now in 2020, we have over 154 members!** As more of the history becomes available, more will follow in subsequent issues of our Newsletter. This becomes important, since we have so many new members who aren't aware how this vital organization came to be, and some of our original members have gone to the Great Car Show in Heaven. Our club has a wealth of information archived by those who put so much work in getting this lashup off the ground, and this history is too precious to be lost.

The information garnered for this first installment on the Club's history resulted from a Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 meeting at Mike Dohrse's beautiful house and compound on the west side of Lake Buchanan. This meeting consisted of Founding Members Mike Dohrse, Don Craw, and your Friendly Editor – a relative newcomer. The meeting took well over two hours and Norma Jean as Hostess makes a delicious cup of coffee. Norma Jean took Judy in hand and they toured the Dohrse compound. During this two hour meeting, Mike and Don laid out the history of the Club's birth, and was reinforced by correspondence, and the privilege of being able to see the first issue of the Newsletter – Vol. 1, Issue 1. This collection of newsletters survives only due to the efforts of folks dedicated to keeping the legacy and history of the club alive.

We hope that more aspects of the club's early history and activities can be explored from time to time, and published in future issues of the Newsletter. Stay tuned.



## 7 CREEKS WINERY CRUISE IN



## A SMALL, TIMELY JOKE

A scientist/physician who specialized in communicable diseases was being interviewed by a TV news reporter, who asked “When will this Covid-19 pandemic end?”

The physician replied “How would I know? I’m a doctor, not a politician!”



# BIG SWAP MEET IN MARBLE FALLS!!

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SEE YOU ON THE FIRST SATURDAY!!





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### A Quotable Quote

**"We are an eating club with a car disorder"**



## DEADLINE

IN ORDER TO GET THE NEWSLETTER OUT IN A TIMELY FASHION, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ARTICLES SUBMITTED MAKE IT TO THE EDITOR BY THE **25TH OF THE MONTH**. ARTICLES SUBMITTED AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH **WILL BE TOO LATE** FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Elizabeth Gee	Aug. 14
Mike Jennings & Donna Monroe	Aug. 8
Mark & Cyndy Kidd	Aug. 21
Jim & Toni Kunkel	Aug. 14
Ken & Robbie McGary	Aug. 16
J. & Rebecca Metz	Aug. 8
Rayford & Betsy Reese	Aug. 31
Don & Barb Weber	Aug. 9



## BIRTHDAYS

Bridgette Alston	Aug. 12
Ronald Brethauer	Aug. 19
Frank Caramanica	Aug. 15
Audie Donald Chitty	Aug. 23
Millie Deets	Aug. 14
Laurie Dick	Aug. 16
Shirley Enjada	Aug. 24
Dale Fortenberry	Aug. 9
Glen Gavin	Aug. 17
Fay Hagans	Aug. 31
Bob Head	Aug. 9
Jim Holmes	Aug. 29
Harold Hutson	Aug. 16
Cyndy Kidd	Aug. 25
Marolyn Lampman	Aug. 19
Bill Lehr	Aug. 10
Mary Montemayor	Aug. 26
Ralph Moresco	Aug. 27
Annette Moresco	Aug. 23
Michelle Petter	Aug. 31
Gene Petterson	Aug. 26
Jim Rugg	Aug. 24
Steve Tomlinson	Aug. 15
David Travers	Aug. 9

# Aug, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SSBC Show & Shine
2	3	4	5 Breakfast @ Crazy Gals	6	7	8 Boil Shack Cruise
9	10	11 Monthly Meeting?	12 Breakfast @ Crazy Gals	13	14	15 SSBC & Pis- tons on Square
16	17	18	19 Breakfast @ Crazy Gals	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Breakfast @ Crazy Gals	27 Hondo's?	28	29
30	31					

\* Weather permitting.

# Sept, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Breakfast @ Crazy Gals</i>	3	4	5 <i>SSBC Show &amp; Shine</i>
6	7	8 <i>Monthly Meeting?</i>	9 <i>Breakfast @ Crazy Gals</i>	10	11	12 <i>Luckenrod Show</i>
13	14	15	16 <i>Breakfast @ Crazy Gals</i>	17	18	19 <i>SSBC Show &amp; Shine</i>
20	21	22	23 <i>Breakfast @ Crazy Gals</i>	24	25	26 <i>GTACC Show SunCity</i>
27	28	29	30 <i>Breakfast @ Crazy Gals</i>			

\* Weather permitting.