

Sweethearts and Orphans X

February 20-22, 2009 -- Weatherford, Texas

The North Texas Chapter of the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club invites you to join us in beautiful Weatherford, Texas, for Sweethearts and Orphans X. It's hard to believe, but it's already our **TENTH SWEETHEARTS & ORPHANS MEET!!!** Let's make this one really special!!!

We're meeting just down the road from - and on the same weekend as - the Decatur Swap Meet!
C'mon out and combine these two great events into one terrific "old car" weekend!!!

As you know by now, this meet has two purposes: to bring together the owners of all kinds of "orphan cars" to establish or renew common bonds and friendships; and to set aside a little time during Valentine Season to honor the wives, girlfriends, or significant others (it's not always the guys that are the car nuts!) that put up with us dragging rusty, greasy parts through the house! And, of course, all proceeds go to the American Heart Association to continue the great work they do all through the year.

For those who don't know, "orphan cars" are those wonderful and historic automobiles whose parent companies have disappeared from the American scene - like Hudson, Studebaker, Kaiser, Frazer, Packard, Nash, Willys, Crosley, Graham, Essex, Terraplane, DeSoto*, Edsel*, and many others. More recent "orphans" include AMC, Plymouth* and Oldsmobile*. These marques - and many more - are very welcome, but to keep the "vintage flavor" of our meet we ask participation of pre-1989 vehicles only.

Sweethearts and Orphans is a non-judging meet. S&O meets are not about competition. We just want to enjoy our unique and beautiful cars, foster friendships, and enjoy ourselves in a friendly, relaxed setting. There are Peoples' Choice (by decade) and a Sweethearts' Choice award, but good friends and fond memories are the true prizes you'll take home from this meet.

On Thursday evening, Feb 19, Registration will open at the Host Hotel. It will open again on Friday, Feb 20. We expect that most of the "old car guys" will spend most of Friday at the Decatur Swap Meet, an easy 35-40 minute drive up Hwy 51 from the Host Hotel. This is a BIG Swap Meet!

Also on Friday morning (at 10:00 AM), there will be a very special Ladies' Tour, including a visit to the very beautiful and historic Chandor Gardens with a catered luncheon served in the historic home. After lunch, we'll take in Weatherford's Doss Cultural Center, which offers a look into Parker County's history and will also be hosting a unique traveling exhibit "Art Quilts of the Rocky Mountains". This tour will be an exceptional outing - don't miss it! We'll leave time for some late afternoon shopping, too.

On Friday evening, you can register, renew old friendships, or just relax at the hotel. Coffee and other refreshments will be served in our hospitality room at the La Quinta on Friday evening. Feel free to bring snacks to share - and games to play - if you like.

On Saturday, Feb 21, Registration will be open downtown from 9:00 AM to Noon on Parker County Courthouse Square. Our "orphans" will be on display from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM on the west quadrants of the freshly remodeled Square surrounding the Parker County Courthouse. A portion of the Square has also been reserved for non-orphan vintage cars. Let's show them LOTS of great cars -- and fill up the entire Square!!! There are dozens of boutiques and stores on and near the Square.

On Saturday evening, we'll have our Sweethearts' Outing - a presentation of the classic play "Harvey" at the Theater-Off-The-Square in Weatherford. "Harvey" may be familiar to you from Jimmy Stewart's 1950 movie version. We'll precede the play with dinner on your own - make sure you take your sweetheart someplace nice! If you want to caravan from the hotel, we'll leave for the theater at 7:30 PM - the Play starts at 8:00 PM.

The Awards Presentation will take place at the La Quinta at 9:00 AM on Sunday, Feb 22, and you will be on your way home by mid-morning.

Our Host Hotel will be the La Quinta Inn, 1915 Wall Street, Weatherford, TX. The back-up hotel will be the Sleep Inn, 1911 Wall Street, right next door to the La Quinta. Both are located just a few blocks north of I-20, exit 408, off Main Street (TX FM-51). La Quinta's phone is 817 594-4481; Sleep Inn's phone is 817 594-9699. You must call the hotel's local number and tell them you are with the Sweethearts and Orphans group to get the special meet rate. Rooms will fill up fast, and the rooms will only be held until February 1, so make your reservations ASAP!

The Weatherford La Quinta is the nicest host facility we've ever had for Sweethearts and Orphans... King or double rooms are \$85.00, both smoking and non-smoking rooms are available and pets are allowed! If you'd like a suite, you'll need to call for price as several different suite styles are available. The Sleep Inn is making rooms available at a rate of \$79.99 for king or double rooms or \$99.99 for suites. Sleep Inn has smoking/non-smoking rooms, but does not allow pets. Both hotels are nearly new and exceptionally clean, and both include extensive breakfast bars in their room rates. We selected the La Quinta as our primary hotel because of its slightly larger, more comfortable lobby, larger meeting rooms, and larger parking areas. As noted, both hotels include an extended continental breakfast and all rooms have a refrigerator, microwave oven, coffeemaker, hair dryer, high-speed internet and HD TV! There are many restaurants and shopping areas nearby.

We will have a 50/50 Raffle at the Meet. If you're not familiar with 50/50 raffles, the holder of the winning ticket gets 50% of the money collected from raffle ticket sales. The remaining 50% of the pot will be donated to the American Heart Association. You can't win if you're not in!!!

Remember February is American Heart Month - Give Life a Second Chance

For more information, please call John Clement at 817 220-5858 or e-mail johnclement@netcommander.com.

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Sweethearts and Orphans X Registration

Name(s) _____ Club Affiliation _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____
 Car (if known) _____ Do you need trailer parking? _____
 Family Registration (\$15.00 prior to the Meet, \$20 at the Meet) \$ _____ . _____
 Friday Tour and Luncheon (\$12.50 per ticket) \$ _____ . _____
 "Harvey" at Theater-Off-The-Square (\$10 per ticket) \$ _____ . _____
 "50/50 PLUS!" Raffle Tickets (\$5 each or six for \$20) \$ _____ . _____
 Total Registration Enclosed \$ _____ . _____

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