

Sweethearts and Orphans XI

February 26-28, 2010 -- Weatherford, Texas

The North Texas Chapter of the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Club invites you to come to Weatherford, Texas, to celebrate the second decade of the SWEETHEARTS & ORPHANS MEET!!!

We'll meet on the same weekend as the Decatur Swap Meet

so now you can combine these two great events into one terrific "old car" weekend!!!

As you know by now, this meet has two purposes: to bring "orphan car" owners together to establish or renew friendships; and to set aside a weekend 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 during the rest of the year! And all proceeds go to the American Heart Association to continue their great work.

For those who don't know, "orphan cars" are historic automobiles whose parent companies have disappeared from the American scene - great marques 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 all other orphans - are welcome, but to keep our "vintage flavor", we ask participation of pre-1989 vehicles only.

Sweethearts and Orphans has always been a non-judging meet. S&O meets are not about competition.

We just want to admire our unique and historic cars, establish friendships, and enjoy ourselves in a friendly, relaxed setting. There are Peoples' Choice (by decade) and a Sweethearts' Choice award, but good friends and great memories are the real prizes you take home from this meet.

On Thursday evening, February 25, Registration will open at the Host Hotel, and will also be open from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Friday, Feb 26. We expect that many of our "old car folks" will spend Friday morning and afternoon at the Decatur Swap Meet, an easy 35-40 minute drive up Hwy 51 from the Host Hotel. The Decatur Swap Meet is a BIG Swap Meet - and getting bigger every year!

There will also be a very special event on Friday morning at 10:30 AM for those who don't go to the Decatur Swap Meet. Weatherford is an historic city with a large number of beautiful historic homes. The owners of several of these homes will open them up for our group to enjoy. We'll visit a few in the morning, then have a catered lunch, and then visit the rest. We'll leave time for some afternoon shopping, too. You can drive if you like, but transportation will be available for tour participants.

Registration will reopen on Friday evening at 5:00 PM. Coffee, tea, and adult refreshments, as well as cookies, chips, etc., will be served in our Hospitality Room throughout the evening.

Feel free to bring snacks to share - and games to play - if you like.

On Saturday, Registration will be open on the Courthouse Square from 9:00 AM-Noon, and our cars will be on display at the Parker County Courthouse Square. We ask that all "orphans" be on display from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM on the west quadrants of the Square surrounding the Parker County Courthouse.

Another area of the Square has been reserved for non-orphan vintage cars. Let's show up with LOTS of great cars and fill up the entire Square!!! There are many boutiques and antique stores for the ladies on and near the Square, especially in the York Street Historic District just NW of the Square.

On Saturday evening, we'll have our Special Sweethearts' Outing. It's a live production of the comedy "Southern Hospitality" at the Theater-Off-The-Square. We'll precede the play with dinner on your own - make sure you take your sweetie someplace nice - Weatherford has lots of choices! 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.

Our Peoples Choice and Sweethearts' Choice Awards Presentation and the 50/50 Drawing will take place at the La Quinta Inn at 9:00AM on Sunday, Feb 28, and you will be on your way home by mid-morning.

The Host Hotel is the La Quinta Inn, 1915 Wall Street, Weatherford, TX. The back-up hotel is the Sleep Inn, 1911 Wall Street, right next door to the La Quinta. Both are located a few blocks north of I-20. Get off at exit 408, go north on Main Street (TX FM-51), and turn right on Adams. 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 20, so make your reservations ASAP!

Both hotels have reduced our room rates for this year! King or double queen rooms are only \$75.00, including an extensive breakfast bar. If you'd like a suite, you'll need to call for price as several different suite styles are available. La Quinta has both smoking and non-smoking rooms and pets are allowed! Sleep Inn has smoking or non-smoking rooms, but does not allow pets.

We selected the La Quinta as our primary hotel because of its larger lobby, meeting rooms, and parking area, but you'll be very comfortable at either facility. Both hotels include an extended continental breakfast and all rooms have a refrigerator, microwave oven, coffeemaker, hair dryer, free high-speed internet and HD TV. There are many restaurants and shopping areas nearby.

As always, we'll 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. Just remember -- 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 reach me at my new e-mail johnclementtx@verizon.net

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Sweethearts and Orphans XI 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 (\$12.00 per ticket) \$ _____ . _____

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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