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The Antique Expression--March Mini

Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

March Refreshments

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PLAN for PATE!! See back page.

1. Come to our next meeting, on Monday, March 13, in the Tracy Gee Center.
2. Forgot to pay your dues? Save a stamp and bring the check to the meeting.
3. Use the page on the back to check out the Pate Planning news and then sign up on the lists Sam and Robert bring to the meeting-

Make NOTE of these dates

- Mar. 11 Austin County Cruisers, Classic Car Stampede, Bellville
- Mar. 13 Regular meeting at Tracy Gee Center, 7:30
- Mar. 17-18 Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK
- Mar. 25 Gateway Classic Cars: Cars & Coffee, 9-noon, 71 Esplanade Blvd.
- Mar. 27 Deadline for articles - April issue of AE
- April 27-30 Pate Swap Meet**
- May 6-7 Keels & Wheels Concours d'Elegance, Seabrook

From President Jim Johnston: "Moving on Down the Road"

Well, here we are moving into March: the Rodeo is in town and as usual, the rains have also come upon us. One good thing is, we seem to have escaped the typical cold weather. But don't hold your breath because as they say, "Beware of the Ides of March!" Also, as we in Houston often say, "If you don't like the weather, just wait a few minutes, it will change."

Not much to talk about this month besides Pate being just around the corner. Look for more information on that from Sam Romeo and Robert Wheelless on the next page of this edition of the Antique Expression.

Things that are still in the works are the updating of our Standing Policies for a formal job description of the Club's Officers and Directors, which I plan to have in this month's Board of Directors meeting for the club to ratify those changes/additions to our Club's Standing Policies.

Also, up for discussion this month will be a proposed name change to what was being called the "Sister Club Program." Suggestions have been made to name the proposed program one of two options: the "Associate Club" or "Companion Club" program. Since our club had voted in January to move forward with starting the program, we will need to have a discussion within our club if we were to be in favor of a name change to pass that information to the other two Regions that have shown interest in being involved with starting the program. Another suggestion is to call the initial Region Clubs involved to be referred to as "Charter" clubs in the program, offering any of the members joining a waiver on the first year's minimal dues costs. More on that at the meeting this month.

DUES are PAST DUE!

The invoices came out in early Nov., and by now most of you have paid; however, several of you have not. We need to turn in our roster to National and Pate, and I would like to make it correct. So, if you have not paid, please do so. Bring it to the meeting. We would love to see you and you can save some money. Or mail it to me asap. Our April AE is already promising to be a good one and I would hate for you to miss it. If you cannot remember, just call me.

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P A T E

**Pate Swap meet is April 27-30th, Thurs. - Sunday
The Gates open at 7am.**

**Texas Motor Speedway is located 20 miles north of
Ft. Worth, Texas at the corner of Interstate 35 and
State Highway 114.**

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We are down to crunch time for Gulf Coast members to volunteer to work the gates at the Pate Swap meet.

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The Pate Swap Meet is the Gulf Coast's money maker that enables us to have Christmas , 4th of July, and Valentines parties. Basically any party or outing that requires money comes from the people who volunteer and work the Pate swap meet, located at the Texas Motor Speedway.

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The Gulf Coast Region's responsibilities are to "man" the gates. We place two people at each gate and they hand out the Pate Times Magazine, and direct the people to the correct gate for that vendor's purchased space/s.

We have a tent with chairs and goodies for our members to go sit down and relax.

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So, if you're looking for a part for your car, or a place to make and meet new car loving friends, Pate is a good place to look around.

Be sure to sign up for a stint at the gates at the March meeting or call Sam or Robert. You choose the day and time.

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There are numerous hotels in the area including:

Residence Inn	817-750-7000
Hampton Inn	855-271-3617
Super 8	817-329-7222
Hilton Garden Inn	888-225-9664



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Sam Romeo and Robert Wheeless are the Club's representatives to Pate Association Meetings.

SNIPPETS FROM SAM

New from the recent board meeting are two beneficial items: one, the gates will be closed by the track personnel at 10AM to all traffic at the north entrance except those who just purchased a vendor pass. They will also be given a temporary pass that will be turned in to TMS personnel for admittance after 10AM. Secondly, the board agreed to a price increase. Sam put together a chart showing what the other major swap meets charge and the size of their spaces. That means a big increase in the gross take even if we don't sell another space this year.



Sam will bring up other items of interest at the March meeting.