

The Dashboard

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Geronimo Auto



Johnny Hewitt fondling a FORD

"U" Was Missing

By
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If by some chance you didn't get to the fairgrounds between March 8th and 11th you missed quite an auto show. Not only that, you missed the Wednesday evening reception where all of us received the VIP treatment. This was a party held to view the displays and sample food catered in from various restaurants around town. In my opinion, the 2007 edition was the best that I've ever attended.. The variety of cars in the Made in Oklahoma Building alone made it all worth while. The public was able to see old (the classics), getting on in years (the street rods) and real old (the brass era cars). Plus two motorcycles, one being a 1915 Harley with a sidecar.

A display, in the center room, recreating the 1917 show was quite impressive with some cars being over 100 years of age. Many had never seen or heard of a Geronimo automobile but we were fortunate and saw the only one known to exist. It was a 1917 model and they were manufactured in Enid, Oklahoma. Also, a couple from here in Oklahoma City had three cars in that area, including a 1920 Dodge her father had purchased brand new. After 13 or 14 years of driving he put the car in his garage in the early 1930's and it remained hidden away until the early 1950's. They were able to get it running again and have been enjoying the car ever since. Based on the

written descriptions shown with some of those old cars, one could be purchased for less than \$1,000 in the early part of that century. Or in contrast, you could buy a Pierce Arrow in 1911 and pay \$6000 dollars! Can you say rich?

In the other parts of the building colorful classics, street rods and muscle cars drew plenty of attention. Gene Brawner of the OHRA and Rodney Duerksen of our club did an excellent job in arranging to have cars on display that much of the public remembered. All the big three automakers were represented, plus brands that are just a part of history now. Those attending could compare 10 years of Classic Chevy's sitting side by side, beginning with a 1955 convertible and ending with a 1965 hardtop. Or see the tri-five Nomads and a regular wagon. Surely they would notice the styling differences in competing brands of pickups and dream about owning a Camaro, Chevelle or street rod like the one they just walked past. The owner of the 1965 put it best when she welcomed people and told them they were entering a room with no plastic bumpers. So let's hear it for good old chrome, wide whites and fins!! Those club members kind enough to bring their cars in on Tuesday and leave them until Sunday are shown below.

Robert & Peggy Bogardus-1967 Camaro
Ken & Peggy Buchanan-1939 Mercury
Tracy & Irene Bugg-1957 Chevy
Phil & Deanna Daniel-1961 Chevy
Rodney & Martha Duerksen-(2) 1957 Chevy's
Jerry & Iris Emerson-1955 Chevy
Mel & Rustyne Harris-1956 Chevy
Johnny & Linda Hewett-1955 Chevy pickup
Larry & Annette Myers-(2) 1955 Chevy's and (1) 1957 Chevy
True & Sherry Osborn-1955 Chevy
Mike & Carol Smith-1969 Chevelle
Ruby Watt-1956 Chevy*

The other four buildings had the modern jelly bean shaped vehicles for us to admire. Selections included sports cars, sport utilities, pickups and family sedans. Chevy had a their full size concept pickup and I'm sure some design elements may see production. Chrysler was showing the ME Four-Twelve two seater. A sleek looking go fast machine capable of 260 mph. Toyota had an off road course set up where you could test drive some of their different 4 x 4 models and two of my grandsons enjoyed riding with me over the obstacle course. In 2097, when they recreate this show, I wonder what people will think about cars from the year of 2007 ranging in price from \$8,000 dollars to \$100,000 dollars for a Cadillac? Again, can you say rich?

While there, I toured the buildings and composed a list with either a car brand or model name for every letter in the alphabet. It's a mix of old and new and some you probably never knew existed. Below is the inventory and I want you to pay close attention because one letter is missing. Can you determine which one? Good Luck.

A=American LaFrance
B=Bel Air
C=Chalmers
D=Durango
E=Entourage
F=Franklin
G=Geronimo
H=Hummer
I=Impala
J=Jaguar
K=Kia
L=Lasalle
M=Marmon

N=Nitro
O=Oldsmobile
P=Pope Hartford
Q=Quattro
R=Rav-4
S=Speedwell
T=Tucson
V=Volvo
W=WRX
X=X-3
Y=Yukon
Z="Z" (By Nissan)

The tournaments being held in Oklahoma City that weekend didn't have a thing on us. While they bounced basketballs, some people in our display group had a very similar experience with a Mopar. You see, Sunday started out with rain and quite a few considered leaving their cars in the building until Monday. However, late in the afternoon the streets dried and everyone was anxious to leave at 6 pm. Guess what? One of the participants car was parked in front of the exit door and to further complicate matters it was locked. No one had the keys and he wasn't to be found. After raising the hood and realizing it couldn't be taken out of gear and that a floor jack wasn't available, another method was employed to create an opening. I'd call it "car bouncing" for the lack of another term. All it takes is five or six men pushing up and down on the front or rear of the car until the wheels come off the ground. When that happens, the car is nudged to a more suitable location. This seemed to have worked on said vehicle because the space was cleared and we were able to leave the building. Not sure what the contents of the trunk in the offending car might have looked like though after such treatment!!

As we all know, cars and people who love them span the world. One afternoon, three or four of us were gathered around the information table just talking. A gentleman approached and was looking at the fliers and OHRA Calendar of Events. We struck up a conversation and I found out he was from Australia and was here in the United States on vacation. Evidently he and his family had already visited California and were headed to Florida, then back to California for a return trip home. During the time here in Oklahoma City, he'd heard about the show and decided to see what we had to offer. Even though being from the land down under, you knew he had to be one of us. You see, before leaving, out came the pictures and we were looking at a car he was working on. Small world indeed.

A special thanks also goes to all who answered the public's questions, made window cards, club fliers, sat at the information table and provided taxi service. Well, that's my story and I'm sticking to it, except for one final thought. Did you discover what letter was missing in the alphabet. If not, go back to the top of this article and read the title.

*Even though Ruby Watt has moved to Nashville, her 1956 Nomad hasn't made the trip yet. Therefore, she was kind enough to allow it to be shown with our display. Thanks Ruby.

Lucille's Dinner Cruise



On Saturday, March 17, members Mel Harris, Rodney Duerksen, Mike and Betty Rhoades, Rudy & Gloria Escalera and Annette & Larry Myers met in Yukon with the members of Late Great Chevy Club and some OHRA members for a cruise along Route 66 to Weatherford. We ended up at Lucille's for lunch. Members that didn't go, missed a fun time and good food.

Minutes: March 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President, Mike Smith at Coit's Drive In. Members gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Kosa, a guest of Ken Monroe was introduced. Members introduced themselves and told Dale what classic they owned and drove. Minutes of the last meeting was approved as printed in the Dashboard. (Rustyne) The treasurer's report was given by Rustyne Harris. Ken Buchanan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. John Dragoo seconded the motion. Motion carried. A thank you card from the family of Harry Pouder was read. Membership drive: We need to get our faces out there in the public to get new members in the club. Suggestions were made as to what could help increase the membership. Members need to attend car shows in the area as a group. Plans were made to attend the 89er Day Car Show, April 21 in Andrews Park, Norman. Flyers were passed around. Bricktown Reunion deal questioned for 2008. John dragoo made a motion for Larry Myers to look into a car show or cruise-in. (John Dragoo, Ken Buchanan, Ken Monroe, Mel Harris) If you want a long sleeve club shirt, buy it and Rustyne or Annette will put the logo and your name on it for \$10. May 12, 2007 is the OHRA Brown Bag Picnic, Mineral Wells Park, Guthrie. Club members will bring home made ice cream, a desert or goodie. Kay Lynn Dragoo is in charge of food list. Call Kay Lynn with your food choice. Next meeting is April 1, 2007 at Coit's Drive In at 3:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Buchanan. Respectfully submitted by: Kay Welch, Secretary

The OHRA State Run Show at Mineral Wells Park in Guthrie is May 12, 2007. COCCC members will have a picnic luncheon. We are planning on each person buying a burger/sandwich from OHRA's onsite vendor, and we will bring the rest. Below is a list of items that were signed up for last meeting. Dragoos will bring a folding table, paper plates, napkins & plastic ware. Does anyone have one of those easy to set up shade tents? If so, please bring. Contact me if you need more info. kajon@suddenlink.net or 405-547-5657. Our cell phones are OKC metro #'s KL 850-5528 and John 590-2036. Kay Lynn Dragoo

COOKIES/CAKE
Carol Smith - cookies
RH - something
Martha D.???
Teresa - cake

ICE CREAM
Annette
Rustyne
Kay Lynn

SIDE DISHES
Gloria - Mac Salad
Sherry Osborn - Potato Salad
Iris Emerson - Baked Beans

METAMUCIL
Tom Linn

Note from Ruby Watt:

Hello:

Just wanted to let you know my new e-mail, address and phone no. This will be as of Feb. 1, 2007

Address: 404 Aventura, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Phone: 615-758-3838 e-mail rw56nomad@TDS.net

Keep in touch._

Ruby Watt

Say Goodbye to the Oldies.

by Keith Marang, COCCC Webmaster.

Some of you may have noticed by now that our website no longer has any "Oldies" music on it. February 1st I was contacted by EMI Music North America, owner of Capitol Records, Imperial Records and Blue Note Records. They requested I remove all songs from the site.

I am now involved in litigation with EMI over "Unauthorized Exploitation of Intellectual Property." I will not go into details over what is taking place, other than to say I would appreciate any prayers directed my way. Hopefully I have appeased the Corporate Gods enough for them to drop all further charges against me.

Don't ya love Lawyers?

Central OK Classic Chevy Club website: www.55-57chevys.com

Upcoming Events

April 13, 14 & 15, 2007 24th Annual Southwest Street Rod Nationals, OKC Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, OK

April 7, 2007 Tri City Cruisers Annual Car Show, Newcastle, OK Hwy 62 & 137

April 21, 2007 All Season Building Supply Poker Run, Mustang, OK 6:00 p.m. 1109 W. State Hwy 152

April 28, 2007 Sonic Poker Run CC Riders Sonic Drive-In i_40 & Choctaw Rd. Reg 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

May 4 - 6, 2007 Lonestar XXV Classic Chevy Show, Round Rock, TX. Hosted by the Central Texas Classic Chevy Club. For registration and info www.centraltexasclassicchevyclub.org

May 12, 2007 State Run Car Show, Mineral Wells Park, Guthrie, OK

May 12, 2007 All Season Building Supply Poker Run, Mustang, OK 6:00 p.m. 1109 W. State Hwy 152

May 19, 2007 City Heat Cruizers of OKC Cruise in night at Coit's Drive In 39th & Penn Tonight is Spring Fling and it is Funny Hat Night.

June 16, 2007 City Heat Cruizers of OKC Cruise in night at Coit's Drive In 39th & Penn Tonight is Patriotic Night and it Show your Colors Night.

June 21 - 24, 2007 Route 66 Festival '07 Clinton, OK Info: www.route66festival2007.com

July 21, 2007 City Heat Cruizers of OKC Cruise in night at Coit's Drive In 39th & Penn Tonight is Hawaiian Shirt Night and Wear your Hawaiian Shirt.

August 9 - 11, 2007 50th Anniversary Celebration of the 1957 Chevrolet at the GM Tech Center, Detroit/Warren, MI. Register online at Classic Chevy International.

August 18, 2007 City Heat Cruizers of OKC Cruise in night at Coit's Drive In 39th & Penn Tonight is Band Night and you can see and hear a Live Ban

October 12, 13 & 14, 2007 H & H Classic Chevy Parts will celebrate their 25th anniversary open house. The Arkansas Classic Chevy group is holding the Fall Foliage at the same weekend. See info in



newsletter. Make your reservations early.

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