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March Dinner Cruise

Back in February the cruise may very well have been on a cold, cold day, but this **March** cruise turned out to be anybody's guess. At 10:00 in the morning a light snow fell in preparation for what turned out to be as close to perfect weather as is possible. Under a cloudless, sunny sky, with just a touch of chill in the air, at 1:00 p.m. we gathered in the parking lot of Lowe's at 39th and May. The guys in their short sleeves circled-up between the cars while the "weaker sex-not!" chatted through rolled-down windows.

Again we were prepared to drive an hour or so without a pit stop. We headed out along Highway 74 through the town of Crescent where my favorite antique store fortunately was not open. At Highway 77 we turned right and headed into the metropolis of Mulhall to the almost famous Lucille's Restaurant and Bar (see next page).

After enjoying great company and a delicious dinner, cruise planner and leader; Rodney Duerksen (and Martha) gave us a trivia quiz on Oklahoma. Do you realize that *Do You Realize* is Oklahoma's state rock song? John & Kay Lynn Dragoo got the most right answers and were the lucky winners of bubble bath or something.

These are the folks who drove their Chevy's on the cruise: John & Kay Lynn Dragoo, Rodney & Martha Duerksen, Rudy & Gloria Escalera, Mel & Rustyne Harris, Joe & Donna McIninch, Larry & Annette Myers, Bill & Mary Overall. And these folks went but not in their Chevy's: Phil Daniel & guest, Sandy, Chris and Susan Grove.

Annette and Larry Myers met us at the restaurant in their Chevy after chasing down their grandson's dog!

The information on the next page was lifted right off the web-site and is not being used with permission from the author, but it is really interesting, and hopefully, I won't get sued for plagiarism because it does promote the book, which I hope you may even want to buy.



Lucille Mulhall

The following is quoted from the book jacket of *America's First Cowgirl Lucille Mulhall*, by Beth Day, Published by Julian Messner, Inc., 1955. Library of Congress Catalog Card No. 55-9850.

"World's Champion Roper -- America's Greatest Horsewoman -- Queen of the Range -- and the only woman who ever roped steers competitively with men -- Lucille Mulhall held the top spot in contests and vaudeville for twenty years. Will Rogers, friend and teacher, called her the world's greatest rider.

"Born in the saddle, Lucille was the spirited daughter of Colonel Zach Mulhall, an Oklahoma ranch owner. Unlike her sisters, she wasn't interested in dolls and sewing or piano lessons but preferred branding yearlings and roping wolves and jack-rabbits and steers; training her small, sure-footed ponies; practicing the trick riding that was to make her famous all over the country.

"While still in her early teens, Lucille was the top cowboy performer in the West. Extremely feminine, **soft-spoken**, and well educated, she seemed a paradox, for she was so steel-muscled she could beat strong and talented men at their own games. She could have been a society belle, but she loved the rough, dangerous life and cowboying was in her blood. Had she been a man, she would have been content to work on a ranch, but as a woman she was a novelty and the only way she could make use of her singular talents was in show business. The term cowgirl was invented to describe her when she took the East by storm in her first appearance at Madison Square Garden (in 1905)."

"From the time Lucille was booked for New York, the newspapers had been attempting to describe the phenomenon that was Lucille Mulhall. They had struggled with such ridiculous descriptions as 'Female Conqueror of Beef and Horn' and 'Lassoer in Lingerie' to the simpler, more realistic 'Cowboy Girl' and 'Ranch Queen.'

"Finally one of them managed to coin a word which would describe the life and talents of any girl who could rope and ride and do ranch work alongside men. The word was 'cowgirl.' It was invented to describe Lucille, and it has since become a part of our language." Day p. 152.

Now that you know all about Lucille Mulhall, allow me to tell you a bit about me, Susan Grove, your new *Dashboard* editor. I was born in Higgins, TX, that is a small town about three hours west of Guthrie. My daddy moved our family to Tulsa before I started school; he bought a brand new 1956 Chevy Bel-Air when I was in first grade. My mom had a fit thinking one of her five kids would fall out the window since there was no post between the front and back windows. We later moved to CO, UT, and then CA where I met Chris in high school; we married in 1967.

In 1969 Chris returned from serving as a Marine in Vietnam just in time to watch my dad's Chevy get towed away to the junkyard. Although Chris had wanted a tri-5 since I first met him, my dad's was a 4-door and badly rusted. He had to wait another 25 years before we were finally able to realize his dream. I found our Chevy for Chris in the Will Rogers Day parade in Higgins in 1994; it had originally been owned in OK! We got it towed to CA where it spent years in our garage before Chris retired from Yellow Freight.

When I tried to retire a couple of years ago, we decided to move to OK to live at a slower pace. We towed the Chevy back here and Chris has been diligently working on it ever since. I flunked retirement and went back to work (partly to support Chris' indulgent Chevy addiction). Right now I am working part-time which gives me time to take on the challenge of writing this newsletter, but in May I may go back to work full-time which will mean someone else will get the pleasure!

It is true...I am a United Methodist minister. Right now I am serving two tiny churches, Friendship Church and Pocasset UMC. My passion is God first, then family (Chris, 4 kids, 9 grandkids, my mom, 3 in-law kids, 3 sisters, 1 brother, 1 sister-in-law), and lots of friends. I kind of collect people! I also enjoy quilting. I will never have enough time to travel as much as I want to, but have as a life-goal visiting all 50 states and their capitols—so far 37! I figure I'll get bonus points if I make it to 48 of the 50 in our Chevy!!!

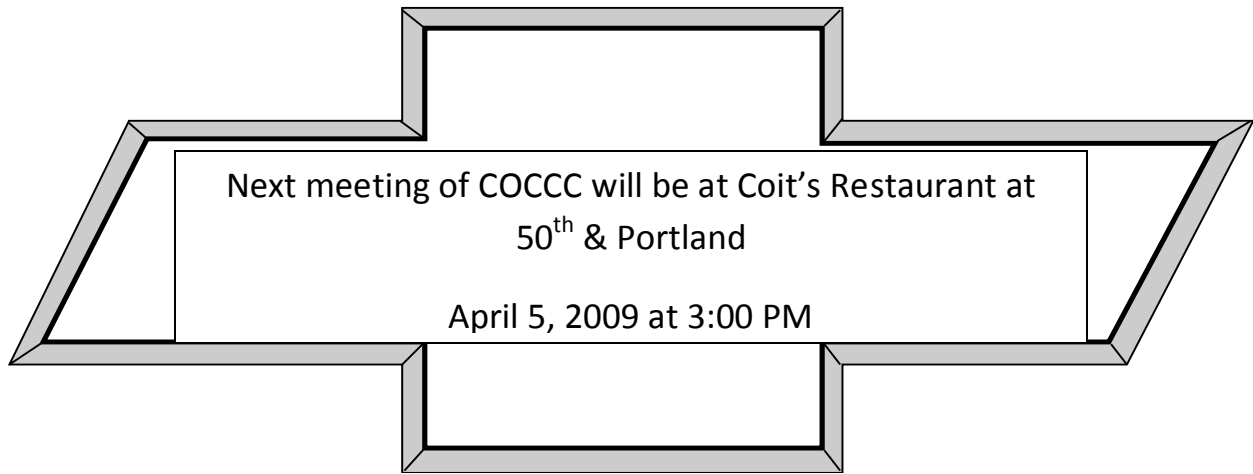
Please e-mail me at ca2ok2007@live.com any pertinent information you would like to have in the newsletter and I'll do my best to get it in. Also, how about letting me know about your first Chevy? How did you come to love these cars? Where have you gone in yours? Where do you want to go? How many have you owned? How do you support your Chevy addiction? What are your best and worst Chevy memories?

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3 - 5, 2009	NSRA Street Rod Nationals, Oklahoma City, OK Fairgrounds
April 5, 2009	COCCC monthly meeting Coit's 50th & Portland 3 p.m.
May 8 - 10, 2009	Lone Star XXV Show in Dallas, TX Contact DACCC
May 9, 2009	OHRA Brown Bag Show, Guthrie, OK
May 30, 2009	Cruise to the Park car show. COCCC hosts. Info 1-405-340-5796 Larry
July 12 - 16, 2009	Chevrolet Nomad Association annual meeting and show Boise, ID

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE OR OTHER SHOWS, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR COPY OF THE 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PUBLISHED BY OKLAHOMA HOT ROD ASSOCIATION.

The Chevy serenity prayer: O God, grant us the serenity to accept the dings we cannot fix; tools to fix the dings we can; and wisdom to know the shiniest Chevys are not necessarily guaranteed first place at the starting line of eternity.



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