

The Dashboard

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KEN & CICI MONROE'S 1957 CHEVY

I have loved '57 Chevys as far back as I can remember. I was born in 1952 and remember seeing my very first one as I was on my way to school in September of 1957. I told my mother about the neat car I saw and told her that I would own one some day. Little did I know that a life long love affair had just begun?

The first car I ever bought was a '57 2Dr. Sedan. I was in the Army in Fort Ord, CA fresh out of Viet Nam. I was 19 years old and one of the GI's was getting his discharge and going home to New York. The old car was the last thing on his mind. I was looking at it one day and he asked if I wanted it. My reply was "not just yes, but hell yes". He sold it to me for 150 bucks. The first in a long line of '57 Chevy purchases but was the cheapest.

I have even had a '57 Chevy roundy round racecar. Should have had my A-- kicked for cutting up the great body. {cringe} Since then I have repaired Far Far worse cars. Just think of all of that good stuff we have all destroyed or thrown away. Steering wheels, bench seats, air cleaners, front bumpers, and the list goes on. Don't shake your head you did it too!

That brings me to the car I now own. I sold my '57 built motor 4speed a few years ago and bought a '64 Impala SS for a change of pace. The car was nice but I just couldn't really get into it, know what I mean? The fire just wasn't there. Sooooo. I sold it within a year. Made a couple K so it didn't hurt at all, and set out on the search.

I found it on eBay. It was not perfect but seemed to be a good solid driver which is what I like. It was in my price range too. It was in Roanoke Virginia so going to look at it posed a problem. Time and \$\$ wise. Plane tickets aint cheap. So I got to thinking. How can I get someone to appraise it and know I am not getting ripped off, hmmm mmmmmmmmm. Mull'd it over for a few days and noticed on the eBay page "Finance your classic with JJ Best". Aha! Surely they would not lend money on a car that was not worth what they were financing, would they? Don't think so. So I checked it out. They sent an appraiser to actually look the car over!!! Perfect! I made all the arrangements and the report came back A-OK. I won the bid and made transport arrangements \$900 worth. Seven days later I had my car. Pleased as punch.

Oh yeah, the loan. Well when I got my payment book, I cut'em a check for the full balance. I did get a call a few days later from a slightly irate loan officer from JJ Best. There was no prepayment penalty but they were not happy with me. I guess this worked pretty well but it seems it's a one shot deal. I don't think they will allow me to do it again.

In the past year or so, I have rebuilt the engine and rear end and replaced the old power glide with a 700 R4 4 speed automatic. I get a true 18-MPG, and would not hesitate to take her anywhere.

Future plans are new tinted side and back glass, and AC hopefully soon. I need to sell one or two more houses and the funds will be there. Anyone looking for a house?

Ken Monroe

DOES THE MEMBERSHIP WANT TO INCLUDE IN THE POINT SYSTEM THAT WAS SET UP BY OUR PREZ' MEL, "YOU GET A POINT FOR DRIVING YOUR CLASSIC TO A CLUB FUNCTION?" PLEASE BRING THAT TO HIS ATTENTION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

EDITOR



Dinner cruise classics.
Bahr, Dragoo, Kosa, Monroe, Myers
21 people and only 5 classics. Are
we a Classic Chevy Club or not?





January 26, 2008
Dinner Cruise
Abulito's in Shawnee

Ken & Cici were the hosts of our monthly dinner cruise. Cici was unable to attend, due to an illness of her step-father's. She was missed by the members attending.



We met at Choctaw Road & I-40

At 3 p.m. to cruise over to Shawnee.



Ken led out in his '57. Good food and fun was had by all. Those of you who were unable to attend missed out on some really good food and fellowship.



There were some members who stopped at Firelake on the way home. How did you do?



Members in attendance.

- Richard & Linda Bahr
- Ken & Peggy Buchanan
- John & Kay Lynn Dragoo
- Rodney & Martha Duerksen
- Rudy & Gloria Escalera Jr.
- Mel & Rustyne Harris
- Dale & Lisa Kosa
- Joe & Donna McNinch
- Ken Monroe
- Larry & Annette Myers
- David & Linda Reeds



15th Annual Classic Chevy Fall Foliage Tour October 24-26, 2008

at Denison, Texas

Sponsored by Dallas Area Classic Chevys
Check our web site for event updates:
www.DallasClassicChevy.com

Lodging at:
Comfort Inn & Suites
801 Hwy 75 N
Denison, TX 75020
(903) 464-0340
Located on the NW quadrant of
US 75 & Pottsboro Rd. at exit 69

Event room rate: \$75.00 (King or Double)
Mention "Chevy Fall Cruise LCAN rate"
when reserving room for this rate. We were
unable to reserve a block of rooms, so make
your reservations early. For more information
call Bill or Diane Preston (972) 691-4968,
(405) 412-0502 or (405) 615-3856.

Tentative Schedule of events:

Friday:

Arrive early and tour Denison on your own:
Old downtown Denison Antique Shops (6),
Art Galleries (10) and Art Studios (7)
Pres. Eisenhower's Birthplace (state historic site)
Fishing and Boating on Lake Texoma
Cruise to evening meal at 7 pm
Social gathering at the motel afterwards.

Saturday:

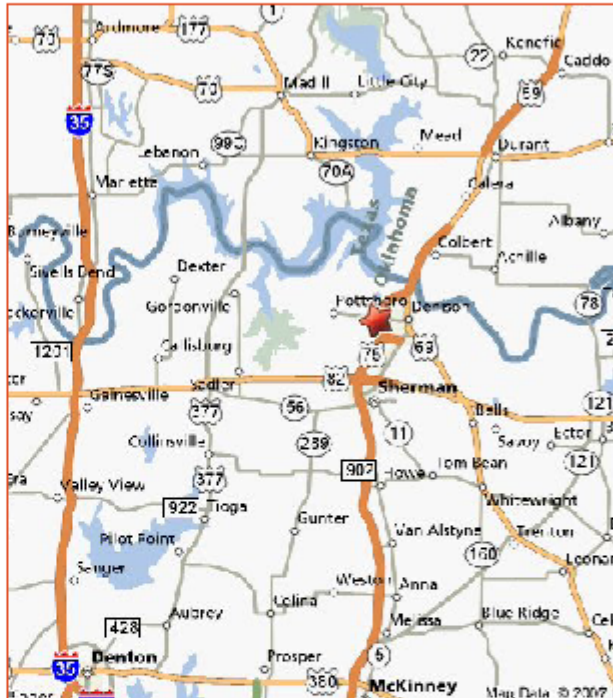
Cruise thru the Texas side of Lake Texoma
Lunch stop during cruise
Cruise to evening meal
Evening social gathering at the motel
(Bring your favorite game and a \$5 door prize per person)

Sunday

Head for home or tour Denison on your own

Car Show Bonus

Kustom Kemps of America (KKOA) 11th Annual "Blast with the Past" Car Show will also be held Oct 24-26 at nearby Loy Lake Park in Dennison. 80-100 cars of all types on display.



**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!! YOU CAN ALWAYS CANCEL IF YOU ARE
UNABLE TO ATTEND.**

Minutes for January 13, 2008

Mel Harris, president called meeting to order at 3:10 p.m., Mel led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Minutes from Nov. and Dec. were approved as read in the Dashboard. Motion made by Annette, seconded by Peggy Buchanan
- Treas. report: Memorial fund \$117.70, savings \$4054.70, general fund \$1154.95 Motion to accept Rodney. Seconded by Annette. Dues are due, \$20.
- Club has received acceptance letter from Classic Chevy for our clubs insurance coverage.
- Date for "2 Pats" cook out for our club has been set for April 26, 3-5pm at Duffner Park, May & Britton Rd. This will be dinner cruise for April, eat at 4:00pm
- Rodney asked the club to provide \$40.00 for trophies for OHRA State Run at Guthrie on May 10th. Motion made by Ken Buchanan. Passed.
- Rodney reported that he will be looking for cars for the new car show at the fair grounds, Cars will enter March 4 and cars will stay in until Sunday at 5:00pm. Those members wishing to show their cars signed up on a sheet for Rodney.
- Mel requested the club furnish him with money to be used for buying door prizes for club. Kay made motion up to \$100 as needed, seconded and passed.
- Rodney made motion to send flowers to Mel and Rustyne, after they return from Mel's dad's funeral. Seconded, passed.

Ken Monroe will direct dinner cruise on Jan. 26

Ken Monroe gave a tech tip on bleeding brakes.

Next tech tip will be at next meeting, Feb 10 given by Curtis Welch.

- Annette and Gloria introduced a picture disc of 2007 Fall Foliage Cruise. Gloria made motion for the club to offer a picture disc next year for sale at \$10 as a fundraiser. Seconded. Passed.

Bill & Karen Hardy and Brian Ferguson were welcomed to the meeting.

50/50(\$13) pot and door prizes were handed out to winners.

Annette announced Diane Preston reported there would be a Memory Car Show at the Texas Speedway April 18-20

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

Martha Duerksen & Gloria Escalera, Secretary

A FEW WORDS OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the entire Harris family, I personally want to thank the club for the flowers and card we received acknowledging the passing of my father. We're quite fortunate to be a part of this organization and have such good friends. Also, we appreciated the individual cards, flowers and food, sent or delivered during this time of grieving.

My dad was an honest, hard working man who loved the outdoors. He grew up during the depression and fought in Europe during WWII. Dad spent 36 years working for an electric company, with many of those days and nights out in weather not fit for man nor beast. After his retirement, my parents took their camper and traveled quite a bit, visiting nearly all of the lower 48 states and wintering in Florida for a number of years. Unlike me, dad wasn't into old cars but had a passion for crappie fishing from his boat at the lake and deer hunting on the family farm. Even at the ripe age of 83, he still had a garden, mowed his own lawn and delivered meals on wheels. He was a man toughened up by his work and environment, who cared deeply for his family and will be sorely missed but not forgotten.

Thanks for allowing me to write about my dad and not a car related subject this time. See you at the next meeting on the 10th of February, Coits at 3 pm, I-44 and Pennsylvania.

Mel Harris
President

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

YOUR DUES ARE DUE THIS MONTH. AFTER MARCH 31, 2008, YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE THIS PUBLICATION. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO C.O.C.C.C. AND SEND THEM TO PEGGY BUCHANAN, THE TREASURER, AT THE ADDRESS ON THIS PUBLICATION.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10, 2008 COCCC meeting held at 3 p.m. at Coit's on N. Penn and I-44

February 7 – 10, 2008 Classic Chevy International's 16th Annual Winter Nationals, Old Town/Kissimmee, FL. Host Hotel: Comfort Suites Resort (407)-397-7848 \$87 Suites Register on-line at www.ClassicChevy.com Registration cut-off date January 31, 2008.

March 9, 2008 COCCC meeting held at 3 p.m. at Coit's on N. Penn and I-44

March 27-29, 2008 Duncan, Ok, Swap Meet

March 28 & 29, 2008 Big River Classics Presents 9th Annual Show & Shine for 1955, 1956, & 1957 Chevrolets, Battlefield Inn - Vicksburg, Ms (601) 638-5811 or (800) 359-9363 www.bigriverclassics.com

April 18-20, 2008 Memory Road Classic Car Show, Ft. Worth Texas Motor Speedway, I-35W & Hwy. 114 Go to www.memoryroadclassiccarshow.com for complete information. Contact Scott Buzzell (972)-347-5052

May 2 & 3, 2008 Lone Star Classic Chevy Show in West, Texas 13 mi North of Waco. The hotel is small and there's only one, so if you're coming, make reservations early!! They're including 55-72 Chevys and there's no judging. Hotel is the Czech Inn, (254) 826-0900, , www.czechinnofwaco.com, Lone Star rate is \$79. Entry is \$30. Hosted by the Heart of Texas Classic Chevy Club of Waco. Contacts are Richard Hykel, President (254-913-3070, & Mary Degner 254-756-4637

July 20 – 24, 2008 20th Annual Chevrolet Nomad Association Convention at the Holiday Inn Charleston House, Charleston, West Virginia. Reservations: (304)-344-4092

October 24 – 26, 2008 Fall Foliage at Denison, Texas with the hosts being Dallas Area Classic Chevy Club. See flyer in this issue



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