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In Memory of Harry Pouder

Harry Eugene Pouder, age 83, died Thursday, February 15, 2007 after a period of failing health. He was born August 24, 1923 in Kansas City, Mo to Harry Pouder Sr. and Clare Louise (Cunningham) Pouder. He grew up in Oklahoma City and attended Heronville, Jackson Jr. High and Capitol Hill Sr. High. He pedaled Western Union messages as a youngster. He studied aircraft maintenance, then worked for Boeing Aircraft Factory in Wichita, KS. Harry entered the US Navy in 1942, mostly serving in the Philippine Islands. After the war, he became a field electrician at Tinker Air Force Base, where he met and married Helen Lois Hill. He retired after twenty-two years of service. During his years of service at Tinker, he took leave to do six month tours of duty as a civilian service personnel in Viet Nam and Thailand. During his retirement years he was in amateur boxing doing timekeeping and judging duties. He was also involved in antique auto collecting: his two prize possessions were a 1967 Mustang and a 1955 Chevy Custom Station Wagon, of which he won many awards at car shows. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Helen, one brother, Pat Pouder, one nephew, Mitch Pouder, three nieces Jody Lesch, Janice Richardson, and Jacqui Countess.

DINNER CRUISE

By

Mel Harris

Prior to our last club meeting, the Late Great Chevy Club invited our club to join them on their next dinner cruise. It was tentatively scheduled for the 17th of February, providing there wasn't any precipitation falling from the sky and the temperature was above 40 degrees. The week leading up to the event hadn't looked promising because of winter weather, fortunately, skies cleared on Friday and the cruise was to go on as planned.

It was a somber day though, because that Saturday morning had started with the funeral of our club member Harry Pouder. He had passed away two days earlier and his service was held at the funeral home in Mustang. The family seemed quite appreciative that nine club members were in attendance, while four of our classics stood watch in the parking lot.

Afterwards, those of us going with the Late Greats met everyone else in Tri-city. We left there and drove through Newcastle, over to Hwy. 9 and then south on I-35 to Pauls Valley. From what I remember, the public was treated to seeing Chevys from 1956, 57, 59, 62 and 64. Even though it was hosted by the Late Greats, two old Fuh...Fuh... Fuh...Fords, a Mercury, a Vette and some civilian cars joined the procession down the highway to Ballards Restaurant. Once there we enjoyed hamburgers, conversation and laughs with our friends from both clubs.

Our return trip meant fighting head winds all the way home. We looked like drunk drivers weaving from white line to white line. It was so bad some even thought the steering and front suspension was at fault on their cars. However, everyone returned safely.

Cruising that Saturday from our club was Don & Carol Bays, Rodney & Martha Duerksen, Ken Buchanan and Mel & Rustyne Harris. Also, Curtis & Kay Welch who live in Pauls Valley, met us at the restaurant. One final note about participation. Neither "Lustrous Potentate" joined us that day. I guess our prez Mike and their prez David spoke with each other earlier and decided to miss the cruise, using the excuse of car trouble!! I personally think this is totally unacceptable behavior. Therefore, I make a motion that Mike & Carol be responsible for the next dinner cruise. All in favor, raise your hands. Looks like the motion passed. Congratulations to the Smiths!! (Be sure and have a date set so you can announce it at the next meeting).

DINNER CRUISE TO PAULS VALLEY

Our club was invited by the Late Greats to a dinner cruise to Pauls Valley Ballard's Drive-In on Sat morning Feb. 17th. Mel and Rustyne Harris, Don and Carol Bays, Rodney and Martha Duerksen and Ken Buchanan met them at Braums in Tri-City. Curtis and Kay Welch met us at Ballards.

We had a nice drive down I-35 with about 17 cars. The strong wind kind of battered the cars but we did ok. Everyone had fun talking and eating. Everyone returned in their own way. Some by the back roads and some by I-35 We missed having a few more from our club go on this invite. Better luck next time.

Martha Duerksen

Minutes: February 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President, Mike Smith at Coit's Drive In. Members gave the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no treasurer's report given. No minutes were approved as the last minutes were in the December Dashboard. Dues are due now and they are \$20 per member family.

Several members are putting their cars in the New Car Show at the fairgrounds. If you are interested in putting your car in, please contact Rodney Duerksen.

A motion was made by Rodney for the club to donate money for a trophy for the OHRA car show.

David Reeds mother passed away in February.

Membership drive was suggested. We need to get new members. Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Buchanan.

The next meeting will be held March 11, 2007 at Coit's Drive In at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Kay Welch, Secretary

TOP 10 REASONS OF WHY DRIVE YOUR CLASSIC?

1. Keeps bearing and seals lubricated.
2. Getting the waves of appreciation from other drivers.
3. Seeing the good old U S of A in your Chevrolet.
4. Getting the flat spots off the your tires from sitting too long.
5. Wearing out your tires instead of letting the rot. Manufactures recommends tire life of 3 - 5 years.
6. Not allowing the gas in the tank to go bad by freshening up your fuel.
7. Seeing old friends and making new ones.
8. Getting off the couch and into the driver's seat.
9. Seeing new places and new faces.
- 10: You might actually enjoy yourself.

TOP 10 REASONS OF WHY NOT DRIVE YOUR CLASSIC

1. You won't have to wash your classic.
2. Let your tires rot and have to buy new ones.
3. Let your gas go bad and cause engine repair bills.
4. Have a seal leak out fluids and make spots on your garage floor.
5. Never see anyone wave in appreciation of your classic.
6. Never meet new people who might like to see your classic.
7. Never get to see new places.
8. You must enjoy just sitting on your couch instead of the driver's seat of your classic.
9. Like having flat spots on your classic's tires from sitting too long in the garage.
10. Never experience something new.

DUES ARE DUE NOW

\$20 PER YEAR

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MAIL THEM TO RUSTYNE OR GIVE TO HER AT THE NEXT MEETING.

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

Upcoming Events

March 2, 3 & 4, 2007 Shawnee Swap Meet, Shawnee, OK

March 7 - 11, 2007 The Auto Show at the OKC Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, OK

March 30 & 31, 2007 Big River Classics 8th Annual Show & Shine Open to 1955 - 1956 - 1957
Chevys Battlefield Inn I-20, Vicksburg, MS 601-638-5811 or 800-359-9363 Big River Classics Web
Site www.bigriverclassics.com

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

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 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 Band

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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