

# The Dashboard

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Left. Rudy's Car on Rollback. Above. Club members enjoying a meal together.

## Fall Foliage Tour

By Diane Preston

The weekend for the Annual Fall Foliage Tour was crisp and beautiful. The OKC group plus the Prestons from Dallas planned to leave at 8 a.m. Thursday from the new Wal-Mart in Edmond... So we left at 8:30 from Braum's. Rodney led us up old Hwy. 66 to Wellston for our 1st stop to pick up the Dragoos (28 mi.). We made our 2nd stop at the turnpike McDonald's at Stroud (24 mi.)!!! (Do you see a pattern here?) On up the turnpike ALL THE WAY thru Tulsa for our 3rd stop (60 mi.). Leaving the turnpike for the scenic highway, we STOPPED FOR LUNCH at Choteau (21 mi.) at the Dutch Pantry for their delicious buffet at 11 a.m. Now, I understood why Rodney was stopping so much... if we'd have arrived earlier, they wouldn't have been open!!!

Energized by our meal we drove CLEAR to the west side of Springdale, Arkansas (70 mi.) for our 5th stop. After navigating the stop lights, traffic and turns in Springdale we regrouped on the east side of town (10 mi.) just in time for Escaleras to send up an SOS for help. Roadside Diagnosis: Rear Axle. Fortunately for the ladies, we pulled off the road at an ANTIQUE STORE!!! Unfortunately, it was closed :(

After checking out the local garages it was decided that Escaleras, Welchs and Larry Myers (hereafter known as the Breakdown Team) would have the old Chevy towed to H&H in Bentonville (20 miles) to get the repairs done. Prestons flew the coop and went on to Harrison as planned (in one stretch... no stops). The rest of the group continued with Rudy's parents, via Bentonville, on to Branson (arriving about 4 pm).

H&H handily tightened Rudy's LUG NUTS!!! They also repaired a rear axle that probably would have given out

before we got home. The Breakdown Team started across the Ozarks to Branson with some vague directions from a local yokel, which took them through Eureka Springs twice!!! Larry was leading. Kay, in the 2nd car, had the instructions. No one seemed to have a map! It took them 3 hours to drive from Bentonville to Branson (86 mi.) with an undetermined number of stops.

Meanwhile, Prestons were comfy at Bill's sister's house in Harrison with good vittles and family all around. Friday morning dawned with a VERY FLAT tire on their Nomad. (Allegedly from something picked up during Escalera's roadside incident in Springdale.) *No problem...* except Bill's jack wouldn't lift the car high enough to take off the big old tire... Call AAA. "AAA Tony" used his floor jack and got the tire off... only to find out that Bill's new 9" Ford rear end with disc brakes wouldn't fit Bill's "itty bitty" spare tire :( *No problem...* Bill took his sister's car to get the flat tire fixed. BUT upon returning he couldn't get the inflated tire under the car... Call AAA Tony to jack it up more. Prestons finally arrived in Branson about noon Friday.

Many of us went to see *Dick Clark's '57 Heaven Car Museum* Friday. It has a wide variety of cars which are all 1957 models. Most interesting to us were THREE El Morocco '57 Chevy conversions, of an estimated 12 that were built. All the cars are displayed very well and there is a talking description of each car in your personal ear phones as you walk past. There are knowledgeable people posted throughout the display to answer questions and give you even more interesting facts. Don't miss this museum in Branson! The venue also has a very good restaurant and a Rock & Roll Show twice daily. It only sports Dick Clark's name... the cars, building, etc are owned by someone else.

Friday at 4 pm all our cars lined up to go tour a private auto collection. We were from the OKC, Tulsa, Dallas and Springfield clubs, plus individuals from Wichita, Claremore, Bentonville and one couple who just wandered by in a 1964 Chevy. We were served BBQ for dinner at the facility. We enjoyed looking at the varied collection that filled two large buildings. In addition to the cars there was an extensive collection of out-board motors, Snap-On advertising clocks, guns, watches and much more. One of the Springfield members works there restoring a variety of cars with the owner and arranged the tour. A very enjoyable evening and a unique opportunity!

Friday evening many people went to the meeting room at the hotel to visit and play Dominos or poker. Several went to the great shows. Our hotel was walking distance to Shoji Tabuchi, Pierce Arrow and several more shows, plus plenty of shopping. We also had free continental breakfast or a full breakfast available at our hotel cafeteria.

Saturday morning we set out on a well-planned tour of the Ozarks that was about 100 miles long. The day was beautiful with both sunshine and clouds to give great views across the mountains. The trees were in great color ranging from summer green to flaming red. The roads were fun to drive. Our lunch stop was at the small picturesque town of Ava, Missouri. We filled the town square parking lot with our classic Chevys. There were a few neat shops and the drug store soda fountain was ready for us with lunch items and free ice cream cones! We continued the cruise back into Branson across the dam and through the south parts of the Branson strip. Our cruise ended at McFarland's restaurant back in Branson, near our hotel. We were seated quickly, enjoyed our dinner, visiting, browsing the surrounding shops, and dulcimer music in the mall.

Saturday night brought everyone to the meeting room for gift exchange, general silliness, visiting and games. Tom Linn gave us his usual, unusual stories aided by his tap-dancing wife Teresa. Larry Myers presented the Stain Award to Rodney Duerksen while being serenaded with the Tide tune by the whole audience. Bill Preston's gasoline-soaked jacket was brought in as a lost & found item. He put it back outside to air out and then it disappeared again... if anyone has it Bill would like it back. He would have enjoyed it Sunday morning when it was 32 degrees in Branson! It seems like the hard luck award should go to Sandy & Mike Reeves from Texas, who only got a block from home before having distributor problems... they drove their late-model Chevy, but had a great time!

Prestons & Iricks left for Dallas at 0-dark-thirty and had an uneventful trip home... except for when Nancy's passenger door flew open at McDonald's in Mt. Vernon, MO. Don't know what happened to the OKC group, but Larry Myers still wasn't home at 7 pm!

Thanks to Jan Royster, Angie Vire and the others from Springfield who helped with all the planning! It was a

great time! Next year the cruise will be hosted by H&H in Bentonville, Arkansas to celebrate their 30th anniversary. The exact date will be announced about February... plan to attend!!!

### **October 8, 2006 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by president, Mike Smith, at 3 p.m. at Coit's Drive-In. Members gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Rustyne Harris, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Ken B. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Minutes of the last meeting was approved as printed in the Dashboard. (Rustyne)

Old Business: Club shirts are done, and they could be picked up today or you can call Rustyne.

Perkins Car Show--The club won the trophy for most members participating. Ken Monroe will keep the trophy at his shop. There were 40 trophies given out with 130 cars entered in the show. \$4,000 was given to the school fund.

Put November 11, 2006 on your calendar for an all day cruise to Lawton area. Meet at Tri-City Sonic drive-in at 8 a.m. (For more info, call Sherry Osborn 634-3433 or Mike Smith 681-8495)

Christmas party will be Saturday, December 9, 2006 2 p.m. at Hometown Buffet at 74<sup>th</sup> & S. Western. We will play dirty Santa. Presents price range between \$10 and \$20. Wrap to signify ladies and mens gifts.

Mel Harris made a motion to adjourn. Next meeting is November 12, 2006 at Coit's Drive-In at 3 p.m.

Submitted by: Kay Welch, Secretary

### **Tulsa Area Car Club Members / Car Nuts,**

As you may or may not know, Tulsa 's first real marathon is coming up on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The race organizers would like to have 50 hot rods lead the racers in a parade from the Jenks Riverwalk to Downtown Tulsa and then set up a 50 car car show at the race finish line in downtown Tulsa on the morning of the race.

Stephen Goforth, Christian Brothers Automotive, and I have volunteered to help find the hot rods for the parade and show.

The Marathon Board of Directors will pick the 50 best cars from all the entries, not Stephen and I.

Each of the 50 will receive a special windshield plaque.

Please respond if you are interested.

Thank you very much,

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## Upcoming Events

**November 4, 2006** OHRA Annual Meeting. OK Country Western Museum Hall of Fame. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 3925 S.E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street, OKC. Info: Gene 818-8973 or Bev 636-4377

**November 11, 2006** COCCC's All day cruise to the Wichita Mountains and Lawton area. Meet at 8 a.m. at Tri-City's Sonic Drive-in. Contact: Sherry Osborn 634-3433 or Mike Smith 681-8495

**December 9, 2006** COCCC's Christmas party. Hometown Buffet 74<sup>th</sup> & S. Western 2:30 pm - 7 pm

**February 8th, 2007 Thru February 11th, 2007**

15th Annual Winter Nationals

Hosted by: Classic Camaro of Central Florida, Classic Chevy International and Worldwide Camaro Club  
Open To All '55 to '72 Chevys and '67 to '02 Camaros

Location: Old Town / Kissimmee, FL

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

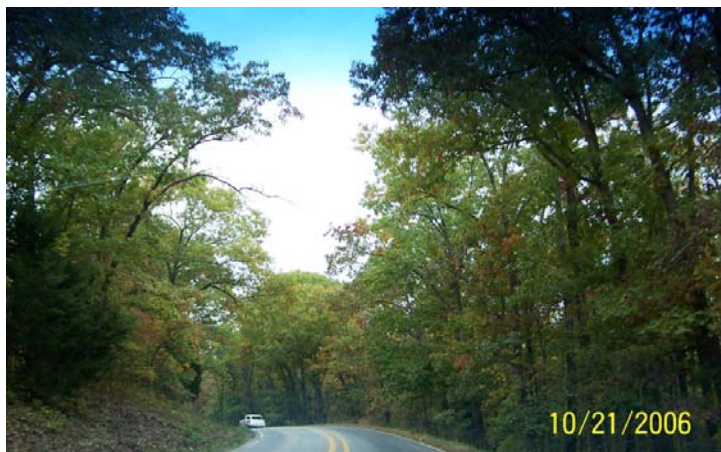
**June 21 - 24, 2007** Route 66 Festival '07 Clinton, OK Info: [www.route66festival2007.com](http://www.route66festival2007.com)



Larry presenting  
Rodney with his very  
own Tide pen.



Teresa & Tom  
Linn putting on the  
evenings entertainment



Some of the Fall Foliage  
seen on the 100 + miles  
tour.





Classics taking over parking lot on tour.



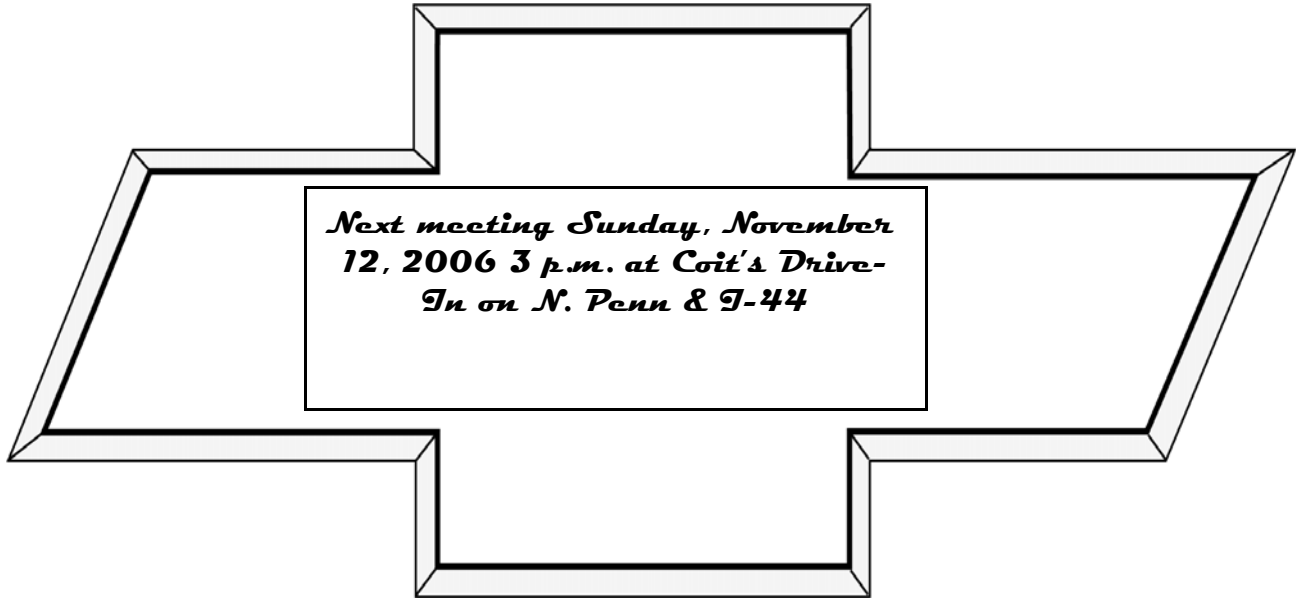
Rudy's Mother, Gloria & Rudy Escalera



Peggy & Ken Buchanan and Larry Myers

Fall Foliage tour 2006 Near Branson, MO





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