

The Dashboard

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Rudy & Gloria Escalera's 1954 Chevy Wagon

Classic cars and motorcycles were a big part of Rudy's youth. At the age of 16, Rudy's first car was a 1956 4-door Buick. It was in excellent condition and only paid \$50.00. He kept the car for about a year. Next he bought a 1956 original 4-door Chevy. After having this car for a while he had to sell it because Uncle Sam had other plans for him. Coming out of the Army, Rudy turned his adventure to motorcycles. He and a group of guys would go on weekend runs. He even bought a tricycle because Gloria would not ride a two-wheel motorcycle (and still won't to this day). He always said that when the boys (our children) started to ask him for rides on the bikes it was time to sell them. Well that time came and he went back to the classics. From 1977 to 1983, Rudy had the following cars. 1941 2-door Chevy coupe. 1939 Chevy, 1956 4-door Chevy, 1954 5-window Chevy pick-up truck, 1964 super sport, and a 1955 2-door Chevy which we brought with us from California to Oklahoma in 1983. He sold that five years later and was classic free for the next ten years. Raising four children and keeping them in sports took a lot of

our time. There was no time for the classic cars until our daughter Sunshine was turning 15 years old. Most of the club members know what I'm talking about. After having the club caravan her party Rudy started to get classic fever once again. But knowing how much we wanted to get involve this time around we still had to put it on hold. Once all of our children were grown and out of the home we decided it was our turn to live it up. He started with a 1939 4-door Chevy. He put that car in a few shows and got a buyer. Next was a 1939 2-door and a 1958 Bel Air. One weekend Rudy went to a Car Auction in Cushing, Oklahoma. He didn't find anything worth buying until he was pulling out and saw a man driving his 1954 station wagon with a for sale sign on it. Lucky for us the auction was over and the man was too late. Rudy stopped and talked to the gentlemen. The car belonged to his wife who had been in a nursing home and needed the money to pay her bills. Gloria has always been a big fan of wagons so I took her to see the car. She looked it over and said buy it. After buying the wagon, I sold the 58 Bel Air. I still have the 1939, which has a buyer and parts to sell for 2-1939 Chevy's, 1- 1953 station wagon, 1- 1954 4-door Bel Air and a complete 1939 Chevy. The passion for classic cars has always been a big part of Rudy's life and he is trying to pass this passion on to our grandchildren.

Rudy and Gloria Escalera



One of the stops for repairs during the 2007 Annual Fall Foliage tour.



Herman and Liz Smith of H & H Classic Parts



Members during a stop near Noel, MO on the way home to see the Bluff Dwellers Cave. Left to right are: Tom Linn, Larry Myers, Teresa Linn, Peggy Buchanan, Kay Welch, Annette Myers, Sheryl & Bob Platt (Classic Chevy Club of Tulsa), Curtis Welch.

October 21, 2007 Meeting Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club

President Mel Harris called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. at Coit's Drive-in. Mel welcomed everyone for attending the meeting and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- ▶ Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the Dashboard (Mike Smith motion, Rodney Duerksen seconded and passed by membership vote.)
- ▶ Peggy Buchanan and Rustyne Harris could not make today's meeting. Mel gave a Treasurer's report. (Ken Buchanan motion, Linda Bahr seconded and membership vote.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- ▶ Attendance at the following shows:
 - >Bradford Village Retirement Home: eight cars
 - >Two Pat's Car Show: six cars
 - >Perkins Car Show: eight cars
 - >Francis-Tuttle Car Show: six cars
- ☺ Johnny Hewett won a door prize at the Perkins show
- ▶ Fall Foliage Trip:
 - >Randy and Dollie Resh of Fayetteville, Ar. were our host.
 - >On Friday we went to H & H in Bentonville, Ar. There were close to 100 cars. Including a collection of classic to modern police cars. H & H celebrated their 20th anniversary.
 - >On Sat. car club members from five states totaling 33 classic cars, joined in on a 170 mile trip. COCCC would like to give a big Thank You to Randy and Dollie for an outstanding job.
 - >Fall Foliage at Denison, Texas, October 24-26, 2008. Mel passed out flyers on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ▶ Club Jackets:
 - >Rodney Duerksen has offered to help anyone who would like to order a club jacket. Please visit with Rodney after the meeting or call him at home.

▶ Christmas parade:

>Mel received a letter from Stockyards on their Cowboy Christmas Parade for Dec. 1, 2007. He asked the members if we wanted to take part in this years parade. Gloria Escalera made a motion for the club NOT to go as a club. Sherry Osborn seconded and passed by membership vote.

▶ For Sale:

>Hats and car flags are \$5.00 each. Please see Kay Welch before or after monthly meetings.

▶ Car information:

>See Larry Myers if you have any questions about power glide transmission plug seals or replacing door handles. He will be more then happy to answer your questions.

▶ 50 cents dues:

>President Mel Harris is very serious about club members wearing Chevy emblem and driving your classic cars to all events including monthly meetings. Mark Houser was asked to collect 50 cents from those who did not do either of the above.

Mel Harris motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken Buchanan seconded. Motion carried.

Attendance: 22

Respectfully Submitted by,
Gloria Escalera,
COCCC Secretary

I forgot to mention in the meeting about our club winning the "Two Pats" cook out. I've spoken to him and **we**, as a club must decide when and where this will take place. Since it's getting late in the year I suggest maybe March or April.

All of you club members think this over and we'll discuss it at our next meeting. If I'm not mistaken he'll feed up to 45 of us at no charge.

Mel



A new classic was added to the family of Gary Bond. A baby girl was born on October 29, 2007 weighing in at 8 pounds. Congratulations to Gary and his family.

Just a note from Member Ruby Watt (turquoise & white '56 Nomad)

Hi Larry & Annette,

Thought you might like to know I am driving now and it sure seems good not to have to depend on my daughter to take me every place. So I guess I will be able to drive the Nomad again, I'm really looking forward to it. I will have to find a space for it, as I probably won't keep it in the garage at the new house, I would like it for the cars we drive all of the time. We are supposed to close on the house Nov. 9, it looks like they still have a lot to do but it should be sometime close to then. Maybe you can find someone who would like to drive it down here for me, Mel had said something about it once, don't know if he still wants to do it. I wouldn't be able to drive it that far yet. The weather could get bad before too long so I don't suppose we should wait much longer. I see in the newsletter it went to a car show, thanks for getting it there and to Curtis for driving it.

I see the national convention is in W. Virginia next year, that isn't too far from here, hope I may be able to go to it. If everyone is going through here, we could caravan on from here. Thanks so much for caring for it for so long I didn't think it would be near that long.
Ruby

*Note from the editor. I must apologize to Peggy & Robert Bogardus. In the last newsletter, there were pictures of member's cars in front of Pop's in Arcadia. Peggy & Robert were there and their corvette was in the picture. I'm so sorry Peggy & Robert.
Annette Myers, Editor*

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Upcoming Events

Nov. 3, 2007 Harrah, OK Car Show. Entry fee is a New Toy or Cash donation. Mike Smith made a motion that this be a club activity for Nov. Richard Bahr seconded and membership carried. For more information on place and time you can call Floyd at 405-391-5350 or Charlie at 405-390-9749. Our callers will call to remind you.

Nov. 10, 2007 Blanchard Motorcycle and Car Show. Kay Welch read this in the newspaper. Contact Kay for information on time and place.

Nov. 11, 2007 Next COCCC meeting at Coit's Drive-in at 3 pm.

Nov. 17, 2007 OHRA Western Music Museum at S.E. 29th in Del City. Larry will represent our club. If you would like to support OHRA attend the meeting. Meeting time 7am.

Dec. 8, 2007 Christmas Dinner at Hometown Buffet, 3900 N.W. 63rd. at 2pm. Men's gifts wrapped in newspaper, women's gifts wrapped in gift wrap or gift bags. \$10.00

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 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

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



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