



RATS (Fall Foliage Trip)

I'm sure that seems like an odd title for our trip to Denison, Texas. However, just keep reading and you'll begin to understand my thinking. On Friday, October 24th, we were to leave Riverwind Casino no later than 9:30 that morning. About 20 minutes before departing, Larry and Annette Myers probably said "rats" or something a little more colorful. You see, they called to inform us that the rear suspension in their '57 Nomad had failed. This meant a trailer was required and ultimately they were unable to travel with the group. The rest of us left on time and arrived at the Blue Moon Café, in Ada, about 10 minutes before it opened. After enjoying our lunches it was back on the road again. Things seemed to be going well until.....we receive a call from Kay Welch telling us Rudy and Gloria Escalera had also probably said "rats" as the transmission began failing in the '54 wagon. Fortunately, it stayed together long enough to reach our destination and be loaded on a trailer for the trip home. Later that same afternoon we learned that Tracy and Irene Bugg had also used the word "rats" in a sentence when a front wheel bearing failed in their '57 wagon just outside of Durant. Curtis and Kay were kind enough to find parts and head back up there to assist in the repair.

After everyone finally got checked in at the Comfort Inn, some went downtown and others hung around looking at the cars and renewing old friendships. Once dusk arrived most of us headed to the Sonic for a cruise in and refreshments. Many left there and terrorized the downtown area before returning to the hotel for games and snacks. Others decided to stay in their rooms and watch television or turn in early so they would be well rested for our cruise the next day.

Saturday dawned cool and sunny with Tom and Teresa Linn discovering "rats" on their '55 Sedan. One was attached to the grill and the other was impaled on the antenna.

(Please notice a pattern of "rats" in this story). Teresa was heard to say it looked like the work of Larry Myers and not a soul disagreed. Soon after this took place we lined up behind the '56 Nomad of Bill and Diane Preston and left on our 100 mile cruise. First stop was at Grandpappy's Marina to have a group photo of the cars taken. Lunch was next on the agenda and we ate at Hucks. Service was a little slow because they were overwhelmed, but I would highly recommend their catfish if you're in the area. Bellies full, we're on the road again. Next place of interest is Stone Motors, where cookies and cold drinks await us. We take the time to have some dessert, while inspecting their automotive and motorcycle collection. Back in the cars and we're headed west and then north into Oklahoma. Outside of Kingston a casino was the next pit stop, where the slot machines were calling and a few anxious to gamble tried their luck. Less than an hour later our journey continued with a parade of cars snaking east along Highway 70. A few more miles and we turn south to eventually drive over and then stop at the Denison Dam. Shortly thereafter, trip nearly complete, the group is off to Divolli's Heartland Winery for the evening meal. Back at the hotel we gather for door prizes, games, more snacks and some laughs. The Linn family made out like bandits during this event. They were presented a drawing, done by John Dragoo, showing Tom pulling a rickshaw attached to their camper, while Teresa barks out instructions. Another item of interest was a plaque, with you guessed it, a yellow "rat" attached. Afterwards, a stunned Tom was wondering where all of those d**n rats were coming from.

Sunday morning rolls around and after breakfast we say good-bye to friends and most are on the road by 10 am. It was an enjoyable trip and as far as I know everyone arrived home safely. Our club will host next years event being held in Poteau, Oklahoma and I'd encourage you to make plans now to attend. Hopefully, since it's a Fall Foliage Tour, the leaves will cooperate and be more colorful than they were this year.

I've tried to keep this article short because I believe the many pictures taken can tell a better story than me. So, if you had to stay home and would like to know what happened on our tour, I'm sure any of the people listed below will share photos and experiences with you. Just ask about a lost cell phone, a trunk that wouldn't open, getting lost or the use of yellow tape, to mention a few. More than likely you'll get an ear full. Whatever you do though, never disclose who attached the rats to a certain '55 in our club.

Ann Atnip
Ron and Debbie Berger
Ken and Peggy Buchanan
Tracy and Irene Bugg
Jonnie Clemons
John and Kay Lynn Dragoo
Rodney and Martha Duerksen
Rudy and Gloria Escalera
Chris and Susan Grove

Dale and Lisa Kosa
Tom and Teresa Linn
Joe and Donna McIninch
Ken and Cici Monroe
Larry and Annette Myers
True and Sherry Osborn
Billy and Mary Overall
David and Linda Reeds
Mike and Betty Rhoades

Bill and Karen Hardy
Mel and Rustyne Harris

Curtis and Kay Welch

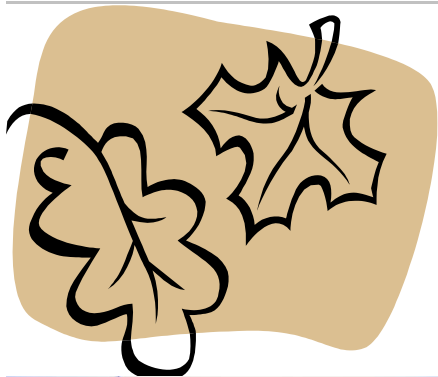
In closing, on behalf of all who attended, I want to thank the Dallas Club. It was obvious a lot of hard work and planning went into this event and we appreciate your efforts.

See you at the next meeting on November 16, 2008.

Mel Harris
President COCCC

It Was Just Too Much

Ann Atnip was a first time traveler with our club on this years fall foliage cruise. When she was in downtown Denison she tried to open her car trunk and couldn't. She knew David had two ways of doing things on the car, so she called her son in OKC. She found she would have to crawl under the car. She was successful, but after all that crawling under the car she could not get up. So she just rested. (In front of the winery and her friends??? had a camera.) Thanks Ann



Rat on Antenna on Tom & Teresa's 55 Chevy.



Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club
Minutes for October 2008

Meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m. with 32 members in attendance.

Minutes were presented as written in the newsletter. Kay Welch made the motion to accept, Sherry Osborn seconded, motion passed.

Peggy Buchanan gave the treasure's report; Rustyne Harris made the motion to accept, Rodney Duerksen seconded; motion passed.

Rodney received a card addressed to our club members from Ann Atrnip. Thanking us for our friendship, prayers and the flowers we sent her.

OLD BUSINESS;

There were fifteen cars from our club whom entered in the Perkins Car Show. We won club with most cars and won reserved parking for next years show. We also won \$100.00.

Fall Foliage: Annette Myers has made flyers with the information for 2009. These flyers will be given at the 2008 Fall Foliage. If you did not go please ask for a flyer at the next meeting.

A week from Friday, for those who are going to the Fall Foliage 2008, we will meet at the west side of the Riverwind Casino. PLEASE DO NOT GO INTO THE CASINO!!

We will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. Take your 2-way radio. We will have lunch in Ada at the Blue Moon Cafe at about 11 a.m. Remember to take a \$5.00 gift for our gift exchange.

Rustyne brought it to our attention at last months meeting that as a non-profit organization, we need to make a donation to a charity in order to keep our standing with the I.R.S. Members gave names of charities so that a ballot could be made. The ballot was passed to each member in attendances and voted on.

While ballots were being counted, Rustyne made a motion that we give \$250.00 to each charity. Members voted by raising their hands and passed.

We talked about weather to give up our Christmas gift exchange in place of giving to the Infant Crisis Center. Rudy made a motion to continue with our Christmas gift exchange and to bring a gift for the Infants Crisis Center. John Dragoo seconded this motion. Motion was passed.

The question of how much we are to spend on our Christmas gift was asked. A motion was made that we spend no less then \$10.00 and up. (The "Up" amount would be up to you). A second motion was made to accept, motion passed.

Christmas dinner will be December 13, 2008, at 1 p.m. at Hometown Buffet, on Northwest Expressway.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ballots were counted and the two charities that will receive \$250.00 are "Infant Crisis Center" and "Children's Center in Bethany". The Infant Crisis Center will receive the money and the Christmas gifts. President Mel Harris asked Peggy Buchanan to write out a check to both charities in the amount of \$250.00 each.

Larry Myers talked about the car show he is trying to set up for our club to host next year. He talked to the Mayor of Edmond. The Mayor gave Larry the phone # of a lady to get in contact with. He will bring back any information to us as he gets it. Larry told the members that we as a club are going to need to raise the money to do this show. Since we have not done shows we have lost our contacts. The amount of money we will need to raise is ten thousand dollars or more. So we have a lot of work to do. We need to start as soon as possible.

Classic Chevy is owned by ECKLERS. They have had to cut back on The International Convention. International Conventions will be held on a bi-annual basis after this season. The 35 Annual International Convention held in Chicago as scheduled in 2009. The 36th Annual International Convention in Branson, Mo in 2011, and The 37th Annual International Convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio in 2013. The Winter National Convention in Kissimmee, Florida will be held on a yearly basis as before.

Nov. 8, 2008 is the OHRA meeting, at 10 a.m. til noon.

Door Prize winners were: Rodney, Rustyne, Linda Reeds and Rudy.

50/50 winner was Johnny

Rudy made an announcement that he is planning a Route 66 trip of the year 2010. Those who would like to go please let us know.

Curtis Welch express the need of having a fire extinguisher in your car. On his California trip this year they came across an RV that was driving on the hwy and was on fire. The driver was not aware of this and was told to pull over by other drivers. Curtis help by using his fire extinguisher. He passed pictures of the RV and said that everyone in the RV were safe.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THE THIRD SUNDAY. NOV. 16, 2008. AT 3 P.M.

Gloria Escalera, Secretary



Broken rear spring on Myers' '57 Nomad



Tracy Bugg replacing left front wheel bearing on his '57 Wagon



CAR TROUBLES?!!!!?

Rudy's '54 on trailer after tranny problems.

2008 Classic Chevy Fall Foliage Tour

The Annual Classic Chevy Fall Foliage Tour is a traveling event. Classic Chevy owners from Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma gather every year to drive their cars and renew friendships. For the first time in 14 years DACC hosted the event October 24-26 in Denison, TX. A record 44 cars from four states participated.

Bill & Diane Preston planned the weekend. DACC members Don & Jo Andre, Greg & Bev Hedum, Dan Bunch & Vickie Penney helped make it happen. Also attending were Jerry & Diane Bray, BJ & Mini Bucher, Larry, Dianne, Tim & Carisa Epperson, James & Trish Sparrow.

Several couples arrived early and enjoyed Denison's Old Downtown Antique Shops, Art Galleries, Art Studios, the Historic Eisenhower birth place and the casino in Durant. With the arrival of the first group from Oklahoma City about 2 p.m. Friday, the Comfort Inn lobby started filling with old friends checking into their rooms and picking up their event materials. The parking lot was full of Classic Chevys to admire. Friday evening we took over the nearby Sonic Drive-In for dinner, cruised downtown and met back at the hotel for games and visiting.

The Comfort Inn furnished a complimentary full breakfast in the lobby Saturday. We lined up all the Chevys, had a driver's meeting, handed out maps, rally sheets and detailed directions, then headed out on our cruise at 11 a.m. The rally sheets had a list signs we would see along the route. The objective is to fill in the blanks with the words that had been left out. Dan Bunch and Vickie Penney went out ahead of the group to set up for our group photo at the first stop at Grandpappy Point Marina on Lake Texoma.

We wound our way south through Fink and Pottsboro to our second stop, lunch for 92 at Huck's Catfish Restaurant in Denison. We had plenty of room to park, great food and lots of time. At 1:30 we headed west to work our way down to US 82. A stop light and some left turns broke up our long caravan and we lost quite a few of our cars. Since everyone had our cell phone number and detailed directions, we were able to get them back on track in time to meet us at our third stop--Stone Motor Company in Sadler. We looked at Stone's extensive inventory of antique, classic and special interest cars. Brian Stone also enjoyed looking at our Classic Chevys.

Our caravan went north into Oklahoma, then through Kingston, Oklahoma to our gas, potty and slot machine stop at Texoma Gaming Center. Several people won a little money even though we were there only 30 minutes. We took the back roads back into Texas and drove across Denison Dam. We made a brief stop below the dam for another photo op, then finished the cruise to our dinner venue in old downtown Denison. Greg and Bev Hedum collected the rally sheets for grading later in the evening. Devolli's Restaurant/Heartland Winery served a delicious Italian buffet to 82 plus 4 children.

After dinner Saturday evening we gathered in the hotel lobby. We introduced the first-timers who were present of the 34 who had come. Rodney Duerksen admonished those who had cleaned their cars. We graded each other's rally sheets. Joe and Donna McInnich (OKC) got the most right, Rex and Myrtle Buzan (Henryetta, OK) got the least right and Jo and Roger Atnip (OKC) had the most absurd answer. The evening continued with presentations, announcements and Tom Linn's stories. Afterwards poker, dominoes and other entertainment went on past my bedtime. Sunday breakfast was followed by everyone saying good-by until next year.

Part of the fun of an event like this is the challenge of driving a 50-year-old car there and back! We always have great stories to tell about our adventures. This year all of the hard luck fell to members of the Oklahoma City Club. Rudy and Gloria Escalera's 54 Green 4-door Station Wagon limped into Denison in fifth gear with a bad transmission with the first OKC group. They did all the weekend activities riding with someone else and their son arrived Sunday with a trailer to take the car home.

Before getting completely out of OKC Larry and Annette Myers' 57 Blue Nomad broke a leaf spring—plowing up the inside shoulder of I-35. Their son came and took them home with a trailer. Two hours later they were back on the road to Texas in their 55 Coral and Gray Nomad and joined up with Tracey and Irene Bugg in their 57 Red 2-door Station Wagon. Unfortunately the Bugg's front wheel bearing went out in Durant. Curtis and Kay Welch, who had already arrived, picked up a wheel bearing in Denison and drove out to repair the car.

The final casualty was during our Saturday cruise. Ron and Debbie Berger's VW/3-wheeled cycle broke down at our stop in Oklahoma. Don Andre, who was bringing up the rear of our tour, brought them back to the hotel, where they'd parked their trailer. They went back to Oklahoma to pick up the cycle and just went on home. Myers' won our "hard-luck award" because they were involved in two breakdowns and Larry will probably be helping Rudy fix his transmission.

Check out more event photos on the DACC web site.

The Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club will host the 2009 Tour, October 23-25 at the Days Inn, Poteau, OK. Call 918-647-3510 for reservations. Mention "Classic Chevy Group" to get the group rate: \$70 King or Double room or \$119 suite. **Put it on your calendar. You'll have a great time!!!**

Written by Diane Preston, Dallas Area Classic Chevy's



Why does Tom & Tracy have yellow tape over their mouth? Tracy had pulled his off. You will have to ask them.



The "Boo Girls" Kay (Myers) Simpson and Annette Myers both know where to shop!! They had the very same shirts on.



Sonic Drive-In Cruise on Friday night.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16, 2008 COCCC meeting 3 p.m. at Coit's I-44 & N. Penn

December 16, 2008 COCCC Christmas party 1 p.m. Hometown Buffet, NW Hwy & 63rd, OKC

February 5 - 8, 2009 Eckler's Classic Chevy Winter Nationals, Kissimmee, FL Register on line or print registration form and mail in. See article from Sharon Stowe in this newsletter.

March 27 & 28, 2009 Big River Classics Car Show, Vicksburg, MS Battlefield Inn for reservations 1-800-359-9363

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