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Greetings:

The fall foliage tour was a huge success, and our club was well represented on our trip to Branson, Missouri. The Missouri Classic Chevy Club did an outstanding job of hosting this year's event.

Our Club had 8 cars at the Perkins Car Show and tied with the Sapulpa, Oklahoma Dragon Master Club for the most cars in attendance. A flip of the coin determined that our club would be awarded the trophy and we split an award of \$100 (each club received a prize of \$50.00).

Our dinner cruise to the Boneyard BBQ restaurant in Guthrie, Oklahoma was attended by 26 members – this to me was a great turnout. Thanks to all of you who attended. Our meeting was hosted, on the same day, by our own - Pastor Susan Grove at the West Side UMC of Guthrie. We thoroughly enjoyed the air conditioned accommodations and a very inviting setting.

Susan has started a mentoring/tutoring program at her church – any members interested in helping out by volunteering for program - are encouraged to do so. She is listed in our club directory.

A warm welcome to our new members and we look forward to your participation and support in the future.

The next meeting will be at COIT's 50th and Portland on November 14th, 2010 at 3:00 pm. Hope to see you there. Our Christmas party will be December 11, 2010 at the Hometown Buffet. Please make plans to attend.

Stay safe!

Respectfully,

Billy Overall

President,
Oklahoma City Classic Chevy Club

2010 Classic Chevy Fall Foliage Cruise

By Diane Preston

The Springfield Classic Chevy Club hosted the Fall Foliage Cruise this year in Branson, Missouri. There were 50 couples from five states attending the event. Most were driving their Classic Chevys. Counting the kids there were 104 people at the Saturday evening party. There were 14 new couples who had never attended the Fall Foliage Cruise before. At the Ramada Inn we had an entire building and parking lot to ourselves in this picturesque setting on Branson's main drag, Highway 76.

We left Flower Mound to drive to Branson on Friday morning and arrived about 3 pm without a drop of rain or mechanical problem all the way. BJ and Mini Butcher had driven on Thursday to stop and enjoy the sights and spend the night in Eureka Springs. Lots of people had gone up a day early to enjoy the shows and attractions at Branson. At 4 pm everyone took off for dinner together at McFarland's (*see footnote 1*). This is a great restaurant that can handle HUGE groups from bus tours, etc. We visited with old friends and met some new people too.

Friday evening we all went to see a show at the Dick Clark Theater, which was adjacent to our hotel. It was a fun program featuring legends in Rock & Roll. The current show featured impersonations of: George Strait, Marilyn Monroe, The Temptations, The Blues Brothers and Elvis.

Saturday morning all the cars lined up for the scenic cruise that had been planned through the Ozarks. Not trusting our Nomad (*see footnote 1*), we rode with BJ and Mini in their black '57 2-door sedan and had fun visiting and enjoying the scenery. We went south out of Branson, down the back roads of Arkansas through Blue Eye, Berryville and Alpena, with a great lunch stop at Shoney's and some shopping time in Harrison. Then the tour headed back toward Branson through Olvey, Harmon, Pyatt, Snow, Lead Hill and Omaha, Arkansas on another scenic route. Most of the cars were back at the hotel before it started raining.

There were no set dinner plans for the group, so we were free to enjoy all that Branson had to offer. Bill and I happened to have family in town, so we had dinner with them and enjoyed a family birthday with ten relatives.

The whole Chevy group filled the hotel party room at 8 pm for snacks, announcements, visiting, gift exchange and games. This is a great time to enjoy a spirited game of Mexican Train, Chicken Foot, Poker or FARKLE!!! BJ and Mini are BIG Farkle fans and are gradually getting more and more of us hooked every year!

Sunday morning everyone took their time having breakfast at the hotel, loading their cars, and saying their farewells around the parking lot. A few stayed until 1pm working on our Nomad (*see footnote 2*). Springfield members, Don and Loneta Sunderland from Rockaway Beach, let us use their garage with a lift to repair the Nomad. BJ Butcher (DACC) and Larry Myers from Oklahoma City stayed on to help with the repair. Larry followed us back to Tulsa where we spent Sunday night with our son. We drove on into Dallas Monday morning without a hitch.

Thanks to Jan and Wendell Royster and Angie and Vern Vire of the Springfield Club for organizing a great weekend event.

Next year this event will be October 21-23, 2011. It will be hosted by the (Tulsa) Classic Chevy of Oklahoma at the Fairfield Inn, 2107 S.E. Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK. Room rate is \$71+ and the group name is "Classic Chevy Cruise". You can make reservations beginning Nov. 2010 by calling the hotel direct (918) 331-2100. Our block of rooms will be held until Oct. 5, 2011, but it's always wise to make reservations early! Tulsa club contact is: Kay Simpson (918) 760-2359.

Footnote 1

Ethanol Gas Causes Havoc in Your Carburetor!!!

We've had problems with the "NEW" gas in our Classic Chevys before. During this trip to Branson we had BIG problems. The accelerator on our Edelbrock 650 stuck wide open several times on the way to dinner Friday night. Bill suspected broken motor mounts, but that didn't seem evident. With the air cleaner removed the carburetor was splashing out fuel. The local Missouri Chevy guys testified that they had LOTS of problems with gunk building up, and their carburetor parts being corroded by the water in the Ethanol fuel. Saturday morning Bill, Wendell Royster, Larry Myers, BJ Butcher and several of the other Chevy guys got up early and took our carburetor apart, cleaned the black gunk out of it, and polished the metering rods that had become etched. They did this all in the parking lot on the tailgate of Wendell's Cameo Pickup.

This was a REAL eye opener! Our gas mileage had fallen several miles per gallon in recent years, and it was obvious why. The Missouri Chevy guys, who've had to deal with the Ethanol longer than we have, suggested using Sea Foam Motor Treatment in our gasoline to lessen this problem. A can of Sea Foam will treat 250 gallons

of fuel. It is readily available at O'Reilly's or other automotive stores. The Missouri guys also said to set the floats lower to help eliminate the splash-over problem.

We got two more miles to the gallon coming home from Branson, than we'd been getting. We'll be trying the Sea Foam additive and Bill says he'll also take the carburetor apart and clean it every year or two. It had been on for six years and we've put 40,000 miles on it.

Footnote 2

Motor Mount Recall Strikes Again!!!

I remember back in the 70's, when we were auto crossing our Corvettes, there was a recall to protect against a broken motor mount causing the accelerator to stick. The fix for that was a short piece of cable with a loop on each end to bolt between the block and the frame. (That kept the block from moving far enough to put the accelerator in a bind.) Since that time they've come out with a "fail safe" motor mount replacement that won't allow the block to move far enough to affect the accelerator even when the rubber fails. Well, we didn't put the "fail safe" motor mounts on our Nomad, when it was built in 2004, and we hadn't put a cable or turnbuckle on it either.

So, when leaving the Ramada Inn in Branson on Friday night, we were on a hill, turning left into traffic and the broken motor mount(s) caused us to accelerate out into traffic. It took all the braking power the Nomad had (4-wheel power discs) to control it, before Bill could get the automatic transmission into neutral.

After rebuilding the carburetor, thinking that was the problem (*see footnote 1*), we quickly realized that the acceleration problem wasn't fixed. All 30 mechanics on hand agreed that it was most likely the motor mounts. BJ Butcher went to get the new transmission and left-side engine mount for us Saturday night. Springfield members, Don and Loneta Sunderland from nearby Rockaway Beach, let us use their garage with a lift to repair the Nomad. BJ Butcher (DACC) and Larry Myers from Oklahoma City stayed on to help with the repair. Bill carefully drove the Nomad to the garage, trying not to accelerate too radically. Bill, Wendell, BJ and Larry Myers spent the morning putting in the new mounts, after returning to O'Reilly's for the CORRECT sized ones. At 1 pm Sunday, Wendell and Jan headed home to Springfield, BJ and Mini headed south toward Little Rock and I-30, and Larry and Annette followed us down I-44 to Tulsa where we stopped for the night at our son's.

Of course, O'Reilly's in Branson didn't have the new style "fail safe" motor mounts. So when we got back to Texas, Bill bought two of them and they'll be installed SOON!!! Lesson: The old style motor mounts are probably only good for 30,000 miles... just change yours NOW!!!

Another bonus of all the experienced mechanics' eyes checking out the Nomad was that BJ noticed that the lower control arm bushings were also worn out. So that's on the list of things to do to the Nomad before the next long trip to the Nomad Convention in Dayton, Ohio next year. One of the great things about these trips is that when something DOES go wrong (and it frequently does), there are lots of experienced Classic owners on hand to share their knowledge, tools and talent! Thanks everyone!!!

Fall Foliage Photos



Before we even get left, we have to repair the Prez's car.



Then, on Friday, the "Good Guys From Springfield's CCC" work on John's car.



Choatau's police are called.



Rustyne steps out of her car into a hole in asphalt.



Kosa Family enjoy a ride on a Wiggler before buying one.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 13, 2010 OHRA annual business meeting at the OK Country Western Museum Hall of Fame. 3925 SE 29th street, next to Walls. 10 am to 12 pm

December 11, 2010 COCCC annual Christmas party, Hometown Buffet 63rd & NW Hwy.

February 10 13, 2011 CCI's 19th Annual Winter Nationals, Westgate Lakes Resort & Spa, 10000 Turkey Lake Road, Orlando, FL 877-502-7058 mention code 24-167

May 27, 28, 29—2011 29th Annual Lone Star Classic Chevy Convention
www.lonestarchevys.com

October 21, 22, & 23, 2011 18th Annual Fall Foliage hosted by Classic Chevy Club of OK Ltd. Fairfield Inn & Suites, 2107 SE Wahsington Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006 1-918-331-2100 \$71 +tax Mention Classic Chevy Cruise when calling

WWW.55-57chevys.com/coccc

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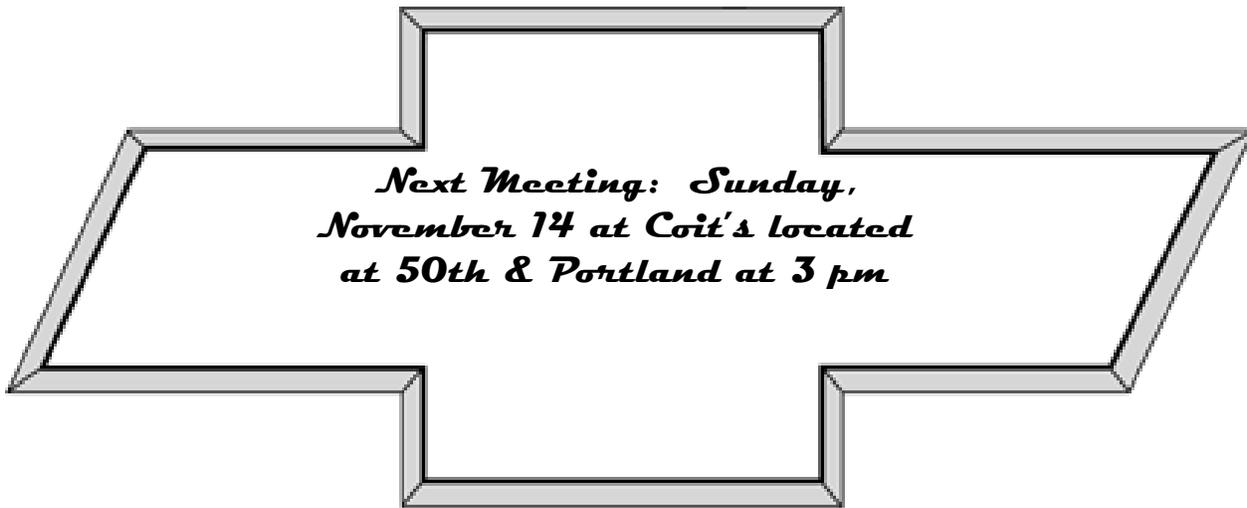


Happy Birthday Ken Buchanan, Jerry & Iris Emerson, Linda Hewett, Mahala Jones, Joe McNinch and Ruth Watts. If your birthday was missed, it is because we don't have your birthday on record. To alleviate this in the future, please let someone know when your birthdays are.

Happy Anniversary to those of you married in November.



**I pledge
allegiance to the flag of the United
States of America, and to the republic
for which it stands, one nation,
under God,
indivisible with liberty and justice for
all.**



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