

The Dashboard

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CLASSICS CRUISIN'



Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club members met at I-40 & Choctaw Road on Friday, September 22 for our monthly dinner cruise. Leader of the pack, Ken Monroe and his lovely wife Cici headed out down I-40 towards Shawnee. Robb's Smokehouse was our destination and with about 8 classics in the cruise, everything was uneventful, that is, until Tom Linn called Larry with the news that something in his motor was making a loud noise. Tom eventually pulled over, as did Larry and the rest of the cars behind Tom and Larry. Things were taken care of and we got back onto the road. Calls to Ken & Cici let Larry know where to turn. The group left behind followed Larry right to the location of Robb's Smokehouse, where some were already eating. A good time was had by all. Those of you who didn't make it, you sure missed out on some good barbeque!

HARRY & HELEN POWDER NEWS

Annette, I went to visit Harry and Helen Pouder yesterday and thought you might want to put directions in the newsletter in case others want to see them. They're in that nursing home where we took our cars last

year and the year before. If you're coming from the south through Mustang, it's located about one half mile north of Hwy. 152 on Hwy 92. Should you be traveling from the north take the Yukon, Hwy 92 exit and travel about seven miles south. The name is Arbor Assisted Living Center and sits on the east side of the road.

When I arrived Harry did recognize me, Helen shook my hand and then went to sleep. His overall health appeared good but he did keep asking some questions over and over. I took him the latest Dashboard and a CCI Magazine which he seemed to appreciate.

Mel

**COCCC MEMBERS ATTEND
THE CHUCK COOK MEMORIAL CAR SHOW
By
Mel Harris**

At the August club meeting Mike Smith encouraged club members to attend the Chuck Cook Memorial Car Show being hosted by the Late Great Chevy Club on 8-26-2006. Those of us who knew Chuck were quite surprised to learn of his untimely death in January. We realized a friend and fellow car enthusiast had been lost and this show would pay respect to his memory.

On that Saturday morning, the majority of us met at Jimmy's Egg and caravanned to OCCC where the show was held. We knew the day was going to be rather warm even though the weathermen had promised us cooler temperatures earlier in the week. Thankfully, our good friend True Osborn has a canopy the size of a circus tent and was nice enough to share it, making the day more bearable.

The show drew around 125 cars providing quite a variety for us to admire including a roped off area with Chuck's cars on display. During the awards ceremony both of his children got up in front of the crowd and thanked all of us for coming. I might add the daughter had quite a few people in tears before she was finished with her kind words.

Even though we had nine cars on display, only one took a trophy home and that was Robert Bogardus with his 72 Vette. True proved to have luck on his side and won two very nice door prizes. The rest of us just kept looking at the ticket stubs hoping we'd be the winner of the 50/50 pot, totaling over \$400 dollars.....but no such luck.

All in all it was a good show and many members of the host club thanked us for being there. Here's a list of those from our club who attended: Ken Buchanan, True Osborn, Mike and Carol Smith, Johnny Hewett, Ken and CiCi Monroe, Jerry Emerson, Robert Bogardus, Ben Byers and myself. Another COCCC member Phil Daniels, who also belongs to the Late Greats, displayed his car in the host class. Even though they didn't enter their cars, a thanks goes out to Richard Bahr and Curtis and Kay Welch for coming by and providing moral support.

One final thought. Every member must give Mike some help, not only in supporting this club but also in educating his wife. You see, Carol (wife of the "prez") and two other women were selected to pick "Ladies Choice" for the show. Now you would think at an event hosted by the Late Great Chevy Club, plus a well represented Classic Chevy Club, that a Chevy would be their choice. Well, you'd be wrong!! They opted for a PONTIAC instead!! You read that correctly, a PONTIAC. So, it is now our responsibility to ensure Mike has some help in training Carol about brand loyalty. It's the least we can do. After all we've assisted this family in the past. If you'll remember on the Fall Foliage Tour two years ago, we answered Mike's question about who his daddy was!!



MAD ABOUT MADS

by RubyWatt

I remember when the 1955, '56, and '56 Chevy's came out, the all new look. The dealers liked to keep everyone in suspense until the unveiling. They had them in the show room covered for about two weeks before the exciting day. We went down to see them at Daniels Chevrolet in Colorado Springs, CO. There were lots of people looking and I imagine they sold several. There was 4 dr. sedan, turquoise and white, a 4 dr. station wagon, two tone green and a yellow and white 2 dr. hdt., they sure were pretty. (no Nomads until later) We couldn't even think about buying a new car, we were driving a 1948 Plymouth that had belonged to my dad. Every year we would look at the new ones coming out and drool.

My son, Cliff was born in 1955 and when we was 17 he bought his first car a 1956 2 dr. post. It was \$255, he had been saving money out of what little he made stuffing newspapers, and bought it, he was so proud of it. It wasn't very pretty, but he worked on it, and it needed a lot, painted it and made it look pretty nice for his first paint job. His dad, my first husband, died of leukemia in 1973, so he never was able to help him much with the car and never saw the Nomad.

About a year later Cliff saw a '55 Nomad advertised in the paper, he went to look at it, and that is what he thought he had to have. He sold the '56 to his friend, borrowed a little more and bought it for \$750. He and his friend worked to restore it the way a 17 year old boy would like it, tunnel ram, 4 speed Hurst shifter, and painted it metallic blue, he drove it around with pride. He really thought that was neat to have a car the same year as he was and said he was going to keep it just to show his kids, but that didn't happen, people do change their minds.

His love for the Nomad ended when he fell for a 1969 Z-28 Camaro in 1975, not wanting him to sell it, I bought it and here is where I really got my start with Nomads. Cliff passed away in 1982 with Hodgkins disease, he never was able to finish his Camaro, his friend, Curt got it and finished restoring it, he has shown it numerous times. He calls it "Reality". Under the hood he had painted "Cliffs Dream", Curts Reality".

I took the Nomad to Vail, CO in 1976 to the National Nomad Convention. When I saw how some of them looked I decided it was time to do my restoration.

By that time I was dating my future hisband Jim. I had the interior reupolstered and took it to a friend of a friend to have it painted. I told him there was no hurry, don't do this, big mistake. July 1978 about two years later, I got it back the day before we were to leave for the convention. Jim and I were married in the morning(he said he guessed the only way to get a Nomad was to marry one) and in the afternoon we went to pick up the Nomad. It was painted pearl white on the top and '72 Corvette blue on the bottom, with an

owl airbrushed on the dash and pinstriped butterflies on the roof support and front fenders. It really looked pretty. We spent most of the night putting chrome and other parts back on it so it would be ready to drive the next morning, an exciting way to spend our wedding night, but at that point we were excited that we were going to be on our way to the convention and our honeymoon.

We caravanned with other members of our local club to Casper, WY. We enjoyed the show very much despite the hail storm that came through, some sustained damage but we were lucky, we were on the side of the motel away from the storm and we escaped with only a wet interior.

Some time later when I had the Nomad in car show I was talking to a gentleman and he told me he had a 1956 Nomad and that he thought he wanted to sell it and asked if I knew anyone interested, Sure I thought, most people think they have a Nomad and it turns out to be just another wagon. I didn't think much about it until I got home and talked to Jim about it and decided to see it, sure enough it was a Nomad. We purchased it the same day November 8, 1983.

It didn't need too much, except engine work to be able to drive it and I took it to the Rapid City convention, (Jim had to work and didn't get to go) . My daughter and son-in-law drove the '55 and I drove the '56. I was impressed with the original 3 speed overdrive and 265 engine, it got 26 mpg, but it hasn't done that well since, about 22 mpg.

At first, we thought since there were already some modifications was to change the color and do some other things. The more we thought about it and looked at the Nassau Blue/Harbour Blue combination, there wasn't a lot to do to put it back to original. The previous owner had put bucket seats in and different wheels. I had a set of stock wheels, but finding the original bench seat was a little more difficult. We got an original interior upholstery kit and had it installed, and it sure began to look nice.

Our next show was the Reno, NV convention, neither of us had been to Reno so we thought, why not? We took both Nomads, a friend and his wife drove the '55 and another couple also went. To our surprise we took 1st place with the '56, but there were only 2 cars in the class.

We had to have wheel bearings put on the '55 before coming back, its a wonder we ever made it that far, we went to the Ponderose Ranch and when we came down that hill and stopped at the bottom the fluid was running out. When we were in Wells, NV on the way home the axle bearings went out on the '55, so we spent two nights there waiting for some parts come before we could go on. We had fun anyway, was a casino there with a good show and the motel was only \$20 a night.

We had trouble with the '56 vapor locking on the way out of Salt Lake City, had to pour water on the fuel pump about every mile (thankfully we took 4 gallons with us). We got as far as Vernal, UT put on an electric fuel pump which helped with the problem, glad there was someone with us who could do it.

We decided it would look much better if it was repainted, the bumpers rechromed, and everything else it needed . We had that done and took it to the convention in Oklahoma City in 1992. It rained hard the night before the judging and we found out they had not put the weatherstrip in right over the doors and the car was full of water. We dried it out the best we could and put it in the judging, which was delayed so things could dry out some. We were lucky to take a second place. The one that won was beautiful.

We have taken our Nomads to many local and regional shows and took first and second place awards.

Twenty years after our honeymoon and the convention in Casper we celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary, and guess what? at another Nomad convention, this one in Frisco, CO in 1998. We only took 3rd. place there. We enjoyed the convention and our anniversary there, love does strange things whether with cars or people.

We moved to Oklahoma in 1999, and I lost Jim on July 13, 2001, the day after our 23rd wedding anniversary. It's been hard as we had so much fun with our cars, but I have a lot of good memories. I haven't gone to any of the conventions since, as I have had lots of health problems myself. That's what happens when you get old, I've been at this a long time, over 30 years.

About time to go to some event I was having some kind of surgery, the last one was for the rotator cuff in my right arm. It was doing pretty well when a car rear ended me (not in the Nomad, a company car I was driving) and tore it all loose, so with having put on radial tires it has been too hard to steer and shift, At the present time it is at Larry Myers getting power steering, auto transmisson, vintage air, and disk brakes. The factory original A/C just doesn't do the job here in the Oklahoma heat,, so I'm looking forward to driving it again soon. I really had to think long and hard before I wanted to give up the all original it was forever, but I decided if I'm going to drive it I have to do somehting, so this is it.

Over the years we also had a 1955 4 dr. wagon, a 1956 4 dr. hdt, and a 1957 2 dr. hdt. original unrestored. Have sold all of these, and I hated to see everyone of them go, they have been part of my life for so many years

September 10, 2006

Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Ken Monroe at 3:00 p, at Coit's Drive-In. Members gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rustyne Harris gave the treasurer's report and report was accepted as read. (Peggy B.)

Minutes of the last meeting wer approved as printed in the Dashboard. New members were introduced: Mike & Betty Rhoades and Terry Howan from Edmond.

New Business: Christmas party December 10 at Hometown Buffet. Play dirty Santa, presents \$10 to \$20 wrap women's presents pretty and men's in newspaper or other product.

Club shirts are \$10 and \$12 to put logo and name on the front of the shirt. Total of \$22.

Larry made a motion to pay \$12 for the embroidery logo and name on shirts. Ken B. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Fall foliage October 20-23, 2006. Some people are leaving on Thursday to go. If you would like to go with the group, call the Welch's, Duerksen's, Dragoo's or Rudy Escalera.

November 11, 2006 an all day family cruising planned meeting at 9 am at Swadley's at 89 & S. Western.

Rudy made a motion to adjourn.

Next meeting is October 8, 2006 at Coit's Drive-In at 3 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kay Welch, Secretary.

EVENT CANCELED

TROPHIES & PRIZES! FREE CONCERT! FUN RUN!

1st Annual Life Force Youth Benefit Car & Truck Show October 14, 2006 Registration 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Judging begins at 12:30 p.m. Awards start at 3:30 p.m. Free Concert and moon walk for the kids. The fees are \$20.00 to pre-register by Oct. 1st and \$25.00 the day of the show. Free T-shirt w/ pre-registration. Clubs with 10 or more cars pre-registered and mailed together will have a reserved place to park. The Car Club with the most entries will be awarded a cash donation. Goodie Bags for First 100 Entries. Concession Stand Air Conditioned with Tables serving a variety of food and drinks open all day. Venders welcome \$20 indoor space and \$15 outdoor space. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place in 9 different classes plus: Best Paint, Best Engine, Best in Show, Best Interior. New classes will be opened if at least four of one class pre-register. For more information contact: Richard Butts @ 405-375-4342 or email at: fyrfyter3434@pldi.net or Ron Bruner @ 405-375-5310, or email at agfirst@pldi.net . All proceeds from the show are used to support our youth programs. Corporate & private party donations welcome.

"God Loves a Cheerful Giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Upcoming Events

Sept. 30, 2006 Perkins-Tryon Public Schools Car Show Perkins-Tryon High School on Hwy 33 Registration 8 am Trophies at 2 pm Cimarron Starlite Cruisers.

October 1 - 8, 2006 10th Anniversary of "Cruisin The Coast" at the Gulf Coast in Biloxi, MS

October 20 - 22, 2006 Fall Foliage 2006. Branson, MO Hosted by Classic Chevy Club of Springfield, MO Information: Wendell or Jan Royster @ (417)883-6541 Hotel: Quality Inn (417)335-6776

December 9, 2006 COCCC's Christmas party. Hometown Buffet 74th & 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

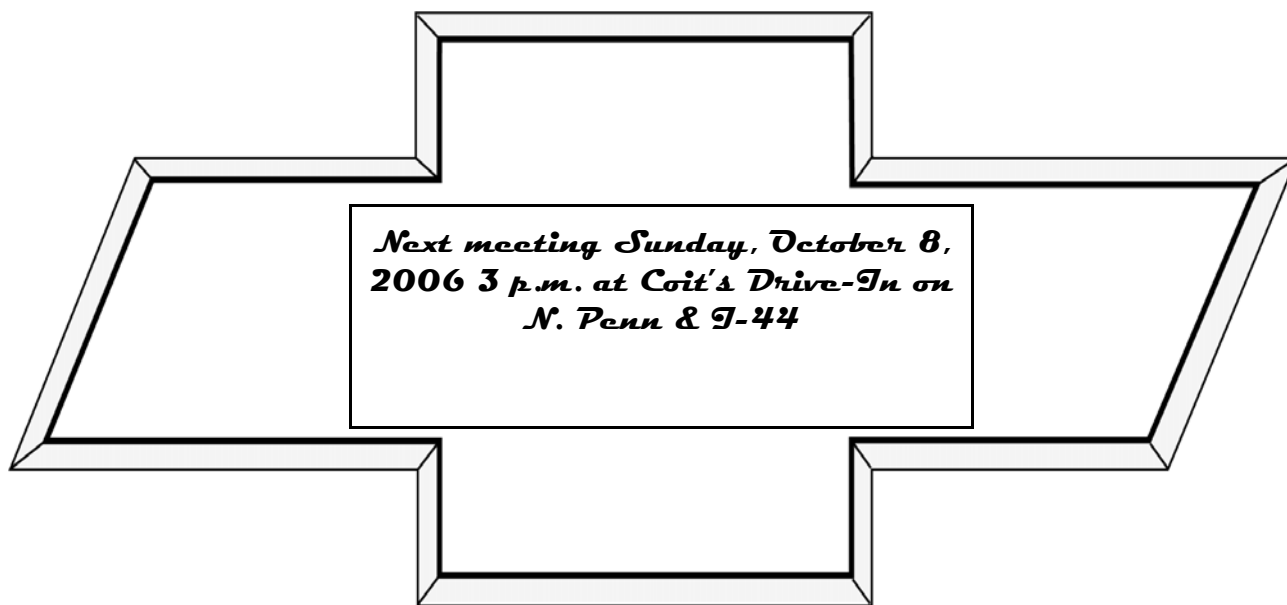
Open To All '55 to '72 Chevys and '67 to '02 Camaros

Location: Old Town / Kissimmee,

Claremore Chili Cook-off Car Show



Winners!!



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