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## Next meeting & Christmas Party:

will be held at Cimmaron Steak House,  
201 N. Meridian, OKC at 1:00 p.m.

Each person bring a gift (under \$15) for Dirty Santa Exchange

**Saturday  
Dec. 13, 2003**

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

### **Saturday, Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. Stockyards City Christmas Parade**

Meet at Exchange Ave. Baptist Church (corner of Penn Ave.) to form up for parade. Decorate your car and bring candy to throw to spectators.

**Sunday, Dec. 21—Kids Christmas Car Show  
at High Point Health Care** – Meet at Burger King, NE 23rd & I-35. Caravan leaves for High Point facilities at 1:30 p.m. Spend a few hours interacting with the young clients to show off your old car during their Christmas Party.

### **January 2-5 – Darryl Starbird Show:**

Go to Starbird's web site for info: [www.darrylstarbird.com/entryform.htm](http://www.darrylstarbird.com/entryform.htm)

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## FOUR THINGS I LEARNED... by Bill Washam



### The letter that came with my car...

*My father purchased this car in 1967, after deciding that our family needed a second car so that my mother could drive back and forth to work at Southern Memorial Hospital in Ardmore, Oklahoma. After many failed attempts at searching for the "perfect car", one day my father decided to stop at Norwood Chevy, which at the time was located in Ardmore, and have a look around.*

*While on the lot, a school teacher from Sulphur, OK drove up to sell a car that belonged to her son, who had been killed in the Viet Nam war. My father was immediately taken by the condition of the car. After finding out that this car had been up on blocks in storage for the past several years, he decided that this was exactly the car he had been looking for. Much to the horror of my mother, he didn't seem to mind that he paid more for it used, than was paid for it when it was new. The car had 2,300 miles on it when he purchased it. My dad proudly drove his 1957 Chevy home to show my mother his "new" car and to let her know that he decided she ought to drive their other car to work and he would be driving the 57, because he only had to drive to Ratliff City for work, which was a lot closer than Ardmore. Therefore reducing the wear and tear on the car and increasing the car's value for resale some day.*

*In 1972 my father once again put the 57 up on blocks and in storage, while he and my mother were in Saudi Arabia working for ARAMCO. There it sat, well protected for five years. After their return in 1977, the 57 has been either in storage or at car shows. It's safe to say, lately it's been more storage than shows, since my father's new loves are his mint condition Model T and Model A cars, which he also fully restored.*

*My father is now 76, his health is failing and my mother has suggested to him it's time to reduce the car inventory around our house. Reluctantly, he knows she is right and has decided to sell.*

This is the story of how I bought my 57 Chevy and some of the problems I encountered in getting legal title.

Three years had passed, since I sold my 61 Corvair and I was getting anxious to buy another old car. I decided to look for a 55, 56 or 57 Chevy. I never had one of these classics, but had wanted one since I saw my first 55 Chevy. After about two years of looking, a friend told me of a 57 Bel Air at Fantasia Classic Motors, Inc. in Edmond. At first I did not like the car. The paint on the passenger side was all cracked up. It had small tires on it and it did not run.

After reading the attached letter and visiting the car several more times I began to see some potential in this car. It had only had two owners and 90,204 actual miles on it. Everything was there and very little rust.

Fantasia was going to Las Vegas for a week and said I could keep the car while he was gone. During this time I had several mechanics and friends look over the car. They said it was all original and in good condition.

Fantasia returned after two weeks and by that time I was ready to buy the 57. A deal was struck at \$8,500 for the car and \$300 for his commission. I gave him a check for \$8,800 and thought the car was mine.

The next week I had the oil changed at a Goodyear Store on Northwest 50th. They recognized the car from working on it before and gave the lady's name who had the work done. She was selling the car for her father who lived near Ardmore. I was tickled pink. Now I could get all kinds of records, pictures, and history about the car. He had owned the car from 1957 to 2000. Boy, could I make a great scrap book!

After a short delay the daughter brought the title to Fantasia Classic Motors and was to exchange the title for her money. Fantasia did not show up for their 1:30 appointment nor did he show up all afternoon. The daughter tried to meet with Fantasia for the next two weeks, but Fantasia was not to be found. At this point I still believed Fantasia would pay them for their car.

About three weeks after I bought the 57 there was a fire at Fantasia Classic Motors. The building and several cars were burned up. I was still trying to help the daughter get her money, when I received a letter from their attorney wanting me to return the car to their family. I immediately locked the car in the garage and called my attorney.

I will skip the war between the attorneys. After two years and \$5,000 in attorney fees on my part, the judge said the car belonged to me. They were to sign over the title and reimburse us \$3,500 for attorney fees.

Then came the appeal which cost us another \$2,000 and no reimbursement this time. The Oklahoma Supreme Court heard the case and upheld the lower court and said the car was mine, and to turn over the title.

They had the original title from 1967. Needless to say, I got no history, paper work or pictures of the 1957 Chevy. The \$4,500 we spent on attorneys' fees could have been spent on renovation and two years passed before I could do much to the car. Also, I had developed a bad taste about the car and it lasted for another year. I now enjoy driving and having the 57.

### Things I learned:

- 1. Never sell a car on consignment.** The dealer may pay you—or not. You don't have much recourse against them.
- 2. If you buy a car on consignment** make a check out to the owners and one the the automobile dealer for his commission.
- 3. When two honest people deal with a crooked third party,** the courts have to determine which honest person will lose their money.
- 4. Attorneys are expensive.** We spent \$7,000 less the \$3,500 reimbursement. They spent \$10,000 on attorney's fees, paid us \$3,500 in reimbursement, and lost an \$8,500 car—for a grand total of \$22,000.

## Meeting minutes Nov. 2, 2003

Meeting as called to order by President: Bill Washam

Location: MW Wallpaper

**Minutes** of the last meeting were accepted as printed in Dashboard: Yes. Motion by: Mike Smith. Seconded by: Mel Harris

### Any OLD Business:

(1) Voted to do the 2006 National CCI Show - passed.

(2) Fall Foliage Trip - Some are meeting on Thursday and Friday-Contact John Drago.

### New Business:

(1) June 12th Snyder Show needs to be put on the calendar-ASAP -Bill Washam will check on this.

(2) December 6th, Stock Yards Parade need members to participate. We will be meeting at Exchange and Penn Church parking lot POC is Bill Washam.

(3) Christmas Dinner will be Saturday, December 13th at Cimarron Steakhouse - \$15.00 Dirty Santa Gift.

(4) Rustyne Harris asked if we could received Dashboard by e-mail to save on printing and stamps - con-

tact Diane Preston, if you have any questions.

(5) If your e-mail address has been changed please contact Diane Preston or Rustyne Harris.

**Treasurer's report** given by Rustyne: Passed

I made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:

Motion by: Jim Chesher, Seconded by: Mike Smith

### Upcoming Events:

(1) December 6th-Stock Yards Parade.

(2) December 13th - COCCC Christmas Party.

(3) April 2-4 2004 - Fair Grounds Street Rod Nationals.

(4) June 12-Snyders Show.

Dinner Cruise given by: to be announced in January Meeting. Date: Not at this time

Meeting adjourned at: 4:00 p.m. Motion by: Rustyne Harris. Seconded by: Jim Chesher

**NEXT MEETING** will be 1:00 p.m., December 13th at the Christmas Party (Cimarron Steakhouse).

## Fall Foliage Cruise

The Ozarks welcomed Chevy-owners from five states for our annual Fall Foliage Cruise the second weekend in November. Our group had full run of the Swiss Holiday Resort in Eureka Springs--using the club room for meeting, greeting, eating and chicken-feeting.

The early birds left OKC on Thursday to allow extra time for shopping, sight-seeing and the big bonus for the guys... a visit to H & H Classic Parts for Chevrolets in Bentonville, AR. Owners Herman and Liz Smith joined us for the weekend tours and activities. The rest of the Chevies showed up throughout the day Friday. Saturday was a gorgeous, nippy, autumn day. Great for riding the trolley downtown, strolling DOWN the unique, Victorian-era shopping area and ultimately CRUISING through scenic northwest Arkansas.

Our hosts Randy and Dollie Lou Resh from Cave Springs, AR planned a scenic drive with plenty of stops for "photo ops". The War Eagle Mill was the most scenic opportunity for our photos. A step back in time--even for our 50-year-old Chevies. The destination, of course, was the famed AQ Chicken Restaurant in Springdale, AR. The vittles lived up to their reputation. Our Saturday evening activity was the Music Show at the Ozark Mountain Hoe Down... a fun time.

From the Oklahoma City area were Larry & Annette Myers, Tom & Teresa Linn, Curtis & Kay Welch, Ken & Cici Monroe, Ron & Debbie Berger, Mike & Carole Smith, Mel & Rustyne Harris, Rodney & Martha Duerksen, Ken & Peggy Buchanan, John & Kay Lynn Drago, Rudy & Gloria Escalera, Ruby Watt, David & Linda Reeds, David & Mahala Jones, Marge & Bill Washam, Bill & Diane Preston.

From the Tulsa area were Ervin & Patsy Postier, Gary & Jeannie Baergen, Ken & Marsha Aikins, Gary & Jeannie Kirk, Jim & Donna Siegfried, Bob & Cheryl Plett.

We had a great group from Springfield, MO. Vern & Angie Vire, Barb & Ken Langley, Lorreta & Don Sunderland, Wendell & Jan Royster, Rex & Jo Shaffer, Bobby & Robin Goss.

From Arkansas were Randy & Dollie Lou Resh, Jess Tomlin & Judy Martin, Herman & Liz Smith. Glenn and Emma Krumm came from Wichita, KS and Ron and Debbie Berger from McKinney, TX.

Next year's cruise will be in eastern Oklahoma. Don't miss it! For more photos go to our web site [www.55-57chevys.com/coccc](http://www.55-57chevys.com/coccc).

## Website Traffic Explodes!!

### Greetings from Florida!

Shortly after we moved to Orlando, Charles and Marilyn Stookey relocated to the pacific northwest. As our club members spread out across this great nation, I am more and more thankful that I was able to provide a website for our club. For the past four years we have had a world-wide presence through our website.

I have had us listed on a number of major search engines on the internet for many years. Our website traffic has steadily increased over the years. I have been so busy with "life" that I have not taken the time to check the traffic reports generated by our web server in some time.

Last week during the end of October, I started getting messages from our server about exceeding our bandwidth limit. I was shocked, as when I set up this account four years ago I got the business account so we would not have any problems.

I have since had the limits raised for our web server so that there is no problem. I thought you might be interested in some web traffic numbers from the month of October.

- ▶ Total hits: 503,462 (*This is each time a web page is accessed*)
- ▶ Hits per hour: 676 avg., 5558 max.
- ▶ Unique visitors: 20,232 for October

I thought those numbers were worth mentioning! It looks like the world knows about the Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club!

All the best, Keith Marang  
COCCC Webmaster

## Show Chairman Says -

If you are going to a car show or event please contact Jim Chesher and I will contact the calling committee and will try to attend. Also, if you would like to have your car in Member's Pride please contact me. I will need to have a picture of your car and do a short interview.



# Scenes from the Fall Foliage Cruise-Eureka Springs

