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Special moments from Cruisin' OKC

Here's one for the books

By John Beasley
COCCC member

Here's one for the books. This was Judith's and my first car show. We were both pleased and excited to be participating in such a large event.

It was a lot of fun cruising with all the other classics on the road. Had the opportunity to fall in line with a hi-boy and some t-buckets on the way to the stock yards.

It was interesting to watch the heads spin as we would go by. Had a good time talking with the corvette gang.

Even learned a little bit about fiberglass as it pertains to cars. Can't begin to tell you how much fun it was. Really enjoyed the burn-out sessions that were going on at Crossroads.

Once we had set up our display in Bricktown, we really enjoyed ourselves. We had a Sonic theme set up as part of our display. Judith had dressed as a Sonic car-hop. She had the hat, shirt, and apron, the only thing missing was the roller skates.

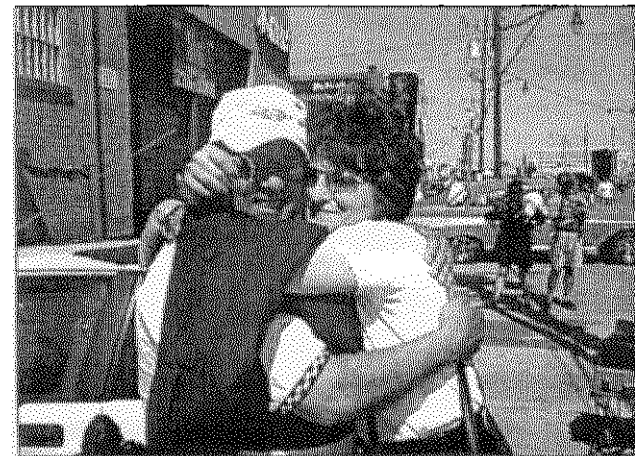
She made mention that her skating days were pretty much behind her. The '55 looked pretty good with all the paraphernalia displayed all over her.

Talking to all the different people. It was obvious to me the spectators were enjoying the show as much as we were. It's a lot of fun listening to the "I had one, my dad had one, or it was the first car I ever owned," stories.

One of the funniest things that happened to us while we were there, three teenage girls stopped to look at the car. One of the girls remarked about Jude's costume. A few hours later we were at Rocky's for a pit stop and some refreshment.

The three girls happened by the table. One girl ask Jude if she actually worked at a Sonic. When Judith said no, she turned to her friend and said "I told you so. No one that age works at the Sonic." I guess the '55 wasn't the topic of conversation as they walked away from our car.

Needless to say we had a great time. Got a bit of a tan, and met a lot of great folks. If that's not a great way to spend a Saturday I don't know what is.



Rodney Duerksen gets a hug for returning a bracelet this woman lost at the Bricktown venue of Cruisin' OKC.

An expression of thanks

By Kay Lynn Dragoo
COCCC First Lady

Unfortunately, none of the names of the people involved are known but anonymity can sometimes be the mark of strong character. During the excitement and hubbub of the show, a female participant lost her gold and diamond bracelet, a treasured gift from her hus-

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Tidbits

► John and Kay Lynn Dragoo received the following in the mail shortly after the Cruisin' OKC show.

"Dear John & Club Members,

Just a note to again thank you for choosing our car, #55, for best in the show. There were so many wonderful cars present, we were pleasantly surprised by this honor. We

really enjoyed the cruise and the show and appreciate the hours of work spent to make this so special.

See you next year.

Always,

1934 Ford Cabside — Suzie & Gary Medley"

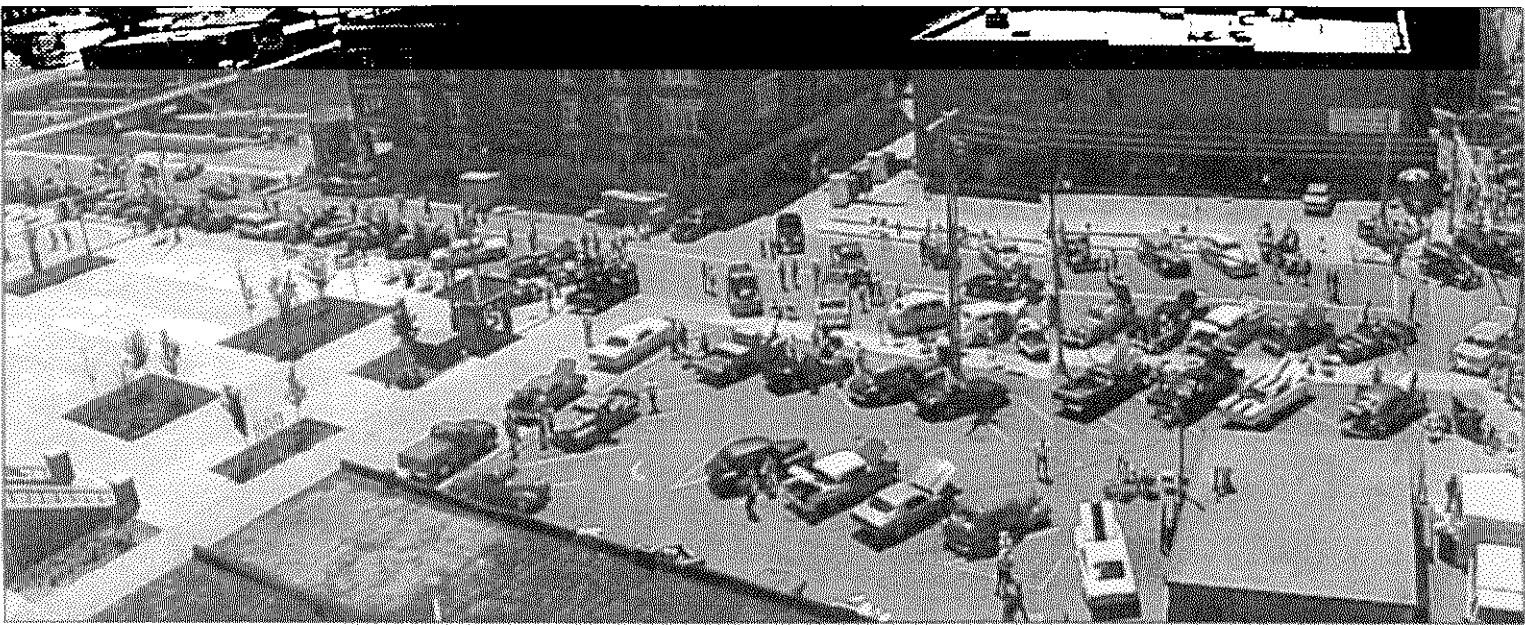
► In an e-mail the Dragoos received the

following:

"Marian Meacham wrote:

When is your "Cruisin' Bricktown" show?"

They thought about telling her May 12, 2001, but decided to instead thank her for her interest and gave her our web site so she could stay up to speed.



COCOC Photo by Richard Bair

This composite photo shows Mickey Mantle Boulevard as seen from the Bricktown parking garage. The Bricktown venue was the home base for this year's Cruisin' OKC.

Club puts another show under its collective belt

By Don Bays
COCOC Secretary

It's hard to believe, but I just completed my 10th major show with the Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club. Can you believe some of these old guys have done more? Ask one of them about the fairgrounds or Trooper Park shows.

Who remembers that the name of our Classic Chevy International convention in 1993 was called "Cruisin' OKC"? I think that was the name of this year's Bricktown show. In fact, if you didn't see me at the show, I was wearing an "official" Cruisin' OKC judges hat left over from 1993.

We're hoping to increase the number of active members who take an officer position this year. If we don't get some new

blood soon, all our ideas will start getting old!!

So if you think you'd like to try to become an officer, just whisper in my ear and I'll nominate you. Or try a shorter officers' ear if you want. Or just speak up when asked for volunteers.

I just can't get over the fact of seeing Tom White at the show and then hearing of his passing just over one week later. Quite a few club members attended memorial services for Tom, which were held at Vondel Smith & Sons on South Western. Our condolences to Ella and a prayer that your faith will comfort you.

Prior to this year's show, we had a meeting at each of the 3 locations to assure that we were familiar with the plan. Evidently things went well, with only the photographic disappointments

marring the beautiful day. How long since we've had a show that had not even a threat of rain?

Again, my hat is off to Larry Myers and John Dragoo, who each year seem to go above and beyond the call of duty to produce our show.

The only year in my memory where John & Larry had any break at all was '93 — and that was because Tracy Dungan & I managed to get some of the stuff done.

And this year, again, Rodney Duerksen stuck his neck out to be the show chairman. Folks, let's get some more people experienced at running the show and our club. We'll all help you figure out what to do. Just volunteer a little extra time! Our nominations for office are coming up.

We have been voting in July

and installing new officers in August. Hey, do you believe the quality of cars at this year's show? It sure was hard getting down to a Top 30. There were probably 100 or more cars that would score 900+ points in concours judging. If some of you participated and didn't get a trophy, don't feel too bad. Boy the competition was tough! And please understand, the emphasis this year was on cash prizes — the 30 trophies idea was added late in the planning stages.

Stay tuned to the Dashboard for more articles from me and info on the show — if you request it, we'll run a winner's list. And don't forget, you too can and should submit articles to The Dashboard. Everyone is a writer waiting to be unleashed. Let your cat out of the bag!

Thanks: COCCC president makes woman's day with return of bracelet

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band many years past. Another participant had found it and turned it in.

Eventually, the woman's search led her to our Show Chairman Rodney Duerksen. She perfectly described the

bracelet he had in his pocket. When he returned her jewelry, she was overwhelmed with emotion. Tears flowed and, with her husband standing at her side, she hugged Rodney again and again.

Her husband commented that he didn't think he had ever

had that big a hug from her which was evidence that she was quite proud to have it back.

A big thank you to the unknown participant who found the bracelet for turning it over to a club official so it would find its way back to the rightful owner.

All photos this page by Richard Bahr



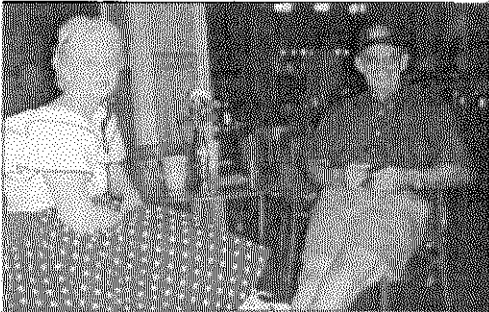
Rocky's Bricktown Music Hall once again provided a perfect setting for "A Taste of Bricktown" on Friday night. Here, Teresa Linn and Debbie Riley wait for the arrival of the first diners.



Rustyne Harris, Annette Myers, and Patty Gunther wait for another registrant at the registration table Friday night at Rocky's. The woman to Rustyne's right is from Rustyne's office and is unidentified.



Linda Bahr waits for another customer at the T-Shirt table at Rocky's



COCCC's First Family, John and Kay Lynn Dragoo, take a rest while waiting to greet the next registrant.

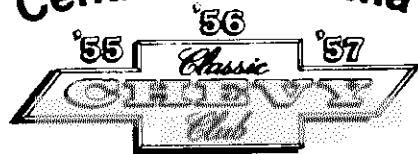


The photos above and below show the lineup of cars on Sheridan Avenue at the Bricktown venue of Cruisin' OKC.



Radio station KOMA took part in the Crossroads venue of Cruisin' OKC. Announcements on KOMA contributed greatly to this year's turnout.

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Next meeting:

Combined business meeting and dinner cruise with CC Riders and The Corvette Club. See below for details

Saturday, 4 p.m.

June 24

Important things to know

► The regular meeting date would have been the June 11, but John Dragoo's class reunion was that weekend and Larry wasn't available to conduct the meeting. The plan is to combine a dinner cruise and meeting on Saturday, June 24, 4:00 p.m. at Crossroads Mall. We will meet where Rodney Duerksen's venue was for Cruisin' OKC — The old J.C. Penny Auto Center on the Northwest corner of the Mall. The CC Riders and Corvette Club are invited to join us. Please bring your lawn chairs. The business meeting will last for one hour only, and then we will cruise to Johnnies on Northwest Expressway to eat where Ken has arranged for a dining room. See you there.

► Our thoughts are with Ella White on the death of her husband Tom. Tom had been a member of COCCC for several years and was well known for driving various unique vehicles. He will be missed.