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Help wanted

It's time for our annual show which means we all need to pitch and help out. Please, if you don't already have a job at the show, call one of the names listed here and offer to help out. It is always a rewarding experience and well worth the time.

StockyardsJohn Dragoo 366-8188
Crossroads.....Rodney Duerksen . . . 324-2228
BricktownLarry Myers 348-2502

Making amends

It has been brought to our attention that credit was never given for the naming of this newsletter. Several years ago, when we took over the newsletter again after a year's hiatus, we decided it needed a name. We asked for input from the membership and several suggestions were made. A vote was taken and The Dashboard was selected. Allow us to now express a much-delayed thank you to member Tom White for his suggestion of this name. The Dashboard regrets the error of omission.

CCI convention or not?

By Mel Harris
CCI State Rep

In 1993 with very little notice our club was called upon to host a CCI Convention.

Looking back, I think we were thrilled for being asked but also a little apprehensive at the same time. That show took place within a month of Bricktown and some questioned our state of mind for agreeing to have two major events so close together.

If my memory serves me correctly everyone worked as a team with Don Bays and demonstrated that we were up to the challenge.

Over the ensuing years I've heard people say they would like to see another convention here in Oklahoma City. So, during the March meeting I brought up the subject and the response was favorable.

After some discussion a vote was taken and most felt a fall show would be best. (From my point of view fall would mean late September, October or early November).

After that meeting I had a discussion with Joe Whitaker at CCI and feel his comments must be relayed to you.

Conventions depend on many things but people and cars are foremost.

That means, in order to attract the largest number of folks possible, we have to schedule a show during peak vacation time when kids are out of school. Now, as most of you know that would be the months of June, July and August. Therefore, to be successful again, I think we must reconsider our decision for a fall show and look at those three months.

With all of this in mind I would like to hear from each of you. Hopefully, we can have some discussion about different dates during our next meeting. Between now and then, take a look at your CCI Magazine and notice the dates this year for conventions.

I believe you'll see the only thing not done in the heat of the year is the show held in Orlando, Fla., during the month of February.

Bahrs help raise money for Big Brothers & Big Sisters

Richard & Linda Bahr were recently taking pledges for a bowling league. With their participation with oth-

ers from Century 21 Realtors, the league made over \$2000.00 for Big Brothers & Big Sisters. They say thanks to all those who helped.

Mayfest Car Show to be held May 20, in Mustang

This car show starts at 8 and runs until 4. There will be a parade, carnival and a poker run. Dash plaques

will be given to the first 100 cars. Contact Mark Byrd at 405-376-1083 for more information.

By Don Bays
COCCC Secretary

We welcomed a visitor from Kansas, Annette's mother from Wellington was a guest at our meeting. Glad to have you Mrs. Beene.

The prior meeting minutes were approved as printed in The Dashboard, thanks to Rustyne!

Mrs. Harris then gave the treasurer's report which showed us in decent \$\$'s shape.

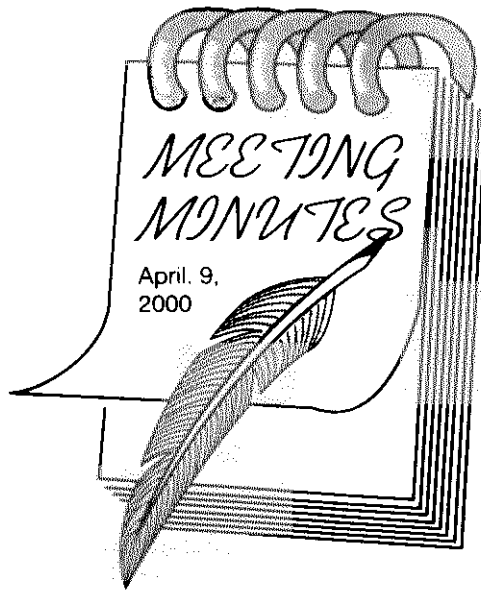
Annette then shared a proud announcement. Larry Jr.'s wife Traci gave birth to their first child, Brennen, on 4/7/2000. Congratulations to the Myers on the new grandson — children are such precious gifts.

Brennen took his first shopping trip with Mom & Aunt Katrina on Monday the 17th! Amazing how quick they get newborns out & about these days.

Imagine what health care costs would be like if it still took as long as it used to take to have things done in the hospital!

John announced some upcoming shows and presented the membership with the possibility of working for 60 cents an hour to enter the Metcalf show on June 17-18 at the fairgrounds. Snyder's IGA as presented by COCCC and Wynnewood are both June 3. April 22 is a show at Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech.

A motion to have a joint dinner cruise and last meeting before the Cruisin' Whatever 2000 show was made by yours truly and passed by the members present. This 4/16/2000 get-together will substitute for



our May meeting.

If you get this newsletter, here is your official invitation to join us at our annual show. Come down to Rocky's in Bricktown on Friday evening 5/12/2000 and we'll sell you a T-shirt and see what you'd like to help with on Saturday.

Bill Washam gave a report on the last dinner cruise which he and his wife arranged. About 24 German food fans converged on Keller-In-The-Kastle restaurant.

An official thanks was given to Charles and Marilyn for our nice newsletter, as named by longtime member Tommy Lee White.

Larry reported that there will be at least 30 silk screened round acrylic trophies at

this year's show. It was speculated that we might give these out for unusual accomplishments, such as: best oil leak; coolest cruiser; ladies choice and etc. This would be an effort to cut down on hurt feelings. The senior Myers has done another great job of getting sponsorships. The trophy cost is covered by donations.

Let's all make a real effort to thank our sponsors this year or even buy something from them!

Debbie said we all need to get our pool skirts out of mothballs for Cruisin' Bricktown-Friday Night. Everyone helping needs to be there by 4pm if at all possible. Bring desserts please. The restaurants are providing food. (Let me ask that we let our guests eat first this year)!

John reported that the permits are in place and all is well in Stockyards. The Bricktown permit has also been issued. Mike Conners reported that Crossroads Mall has some neat plans, including a live remote broadcast from KOMA radio. They will give us some promotion via "tags" on sponsors' commercials. Signs were discussed and the idea to get some made was OK'd on our 4/16 visit to the mall area.

Coke declined sponsorship, but has tried to help in the past, and has been a good friend.

Rudy Escalera is recovering from surgery. Thanks for volunteering your time & best wishes for a full recovery!

See you May 12 & 13 in Bricktown!

You know you live in Oklahoma if...

- ▶ A tornado warning siren is your signal to go out in the yard and look for a funnel.
- ▶ Someone you know has used a football schedule to plan their wedding date.
- ▶ You can properly pronounce Eufaula, Gotebo, Okemah and Chickasha.
- ▶ You can remember the name of the last state legislator to introduce a bill involving castration, and he didn't mean farm animals.
- ▶ You can recall hot summers by the year they happened easier than you can remember your mother's birthday.
- ▶ You think that people who complain about the wind in other states are sissies.
- ▶ It doesn't bother you to use an airport named for a man who died in an airplane crash.
- ▶ A bad traffic jam involves two cars staring each other down at a four-way stop, each determined to be the most polite and let the other go first.
- ▶ You know in which state Miam-uh is and in which state Miam-ee is.
- ▶ Your "place at the lake" has wheels under it.

Metcalf Car Show planned for OKC Fairgrounds

The club has received information on the Metcalf Car Show in OKC June 17-18, at the OKC Fairgrounds. They have rented the Fairgrounds, all 8 buildings, for this show and say they have one exclusively for Classic & Late Great Chevy's. They have 22 spots available for 55-56-57's.

There is no registration fee to enter and they use a phone-in reservation system, you don't even have to send in a form.

They have 45 classes for both stock and modified cars, and these will be judged by 10 independent judges.

Additionally, everyone who

preregisters before May 20 will be put into a special draw. One winner will be drawn and will get a half day at the Team Texas Driving School. The winner will get 10 laps on the Texas Motor Speedway in a NASCAR Chevy.

The official show hotel is the Clarion on Meridian. The hotel has reduced rates for car show people. Free breakfast is offered and free shuttle service will run several times a day from the hotel to the front gate of the show.

Facilities will be open all day Friday the 16th for set up.

Please call Warren Metcalf, (918) 272-7960, for more information.

I did it I am proud

Dragoo perseveres and earns her Bachelors Degree

► Mid-America Bible College proves the answer to a thirst for knowledge

By Kay Lynn Dragoo
Class of 2000, COCCC member

My story began in 1962. I graduated from Tecumseh High School and started the University of Oklahoma that fall. Even though coming from a highly educated family, I never got around to completing a college degree.

My father and mother each held masters degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

In 1963 I quit OU full time and went to work attending night school until my husband John and I started a family.

Start and stop

My college history included sporadic semesters of night school until I went as far as I could at OU.

OU doesn't offer a bachelors degree program through night school.

John, and our son John David, both graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma.

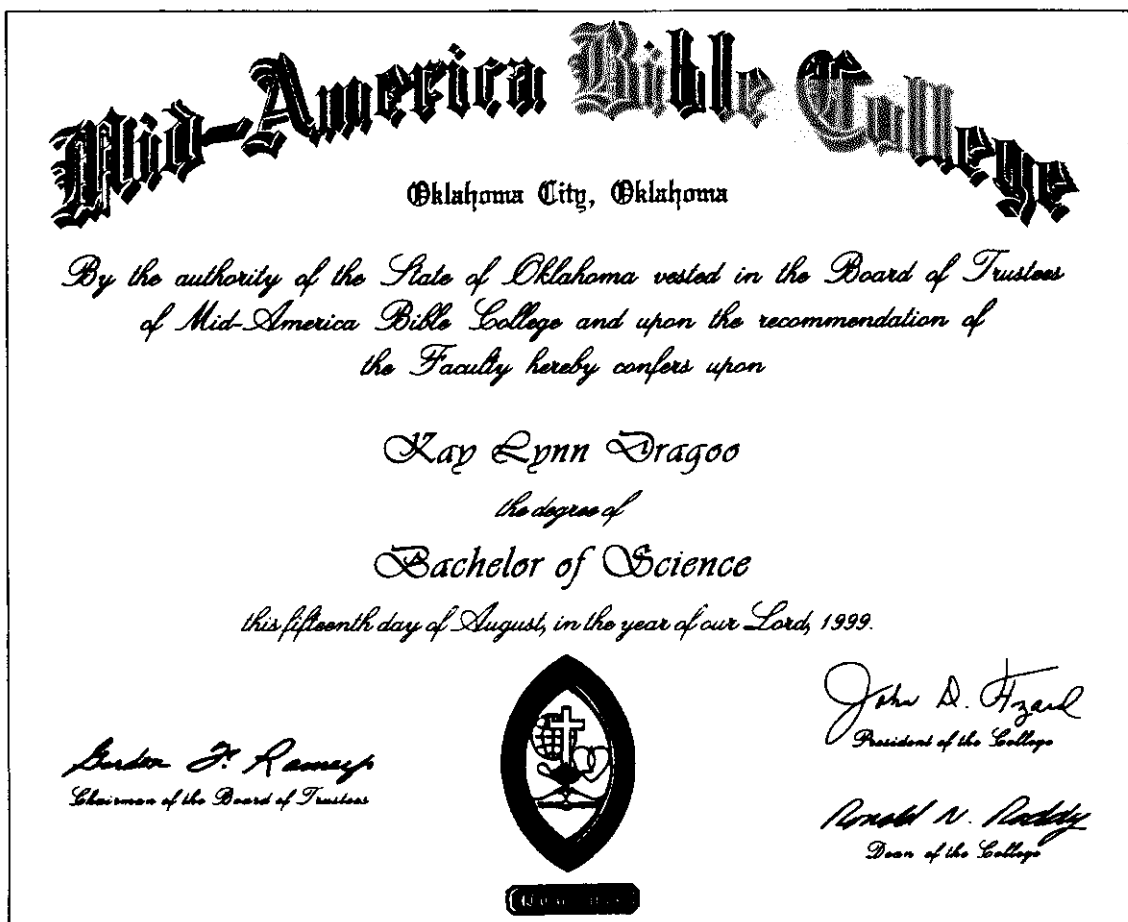
Our daughter, Suzette, earned a Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University.

Emotionally, I always felt lacking in this area.

When one starts something, one should complete it.

In August 1997, we heard about Mid-America Bible College, and I wanted to try once again; so, I signed up.

It was obvious that I was the oldest person in my classes, but I felt a general acceptance among my classmates.



Thanks to the incredible support I received from my wonderful husband and mother, Goldia Crouch, I was successful in prioritizing time for schoolwork.

If John wanted to do something other than watching rented movies while I studied, he never complained.

Mom did more than her share holding down the household chores allowing me extra time.

Lots of work

Upon reflection, it seems I was always needing to read a book and facing a deadline to complete homework, or write a paper.

My research paper was titled "Impaired or Inspired."

The paper examined why some people with disabilities sit back and let the world go by while others achieve fulfilling lives.

I had to find time for research and composition of this small book in addition to regular schoolwork.

A bit day

August 15, 1999, was a big day; I completed my last class almost two years to the day since I had started back to school.

It was a literature class, and I still had an exit paper to write but finished it a couple of weeks later.

I intended to discard the gray canvas bag that I carried back

and forth to classes and held my every present homework.

However, this bag became symbolic, and I find I am unable to toss it.

On May 6, 2000, I will walk across the stage at Mid-America Bible College and officially receive my degree, a rite of passage that took me 37 years to accomplish.

I DID IT AND I AM PROUD!

The piece of paper says CUM LAUDE, and this fills me with pride. However, the meaningful reward is self-fulfillment.

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Next meeting:

Bricktown, Stockyards City or Crossroads Mall — wherever your you have chosen to contribute your assistance.

Friday night's Tast of Bricktown held at Rocky's will once again kick off the event this year. Please bring a dessert and yourself for a great night of greeting registrants and showing off your car.

**Saturday, 7 a.m.
May 13**

Important things to know

▶ Your participation in the Millennium Cruise is necessary to the success of the event. Sure it is work, but it's also a lot of fun to help run this show. Just the satisfaction of seeing pleased attendees is worth the effort. Let's all pull together to make this a cruise to remember.

▶ Nomination of officer candidates is fast approaching. Please consider running for one of the offices that are elected. EVERY elective office is up for grabs. Please consider allowing your name to be put into nomination for one of the elected positions.

▶ The Dashboard is appreciative of the influx of articles. We have a few saved back for the next issue but keep them coming. Short, long or in between all are welcome. This is the last edition of the Dashboard that will be produced on the trusty Performa 630CD. As this is written a brand new, screaming fast, Macintosh G4 is sitting in the living room and we're itching to open it. We have purchased a real, live, copy of Quark Xpress, Freehand, AppleWorks and are eager to produce the next issue.