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Block party rocks Biloxi

Oklahoma Chevies make the news

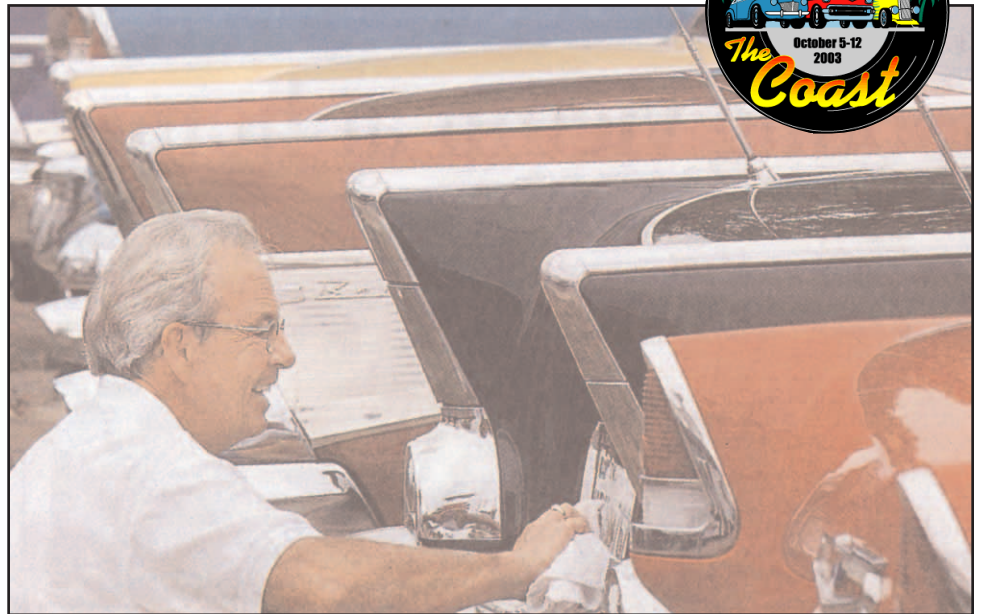
BILOXI – Cruisin' the Coast, a nationally recognized classic car event, has expanded to an entire week of drag races, top-name '50s and '60s entertainment, automotive displays, casino activities and special events. This year's cruisin' kicked off with a pre-party on Oct. 5 and a Cruise-In at Copa Casino.

Activities filled the week, ending Oct. 12 with the grand finale hosted by traditional emcee Dennis Gage. Cruisin' The Coast has become a major tourism outlet for the Mississippi coast and the biggest special event in the state of Mississippi.

Car enthusiasts from more than 35 states and Canada drive to the Coast once a year to showcase and cruise a variety of antique, classic and hot rod automobiles at designated stops along the Coast, including Ocean Springs, Biloxi, D'Iberville, Gulfport, Long Beach and Bay St. Louis.

Cruisin' the Coast offers an opportunity for visitors to showcase their custom vehicles, view the array of antique, classic and hot rod automobiles along 26 miles of scenic Coastal beaches and the Gulf of Mexico and party with the top entertainment of the mid-20th century.

Cruisin' the Coast began in 1996, when the Mississippi Gulf Coast Gaming Association decided to host an event that would attract more visitors to the area. In its inaugural year, the event drew 374 registered vehicles from neighboring states. Since then, the event has grown exponentially. Cruisin' the Coast officials decided that the maximum number of registered vehicles will stand at 6,000 to prevent overcrowding at the popular event. The economic impact of the event has grown from \$1 million to \$7 million during the



John Dragoo of Norman, Okla., polishes the tag on his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Wednesday during the Cruisin' The Coast event in downtown Biloxi. John and Kay Lynn Dragoo, David and Mahala Jones, David and Linda Reeds, Ron and Debbie Berger, Annette and Larry Myers, Kay and Curtis Welch, and Rodney and Martha Duerksen, were the members of the Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club who made the trip this year. In previous years, as many as 21 members of the club have come for the event.

first five years and is now estimated at between \$10 million and \$12 million.

Other events surrounding Cruisin' include the annual ICA Auto Auction. Antiques, muscle cars and street rods were represented along with a contingent of European and exotic vehicles.

This year, cruisers had the opportunity to win a 1932 Ford Roadster Highboy custom built by Street Dreams Inc. of Gulfport. Raffle tickets were sold during Cruisin' the Coast. Other Cruisin' activities include at swap meet, casino poker run, drag racing, a sock hop in D'Iberville. This year, Cruisin' the Coast will donate \$10,000 to Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Meet Dennis Gage of *My Classic Car* or just kick back with your buddies and some of the locals and enjoy a cookout topped with a good helping of camaraderie, relive memories or just swap stories. Cruisin' The Coast is not just your average car show... it's a Bumper-to-Bumper Blast! 5,500 Registered cars came to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to enjoy Cruisin' The Coast. 19,189 attended the CTC 2003 Swap Meet. Next year's CTC will be October 3-10, 2004. So floor it to Cruisin' The Coast for a trunk full of memories and miles of fun by pre-registering today. For Cruisin' The Coast® information visit www.cruisinthecoast.com or call (228) 385-3847 or (888) 808-1188.

Meeting minutes Oct. 12, 2003

Central Oklahoma



Meeting as called to order by President: Bill Washam. TIME: 3:00 p.m. Location: M & W Wallpaper

There were 20 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in Dashboard: Passed

Motion by: Ruby Watt Seconded by: Mike Smith

Treasurer's report given by Rustyne Harris: Passed. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report: Motion by: Ken Buchanan Seconded by: Mike Smith

Any OLD Business: (1) It was brought up on where to meet for the Fall Foliage trip. To be discussed at the next meeting.

(2) Charles and Marilyn Stookey arrived at Washington state OK and they are doing fine.

Business: A Card was signed by members to be given to Smitty.

New Business: (1) Donna Cheshier announced that she will be secretary.

(2) Members voted to have a CCI International Conference Show in 2006. Motion was made by Rudy Escalera and Seconded by Ken Buchanan. Mel Harris will be in charge, Date not set. Mel Harris will be checking into what CCI will cover (i.e. T-Shirts, Trophies, security, etc.) CCI will give \$3,000.00 to the club after the show.

(3) Shows for 2004 being considered (example: Brick town, Automotive Alley, Sonic Corp HQ) James Cheshier and Larry Myers will get together on this.

(4) Need to be thinking about Fall Foliage for next year. Possible Beavers Bend.

Dinner Cruise to be given by: Bobby Burton. Date: 25 Oct. 03 Meet at: M& W Wallpaper Time: 3:00 (Leave at 3:30)

Next meeting date will be: 2 November 2003, at 3:00, M&W Wallpaper

Meeting adjourned at: 3:45 Motion by: Rudy Escalera Seconded by: James Cheshier

Member's Pride



1956 Belair Black 2-Door Hardtop

Owned by: Mel and Rustyne Harris, Oklahoma City OK

I had been looking at Late Greats, was thinking on buying a 1957. A friend of mine had looked at the 56's earlier when it was disassembled and didn't want it. I was told about the car after it was assembled. It didn't have an interior, but it did have good floors and a sound body. So I went ahead and purchased it.

GOODIES: This is an all-original car - 265 V-8, three on the tree, AM radio, wide whites, and fender skirts.

FUTURE PLANS: Considering late model running gear, A/C, and power steering.

OTHER CARS: I had a 55, second series P/U, that I had purchased from Harry Pouder. I sold it to a person in McAlester.

Eureka Springs Fall Foliage Cruise November 7-9, 2003

Lodging at: Swiss Holiday Resort, 2015 E. Van Buren, 1-888-582-2220

Overflow motel: Pinetop Lodge, 2035 E. Van Buren, 1-800-643-2233

Plans for those wishing to tour from OKC as a group will be made at the November 2 meeting.

► Schedule:

- **Friday:** Check-in at motel. Shopping or sight-seeing in Eureka Springs on your own. Chalet will be open all day for visiting.
 - 5 pm** Leave to eat dinner in Eureka Springs
 - 6 pm** Dinner at Ozark Village Restaurant
 - 8 pm** Leave for short cruise to the Christ of the Ozarks Statue, Eureka Springs. Roughly 5 miles from the motel.
- **Saturday:**
 - 7 am** Breakfast at the Chalet. Chalet will be open all day for visiting.
 - 9 am** Trolley starts running for shopping and sightseeing. (*trolley \$3.50 per day, stops at motel, downtown & shopping areas*)
 - Lunch** On your own.
 - 1 pm** Leave for 100 mile cruise to Northwest Arkansas. Stops at Withrow Springs State Park and the War Eagle Mill (*great photo opportunity*).
 - 3:30 pm** Reservations at the AQ Chicken Restaurant in Springdale (*dine where the Presidents eat*). Room reserved for private dining. Order off the menu and 15% gratuity will be added to the bill.
 - 5 pm** Return to Eureka Springs
 - 8 pm** Music Show at the Ozark Mountain Hoe Down. Actual show starts at 8 pm, but the pre-show starts at 7:30. \$13.50 group rate, if one person pays. Approx. 1 mile from motel.
 - 10 pm** Social gathering in Chalet (*bring your favorite game*)
- **Sunday:**
 - 7 am** Continental breakfast at Chalet
 - 11 am** Check out time at the motel

Chalet available for our use all weekend. Golf available (call motel Oct. 27-31 to book tee time)

Fall is great for Car Shows and Cruises!

We want to know about any events you participate in. Give Diane a call.

Guthrie Road Show

A gorgeous day for a car show and a wonderful setting under the trees in Mineral Wells Park in Guthrie. More things to do downtown with craft vendors, quilt displays in many of the stores and lots of other stuff to do! The sponsoring club gave away \$1,000 in a random drawing of the cars entered. Top 20 Cars were decided by popular vote of the entrants. Bill Preston's 1956 Nomad placed in the top 20. Top 10 won jackets. Participants were also treated to free entry to see "Seabiscuit" at the local drive-in theater Saturday night.

City of Springs Car Show

The attraction of the prizes offered by the Chamber of Commerce of Sulphur, OK took us to this show on a VERY HOT August Saturday. Downtown streets were lined with 180 very nice cars. The top prize was a very nice open car trailer. They also gave away a trip to Las Vegas and a Bed & Breakfast weekend in Sulphur. Bill Preston's 1956 Nomad won first in the 1950s class. That same night was a massive Coit's cruise night here in Oklahoma City!!! Lots of fun, great cars and good friends!

Viejiltos Car Club Show

Viejiltos Car Club hosted their first annual show at Woodson Park on Sunday, September 7. Classic Chevy Club members, Bill Preston and Rudy Escalera had their Chevies there.

The club gave out 500 hamburgers, 200 hundred hot dogs, chips and drinks free of charge. There was a donation bottle for those who wanted to donate to the club. Viejiltos Vice President Rudy Escalera and Gloria Escalera spent their day at the grill.

There were about 75 cars from clubs in Texas, Tulsa, Lawton and Oklahoma City. Promoted to include Low Riders and other non-classic cars, the show was well-attended by much younger spectators than we're used to seeing. Great event!

Airborne Powder Coating Show

Ken Buchanan and Annette and Larry Myers each won \$100 Airborne gift certificates at this Sept. 20th show at Airborne's location at 39th Expwy. and Tulsa Street. True and Sherry Osborn, Ken and Cecilia Monroe and Bill Washam also brought their cars out.



Hafer Park Show

Ben Byers (pictured above) was COCCC's lone member showing at this well-attended local show, Sat., Sept. 27. Of course, he brought a lot of cars. Lots of other car clubs were well-represented.

Francis Tuttle Show

Saturday, Sept. 27 Larry Myers and Bill Washam had their cars on display for the Automotive Careers open house at Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech. A great opportunity to see the newest in paint and body work technology at this local training facility. Don't miss it next year! (pictured below) Larry with Richard Jones, auto body instructor.



Last Run Car Show

Bill Preston showed at the Arkansas City, Kansas Tumbleweeds 28th Annual Car Show, Sept. 26-28. Over 900 cars at this three-day show. Great prize drawings.

Good Guys Ft. Worth

Larry and Annette Myers and Bill and Diane Preston entered the Good Guys Show at Texas Motor Speedway held Thursday-Sunday, October 2-5. 1700 cars registered. Sunday was a wash out, but Bill and Diane still went out to enter the final prize drawing... still didn't win anything, even with only 200-300 entrants eligible!



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Next meeting:

**The October meeting will be held at
M & W Wallpaper, 3000 N. MacArthur,
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**Sunday
Nov. 2, 2003**

Important things to know

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