



The Dashboard

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Thanks to those who care to get involved

To the Editor:

The very first thing I want to say is that I am proud to be a member of the Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club. It is a given that the next words I write will receive the approval of some and the disapproval of others. These are my feelings alone, there is no intention of setting forth the thoughts or beliefs of anyone else (although I suspect that there are some who feel the same way).

First I would like to personally thank those club members who have in the past, present or future

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stepped forward and taken on the responsibility of being a club officer. Every year, it seems we beg people to take on these positions. Every year the same people come forward. They wait, in the hope that someone else will show the desire to take the challenge, then at the end come back and do it for "one" more year. And so it goes. Bravo to you guys, and THANKS.

EGOS: I have never been involved with any organization that has so many egos. Over the past few years I have seen grown men nearly break down in tears and offer to quit the club because of someone's ego. This is bull. It has always been that if a job needed to be done, it got done. Then of course, someone gets mad because they wanted it done differently. Oh, well.

A few years ago, we had a club member quit. I was really angry with him because of his reason for quit-

ting. He said, "I don't like the way things are being done, but I don't care enough to work to change them. So, I'm going to quit." I would like to take this opportunity to say if you don't like how things are being done, then step forward and help get them done differently. Otherwise, stuff the egos.

Web site: It is great! Thanks Keith for all the hard work and time. It isn't always easy to put forth the effort necessary to go the extra mile. If any of you have not seen the web page please make the effort to do so. As a club, we can be very proud of it.

Thanks Keith for the job you have done.

Newsletter: Here's a tough one. For years Charles and Marilyn have done an excellent job with the newsletter. They have exhausted their resources as well as their bodies. Folks, these two people need help. Send pictures (you will get them back) send short or long stories. These can be about anything. Maybe you went to a car show (what a concept) and would just like to tell about the experience. Could you have had an especially good time at a dinner cruise? Did something happen in your area during the dinner that others don't know about. Tell it. Have you had an experience as a teenager or even an adult that would be of interest. No one can tell me that with these old cars some of you haven't had an experience working on, breaking down, finding parts or just meet-

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Kellers the Kastle hosts dinner cruise

By Marilyn Stookey
COCCC member

The March dinner cruise location was Kellers the Kastle and this wonderful old home was beautifully done.

It was German food and very, very good. I was lucky to have experienced and enjoyed this type of food before and since I had a friend with me whose grandmother is German so we knew what we liked.

The house has a history and did sit empty for several years. It was begun just after WWII and has 10-inch thick walls, has turrets and the outside is stone.

The woodwork is something to see and it seems to me the builder had to be a craftsman. Many matched grain patterns and lots of storage that still houses the normal things a home would have in the cabinets.

We found a sewing machine and books in the cabinets behind our table. Yes, you could go check out the fireplace and mantle, the furniture and we even opened the cabinets as I've said.

The owner still lives in an apartment on the second floor. It seems to me that this could easily be turned back into a home with very little effort. I would love to bring the kitchen home with me, windows, glass bricks and again lots of storage.

We would like to thank Bill and Marge Washam (some of our newest members) for putting together this cruise.

John Drago "won" and will host the next cruise.

Attending this cruise were, Buchanans, Chaffins, Bahrs, Dragoos, Clemons, Daniels, Duerksens, HARRIS, Welches, Bohns, Washams, Marilyn Stookey and friend Peggy Lazure.

My truck made its first club outing. Did everyone see the "stripes." Charles came up with the idea and I thought it was great. It still has one thing to go before it's complete and hopefully it will be completed the next time we meet.

By Rustyne Harris
COCCC Treasurer

March 12, 2000 meeting held at A & W Drive-In at 89th and S. Western.

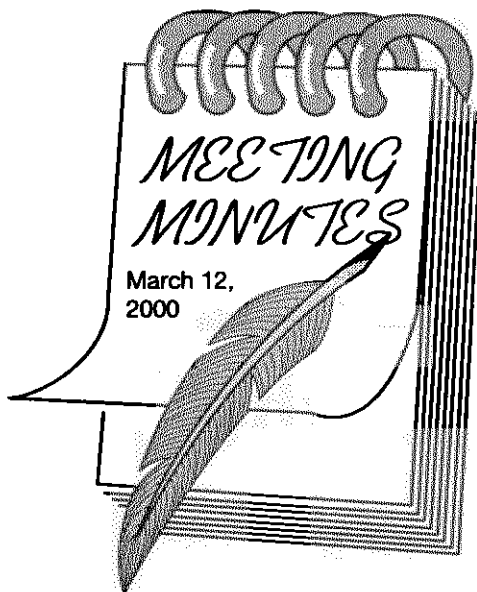
► John started the meeting promptly at 2:00 p.m. A call was made for guest and/or new members. We were introduced to Marcus Hayes' dad, Bruce Hayes and his quest along with new member John Knowles. John drives a "55 Nomad.

► The February meeting minutes were accepted as printed in The Dashboard. Motion was made by The King and 2nd by Rustyne Harris.

► Treasury report, given by Rustyne Harris, indicates our normal stable financial condition. Mention was made, once again that several members still have not paid the current year's dues.

► A request for a report on the upcoming Fall Foliage Tour was made. We were sorry to hear that Kay Lynn had a 106 degree basketball fever and wasn't able to attend the meeting. Sure hope her condition improves quickly.

► New business was called for. An announcement was made about the March dinner cruise to be on March 18. Bill and Marsha Washam are the host. The Snyder Car Show in June is in need of door prizes and photographers. Martha Duerksen and Richard Bahr said they would take pictures. Suggestions were made for this years "Cruisin' Oklahoma City" charities. It was decided to donate our profits this year to the City Rescue Mission and the Central Oklahoma Clown Association. There was mention made of several upcoming car shows. Anyone going to these shows needs to take our "Cruisin' Oklahoma City" fliers with them. See Larry for fliers. Rustyne is going to mail about 500 flyers to past Bricktown show participants.



► Mel Harris, Oklahoma CCI representative asked everyone how they would feel about hosting another CCI Convention. The idea was well received. It was decided to try for Fall 2001.

► This year's show T-Shirt will be offered for sale on our web-site. This should be very productive judging by the number of hits we are receiving on the site.

► Old business included a report from Annette Myers on the CC Riders Spring Dance. She stated that the event was well attended and fun was had by all.

► "Cruisin' Oklahoma City" report: Larry Myers opened by reporting that we are to have control over where the vendors can park on the street. There has been no negative feed back from the merchants this year. Also, that React is available as well as the Police Horseback officers for Stockyards and the Bicycle officers for Bricktown. Crossroads Mall has its own security. Everything is going well in the Stockyards

area, as reported by John Dragoo. Rockin' Randall will be the D.J. for the Bricktown area and Kent Jones with KOMA will handle the job at Crossroads Mall. Mel Harris reported that he had received written notice of intent to purchase the 600 dash plaques for this year's show. It seems that all is going well. It was decided that a letter should be sent to all area merchants at all three locations explaining what to expect on show day in regards to changes in the daily routines.

► A sad note in this area. Rodney Duerksen, Show Chairman, submitted his resignation from this post, due to increased workload at his job. John accepted with reluctance. He also asked for someone to step forward to take this position, no one did at the time. However, after the meeting was over Rudy Escalera said he would be glad to help. His help was gladly accepted. The executive officers met with Rodney after the meeting requesting that he retain the position as show chairman with Rudy as co-chairman. This will allow Rodney the freedom he needs plus let him see the idea of his "Cruisin' Oklahoma City" take shape.

► The meeting ended with John trying to give away door prizes. He had some body lotion for the ladies and a wrench for the gentlemen. This started a debate on why a wrench was gender specific. This generated the kind of fun only our group can come up with. The first lady whose number was chosen, turned the gift down. This was Martha, she sells Avon. The first man, Larry, said he had all the tools he needed, so also passed. John said he had never had so much trouble giving things away. He ended up giving everything to guests and new members. Ask John Knowles how he enjoyed the body lotion. J.D. Clemons made motion to adjourn, Ken Buchanan 2nd. So done.

COCCC beginning to corner the market on Web domain names

By Keith Marang
COCCC Webmaster

I have exciting news about our We site. I have registered four new domain names.

All of those domains, as well as the current base domain will soon point to the COCCC site.

No, the current URL for the site will not change. I am not moving the site again. All of the new URL's will be "pointed" to the current site.

The following URLs will access our Web site:

www.55-57chevys.com
www.coccc.com
www.oklahomachevys.com
www.okclassics.com
www.autolinks.org
(and our current domain name ...
www.55-57chevys.com/coccc)

This should help our site get even more access.

Right now we are averaging 110 hits a day.



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ing someone new that you couldn't tell a story about. Please make the effort to help fill up the newsletter. Not everyone in the club has a computer so they count on THE DASHBOARD to let them know what's going on. We need the newsletter. Again, this is a job no one else ever steps forward to do. A big thanks Charles and Marilyn for a great job.

Above and Beyond: It is not my intention to slight anyone who has worked for and with this club and its projects. There have been many that have gone above and beyond. You all know who these people are. They each deserve to be mentioned but time and space will not allow it. Just let me say thanks to you all.

Along this line, let me say that I have been a member of COCCC since late 1992 and an officer continuously since 1994. In all these years there have been two men who have always come forward. These two men have knocked on doors, attended meetings, fought for our cause, installed equipment on top of buildings, organized shows, given time and money, tears and sweat, barked at us and consoled us. They have been impromptu mechanics and sometimes arbitrators. Have worked tirelessly and have been tired. Some of the things they do have been popular and some haven't. There have been toes stepped on and backs patted. They haven't run the club alone, there have

been many members who have helped as officers, event or committee chairpersons, prize getters or work doers, they have been leaders and tried to be teachers. Both are always ready to open their hearts for the club and its members. In the event of things these two have taken more criticism than any other member in this club. Why? Because they are out doing things, that's why. They are our friends. THANK YOU John and Larry for all you have done, are doing and will do in the future. YOU ARE BOTH APPRECIATED

Membership: It has been said that there is a clique within our club and some people resent it. Well let me tell you something, there is most certainly a clique involved with the club. It is called the COCCC membership. All of us are members, all of our thoughts, wishes and desires for the club are important. We all matter. That is the clique, come join it and quit complaining about how "it" does things.

We have had many members come and go. In the past I think it was because we always seemed to be working. All work and no play make for a dull club. Well, that has all changed. We have our monthly dinner cruise. If you haven't attended one of these you should. You don't have to drive your "old" car. This months dinner saw only one old car (thanks Ken and Peggy). It was the weather, don't you know. We go for the fellowship. Oh yes, for food also. Believe it or not working on Bricktown can also be fun.

And those of us who worked on the High Pointe Christmas had a ball. The "Float the Coast," sorry I meant Cruisin' the Coast was a blast. The Snyder show is lots of fun and good food to. No one could work any harder than John has to make our monthly meeting fun. He has tried to make the business part short and sweet with lots of fun thrown in at the end.

If there is anyone who has an idea on fun things to do, get busy and organize. You lead and we will follow.

DUES: As you are all aware, any funds our club makes outside of the dues go to our charities. The dues pay for our club expenses, such as this newsletter and the postage along with other operating expenses. Every year in November we start reminding members that the coming years dues need to be paid. They are due in January. Every March there are those who still haven't paid. I thought about listing names here but decided not to bother. You know who you are. So to that end, we are having a business meeting on April 9th, if your dues are still unpaid at that time you will be removed from our membership rolls. This is the last newsletter you will receive, the calling committee will not call and you will not be included in any club activities. Renewal dues are \$20.00.

A proud COCCC member
and Treasurer
Rustyne Harris

COCCC briefs

Backing up

Ask Freddie H. for tips on backing a truck out of shop doors. He should also be able to give you some good pointers on sandblasting old car parts.

Lost her cherry

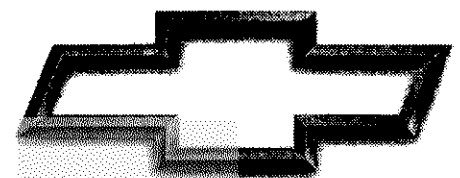
If you have ever had a waiter in a restaurant take away your plate before you have finished with it, you know how unfulfilled that can leave you. Well just ask Martha D. what happens when the waiter takes her uneaten cherry from her desert at the last dinner cruise. Needless to say, she ended up with three brand new cherries and a waiter who will probably think twice before taking another ladies unfinished plate.

Mustang Poker Run

Last weekend. March 25th Mel and

Rustyne Harris, Steven and Jackie Bohn and Rodney and Martha Duerksen enjoyed an evening of fun at the first monthly Mustang Poker Run and Car Show. This is an event that several area businessmen in Mustang get together and put on just for fun. They start in the Spring and go though the Fall (weather permitting). Registration is about 5:30 p.m. at All Season Builders Supply. You pay \$5.00 for your Poker card, 5 area locations are setup for card draws thus a cruise and then everyone meets back at the Mustang Sonic. The Drive-In sets aside several parking places for the show cars and fun is had by all. We will try to get information on next month's run if anyone is interested in joining the fun.

— Rustyne Harris



Get involved

Shortly after the Cruisin' Oklahoma City show it will be time for nomination of officers to serve the 2000-2001 term.

All position are available. If anyone out there wants to take the reins of any of the positions now is the time to make your desire known. The elected offices are: president, co-vice president (2), secretary, treasurer, show chairman, newsletter editor.

Take this opportunity to contribute to the operation of the club.

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Next meeting:

Same time. Same place. Hope to see you at the A & W Drive-In at 89th & S. Western. Hope the weather is nice and we get those cars out of the garage. What a treat they are to see.

Sunday, 2 p.m.
April 9th

Important things to know

► Come to the meeting to get a calendar of events. I've combined the OHRA and KOMA calendars and have added some more information. When we have it finished we are going to put it on our website. Keith is working on how to put it in so the local shows and the Classic Chevy events are separated. We are always getting inquiries for this information. If you know of other shows, let us know.

I am sure there are plenty of places to help with the "Cruisin' OKC" show. Be sure to let Rodney know you are available to help. If you need shirts let Rustyne know immediately. If you can collect a door prize or two it would be greatly appreciated and does not have to be car related.

Remember after Cruisin' OKC we need to catch our breath and ask Jerry Webb if he is needing help at Snyder's. This is a fun show and a great place to visit your friends. It is very laid back and easy.