

# The Dashboard

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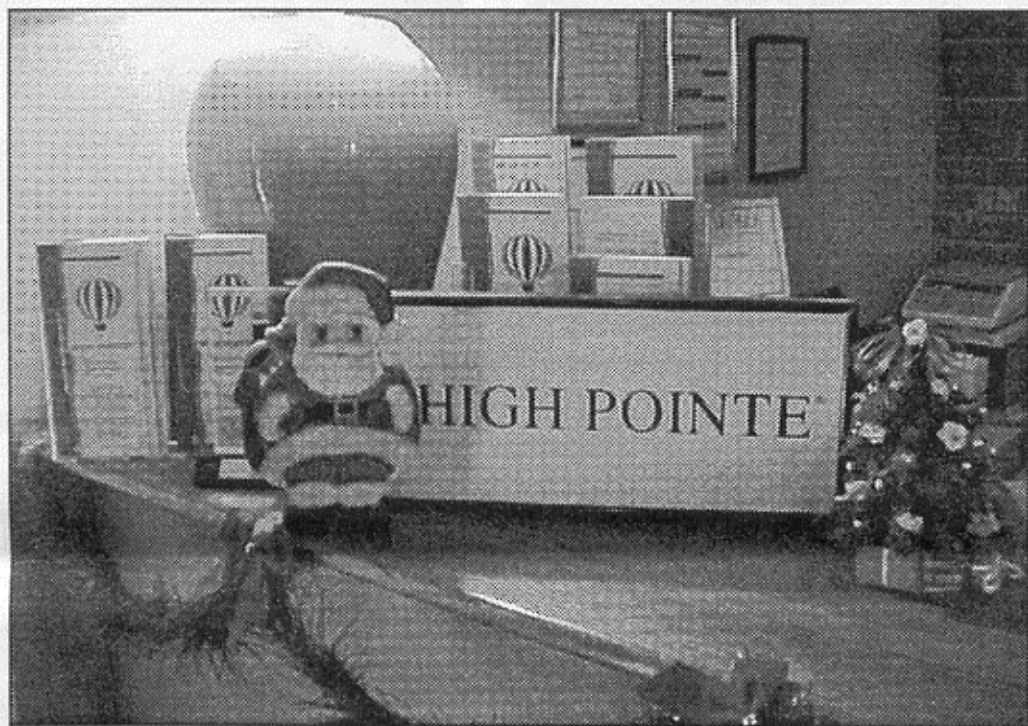


Photo by Richard Bahr

2000 ended with another successful cruise to High Pointe. The residents and club members all had an wonderful time. If you've never attended this event be sure to mark your calendar now for the 2001 version.



Photo by Richard Bahr

Santa and one of his helpers get ready to unload presents from the sleigh.



Photo by Richard Bahr

David Reeds gets a turn on Santa's lap

## Do you believe in Merlin magic?

By Martha Duerksen

COCCC member

Welcome to the world of Merlin's magic, David Reeds style, Biloxi, Miss.

On an evening that was to have flame being thrown from cars, the Oklahoma corner of the parking lot put on its own exhibition.

What do you suppose went through the man's mind, when he took a picture of the red '57 Chevy in a wet parking lot and the headlights blinked back at him. This started a performance of terrestrial fingers, lights blinking and quick thinking that entertained the crowd.

And then this little 10 year old boy got a little too close to David and became the object of entrancement.

The lights blinked and David proceeded to try to convince him he should believe in magic.

He accused David of using remotes to make this happen. Dave told him he needed to believe in Merlin.

Like on the mural on his car, Merlin was promising the little boy a car in the future.

And how he had to be good, work hard and Merlin would see that good things would come to him.

The boy was convinced, and his mother, father and their two other children walked away, a little happier and bewildered at what had just happened to them, at the hands of these classic car owners from Oklahoma.

But in this modern world of haves and have nots, maybe one family felt like something special had just happened to them. "Thank you David and Rodney."

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

## Christmas – a time for young and old alike

► The day began with club cars taking part in the annual parade

By Keith Marang  
COCCC Webmaster

This is the first year I was able to attend a COCCC Christmas parade and party. When I told my children that we would be in a Christmas Parade they were very excited. In fact, they had a hard time getting to sleep the night before the event

The cars were all nestled in the parking lot there while we waited for the rain to stop falling from the air!

We all dressed warm and climbed in the '56. It was a rainy morning, but the Christmas spirit could still be felt around us as we pulled into the church parking lot with the rest of the club.

I found great joy in watching the faces of my children as they took in all the different attractions that were lining up nearby for the parade. I could sense that same fascination in the faces of the adults too.

My sons Andy in front, and Colin in back, were ready to go! I was pleased to see that John Dragoo had his '57 back on the road. That new V-8 sure sounds sweet, and draws quite a crowd.

Many of the members decorated their automobiles.

One thing that we learned this year is to bring more candy for the children along the parade route. My boys tried to pace themselves, but still ran out of candy early in the parade. At one point we saw a group of firemen standing in front of their station



Photo by Keith Marang

Andy Marang mans the front seat of dad's 1956 as Colin Marang covers the back seat duties.



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Many decorated their cars. Here is what Larry and Annette Myers '55 convertible looked like when they arrived with their grandchildren.



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# Holiday: Christmas is a time for young and old alike



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**Curtis Welch got a tree skirt.**



Photo by Keith Marang

**Cici Monroe smiles as she tries to figure out what she got.**



Photo by Keith Marang

**Sandy Buntin looks on as Linda Bahr opens her gift.**



Photo by Richard Bahr

**Keith Marang reads his camera as his two sons Andy and Colin join Ken Buchanan, Linda Bahr and Mel Harris at one of the Christmas party tables.**

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watching the parade. My youngest son Colin asked if he could go give them some candy too. I thought was cute idea, and off he went. It was very sweet, and all the firemen that the biggest kick out of this six-year-old boy running over to give them candy! A moment later the firemen were again treated by Patti Gunter's granddaughter.

After the parade was over it was about time for the Christmas party. The boys and I thought Cattlemen's steakhouse did a nice job decorating. Before the party began my oldest son Andy got educated on the use of snuff by our club president, David Reeds!

Everyone watching was aghast until they realized it was only beef jerky!

Throughout the dinner and dirty Santa gift exchange David's humor was ever-present. He did a good job of keeping things moving. Kay Welch should be commended for being a good "Santa's helper."

Another highlight that I recall was when Curtis Welch opened a gift and found a tree skirt. Curtis was not so sure it was meant for a tree!

Since this was my first time at the Christmas party I do not know what it was like in the previous years. I overheard many people saying how nice it was to have children involved in the dirty Santa exchange this year. There were a total of five children present. All I know, is that my children and I had a wonderful day with my friends from the COCCC. I must admit that I never realized my children could sit still and be quiet for over two hours at a time! They just sat there, totally involved in the humor, Christmas spirit of giving, hoping and praying that their name would be called next to open a gift.

Thank you everyone for a wonderful time.



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**Jonnie Clemons pulls out her present.**



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**Kay Welch got a nice piece of art.**

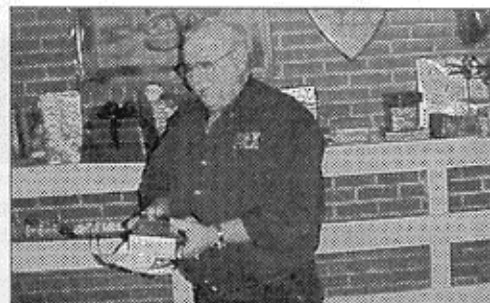


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**Rodney Duerksen opens his present with a certain amount of suspicion**

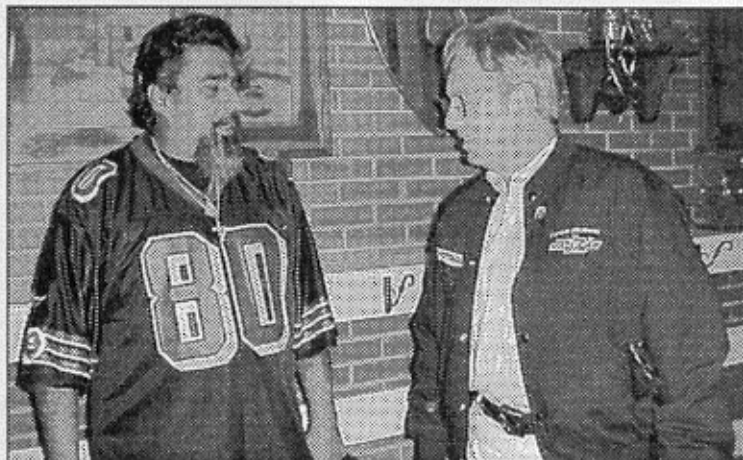


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**Rudy Escalera and John Dragoo have a conversation during the party.**

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## Next meeting:

The January meeting will be held at the A & W at 89th & S. Western, in Oklahoma City. 2 p.m. As always bring you car if possible.

Sunday  
Jan. 14, 2001

## Important things to know

► Members are reminded that club jackets are available from Midwest Trophy inc. at 3405 S.E. 29th. If you wish to order a jacket from them with club logo on it the prices are as follows: Small to XL is 68.50, XXL is 72.50, XXXL is 76.50. This price includes the jacket, club logo on back and your name on the front. If you go to Midwest Trophy you may want to talk to Candy. Give her this information. RN66815, Style 4800Q, baseball jackemade by West Ark.

► Dues are now due, see Rustyne.

► Interested in attending the Starbird show at the Myriad in February. Be sure to come to the next meeting so everyone can get together and get your reservations in together.