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John and Kay Lynn Dragoo pose with their 1957 4-door Bel Air sedan

Photo by Kay Lynn Dragoo

## Memories the best part of Cruisin' the Coast

By Kay Lynn Dragoo  
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Hurricane Keith stayed south and allowed the Millennium version of Cruisin' the Coast go off as scheduled. The event has a five-year history, and this was our fourth year to make the trek to the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the Columbus Day weekend car show and extravaganza.

My husband John Dragoo, and I had gotten really excited about going after we found

out that Southern Living magazine had photographed us in 1999 leading a caravan composed of fellow club members Mel and Rustyne Harris, Larry and Annette Myers, and Roy and Sandy Buntin. The picture was published in the October issue to accompany an article titled Fins and Fenders.

Of course, publicity is nothing new to the Myers as the Cruisin' the Coast organization had used their Nomad in their 2000 brochures.

We left on Monday instead of the cus-

tomary Wednesday, which allowed us time to participate in more events and make more of a vacation out of the trip. This worked out well, and we actually got to walk on the beach of the Gulf of Mexico plus spend more time at each venue. DooWop Fashions had set up at the DIBerville site, and I emptied my wallet there on two occasions. Love that place!

As with any vacation, memories are the

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The Oct. meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President David Reeds.

► The motion was made by Curtis Welch and seconded by John Dragoo to accept the minutes. Motion passed

► The treasurer's report was given and the motion to accept was made by Curtis Welch and seconded by JD Clemons motion passed.

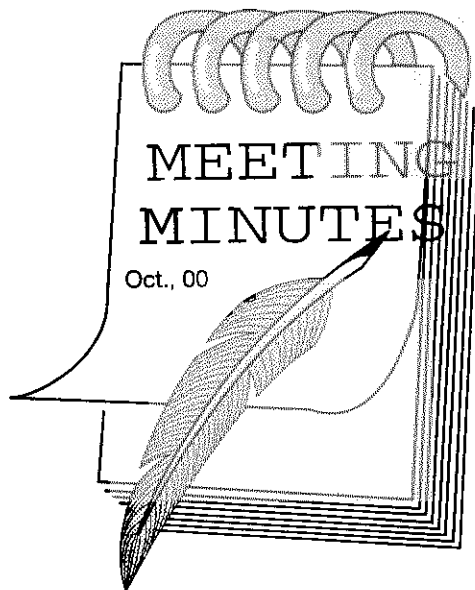
► The newest members of the club are Ron & Debbie Berger of McKinney, Texas. They joined the club while in Biloxi, Mississippi. Anyone going on the Fall Foliage Cruise will be able to meet them.

► Curtis Welch gave a report on the Drive In Cruise at the Winchester. CC and Ken Monroe gave a report on the Halloween Dance and David Reeds reported on the Biloxi trip.

► Information for the Fall Foliage Cruise, Friday, Nov. 10th. If you are leaving on Friday and want to go with a group, meet at the Texaco Station at I-40 and Choctaw Road at 8 a.m. The group will leave by 8:30 a.m.

► Complete information on our Christmas for High Pointe is still not available. We have not been given a list of acceptable items and if we do a mini show it will be the day of the party. A motion to this was made by Rustyne Harris and seconded by Kay Welch.

► The club Christmas party will be Dec.



9th, at Cattlemen's, after the Stockyards parade. We will play Dirty Santa. John Dragoo has made the reservations if you have any questions.

► The Cruisin' OKC 2001 report was given by Bill Washam. Representatives from five clubs attended the last meeting. Locations for the different clubs are CC Riders, Stockyards, Corvette Club, Edmond, Matrix, Quail Springs Mall, Late Great Chevys, Cowboy Hall of Fame and Classic

Chevy at Crossroads Mall. Various ideas for things to do have been discussed by the different clubs. Our club needs ideas for our location, if you have a suggestion let, Bill Washam, Marilyn Stookey, Rodney Duerksen or Ken Buchanan know. Co-Chair for Cruisin' OKC are Rodney Duerksen and Ken Buchanan, Treasurer, Bill Washam and Secretary, Marilyn Stookey. Dates for the show are May 19, 20, 21. Awards will be given on the 21st, inside Crossroads. At the same time Cruisin' is scheduled there will also be a rodeo and Heritage Days going on at Stockyards and also a walkathon. The discussion on a show shirt is still open.

► The monthly dinner cruise has been cancelled until after the holidays.

► Upcoming show information was read by David.

► Ken Monroe won the door prize, a Chevy insignia and chain.

► David has reinstated a 25-cent fine for anyone not wearing a chevy item. Bring your quarter to the next meeting of be sure to wear that chevy emblem.

► The next meeting will be Nov. 19th, 2 p.m. at the A&W at 89th & S. Western.

► Motion to adjourn at 2:55 by Rustyne Harris second by Ken Buchanan, passed

— Respectfully submitted  
by Linda Bahr

## Cruisin': Memories the best part of this annual trip

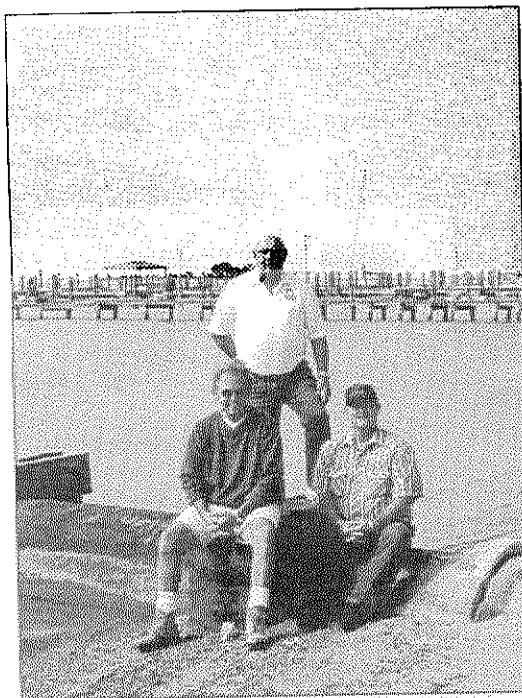


Photo by Kay Lyn Dragoo

John Dragoo, Rodney Duerksen (standing) and new member Ron Berger, McKinney, Texas, (seated in hat) pose for the camera.

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important memorabilia. In the vicinity of Opelousas, La., on Interstate-49 en route to the show, we collided with swarms of love bugs. These things are so sticky that John washed our windshield three times with Windex, and they only smeared. What a mess!

Goodie bags included Mardi Gras beads, and we had fun with them mostly at Debbie Bergers expense. She's a great sport.

It was a good thing we did a lot of walking, because we enjoyed buffet after buffet after buffet. Sherry Osborne, John, and Rodney Duerksen pigged out three different nights on crab legs and claws while David Reeds was heavy into the peel-and-eat shrimp at the Boom Town buffet.

Other food related memories include Ron and Debbie Berger and John and I eating lunch in a small, crowded restaurant in Bay St. Louis.

It took awhile to get our sandwiches. Debbie's hamburger finally arrived minus meat, and we had to wait for them to cook her patty. John ordered sweet potato fries, and we passed the time munching on

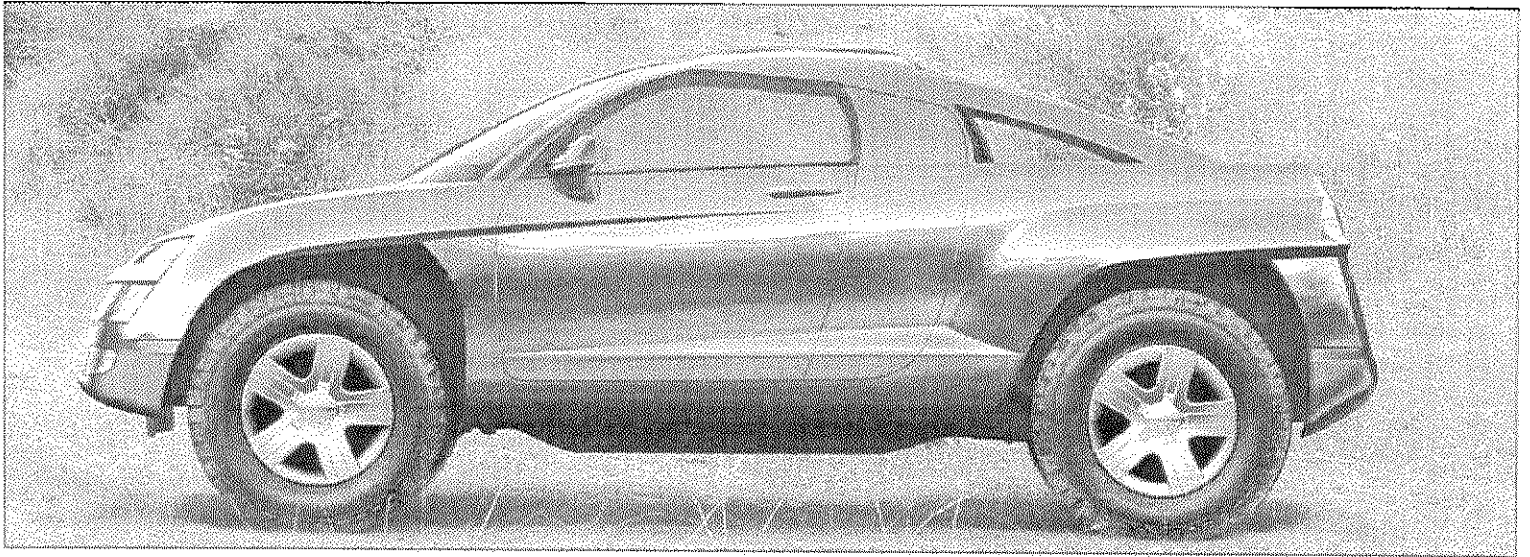
them. The rest of the group gave up on us and went on down the road to the next stop.

Then there was the night a some of us ate at a rather expensive restaurant in the Gulfport Grand Casino. We all thought the waiter was preparing separate tickets. Nope. He presented John a bill for \$245.00. When we asked him to separate it, he became so flustered; he just couldn't figure it out. We finally did the math ourselves.

Near the end of our trip, I will remember the excitement of holding five 4s on the poker run. I still haven't heard if I won anything.

Cruisin' the Coast has a lot to offer thanks to the geography and manmade attractions.

However, our reminiscences are special because of our traveling companions. We share these memories with: Ron & Debbie Berger, Rodney & Martha Duerksen, Larry & Annette Myers, True & Sherry Osborn, David & Linda Reeds, Curtis & Kay Welch, and Gary & Sue Medley (won Best of Show at Cruisin OKC).



## Youthful Chevrolet Borrego is ready to rally

► This youthful Segment-buster rides on all-wheel drive architecture

### General Motors

The segment-busting Borrego concept from Chevrolet combines the road-taming agility of a rally car with the traditional rock-hard toughness of a Chevy.

The all-wheel drive vehicle can commute very comfortably during the weekdays and then let off a little steam on the weekends.

"The Borrego has the agility of a rally car and the influence of Baja racers," said Frank Saucedo, 38, director of GM's Los Angeles design studio where the concept was conceived.

### Athletic stance

The vehicle's sporty, swept-back look and athletic stance take their inspiration from international rally cars and pre-runner trucks – spare, customized pickups that are part of the California scene. "We see it here every day, a younger buyer moving out of a sport coupe and getting into a tricked-up little truck or in this case a crossover vehicle," Saucedo said.

The interior continues

Chevy's traditional dual-cockpit design, and gives a sense of protection for rough riding. "It looks like you could rattle around and not get banged up," said Rob McCann, 38, chief designer on the project in the L.A. studio. Hand-holds and gel padding add to this sense of security.

Rugged analog gauges finish the rally appearance.

### Mid-gate

Borrego's sturdy roll bar not only harkens to durable pre-runners and rally cars, it also accommodates an innovative reconfigurable mid-gate at the rear of the passenger cab that allows seating for two more passengers. To add two passengers, the rear window is retracted, the mid-gate slides rearward, and then the full roof, which is stored under the bed of the pickup truck, is snapped into place. The window can then be raised again. Self-inflating seals keep the compartment watertight regardless of its configuration.

With the seating expanded, the cargo bed changes from 6 feet to about 3 feet to provide more room for passengers. This sort of versatility was first seen on the upcoming Chevy Avalanche, which has a unique Convert-a-Cab system that allows the truck to quickly adapt to customer requirements. In its

standard configuration, the Avalanche offers a roomy, comfortable five-passenger cab along with a cargo box measuring 5 foot 3 inch long. The Convert-a-Cab system allows one person to reconfigure the cargo area in seconds without tools to create a 4 foot x 8 foot cargo area to transport large items.

"Functionally, the Borrego is a very flexible vehicle," said McCann, whose workspace is decorated with action photos and sketches of Baja racers, pre-trucks and rally cars.

### FUNction

For outdoor adventure the Chevy Borrego features a portable GPS system to aid navigation in or out of the truck and OnStar keeps driver and passengers connected to civilization no matter where they are.

The Borrego also carries an air compressor and a pressurized water tank. The air hose can be used to blow dirt out of the vehicle's interior, to inflate outdoor equipment, or merely to pressurize the water tank so that after a hard day on the trail, the truck can provide everyone with a quick shower.

The Borrego's sturdy all-wheel-drive powertrain is based on Subaru's longitudinal all-wheel-drive system that has allowed Subaru to take the world

rally circuit by storm and win critical acclaim. As a 20 percent shareholder in Fuji Heavy Industries, which makes the Subaru, General Motors is leveraging its international network of auto-maker alliances to expand the range of this and other concepts that will debut during the 2001 auto show season.

Subaru's horizontally opposed 4-cylinder engine keeps the vehicle's center of gravity low for improved handling and a better sight line down the hood. It's also turbocharged to keep the driver riveted in his or her seat. The transmission is a five-speed manual for sporty performance and a hands-on driving experience.

### 20-somethings

Aimed squarely at a 20-something consumer who wants a uniquely functional vehicle, the Chevy Borrego might be a first car for active people, or a trade-up for those who didn't find enough excitement in an import coupe or SUV. This customer might also have been a Camaro driver, but needs more space for hauling sporting gear or friends.

The emphasis here is on fun and sporty performance. The Borrego isn't for hauling a sheet of drywall, but will take the customer a lot further into the brush than most of the sport utility vehicles on the road today.

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## Next meeting:

Lots to talk about at this meeting, not the least of which is the upcoming Christmas party. This is an annual event that is a definite must. In addition we get to drive our classics in the cattle town parade. Be at the A&W on 89th Street and South Western for this important meeting.

**Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Nov. 19**

## Important things to know

- ▶ The next meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. at the A&W at 89th & S. Western.
- ▶ The December meeting will be the club's annual Christmas party and Dirty Santa gift exchange. Details will be forthcoming at this month's meeting so be there.
- ▶ Since the last meeting I hope everyone has been thinking of ways to raise funds for Cruisin' OKC in May. Don't forget to wear something Chevy to the next meeting. One Chevy necklace was given away last month. Maybe one will be yours this month. I hope to see everybody Nov. 19 for our next club meeting.

— David Reeds, COCCC president