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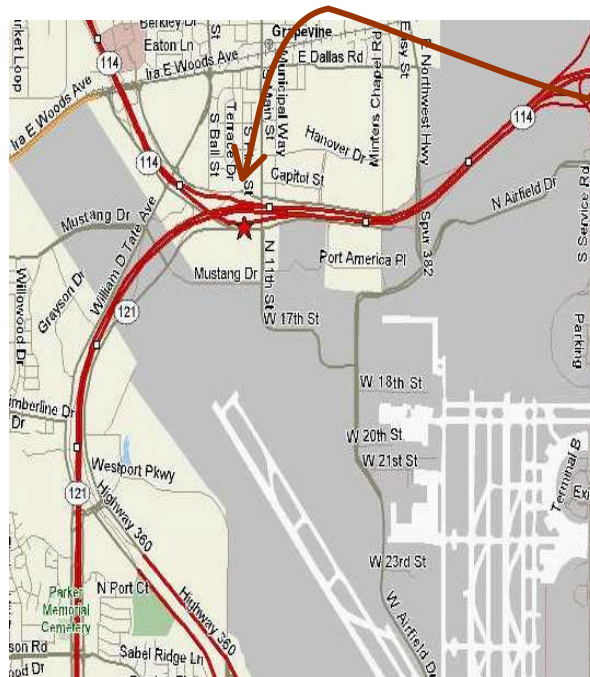
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DACC Business Meeting

This Sunday November 14th at 2PM,
Spring Creek BBQ located at 315 Highway 114 W at Main Street in
Grapevine, Texas

Bring your car!

We will have a 'People's Choice' 55-'57 Chevy Show! Your club is winding down the year, a year of change for the DACC. We will proceed with elections for 2006 for the Board of Directors of DACC under the new organization. We have an important car show coming up in February, the Dallas ISCA Autorama and DACC needs to have a nice presence at this big event. This event normally results in some of the best exposure for the club to the community. With the holidays fast approaching we need to move forward into 2005! We also will have our People's Choice Show so be sure to bring your car! Also, we want to discuss the details of our December meeting, which we will do something a little different - we will build handicap ramps for the organization known as Dallas Ramps. And after our ramp building we will have a Christmas social gathering at the home of Dean and Audrey Schmidt. All these items will be discussed so please join us for this discussion, the car show and some GOOD BBQ!



**SPRING-CREEK
BARBEQUE**

**315 Highway 114 W at Main
in Grapevine**
817 416-6250

Restaurant is located on the southwest corner of 114 and Main Street. Cars will be parked on the east side of the building visible from the banquet room we will be meeting in.





Hot Rods and the Brazos Drive In! Granbury, TX Oct 16th

After getting rained out the first weekend, car club members from DACC, Metroplex Muscle Car Club and the North Texas Camaro Club made the trek to Granbury and the Brazos Drive In. The weather could not have been more perfect and the evening was enjoyed by a packed house at the drive in. About 15 cars from the three clubs drew a lot of attention from all those in attendance. It was a memorable evening under the stars and look for next year's event to be even bigger! Pictures from the event are on the web site

THIS AND THAT

- Be sure and sign up for the club email list for weekly emails regarding local events and up to the minute club news. Send you email address to info@DallasClassicChevy.com
- Watch the club chat board on our web site for locations where your fellow DACC members might be showing their ride. Join them at the various parking lot shows held in the DFW area every weekend.
- Would you like to have your car featured as a DACC Feature car with a write up in both the newsletter and website? If so, let David Graves know as he is needing subject material!
- Don't forget that DACC caps are available for just \$15, they come in dark blue or white and feature the club logo. Send a check to the PO Box with a extra \$2.50 for shipping and you will get yours in the mail!

DACC December Schedule December 11th

Two things coming in December, both on December 11th. First in the morning, 8AM sharp it is our Day of Community Service as we will be working with the Dallas Ramp Project to build handicap wheel chair ramps for those in need. Larry Rollow is the coordinator and his contact info is (972) 960-1408 or LDRollow@sbcglobal.net. Larry needs to know who is coming so that he can plan our jobs. This will be about a 4-hour event. More info at www.DallasRamps.org.

Second our club Christmas Get-Together will be held at the home of Dean and Audrey Schmidt at 5208 Seascape Lane in Plano to be held the same day as the Ramp Project from 6-9 PM.

This will be a PotLuck affair and it will work like this - if your last name begins with the letter a-h, then you will bring snacks, appetizers etc. If your last name begins with the letter i-p, then you will bring main course, casseroles, soups etc. And then those with last names beginning with q-z will be bringing desserts. Cold drinks and beer will be provided anything else BYOB.

Also an elephant type gift exchange (\$10 or less) for a little fun! Complete details and maps next month in the newsletter.

New Members WELCOME TO THE CLUB

Bob and Peggy Pettit
3309 Flagstone Drive
Garland, TX 75044
972-414-4879
1957 Bel Air Sedan

Tommie and Kathy Lane
2813 Harborview
Rowlett, TX 75088
972-475-2992
1956 Bel Air Sedan



Dallas Area Classic Chevys 2004 Schedule of Events

Feb 13-15 * *ISCA Autorama*, Market Hall, Dallas

March 14 * *DACC Meeting/Membership Drive*, Wizard's Sports Café, Richardson

April 18 * *DACC Spring Cruise*, to Edom in E Texas for lunch at 'The Shed'

May 16 * *DACC Cruise*, to Lake Texoma at Pelican's Landing at Cedar Mills Landing

June 13 * *DACC Quarterly Business Meeting*, Stoked Out Specialties, Rockwall,

July 10 * *Lone Star XXII*, Houston, Omni Hotel

August 7 * *DACC Cruise*, Keller's Drive In, NW Highway, 7:30 PM

September 19 *DACC Quarterly Business Meeting*, Rawlings All American Grille, Ballpark in Arlington

October 9* *Drive In Movie Night*, at the Brazos Drive In, Granbury

October 22-24 * *Fall Foliage Tour*, Poteau , Oklahoma

November 14 * DACC Quarterly Business Meeting and Officer Elections, Peoples Choice Show, Spring Creek BBQ, Grapevine, 2PM

December 11* DACC Christmas Event, 8AM -we will build wheelchair ramps for Dallas Ramps that will be distributed to those in need. More info call Larry Rollow (972) 960-1408 www.DallasRamps.org , afterwards from 6-9 PM we will have a Christmas social at the home of Dean and Audrey Schmidt in Plano

Dallas Area Classic Chevys and the 2005 Dallas ISCA Autorama Feb 11-13, 2005

The DACC is planning to assemble a fantastic group of 1955 Chevys to display in commeration of the 50th Anniversary of the '55 Chevy. What we need is a commitment from members of DACC with '55 Chevys to show their car in this display. Like last year, this effort is not to win awards or trophies, but to contribute individually to the club effort to bring attention to our club and in this case, the fact that 50 years ago the 1955

was introduced to the world. Already committed to showing is Ron Davis, Steve Pratt, Marvin Johnson and Sonny Poteet from the Houston club. We have room for 8 cars. If you would like to help out by having your car in this once in a lifetime display, please contact the show coordinator Kevin Brown. We will be needing to address other aspects of the display and if you have anything to offer to help the club, please speak up! We are in need of quality stanchions and we need some way to bring attention to the 50th Birthday of the '55 Chevy (with signs or ballons or ??) If you have anything to contribute to this project, please contact Kevin at (469) 358-4415.



THE BEL AIR 2-DOOR SEDAN



THE BEL AIR 4-DOOR STATION WAGON



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Happy 50th
Birthday to the
1955 Chevy



11th Annual Fall Foliage Tour 2004



This event originated when the Tulsa and Dallas Classic Chevy Clubs met for the first tour in 1993 (which was a spinoff from earlier fall tours DACC took to Jefferson, TX). Since then, other clubs have joined in and this event remains a favorite. The responsibility for choosing the site and hosting the event rotates among the clubs each year, similar to the way the Lone Star Classic Chevy Convention is done. The Dallas club has not been active for several years... UNTIL this year!!!

Bill and Diane Preston with their 1956 Nomad and John and Maggie Rush with their 1956 2dr Sedan represented DACC at this year's event. Threatening weather at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 in Dallas chased us all the way through McAlester, OK. We drove out of the light rain when we turned east toward our destination in Poteau, OK. We joined the rest of the group who had assembled for dinner at Warehouse Willie's Restaurant in old downtown Poteau for a great meal. Then on to the Days Inn to check in, look at all the cars, meet people and play spirited games in the hospitality room. The rain caught up with us shortly after we covered the cars at the motel.

Saturday morning dawned clear and pleasant for our tour. Event Chairmen Rodney and Martha Duerksen of Oklahoma City had carefully planned an hour and a half scenic tour to end in historic downtown Van Buren, AR. There we had a parking area reserved exclusively for our cars and we were free to eat lunch and browse the stores and historical areas. At 4 p.m. the group toured to Big Jake's Steak House where Duerksen's had reserved a private dining room and arranged for a menu selection that made our visit very enjoyable. We arrived back in Poteau just as the sun set Saturday evening. The Oklahoma City host club had an evening of fun and laughter (usually at someone's expense) planned for all of us. We'd all brought a gift exchange item and Ken and Cici Monroe of OKC had a clever game arranged to loosen us up, mix up the gifts and get us all acquainted

with each other.

There were about 50 people participating in the weekend activities and about 25 old Chevys. We headed out early Sunday morning for our drive back to Dallas. A few people stayed in the area to tour the scenic drives even further.

Next year's tour will be hosted by the Tulsa Classic Chevy Club at Western Hills Lodge, Wagoner, OK, Oct. 21-23, 2005.

Put this event on your calendar for 2005!!

Contributed by Diane Preston

This Month Board of Directors to be Elected

At the November meeting, the important task of club elections will occur. Our recently approved Bylaws calls for elections during the fourth quarter of each year and for the Secretary to assemble the ballot. Well, we have no Secretary so David Graves has put together the ballot below along with the term they will serve per the Bylaws. Additional candidates can be nominated at the meeting.

DACC 2005 Elections Ballot
 President - David Graves - 1 yr
 Vice President - Marvin Johnson - 2 yrs
 Treasurer - Dean Schmidt - 2 yrs
 Secretary - Greg Hedum - 1 yr
 Board of Director - Bill Preston - 1 yr
 Board of Director - John Rush - 2 yr
 Board of Director - Larry Rollow - 2 yr

With this being our first year with the new structure, we are having to elect some positions for 1 year terms while the others are the mandatory 2 year term. Next November, all of the 1 year positions will be up for election and they will then serve the mandatory 2 year term.

This structure gives us the long term vision needed from the Board and the staggered changeover of officers each year will result in a more stable leadership for the club in the future.

Please attend the November meeting Sunday in Grapevine and vote (and enjoy the BBQ)!



DACC Member's Pride

Bill and Diane Preston

1956 Nomad

Flower Mound, Texas

Part of the Family

This car became part of the family in 1976 when their 14 year-old son, Mitchell, purchased the rusted-out, but complete 1956 Nomad for \$800. Bill, Mitch and younger son, Curtis, began a two-year restoration of the car, repairing exterior rust and replacing rusted-out floors without the benefit of remanufactured floor pans. It had a worn out 283 c.i. engine and Bill wisely decided that was all the power a 16-year-old would need! They went to great lengths to put in a 3-speed transmission and had it reupholstered and carpeted for \$400. It was originally turquoise and white and they painted it Corvette Red in their garage, where Bill had painted many cars.

Mitch preferred to walk the few blocks to high school rather than expose the Nomad to the school parking lot. After high school, they built the small block 400 c.i. engine for it. Shortly thereafter, Mitch had an accident with the car and



ran it into a bridge abutment and it sat crumpled and stored in various barns and yards until Bill began the current restoration in 1992. Mitch signed the car over to Bill and told him to do whatever he wanted to it, to keep track of the cost and he'd buy it back some day... Several years into the restoration Mitch worriedly asked how much money Bill was getting into the car...

The paint on the 1956 Nomad is

Pearlescent Ivory. Bill was meticulous with the prep of doorsills, fire wall, bumpers and selected trim pieces, prior to painting the exterior body panels. In addition to the primers and sealer it has two coats of color, three coats of pearl and two coats of clear--all seven coats applied on the same day. All were applied with the slowest drying thinner possible to achieve the deep gloss. It was color sanded with 2000 grit paper and rubbed three times with increasingly finer grit compounds, ending with 3000 grit. The navy, lavender and magenta pin striping and decorative stippling were done by artist Bill Firquain of Oklahoma City in 2004.

The Nomad has a pristine engine compartment with a 400 c.i. Chevrolet small block engine, stainless braided engine hoses and '53 Cadillac air cleaner. It has many small details that streamline its look. Bill is running 350 turbo transmission, 3.08 rear end, rack and pinion steering off a '82-'90 Celebrity and power front disk brakes off of a '68-'72 Camaro.

The navy blue Ultra Leather custom interior was done by Kevin Smith of Oklahoma City. Kevin artistically incorporated the distinctive shape of the Nomad A-pillar in the door panels and the curves of the dash pods in the seat design. He rebuilt the front bench seat with modern high-density foam rather than the stock springs so that the car would ride more comfortably, even though it appears to be a stock configuration. The carpet is Jaguar automotive carpet to allow molding to the curves without seams. There are disappearing front and rear cup holders mounted under the front bench seat that Bill adapted from a '96 Nissan Sentra.



Bill engineered the front and rear air conditioning using one compressor, two evaporators, an oversized radiator, braided hoses, and a Suburban T-unit to run the back evaporator. The second air conditioner, which is hidden in the side panel behind the passenger door, immensely improves the cooling. Power windows are from a kit purchased from Classic Chevy International.

The entire car was built for comfort. Bill and Diane have put over 8,000 miles on the car in the first year it has been on the road. Its maiden voyage was to the National Nomad Convention in Park City, Utah in July 2003. They also attended the 2004 Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, 2003 Fall Foliage Tour in Eureka Springs, Arkansas and many other events in Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma. The Nomad is never trailered.

Look for more photos of this month's feature car on our website sometime in November. Click on the Feature Cars link to see this and past feature cars





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