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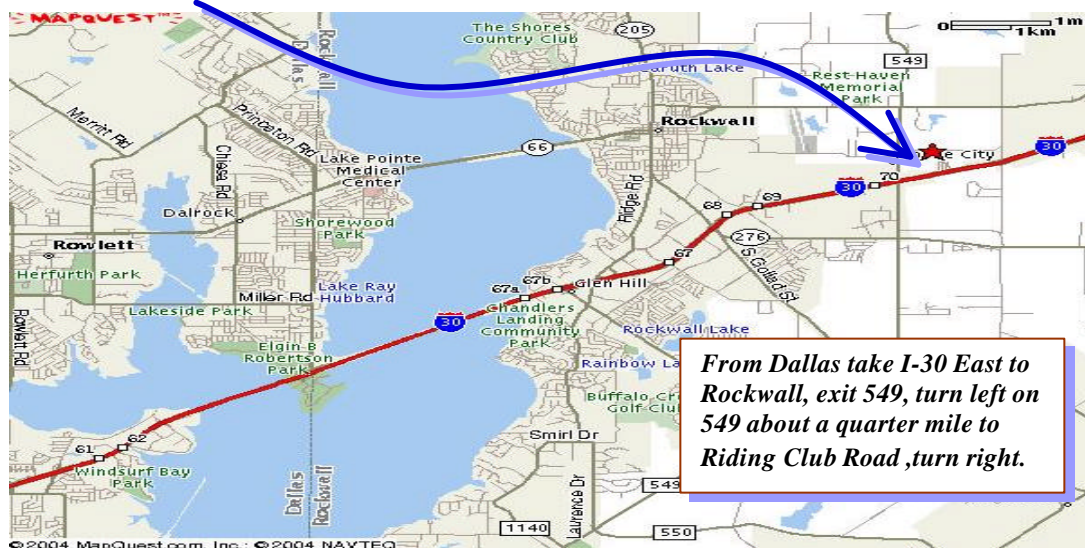
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## Club Quarterly Business Meeting This Sunday! People's Choice Car Show at this Meeting! Meeting to be held at new DACC sponsor's location!

**June 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 2PM** is our quarterly business meeting. On tap for discussion is Lone Star XXII in Houston, new club hats will be available, free hot dogs and cold drinks will be provided by Richard Stokes, owner of Stoked Out Specialties. Several vendors including East Coast Chevy, Classic Chevy Intl, Williams Classic Chevy Works to name a few have sent us their parts catalogs and those will be available on a first come basis. We will have a informal People's Choice car show which you will pick

from the cars attending the meeting. We will meet at 2PM at the STOKED OUT SPECIALTIES shop in Rockwall, the first sponsor to sign on with DACC! Please arrive a little early so that you can check out the cars in attendance and vote on your favorite. This will be a inside meeting so that we can take care of business, then after the meeting take time to look around at what is the finest restoration facility in Texas and we will tally the votes and announce the winner of the 'People's Choice' Award!

### Stoked Out Specialties, 777 Riding Club Road, Rockwall 972-772-0146



From Dallas take I-30 East to Rockwall, exit 549, turn left on 549 about a quarter mile to Riding Club Road, turn right.

## DACC Welcomes

### 'Stoked Out Specialties' as first sponsor!

One of the goals for 2004 for the DACC was to secure a club sponsor. Here we are at mid year and that goal is done! Club member Richard Stokes who owns Stoked Out Specialties (and also a super nice '55 Chevy!) has step forward to sign on as our first sponsor. His Rockwall, Texas shop is state of the art with a hand picked staff that is capable of doing any part of a auto restoration project. We will have a chance to see his shop first hand when we meet there for our Quarterly Business Meeting this Sunday. The staff at Stoked Out are excited about their association with DACC and we thank them for their support of our club!



# DACC Member's PRIDE

**Marvin and Donna Johnson**

**1956 2 Door Hardtop  
Dallas, Texas**

*Keep On Cruisin'!!!*



In 1995 I noticed there was a 1956 two-door hardtop for sale in the newspaper. I had never owned a '56 but had several '55's and '57's. I had just finished a 2 ½ year restoration on a '57 hardtop. After seeing the '56 I knew it was some- thing I had to have. For the next 2 years it sat in storage while I enjoyed my newly restored '57. What I really wanted was a "driver", so in early 1998 I decided to do a partial restoration on the '56.

It does not take long at all to tear one of these cars down---but the hard part is putting them back together. Just remember - label all parts as they are taken off the car and organize them in that order.

In about a week I managed to remove the engine and transmission, all the windows, wiring, interior, stainless and the bumpers. It took another week to strip all the paint off the fenders, doors, hood, roof and quarters. Then it was off to the sand blaster where the door jambs, firewall, trunk, dash, and front-frame assembly were stripped to bare metal. After a couple weeks of body work and a lot of sanding the car was painted Matador Red and Dune Beige.

Now it was ready to put up on jack



stands where all the steering components and rear-end assembly were removed for rebuilding and repainting. I taped off the freshly painted firewall and sprayed semi-gloss black on the front-frame assembly. Re-assembly was the next step with new steering parts, disc brakes, rebuilt engine, and transmission. The 350 engine is bored .030 over with steel crankshaft. The Turbo 350 transmission was also rebuilt.

There are many sub-assemblies involved in rebuilding one of these cars. So there are many times you can work on several things at once, going from one sub-assembly to something totally different. I had many new reproduction parts and was anxious to start putting them on. A new firewall pad and all electrical harnesses were installed. Windshields with new gaskets were put in, but I had to stop and buff some stainless before I could finish the install and placement of the new side windows. A rebuilt steering column was slipped over the shaft and brake pedal assembly was placed under the dash. I then went back and hooked up all the wiring to the engine and under the dash. Finally I was able to fire the engine and check for leaks. You know you are halfway there at this point!! The front fenders and grill assembly was then hung. Many, many hours were spent buffing the 50 plus pieces of stainless that go in the interior and on the exterior. Re-chromed front and rear bumpers were installed and aligned. A reproduction



interior kit was installed by a local upholstery shop. The car was then taken for new tail pipes and mufflers and front-end alignment.

To make a long story short, this '56 frame-up driver took less than a year. The previous full frame-off restorations that I have done took two full years. But, keep in mind, this '56 will not show with the high dollar frame off cars. This is okay with me because I really just wanted a driver. My wife, Donna, and I have a lot of fun with this car. Without her help I could not have done it.



**Look for more photos and details of this month's feature car on our website sometime after June 13th. Click on the Feature Cars link.**





# Lone Star XXII Classic Chevy Convention

Houston, Texas - July 9-11, 2004



If you plan to go to Lone Star this year please join us on the caravan down on Friday evening. We plan to leave from the Wizards Sports Grill parking lot at 2PM Friday and take about 5 hours to arrive in Houston. This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year for this annual Texas gathering of 55, 56 and 57 Chevys and an event that is rich in tradition. This event travels to a different Texas location each year and is hosted by one of the Texas Classic Chevy Clubs in Texas. The Houston Classic Chevy Club is our host this year with the event taking place at the Omni Hotel located at I-10 and Eldridge Parkway (West Houston). If you have not done it, hotel reservations need to be made **now** (281-558-8338). Registration will be done at the event if you did not pre-register. Classic Chevys from Austin, San Antonio, San Angelo, Victoria, Waco and points in between will be in attendance. You can find more info at the Houston club's web page ([www.HoustonClassicChevyClub.com](http://www.HoustonClassicChevyClub.com)).

## Lone Star Schedule Of Events

### Friday, July 9

9AM to 5PM: Registration  
 9AM to 5PM: Car wash open  
 10AM to 10PM: Hospitality Room open  
 10AM to 5PM: Classification  
 5PM to 10PM: Free beer and snacks in Hospitality

### Saturday, July 10

8AM to 5PM: Hospitality Room open  
 8AM to 12 Noon: Car wash open  
 9AM to 12 Noon: Registration and Classification  
 1PM: Judges Meeting  
 1:30PM: Judging begins  
 6PM: Awards Dinner followed by live band

### Sunday July 11

Head for home

We will caravan to Houston for Lone Star on Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 2PM from the northeast corner of Northpark Mall shopping center (located on the west side of Central Expressway north of Northwest Highway in Dallas). We plan on about a 5 hour drive to the Omni Hotel in Houston. Please join the caravan if you can.

## 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 with lunch at Pelican's Landing at Cedar Mills Landing

**June 13 Sunday \* DACC Quarterly Business Meeting, Stoked Out Specialties, Rockwall, 2PM**

**July 10 \* Lone Star XXII**, hosted by Houston Classic Chevys, Omni Hotel, DACC caravan leaves on Friday July 9th

**August 7 \* DACC Cruise**, Keller's Drive In, NW Highway, 7:30 PM (note this is Saturday Night)

**September 12 \* DACC Quarterly Business Meeting**, Location TBD, 2PM

**October 9\* Drive In Movie Night** with the Metroplex Muscle Car Club, Brazos Drive In, Granbury, all will caravan from Arlington to Granbury

**October 22-24 \* Fall Foliage Tour**, Eastern Oklahoma, details to come

**November 14 \* DACC Quarterly Business Meeting and Officer Elections**, location TBD, 2PM

**NOTE: See the website for a complete listing of local weekend shows and swap meets. Make sure we have your email address so that you will get the weekly show/swap meet schedule! Send your email address to [info@DallasClassicChevy.com](mailto:info@DallasClassicChevy.com) along with your name if your not getting this email each week.**



The 2004 Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour is underway. The DACC has several members make all or part of the trip. Look for photo recaps and stories of this tour soon from our members who attended.

Want to keep up with the Power Tour daily? **Right now on the internet** surf over to <http://www.mothers.com/powertour/> and catch daily reports! With up to 6-7 DACC members making all or part of the journey, you likely will see photos of some of our members as they make the 6 day tour from Arlington TX to Green Bay, WI!



### Photo Highlights from the East Texas and Lake Texoma driving trips

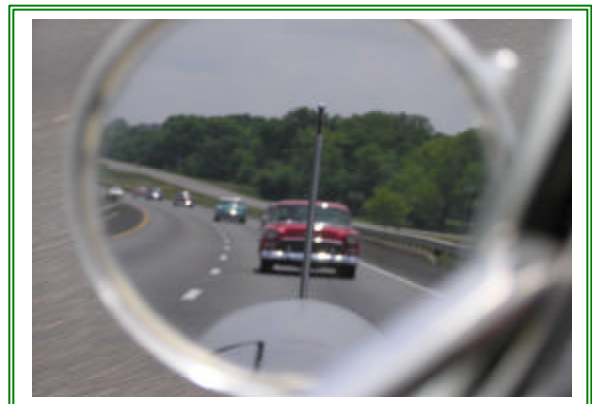
Be sure to check the website for more photos from these events!

#### Edom, TX and 'The Shed' Restaurant

Attending the April cruise was Paul and Judy York, Dean and Audrey Schmidt, Greg and Nick Hedum, Ralph and Barbara Ellis, Steve and Mary Anne Pratt, Marvin and Donna Johnson, David and Marlene Graves, BJ Bucher, Fritz and Derick Eilenberger, Ron Davis, Lance and Glenda Denton and Bubba Reynolds. Chicken fried steak and driving the East Texas backroads was the highlight of the cruise. Ron Davis had his 'new' modified '55 on it's longest trip from home since it was finished and along with Steve Pratt's superb restored '55, it made for quite a contrast going down the highway!

#### Lake Texoma and Pelican's Landing Restaurant

The next month found us going north. Attending the May cruise was Dean and Audrey Schmidt, Greg, Bev and Nick Hedum, Marvin and Donna Johnson, David and Marlene Graves, Ron Davis, Larry Rollow and Bill Bracken. Lake Texoma made for a nice backdrop for the cars as we enjoyed dinner on the lake at the Pelican's Landing Restaurant. Several members used this as a warm up for the upcoming Hot Rod Power Tour. Larry Rollow who plans to make the entire Power Tour trip from Dallas to Green Bay had his '57 out on it's longest trip since he finished it, and had no problems making the trip to and from Texoma.



**Parts For Sale/Wanted**

If you are looking for a part or if you have a need to clean out the garage.. list your needs here! From parts to complete cars, one photo allowed. Email your needs to [Newsletter@DallasClassicChevy.com](mailto:Newsletter@DallasClassicChevy.com) or mail to the club at DACC, PO Box 814642, Dallas, TX 75381. Ads will run for two months..

**For Sale**

**1955 / 1956 Chevrolet Belair Reduced size Steering Wheels.** This is a brand new steering wheel measuring 15" rather than the 18" original. The workmanship in this steering wheel is very good. The steering wheel comes complete with center cap, horn ring, and under the cap hardware for you to install easily on your classic automobile. Molded in Black it can easily be painted to match the color of your car. Retails for \$359.00 **Classic Chevy Club members can purchase it for \$299.99 with free shipping.** Contact Dan Bowen in Austin, TX, [Bowen96@aol.com](mailto:Bowen96@aol.com) or (512) 441-5656 to get yours.

**For Sale**

I am forced to sell a 1955 Chevy 2-door, 210 station wagon I have had for about 17 years. This car needs a complete restoration. It has a small-block, turbo 2-speed automatic, and runs, however, the fuel line seems to be clogged, as it will not pull from the tank, but gas in the carb will fire it off. The body is straight, faded black, and very little surface rust. Car in Grand Prairie/Irving area. Richard Downs e-mail me at [shaef1944@aol.com](mailto:shaef1944@aol.com). or phone 972-262-4012

**TERRY'S OUT BACK**



**PAINT & BODY**

**TERRY HALL, OWNER**

Restorations

859 N. to VZ 3617 Turn Right (903) 896-4860  
to 3602 Turn Left 1st House on Left Edgewood, Texas

**Wanted**

I have been away from the classicchevys for about 25 years. I would like to get another 55, either a 2 dr Bel Air hardtop or sedan. I would like a driver, one that might need some work done to it. Any information you could supply would be appreciative Roger Gunter, 3902 N, Hwy 281, Burnet TX 78611, Phone 512 756-6348 email [roger@custommetaldesign.com](mailto:roger@custommetaldesign.com)

**For Sale**

**'55 Parts**

- Rear seat speaker switch - \$50
- Rear seat speaker grill (2) - \$50 each
- Front bumper accessory guards, new chrome - \$200 pr
- Rear bumper accessory guards, new chrome - \$200 pr
- Original Foxcroft fender skirts, original box - \$250 pr
- Upper paint dividers restored - \$225
- Hardtop quarter window frame 55-56-57 - \$225 pair
- Cast iron Powerglide/convertor, ran will removed-\$100
- Recirculating heater and switch restored - \$150
- Contact Bill Beverly - 972 717-5426

**Treasurer's Report** By Dean Schmidt

Jan 1 to May 31

**Dallas Area Classic Chevys**

**General Ledger**

January - May, 2004

Date	Type	Num	Name	Memo/Description	Split	Amount	Balance
03/11/2004	Deposit			Opening Account Balance	-SPLIT-	125.00	125.00
03/11/2004	Deposit				-SPLIT-	650.00	775.00
04/06/2004	Deposit		Wells Fargo Bank		Misc	510.00	1,285.00
04/06/2004	Check	1001	David Graves	Expenses for Fall of 2003 to April 2004	-SPLIT-	(537.17)	747.83
04/06/2004	Check	1002	Kevin Brown	Website Domain	Promotional	(35.00)	712.83
04/06/2004	Check	1003	Steve Pratt	Autorama	Promotional	(50.00)	662.83
04/06/2004	Check	1004	Kevin Brown	Autorama	Promotional	(50.00)	612.83
04/06/2004	Check	1005	Larry Rollow	Autorama	Promotional	(50.00)	562.83
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$562.83</b>	







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