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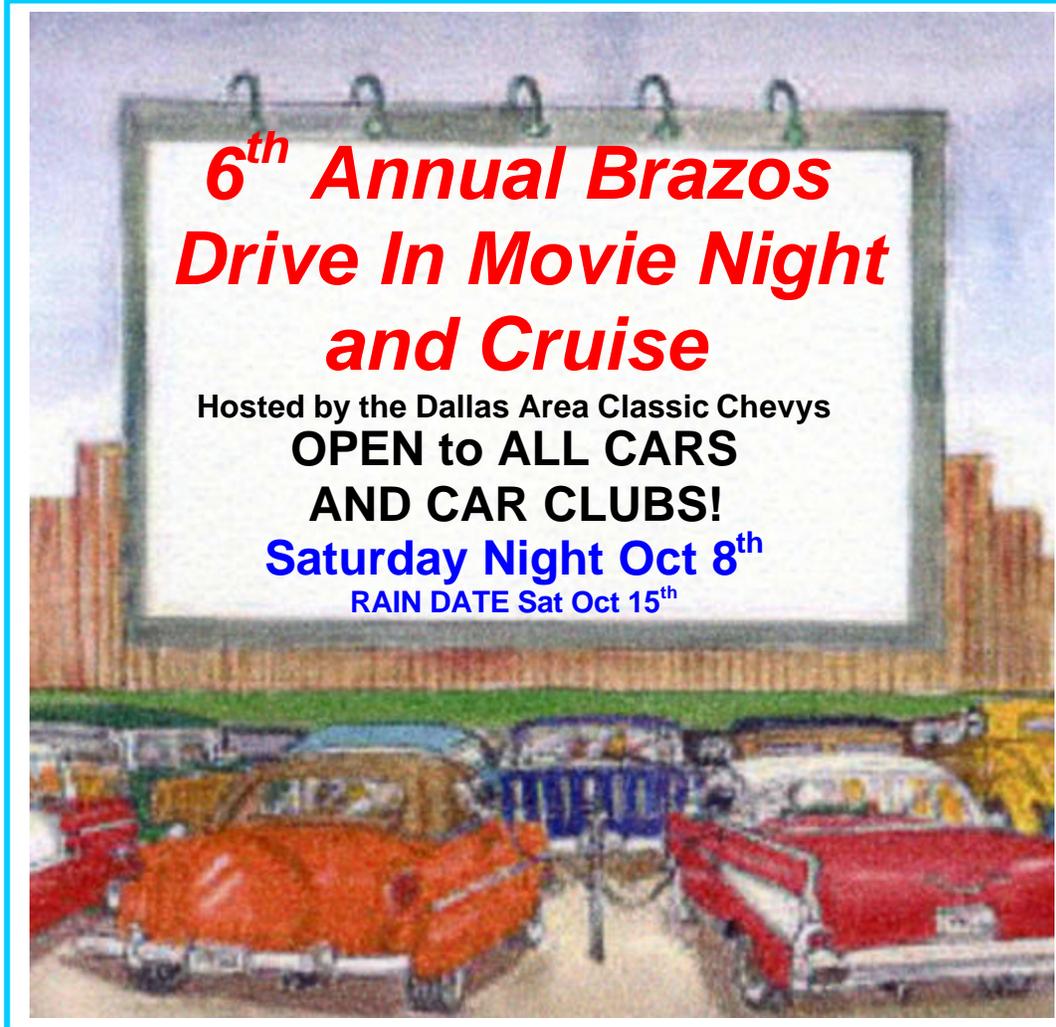
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6th Annual Brazos Drive In Movie Night and Cruise

Hosted by the Dallas Area Classic Chevys
**OPEN to ALL CARS
AND CAR CLUBS!**
Saturday Night Oct 8th
RAIN DATE Sat Oct 15th

This Saturday evening we will gather at the Park-N-Ride lot on the south side of Interstate 20 and Park Springs in Arlington (just west of the Parks Mall). We will meet at 4:30 and caravan together at 5:15 pm to Granbury and the Brazos Drive In movie theatre. ALL CARS and CAR CLUBS are invited and we expect a nice turnout for this event, so don't miss it! Plan to bring your Classic Chevy out for a great Texas autumn evening under the stars for a little nostalgia! Any questions contact Greg Hedum at 972 539-9886. The movie is 'Just Like Heaven' starring Reese Witherspoon. Price is \$15 per car load! The weatherman is calling for perfect weather, BUT.. if rain is in question, check the club website for last minute details. Bring your lawn chairs a few dollars for the snack bar and a FM radio to pick up the audio!

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MEMBER'S PRIDE

Rodney Nevils
'56 Corvette
Duncanville, Texas

Photos by Chris Graves

**I HAD TO HAVE
THIS '56!**

I have always had a passion for speed and cars. Growing up in the Chicago area, I would attend races at US 30 Drag Strip and Road America dreaming of someday driving a fast car!

My '56 Corvette came to me in my effort to address my need for speed. I had narrowed my search down to this '56 Corvette and a '63 Corvette. My choice went to the '56 due to the fact the chassis was near original and I simply liked the body style better on the '56. The

'63 had a tube frame and I have visions of making it a street car out of it and the original chassis would make that effort easier. This '56 Vette had spent the past 34 years traveling 1/4 of a mile at a time. It's past included being the AHRA Modified Street World Champion in 1976 with Jim Ruble (then it was painted with a red paint scheme). I bought the car in early 2005 from a gentleman in Springfield, Missouri, where I paid a visit to inspect the



car. After several months of haggling, the owner drove to Corvettes Of Dallas in Carrollton and we did the deal there. The former owner promptly bought a '61 Vette at Corvettes of Dallas and took that home with him.

The engine is a 355 Chevy small block with DART steel heads. The most noticeable thing is the B&M Blower feed with a single 1050 Bill Mitchell carb. A Vertex magneto



fires the motor and the power goes through the 2 speed Powerglide to the Dana 60 with 4.88 gears, adjustable 4 link with Koni adjustable coil over shocks. Stopping comes from Strange 4 wheel disk with dual master cylinder and if needed a parachute. The car when tuned properly will run consistent 10.70's at 130 mph and drives very straight with all stock front suspension parts.

I have considered making the car a Pro Street style driver as I feel I may enjoy the car more in that trim. Time will tell. I have other toys that include a '50 Plymouth Business Coupe with the original flat head 6 cylinder engine, a '67 Vette in need of restoration, a '69 Vette that I purchased in 1975 and a '79 Vette I purchased new that today has 197 miles on it!

More Photos on our website!



WELCOME TO DACC

recently joining the club are

#711

Don and Lois Walden
1101 Bobbie Lane
Garland, Texas 75042
1956 Bel Air 4dr Hardtop

#712

Greg Strader
2007 Georgetown
Denton, Texas 76201
1955 Bel Air

#713

Ron and Wendy Lambert
3717 Longbow Lane
Plano, Texas 75023
1957 Bel Air 4dr Sedan
1957 150 2dr Handyman Wagon

#714

Chad Reynolds
310 Hardwick Ct
Allen, Texas 75013
1956 Bel Air 4dr Wagon 'Rusty'

#715

Robert Black
10022 Woodlake Dr
Dallas, TX 75243
1955 2dr Sedan

#716

Ken and Mary Foster
3682 FM 3080
Mabank, TX 75147
'57 Bel Air 2dr Hardtop

#717

Debbie and Ernie Guido
3600 Bent Grass Way
Flower Mound, TX 75028
'57 Bel Air Sedan

Lone Star XXIV News

Planning is well underway for next year's Lone Star event in Dallas. One thing that our club needs is the support of you the members. We have many needs and anything you can contribute to this effort will go a long way to making this event one that is memorable and successful. Perhaps your business or work can contribute something, or maybe you have a talent or skill that could be utilized. Committees are forming up and perhaps you can lend a hand there. Any contribution you give just makes the event that much better and lessens the load on others who are committed to making this a great event. Some of the things we need are is a large outdoor sound system for announcements and music, signs, calculators for the judge sheet tallying, security help and there are many other areas we could use you to help. There will be a complete list of things we need and roles we need filled in the next newsletter. If you have an idea, contact show chairman Dean Schmidt at dean.schmidt@realpage.com or 214 986-8258.

November DACC Elections

The Dallas Area Classic Chevy 2005 elections will be held at the November Fourth Quarter general meeting at Stoked Out Specialties on Sunday November 13th. Current positions up for election are the President, Secretary and one Board of Director's position. Incumbent members David Graves (President), Greg Hedum (Secretary) and Bill Preston (Board of Directors) have included their names on their respected ballots. Candidates elected to these positions in 2005 will serve a two year term. If you are interested in serving your Classic Chevy Club in one of these roles, please contact the club secretary Greg Hedum. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the meeting. We've made great progress this year, and had a lot of fun doing it. Your continued support and active involvement is what makes the club successful and is very much appreciated.



Footnote from the editor to this month's Feature Car

As I prepared the story for this month's Car Feature, I read Rodney's story and focused on the history of the car. Something told me that I needed to take a look at some old photos I took in the mid and late 70's at the old Green Valley Raceway (this multi purpose race track was opened in the early 60's and closed in the early 80's and it served as a major racing facility in this area during these years). I have always taken pictures of drag racing cars and custom cars (something my son has acquired an interest in and has excelled with). I sorted through the shots I had from that time frame and found two of the Jim Ruble '56 Corvette which today is Rodney's car. I emailed these to Rodney and asked him was this his car? **It was** and I was amazed that I photographed this '56 Corvette in the mid 70's, then 30 years later my 21 year old son photographed the same car for this month's feature car! To the right are the photos of Rodney's Corvette when it ran in AHRA competition at Green Valley, the top in the mid 70's and the bottom in the late 70's with a different paint scheme.

David Graves, Editor



*Do you have parts you need to sell? How about a car that you are looking for? The place to let your club members know is on the **Club Chat Board** on our website! Not only will your fellow DACC members see it but so will a lot of visitors to our website. Give it a try, all you need to do is register and you may post and link photos, who knows someone in England may see a part they need and give you a 'jingle'!*

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DACC members will be at these following events, plan to join us!

Watch the Weekly Email for more events

12th Annual Fall Foliage Tour - October 21-23
Wagoner, OK
Contact Bill Preston 405 412 0502

Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge
Race #8 - Oct 23rd
DATE CHANGE from Oct 16th
Texas Motorplex, Ennis
Info - www.TMCCC.org

Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge
Final Race #9 - October 30th
Redline Raceway, Caddo Mills
Info - www.TMCCC.org



Big Winners at Reliable Chevrolet!

Our September Meeting resulted in over \$600 being handed out by Reliable Chevrolet to their favorite Classic Chevys on display!

Last Spring, the DACC held it's first event at Reliable Chevrolet and with a nice March day along with some fortunate luck in getting the event promoted in the local media, it resulted in over 60 '55-'57 Chevys showing up! Fast forward to September and with much less promotion in the media the event still drew over 40 cars resulting in yet another successful event! Cash was the drawing card as Reliable Chevrolet's staff chose Favorites and Favorite Runner-ups in each year car and Pickups. Frankly, that task is impossible as the quality of the Tri Fives in this area is such that picking the best can't be done without a lot of effort. So an informal 'Favorite' designation is given and any and all rules are thrown out and the staff at the dealership simply pick 'what they like best'. The favorites of this event were:

1955

- #1 – Sam Collins – Dallas TX- \$100**
- #2 – Stu Jacobs – Carrollton, TX-\$75**

1956

- #1 – James Sparrow – Frisco, TX-\$100**
- #2 – Don Clark – hometown unknown-\$75**

1957

- #1 – Tom Blackburn- Arlington, TX-\$100**
- #2 – Carl Mitcham – Colleyville, TX-\$75**

Pickup

- #1 Doyle Irick – Aubrey, TX-\$100**

Congrats to these winners and especially thanks to all who came out and supported the club and Reliable Chevrolet at this event! The cars were amazing and only a small sample are shown on the right!





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DACC Meeting at Stoked Out
November 13th - 2PM,
Sunday

4th Quarter Meeting/Elections
and Tech Session
Lunch provided by Stoked Out!
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