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4th Quarter Meeting and Elections

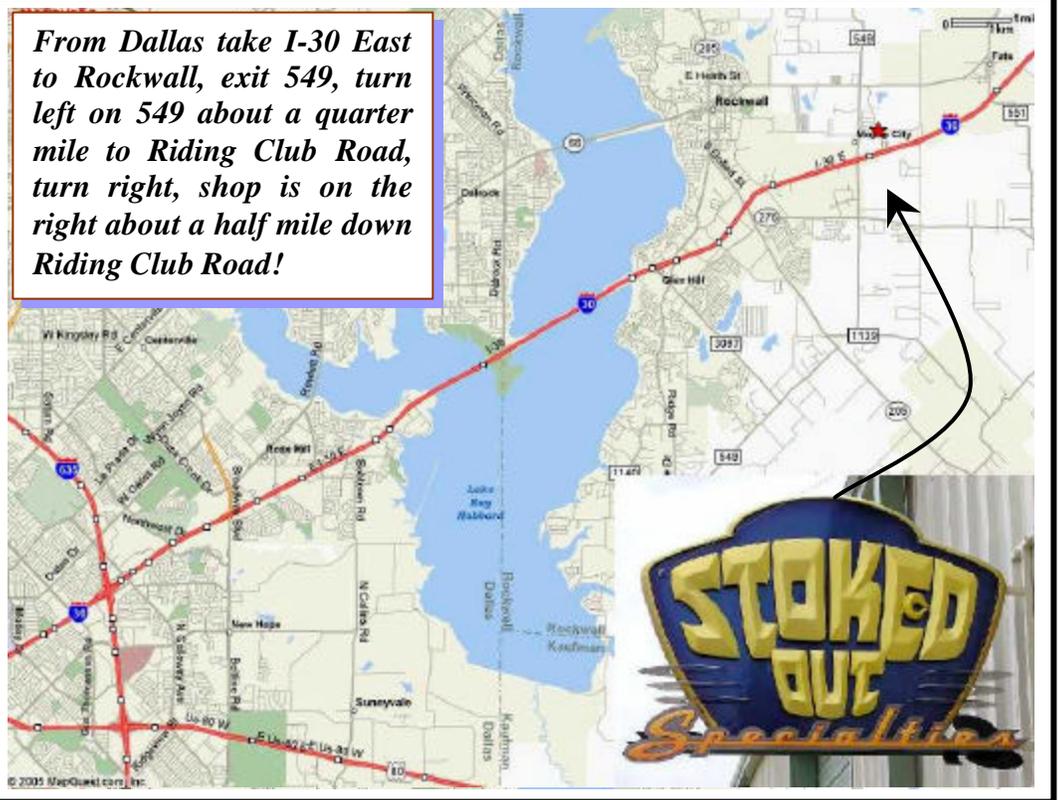
along with a

Paint and Body Tech Session!

Hosted by Stoked Out Specialties
Lunch provided by Stoked Out!

This Sunday November 13th at 2PM

From Dallas take I-30 East to Rockwall, exit 549, turn left on 549 about a quarter mile to Riding Club Road, turn right, shop is on the right about a half mile down Riding Club Road!



Richard Stokes is 'stoked' about DACC having it's November meeting at his shop *Stoked Out Specialties* in Rockwall. Stoked Out will have several staff members on hand to provide a tech session on paint/body work and they will address any open tech questions you may have! Along with all of that they will even feed us at the meeting! Our agenda also has discussions about next year's Lone Star event in Dallas, and our elections for the club officer positions up this year. We will be able to look at the many projects underway at the shop (which is first class in itself) To get more background on Stoked Out be sure to check the sponsor link on our club site to read about Richard and see photos and even a ESPN video of some of his cars from last year's Autorama!

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A Night Under the Stars! *October's Cruise to the Brazos Drive In*

Last month we had a nice turnout of a variety of cars join us for the 6th Annual Brazos Drive In Movie Night and Cruise to Granbury. Approximately twenty cars made the trip to Granbury that ranged from Sharkey Nelson's '57 Limo, Mustangs, 442 Olds and more. The weather was absolutely perfect and with all the neat old cars it made for a great evening 'under the stars'. It took a little over an hour to get from our meeting location in Arlington to get the Drive In in Granbury. Our drive took us down Highway 377 through some nice country driving on winding roads and through the Town Square of Granbury. We arrived with in plenty of time so that we would have our group in line first in order to get the 'prime' parking spots. Sharkey had most of his neighbors packed in the limo and naturally that became 'party central'! At \$15 per carload, Sharkey and his limo definitely took the deal of the night! More photos on the club website!



MEMBER'S PRIDE

Tom and Brenda Blackburn

'57 Chevy Bel Air
Arlington, Texas



I have had an interest in classic cars as far back as I can remember. I have owned several different classics through the years, but never drove one more than five years.

I bought my present car, a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2 door hardtop from a man in Cleburne. He had originally purchased the car for his daughter to drive in high school, and after she graduated the car was placed in storage for 26 years. In about 2000 he decided to restore it, took the body off the frame and put it on a rotisserie. He then did a complete restoration on the frame itself, and had the engine, transmission and rear end rebuilt. During this time he suffered a heart attack and his doctor told him he could no longer continue working on the restoration. So he placed an ad in the local paper.

I went to look at the car and liked what he had done so far. The fact that I could find no rust anywhere on the car was a big factor in my deciding to buy

this one.

The previous owner recommended a body shop in Rio Vista, so I went to talk to the owner and to see samples of work he had done for others. I hired him to do the remaining body work and paint. To make a LONG story short, the car spent a couple of years out at this body shop until Ken Burton and I went out there to pick it up along with all the parts we could find (they were scattered all over the shop). We took it to Jag Customs where Sandy Johnson painted the car and set it back on the frame.

From there the car was moved to Eagle Mountain Paint and Body (owned by good friend Kenneth Burton) where Kenneth and DACC member Marvin Johnson started helping me put the car back together. During this time I was bead blasting and painting what seemed like thousands of parts by hand. As you

can guess, the whole process was going very slow as I could only work on the car on weekends. Marvin and Kenneth suggested we try to get DACC member Carl Mitcham to finish restoring the car for me. They called Carl who agreed to finish the car. He probably put 80% of the car back together and did a super job! Between Carl, Kenneth and Marvin, my car is finally on the road after 5 years for me to enjoy!

It still needs a lot of small adjustments and these will all get done in time. For now I just want to drive it for a while and attend as many club functions as I can. After owning about 14 Tri Five Chevys, this is the one I plan on keeping!

**More Photos soon
on our website!**



DACC at the Autorama in '06

Coming in February of 2006, the annual Dallas Autorama is one of the biggest events of the winter in the North Texas area for car enthusiasts. In early February - outside it might be cold and wet, but inside Market Hall things will be warm and dry with displays of cars of all types. This year, DACC will celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the '56 Chevy** with a display of 7 of the club's best 1956 Chevys. Those in the club that have committed to show include Joe Gaikoski with his '56 Convertible, John Rush and his '56 Sedan, Bill Preston with his '56 Nomad, Dennis Gormley and his Pro Street '56 Sedan, Chad Reynold's and his 'world famous' '56 wagon known as Trusty Rusty, Nick Roppolo with his '56 Sedan and James Sparrow and his '56 Hardtop. This is quite a variety of cars and should make for a great display. Look for more news about the '50th Anniversary Display from DACC soon!

13th Annual Fall Foliage Tour - October 21-23

Saturday, October 22 was a gorgeous day for the 13th Annual Classic Chevy Club Cruise. We headquartered at Western Hills Lodge on Lake Fort Gibson near Wagoner, Oklahoma. Tulsa Club members were our hosts and planned a great weekend for us.

The Dallas Area Classic Chevy Club made a good showing and picked up all the distance awards... Jo & Don Andre for the furthest... and Diane & Bill Preston for driving a Classic the furthest. John & Maggie Rush in their 56 2-door and Doyle & Nancy Irick in their 57 Cameo toured with us from Dallas. Newcomers Kenny & Becky Lynn joined us at the lodge driving their RV and towing their '39 Chevy. Kenny's restoring a 55 Nomad that we'll be seeing soon. Our DACC group arrived in Wagoner on Friday afternoon in time to join the other clubs in town at Runt's BBQ. Friday night we gathered in the party room to get instructions for Saturday's cruise and a representative from each club gave a rundown on their club's activities, and upcoming events. Springfield will be hosting the CCI event at the Clarion Inn August 3-6, 2006, and the Fall Foliage Tour in Branson October 20-22, 2006. The Tulsa club will do their annual car show in conjunction with the Blue Grass and Chili Festival in Claremore, OK September 9, 2006. Bill Preston reported on DACC hosting the Lone Star XXIV on May 5-7, 2006. We spent the rest of the evening instructing the new people in the fine art of playing "Chicken Feet".

Saturday morning was perfect weather for enjoying our cars. The cruise didn't start until 11 a.m., so there was lots of time to stroll around the parking lot and admire cars, visit, have breakfast and/or sleep in. The area around Lake Ft. Gibson and Lake Tenkiller in Northeastern Oklahoma is full of hills and thick trees. The trees were just beginning to take on fall colors. It made for a neat tour for our 35 Classic Chevys and several other vehicles. We made stops at the Fort Gibson Stockade, the Muskogee War Memorial Park and the USS Batfish. We could go aboard the WW II submarine and look at all of the military memorabilia on display. Our tour then took us around the south end of Lake Tenkiller to enjoy the beautiful scenery and winding roads. We completed our tour back to our hotel as the sun was setting. The weather had held up all day and we had plenty of chances to visit with everyone on the tour and check out their cars. Saturday evening we played a little bingo for door prizes but mostly we visited, played games and had fun.

Sunday morning many of us were preparing to get on the road home. A cold front had moved in during the night and it was blustery and cold at the lodge overlooking the lake. Prestons, Lynns and Rushes took off for Dallas... Prestons having the only functioning heater. Doyle Irick did a fix on their heater valve in McAlester to get some relief. Maggie & John just had to bundle up all the way home. The heater wasn't broken... there just ISN'T a heater in the car... and there's a hole in the fire wall to let cold air in. We encountered light rain the last half of the trip, but had a perfect day Saturday to remember.

Reported by Diane Preston



DACC CHRISTMAS PARTY

on Dec 10th

Our annual holiday gathering will take place at the Schmidt's in Plano on Saturday evening December 10th . Dean and Audrey Schmidt will graciously open their home in Plano to us as we celebrate the holidays. More details next month!

Lone Star XXIV Update

May 5,6,7 - 2006

HOTEL CHOSEN !!!!

After several months of work, Jim Conkle presented a great group of area hotels to host Lone Star. That group was narrowed to a final three and after a series of negotiations the choice was finalized in October. By the end of the month, David Graves signed contracts from the Sheraton Grand DFW located on Highway 114 at Esters Road in Irving! In January we will hold our 1st Quarter meeting at the hotel and continue to plan for Lone Star XXIV!

Committee Requirements -

Here is a list of committees that we are seeking club members to chair. We are looking for help to spread the load of hosting Lone Star XXIV in 2006. Anyone that wants to help by heading up one of these areas please contact Dean Schmidt at 214 986-8258 or David Graves at 972 389-9816. If you are a committee head, then you will be in charge of that function and you will be expected to fulfill that role.

- Registration/Hospitality - available**
- Security/Parking - available**
- Ladies Activities - available**
- Swap Meet - available**
- Drag Racing - available**
- Banquet/Dance - available**
- Sound System/Music – Audrey Schmidt**
- Golf Tournament - available**
- Signs - available**
- Door Prizes - available**
- Show-N-Shine – Marvin Johnson**

We will discuss this in more detail at the November meeting so if you have something to contribute to this effort, please try to attend the meeting at Stoked Out Specialties. We will be moving very rapidly from here on out to get this event in gear and your help is needed!

**Community Service Day
for DACC!**

***Building Freedom for the Homebound
December 10th at 8AM!***

We're at it again, building wheel chair ramps for the disabled. Several members have asked if DACC would be building wheel chair ramps again this December. Well the answer is YES! We will meet at the Dallas Ramps Project warehouse at 8:00 am December 10th. The address is 4720 Simonton Road, located 2 blocks north and east of Midway and LBJ Freeway. You can go to www.dallasramps.org, click on contact info (located on the left side of the home page), then click on where to meet us to see a map. The warehouse is located just west of the Freed's Furniture warehouse at the back. We usually have a sign by the driveway to help find us. PLEASE email Larry Rollow at ldrollow@sbcglobal.net, or call and let him know if you will attend, preferably before the 7th of December. It really helps with the project to know how many volunteers we are going to have so we can plan how many ramps we can build on a given day. Contact Larry Rollow at 972-960-1408 if you have any questions.



**DACC ELECTIONS
*to be held at November Meeting***

As Club Secretary, Greg Hedum will be heading up the annual club elections at the November meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor for each of the three positions up for this year. Those positions are President, Secretary and one Board of Director position. Greg reports that each of the current officers in those positions have put their names on the ballots. David Graves – President, Greg Hedum – Secretary and Bill Preston – Board of Director are all on the ballot. If you would like to include your name on the ballot for any of the open positions, please contact Greg.





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JOIN DACC on Sunday November 13th at the heated and air conditioned facilities of Stoked Out Specialties in Rockwall for our 4th Quarter Meeting and Elections along with a special 'Tech Session' by Stoked Out! Also lunch will be provided by Stoked Out so this should be a full day of voting, learning and, well... eating!