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NEWS OF '55, '56 AND '57 CHEVYS IN NORTH TEXAS AND BEYOND

1st Quarter Meeting/Lone Star Planning Meeting Sunday, January 15th at 2PM Sheraton Grand DFW

Take Highway 114 to the Esters Road exit in Irving

Lone Star Judging 'HOW TO' Seminar
Marvin Johnson will show you how to judge and how to prepare your car for judging using CCI rules for this year's Lone Star event! Don't miss this informative event!



While winter time is usually a slow time for the car hobby, our new year has several big events, first a very important meeting where we will be putting the final touches on Lone Star XXIV and filling holes in the staffing of various activities. You are encouraged to come out Sunday and look over the hotel where Lone Star will be held in May. If you can volunteer to help out with the event, we would like to hear from you. The group in the club that has already signed up for roles will make this event successful, but the larger this 'group' is the easier it will be on those folks. If you have skills, equipment or access to services that can make this event successful and would like to contribute - then we need to hear from you NOW! In LESS than four months Lone Star will be HERE! JOIN US SUNDAY AT 2PM AT THE SHERATON GRAND DFW! ALSO AT THIS MEETING we will go over the Classic Chevy International Show-N-Shine judging guidelines that will be used at Lone Star, explain the classes, explain the judge sheets, explain how you judge and explain how to prepare your car to show. This will be a very informative meeting! Plan to attend!!

DALLAS AREA CLASSIC CHEVYS TURN 30 YEARS OLD!

It was 30 years ago this year that this club began under the efforts of Greg Easley of Sherman. Other clubs have come and gone but over the years there has always been a group in this area with the passion for the Tri Five Chevys, and it's that core that has kept this club going for 30 years. This year will be special for our club as not only will we be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the '56 Chevy, we will host our very first Lone Star Convention AND we also will celebrate our own 30th Anniversary! Each month in the newsletter will be a brief 'It Happened This Month In DACC History' where we will recognize and relive important events in the club's history. Watch for it each month!

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30th Anniversary

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'55's lined up at Stoked Out



DACC Member Bob Vaughan's '57 nearing completion

4th Quarter Meeting Summary

Stoked Out Specialties Fall DACC Meeting

November's Tech Session and DACC 4th Quarter Meeting was hosted by Richard Stokes, Roger Lynskey and the staff of Stoked Out Specialties. This shop is becoming one of the top facilities for automotive design, modified restorations and repairs for collectible cars. DACC is fortunate to have a sponsor like Stoked Out and November's meeting there proved that point. Not only was the staff on hand to talk cars with our club members but Richard and the gang feed us also! The facilities are not your typical 'car shop' environment and they provide an ideal place to get the club together and discuss business AND cars! Many THANKS to the Richard and the entire staff of Stoked Out Specialties for hosting our club. And if your in the area of Rockwall, Texas, stop by any time and check out the projects at the shop!



DACC Member's inspecting the spray booth



Roger Lynskey is the General Manager of Stoked Out Specialties and gave DACC member's a detailed step by step on today's paint/body techniques.



MEMBER'S PRIDE JANUARY 2006



My involvement with the Tri-Fives started when my brother, Henry, and I went in halves on a '57 4 door Bel-Air to get to and from high school. The following year, when he got his license, I sold my half to him and bought a '55 2dr hardtop and have had this affection ever since. My youngest brother, Doug, also caught the Tri-Five bug and that is where this begins.

This car has some family history. Those of you around the Cowtown Classic Chevy Club in the early 80's might remember this car as being black and gold with a very sparse interior. Doug drove it thru high school and into college. We had always had cars around the house of one sort or another. With 4 boys, mom got to the point when we talked about getting another car she asked, "does it have a motor?" Even though I had already married and moved away from home, this was one of those projects I was able to help and encourage him on. He had already rebuilt the 265 engine and had the car running good. We started putting the T-Bird interior in the car along with Chevelle bucket seats before he was killed in an industrial

accident. The night before he died he called for some help installing a new ignition switch in the '55. I stopped over to help him install it after I got off of work. I am so thankful that I took the time...little did I know that it would be the last opportunity. The car sat at mom and dads for a while. My parents could not stand the constant reminder of their loss so I moved it to my house where it sat for years, as I could not emotionally work on it. Fast forward...to 2000, I decided that this is my car now and I need to make it respectable again for me, and him. I then proceeded to rebuild the engine, finish the cars brackets for the interior, the wiring, and had it stripped down and painted. Like many it stayed in 'paint prison' for what seemed like forever. At this time it was getting more difficult to stop and I knew that I had to go forward with the interior. It has been a slow process but well worth it.

This car has been a lot of fun and I expect it to continue. I was able to introduce my youngest daughter to the drive-in movie in Granbury this fall in this car. What a joy!

Jim and Debbie Conkle 1955 210 2dr Sedan N Richland Hills, Texas

Just recently I was at my mom's house and came across a dash plaque from a run Doug had made in July 1983 to Chisholm Park in Hurst, Texas with the car. What a pleasant surprise.

Would I do anything different? Yes, I am ready for more horsepower and debating on automatic or 4 speed. Like many I am just trying to figure out how to afford this addiction. I have power front disc brakes to be installed this winter.



**More Photos soon on
our website!**



New Appointed Positions For DACC

New in 2006 for the club are an additional Tech Advisor for members to call on for help with their cars and also a Membership Director to oversee the growing membership of DACC.



Marvin Johnson and his wife Donna

Marvin Johnson will join Larry Rollow as Tech Advisors for the club. Marvin has many years of experience in building Tri Five Chevys and has done it all or knows someone who has! He has been a member of DACC since 1987 and he is very willing to help you with your project or questions about your ride so don't hesitate to call him (no email) at 214-352-9132.



Bill Preston

On the Membership front, Bill Preston has answered the call to take over recruiting and all other membership duties. Bill's personality fits this role very well as he has never meet a stranger and can make a Ford guy feel welcome to the club! You can reach Bill at 972-691-4968 or email at cdiane1957@aol.com. If you have a friend or neighbor that might be interested in joining the club, contact Bill and he will follow up.

Thanks to these guys for stepping up and helping make our club the best it can be!

DACC's '56 Chevys to celebrate 50th Anniversary at Autorama!

Next month the annual Dallas Autorama at Market Hall is one of the biggest events of the winter in the North Texas area for car enthusiasts. This year, DACC is celebrating **50 years of '56 Chevys** with a display of 7 of the best and most unique 1956 Chevys in the club. Those in the club that will be at Market Hall on February 17th - 19th include Joe Gaikoski's '56 Convertible, John Rush's '56 Sedan, Bill Preston's '56 Nomad, Dennis Gormley's '56 Sedan, Chad Reynold's '56 wagon, Nick Roppolo's '56 Sedan and James Sparrow's '56 Hardtop. Along with a 'Feature Chevrolet' from our sponsor Reliable Chevrolet, these 8 cars should be a big hit at the show! Also we will have a 'handout' card that will be given away during the show that features all seven of the '56 Chevys in our display! Make plans to attend and get your Commemorative '56 Chevy HANDOUT!



DACC Celebrates 30 years! 1976 - 2006

It Happened in January in DACC History

... **1976** - Greg Easley displays his '55 Chevy at the Dallas Autorama and during the show talks to admirers of his car about forming a local chapter in Dallas of the national '55-'57 'Classic Chevy Club'. He takes down names and addresses of interested parties and this is what is the beginning of the Dallas Area Classic Chevys. Later in the spring of '76, DACC has it's first organized meeting.

... **1977** - DACC first ever display of Tri Five Chevys occurs at the '77 Dallas Autorama (then held in January) with **current** members Mike Cook, David Graves and RD Wallace among those showing their cars in the DACC display that had 9 members showing!

... **1979** - DACC has 11 '55-'57 Chevys in the Dallas Autorama!

... **1986** - RD Wallace is named the 1985 DACC Member of the Year!

Keep up with the latest tidbits, tips, parts for sale, cars wanted and more on the **DACC Chat Board**
Located on our club website at www.DallasClassicChevy.com

Ft Worth ROD AND CUSTOM SHOW

March 3,4,5 2006

DACC will be display a group of cars at the Will Rogers Complex in early March. It is not to late to join the group, so if you would like to show your '55-'57 Chevy with the club, contact David Graves right away at 214 738-5231. Already signed up to show is Rodney Nevils' '56 Corvette, Tom Blackburn's '57 Hardtop and Sharkey Nelson's '55 Hardtop. We would like to have more cars in the display, so contact David Graves (214) 738-5231 to get in our Tri Five Chevy display!

CALLING ALL RETIREES

(and other 'Flexibly' employed)

Here's a thought! Hang on, I don't get many!

Because a significant percentage of DACC members are blessed by being free during the "normal" work week, why not develop a list of these fortunate folks (and other interested parties) so we can provide information to each other about personal car projects or special events that are happening during the week. We could watch/help/advise/learn as fellow club members perform miraculous mechanical magic on their favored Tri Fives. We could also attend some Thurs/Fri editions of local races, car shows and auctions.

Here's how it could work. All interested parties would e-mail to me their name, address, telephone numbers and email address. I would compile the list and return it to all interested parties. Upcoming personal projects or weekday events could be listed on the DACC Chat Board. If members were interested in attending, they would notify the personal project host and call a few retired friends. Sounds like a good way to increase fun and participation in DACC.

There is even a suggested 'handle' (shift lever) for this potential group - if so desired.....

The **WRENCHES**

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Engines &
Stuff

Please give me your thoughts/suggestions,

Wacky Wrench Dennis Lind
(940) 367-2665

email - LINDMGMT@worldnet.att.net

NEWS FLASH - Just prior to the printing deadline, word was received in at DACC World Headquarters that Bill Preston has a project he is about to undertake, so check the Chat Board under 'Tech Help' for WRENCHES plans and updates as they occur! This section will be the place to keep up with weekly plans and accomplishments of the WRENCHES of DACC!





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