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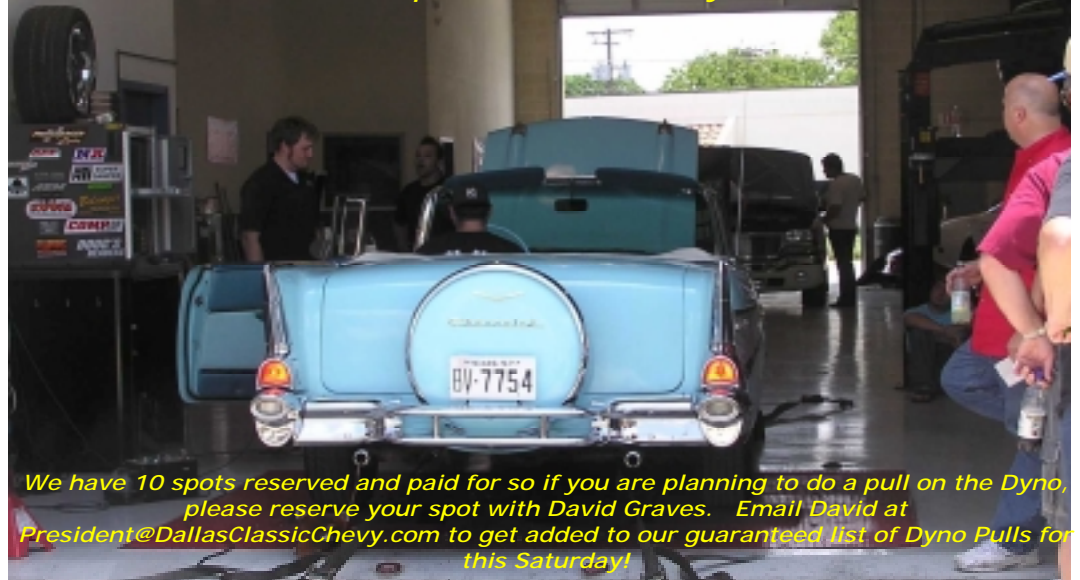
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DACC DYNO CHALLENGE

This Saturday June 10th at 11AM we will meet at the Speedtek Performance Center located at Hwy 121 and Carson Street in Haltom City for our annual Dyno Challenge event. We have a discounted rate of \$35 for 3 pulls on the Dyno and you are allowed to do minor adjustments between pulls to see if you can squeak out a little bit more HP and torque out of your motor. Awards for MOST HP and LEAST HP! Last year we had a great turnout and we hope to see you at Speedtek on Saturday!



We have 10 spots reserved and paid for so if you are planning to do a pull on the Dyno, please reserve your spot with David Graves. Email David at President@DallasClassicChevy.com to get added to our guaranteed list of Dyno Pulls for this Saturday!



SPEEDTEK

Highway 121 at Carson
Haltom City, TX
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Saturday June 10th
11AM

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**DACC SUMMER
CRUISE
MUENSTER, TX
July 9th Sunday**

**Plan to join us!
Details next month**



2006 Lone Star Classic Chevy Convention - 3 Days of Tri Five Chevy Heaven!

Hosted by the Dallas Area Classic Chevys

Wow.. did this thing come together or what? Significant efforts early in the planning paid big dividends as the Dallas Area Classic Chevys hosted their very first Lone Star Classic Chevy Convention ever in the 24 year history of the event and all expectations and records were exceeded!

The event history goes back to 1983 when Texas needed a true independent event for the '55-'57 Chevys each and every year in Texas. With national conventions sometimes being more than a couple of days drive away, the Texas area many times found themselves without an event. With so many cars in the state, something had to be done. Lone Star #1 was born after negotiations with the Austin's Central Texas Classic Chevy Club came together and they took on the host responsibilities for the first event. Somehow the DACC never found themselves in position to host Lone Star, although DACC did host a National Classic Chevy Convention in '85 and the grand daddy International Convention in '91. Needless to say, it was time DACC played host to this event and 2006 became the year to do it.

A lot of planning and efforts took place before the first cars began arriving in Dallas on Thursday afternoon. But the arrivals even on Thursday exceeded expectation as there were enough cars in the parking lot to do a nice small car show! This was just a hint of what was coming.

Friday morning we found registration check ins processing with minimal delay as we had over 130 pre-registrations and that helps tremendously in planning and simply getting people processed quickly when they arrive. Vendors were arriving also and getting those trailers in place proved to be a challenge as space was at a premium. With weather forecasts showing possible storms at any time during the weekend, the night before it was decided to rent three fifteen passenger vans to move people from the hotel to the two facilities we were to visit on the 'Shop Tour'. That turned into a great decision as we packed all three vans and still had some following

as we first went to the facilities of Classic Auto Air where Chris Hazzard took the group on a great tour of his ever growing business. If aftermarket AC is in your future, you need to be sure and check out Classic Air as their units are top of the line and installation can be done right there at their shop. After finishing up there, the tour went on to Painless Performance where we all got a first class tour as President Adrian Murray and two staff members were ready to show our group around in three smaller groups in order to maximize our time there. We saw it all – from where the wiring harnesses are assembled, to where R&D is done on future projects and also their new Dyno facility where they are developing some state of the art induction systems that soon will be on the market. Painless provided everyone with lunch and we could not have been treated better!

Back at the hotel, classifications were underway with one of the best in the country at the helm in Pete Sawatsky from Oklahoma doing the honors. Pete and his wife Kathy single handily managed our 1000 point judging show and did it well! Inside the hotel during the afternoon on Friday we had Tech Seminars with Dirty Joe's Chrome in Dallas and Classic Auto Air in Ft Worth doing the duties. The seminars proved to be quite popular and with all the tri five Chevys in the parking lot that is quite statement that participants would walk away from a parking lot full of beautiful cars to attend the seminars! Classification of the Show-N-Shine cars proceeded very well and quickly during Friday afternoon so that the mandatory Show-N-Shine meeting could get underway by 4PM. Pete was ready when the clock struck 4 and addressed the way the judging would take place and what was expected from judges and participants in the Show judging. .

After the Show-N-Shine meeting it was time for the hamburgers and hot dogs meal poolside at the hotel provided by Stoked Out Specialties. Now I have had some pretty bad food at hotel

functions but I will have to say the Sheraton did not disappoint with this or any aspect of playing host to our event. Well over 250 people took part of the meal and made for a great time to visit and catch up on friendships.

Friday night was 'Lone Star Drag Night' and a large group of cars and even our three full rented vans made our way north to Denton Dragway for a great night of 1/8 mile drag racing. Many tri fives made runs down the drag strip and eliminations found two classes that would run for \$500 in prize money. With the threat of rain nearby, we quickly ran eliminations. The big winners of the night included Randy Stephens of Big Sandy, Texas as the quickest car of the night with a 7.00 ET and Top Speed at 99 mph in his black '55 Chevy Sedan. Randy went on to the final of the faster Eliminator 1 class to face Blake Walker where Randy took the win in a great race, that was to close to call with the naked eye! In Eliminator 2, DACC had two finalists in Alan Strong and his flamed '57 advanced to face Kenneth Burton in his '56 Sedan. Alan took the win in yet another close race by putting a holeshoot on Kenneth. All four finalists took home cash for their racing efforts that night!

In the rain going back to the hotel, Sonny Poteet's blown '55 Chevy developed a flat tire on the rear and needed help. As he did several times during the weekend, DACC's Don Andre was available to get Sonny back to the hotel. Don had a trailer and tools available all weekend and they came in handy several times! This case Sonny's '55 was loaded on the trailer as it sit on the side of I-35W in the rain and safely made it back to the hotel!

The story stops here on Friday night of Lone Star ... Next month read about the rest of Lone Star XXIV as we continue with what turns out to be one of the best ever Lone Star Conventions ever!



Doyle & Nancy Irick '57 Cameo, Aubrey, TX



DACC Member's Pride

I began drag racing in the mid 60's with a '55 Chevy my father in-law gave me and my brother in-law. We had trouble with the engine banging until what became fellow DACC member BJ Butcher suggested that I check the valve spring pressure, problem solved. We raced for about two years in a gas class and had a lot of fun back then with that car. Later I acquired another '55 Chevy and I blew the engine the first night after buying car! I had Wayne Calvert Racing Engines in Denton build a new engine and then I set a new record at the first event at the old Green Valley Raceway. I went on to

Gary, Indiana for national meet and set another record in June of 1966. Later that year I won the AHRA World Championship at Green Valley. I ran stock class with that '55 Chevy for about 3 years, then I sold the car and quit racing. It is then that I started buying cars and fixing them up and selling them. In 1989 I traded for the 1957 Cameo pickup and I worked on it off and on as time would allow and accumulated parts over several years. I started to restore to the truck to original but changed my mind. In 2001 acquired an LSI engine and transmission out of a wrecked corvette because I wanted more

performance. It is at this point that I got serious about finishing the truck. After a few more interruptions I finally was able to finish the truck in April of 2005. The first show I entered was in Snyder, Texas and I won First in class and Peoples Choice Award. Later that year I went on 2005 Hot Rod Power Tour from Wisconsin to Florida and had a blast! We are enjoying the truck and DACC events, and are looking forward to Fall Foliage Tour to Branson Missouri this October.

More photos of Doyle's fabulous Cameo Pickup on the club website!



Welcome New Members

740
Tim Page
PO Box 50612
Denton, TX 76206
'57 Chevy Bel Air Wagon

741
Mark Ottwell
1314 Chatsworth Lane
Rowlett, TX 75089
'56 Chevy 210

742
Curtis and Lindy Liles
1721 Live Oak Ct
Lewisville, TX 75067
'57 Chevy Limo

743
Darcy Anderson
417 Southridge Lakes Parkway
Southlake, TX 76092
'56 4dr Sedan

744
James and Denise Carter
1806 Cool Springs Dr
Mesquite, TX 75181
'57 Bel Air 2dr Hdtp

745
Steve and Gloria Carney
14406 FM 279
Chandler, TX 75758
'55 Bel Air 2dr Hdtp



Kevin Brown - Platinum Winner at Lone Star XXIV

DACC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 10 - Saturday, DACC DYNO CHALLENGE 2, Speedtek Performance, 11AM, \$35 for 3 pulls, 121 at Carson St. in Haltom City, TX

July 9 - Sunday, DACC Summer Cruise to Muenster, Texas

August 9 - Saturday, DACC Car Show Event, Christian Classic Cruisers Monthly Parking Lot Show, N Richland Hills, Texas

September 11 - Saturday, DACC Classic Chevy Show and 3rd Quarter Meeting, Reliable Chevrolet, Richardson, Texas

October 10 - Saturday, 7th Annual Drive In Movie Night, Brazos Theatre, Granbury, Texas

October 22-23 - Fall Foliage Tours, Springfield, MO

November 9 - Sunday, DACC Tech Session, 4th Quarter Meeting / Elections, Stoked Out Specialties, Rockwall, Texas

December 10 - Saturday, DACC Handicap Ramp Building Project in Dallas, Texas

December 10 - Saturday, DACC Christmas Party, Dean and Audrey Schmidt's, Plano, Texas



Dean Schmidt at the Lone Star XXIV Drag Races



Congrats to these DACC Winners at Lone Star XXIV!

Sharkey Nelson - Silver Award, '55 Custom Driven Class
Kevin Brown - Platinum Award, '57 Custom Driven Truck Class
Dan Bunch - Bronze Award, '57 Custom Driven Class
John Rush - Gold Award, '56 Custom Driven Class
Greg Hedum - Gold Award, '55 Custom Driven Class
Dean Schmidt - Gold Award, '57 Custom Driven Class
Marvin Johnson - Platinum Award, '55 Custom Driven Class
James Sparrow - Platinum Award, '56 Custom Driven Class
Bob Vaughan - Platinum Award, '57 Custom Driven Class
Robert Senn - Silver Award, '57 Custom Driven Class
Jim Conkle - Silver Award, '55 Custom Driven Class
Jim Castleberry - Silver Award, '56 Restored Driven Class
Mike Reeves - Silver Award, '55 Custom Driven Class
Kenneth Burton - Runner Up Eliminator 2 Drag Racing Class
George Johnson - Silver Award, '56 Custom Driven Class
Carl Mitcham - Platinum Award, '57 Restored Trailered Class
Alan Strong - Winner, Eliminator 2 Drag Racing Class
Ron Davis - Platinum Award, '55 Custom Driven Class
Mark Walker - Runner Up, Eliminator 1 Drag Racing Class
Charles Rader - Platinum Award, '57 Contemporary Driven Class
Doyle Irick - Platinum Award, '57 Custom Truck Driven Class
Jim Gary - Gold Award, '55 Custom Driven Class
Mark Lamkin - Silver Award, '55 Custom Driven Class

DACC Celebrates 30 years!
1976 - 2006

It Happened In June ***In DACC History***

... 1983 - Lone Star I is hosted by the Central Texas Classic Chevy Club, DACC has 9 members attend and nearly 50 '55-'57 Chevys attend the event at the Villa Capri Hotel in Austin

... 1978 - the 4th Classic Chevy Club's International Convention is held in Memphis, TN with 6 DACC members attending including current members RD Wallace, David Graves and Greg Easley and RD returns to Texas with a 2nd Place Award in the '57 Trailered Restored Class that is won with a '57 Chevy he calls 'Black Gold'

... 1979 - DACC hosts the Classic Chevy Club's South Central Regional Convention in Dallas, with 64 cars in the Show-N-Shine judging and featured Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88's!



Larry and Jan Rollow at the Lone Star XXIV Rock-N-Roll Dance





30th Anniversary

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