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Saturday Oct 7th BRAZOS DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT!

NOTICE

If rain is an issue, an announcement will be posted on the club website before 4PM on Saturday Oct 7th, and we will attempt to do it the next weekend

The 7th Annual Drive In Movie Night and Cruise is this coming Saturday to the historic Brazos Drive In Movie Theatre in Granbury, TX. Plan to join us at our meeting spot in Arlington, at Interstate 20 and Park Springs (west of the Parks Mall) in the Park-N-Ride parking lot on the south side of the freeway. We will meet at 4:30 and leave promptly at 5:15 and caravan to Granbury. This event is open to all car clubs and makes of cars so invite ALL your friends to join us for this great night of nostalgia! Plan to grab a burger and fries from the snack bar before the movie! With the cooler evenings, there is nothing better than a night under the stars in Texas at the Drive In!

Need more information? Greg Hedum is the contact (972) 539-9886

November Meeting and Tech Session!

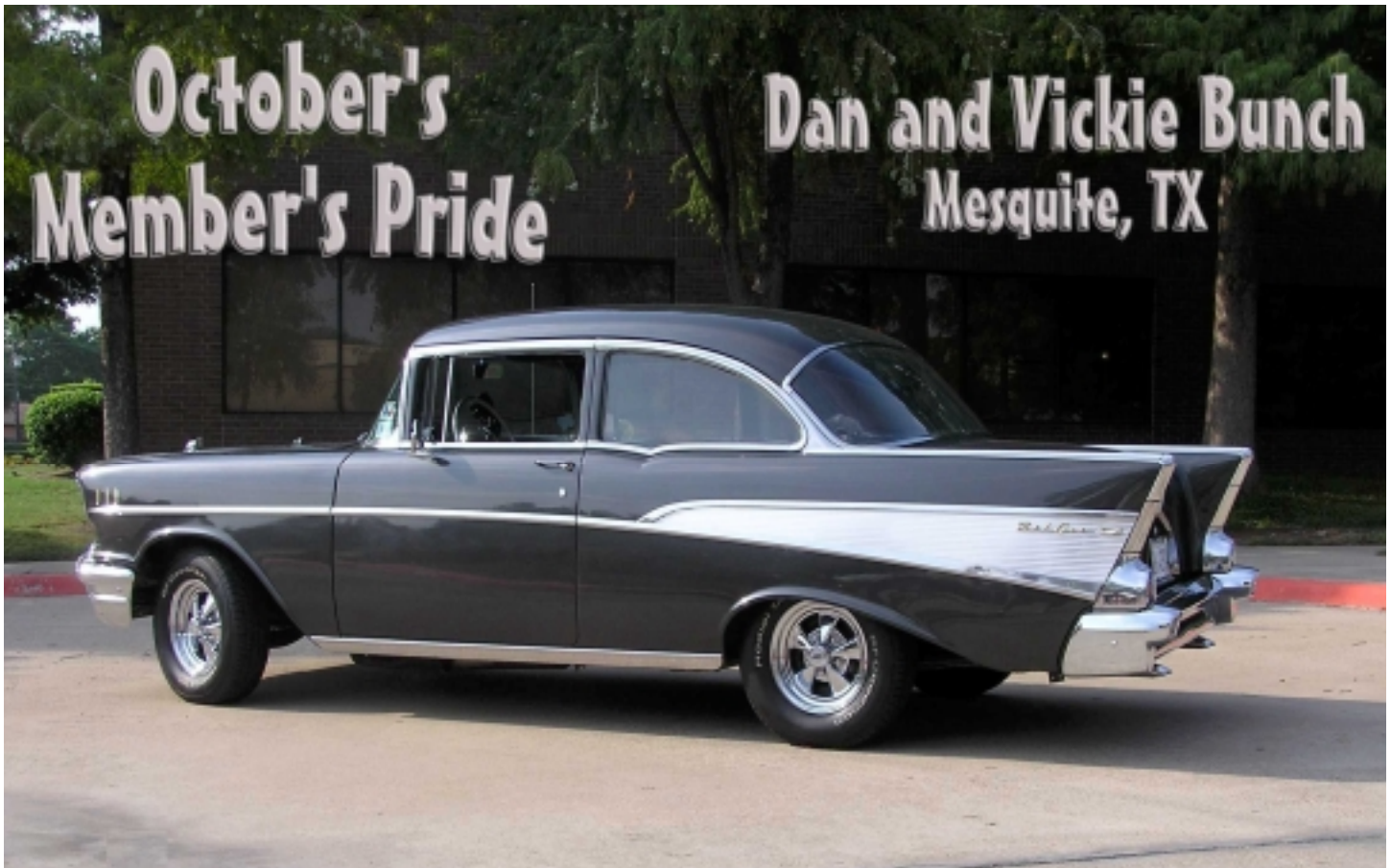
Next month the Dallas Area Classic Chevys will meet at our club sponsor **Stoked Out Specialties** fabulous facility in Rockwall on SUNDAY November 12th. Stoked Out ALWAYS exceeds in welcoming the club to their shop and again this year expect the same! Lunch will be provided and a Tech Session will be on tap. Also, our elections for several expiring Board positions will be conducted. Put this on your schedule

YOU WILL NOT BE DISSAPOINTED

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“Pee Paw, let’s go to Braums for ice cream and can we take *the cool car*”? Those words came from my 4 year old grandson, Caden, meaning he wanted to ride in my 57 Chevy. He’s ridden with in it several times over the past year and seems to enjoy it. But can you picture a tri-five with a child safety seat?

Actually the two share a special place in my life. I bought and took delivery of the 57 on Monday, October 21, 2002 and Caden was born four days later on Friday, October 25. Afterwards I carried around pictures of both for weeks showing them to everyone I knew or met. Being a grandparent and classic car owner gives one a double dose of pride.

I’ve owned several Chevys years past. A ‘56 Bel Air, 64 Impala, 67



Chevelle, 68 Camaro, 85 S10 Blazer and a 62 Impala, in that order. The Blazer is a story unto its self to be shared at a later time. But like a lot of guys and gals, I love the older cars but really wanted a '57. Finally after about two years of searching I found this little jewel in Royse City and the price was right!

The prior owner had taken fairly good care of her but I did find a bees nest on the rear axle housing and there were a few other problems which needed attention. The windlace and carpeting was in bad shape as was the paint and both doors had their glass cracked. The left front brake would lock up from time to time and I could hear a tappet or two clattering. But overall she was and is a pretty solid car. However the biggest problem I faced was me. I had forgotten what little mechanical skills and knowledge I had learned in

my younger days. In fact, one day after I had gone through the cooling system replacing hoses, anti-freeze, new belts and reinstalling the radiator I decided on a test drive. Less than five houses down the block I threw both belts, which I had installed wrong. A few days later I had forgotten to tighten the radiator cap, it came off and I ran over it. But eventually with the help of a couple good mechanics, time, and a lot of patience and money she was running and looking good.

She came with a 283 engine, vintage 1966 I believe, a Carter AFB sitting on a Weiand intake manifold, headers, TH350 transmission and a Ford 9 inch rear end. The prior owner had also installed a Vintage

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**DACC Celebrates 30
years!**

1976 - 2006

It Happened

In October in DACC History

... in 1981, the Dallas Area Classic Chevys participated in the State Fair Of Texas Parade held through the streets of Downtown Dallas, over 20 tri five Chevys from the club made for an impressive display in the parade !!

... in 1995, the Fall Foliage Tour took place this month and traveled to the Lake Texoma Lodge, this being one of several Fall Foliage events held at Lake Texoma, cars from Oklahoma Texas and Arkansas made the trip !

**Upcoming DACC
Schedule Of Events**

October 7 - Saturday, 7th Annual Drive In Movie Night / Cruise to the Brazos Drive In Theatre, Granbury, Texas

October 20-22 - Fall Foliage Tour, Branson, MO, Hotel is Quality Inn (417) 335-6776 \$65, info Wendell (417) 883-6541 or email avire@aol.com - Bill Preston local contact (405) 412-0502

November 12 - Sunday, DACC Tech Session, 4th Quarter Meeting, 2PM, Stoked Out Specialties, Rockwall, Texas

December 9 - Saturday, DACC Handicap Ramp Building Project, DallasRamps.org

December 9 - Saturday, DACC Christmas Party, Dean and Audrey Schmidt's, Plano

Welcome New Members to DACC!

750
Andy & Nina Salinas
1646 W 5th Street
Irving, TX 75060
'56 Bel Air 2dr Hardtop

753
Jim & Cindy Black
10812 Aladdin Dr
Dallas, TX 75229
'57 Bel Air 2dr Hardtop

756
Wayne Pittman
8005 Forest Trail
Dallas, TX 75238
'57 Bel Air 4dr Hardtop

751
Jay & Ellen Bruner
4405 Barwyn Ln
Plano, TX 75093
'55 Bel Air 2dr Hardtop

754
Tom & Jordana McGee
868 Cambridge Dr
Plano, TX 75023
'55 Bel Air

757
Glen & Sheila Smith
2002 Ponderosa Trail
Sachse, TX 75048
'55 Bel Air 2dr Sedan

752
Don Clark
4 Kingswood Dr
Lucas, TX 75002
'56 210 2dr Sedan
'56 Nomad

755
Danny & Catherine Lich
525 Doral Place
Garland, TX 75043
'55 210 2dr Sedan

758
Michael & Joan Baas
909 Midland Creek Dr
Southlake, TX 76092
'56 210 2dr Sedan



Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge Drag Racing Series

The '06 Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge series of drag races come to an end in October, but not before having 3 races in the span of one month!, the first was last Sunday at the 1/8 mile Redline Raceway, the next event is Sunday Oct 15th at the 1/4 mile Texas Motorplex in Ennis, then the last event is Sunday October 29th at the 1/8 mile Texas Raceway in Kennedale. Remember our club is represented at these events and there are classes for ALL cars. This is a relaxed and fun event where you can run your car as hard as you want or not hard at all! Consistency is the key! Alan Strong took his '57 to the winner's circle last year at the Denton event and expect to see him competing. Tom Walker plans to be at all the events with his '57, so join him and other DACC members for some tri five racin fun! Check for the latest news about our plans on the club website chat board!



Dan Bunch October Feature Car Continued ...

Air AC unit which was not working too well and Dakota Digital gauges of which the gas gauge and voltmeter were not working. I had the voltmeter replaced but still have the gas gauge to work on. So far, I've only ran out of gas twice.

I added front disc brakes, replaced the windlace, carpeting, new glass in both doors, electric cooling fan for the air conditioning, new AM/FM Cassette sound system and a new radiator. Vickie, my lady, really appreciates the air conditioning! The looking good is the result of a set of TA Radials wrapped around new 14 inch Crager SSs and a beautiful paint job by Gutierrez Auto Body Repair in Rowlett. The original color of the car was blue but someone years ago had painted her gray. I liked the gray but went a little darker using a GM 94 Dark Metallic Gray for which I get a lot of compliments.



I've had her in a number of local car shows and gotten several plaques, trophies, door prizes but never the 50/50 money. In fact the second show I entered was the shocker. There were over sixty entries including fourteen in the 50's class. First place to a '55 and second to a '57. The last award announced was a Kids Choice. Yep! We won the Kids Choice! A big 6 foot trophy which took some doing to get home and now sits proudly in my living room. But then kids and having fun with these cars is what it's all about. If you don't drive a classic car and share with your family and friends, why even have one? Not only does my grandson like the car but I get as many remarks from the kids I see as the adults who wave, honk or give you the 'thumbs up'. I also enjoy entering the car shows in which a charity or community organization will benefit. A chance to show the car, meet and make new friends and help a good cause, doesn't get any better than that!

As with most of these classic cars they are never "finished". I still have some more work to do and want to make some changes in the future. I'm planning on retiring early next year and should have more time to devote to both her and my grandson and his new little brother, Carson. Looks like I'll need two child safety seats in a couple of years!



Reliable Chevrolet

Fall Classic Chevy Show

September Event Big Success!

A great turnout of over 50 '55-'57 Chevys made for a great way to spend a September Saturday at Reliable Chevrolet. The day was sunny and warm and that brought out the Classic Chevys in full force for this annual event. Reliable supplied drinks and hot dogs and their staff selected their "Favorite" from each year car, truck and corvette. Thanks to all who came out to support the club and this special event at Reliable! And congrats to the Favorites of the display and also congrats to Frank Makarauskas who was picked as the winner of the \$250 Gift Certificate from Vintage Air Products AND David McBroom who won the \$50 Best Buy Certificate donated by Reliable Chevrolet. We look forward to March 10th 2007 when we will again meet at Reliable for the Spring version!

Reliable Chevrolet's Favorites from this year's Fall Display

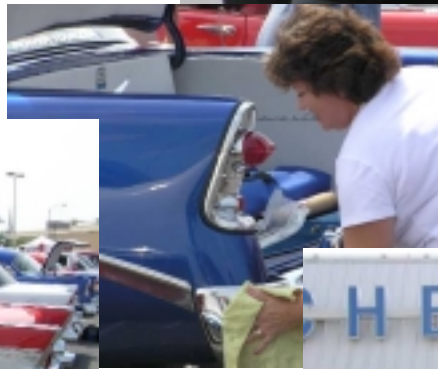
*Favorite '55 Chevy
Ron Davis*

*Favorite '56 Chevy
Andy Salinas*

*Favorite '57 Chevy
Chuck Rader*

*Favorite Truck
Doyle Irick*

*Favorite Corvette
Rodney Nevils*



Favorite '55 Chevy - Ron Davis, Deoto, TX





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