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DACC Christmas Events This Saturday!



8AM - Handicap Ramp Building
6PM - Christmas Party
Please join us for one or both of these events on **Saturday December 9th**

As has been the tradition over the past couple of years, the DACC will assist the Dallas Ramp Project in building handicap ramps for those in need as our Christmas activity. This will take place by meeting at the Dallas Ramp facility located at 4720 Simonton Road at 8AM Saturday (Simonton runs east/west 2 blocks north of the LBJ Freeway and Midway Road intersection). This is a 100 percent volunteer effort and all we need is YOU! Wives, family members and neighbors are welcome to assist. If you have a cordless drill, please bring that **but** if you don't that is fine, please join us! This will take 3-5 hours to complete and will be done on site at the location in need. Any questions can be directed to our coordinator Larry Rollow at 972 960-1408 or email him at LDRollow@sbcglobal.net. You can also learn more about this effort at www.DallasRamps.org.

Later in the day, at 6PM we will meet at the home of Dean and Audrey Schmidt in Plano for our Christmas Party.

Complete details on the Christmas Party are on page 5 of the newsletter.

Dallas Area Classic Chevys in 2007 !

Next year will be the 31st year for the club and it should be yet another great year! There will be plenty to do and participate in with your '55-'57 Chevy and beginning in January we are planning for a driving event. Let's hope for one of those mild Texas winter days on January 14th! Look for a complete run down on 2007's Schedule in next month's

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I have been fascinated with 1957 Chevrolets since 1957...

when I purchased my first new '57 - a beautiful black two door hard top with silver interior, power pack engine with overdrive. My wife Charlsie and I were married and had our children while owning that '57. During the late 50's, cruising the strip and drag races out in the country were an every night occurrence. Nothing could come close to out running the '57 Chevy! When the '58 models arrived, the tri power Pontiac and Oldsmobiles, with more horsepower still would not keep up with the '57 Chevy. I sold the '57 in 1963 and purchased a 1963 SS Chevy two door hard top.

I did not get interested again in the '57 Chevy until 1977 when I was at an auction in Arlington, Texas and purchased a black '57 two door hard top. I joined the Classic Chevy Club and took this black '57 to the convention in Columbus, Ohio and won second place. I then returned

home to Texas and did a complete restoration over the winter. That next year I took the car to Memphis, Tennessee to the national convention and it judged worse than it did the year before! Oh well, that's the way judging goes sometimes.

Over the years I have built many '56 and '57 Chevys, but mostly '57 Chevy convertibles with dual four barrels. In 1981, I decided to build a driver to drive to the New Orleans 1982 National Convention. I built this Matador red two door hard top with a three speed overdrive and air conditioning the hang down kind, as in dash air was not an option then. Actually not many reproduction parts were available yet. Many times you had to hunt up NOS parts or be creative, such as purchasing a NOS silver grill mesh, send it to a plater and have it gold anodized. This '57 I built was a basket case with no front end sheet metal, engine or transmission. I did all the body work and painted the car myself. We drove to New Orleans had a great time there. That year the Show-N-Shine Judging was held in the Superdome, and I won First in the

class and best paint for the original cars. The car is in its original condition with the exception of an engine and transmission swap a few, years ago. The paint and interior are the original. Then in 1995, I sold the car and then found myself purchasing it back in 1998. I have installed a Saginaw four speed with a Saginaw three speed overdrive. It runs very well with the 4:11 gears.

My wife and I are still enjoying the '57 after all these years with other members of the Dallas Area Classic Chevys car club. We drive all over the North Texas area with the club and attend many of the local car shows.



**More Photos at
www.DallasClassicChevy.com**



Stoked Out Specialties

4th Quarter Meeting Recap

Great weather greets DACC at the Stoked Out shops last month!

Another great turnout of members attended the November meeting at the Rockwall shop, and with Elections, Tech Sessions and 'food' on the agenda it was a busy afternoon! We got to see all the projects at Stoked Out and special thanks to the staff at Stoked Out for their hospitality! Julie Stokes, Roger Lynskey and the other member's of the Stoked Out staff deserve a big thank you for taking time from their weekend and devoting Sunday to the car club. As always the support we receive from Stoked Out goes far above just being a club sponsor and we are very fortunate to have the support of this great specialty automotive shop. Along with the tech sessions, great food and business meeting, we held out annual elections for several of our club officer and board positions. Re-elected is Marvin Johnson at VP, Dean Schmidt as Treasurer, John Rush as a Board Member and new to the Board of Directors is Dan Bunch! Congrats and thanks to all these who have and will contribute to the success of the club! More photos from the afternoon can be seen on the club web site at www.DallasClassicChevy.com





"YOU CAN'T USE THE FAST FORWARD ON THE REMOTE, SON. YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY!"

Welcome Dan Bunch to the Board of Directors

Elected to the role at last month's meeting, Dan replaces Larry Rollow on the Board of Directors for the next two years beginning in January. Thanks to Larry, a DACC member since 1987, for serving and he will continue to help members as one of our designated 'Tech Advisors' for DACC.

Dan joined the DACC in 2004. He and his wife Vickie live in Mesquite and they own a beautiful '57 sedan (October '06 Feature Car).



Notice from Stoked Out Specialties regarding Danchuk parts

Last month in the newsletter, we introduced a new line of parts that are available from Stoked Out Specialties - those from the leading manufacturer of '55-'57 Chevy parts in the world - *Danchuk Manufacturing!* Many of you had the opportunity to see just some of the parts on display in the display counters at Stoked Out during last month's meeting at their shop. Since that newsletter was published there have been a couple of changes that Stoked Out would like to advise all DACC members of when ordering your tri five Chevy parts from Stoked Out.

Stoked Out Specialties is proud to be a Danchuk Dealer in the North Texas area. We would like to think that this will be a great benefit to all DACC members and their friends that need parts for their tri-five Chevy. We have just begun stocking parts and while we don't have the full line of goodies in yet, we are working real hard on a daily basis to get most parts you need here on hand. If you call and we don't have the part, the shipping turnaround has been between 3 to 4 days on most orders placed. At this time we are offering all DACC members a 10% discount on all orders placed. I would like to take a moment to reflect back on the last newsletter, and I want to apologize for the information in that issue. Things did not work out with the other parts manager and I would like to introduce our new Parts Manager - Gunner Groves. Gunner has 17 years experience in parts for cars and trucks of 1955 through 1972. Gunner brings his professionalism and knowledge of the parts business to assist you with all your questions and needs. Gunner will be in contact with David Graves on a monthly basis about all the activities at the shop, monthly specials on parts and he will be attending club meetings to meet you and answer your questions. Gunner will be starting on January 3rd of 2007. Please call him at 972-772-0379 or e-mail him at sales@stokedoutspecialties.com.

Thanks to all who attended the 4th quarter meeting here at Stoked Out Specialties and we hope that everyone had a great time. Remember we are here for you, we are not a business without your business. Please give us a chance to earn you business. Also remember that Danchuk is not the only line we carry, we are a dealer for many other products and just become a Vintage Air Dealer. Check out our web site for all other product lines we carry. Thanks from all of us at Stoked Out Specialties and we hope that all of you " Have a Great Holiday Season".



Christmas Party Details

It's **THIS SATURDAY EVENING**, December 9th, at the home of Dean and Audrey Schmidt, 5208 Seascape Lane in Plano (west of Preston Road between Park and Parker). We plan to get underway at 6PM and the club is providing a ham, the Schmidt's are providing cold drinks and your welcome to BYOB. We need two to bring a variety of rolls, and two to bring a sliced cheese tray (1lb each). If you would like to volunteer for one of those please let Audrey know. Everyone else can follow the following schedule - **If your last name begins with the letter A-L - bring a salad, if your last name begins with M-Z - bring a dessert.** And another popular part of our Christmas get-together is the swapping of gifts! *Bring one wrapped \$10-\$15 gift* and that will be exchanged and swapped as we go through the process of gift exchange with the group! The final part of the night will be driving nearby neighborhoods to see the Christmas lights, so weather permitting **BRING YOUR CLASSIC CHEVY!** Please RSVP either via the E-vite website (a link is in your DACC email you receive this Thursday) or contact Audrey so that we can plan accordingly. Audrey can be contacted via email at aisriding@comcast.net or phone at 972-867-3255. We look for a great evening of fun and hope YOU CAN ATTEND!



February 16-18, 2007

*DACC presents the 50th Anniversary of the '57 Chevy Display
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