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Membership Drive Meeting this Sunday!

Our March meeting and our first of the year takes place this coming Sunday March 14th at 2PM at the Wizard's Sports Café in Richardson (rain date Sunday March 21st). We have invited area Classic Chevy Intl members to attend along with those we visited with at the Autorama last month. Plans call for a brief meeting inside and discuss our goals, hopefully sign up new members and spend the rest of the time in the parking lot

talking '55, '56 and '57 Chevys. Wizard's is easy to find off of Central Expressway in Richardson between Spring Valley and Belt Line on the east side service road. We are hoping for a nice turnout and again our goal is to strengthen the membership in the club. Please make plans to attend and support the club in this effort and see some nice Classic Chevys at the same time!



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www.Wizards-Sports-Cafe.com



Your Membership Dues Need To Be Paid

Thanks to all the members who have paid so far this year! We are short on cash and it helps!

REMINDER:

You are receiving this newsletter because you were on the mailing list from 2003. Club dues were not collected last year from the majority of the membership. We are **STARTING OVER** on dues. Dues are \$25 per year and in order for you to remain a member in good standing, you need to pay your dues for 2004. Please mail your dues to the Club PO Box. A new membership form is on the website and we would like to have this completed for all members going forward. **ALL MEMBERS ARE DUE NOW!** We will operate with a 3 month grace period that ends in May before dropping any members.

DACC on the World Wide Web.....

Be sure and surf over to the club's web site, www.DallasClassicChevy.com and check out the newest features as the site evolves. You will find online versions of the newsletter, photos of events, and more. A recent addition is a Chat Board. Here members can share experiences with local auto businesses, positive and negative, repair shops, paint, upholstery and more. Are you looking for a shop that someone has had good experiences with? Post it on the Chat Board and hopefully you will find what your looking for. Please make a habit of checking the Chat Board and contribute your experiences so that we all can benefit!!!

New Members -WELCOME

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Allen, TX 75002

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Dallas, TX 75214



Dallas Area Classic Chevys 2004 Schedule of Events

See the website for more events and info

Feb 13-15 * ISCA Autorama, Market Hall, Dallas

March 14 * DACC Meeting/Membership Drive, Wizard's Sports Café, 2PM Sunday
Rain Date March 21

April 11 * DACC Cruise, TBD

May 9 * DACC Cruise, TBD

June 13 * DACC Quarterly Business Meeting, Wizard's Sports Café, 2PM

July 10 * Lone Star XXII, hosted by Houston Classic Chevys

August 8 * DACC Cruise, TBD

September 12 * DACC Quarterly Business Meeting, Wizard's Sports Café, 2PM

October * Drive In Movie Night with the Metroplex Muscle Car Club, Brazos Drive In, Granbury

November * Fall Foliage Tour, Eastern Oklahoma, details to come

November 14 * DACC Meeting and Officer Elections, Wizard's Sports Café, 2PM



Moving Your Classic ...

Shipping a classic car starts with choosing the right company for the job.

By [Bengt Halvorson](#)

From [TheCarConnection.com](#)

If you're planning a big move and want to take your collectible or classic car with you, or if you've found that perfect old car but it's across the country, then finding a good car transport company is a must.

Reputation counts. Choose a transport company with a good reputation among other collectors. If you can't find the right company for the job, check on www.movecars.com for state-by-state listings of auto transporters. Then ask around at car club functions and other enthusiast events about which company would best fit your needs. If you're unfamiliar with the company, check with the Better Business Bureau and also with the [U.S. Department of Transportation](#).

Check that it's the same company at both ends. If the person you're booking with and paying is not a proper representative of the shipping company, then you should go elsewhere. More importantly, make sure the transport company owns the truck and employs the driver.

Don't make price your first priority. There are a lot of other factors that figure in to how much it will cost you in the end. But if you're having trouble affording it, look into terminal-to-terminal, rather than door-to-door transport. The service is just as good, only you must drop off and pick up your vehicle at a freight terminal. If your dates are flexible, to help keep costs down, look into taking advantage of so-called 'snowbird' routes, such as between Boston or New York and Florida in the fall and spring, when many retirees transport vehicles to winter homes.

Don't use a moving company. Never put your precious car in the hands of a moving company. It can be considerably more expensive than hiring a car transporter, because moving companies are required to

collect expensive interstate taxes on their freight, based on weight and sometimes the value of the goods. Car transporters are not required to do this, and they are experienced moving cars, not dressers, and most car transporters understand how passionate and particular enthusiasts are about their cars.

Ask about the details, first. For instance, will your car be transported in an open or enclosed trailer, and will a cover or protective masking be applied? And check on delivery dates. Giving the delivery date to within a two- or three-day period is considered normal.

Does the company know where its trucks are? Go with a company that's receptive to inquiries checking the progress of the transport. Many transport companies are able to check progress by consulting a GPS-based vehicle-tracking system to see exactly where the truck with your vehicle is.

Make sure your car is insured during transport. Some policies might not cover your car during shipping. If you don't have coverage for this, take a special policy out with your regular insurance agent. Also, if the transport company offers insurance, check if it is primary or secondary. Often, the insurance offered by these companies is only secondary to your coverage.

Get everything in writing. Have the agent who gave the quote put everything, including the terms of the move, the conditions of the insurance, and the final cost including taxes and fees, in writing. Read the small print!

Inspect your car thoroughly upon both delivery and pickup. When you release the car to the transport company, you'll have to fill out a report on the condition of the vehicle, indicating any existing body damage. When you take delivery, you'll need to again inspect your entire vehicle for scratches and dents. Carefully check the areas around the bumper edges, along with the lights and grille and the areas just below the front and rear bumpers. You must check carefully, because in order to be compensated for any damage during transit, you must note it on the inspection report.



Web Site Directory

Classic Chevy Club Sites

Dallas Area Classic Chevys
www.DallasClassicChevy.com

Classic Chevy International
www.ClassicChevy.com

Central Texas Classic Chevy Club
<http://www.geocities.com/centraltexaschevyclub/>

Central Okla Classic Chevy Club
<http://www.55-57chevys.com/coccc/>

Houston Classic Chevy Club
<http://www.houstonclassicchevyclub.com/>

Alamo Classic Chevy Club
<http://www.accc.siteblast.com/>

Be sure to make plans to attend the Lone Star XXII Classic Chevy Convention this year. To be held July 10th in Houston this year, this is the annual Texas gathering of 55,56 and 57 enthusiasts from across the state. All the Classic Chevy clubs in Texas will be represented. More details to come!



Other Sites of Interest

V12 '55 Chevy
<http://www.rodshop.com.au/project55.htm>

'55 Chevy Furniture
<http://artbyshep.homestead.com/furniture.html>

Small Block Chev Engine ID
<http://www.nastyz28.com/sbcmenu.html>

Chevy Talk <http://www.chevytalk.com/>

Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge
<http://www.tmccc.org/>

Authentic Automotive
<http://chevyps.com/>

Tri-5 Chevy Paint Code, Picture & Info
<http://www.htc.net/~clssy56/Tri-5ChevyMain.html>

Stainless Shoppe
<http://www.stainlessshoppe.com/>

Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour
http://www.hotrod.com/upcomingevents/113_2004_hrpt/

Super Chevy Events
<http://www.superchevyshow.com/>

Pate Swap Meet
<http://www.pateswapmeet.com/>

Chevrolet Nomad Club
<http://www.chevynomadclub.com/>

Vintage Chevrolet Online
<http://www.vintagechevrolet.org/>

Dallas Swap Meet
<http://www.deanearhart.com>

Area Car Clubs

Cowtown Vettes
<http://www.cowtownvettes.org/>

Dallas Area Pontiac Association
<http://www.dapa.org/>

Dallas Mopar Club
<http://www.members.tripod.com/~dallasmparclub/>

Hoss/Impala Club
<http://www.hossimpala.com/>

Lone Star Corvettes
<http://www.lonestarcorvette.com/>

Lone Star Cougar Club
<http://www.mercurycougars.com/>

North TX Mustangs
<http://www.ntmconline.org/>

North TX Camaro Club
<http://www.northtxcamaros.com/>

North Texas Viper Club
<http://www.northtexasviperclub.com/>

SVT Club of N Texas
<http://www.svttxas.com/>

Lone Star Performance Buicks
<http://www.lspbc.org/>

Xtreme Corvettes of TX
<http://www.xtremecorvettes.com/>

North TX Corvair Club
<http://www.northtexascorvair.org/>

North TX Fiero Club <http://www.ntfc.org/>

Dallas Model A Club
<http://www.dmafc.com/>



It's Making '55 Famous—For Fun!



Nomad Gets Preliminary Green Light

From the CarConnection.com (2/16/04)
by Paul A. Eisenstein

Big things quite literally do come in small packages, as General Motors is intent on proving with a procession of high-profile products that will share the same sporty platform as the upcoming Pontiac Solstice roadster.

The sporty Chevrolet Nomad concept vehicle, first shown at the Detroit auto show last month, is tentatively approved for production by mid 2007, while an assortment of other sporty spin-offs of the new Kappa "architecture" are set to follow, well-placed sources tell TheCarConnection.com. These include a new Chevrolet coupe, a hardtop Buick convertible, and the long-sought "entry" model for Cadillac.

Accidental host

Ironically, the promising Kappa platform came about almost by accident. When he joined General Motors in August 2001, "car czar" Bob Lutz told his design team he wanted them to create a small, sporty show car that would debut the following January at Detroit's North American International Auto Show. Despite the speed the top-secret program required, the team assigned to the project produced a striking, back-to-basics running roadster that borrowed heavily from GM's global parts bin.

Strong public acclaim quickly convinced Lutz and other senior managers to put the Solstice into production. There was only one problem: they had nothing to build it on. GM's new Delta architecture, used for the subcompact Chevrolet Cobalt, didn't have the right dimensions and wouldn't have supported the sporty performance Solstice demanded. So it quickly became apparent an all-new platform was needed.

Using state-of-the-art electronic design tools, "We were able to cut 20 months off the development cycle," explained Lyon. Digital design also made it possible to build a great degree of flexibility into the Kappa architecture - GM-speak for a highly adaptable platform. That was critical

because the inexpensive - base price under \$20,000 - and relatively low-volume Solstice alone couldn't justify Kappa's development costs.

An assortment of possible spinoffs have begun showing up, both publicly and inside GM's well-guarded product development studios. The first, the Vauxhall Lightning, was produced for the automaker's British subsidiary and intended to underscore Kappa's global potential.

Nomadic tribe

Two more potential spinoffs were unveiled in Detroit in January. The Nomad takes its cues from a memorable, if difficult-to-describe, concept vehicle that first appeared 50 years ago at the legendary GM Autorama traveling road show. The newest model shares the basic, wagon-like exterior, integrating elements of both a sports car and an SUV.

There are plenty of what designers like to call "heritage" touches, including the fan-shaped instrument cluster and Chevy bowties etched into the interior aluminum, though the Nomad is not another retro-mobile. The new design features cutting-edge LED headlamps and taillamps, for example. The show car's tailgate folds down to reveal a pullout cargo bed.

The rear roof panel can be manually removed, meanwhile, to create a sort of convertible effect. The Nomad is powered by a turbocharged Ecotec 2.2-liter four-cylinder engine turning out 210 horsepower.

The Saturn Curve, meanwhile, "defines a new direction for Saturn," said Lyon, with its goal to "make really good-looking cars for Saturn." The concept vehicle is bold, with a healthy dose of machismo. There are muscular, flaring front fenders wrapped around huge tires. The roof makes extensive use of glass to create an impression of almost floating atop the car's body.

Both vehicles required engineers to stretch the Kappa platform. The Chevrolet Nomad, with its 2+2 configuration, has a 107-inch wheelbase, two inches longer than the Pontiac Solstice. Senior sources revealed they have to work out some issues before these prototypes can be translated into production, such as repositioning the gas tank. But this is not seen as an insurmountable obstacle, as Kappa was conceived to support a variety of different vehicle dimensions.

The Nomad is now undergoing active - and rapid - development, with its roll-out tentatively scheduled for the mid-2007 model-year.





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DALLAS AUTORAMA RECAP

Thanks to Steve Pratt, Larry Rollow and Kevin Brown, the Dallas Area Classic Chevys were represented well at the Dallas Autorama last month. With 3 inches of snow early in the morning on Saturday, it did not keep away visitors. Thanks to those that stopped and said hi. With no effort other than showing up, our guys took the following awards - Larry Rollow '57 Chevy Sedan -Placed for Conservative Hardtop 55-59, Steve Pratt '55 Chevy Sedan -Outstanding Award for Restored 49-57, Kevin Brown '56 Chevy Sedan - Outstanding Award for Conservative Hardtop 55-59. We had a lot of interest towards the cars and the club and hope to see results of these efforts over the next several months.

