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Saturday, March 10th - 2pm to 4pm
RELIABLE CHEVROLET
Arapaho Road and Central Expressway
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*We expect a huge turnout of '55-'57 Chevys at our Spring Show!
No entry fee, non judged, display only event
EVERY '55, '56 and '57 Chevy car, truck and corvette welcomed! Visitors welcomed!
NO ADMISSION FEE! BRING YOUR CAR!*

Wilson Auto Repair
joins Reliable Chevrolet and
Stoked Out Specialties as club sponsor!

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MARCH FEATURE CAR

Joe and Saadia Ortega's '57 Bel Air

Grand Prairie, TX

Originally I joined The Dallas Area Classic Chevys in August of 1978 and to this day I still have some of the newsletters and original hat from that time period. I remained a member for a couple of years then lost touch with the club and dropped out. Then in August of 2006 I rejoined the club and am proud to say that I will be here for good!

My adventure began in April of '76, when I spotted a '57 Chevy Bel Air two door Hardtop in front of a paint and body shop in Dallas. I stopped in and asked the owner of the body shop, and was quoted \$950.

After weeks of attempting to convince the car owner to allow me to pay him week by week for her he finally agreed. I thought I would never finish paying for this gorgeous ride (which looked pretty bad paint wise). I could not wait to get behind the wheel and drive it off his lot forever. Just the thought of cruising in this black and metal flaked 57 three speed on the floor, side exhaust, glass pack mufflers was an itch I was ready to scratch.

Finally I paid the body shop off, and my dream car was finally mine to take home. At last, my itch had been scratched!! I drove it home, and of course the first thing I did was give it a good cleaning and polishing. Even though I finally had my prized possession in my driveway that night. I did not get much sleep! Many times I found myself peeking out my bedroom window fantasizing about what she would come to look like in the future once she was totally restored.

My friend Mario and I disassembled my car in the drive way, But it soon became to large of a project. Since I purchased all of the replacement parts brand new from Richard Holland at Classic Chevy Parts I convinced him to finish what I had begun in my driveway with my friend. After some begging he agreed to take on the project. I saved my money and purchased a '96 LT1 Corvette motor with a 350 automatic transmission. Richard was not very happy when I arrived at his shop with this FI motor, but he and his crew somehow fit that motor underneath

the hood of my '57. The exterior of the car was painted white with gold metal flake in order to give a subtle but noticeable shine. The interior is original - red, black with silver trim. Factory smoked glass all the way around, vintage a/c, and power windows. Also flow master mufflers allow her to be heard, with original custom duals. Everything inside and on the dash is new, and a tilt column has been installed.

After all of this long history, my car is the pride and joy of my family. It has brought me and my two sons, and my wife together through car meets, my own personal car shows at my local Sonic, and has even given me something positive to teach my youngest son who is a teenager.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone that helped on this project, and of course there are more upgrades to come.... So stay tuned.....!

MORE PHOTOS AND COMPLETE STORY AT
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Sunday Sunday Sunday!!

This Sunday is Race #1 of the Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge Series for 2007 and DACC again will represent the '55-'57 Chevys in this year long series. On Sunday at the 1/8 mile Texas Raceway in Kennedale, DACC along with other area car clubs will face off in drag racing - all for fun! Classes are available for EVERY car, regardless of speed! Later this month on Sunday March 25th the series moves to the 1/4 mile Texas Motorplex in Ennis. These two events will be your best opportunities to race in the series until the fall as the schedule has races in April in Rusk and then June in Abilene returning in September to Redline Raceway in Caddo Mills. So join DACC this Sunday and on March 25th as we square off against each other and other area car clubs! More info on the DACC chat board or at www.TMCCC.org

NEXT MONTH

Plan to join the club on Sunday April 15th as we cruise down historic Hwy 80 to Mineola for a late lunch and take in springtime in Texas, antique shops and small town atmosphere

**DETAILS NEXT
MONTH!**

DACC AUTORAMA Recap

Great Showing of '57 Chevys marks 50th Anniversary!

Members of the Dallas Area Classic Chevys provided what may be the most impressive lineup ever of '57 Chevys marking the 50th Anniversary of this car at this years Dallas Autorama show. Market Hall was full of collectible and custom cars but none were more impressive than the 12 '57 Chevys on display by the DACC! What originally was suppose to be a 8 car display grew at the last minute to a even larger group of '57 Chevys that was quite impressive all lined up together. Showing their '57 Chevys at the show were George Caruth, BJ Bucher, Bob Senn, James Carter, Debbie Guido, Dean Schmidt, Ralph Ellis, Bob Vaughn, Larry Rollow, Joe Ortega, Ben Weehunt and Charles Rader. Also in the show were Ronnie McComic's '56 Bel Air Hardtop and Mike Henderson's '55 Blown Sedan. Our friend Terry Box of the Dallas Morning News did a great story for the paper on Saturday of the show that featured a '57 Chevy on the *front page* of the paper along with quotes from Larry Rollow about his passion for his '57. The commemorative '57 Chevy handout produced by DACC were passed out to thousands of the spectators of the show. Many new faces were introduced to DACC and we expect to see good results over the next several months in growing the DACC membership! Be sure to check the website to see all the photos from the show and special thanks to all those who contributed to making it a once in a lifetime display!



Wilson Auto Repair becomes club sponsor!

Barry Wilson, owner of Wilson Auto Repair loves old cars. He loves them so much that he would rather work on those than the late model cars at his repair shop in Garland! Barry is a big supporter of the old car hobby and wants you to think about Wilson Auto Repair the next time you need work done to your Classic Chevy! Wilson Auto Repair can do it all for your '55-'57 Chevy, whether it's a brake job, transmission rebuild, rear end work or you want to drop in that big horsepower motor you have been dreaming of. Barry's shop will troubleshoot anything you might have going on with your Chevy that you have not been able to pinpoint. These guys know and love old cars! Wilson Auto Repair is the best kept secret to the old car hobby in the DFW area and DACC is proud to be partners with this highly respected shop. Not only has several DACC Board Members visited Barry and toured his shop, we have members who have been extremely satisfied with work done at this shop in the past. All of Wilson's technicians are ASE certified, the shop is AAA approved, repairs are warranted for 12 months or 12,000 miles and they have the latest computerized equipment. You can hear Barry every Saturday morning on the 'Motor Men' radio hour on FM 105.3 as they discuss auto repair issues each and every week!



David Graves, DACC President welcomes Barry Wilson owner of Wilson Auto Repair to the Classic Chevy family !



Not only does Wilson Auto Repair love Tri Five Chevys, they love to work on them too!! Here, a '57 Chevy gets a brake rebuild done for safe and sure stopping!



Here a '56 Corvette arrives for some troubleshooting



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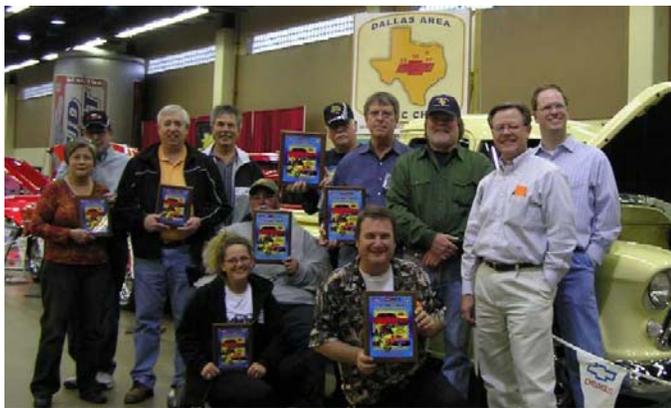
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Tri Five Chevys INVADE 33rd Annual Ft Worth Rod and Custom Show

Last weekend great weather greeted the Rod and Custom Show and all the '55-'57 Chevys that were in attendance. This year the Tri Five Chevy was the dominant car at the show held in the Will Rogers Exhibit Complex in Ft Worth. DACC lead the way with a club display of seven tri-five Chevys that included Kevin Brown's '57 Pickup, Joe Ortega's '57 Bel Air, George Caruth's '57 Sedan Delivery, David Graves' '56 Corvette, James Sparrow's '56 Bel Air, Tim Page's '57 Bel Air Wagon, and Bob Brandenburg's '57 Bel Air Sedan. Also at the show were DACC members Ronnie McComic, Debbie Guido, Phil Haynes, Mike Henderson and Mike Reeves. Many new faces were exposed to the club and we expect to see some new members join the club from this effort. Special thanks goes to Bill Preston for all his time and effort in putting together this year's display along with all the member's who showed in the club display.



Membership Dues

Many of our members have membership dues that are coming due over the next several months. Mail your \$25 check payable to

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