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## THIS WEEKEND - MAY 4,5,6

Marriott Hotel - Round Rock, Texas

It began 25 years ago in 1983 at the Villa Capri Hotel in Austin, Texas with maybe 50 cars in attendance - the only exclusive Tri Five Chevy state convention at the time and in 2007 it returns to Austin, Texas on May 4,5,6. DACC will be represented well as a number of members have indicated their plans to attend. The caravan will leave the DFW area on Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM from the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at Interstate 35E and Wintergreen Road in Desoto - just south of the I-20 and I-35E interchange. Make your plans to drive down with the club as we will stop several times along the way for breaks, but arrive in time for the scheduled Friday evening cruise to Walburg, TX and the German Buffet Dinner! Saturday around noon is the Show Judging and that Saturday evening at 5:30 DACC members will go to 'The Oasis' Restaurant overlooking Lake Travis for dinner before returning to the Marriott for the scheduled Awards and DJ event. Sunday we will caravan back to the DFW area. If you have questions about the event contact the Central Tx Classic Chevy Club President Tom Porter at 512 255-0118 or DACC President David Graves at 214 738-5231.

## NEXT MONTH Tech Session And BBQ Lunch!

## Wilson Auto Repair

Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am

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## SPRING CRUISE TO MINEOLA HIGHLIGHTS!

*Perfect weather and beautiful Chevys going down old Highway 80 made for quite a site last month as DACC ventured east of the metro area to Mineola. 12 members brought out their '55-'57 Chevys and made the trip that included Greg and Beverly Hedum, BJ and Minnie Bucher, Jerry and Diane Bray, Steve Pratt, George Johnson, Robert and Barbara Senn, David and Marlene Graves, Larry and Jan Rollow, Doyle Irick, Nick and Leah Roppolo, Dan and Vickie Bunch and Ron Davis. Lunch at Kitchen's Hardware and Diner hit the spot with great East Texas home cooking!*



Plan to join the club on the next cruising event on Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> when we drive to Bridgeport and the 'Yesterday's Diner' for lunch!

More photos at  
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# Member's Pride

Ben & Gladine Weehunt  
Coppell



When I was 16 years old, the '57 Chevy had just come out. It was an immediate love connection between man and machine - and it continues today for me. I have had several '57 Chevys over the years including station wagons to a 210 sedan that was my drag race car which I won the 'Hot Rod Class' at the AHRA drags at

Green Valley Raceway in 1970. I stopped racing and bought a '57 Chevy Bel Air two door hardtop that was my daily driver. Since then I have bought and sold several '57's and regretted selling every one of them! When I found my current '57 I decided to make a show and go car out of it and needless to say I plan to never sell this one!

## **1957 Bel Air Specs**

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**DACC 'Online Store'**

Looking for a snazzy club shirt to wear at the next car event, or maybe a new DACC cap? Then get on that computer and surf over to DallasClassicChevy.com and click on the 'Merchandise' link. There you will find those and other items of interests so that you can show your 'club colors' at the next event!



## HOT ROD POWER TOUR 2007

This year the popular Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour travels from Cleveland, Ohio, Kalamazoo, Michigan, Racine, Wisconsin, Springfield, Illinois, Evansville, Indiana, Memphis, Tennessee and ending in Little Rock, Arkansas from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>. Right now Dean Schmidt and Larry Rollow are planning to make the entire tour with their '57 Chevys. Both are seasoned pros of the Power Tour and hopefully other from DACC will make all of part of the event. Watch the club chat board for any late news on DACC members plans for this year's big Power Tour! More information on this year's event can be found at [www.HotRod.com](http://www.HotRod.com)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

781  
Jerry & Diane Bray  
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'55 Chevy

## 2007 DACC Events Schedule

May 4,5,6 - 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Lone Star Classic Chevy Convention, hosted by Central Tx Classic Chevys, Round Rock, TX

June 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday - DACC Tech Meeting and BBQ Lunch, hosted by Wilson Auto Repair, 3133 Saturn Road, Garland, TX

July 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday - DACC Summer Cruise, Yesterday's Diner in Bridgeport, TX

August 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Hot Texas Nights Car Show, Christian Classic Cruisers event, Hurst, TX

September 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday - DACC Fall Classic Chevy Show, Reliable Chevrolet, Richardson, TX

Oct TBA Saturday - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Drive In Movie Night, Brazos Drive In, Granbury, TX

Oct 12, 13, 14 - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Foliage Tour, Bentonville, AR

Nov 11 Sunday - DACC Tech Meeting, Elections, hosted by Stoked Out Specialties, Rockwall, TX

Dec 8 Saturday - DACC Handicap Ramp Build Project and Christmas Party - Dallas, TX

## Lone Star XXV Quick Facts

**When** - May 4,5,6

**Where** - MARRIOTT, ROUND ROCK, TX (Interstate 35 exit 251)  
(800) 865-0546  
MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS NOW! \$89 per night special rate

**Host** - Central TX Classic Chevy Club

### Schedule -

**Friday** - evening dinner cruise to Walburg, Texas for a German Buffet Feast!

**Saturday** - Car Display and Judging, evening has Hotel Dinner option \$35 per plate, later that evening will be the Awards/Door Prizes/DJ and more!

NOTE: some DACC members have dinner plans to go to 'The Oasis' for dinner - plan to join us!

**Sunday** - no schedule, caravan back to DFW

**Registration Fee** - \$57

EXCLUSIVE TRI FIVE CHEVY EVENT OPEN TO ALL '55, '56 and '57 Chevy cars, trucks and corvettes

NOTE : undercarriages will not be judged!

**AND**

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE YOUR CAR JUDGED!

DFW caravan will leave Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM from the Cracker Barrel Restaurant located at Interstate 35E and Wintergreen Road in Desoto (just south of the

I-35E and I-20 interchange)

There will be a group caravan coming back so plan to join us in the caravan to and from to safely get to your destination!

Need more event info?  
Tom Porter, President - Central Texas Classic Chevy Club  
512 255-0118



## Car Trends - Drifters, Donks and Rat Rods . .

First, you've got Donks - high rise rolling jewelry inspired by the rags-to-riches hip hop culture. Donk owners take 70's and 80's domestic sedans and trick them out with custom interiors, airbrushed paint, over sized wheels and tires and glittering engine modifications. Oh, and don't forget the entertainment - multi-screen LCD's, DVD players, high power amps and an assortment of speakers. Most spend many times over on customization than on what the car are worth themselves, sinking thousands of dollars into them, creating over the top street sensations. More and more donks are showing up in magazines and television, as well as local cars shows.

Then there's the Rat Rod - a long time favorite of many veteran car enthusiasts, recently discovered by the youth market - and considered in many circles to be 'the anti-hot rod'. Rat Rodders generally start with a Model T or Model A (even tri fives have appeared over the past few years), remove all non essential components, then mix and match new, repro and junk yard parts to create an emulation of a bygone era. Big money is spent on chassis, rear ends, new vintage style tires and retro engine modifications - all to make a veritable Frankencar, a junkyard medley of stripped down power. These cars are no trailer queens though, they'll likely have primered or weathered finishes, bondo and even rust for authenticity. The Rat Rod trend has sparked an increase in the number of car clubs and events tailored to these vehicles, publishers have committed magazines exclusively covering them, and the craze has jumped international borders as builders are displaying them

at car shows in South America and Europe.

And finally, there's drifting - not the newest development in youth automotive trends, but certainly the one with the most momentum and visibility. The latest in extreme motorsports, drivers take corners at high speed while squealing sideways though the turn. Drifting is considered by many to be the most dynamic and exciting form of head to head competition to come along since drag racing. Big in Japan for many years, this daredevil's pastime is just beginning its rise to super-status in the United States. Drifters grace the covers of magazines, compete in front of thousands of fans, get national television exposure, and now get huge sponsorships as well. Drifters spend considerable sums of money on suspension upgrades, engine performance, seating and safety equipment and of course - wheels and tires.

NOW ... aren't you glad your Classic Chevy is your favorite ride !!!

Source: SEMA eNews (Vol 9, #39)



## Your Membership Renewal

**Many of our club members are at your renewal month now or will be soon. To check your renewal date - look at your mailing label on this newsletter. The number at the top left is your DACC number, the number at the top right is the month and year your membership expires.**

**Membership growth is one of our major goals for 2007 and we don't want to lose any existing members! So make sure you get your dues paid ASAP! Dues are only \$25 per year, and you can make your check out to DACC and mail to the club at DACC, PO Box 814642, Dallas, TX 75381. BETTER YET - make that check for \$50 and you will be good to go for two years!**

**GOT PARTS TO SELL or NEED?**

Post them on the club chat board at

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