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Two Club Events in December! **BOTH THIS** **SATURDAY!**



Dallas Area Classic Chevys CHRISTMAS Project

Wheelchair Ramp Build - Saturday, December 8th - 7:45AM

For the past several years, members of DAAC have been most generous with their time and labor in supporting the **Dallas Ramp Project**. Our leader on this project Larry Rollow has been involved with this organization for about 7 years. For those of you that are not familiar with the DRP, this is a not-for-profit, IRS certified 501C-3 organization. Every dollar donated to the DRP, that same dollar ends up in a wheelchair ramp. EVERYONE involved are volunteers. We will assemble a ramp using pre-built modules that we take out to the job site. Each ramp is different, owing to the fact that each home is different. Ramps are built using guidelines set down by the Americans With Disabilities Act. We will meet at the warehouse at 7:45 AM, load the materials on our pickup trucks and proceed to the job site, quite often in South or East Dallas. We will divide into teams of about 4 to 6 volunteers and each team will be led by a DRP designated "team leader" (Larry is one). If you have a 3/8 chuck, reversible, variable speed drill, please bring it, either corded or cordless. If you don't have one, that is OK, we have a few spares. We use a #2 square bit to drive in deck screws in assembling the ramp, I will have a few extra bits with me. The Dallas Ramp Project website is www.dallasramps.org for more information. The address of the warehouse is 4720 Simonton Road in Dallas. This is between Inwood Rd and Welch Rd, a couple of blocks north of LBJ Freeway, just to the west of the Freeds warehouse in the back. Go to the Dallas Ramp website and click on volunteer and then click on where to volunteer for a map of the location of the warehouse. Please contact Larry Rollow (972.960.1408 or ldrollow@sbcglobal.net) as soon as you can if you plan on attending so we can plan our jobs for that day. If the weather is bad, call Larry in the morning or check the DACC website for a decision if we will build or not.

Dallas Area Classic Chevys Christmas Party at the home of Dean & Audrey Schmidt, Sat Dec 8th - 6PM

As has been the tradition, this year we will again meet at Dean and Audrey Schmidt's home at 5208 Seascapes in Plano (west of Preston Road between Park and Parker Rd). The club will furnish a meat dish and cold drinks, you are welcome to BYOB. We need two members 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 by calling 972-867- 3255 or email at aisriding@planoposse.com. Everyone else can follow the following schedule - **If your last name begins with the letter A-P - bring a soup/salad/appetizer, if your last name begins with Q-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! We look for a great evening of fun and hope YOU CAN ATTEND!



DACC Annual Meeting Highlights at CHROME Insurance office

Hosted last month by Abraham George and the Chrome Collector Car Insurance folks, Abraham provided the group a great BBQ lunch and meeting space to hold our 2007 annual meeting. The big news from the meeting was the re-election of David Graves as club president and Greg Hedum as club secretary. Bill Preston's board position was up for election and with Bill electing to step down, the club needed someone to step up and fill that role. Alan Strong got the nod and will fill that role over the two year term period. Abraham George spent some time explaining the CHROME Insurance that is offered for classic cars and then professional detailer Josh Ottmann gave a talk and a 'hands on' demo of various topics related to caring for the finish on your car. Josh even brought a hood to the meeting and allowed club members to 'practice' their skill and learn about clay bars, polish compounds, proper washing techniques and more. Thanks to Abraham for hosting and feeding the group along with talking insurance, and also Josh for sharing his knowledge on paint care with us. To learn more about CHROME call Abraham at 972-919-6117 or on the internet at www.ANPAC.com and click over to the CHROME Insurance information. Josh has a great website at www.OttmannDetailing.com or call him at 214-709-0665. Minutes from the meeting are on the club website's chat board under the Meeting Minutes topic.



DACC Members get 'hands on' practice!



Bird's Eye view of a great lineup of Tri Five Chevys at the DACC Annual Meeting!

WELCOME New Members!

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Scott and Cindy Landers
6845 Inwood Dr
Ft Worth, TX 76180
'56 Chevy Bel Air

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Sandra Holmes
6530 Orchid Ln
Dallas, TX 75230
'57 Chevy Pickup

794
Gerry and Jill Garrett
120 Trailing Oaks Drive
Double Oak, TX 75077
'55 Chevy 2dr Sedan

795
Terry and Pamela Hitch
202 Timber Lake Way
Southlake, TX 76092
'57 Chevy Bel Air Hdt

796
Larry and Melody Rogers
222 W Rieck Rd, Suite 9
Tyler, TX 75703
'57 Chevy 210 2dr Sedan



Congrats to new Board Member Alan Strong for his election to the DACC Board of Directors!



December Feature Car **James and Denise Carter's** **1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Hardtop** Terrell, Texas



From a Field to the Boulevard!

I started working on cars when I was just a kid, and it's been a hobby all my life. I built 1968 Camaros for each of my 3 kids when they turned 16, restored a 1968 Corvette Stingray convertible in the mid-1990's, and worked on a lot of cars in between. But I always wanted to restore a real classic, a 1957 Chevy Bel Air 2-door hardtop. I waited until just the right opportunity came along, and that was in November 2002.

I found the frame and body on ebay one day, and it looked promising. Instead of bidding on it, I talked the guy into letting me negotiate for it over the phone, and we made a deal. The next day, I drove out to Van, Texas, and found what I was looking for sitting in the middle of a field. I brought it home on a trailer that day. Denise and all my neighbors thought I'd lost my mind, and couldn't imagine what I was going to do with such a piece of junk! But I knew it was going to be a beauty.

I started work on it in May 2003. I had to do major sheet metal repair, changed out the rear end and installed disc brakes in the front. I put a 327 in it, and I did all the painting, Victory Red. I cleaned

up and used as many parts as I could, and bought new ones when I couldn't find what I wanted anywhere else. Normally I take care of the interior work, but this time I wanted something special. I installed the carpet, dash and gauges, and built a custom console. Then I took the car to Morris Custom Upholstery and had them cover the seats, door panels and install the headliner. They did a great job. I did all the other work, and believe it or not, did it all in a 2-car garage at home, even the painting!

I took my time, and after some long waits for parts and a few delays, I finished it in 2005. I added some special touches of my own, like a cover for the spare tire, which Morris also helped with, and a compartment in the trunk to keep my cleaning supplies. I'm proud of the way my '57 turned out. We have a great time taking it out for shows and just driving it through town. We enjoy belonging to Dallas Area Classic Chevys, and appreciate the recognition we've gotten for our classic '57.

More Photos of James' great '57 Bel Air at
www.DallasClassicChevy.com



San Antonio plays host to '07 Nomad Convention!



This year, for the first time in its 20 year history the Chevrolet Nomad Association, the National Convention was held in Texas! Two years ago San Antonio was selected as the site for this year's convention July 15-20, at the Airport Doubletree Hotel in the Alamo city.

The turnout of the legendary Nomads was outstanding in San Antonio. There were 35 states, Canada and New Zealand represented with 43 people from Texas. There was a great preview of most of the Texas Nomads in attendance last year at the DACC hosted 2006 Lone Star Convention here in Dallas.

DACC members who showed their Nomads in San Antonio were Bill & Diane Preston and their '56 Nomad, George Johnson and his '56 Nomad and Don & Paulette Clark in yet another '56 Nomad. Mike & Kalyn Evans also attended but without their Nomad.

Special activities planned throughout the week included an outing to the Riverwalk and of course the Alamo Tuesday evening. A Chevy Nomad tour to historic Fredericksburg, Texas on Wednesday took place, along with an air-conditioning seminar and plant tour to Vintage Air

on Thursday. The convention traditionally has classification on Sunday, a judging meeting and get-acquainted event Monday, Car Show Tuesday morning, membership meeting and awards banquet Thursday, plus other ladies' activities. Many people came early and stayed late to take in the many local attractions.

Thursday night in a colorful fiesta atmosphere, prizes and awards were given after the banquet. Bill & Diane Preston were recognized for being among the Texans planning the event.

Don & Paulette Clark's fantastic 1956 Custom Copper & Cream Nomad won every award it was eligible for - 1st Place-Custom Trailered Class, Best Paint/Body Trailered, Best Interior Modified Trailered, Best Engine Modified Trailered, and Best in Show Modified. Bill & Diane Preston's 1956 Custom Ivory Pearl Nomad won 2nd Place in the Custom 1956 Class.

The next Nomad Convention will be held in Charleston, West Virginia, July 20-25, 2008. This event is expect to draw many of the Nomads from New England and the East Coast all the way down to Florida.

Story and Photos by Diane Preston



2007 Fall Foliage Tour Hits Arkansas!

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The 14th Annual Classic Chevy Fall Foliage Cruise was held in Bentonville, AR October. 11-14, 2008. Bill & Diane Preston and Jo & Don Andre started out from Denton Thursday morning, driving to Van Buren, Arkansas to spend some time shopping in the old Downtown area. It was another 2 hour drive into Bentonville where we met up with several other couples from the Oklahoma City club at the host hotel.

Early Friday morning there were 10-15 Classic Chevys ready to make the short drive out to the 20th Anniversary Open House at H&H Classic Chevy Parts. The cars that have been featured on the covers of H&H's catalogs were there for us to enjoy. By 10 am the Classics from Tulsa and Springfield arrived in mass. Throughout the morning an assortment of other area hot rods came to fill the designated parking spaces among the huge H&H trailers that we are accustomed to seeing at swap meets and car shows. Close to lunch a large group of vintage police cars arrived with lights flashing to complete the display of about 100 cars.

H&H brought in several vendors to present seminars all day: Vintage Air, Repop trim parts, McGaughey Suspension, and American Autowire. Our hosts, Herman, Liz and Tray Smith, provided a BBQ lunch to 250 people, lots of door prizes, and DJ with great 50's music.

Friday's activities finished up with a Classic Chevy tour to the famous AQ Chicken House in Springdale, Arkansas. Then we returned to our hotel and enjoyed the evening visiting and playing poker and dominoes. DACC members Mike & Sandy Reeves arrived in their '55 in time for dinner and George Johnson enjoyed lunch with us at the H&H Open House.

On Saturday, 33 Classic Chevys plus a few other rods and daily drivers took a 170 mile cruise north to Anderson, Missouri, then west to have lunch at Ku-Ku's Classic Drive In at Miami, Oklahoma. We continued south to Grove, Oklahoma where we enjoyed Har-Ber Village antique museum on Grand Lake. The Harvest Moon Cruise was also in progress with 80+ cars on display in downtown Grove. Our caravan took a detour through the car show parking lot and went on our way back to Bentonville. We imagine the people at the show in Grove are still wondering where those 30-40 cars came from and where they went... we didn't stop to visit.

We ate dinner at various restaurants in Rogers, Arkansas and returned to our hotel for the evening of entertainment, games and visiting. Thanks to our hosts Dollie and Randy Resh for arranging the tour, stops, and accommodations this year.

DACC will be the host club for the Fall Foliage Tour in 2008. It is scheduled for October 24-26 at Denison, Texas. We will tour the south side of Lake Texoma. If there's no fall foliage, that's OK, because it's really about getting together every year. The headquarters hotel will be the Comfort Inn, 801 Hwy. 75 North, Denison, TX 75020, (903) 464-0340. Our room rate is \$75, ask for "Chevy Fall Cruise". They will start taking reservations after January 1, 2008 and hold our block of 30 rooms until October 10, 2008. It's really close, and a good opportunity for DACC members to be introduced to this annual event. Contact Bill or Diane Preston for further information: (972) 691-4968



**More Fall Tour Photos at
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Wilson Auto Repair extends club sponsorship!

Barry Wilson has extended for a new 6 month period the sponsorship of DACC by Wilson Auto Repair in Garland. In addition, Wilson Auto Repair will underwrite half of the '08 DACC 'Tri Five Chevy' handout that will feature several club members cars that will be given away free at the upcoming Dallas and Ft Worth indoor car shows along with many other events in and around DFW in 2008 !



Barry Wilson

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