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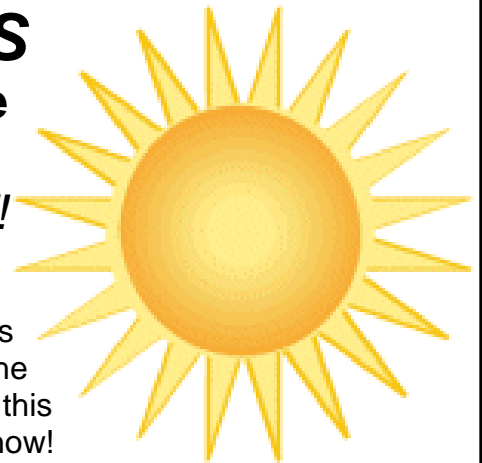
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membership expires.

HOT TEXAS NIGHTS

This Car Show is the place
to be in August!

THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!
AUGUST 16th! 8PM to 11PM

Hosted by the Christian Classic Cruisers in N Richland Hills
Plan to join us for this great evening of cars
(and food!), as DACC once again makes the
Tri Five Chevy the dominate classic car at this
annual car show. Map on page 4 to the show!



Join us for the 'BEFORE THE SHOW DINNER' at 6 pm at Joe's Pasta-N-Pizza

Located at 420 Grapevine Hwy. (Hwy 26 or Colleyville Blvd.),
Hurst, TX. They do not serve beer or wine, but you're welcome to
BYOB. Located just south of Mid-Cities Blvd. on the West side of
Hwy 26 in a strip shopping center near McDonald's. Joe's phone is
817 428-2332 in case you get lost. Or if you can't meet us at Joe's
come directly to the Hot Texas Nights show a mile west at the
Birdville ISD Stadium. We will be parking together at the show!



NEXT MONTH!

DACC Tri Five Show at Reliable and DACC State Fair Display

Two great opportunities for you to get your Tri
Five Chevy out for club sponsored events!
On Saturday September 13th our annual Fall
Classic Chevy Show at Reliable is on tap,
then Sunday September 28th for the first time
ever the DACC will display '55-'57 Chevys in
the 'Classic Corral' near the Automotive Bldg
during the State Fair of Texas at Fair Park!

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE URGED TO
PARTICIPATE!**

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From Hopeless to This!

**AUGUST
FEATURE CAR**
Mike and Vickie Dodson
Keller, TX
1956 Chevy Nomad



Mike Dodson got into the car hobby in 1984 and has bought and sold an average of one car a year ever since. He took his wife, Vickie, on their first date in a 1957 Chevy to dance to the 50's music of Al Nelson's Band in Fort Worth. Mike won his first show trophy in 1986 at the Super Chevy Sunday event at Green Valley Raceway in Ft Worth with a 1966 Corvette. Then in 1987 the Dodson's bought their first Classic Chevy, a red and white 1956 Nomad that his brother-in-law Bobby Brown spent five years building. In the intervening years Mike has had 19 Camaros along with many other great cars. Most recently Mike and Vickie enjoyed showing an outstanding 1940 Ford coupe. Then the next project was a 1957 Corvette whose restoration was finished in March 2005. It scored a 994 out of a possible 1000 points at the DACC hosted Lone Star Classic Chevy Convention in May of 2006 and then he sold it in June.

This stunning black and white 1956 Nomad was built from a hopeless looking pile of metal pieces in exactly one year. Mike made a deal to purchase the "bones" during the 2007 Ft Worth Rod and Custom Show and it debuted at the 2008 show as the feature car in the Dallas Area Classic Chevy Club display.

Donny Bright is Mike's number one man who does a fabulous job at, seemingly all things! And he's FAST! Donny finished a superior black 1967 Camaro for Mike's son-in-law Tommy Simmons, in June 2007 and immediately started the Nomad.



The Nomad body and frame were chemically cleaned to bare metal with a dipping process at Metal Rehab in Arlington. Donny painted and assembled the frame and new suspension parts with 2" drop spindles and 4-wheel power disc brakes. The completed frame went to Larry Jenkins who installed and set up the ZZ4 GM crate motor, Tru-Trac front runner system, dual 4-bbl Edelbrock 500 carbs, Doug's Headers and all the mechanical work.

Meanwhile, Donny was doing the body work on the Nomad. The most monumental task was to realign the roof of the wagon. It had been replaced by a previous owner after a steel beam had crushed it... (Do you think this could have been the Nomad crushed on the TV show "Home Improvement"?). After all the paint and body work was done, Donny realized the driver door just wasn't "right". It too had been damaged by the beam and had to be re-skinned and repainted.

The Nomad got all new wiring harness, tail gate strips, Ididit steering column with tilt wheel, Classic Auto Air, and Classic black and white gauges. The original Bel Air stainless trim took 60 hours to polish, and the bumpers were rechromed. Inside the wagon got the original appearance treatment with a complete new original style black and white interior and black carpet. After the body went back on the frame a custom stainless steel exhaust system was installed.

A really special feature of this Nomad is the NOS black steering wheel. Mike's brother-in-law Bobby Brown, presented him with this steering wheel when he found out this Nomad was going to be black and white. The steering wheel had been under Bobby's bed ever since he bought it 20 years ago from a Chevy dealer that closed down. It had never been on a car. He was just waiting for the right car that was worthy of it... What a great brother-in-law!!

When Mike Dodson sets out to build a car, you can be assured it will be an eye-popper! He gives credit for being able to have these great cars to all his friends and Bobby who share their knowledge of Classic Chevys, to Donny and Larry for their expertise, and to Vickie for her patience. He takes credit for the detail work and keeping things clean with the help of Tommy and grandsons, Dawson and Brayden Simmons.

Spec Sheet:

Engine: ZZ4 w/ Tru-Trac front runner system
Induction: Dual 4-bbl Edelbrock 500 carburetors
Exhaust: Doug's Headers and stainless steel exhaust
Transmission: 700R4 Transmission
Radiator: Be Cool "Show and Go" Aluminum Radiator
Rear end: 12-bolt Mosier posi-track with 3.42 gears
Front End: 2" drop spindle
Brakes: 4-wheel power disc brakes
Steering: 500 series power steering gear box
Wheels: 18" Coy wheels
Tires: Nitro steel-belted radials
Frame: Stock, dipped & painted, dropped 2" in back
Body: Stock/smoked glass
Paint: Black-PPG-DBC9700 base with DCU 2202 clear
Body & Paint by: Donny Bright
Seats: Stock black & white
Upholstery: Stock black & white with Black Carpet
Steering: Ididit column with tilt wheel
Gauges: Classic black & white gages
Air Conditioning: Classic Auto Air



DACC TRI FIVE CHEVYS CELEBRATE THE 4th OF July HOLIDAY!

A great turnout of DACC Classic Chevys this past Independence Day Holiday in two area parades highlighted a great 4th of July! Sunny and warm temperatures greeted both parades making for a great turnout of all participants in the parades. Plano's Independence Day Parade found the '55 Chevy of Greg Hedum, '56 Truck of Bill Raley, '57 Chevy of Bob Vaughan, '56 Chevy of John Rush and the '56 Chevy of James Sparrow all making their way down Independence Parkway for the 28th Annual Parade. Then over in the Lakewood area of Dallas, club members made the Annual Lakewood 4th Of July Parade with Larry Rollow's '57, David Graves '56 Vette, Jim Castleberry's '56, Dan Bunch's '57 and Terry Hitch's '57. Red, White and Blue decorated both parades to the max and having our Chevys just made the parades that much more 'American'! Thanks to all the members who took the time to participate and making the Tri Five Chevy the 'automotive choice' of 4th of July celebrations!

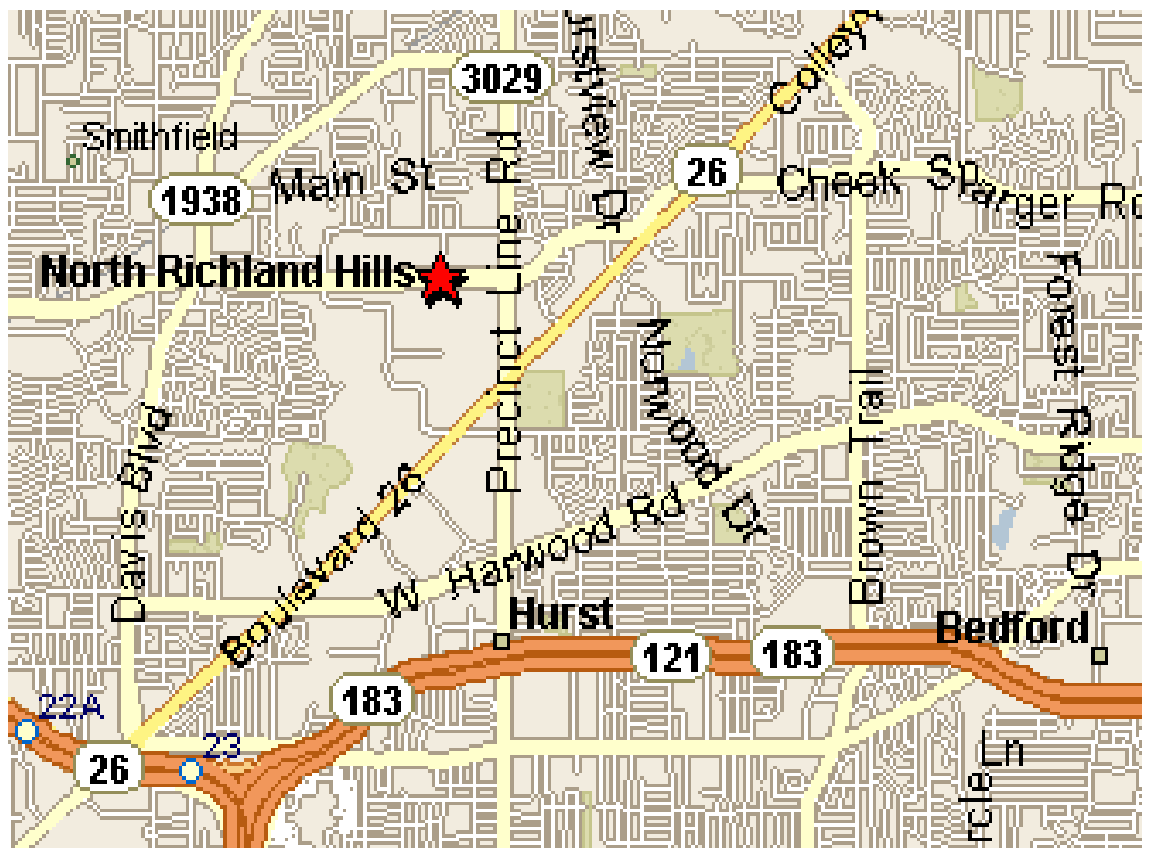


HOT TEXAS NIGHTS
Car Show
 9100 Mid Cities Blvd
 N Richland Hills

Dinner at 6PM
At Joe's Pasta

Show 8-11PM
At Birdville ISD

BE THERE!



Please Touch My Car ! by Dan Bunch

"Look, Admire or Criticize My Classic Car But Please Don't Touch" is a sign we often see or on cars at the various car shows we all attend or participant in. But at a recent car show I participated in the rule was "Please Touch".

During the week of June 30 through July 4, the National Federation of the Blind held their annual convention in Dallas at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. A part of their program involved presentations by the Cadillac LaSalle Club, Model A Ford Club and Harley Davidson Owners Club with a car and motorcycle display on Thursday, July 3 from noon until 4:00pm. But since most of the Federation registrants are blind, touching the cars and motorcycles is the only way they can "see" them. The registrants were given white gloves and with assistance, were allowed to touch and feel the cars.

I had been made aware of the event about a week earlier and had the only tri-five Chevy in the show. There were approximately 20 motorcycles and 14 other cars. There were 3 Rolls Royce's, including a Phantom II Boattail, a 1926 Auburn, 3 Model A Fords, 4 Cadillac's, including a '59 convertible, a '59 Ford County Sedan station wagon, a '65 Ford stepside truck, and a 51 Buick convertible. While the cars and motorcycles were beautiful the real surprise were the people.

Their ages seemed to range from 5 or 6 to well over 60. Some were totally blind while others had partial or limited vision. Some had been blind since birth and others had had their vision deteriorate over the years. Several remembered the cars from when they could drive and were able to correctly guess the car by touch, especially my 57. One fellow asked if mine had pipes and would I fire it off. You know I did. While the cars were beautiful and well received, the main attraction were the motorcycles.

A lot of people including some kids wanted to sit on a Harley, have it started and listen to the sound only a Harley can make. And the Harley owners were more than willing to oblige. In fact several asked for and got a ride on a Harley.

For me and the other owners, both cars and cycles, it was an opportunity to not only display our toys but share our passion and hobby with someone who may never get that chance. I thoroughly enjoyed the event and the people.

As I understand it, their 2009 convention is in Detroit but they may be back in 2010. If so, I'll let everyone know and maybe we can have a good turn out of tri-fives as well as a speaker.

WANTED

Need your stories for the DACC Monthly Feature Car and also 'Under Construction' projects along with 'Other Car' stories. AND – we are looking for Tri Fives to put in our club display on the Reliable Showroom Floor! Contact David Graves for details at President@DallasClassicChevy.com.

DACC CLASSIC CHEVYS AT THE 2008 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

CLASSIC CORRAL!

WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP TODAY!

In spite of being surrounded by shiny new vehicles at every turn, vintage cars in The Classic Corral hold their own with State Fair visitors. The cool green lawn behind the Museum of Nature & Science offers a perfect backdrop for yesterday's sinewy, sensuous and sassy best in domestic and import cars, motorcycles and wooden boats.

Now in its 12th year, the outdoor venue allows Fairgoers to visit with owners, club members and other enthusiasts in a rotating showcase. Organizers expect more than 1,000 vehicles will be displayed at this year's Corral. Look for the familiar rough-hewn fence near First Avenue – it's just across Grand Avenue from the African American Museum. Sponsored by Allstate.

THE ABOVE IS THE DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT, WE JUST NEED YOU TO SIGN UP TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT EXHIBIT ON SUNDAY SEPT 28th. The club needs any and all members with Tri Five Chevys to fill up the Corral on our assigned day of Sept 28th. All participants will get free entry into the fair along with any friends or family members who accompany you. This is an all day commitment, requiring you to arrive at 8:30am and leaving at 6pm, you can stay the whole day or leave and return to pick up your car at the conclusion. Either way we really need a show of support for the club in this venue as we would like to be asked back each year to showcase our Tri Five Chevys in such a large venue. From the club weekly email requests, at this time we only have 9 committed to participate which is FAR SHORT of what we need. Literally every member with a presentable car could enter this exhibit without a problem and frankly that is what we would like to see happen. If you have questions or better yet would like to be added to the list contact David Graves at President@DallasClassicChevy.com or phone at 214 738-5231.





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