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Dues are \$25 per year,
payable to
Dallas Area Classic Chevys,
mail to the club PO Box.
To determine your renewal date,
check your mailing label, the top
right corner is the month/yr your
membership expires.

THIS SATURDAY BRING YOUR TRI FIVE CHEVY TO FROSTY'S DRIVE N 1002 Ft Worth Drive in DENTON!

We will meet at Frosty's on **Saturday January 10th** at 1:30 to enjoy a trip back in time as this authentic diner built in the 50's features great hamburgers, fries, shakes and is well known for it's original 50's family recipe for **HOMEMADE ROOT BEER**. Owned by the original family since it was built in the mid 50's, don't miss this chance to kick tires and enjoy a afternoon as if it was 1956! Located just west of Interstate 35E on Ft Worth Drive (Hwy 377) in Denton. Reach them at (940) 387-5449.



If weather is an issue, what the club web site for any updates or cancellations!

NEXT MONTH DACC CLUB DISPLAYS AT DALLAS & FT WORTH INDOOR CAR SHOWS!

We will continue the tradition of having Tri Five Chevy Feature Displays at the Dallas Autorama Feb 13-15 **AND** at the Ft Worth Rod and Custom Show Feb 27 – Mar 1. Complete details next month or check your club email!

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My first car was a 1955 2 door Bel Air hardtop. It was a stripped with no motor, transmission, glass, interior or rear suspension and had been abandoned. The car was ugly, full of bugs and garbage but it was the love of my life... I was only 15 years old. The car was on the road by the time I was 16 and I took my driving test in it. I owned the car all thru high school and I said I would never sell it but as time goes - so did the '55. I always said I would get another '55 but for some reason I never did.

Then some 35 plus years later I spotted a real nice red and white '55 for sale. I took one look at her and the wheels in my head started turning! I knew just what I wanted to do to her to make her ours, but as things go the air came out of my tires and that's as far as I went. I talked about the car for the next 16 months telling my wife Dixie how we needed to get a '55! I didn't know it at that moment, but as time went on I found out my wife wanted a '55 as much as I did. I still had the phone number of the guy who owned the '55 so I called him up ... guess what ... he still had the car!

Dixie and I talked about the car but the same question came up - do we need or more notable can we afford another car? (At the time we owned a '37 Ford). The air just went out of my tires again but my wife still wanted to go see the car. After looking at the car again we decided it was a really nice car but we really should wait. My birthday was two weeks later and guess what - Dixie bought the car for me!! (Well, talk about over inflated tires, I had them and they were turning). Don't let Dixie know I know, but Dixie bought the car for Dixie. She loves it!

Many of you knew the car when we got it and know the changes it has gone thru since we bought it. The car has a 383 stroker with a custom built 700R transmission, air gap 24 manifold and much, much more. The interior was done by Bob Fuller. Wheels are 20" and 17" Budnick Rockers along with dropped spindles and lowered front and rear springs. A polished tilt column along with the 500 power steering box were also installed. After adding a ton of chrome under the hood, flow master exhaust, new brake system, painted gas tank and much more the car is now how I saw it in my dreams. The dream my wife made possible...Thanks Dixie!



DACC's Annual Meeting requires Main Street to be blocked off! (well sort of)

Over a year ago, DACC was approached about renting a few Classic Chevys by the City of Grand Prairie for the celebration surrounding the restoration and re-opening of the Uptown Theatre on Main Street (which originally opened in March of 1950). From there things developed to where DACC would supply Classic Chevys for this event in return Grand Prairie provided DACC members with dinner and a meeting place for our November annual meeting which occurred at the Main Street's Café located just a few doors down from the theatre.

The evening was chilly, but the city blocked off Main Street and the event attracted a nice crowd who were looking for nostalgia at was billed as a '50's Street Party. Besides an opportunity to look at over 20 Tri Five Chevys from DACC this free event allowed visitors to enjoy a great band, participate in kids' activities, check out vendor booths, and tour the "new" old Uptown Theater. While all those activities were going on DACC members retired to the restaurant and enjoyed dinner and Secretary Greg Hedum conducted the business meeting in place of club President David Graves, who was out of town. This meeting also includes the election of officers who terms expire and elected were: Vice-President Greg Hedum, Secretary Larry Epperson, Board Member George Johnson, and re-elected was Board Member Dan Bunch and Treasurer Dean Schmidt.

Our 'Tech Program' was presented by Josh Ottmann, a high-end finish detailer who makes good paint jobs look GREAT! Last year at our annual meeting Josh presented a hands on buffing seminar and this year Josh gave us a handout about car polishes and other products. He also stressed proper washing procedures to maintain a great finish on our car. Be sure and check out Josh's website for many more details on

Grand Prairie Takes a Trip Back to the 50's!



making that Classic Chevy shine it's best at www.OttmannDetailing.com

After the meeting, we enjoyed the street activities for a short time before the event ended at 10 pm.

Special thanks to all the members who came out to support this event and especially to the City of Grand Prairie for serving as our hosts!

Be sure to take a look at the photos on the club website!



2009 DACC Calendar of Events

more details under the 'Calendar'
link on the club website

Jan 10th Saturday – 1:30PM – Meet at
Frosty's Drive-In Restaurant, authentic 50's
era restaurant located at 1002 Ft Worth Drive
in Denton

Feb 13-15 Weekend – **49th Dallas
Autorama**, Market Hall, Dallas, 8 car DACC
Tri Five Chevy club display, discount tickets
at O'reilly Auto Parts

Feb 27 – Mar 1 Weekend – **35th Ft Worth
Rod & Custom Show**, Will Rogers Complex,
Ft Worth, 9 car DACC Tri Five Chevy club
display

March 14 Saturday – Noon to 3PM, **Spring
Classic Chevy Show**, Reliable Chevrolet,
Richardson, Featuring a Tri Five Chevy
Cacklefest!

April 12 Sunday – **Spring DACC Cruise** to
East Texas, lunch at 'The Shed' in Edom, TX

May 8-10 Weekend – **27th Annual Lone Star
Classic Chevy Convention**, Houston, info at
www.LoneStarChevys.com

June 13th Saturday – TBA

July 4th Saturday – DACC Chevys in
Independence Day Parades in Irving and
Arlington

August 22nd Saturday – **Hot Texas Nights
Car Show**, N Richland Hills, along with
'Dinner Before The Show' at Joe's Pasta

Sept 12th Saturday – **Fall Classic Chevy
Show**, Reliable Chevrolet, Richardson

Sept 27th Sunday – DACC Tri Five Display in
the Classic Corral at the **Texas State Fair of
Texas**, Dallas

Oct 10th Saturday – **10th Annual Brazos
Drive In Movie Night**, Granbury

Oct 23-25 Weekend – **16th Annual Fall
Foliage Tour**, Poteau, OK

Nov 14th Saturday – Uptown Theatre's **50's
Street Party along with DACC Annual
Meeting**, 4-8PM, Grand Prairie

Dec 12th Saturday – **DACC Christmas Event**
details TBA

Welcome

to these
**Newest Members to
DACC!**

824

Eugene & Becky Champagne
521 Royal Crest
Richardson, TX 75081
'57 4dr Sedan
'56 2dr Sedan

825

Janet Pettyjohn & Don Nisley
8108 Juliette Dr
McKinney, TX 75071
'57 Bel Air Sedan

826

Pat & Sharon Beddoe
9605 Knobby Tree
Dallas, TX 75243
'57 4dr Bel Air Wagon (X2!)

827

Mark & Debi Baker
936 Schoal Creek
Fairview, TX 75069
'55 210 Sedan

828

Phillip & Adelita Romo
3700 Meadow Run
The Colony, TX 75056
'55 Bel Air Sedan

829

Michael Brown
1730 W Randol Mill Rd, #140
Arlington, TX 76012
'57 Convertible Fuelie

WELCOME BACK

192

Sonny & Barbara Pettit
4210 Bucknell
Garland, TX 75042
'57 Bel Air Hardtop
(originally joined in 1982!)

DON'T MISS IT!

27th ANNUAL LONE STAR
CLASSIC CHEVY CONVENTION
May 8-10 – HOUSTON, TEXAS
Info at www.LoneStarChevys.com
MAKE YOUR ROOM
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Under Construction 'Feature Car'

My name is James Kingsberry from Ponder, TX and I have been around cars all my life, thanks to my dad and uncles. While I was growing up my dad work at dealerships and worked on his on classics. With me being the oldest of six children, I was allowed to help as much as I wanted to. I've had a wide variety of cars myself – from Studebakers, GTO's, Impalas, Catalina, '31 Buick, '50 Chevy pickups, lowriders, hotrods, raised trucks, lowered trucks, even a '47 Cadillac! As life goes on things happen, RIP mom and pop, and divorce. At some point I started riding motorcycles again, this time Harleys. I moved to Texas 4 years ago to start over again. I was too afraid to ride a motorcycle here so I started looking for another car to build. By sure accident I found my present project. On my way to Decatur to get some medicine for the flu, my radar in my head went off. Out of the corner of my eye I spotted a '57 tailfin. To sick to really stop at the time and look, I picked up my medicine and went home. The next weekend I decided to go look at this car. Since I had been sick I did not really pay attention to where the car was so I had to go to Decatur and back track. There it was a mile away from home in a cow pasture behind some trees. I stop and hopped the fence to get a better look. Not knowing who owned the property I was very cautious as to how far I was going to walk back in there. Not one but two Bel Air station wagons! I got back in my truck and drove around corner to an older man on a tractor. After talking with him for a while I found out that his brother owned them and they had been there for 30 years! After throwing a figure of \$500 for the best of the two, I was told that could have both of them! Score!! I now have an SS454 and tranny for the car. Plans are to disc all around, power windows, tilt, a/c front and rear, shaved door handles, and air bags. Paint will be tangelow bottom, white pearl top, tan leather interior. I have no finish date, but when it is done my grandchildren and I will have fun riding around!



Welcome New Club Officers for 2009!

DACC's Board of Directors picked up two new faces at the November Elections.



George Johnson

(hanging out with his friends, the Blues Brothers)



Larry Epperson will serve out Greg Hedum's Secretary term to 12/09

Also, for the next two years Greg Hedum moves from Secretary to VP, Dean Schmidt continues as club Treasurer and Dan Bunch carries another 2 year term on the Board.

NOTE TO THE MEMBERSHIP -

I want to thank the Dallas Area Classic Chevy Club for the excellent ramp that the volunteer crew that consisted of Dan Bunch, Marvin and Donna Johnson, George Johnson, David Graves, Marlene Irely and led by Larry Rollow came and built for me. Words cannot express my gratitude for the hard work and time spent not to mention all the material it took. We are so very grateful to you all. Thank You Again, Bennie and Margie Zimmerman

Christmas Wheelchair Ramp Building, Holiday Light Tour AND Special Ramp Build for DACC Club Member!

By Larry Rollow

On Saturday December 13th, DACC again as we have the past several years built wheelchair ramps at homes of those in need under the direction of the volunteer group Dallas Ramps Project. 9 DACC members showed up bright and early at the Dallas Ramp Project's warehouse in North Dallas to participate in the annual wheelchair ramp build. We divided into two groups with Don Andre, Kevin Brown and George Caruth working with Dallas Ramps team leader Peter Heinkel. They built a 24 foot long ramp and were done with it at around 10:30! Then most of them went to another build site to help finish another ramp that was underway. The remaining DACC members drew the short straw and had to work with me as a team leader. They were club members Dan Bunch, Jim Conkle, George Johnson, Greg Hedum along with his son Nick. We built a 29 foot long ramp that had a lot of custom work that needed to be done. We at Dallas Ramps build two standard size modules that cover most of our building needs. My ramp had some different constraints on it, which required modifying the pre-made modules. This particular client, a 21 year old man, needed a platform to aid in entry into the car. So we did just that and from what I hear it is working fine for him. Custom work adds to the build time, so we did not finish until 2 PM. I want to personally thank each and every DACC member who came out to help as three families were greatly aided by the work done that day.

A few days before the DACC build, I had been contacted by Margie Zimmerman, wife of DACC member Bennie Zimmerman and asked if we (DACC) would build a ramp for Bennie. Bennie has Parkinson's Disease and recently received a wheelchair. At the DACC Christmas party, David Graves and I discussed this and decided we would build him a ramp ASAP on Sunday December 14th. So a call for volunteers with short notice went out and answering the call was Dan Bunch, George Johnson, David Graves, Marlene Irely, Marvin and Donna Johnson and with a 9:30 meeting at the warehouse the needed materials were loaded and we proceeded to Bennie's house. We finished a 28 foot ramp at about 2:30 that afternoon and Bennie with his powered chair was soon zooming up and down his new ramp. Again, I want to extend my thanks to Dan, George, David, Marlene, Marvin and Donna for their help in building a ramp for Bennie.

On the evening of December 13th, club members attended our Christmas Get Together that this year featured dinner at the Babe's Chicken Dinner House on the Square in Downtown Carrollton. Following a great dinner, club members took their Chevys for a Christmas Light tour through the Christmas Tour of Lights in the Historical Park in Farmers Branch. Santa was there for the evening and he was very impressed with our group of Chevys that came through and look for him to perhaps become a Tri Five owner soon!



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