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NEWS OF '55, '56 AND '57 CHEVYS IN NORTH TEXAS AND BEYOND



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Membership Information

Dues are \$25 per year,
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To determine your renewal date,
check your mailing label, the top
right corner is the month/yr your
membership expires.

Dallas, TX • FEB. 13-15, 2009

49th Annual

O'Reilly

Auto Rama

MARKET HALL

General Admission at the door – \$14

Children 6-12 – \$5

5 and under – FREE

Pre-Sale at O'Reilly Auto Parts Stores

General Admission – \$12

Children 6-12 – \$4.00

DALLAS

SHOW HOURS

Friday: 3 pm – 10:30 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 10 pm

Sunday: 11 am – 7 pm

DACC will have a 8 car club display featuring Bennie Zimmerman's '57 Cameo, Bob Caruth's '56 Bel Air, David Graves' '56 Corvette, Mark Lamkin's '55 Bel Air, George Johnson's '56 Nomad, Bob Brandenburg's '57 Bel Air, John West's '57 Bel Air and Carl Mitcham's '57 Convertible.

35th Annual Ft Worth Rod & Custom Show February 27-March 1st

Amon Carter Exhibit Hall
Will Rogers Memorial Center
3401 W. Lancaster Ave., Ft. Worth, TX

Ft Worth Show Hours

Friday 4PM -10PM

Saturday 10AM – 10PM

Sunday 10AM – 7PM

Tickets at the Show

Adults - \$12

Kids 6 to 12 - \$5

5 and Under - Free

DACC will have a 8 car club display featuring Tommy Simmon's '57 210 wagon, BJ Bucher's '57 150 Sedan, Ruth Anderton's '57 Bel Air, Mark Lamkin's '55 Bel Air, Larry Freeman's '56 Convertible, Bill Raley's '56 Pickup, Mark Baker's '55 210 Sedan and Ralph Ellis' '57 Convertible

NEXT MONTH!

SPRING CLASSIC CHEVY SHOW!
March 14th Saturday – Noon to 3PM
AT RELIABLE CHEVROLET

Our largest club event each year!

NO JUDGING, NO ENTRY FEES

Just show up with your car and kick tires!

**THIS YEAR WILL FEATURE A
TRI FIVE CHEVY CACKLEFEST!**
(all open headered cars will fire off at once!)

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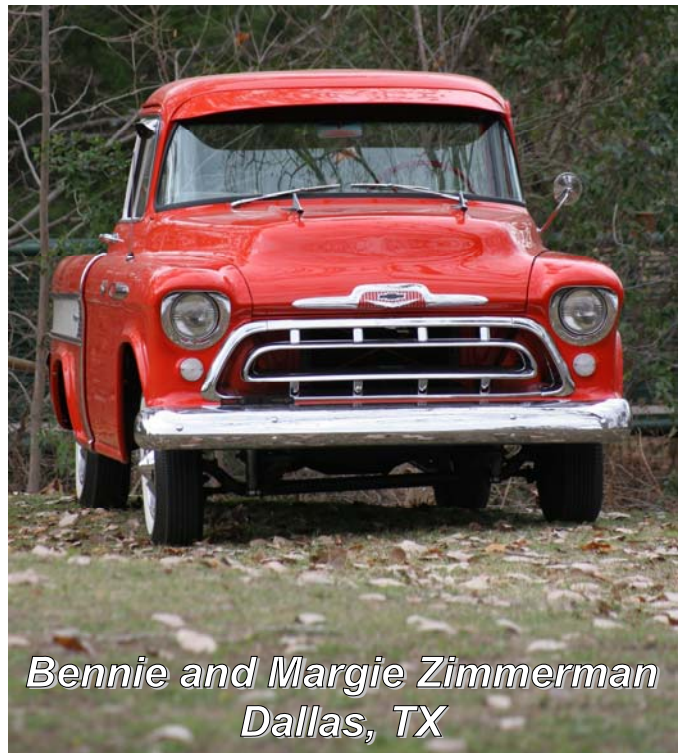




One day in 1963 my brother-in-law came by my home to show me his newly bought 1957 Cameo pickup. It was turquoise with white trim and I knew then that I wanted one. I asked him if he ever saw another one for sale to let me know. About a week later he called to tell me of one near my home. I went to check it out and bought it for \$950 and drove it home. It was white with red trim, 6 cylinders with overdrive.

It ran like a top and I drove it to work for several years. Over time, I parked it in my big garage and drove other cars for the next 25 years.

In the past few years I was diagnosed with Parkinson's and could no longer drive it because of the clutch. I took it to Trader's Village this past June and it sold to a young couple from Alvarado. That was a Saturday, and by Tuesday, I was looking at



*Bennie and Margie Zimmerman
Dallas, TX*

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John Rush – Class Winner at the '08 Texas Thaw!



It's not unusual to see Alan Strong in final rounds with his '57 150 Chevy sedan

The Dallas Area Classic Chevys have members who participate in local drag racing events each year with their Tri Five Chevys, many race in the year long Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge Drag Racing Series at local tracks throughout the year and specialty events like the upcoming 'Texas Thaw' Show and Drag Racing event at Northstar Dragway in Denton on February 27-28. Last year our club did very well in the Muscle Car Club series (first event on Sunday March 15th in Kennedale) and here are just a few of the participants from last year's events. Look for even better things in 2009! For more information about the events DACC racers participate in, watch the club chat board located on the club website for the latest news and also check your weekly club email!

Top left to right – Larry Epperson '57 4 dr Bel Air Hardtop, Frank Hernandez '55 150 Sedan, John Carson '57 Bel Air Hardtop, Dennis Gormley '55 210 Sedan, Tom Walker '57 Bel Air Hardtop and David Graves '56 Corvette





FROSTY DRIVE N Denton, Texas

In January, DACC hit one of the areas only remaining authentic 50's era drive in diners, this being the Frosty Drive N. Famous for their homemade Root Beer (served in frosty glass mugs!), Frosty's looked just as it would have in 1957 as the place was surrounded by mid fifty Chevys. In spite of the cool weather that greeted us, the club had a great turnout and better yet a GREAT lunch! To see more photos from our event in Denton, go to DallasClassicChevy.com and check them out along with other photos from past club events!



Bob Baas 1934 -2008

Condolences to the friends and family of Michael Robert 'Bob' Baas of Southlake who recently passed away. Bob joined DACC in 2006 and enjoyed spending time with his '56 Chevy. Not only were old chevys a passion for him but many things and most prominently flying. Bob was flying before he could drive at age 16 and went on to be a AA pilot. He had a airplane hanger full of his collection of old cars and airplanes and this kept him busy. As a retired AA pilot he would schedule flights to Washington DC to volunteer at the Smithsonian Museum and regularly volunteer for the local Frontiers of Flight Museum.

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 – **Tech Session/Lunch at Wilson Auto Repair**, Garland, TX

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



Bennie Zimmerman's '57 Cameo Truck Continued from page 2



Ebay Motors and saw a 1957 Cameo, V8 with automatic in bright red. It was just the truck that I had always wanted all these years. I had to have it. I called to my wife, Margie to come see what I had found on the internet. I showed her the truck and told her that I was going to buy it. She said "are you crazy? You just sold one like it 4 days ago!" The seller was a collector in Santa Barbara, CA and in less than 2 weeks it was delivered. Any old car lover can understand the feeling of wanting a certain car or truck that is beyond explanations, and this is what I felt for this truck. I have had a few months of enjoying it, but recently was told by my doctors that I could no longer drive. It sits in my garage waiting for a new owner. By the way, Margie did come around to enjoying the truck too!



More Photos at

www.DallasClassicChevy.com

'Under Construction' Feature Car

This 'Feature' is all about a members Tri Five Chevy that is under construction. If you have ever built a car, you know there are many stories that can be told about the 'adventure'. Here – Joe Sander's shares his story about his '55 Nomad station wagon!

I bought the car from California from pictures, and unfortunately I regret that. I missed much of the damage that I am having to repair. The car was loaded with undercoating and this can hide things. Although it did not show any rust from underneath, after the undercoating was removed there was rust I had not planned on. The braces were all OK but I will install new floors. I will build it around a Art Morrison chassis, like my '57 Bel Air hardtop. I think these chassis' are GREAT!! I am planning to put a late model LS motor in this Nomad. Actually I was looking for a '62 Biscane when I came across the '55 but how can you not love the classic lines of a Nomad wagon. It should make a great companion to my '57. It is also easier to hall chairs and stuff to shows. I plan to have it finished by the fall of 2009 if all goes as planned.

Joe Sanders – Colleyville, TX



If you have a car 'Under Construction' and would like to share your story, please contact David Graves at President@DallasClassicChevy.com to get into the lineup!

NEEDED

DACC has 10 foot tall wooden supports for signage that we use at our indoor car shows each year. Currently these are stored and delivered to the Dallas and Ft Worth winter car shows we participate in at a cost to the club by a vendor. If you or your business has a truck or trailer that can transport these tall structures for the club each February please contact President David Graves for more details. We want to avoid the costs associated with this each year and your donation to the club for transporting these each year would be appreciated!





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Feb 13-15 - DALLAS AUTORAMA
MARKET HALL - DALLAS
FEB 27-MAR 1 - ROD & CUSTOM SHOW
WILL ROGERS COMPLEX - FT WORTH

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Next Month
Saturday March 14th Noon – 3PM

Spring Classic Chevy Show

at Reliable Chevrolet!

Arapaho and Central - Richardson



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