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THIS SATURDAY – JANUARY 12 – 1:30PM

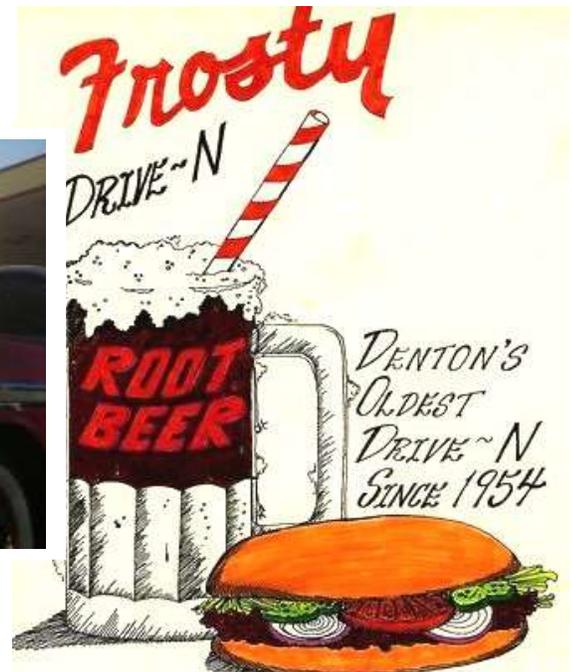
Mr. FROSTY'S DRIVE N

Hwy 377 (Ft Worth Drive) and I-35E in Denton!

DACC Meet & Greet Cruise In!

This is always a popular event for DACC each year! Last year we packed the place as there were NO parking spots in front of Frosty's and Tri Five Chevys were lined up on the adjacent street! So let's do it again this year!

**FAMOUS FOR THEIR
HOMEMADE ROOT BEER!**



IF THE WEATHER IS
QUESTIONABLE, WATCH YOUR
EMAIL INBOX OR CHECK THE
CLUB WEBSITE

NEXT MONTH – 'THE HOT ONE' '55-'57 CHEVY DISPLAY AT THE DALLAS AUTORAMA!

DACC will have 8 fantastic Chevys in a special display highlighting the 'HOT ONE' '55-'57 Chevys! This year we have been asked to provide cars for this special Tri Five Display and the lineup is outstanding! In this year's display will be Terry Sealock's '57 Convertible, John Roger's '56 Nomad, Jim Leinart's '55 drag racer, Don Andre's '57 Hardtop, Mike Reeves' '55 Hardtop, Larry Freeman's '56 Convertible, Mike Brown's '55 Hardtop and Joe Sander's '57 Hardtop. **THIS IS A DISPLAY NOT TO MISS! SHOW DATE IS FEBRUARY 15-17 at Market Hall!**



DACC MEMBER'S PHOTOS

FROM THE PAST

Another photo from 'back in the day'

Now your part is to guess

WHO IS THAT PERSON?

Take a good look, take your best guess, then check on the DACC website's Chat Board link under the 'MISC' section – and there you will find the answer of 'WHO IS THAT PERSON'?

HINT – this is the spring of 1967 in Texas



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DACC 'OTHER CAR' FEATURE

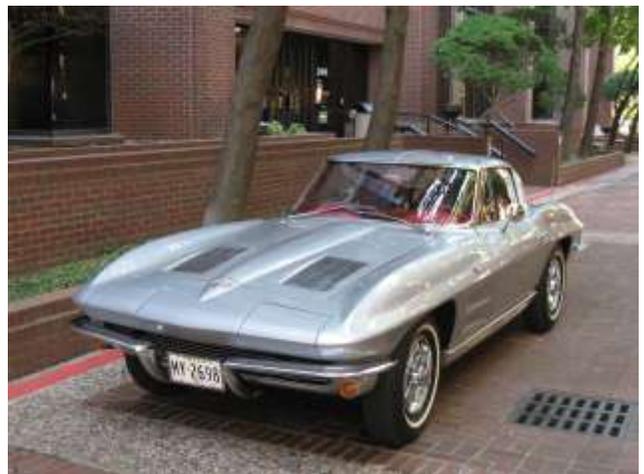
About non Tri Five Chevys that our members have

***Ken & Linda Dobbs, Plano, Texas
1963 Corvette***

About ten years ago I came into some money and my wife asked me what I was going to do with it. I said I always wanted a Corvette, so I started looking. I wanted a 1961 red on red with two fours, a four speed and both tops. Before I could find one a buddy called and said how about a '63 coupe? This lady in Alabama was going through a divorce and wanted to sell it. She sent pictures over the internet and we came to a price and I bought the car.

I got the running car with a rebuilt 350. Someone had changed the rear spring to a fiberglass one, all the tie rod ends and control arms to heim joints and added a MSD box. I got the original engine on a stand along with six boxes of parts, four rims and an original spare. I went to work putting her back to original. I had the engine rebuilt and replaced the flattop pistons with 11 1/4 TRW's, a solid lift cam, screw in studs, push rod guide plates and more.

I have replaced all the bolts with correct ones, new interior went in and fresh silver paint. It's a 340 HP, 220 four speed powerplant through a 3:73 positrac rear end. It has tinted glass, power windows and AM/FM radio. I take her to shows and if it's very far I put her in the trailer. It has been a fun car! My wife really doesn't like it, she says its loud, rough riding and there is no place to haul groceries!!





DACC Feature Car Don & Jo Andre Southlake, Texas

headers, 700R4 transmission and 3.36 rear end.

At about this point Don slowed down working on the Chevy much because he was at Bill Preston's every day helping build a 1966 Lemans Convertible. When he realized he and Bill could paint the car(s) themselves, Don set out to add a new garage to the side of his house and equip it with filters and exhaust system to be a paint booth. They painted the Lemans there, then Bill's '89 Vette, and FINALLY Don's '57 Chevy! When asked why he built a paint booth for Bill to paint his cars in, he says, "You didn't think I was going to let him do MINE first, did you?"

During this two to three year period the body went back on the frame and there were endless hours of body work, and mechanical work with engine and transmission challenges. Don loves to solve a problem. He hated it that restored hardtops' door window flippers failed to operate properly, so he set out to make sure HIS did! He recognized that the long hinge at the top was straight, while the roof is arched. So he made a shim to make the roof straight like the hinge... his flippers WORK! Actually the real problem is the reproduction rubber seal at the top of the hinge does not have metal shims in it that were present in the originals to compensate for the roof line arch. Due to Don's persistence Soft Seal is considering changing the design of this piece for future production.

THEN it was time for paint! He wanted just the right color red for the car. English Color worked with Bill and Don to get just the color red, he wanted. It started with Viper Red which was too

Don Andre bought this 1957 Bel Air two-door hardtop Chevy in 1998. He found it advertised in the paper. It was located out northwest of Fort Worth in Springtown. It looked pretty good from the outside, but didn't have a good engine or transmission. He was originally going to restore it to stock condition, because all it lacked was an original front seat. He even bought an entire 1956 Chevy just to get the original '57 front seat that was in it. When he found out the original block in the '57 was cracked, he just decided to make the whole car really cool and drivable instead of original . . . He's still got the 56 Chevy that he bought to get the 57 front seat (that he didn't use).

Don took the car apart, took it off the frame and got it on the rotisserie by about 2000. He began working on the car more consistently after he retired and joined DACC in 2005. The car had to have new floorboards. Don upgraded the frame with front disc brakes, side motor mounts, rear shock mounts and a 500 power steering box. It has a new GMPP ram-jet crate engine, Sanderson



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Don Andre Feature Car Continued from Page 3

orange. So they doubled the black in the formulation... still too orange. Then doubled the violet in the mix, which made the perfect red! The top is a special mix of a cream color that matches the Ultra leather that he chose for the interior.

The seats are Chrysler four-door bucket seats that are cut down and altered to flip forward to give access to the back seat of the Chevy. Don originally planned to have the entire interior done in the cream Ultra leather, but by the time he was ready to have it upholstered, Ultra leather had stopped making it in that cream color. Consequently John at Headliner Customs ordered all the cream color that he could get and designed a two-tone interior using red Ultra leather to match the exterior. Don says he likes it better this way, because it's not as hard to keep clean. The carpets are red. As everyone knows, these cars are never finished so Don is planning to do the trunk in the two colors to match the interior.

He has installed a Classic Auto Air unit that heats and cools. To gain space for a full glove box, he used narrower 1956 heater controls, moved the glove box to the left and the ashtray has been deleted. It has Autometer Gauges and he's added two gauge pods (making four) to house tachometer, oil pressure, temperature and gas gauges.

Don started out with American Racing wheels but later decided he wanted wide whites so he modified some stock 14x7" Camaro wheels to hold stock '57 Chevy flipper wheel covers. With the help of Bill and a neighbor, Ed, working long days, there was a mad rush to get it presentable by the 2010 Lone Star 29, and it made its first appearance at that convention in Irving.

This is the first full frame-off restoration Don has done, although he restored his 1966 Corvair. He also has a 1941 Dodge two-door coupe that his dad bought new that is waiting patiently in the yard for a full restoration. He hasn't decided what to do with that '56 Chevy yet, but he did sell the '57 front seat.



**SEE MORE OF DON'S FABULOUS '57
AT
www.DALLASCLASSICCHEVY.COM**



2013 DACC Calendar of Events

Pick the events you want to attend and mark your calendar!

January 12 Saturday – 1:30PM
MR FROSTY'S DRIVE N
MEET & GREET CRUISE IN
DENTON

February 15-17 Weekend
53rd DALLAS AUTORAMA
FEATURING THE 'HOT ONES'
DACC '55-'57 CHEVY DISPLAY
MARKET HALL DALLAS

March 9 Saturday – 10AM to 1PM
8th ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC CHEVY SHOW
RELIABLE CHEVROLET, RICHARDSON

April TBA
DACC DAY AT THE DRAGS

May 11 Saturday
DACC BLUEBONNET TOUR
FERRIS/WAXAHACHIE AREA

May 24-26 Weekend
31st ANNUAL LONE STAR CLASSIC CHEVY
CONVENTION
SAN ANGELO

June 9 Sunday
DACC TECH MEETING
JACK JUNKIES, PLANO

July 12 Friday
4th ANNUAL COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION
DAY CRUISE IN
KELLERS DRIVE IN, DALLAS

August 17 Saturday – evening
HOT TEXAS NIGHTS CAR SHOW &
DINNER BEFORE THE SHOW
N RICHLAND HILLS

September 14 Saturday
DACC POKER RUN &
14th ANNUAL DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT
BRAZOS DRIVE IN, GRANBURY

October TBA
'55-'57 CHEVY DISPLAY AT THE
125th ANNUAL STATE FAIR OF TEXAS
FAIR PARK, DALLAS

October 25-27 Weekend
20th ANNUAL CLASSIC CHEVY
FALL FOLIAGE TOUR
Hosted by DACC
BEAVERS BEND RESORT PARK
BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

November 9 Saturday
DACC ANNUAL MEETING
LOCATION TBA

December 7 Saturday
DACC WHEELCHAIR RAMP BUILD
THROUGH DALLASRAMP5.ORG
DALLAS

December 7 Saturday
DACC CHRISTMAS EVENT
LOCATION TBA

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