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Saturday December 11th!

DACC and DallasRamps.org

join to build handicap ramps for those in need

8AM to about Noon

"Building Freedom for the Homebound"

This month our club is having a Day of Community Service. Join us as we need volunteers to help build wheel chair ramps. Meet at 8 AM at the warehouse located at 4720 Simonton Rd (2 blocks north and east of LBJ and Midway in Dallas), from there we will travel to a location in South Dallas to build the ramps. Bring a 3/8 reversible variable speed drill and your desire to really help someone in need. RSVP to Larry Rollow NOW at 972 960 1408 or email at LDRollow@sbcglobal.net, we need to know who is coming so that jobs can be planned. If it is raining call Larry or check the club website to see if we are going to try to build ramps. Several members have committed so please join in on this great community project!!!

Followed That Evening with a

Christmas Get Together

Hosted by Dean and Audrey Schmidt

6PM until 9PM

at 5208 Seascape in Plano, Pot Luck dinner that will work this way - if your last name starts with A-H, bring Snacks, Appetizers, etc, if your name starts with the letters I-Q, you bring main course items, casserole or soup, and letters R-Z brings deserts. Cold drinks and beer will be provided. And for a little fun, bring a \$10 elephant gift for exchange! Bring your Classic as we may make a short tour of area Christmas lights! You can reach Dean at 972-867-3255 or email at Dean.Schmidt@realpage.com.



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DACC
Member's Pride
Ron and Cheryl Davis
1955 2 Door Bel Air Hardtop
DeSoto, Texas

BUY IT!



It started out as a Sunday drive with my wife Cheryl and my son Brad just to look at a '55 Chevy. A friend of mine had six cars and the '55 was for sale. When I was in high school I had a '57 Chevy so getting a '55 was not my first choice, but we wanted to go look anyhow.

The '55 was in primer and appeared in good shape, with a lot of parts included with the deal. He quoted the price he was asking as we were getting into our car to leave. I started the truck as my wife was saying, "BUY THIS CAR!" (what a wife) I had planned on thinking about it over the weekend, but being an obedient husband I



let her have her way. The '55 was towed home the next weekend and the fun began.

This is the first complete restoration that I have ever attempted, but my son Brad said "no problem". The first thing was to get every manual available for the '55 and clean out the shop. When the '55 arrived, we had 4 project cars that we had piddled on which included a '48 truck, a '40 Ford convertible, a '33 Chevrolet sedan and a '28 Roadster that a friend of mine had stored at our shop. My wife suggested instead of working and spending on three cars GET ONE RUNNING, so again I

listened and the only thing in the shop was the '55. If you have torn one down before you know you never have enough room. Once the '55 was at the shop and all of the parts were sorted, I was hopeful that the expense to reassemble would be minimal. With the car came complete bolt-in rack and pinion steering, front disc brakes, tinted glass, front and rear rechromed bumpers, a TPI motor, complete rear end with disc brakes, grille and weather stripping. It would seem that my major expenses were included, but all it took was a little sanding on the frame and I knew that a frame-off was the only cure; someone had painted over some rust and I could not live with that. So here we go.

That very day my son and I took the body off the frame, had it blasted and powder coated. Paul Peyton built a Ford 9-inch with Willwood disc brakes and a 373 rear end. Now I could not help myself as every holiday, anniversary, and birthday my gifts consisted of parts for the '55. All available time was spent in the shop ignoring some of my duties around the house for three years. My parts for my '55 started collecting and included a new Ram Jet FI 350 crate motor, Rock Valley stainless fuel tank, stainless lines from tubes etc., a turbo 350 transmission, Billet Specialties wheels, BF Goodrich 245/45/17 inch tires and Flowmaster mufflers. On the inside to cool the air a Vintage Air unit, dolphin gauges to monitor things and a leather interior from Chris' Trim shop in Ft. Worth completed the interior. Luckily, I had a friend, Jerry Muniz, who is a body man by trade. He is responsible for the paint and body work and did an outstanding job on the '55. With mainly only weekends to work on the 55,

we spent three years on this project to do it right. All work including the paint was done in our shop.

In July of 2004 I took our '55 on it's longest trip since completion - to Houston for the Lone Star Classic Chevy Convention. It was a pleasant drive with a couple of spots of rain, but it drove like a new car! Considering it was the first show for the '55 it did rather well; we were able to place third in the Custom Class.

When we are out for a drive, it's a good feeling when people of all ages give a thumb's up or brag about the car. The best part about it is that my son and I did it ourselves, with the support of my wife. She has even driven the '55 on a couple of occasions.

I said after this frame-off restoration, "never again." Guess what? I found a '57 150 sedan in a barn in Corsicana had not been tagged since 1982. It started, it was straight, very little rust and the price was too cheap not to consider. Once again my wife said "BUY IT." So here we go again....but this one is going to be black!!!



Look for more photos of this month's feature car on our website sometime in December. Click on the Feature Cars link to see this and past feature cars



Dallas Area Classic Chevys 2004 Schedule of Events

Feb 13-15 * *ISCA Autorama*, Market Hall,

March 14 * *DACC Meeting/Membership Drive*, Wizard's Sports Café, Richardson

April 18 * *DACC Spring Cruise*, to E Texas

May 16 * *DACC Cruise*, to Lake Texoma

June 13 * *DACC Quarterly Business Meeting*, Stoked Out Specialties, Rockwall,

July 10 * *Lone Star XXII*, Houston

August 7 * *DACC Cruise*, Keller's Drive In

September 19 *DACC Quarterly Business Meeting*, Ballpark in Arlington

October 9* *Drive In Movie Night*, Brazos Drive In, Granbury,

October 22-24 * *Fall Foliage Tour*, Eastern Okla

November 14 * *DACC Quarterly Business Meeting and Elections*, *Srping Creek BBQ*., Grapevine

December 11* *DACC Christmas Event*, we will build wheelchair ramps for Dallas Ramps, www.DallasRamps.org, 8AM to Noon, Larry Rollow 972 960 1408, call to

RSVP by Dec 4th so that jobs can be planned, if raining check club website to make sure event is still on, site is 4720 Simonton Rd, 2 blocks North and East of LBJ and Midway

December 11 * *DACC Christmas Party*, hosted by Dean and Audrey Schmidt, 5208 Seascape, Plano, 6PM - 9PM, Pot Luck, \$10 Elephant Gift exchange, 972-867-3255, soda/beer provided, drive your car as we make take a Christmas light tour of the area!

Note from the President

This time last year, Dean Schmidt and myself agreed that together we would take what little remained of the DACC and try to rebuild the club. We were shortly joined by Marvin Johnson, Larry Rollow and Kevin Brown. Together this group has worked together over this past 12 months to bring back to this area a club that we can be proud of for the '55, '56, '57 Chevys that we love. Early this year I set several goals to accomplish by year's end. Some of these were attained, some exceeded, and some fell short. In the big picture, the club is here today and healthier than it was 12 months ago. That is because of the individuals who stepped up and played a leadership role this past year and most importantly you the member who 'joined' and became a part of what we were trying to accomplish this year. For that I say THANKS! Also I must thank the sponsor that we picked up this spring, Stoked Out Specialties in Rockwall. Richard Stokes believed in the club enough to step up as a sponsor and that allowed us to do some things that we would have not been able to do without their support.

As we move forward into 2005, you have chosen me to lead this group for another year. You also voted into leadership roles Marvin Johnson as VP, Greg Hedum as Secretary and Dean Schmidt as Treasurer. The three Board of Directors 'at large' that have been elected are Bill Preston, Larry Rollow and John Rush. This group of seven will meet in January (no club

function in January) and at this Board Meeting we hope to set the direction of the club for 2005.

I would appreciate any feedback from you about what we have accomplished with our club to date, and any ideas you might have for our club in the future. We have made a conscious effort to have a variety of activities in the past 12 months. We hope to continue and expand this in 2005. How did we do this past 12 months? Did the club offer functions that interested you? We have tried to have meetings and activities that move from different parts of the metro area to avoid having meetings/activities all in one area (a complaint from the past). Do you think this has worked? We have taken what was a sit down meeting each month and turned that into a once a quarter function and focused on car related activities for each month. Good idea or bad? I am simply asking for feedback from you in regards to what you want from this club. Some of the members we see regularly at meetings and activities, some we see once in a year and others we never see. There have been times that the turnout for club functions were good, then times when it was disappointing. Although I know that DACC can not be all things to all people, I am curious as to what YOU would like to see from this organization. With this information we can attempt to address them. Feel free to email me at DGGravesTX@comcast.net or call me via phone at 972 389-9816. I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

Thanks again for your support!
David Graves, President
Dallas Area Classic Chevys





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Dallas Area Classic Chevys 2005 Dallas Autorama Feb 11-13, 2005

DACC is planning to assemble a fantastic group of 1955 Chevys to display in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the '55 Chevy. This month we hope to finalize the cars to show and move forward from there. This is not an individual display aimed at winning a trophy for each car, but rather a display that as a group brings attention to the 50th birthday of Chevrolet's 1955 breakthrough year. Currently listed as showing their '55's are Steve Pratt, Ron Davis, Sonny Poteet and Marvin Johnson. WE NEED 4 MORE '55 CHEVYS TO FILL OUR 8 CAR DISPLAY! We are attempting to address other aspects of the display and if you have anything to offer to help the club, please step forward. Dean Schmidt and Kevin Brown are working on stanchions, we may need some signs and manpower will be needed during the show hours. Kevin Brown is coordinating all of this and needs to hear from you if you would like to show your car or help out in any other way with the display. He may be reached at 972 889-7233 or email at jkevinbrown@comcast.net

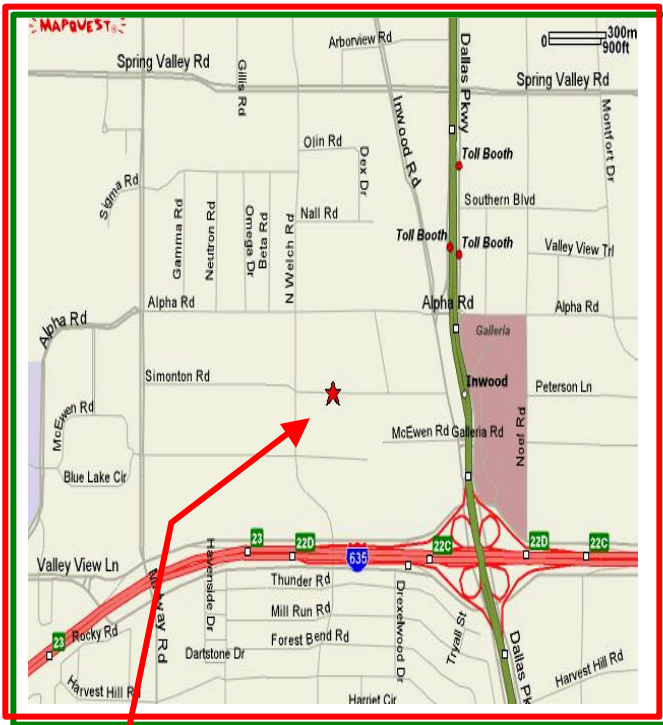


Halloween 2004 was special to these trick or treaters this past Halloween as these young Sock Hoppers asked Dean Schmidt to use his '57 as a backdrop for photos that will make their Halloween of 2004 very memorable for years to come!

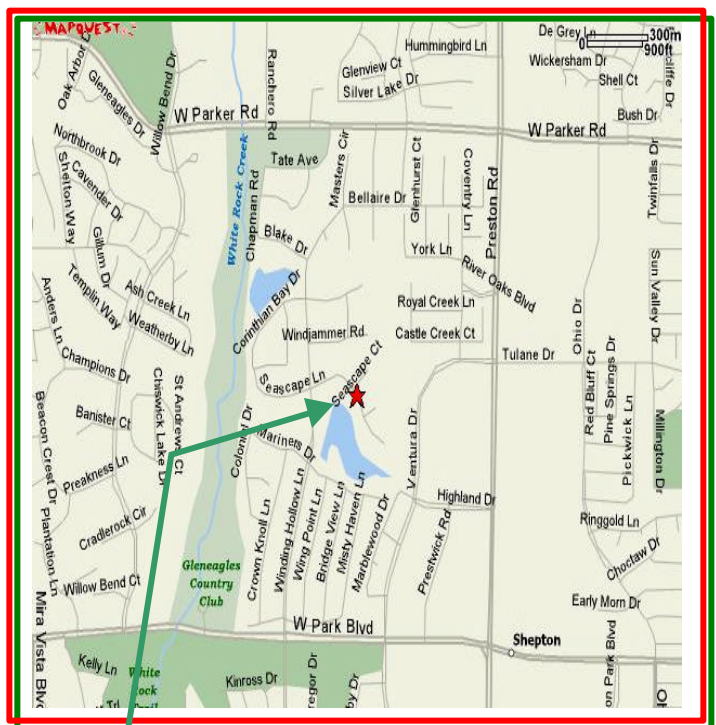
DACC and the Ft Worth Rod and Custom Show 2005

We would like to have a club entry in the Ft Worth Rod and Custom Show held March 1-3 at the Will Rogers Arena. This would be another great opportunity for the club to be exposed to the area and a chance for us to recruit more members in the Ft Worth area. Ideally we would like to show a minimum of 3 cars, one of each year or more if we have the interest. If you would like to be a part of this possible club exhibit, please call or email David Graves 972 389-9816 or DGravesTX@comcast.net .





Dallas Ramps Project
Saturday Dec 11th, 8AM to Noon
Meet at 4720 Simonton, Dallas
Larry Rollow 972 960 1408



DACC Christmas Party
Saturday Dec 11th, 6PM - 9PM
5208 Seascape, Plano
Dean Schmidt 972 867 3255





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*Merry Christmas
and
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