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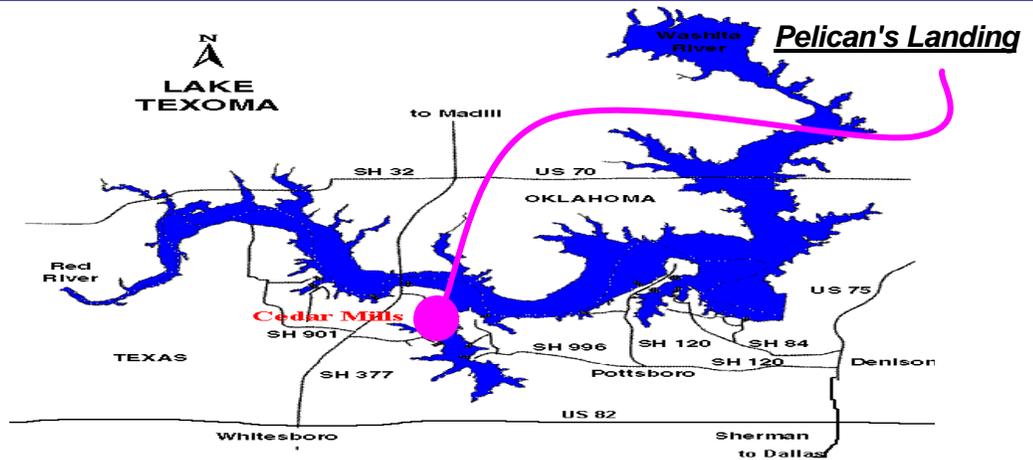
On the Road to Lake Texoma!

This Sunday May 16th

Our May club event will have us driving North to the Red River and Lake Texoma to the Pelican's Landing Restaurant at Lake Texoma for lunch this Sunday, May 16th. We will meet at the Wizard's Sport's Café Parking lot in Richardson at 11:30 and **leave at 12 Noon**. We should arrive at Lake Texoma around 2PM. We will take an hour or so to have lunch at 'The Landing'. No later than 4PM we

should be back on the road heading home. We will caravan up US 75 (Central Expressway) from Wizard's to Lake Texoma. Maps will be available when we leave together at Noon. If you missed last month's East Texas road trip then don't miss this great chance to get the Chevy out and enjoy a nice drive to the Oklahoma border and EAT!

Our meeting location for the caravan is Wizard's Sports Grill parking lot. It is easy to find off of Central Expressway in Richardson between Spring Valley and Belt Line on the east side service road. Arrive before Noon to join the caravan up to Lake Texoma. We will pull out at Noon! Maps will be distributed to everyone.



Important Membership Dues Notice

Many of you have received this newsletter since February because you were on the mailing list from 2003. Club dues were not collected in 2003 from the majority of the membership. We STARTED OVER on dues beginning with January. If you have not paid your membership dues, your grace period ends this month. This will be your last newsletter if your dues are not mailed in this month. Dues are \$25 per year. In order for you to remain a member in good standing, you must pay your dues for 2004. To those that have paid... THANKS! To those that have not, this is your last notice. Please mail your dues to the Club PO Box NOW! We have operated with limited funds and we must have your dues paid in order to continue your membership in DACC. You will be dropped from membership at the end of the grace period that ends in May. We hope that you see value in continuing your membership to the only area club devoted exclusively to 55-57 Chevys. We have turned the corner in our efforts to 'rebuild' this club and look forward to more and exciting things in the future. We would like for you to be a part!

NOTE: If your mailing label does not have 2005 on it in the right top corner... YOU ARE NOT PAID for 2005 and you will be dropped this month!



DACC Member's PRIDE Larry and Jan Rollow

1957 2 Door Sedan
Dallas, Texas

A Dream Fulfilled

I still remember the day when my friend, who lived across the street, came home with the '57 Chevy he had just purchased and pulled in his driveway. I was in the front yard of my parent's house washing my car. His car was a Bel Air two-door hardtop white over red, power pack, three-speed with overdrive. I was quite envious as I felt the '57 was one of the coolest cars I had ever seen, and now he had one! I vowed right then and there that someday I would have a '57 too.

This was the early sixties, I was in college and did not have much money. The cars I was able to get (not all at once) consisted of two DeSotos, one Dodge, a 1951 Studebaker and, gasp!, a '57 Ford. All purchased for very little money and requiring some maintenance to keep them running. Upon graduation, I entered the Navy and, although I now had some money, I sort of went off in other directions car-wise, owning a Corvette, El Camino, several Corvairs and others.

Fast forward to 1987, and one day at work I noticed an advertisement for a '57 two door sedan, 210, V-8 with "three on the tree. My co-worker who owned the car had purchased it from the estate of the original owner. He had planned to re-do the car but illness forced the sale.

So I purchased the car. Shortly after, I joined Classic Chevy International and the Dallas Area Classic Chevy Club. Up to this point, I was unsure if I really wanted to do a body off restoration and just how far to go. I decided to go the body off route. The car went to a paint shop I

chose and body was removed and installed on a body rotisserie. Then the frame was delivered to my house for build-up.

I rebuilt the front end using new bushings, ball joints, along with Mike Mcgaughy's tubular upper A arms. These have more caster designed into them which is desirable when using a late model power steering. I installed disc brakes and BFG tires were used both front and rear. I installed an after market anti-sway bar, but redesigned the brackets, as I wanted a better response from the bar. The front anti-sway bar would have to wait until the



total weight of the car could be placed on the tires in order to get the proper placing of the brackets. So now the frame would roll!

Next came the power train, which consisted of a 327 engine on the late style motor mounts I had put on the frame. The 605 power steering was installed and hooked up to the rebuilt tie rods and idler arm. The stock drive shaft needed to be shortened a bit and then was installed. I wanted a drive shaft retainer, so purchased a "universal" kit from Summit Racing and modified it to fit my application.

My roots go back to drag racing, so even though I most likely will not race this car, I wanted to build it as such anyway.

Body and frame were again back together. After paint, color sanding and buffing, the car was finally ready to come home to my garage. Now the job of assembling the car fell to me. I had Ray's Auto Trim install the reproduction upholstery. In went the AM-FM cassette radio and the Air Products air conditioning system. I also installed a Sony CD player along with dual front and rear speakers.

Back in October, when I first got the car running and it wasn't quite finished, my wife and I took it to a cruise night in Plano. I won first in class and I was both surprised and pleased. All that work and I even got a trophy the first time out.

Believe it or not, there is quite a lot that I did to my car that is not related here. Yes, it was a lot of work, but it was all worth it to me. Each time I get a thumbs up driving down the road, or get some type of kudos at a car show, it makes it all worth it. My next undertaking with this car is the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour. As you know, it starts in Arlington and ends up in Green Bay, WI. It's been a much longer haul than I expected to achieve this car, but it is for me truly a dream fulfilled!

Look for more photos and details of Larry's car on our website sometime after May 16th. Click on the Feature Cars link.



Dallas Area Classic Chevys 2004 Schedule of Events

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

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

April 18 * *DACC Spring Cruise*, to Edom in E Texas for lunch at 'The Shed'

May 16 * *DACC Cruise*, to Lake Texoma with lunch at Pelican's Landing at Cedar Mills Landing

June 13 * *DACC Quarterly Business Meeting*, Location TBD, 2PM

July 10 * *Lone Star XXII*, hosted by Houston Classic Chevys, Omni Hotel

August 7 * *DACC Cruise*, Keller's Drive In, NW Highway, 7:30 PM (note this is Saturday Night)

September 12 * *DACC Quarterly Business Meeting*, Location TBD, 2PM

October * *Drive In Movie Night* with the Metroplex Muscle Car Club, Brazos Drive In, Granbury, exact date to be determined

October 22-24 * *Fall Foliage Tour*, Eastern Oklahoma, details to come

November 14 * *DACC Quarterly Business Meeting and Officer Elections*, location TBD, 2PM

NOTE: See the website for a complete listing of local weekend shows and swap meets. Make sure we have your email address so that you will get the weekly show/swap meet schedule! Send your email address to info@DallasClassicChevy.com along with your name if your not getting this email each week.



Blast From The Past

Here is a group of '57's from the club attending a photo shoot at Fair Park in Dallas. We get requests for cars for movies, photos, promotions etc. Normally it is short notice! Make sure we have a good email address for you and keep your eye on the Chat Board on our web site if you would like to be involved in future opportunities like this!

Did you know at our club website you can

- ✂ Register on the chat board and post questions about your car, local shops, or see who may be going to a local weekend show?
- ✂ View additional photos and additional facts about the Member's Pride car feature from the previous month's newsletter
- ✂ Access a full schedule of local events that runs into the fall
- ✂ View past newsletters and see the upcoming newsletter before it hits your mailbox
- ✂ Find links to numerous other web sites of interest to those with a passion for 55-57 Chevys
- ✂ View pictures of past club events and activities

New Members -WELCOME

669
Scott and Donna Buzzell
 14907 Cypress Hills Dr
 Dallas, TX 75248

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Kevin and Michelle Brown
 4420 Cedar Elm Circle
 Richardson, TX 75082

671
Ron and Cheryl Davis
 610 Wisterglen
 Desoto, TX 75115

672
Paul and Judy York
 9201 State Hwy 19 South
 Athens, TX 75751



Lone Star XXII Classic Chevy Convention

Houston, Texas - July 9-11, 2004



This is the 22nd year for this annual Texas gathering of 55, 56 and 57 Chevy enthusiasts. This event travels to a different Texas location each year and is hosted by one of the Texas Classic Chevy Clubs in our state. This year the Houston Classic Chevy Club will host Lone Star on July 9-11th, at the Omni Hotel located at I-10 and Eldridge Parkway (West Houston). If you have not done it, **hotel reservations need to be made now and registration needs to be sent in to the Houston club.** By pre-registering, it helps the local club hosting the event tremendously with planning and you save money! Pre-registration cutoff is **June 1st**. **SO DO IT TODAY!** You can find a pre-registration form on the Houston club's web page (www.HoustonClassicChevyClub.com) or check page 5 of last month's newsletter.

For more information, go on the web and go to HoustonClassicChevyClub.com. For Hotel information call the Omni at [281-558-8338](tel:281-558-8338) and they can be found on the web at OmniHotel.com.

The DACC will put together a caravan to Houston for Lone Star and will announce those plans next month. This is a great event. Make plans to join us in Houston! If you plan to go and would like to be a part of the caravan to Houston, please drop David Graves a email or phone call so that we can make arrangements.

Lone Star Schedule Of Events

Friday, July 9

9AM to 5PM: Registration
9AM to 5PM: Car wash open
10AM to 10PM: Hospitality Room open
10AM to 5PM: Classification
5PM to 10PM: Free beer and snacks in Hospitality

Saturday, July 10

8AM to 5PM: Hospitality Room open
8AM to 12 Noon: Car wash open
9AM to 12 Noon: Registration and Classification
1PM: Judges Meeting
1:30PM: Judging begins
6PM: Awards Dinner followed by live band

Sunday July 11

Head for home

A note about our May cruisin' destination



Pelican's Landing Waterfront Restaurant

a waterfront restaurant at the Cedar Mills Marina and Resort, boasts a breathtaking view of the harbour with inside and outside dining. The menu is full of delicious and hearty selections from burgers to steaks with daily lunch and dinner specials. This spring we have added more mouthwatering appetizers, burgers, sandwiches and breakfasts to our already tasty menu. They can be reached at (903) 523-4500



HOT ROD Power Tour
2004
June 5 - 11, 2004

The 2004 Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour kicks off Saturday June 5th at the Ballpark in Arlington and concludes in Green Bay, Wisconsin on June 11. Make plans to see the cars and festivities at the Ballpark on Saturday evening as the cars gather in preparation on leaving for Tulsa on Sunday morning for the first day of the tour. DACC will be represented by **several** members that plan to make all or part of this great driving tour. Plan to join us Saturday evening as we wish them well on their trip! Kevin Brown in his '56 Sedan will be making the entire trip and would like to hear from you if you are planning to go. Reach him at 469-358-4415 or email at jkevinbrown@comcast.net.



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Parts For Sale/Wanted

If you are looking for a part or if you have a need to clean out the garage.. list your needs here! From parts to complete cars, one photo allowed. Email your needs to Newsletter@DallasClassicChevy.com or mail to the club at DACC, PO Box 814642, Dallas, TX 75381. Ads will run for two months..

For Sale

1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, excellent condition \$24,500
1957 Chevrolet Belair Sport Coupe, detailed 283 V8,PG,PS,electric Wipers, new AM FM Bowtie Cass, all new glass, rechromed, new tissue dispenser, new WWW tires and spinners, new red & black factory int., backup lites,new trunk mat,new matador red base/clear paint.

Collectible Cars
2831 N W Stallings Dr
Nacogdoches - TX
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FOR SALE

For Sale at Auction - no minimum bid - located in Kansas, several Classic Chevys and over 50 other old cars. Auction to be held May 15th. Below is one of the Classic Chevys to be auctioned. Details at

<http://home.comcast.net/~scottshannon34>



Wanted

I have been away from the classic chevys for about 25 years. I would like to get another 55, either a 2 dr Bel Air hardtop or sedan. I would like a driver, one that might need some work done to it. Any information you could supply would be appreciative

Roger Gunter, 3902 N, Hwy 281, Burnet TX
78611, Phone 512 756-6348
email roger@custommetaldesign.com



April's East Texas Cruise

This picture is a bit small on purpose. Seems that a lot of the folks in the picture have much larger belly's after the feast we had in Edom at 'The Shed' and we don't really want you to see that. For more pictures from our April cruise, check out our website under the 'Pictures' link. If you want to hear about how great the chicken fried steak was, well you will have to ask someone from our group of 11 cars that made the trip!!! We are not sure what was best, driving the backroads of East Texas in our 50 year old Chevys or the homemade peach cobbler many of us had for dessert!

Services

My name is Tim Shelton. I have over fifteen years of interior restoration experience. Upholstery is my specialty. I am presently employed at Gulfstream Aerospace in Dallas as a Senior Corporate Aircraft Upholstery Technician, but I am interested in acquiring a little side work for after hours & weekends. I have restored many cars, trucks and boats over the years. I have references and a photo portfolio to view if desired. I take great pride in the work that I do, & even more pride in customer satisfaction. If you or anyone you may know, whether in a car club or not is in need of my services, please feel free to contact me at (817) 847-9889 after 2p.m. on weekdays and anytime on weekends.





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Sunday May 16th

- * We will leave at Noon from the Wizard's Sports Grill parking lot. Wizard's is located on the EAST side of Central Expressway between Spring Valley and Belt Line Road in Richardson.
- * Caravan to the south side of Lake Texoma on the Oklahoma border.
- * Lunch at 'Pelican's Landing' at Cedars Mill Landing.
- * Caravan back, leaving Lake Texoma at approximately 4 PM.

**Plan to join us and get that
Chevy out of the garage and
on the road!**