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DACC at 'HOT AUGUST NIGHT'

This Saturday Night August 19th

we will participate in the Christian Classic Cruiser's Monthly Car Show, this month called 'HOT AUGUST NIGHT' since, well it is usually pretty hot around here in August! This show has a 'special time' with a 8 to midnight time. This show has 200-300 cars of all types and makes each month and we intend to make a big showing with the '55, '56 and '57 Chevys at this month's event! To do this we need you to join us at the Birdville ISD parking lot in N Richland Hills located at the intersection of Precinct Line Road and Mid Cities Blvd. Approx. 1 mile north of Hwy 183 (W. Airport Fwy.) and Precinct Line Road, across from Lowe's. Plan to arrive before 7:30 as we intend to try to park all our cars together! *Watch the club 'Chat Board' for DACC Dinner plans that could take place before the show!* Also, rumor is there will be live music and perhaps even 'American Graffiti' will be shown! This should be a great evening of fun so JOIN US!

NEXT MONTH - Saturday Sept 9th - 2PM RELIABLE CHEVROLET '55-'56-'57 CHEVY SHOW!

The popular tri five Chevy shows at Reliable continues next month for this year's Fall version! No entry fee, Favorite Picks from each year along with the truck and corvette groups. Plan to join us as we support our club sponsor - Reliable Chevrolet in Richardson with the Fall Classic Chevy Show at RELIABLE CHEVROLET!

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DACC MEMBER'S PRIDE Ralph and Barbara Ellis '57 Convertible



I have always been interested in old cars because the cars I drove as a teenager were old. My first car was a '46 Dodge 4 door sedan that had been owned and serviced by a Mobil Oil dealer. It was in great shape and dependable. I traded the Dodge as a down payment for a '54 Olds 98 Convertible which I drove during High School. The Olds was a strong runner, but it "died" while I was driving to my college summer job in South Texas from Ft Worth. That ended my personal wheels until I graduated from college.

After graduation, my car was a new '69 Camaro six cylinder 3 speed. For a second car I had a '39 Chevrolet 2 door sedan. It was drivable and was to be my first restoration effort. But the restoration never took place because of a job change and a

distant job relocation. The car was sold because it could not survive the long trip.

Now to the present. I started looking at cars on Ebay around 5 years ago. The first car I bid on was a red '58 Chevrolet Impala Convertible. I ended up as high bidder but had not met the reserve. I received a phone call from the seller's agent inviting me to meet a lowered reserve and to come and look at the car in Los Angeles, CA. I went and was terribly disappointed. The car looked great, but was really not drivable. I spent 6 hours to travel about 60 miles round trip in LA to look at the car. What a waste of time. I had all the financial details in place but no car.

I started looking again for a car on the internet, this time at

CollectorCarTraderOnline.com. Around 4 months later, I spotted an ad for this '57 Convertible on the internet site and as luck would have it, the car was located in Plano. The owner had recently moved from Philadelphia and had brought the car with him. The seller had a newborn and needed to pare down his hobbies. A deal was struck and I drove the car 20 miles home.

Since purchasing the car as a driver and, as it turned out a project, I have spent much time and money improving the reliability and comfort of the car. After purchase, the starter immediately became a problem by engaging sporadically and needed to be replaced. Next, the Texas heat hit the car and an electric fan was installed to assist in cooling the engine. A

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***DACC Celebrates 30 years!
1976 - 2006***

It Happened In August in DACC History

... 1991 and the 17th Annual International Classic Chevy Club Convention was held the first week of August at the DFW Hyatt Hotel and Bear Creek Resort, over 400 cars and participants came from all over the world for this the largest event ever hosted by the DACC

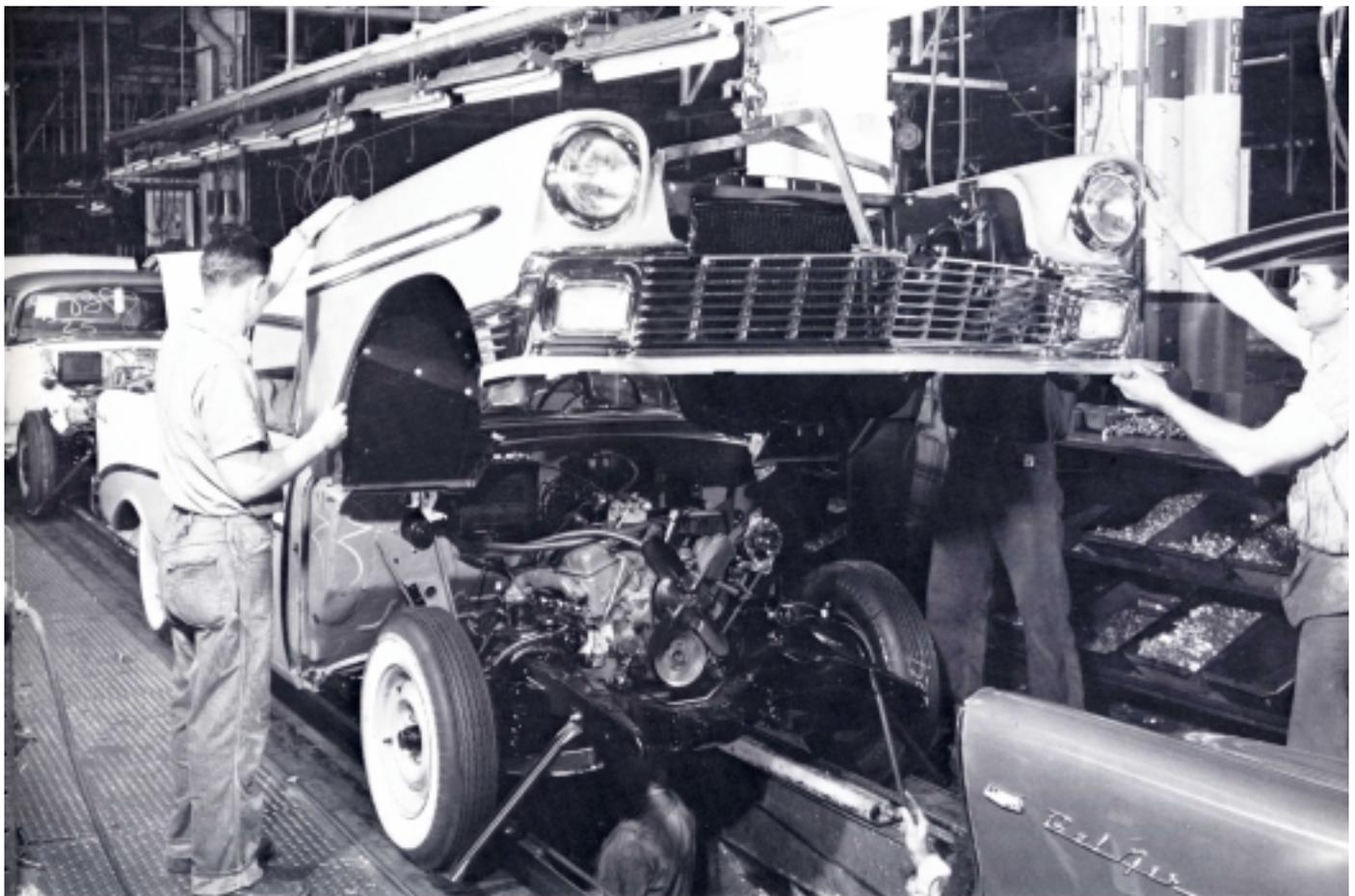
MEMBERSHIP DUES

Don't get dropped from membership! If your dues fall behind, we must drop you from membership so get your \$25 annual dues in NOW - Mail to DACC, PO Box 814642, Dallas, TX 75381

Welcome New Members to DACC

748
*Richard and Xiao Allen
3701 Grapevine Mills Pkwy, #722
Grapevine, TX 76051
'57 2dr hardtop*

581
*(WELCOME BACK to the club!)
Joe and Saadia Ortega
632 Jennifer Trail
Grand Prairie, TX 75052
'57 2dr Bel Air*



50 YEARS AGO, the '56 Chevs were coming off the lines at GM plants across the country. When it was said and done, 1,563,946 Chevs were made in 1956. In 2006, we recognize and celebrate 50 years of this great car that grew to be special and collectible, along with those other 'Classic Chevs', the '55 and '57 Chevs. They all became legends in the automotive world and today 50 years later are sought after as much as they ever were!



Muenster Summer DACC CRUISE !

The members of DACC must really like German Food because the turnout of this year's summer cruise event was one of the largest in some time with nearly 20 cars making the trip! Our visit to the town of Muenster north of the DFW area proved to be a great visit for some great food! Here are just a few of the sites from the July trip we made to this German town in TEXAS! (more on the club website)



ATTN DACC RACERS - After a long summer 'dry' spell, the Texas Muscle Car Club Drags get back into gear with fall events in Abilene (9/10), Caddo Mills (10/1), Ennis (10/15) and Kennedale (10/29). Plan to join us as we take to the strip for some fun drag racing with our '55-'57 Chevys and represent the DACC at the TMCCC Drags!!

2006 Fall Foliage Tour - Branson, MO

This year it is October 20-22, this is a driving event only, no car show! Quality Inn is the hotel of choice in Branson (417) 335-6776 Group Name is 'Classic Chevy Fall Tour', hosted by the Springfield Classic Chevy Club, more info at (417) 883-6541, look for more details on our club's plans for this trip on the DACC website Chat Board under 'Events'.



Upcoming DACC Schedule Of Events

August 19 - Saturday, DACC Car Show Event, Christian Classic Cruisers, 8PM to midnight, N Richland Hills, Texas

September 9 - Saturday, DACC Classic Chevy Show and 3rd Quarter Meeting, 2PM - 4PM at Reliable Chevrolet in Richardson, Texas

October 7 - Saturday, 7th Annual Drive In Movie Night, Brazos Drive In Theatre, Granbury, Texas

October 20-22 - Fall Foliage Tour, Branson, MO, Hotel is Quality Inn (417) 335-6776 \$65, info Wendell (417) 883-6541 or email avire@aol.com

November 12 - Sunday, DACC Tech Session, 4th Quarter Meeting, 2PM, Stoked Out Specialties, Rockwall, Texas

December 9 - Saturday, DACC Handicap Ramp Building Project

December 9 - Saturday, DACC Christmas Party, Dean and Audrey Schmidt's, Plano, Texas

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WEEKLY DACC EMAIL ???

If not you should! Perhaps we don't have your email address? Send your name and email address to Info@DallasClassicChevy.com and you will be added to the weekly distribution that includes news, weekend events and MORE!

Ralph Ellis Feature Car continued

few years ago on a DACC trip to Edom, a fuse in the electrical system blew causing the radio and brake lights to quit. The car was driven to Fort Worth for electrical repairs. Three days later the car was picked up and as driving away down a steep hill, the brakes failed. That did it! I realized the car needed a thorough inspection with replacement and repair of many parts to be reliable.

If repairs and replacements were necessary, then it made sense to upgrade as the repairs were made. The brake hoses were replaced as a temporary repair to continue driving the car. Next, the 350 turbo transmission was overhauled. A new set of Cragar wheels and radial tires replaced the biased ply tires. After discussions with Painless Wiring rep Jim Wittenberg in Ft Worth, I decided to go ahead and install vintage air before replacing the electrical. After the AC installation, Wittenberg replaced the car's entire electrical system from front to back. To improve safety the original standard brake system was replaced with a dual power assisted front disc brake system. This addition greatly improved the safety and stopping ability of the car.

To complete the reliability and upgrades made so far, Richard Holland of Classic Parts in Arlington replaced the two barrel carb with a new manifold and 4 barrel carb. In addition, he installed some new trim pieces and a new fuel gauge sending unit in the gas tank. The last thing replaced was the windshield. I think all of the work done has contributed to more reliability, increased safety, and more comfort when driving this classic. Barbara and I certainly enjoy the car and will continue to make improvements over time.



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