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SPRING CRUISE to EAST TEXAS this Sunday!

Our April club event is Sunday April 18th for a Spring Cruise to the East Texas town of Edom for a late lunch/early supper at 'The Shed' restaurant. This is a great time of the year to get the Classic Chevy out for a Sunday drive! We will meet at 11:30 and leave at 12 Noon and should arrive in Edom around 2PM. We will take a hour or so to have lunch at 'The Shed', one of the best home cooking eateries in East Texas.

No later than 3:30 we should be back on the road heading home, getting everyone home by 5:30 or so. We will caravan down Highway 80 to Highway 64 into Edom. Maps will be available when we leave together at Noon from our meeting spot in the Wal Mart parking lot at Highway 80 and Belt Line Road in Mesquite. This will be a great chance to get the Chevy out and enjoy a nice drive in East Texas and.... EAT!



About Edom.....

Edom is a community of about 350 population, about 15 miles West of Tyler. It is in the far Eastern part of Van Zandt County. This area with its piney woods and rolling terrain has become somewhat an Artist's Community. Edom is best known for it's community of artists and craftsmen with shops in town, and a famous "home cooking" restaurant, The Shed. Come early to have lunch or dinner and order their delicious pie with your meal, so it won't be all gone before you are finished with your meal.



Please Get Your Membership Dues Paid

Thanks to all the members who have paid so far this year! It has really helped as we have been short on cash!

REMINDER:

*Many of you are receiving this newsletter because you were on the mailing list from 2003. Club dues were not collected last year from the majority of the membership. We are **STARTING OVER** on dues. Dues are **\$25 per year** and in order for you to remain a member in good standing, you need to pay your dues for 2004. Please mail your dues to the Club PO Box. A new membership form is on the website and we would like to have this completed for all members going forward.*

***ALL MEMBERS ARE DUE NOW!** We will operate with a grace period that ends in May before dropping any members who have not paid. NOTE: If your mailing label has 2004 or less on it in the right top corner... **YOUR NOT PAID UP!** You will be dropped after May.*

DACC on the World Wide Web.....

Our Webmaster Kevin Brown has done a bang up job on our web site. Be sure and surf over to keep up with last minute news, chat board, pictures and more at www.DallasClassicChevy.com. We had a delicate situation last month with rain in the area at the time of our important Membership Drive meeting, and Kevin had the site updated two hours before the meeting to let all know that the meeting was on. Also, a recent addition is a Chat Board. Here members can share positive and negative experiences with local auto businesses, paint, upholstery shops and more. Are you looking for a shop that someone has had good experiences with? Post it on the Chat Board and hopefully you will find what your looking for. Going to a local show and want to see if others DACC members are going? Post it on the chat board! Make it a habit of checking the Chat Board and contribute your experiences so that we all can benefit!!!

New Members -WELCOME

654
Bob and Jan Vaughn
3804 Whiffletree Court
Plano, TX 75023

655
Lewis and Susan Reynolds
641 Raven Lane
Coppell, TX 75019

656
John and Maggie Rush
1620 Chester Drive
Plano, TX 75025

657
Charles Rader
1301 Oak Drive
Flower Mound, TX 75028

658
Ed and Jackie Amos
10 Texoma Court
Hickory Creek, TX 75065

659
Al and Sybil Jackson
808 Gageway Drive
Mesquite, TX 75150

660
Bill and Diane Preston
2129 Red Elm
Edmond, OK 73013

661
Ralph and Barbara Ellis
2913 Hanover St
Dallas, TX 75225

662
Phil and Marian Haynes
PO Box 645
Keller, TX 76244

663
Franklin and Linda Casey
6711 Glenhurst
Dallas, TX 75254

664
Dan and Vickie Bunch
4423 Greenland Drive
Mesquite, TX 75150

665
Glenn and Diane Tatom
1109 Oval Drive
Athens, TX 75751

666
Buddy and Chris Graham
532 Tipton Road
Irving, TX 75060

667
Dave and Anna Eagan
210 Oak Forest
Euless, TX 76039

668
Sharkey and Barbara Nelson
7936 Douglas Ave
N Richland Hills, TX 76180

FOR SALE

For Sale at Auction - no minimum bid - located in Kansas, several Classic Chevys and much more. Auction to be held May 15th. Below is one of the Classic Chevys to be auctioned. Details at <http://home.comcast.net/~scottshannon34>



Send your For Sale items or Wanted needs to Newsletter@DallasClassicChevy.com or mail to the club PO Box. Listings will run for 2 months.

Dallas Area Classic Chevys 2004 Schedule of Events

NOTE: we change dates in April (Easter conflict) and May (Mother's Day conflict)

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.



DACC Member's PRIDE

Steve and Mary Anne Pratt
1955 Chevrolet Bel Air Sedan
Mesquite, TX

Here is the brief history of our 1955 Chevy Bel Air 2 door sedan. It is a special car to me and my wife, because it has been in her family since new, and I am the third owner.

Dr. William A. Dye bought this car new. He was my wife's great uncle (her father's uncle). He took delivery of the car on March 9, 1955 from Smith Chevrolet on Broadway in San Antonio Texas. He was a retired veterinarian, and because of a bad leg he left most of the driving to his wife Maude, who did not like to drive.

My father in law inherited the car in 1970. It had at that time just 15,000 miles. He used it as the family car for a few years, and both of his sons drove it during high school, while my future wife did not drive it much herself. It then mostly languished beside my in-law's house for many years. In 1985 my father in law gave it to me. It had 63,000 miles on it at the time.



The picture at the bottom left is the car just before I took possession of it. It was almost all original and untouched, except for a few trade-school repaints. Its original options include: two tone paint (Seamist and Neptune), 265 V8 with Powerglide transmission, recirculating heater, EZI tinted glass, and a few other minor accessories.

After putting (another) cheap paint job on it we drove and enjoyed the car for about 11 years. Then in November 1996, we disassembled the car and started restoring it from the frame up. We added power steering and power brakes, upgraded to a Power Pak 4 bbl carb (all components are correct date coded) and dual exhaust, deluxe heater, autronic eye, power windows and seat, remote control outside rearview mirror, day/night mirror, push button radio, front sway bar, courtesy light package,

trunk and underhood lights, and several other accessories. All components and



accessories are factory original, and most of them are NOS. For example, we collected NOS power steering parts and components for over 10 years, until I had accumulated every part necessary to add that option. We had a lot of help from many many people during the restoration. I especially want to thank my good friend Lance Denton for all the things he did to make this special car come back to life.



Look for more photos of this month's feature car on our website, click the Feature Cars link.





Lone Star XXII Classic Chevy Convention

Houston, Texas - July 9-11, 2004

This is the annual Texas gathering of 55, 56 and 57 Chevy enthusiasts that has been occurring since 1983 when the Central Texas Classic Chevy Club hosted Lone Star I in Austin, Texas. 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 has taken on the task of hosting this year's 22nd version of Lone Star. To be held on July 9-11th, at the Omni Hotel located at I-10 and Eldridge Parkway (West Houston). 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. The pre-registration form is on page 5 of this 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 those details will be worked out soon. As more details of the event come forward, they will be passed on to you in the newsletter and our web site. This is a great event. Make plans to join us in Houston!



HOT ROD Power Tour 2004

June 5 - 11, 2004

HOT ROD Magazine POWER TOUR Gears Up!

The 2004 Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour, presented by General Motors and co-sponsored by Flowmaster, will travel from the Lone Star State to America's dairy land. This annual trek of everything from classic hot rods to late-model performance vehicles will launch from Arlington, Texas on Saturday, June 5, 2004 and conclude in Green Bay, Wisconsin on Friday, June 11, 2004.

This seven-day, seven-city tour once again brings the automotive enthusiast and the automotive aftermarket together to celebrate their combined passion of all things automotive. Last year, more than 200,000 participants and spectators enjoyed the nation's largest motorized traveling extravaganza, latest project vehicles from General Motors and a range of activities at each Tour stop including manufacturer displays, dyno challenge and product giveaways.

Painless Performance provides the spark for opening night hosting the Kick Off Cruise Night in Arlington, Texas, at The Ball Park in Arlington. The Tour gets underway on Sunday, June 6 traveling to the CityPlex in Tulsa, Oklahoma then on to the picturesque region of America's heartland.

We have several DACC members that will be participating in this tour. If you would like to be involved, contact Kevin Brown at 469-358-4415 or email at JKevinBrown@comcast.net.



SUPER CHEVY SHOW

Texas Motorplex

April 23 -25, 2004

Whether you're a show car fan, a drag racing fan, or enjoy an automotive swap meet, the AutoZone Super Chevy Show offers a complete package for the enthusiast, from large car shows to top-notch drag racing to a comprehensive marketplace. Featuring America's most famous and popular marquee, the AutoZone Super Chevy Show is a Chevy Circus that hits the Texas Motorplex in Ennis this month. The TREMEC Transmissions Car Show Series has developed into over 30 categories, from pre-war Chevrolets through the Shoebox Chevy years to Monte Carlos, Novas, Corvettes, and all manner of trucks sporting the Bow Tie. For more information check out www.SuperChevyShow.com.

Important **NOTICE** about your **EMAIL!**

If you have not received an email or two over the last month from David Graves regarding club events, then either we do not have an email address for you or the address we have is not accurate.

If you have not received these emails, please send a email to INFO@DallasClassicChevy.com and state your name in the email. We will use your sending email address to send you notices. Be sure to indicate your name!



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LONE STAR XXII
CLASSIC CHEVY CONVENTION

JULY 9-11, 2004

OMNI HOUSTON WESTSIDE HOTEL

13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX
281-558-8338 (\$69.00 per night)

REGISTRATION

NAME _____
 SPOUSE or GUEST _____
 ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 CLUB AFFILIATION _____
 ESTIMATED DAY & TIME OF ARRIVAL _____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

YEAR _____ BODY STYLE _____ COLOR _____
 CLASS NORMALLY SHOWN _____
 WILL VEHICLE BE TRAIERED YES _____ NO _____

REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION PER VEHICLE Includes T-shirt, Dash Plaque, and Goodie Bag \$ _____
 PRIOR TO JUNE 1 - \$ 30.00 AFTER JUNE 1 - \$ 40.00

VENDOR SWAP MEET SPACE \$ 25.00 \$ _____
 Vendors are not required to pay registration fee to set up and sell only

AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS _____ (Qty) x \$ 30.00/ea \$ _____
 TOTAL \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Houston Classic Chevy Club
FORWARD TO: Bob Stone 1203 Whisper Trace Lane, Sugarland, Texas 77479

Entrants and participants, by execution of this entry form, release and discharge the Houston Classic Chevy Club, Omni Houston Westside Hotel, and anyone else concerned with the management or presentation of Lone Star XXII from any and all known damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims from and cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant or participant to his person or property. I agree to observe all rules and decisions of the event management.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____





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Cruisin' with your Classic! **Sunday April 18th**

We will leave at Noon from the Wal Mart parking lot at the SW corner of Highway 80 and Belt Line Road in Mesquite.

Caravan to Edom in the deep piney woods of East Texas.

Lunch at 'The Shed' in Edom.

Caravan back, leaving Edom at approximately 3:30.

**Plan to get your Chevy out for this
spring cruise!**

