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## Meet at Frosty's Drive In in Denton!

## Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM

This month we will get together at this drive in restaurant that opened in 1954, and has been operated by the same family ever since. The original restaurant was remodeled in 1964 into it's current state so this is no 'recreated' diner - **THIS IS THE REAL DEAL!** This 'old timey joint' is known for their fast food faves but with homemade quality, including **HOMEMADE ROOT BEER!** Plan to meet us there for a step back in time at Frosty's, located at 1002 Ft Worth Drive in Denton, just off I-35E, south on Ft Worth Drive (Hwy 377). Check your club email this week for a link to a map to Frosty's!

## COMING IN FEBRUARY!

DACC Club displays at the following shows!



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**34th Ft Worth Rod and Custom Show**  
February 29<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008  
Will Rogers Exhibit Hall

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## Don Andre appointed as DACC Tech Advisor

One thing that our club has is tremendous depth of knowledge about our Classic Tri Five Chevys and Don ranks right up at the top as one of those members. He not only has tremendous knowledge about 'automotive things' but also makes himself available to share that knowledge. Don has a '57 Chevrolet that he is personally building and has gained a lot of knowledge from that ongoing experience along with his experiences from his other automotive love, the Chevrolet Corvair. Make use of Don and any of the other club Tech Advisors if you find yourself stumped as you toy with your Chevy. And by posting on the club chat board under Tech Help, others can see and learn from your experiences also!



## Club Jackets and T-Shirts now available!

DACC now has top quality jackets with the club logo on the back and front along with your name AND we now have T-shirts that also feature the club logo on back and left front chest. Show your 'club colors' and order NOW! Check the club website under the 'Merchandise' link for all the details on this and other DACC club items!

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## 2008 Dallas Area Classic Chevys Schedule of Events

**Jan 19th Saturday** - 1:30 PM, meet for Lunch at Frosty's Drive In, 1002 Ft Worth Drive, Denton, opened in 1954 and still operated by the original family!

**Feb 15-17 weekend** - 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Dallas Autorama, Market Hall - Dallas, DACC 8 car display to be included

**Feb 29-Mar 2 weekend** - 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Ft Worth Rod and Custom Show, Will Rogers Complex - Ft Worth, DACC 9 car display to be included

**Mar 15th Saturday** - Reliable Chevrolet's Spring '55, '56, '57 Chevy Show - Noon to 3PM at Arapaho and Central - Richardson

**Apr 13th Sunday** - Cruise to Cedar Creek Lake to club member Carl Mitcham's lake home, BBQ Lunch provided by the club.

**May 2-3 weekend** - Lone Star 26, Czech Inn in West, hosted by the Heart of Texas Classic Chevy Club in Waco

**June 8th Sunday** - Summer Cruise to Thurber TX / New York Hill Restaurant - 70 miles west of Ft Worth off Interstate 20

**July 4th Friday** - Independence Day Parades in Plano, Arlington and Lakewood/Dallas, parades have car limits, DACC would like club entries in all three parades which would require 15-20 cars total

**August 16th Saturday** - Hot Texas Nights Car Show hosted by the Christian Classic Crusiers in N Richland Hills along with the 'Before The Show' dinner at Joe's Pasta

**Sept 13 Saturday** - Reliable Chevrolet's '55, '56, '57 Fall Show, Noon to 3PM at Arapaho and Central - Richardson

**Oct 11 Saturday** - 9<sup>th</sup> Annual DACC Brazos Drive In Movie Night - Granbury

**Oct 24-26 weekend** - Fall Foliage Tour hosted by DACC - Lake Texoma

**Nov 9 Sunday** - DACC Annual Meeting/Tech Sessions, 2PM location TBA

**Dec 13 Saturday** - Wheelchair Ramp Build with Dallas Ramps and DACC Christmas Party



# All our lives, we have been CAR CRAZY

*Ernie and Debbie Guido  
Flower Mound, Texas*



***The car you always remembered...  
Wish you had one...  
Knew someone who had one...***

It all started at the age of 6 or 7 years old for Debbie and Ernie Guido. When Debbie was playing with Barbie and "Chatty Kathy" dolls, Ernie was playing with Matchbox cars and Hot Wheels. Ernie's favorite was the Red '57 Chevy.

Growing up in Chicago, his neighbor had a Red 1957 Chevy hot rod with a 283 and a tilt front end. Ernie would hang around there with all the older guys, and would dream that one day he would have a Red '57 Chevrolet. He graduated to building model cars and slot cars with the Red '57 always being his favorite.

In 1975, at the age of 16, Ernie still had "Hot Rod Fever". After driving his parents' car for the first year, he decided to buy a 1969 GTO. His parents didn't want him to have it, because of the high insurance rates, high gas prices, gas shortage and the fear of youthful speed. Ernie's godfather (Not the kind you are thinking of!) helped Ernie talk his parents into letting him buy the GTO. After one year of high insurance rates, a few speeding tickets, and expensive repairs, the GTO was

sold and gone for a more practical car...

Life went on... college, getting married, career, and a son, later put all that on hold until he and Debbie, at Debbie's urging, wandered into a local car show in the summer of 2000. They went to all the shows the first year admiring all the beautiful cars and having an appreciation for all of them. Debbie started looking for cars on the internet and found one she thought Ernie might like. They bought their first Hot Rod in August of 2001, a 1970 Z/28 with a 454.

Debbie always loved cars and in her teens and 20's owned such cars as a Triumph TR7 and an MGB, which you may recall was owned by British Leyland and did not have a good reputation for being reliable. In fact, she had so many repairs on both cars that she ended up dating a mechanic!

Debbie always loved the '57 Chevrolet and always wanted one but never thought she would own one. That summer day, that first car show in 2000 fueled her passion to have a car. She mentioned to Ernie that they should buy a car ... it was music to his ears... like the sound of headers and horsepower. No objections from Ernie! So the search was on!

At that time getting an awesome '57 like they wanted was out of the price range, but was always in

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the plan for someday in the future. In June of 2002, they found a 1932 Hi Boy Roadster. In October of 2004, a 1967 Chevelle was added to the collection. Hot Rod Fever was becoming hotter than ever for them.

The dream of the Red '57 Chevy was still there. Out of the blue a beautifully restored Red '57 Chevy presented itself for sale from a hot rodding friend in September of 2005. It was hard for their friend, Joe, to part with the car after restoring it and loving it for many years, but he was going on to do another '57 project car. The Guidos were thrilled that they were going to be the new owners: They promised that they would love it and care for it as Joe did...

Ernie and Debbie, little by little, personalized the Chevy, like changing a few things in the engine bay and a few items in the interior.

The Guidos and many fans of the car really like the fact that the exterior and interior is totally stock and includes the original steering wheel. Cragar wheels give it the old school look. Under the hood and drive train is where "old school" meets "new school" with a GM performance crate motor 502 cubic inch, 502 horsepower with 567 pounds of torque, backed up with a 700 R4 4-speed automatic with overdrive spinning 4:10 gears through a Chevy 12-bolt rear end. The '57 sounds great and is very fast but has awesome street manners.

The Guido's dreams have come true and the excitement will always be there. They say, "Hot Rodding is a wonderful hobby. The cars are part of our history and they are art that we can touch and enjoy. We have met and made some great new friends especially in our Dallas Area Classic Chevy Club. Looking into the future, Hot Rodding will always be part of our life. With our collection of cars growing to four (a black '65 Chevelle was acquired last April), We Are Car Crazy!!"

"Our Red '57 is still our favorite and is a keeper for years to come. We hope to see you at the next show or club event or see you down the road! Happy Hotrodding!"

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### ***DACC Spreads the Christmas Spirit !***

The recent holidays found members of DACC building wheelchair ramps for those in need as we have done the past several years. Along with that effort, DACC's Annual Christmas Party at the Schmidt's provided a great way to share the holidays as nearly 30 members came out for food, present swap and a drive with the Chevys to see some great Christmas lights! Below is a recap from our Ramp Project Coordinator Larry Rollow on our ramp building -

Eleven DACC members showed up bright and early Saturday, December 8th to participate in the 4th annual wheel chair ramp build. This is in conjunction with The Dallas Ramp Project, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to building wheel chair ramps for those who could otherwise not afford it. Those in attendance were: Dean Schmidt and his grandson Dominic, Greg Hedum along with his son Nick, Alan Strong, George Johnson, Don Andre, Larry Epperson, Dan Bunch, George Caruth and me, Larry Rollow. I have been building ramps with the DRP for over 7 years and it is a project near and dear to my heart. The members of DACC built three ramps that day and made life considerably easier for those folks, many of which have not been able to get out of their house without much help. I would like to extend my personal thanks to those members that came out and supported Dallas Ramps, and we could see first hand the thanks of those who's life we made easier.



## This month's "Other Car" Story Ben Weehunt's '49 Ford

Although Ben doesn't have this car any longer,  
it holds that special place as his  
**FIRST HOT ROD**

I feel like a lot of folks will remember these old Fords. I got my drivers license when I was 14 yrs old and naturally needed a hot rod. I found this 1949 Ford at a dealership as a trade in and although it did not run, I just had to have it! I was working at a gas station pumping gas making a lot of money at \$40 a week! [ha] and managed to save up the \$150 to buy this beauty! Modifying and improving your car was the first thing we did and back then we could find a lot of parts in the junk yards and at a good price as there were few aftermarket parts available. I grew up in Weatherford, Texas and back then we were all car crazy and like many I have never changed after all these years. I had a lot of friends that I went to school with that became great car dealers, drag strip owners, etc. With his car I was in a car club called the Vigilantes and we were a part of the TCMAA (Tarrant County Modified Automobile Association), which was sponsored by the Ft. Worth Police Department. The Police Department worked with the local car clubs like mine to encourage us to race at the race tracks and not on the streets. I had a lot of fun with this car, but my current '57 Chevy is just as much fun!



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