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Lone Star XXVII Classic Chevy Convention THIS WEEKEND

Hosted by the Houston Classic Chevy Club

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! Lone Star Convention time that is! This year the Houston Classic Chevy Club is hosting the 27th version of this gathering of '55-'56-'57 Chevy enthusiasts and the DACC caravan will be hitting the road on Friday morning May 8th leaving from Reliable Chevrolet at 9:30am. We will be in no hurry so plan on a nice 65 mph drive down Interstate 45 with stops in Ennis, Centerville and Conroe (we will have lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Conroe), then head on into Houston to the Omni Hotel Westside on Interstate 10 where the event will be held. After the event on Sunday morning we again will have a caravan with similar driving speeds and stops. If you are driving your Classic Chevy, you are encouraged to travel with the caravan in case of car trouble – plus it's just plain cool to cruise down the interstate with a bunch of mid fifty Chevys!

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YOUR ROOM DO SO NOW!**

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 8

Noon to 5pm: Registration
Noon to 5pm: Car wash
Noon to 8pm: Hospitality Room
Noon to ?: Swap Meet
5pm to ?: Free beer and tacos in
Hospitality Room

Saturday, May 9

8am to 5pm: Hospitality Room
8am to Noon: Car wash
9am to Noon: Registration
9am to 4pm: Swap Meet
1pm: Judging begins
6pm: Banquet and Awards
(more free beer)

Sunday, May 10

Pack up and head for home!

June Meeting – TECH AND LUNCH!

WILSON AUTO REPAIR

Saturday June 13th

Starts at 11:30 AM

3133 Saturn Road

Garland

**Front End Tech / Tube Bending and
OPEN DISCUSSION!
Bring Your Questions AND Appetite!**

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Glen and Betty South 1957 210 Chevrolet Sedan Ft Worth, Texas

I traded for my 1957 Chevy about 20 years ago. Someone had started a frame-off rebuild and it looked like they changed their mind and just threw it back together. The frame was rebuilt and painted and the underbody was painted white. They cut the firewall, set it back and installed a big block, turbo 400 and a locked rear end. Nothing else was replaced or rebuilt. I drove the car for about two years and got tired of the mess so put it in my shop and completely dismantled it. I replaced the firewall, engine, transmission and rear end, gas tank, brake lines, wiring and everything else except the body and frame. Everything on it is either new or rebuilt from the frame up. When I built it I planned on doing a lot of cruising around the country and wanted the classic lines of a 57 Chevrolet but with convenience of a modern vehicle. It is a very good driver in addition to being a trophy winner at various car shows around the area. It has the following equipment.

ENGINE:	355cid CHEVY
TRANSMISSION	BW T5 FIVE SPEED
REAR END	1968 Camaro 336:1
STEERING	605 POWER
BRAKES	DISC BRAKES, FRONT, DRUM, REAR
COLOR	GM GARNET RED EXTERIOR, OFF WHITE TUCKED AND ROLLED INTERIOR
OTHER	TILT WHEEL, CRUISE CONTROL, AIRTIQUE A/C HEAT, CUSTOM AUTOSOUND, AM, FM, CASSETTE WITH 300 WATT AMP

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Classic Chevy Tech

WASHING YOUR TRI FIVE

To wash your Classic Chevy, think shade, water supply and equipment.

First, don't do it in the sun. The heat causes rapid drying during the soap step and contributes to making major water spots. You need a good water spray. What has found to be great for washing cars are "firehose" nozzles which attach to garden hose connections. These you twist to turn on, turn off or to control spray. They can be found for as little as \$15 for aluminum and \$30 for stainless. One of the most durable is the Ultimate Stainless Steel Hose Nozzle which can be found at ultimatehosenozzle.com.

All washing begins with a two-bucket method. Then decide what the goal of your car washing will be. If you want to wash the car to strip it of wax or polish, use cold or warm water and dishwashing detergent like Dawn. You add two ounces of Dawn to a couple gallons of water. If you're not going to strip the wax, then you need to use something which won't remove waxes or polishes. In a technical sense, this must be something with a relatively neutral PH. Generally, that describes many of the "car wash" products available from suppliers like Meguiar's from your local auto supply. Spray your Chevy down with water and now your ready to use the two buckets. One bucket of soapy water will be designated for rinsing off the dirty mitt and the other bucket will be designated for clean soapy water once the mitt is rinsed off in the other bucket. With this two-bucket approach, the mitt should never be touching the vehicle with any dirt build up or dirt particles in it, which is the ultimate cause of swirls and takes away from the overall luster of your paint. (This process will not remove swirls already imbedded in the clear coat, but will simply prevent most new swirls from forming) Slop on the soap and water with your sponge or mitt and start scrubbing. Do the car in sections. Soap then rinse each section. Start with the top and all the glass, the hood and rear deck, each side and then finish with the wheels. Be sure to go over the wheels and wheel wells with a separate mitt and ensure grime build up is cleaned off thoroughly.

The next step in the car wash operation, and the one most critical to your car's finish, is drying. The first thing you shouldn't do is reach for that old chamois or go into the bathroom and get bath towels or, worse yet, go to the closet and get some old beach towels. One of the more brutal things you can do to your Chevy is dry the car with a bath or beach towel. First, they're not as soft as you think. Second, they don't suck-up as much

water as microfiber towel. Third, and most worrisome, cotton terry-cloth towels can hold dirt or small grit in the base material, in spite of washing. Finally, laundering itself, if it's done with powdered soaps, may leave soap particles imbedded in the cotton.(always wash your microfiber towels with liquid soaps).

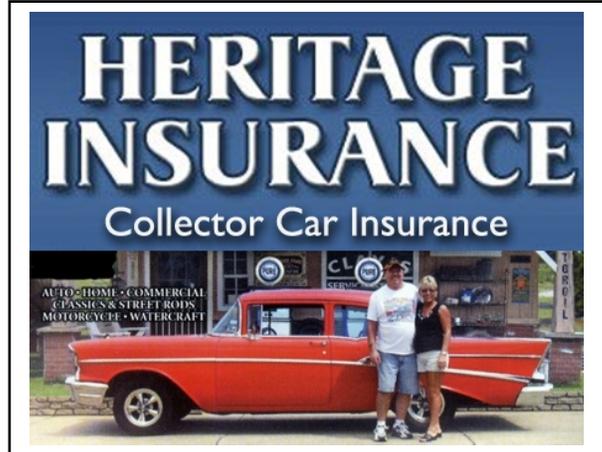
There are two methods that are the best choices for drying. If you want to totally limit contact of wiping devices with your car's paint, then use the blow-dry method. This requires a powerful electric leaf blower. Stick on its blower tube, lock the inlet cover in place, plug it in and turn it on high then blow all the remaining water off all the car's surfaces. Touch up nooks and crannies with a microfiber towel.

Blow-drying pitfalls? 1) if the wash water was even mildly alkali, you'll get water spots. Blow-drying only works with "soft" water and 2) the cost - some may balk at spending 75-100 bucks on a killer leaf blower to dry cars. Provided those issues don't present problems; blow-drying is the only way to dry your Classic Chevy with zero stress to its finish. Because quality leaf blowers like the Toro or other major brands are double-insulated and the connection to the piece of equipment is above ground, as long as your extension cord is designed for outdoor use, is grounded, not frayed or otherwise faulty; the leaf blower is safe to use when walking on a wet surface, however, *do not spray with or immerse the leaf blower in water.*

If a blow-dry is not your choice, it is recommended to use a "California Water Blade" to wipe most of the water off the car then follow with a microfiber towel to dry the nooks and crannies. *The inventor of the Water Blade is an industrial engineer who's also an automotive enthusiast and custom car builder. He wanted an effective drying device which would not damage the surface. He developed the unique combination of the efficient 'T-Bar' blade and the soft, slippery nature of the silicone, such that when the device is in contact with a surface, it completely removes water. A Water Blade's working surfaces are made of injection-molded, medical-grade, silicone which is far softer than typical cotton towels many use to dry their Chevys. Chamois and towels pick up water, but can leave a trail. True Chamois are not only difficult to use but, also, may remove waxes. The Original California Water Blade has a rigid handle which somewhat limits its ability to conform to radiused surfaces. The newest evolution of this device, the "Jelly Blade," has a greater ability to conform to curves due to its flexible handle. Some theorize that tiny dirt particles which drop out of the air into the rinse water or impurities in the water itself could get caught under*



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Joining Wilson Auto Repair and Reliable Chevrolet as DACC sponsors, Heritage Insurance becomes the latest to support the club as a full club sponsor! This is great news for club members as Heritage Insurance is owned by club members Larry and Melody Rogers who have been club members for a couple of years. A great 'independent' insurance company that specializes in writing quality coverage for classic, collectible and antique cars. Heritage represents Hagerty and Grundy Insurance companies among others and these are industry leading insurance companies in the collectible car industry. Larry and Melody offer a 'FREE QUOTE' to anyone in the club that would like to compare their current coverage and get advice on getting the correct coverage for your Tri Five Chevy. If you already have insurance through Grundy or Hagerty, then give Heritage your support by calling them up and having the 'Agent of Record' changed to Heritage – either way you will still have the same excellent coverage and same premium, just the benefit of doing business with a club supporter and have Heritage to turn to should you have questions. Although they specialize in Classic Car Insurance, Heritage also provides competitive insurance for Auto, Home, Motorcycle, ATV, Boat, RV, Commercial Auto, Renters, Mobile Homes even Hunting Clubs! Remember – the quote is FREE regardless if it's your Tri Five Chevy or any other insurance need. Contact Heritage today! And THANKS to Larry and Melody for their support of the club!

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'55-'57 Chevys Cruise the East Texas Countryside!

A typical spring Texas day was on order for the DACC Spring Cruise last month, this year to the East Texas countryside of Edom where the Spring Festival was underway. The normal spring storms leading up to the weekend of the cruise carried over into the morning of the trip but by the afternoon 'cruising time' the skies had cleared making for a perfect day of driving a Tri Five Chevy! Of course the DACC Cruises always involve food and the stop this time was 'The Shed' for their famous home cooking. The Edom Spring Festival had a great little car show on Main Street that featured a variety of neat old cars but without a doubt the Tri Fives from DACC were the best of the bunch! Be sure to check out the club website for more photos of the sights from East Texas!



Washing Your Tri Five

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the tip of the blade and scratch the paint. In practice, there are three reasons why that's not a problem: 1) as long as the blade remains in contact with the surface, particles are more likely to be washed ahead by the blade's "bow wave", rather than be "rolled-over" like they would with a bath towel or a chamois, 2) silicone generates much less friction so, unlike towels and chamois, it's far less likely to "drag" contaminants along the surface and 3) the amount of dirt, dust and contamination that is trapped in a towel or chamois, even one which has just been washed, dwarfs that of any microscopic particles which could be pulled along by a Water Blade.

The microfiber towel is best for finishing up after Water Blading or leaf blowing the car dry. Now that the car is dry proceed to the next step. Open all the doors and wash the doorjambes and window frames with a separate wash mitt and dry with a micro-fiber towel. Next, proceed back to the wheels for the final touch. Depending on the type of finish (painted, polished, or chromed) will determine whether to treat them with a metal polish or paint cleaner and wipe dry with a micro-fibertowel to a high gloss finish.

NOW – you're ready to drive that Chevy with pride and enjoy!

Welcome New Members

839

Frank & Dedra Worman
936 Milam Rd
Van Alstyne, TX 75495
'56 Bel Air

840

Rick & Ella Kinnibrugh
1704 Montana
Plano, TX 75023
'57 Chevy

841

Michael Yarborough
3611 Chattington Dr
Dallas, TX 75248
Looking for one!

842

Dennis & Sabrina Moormann
654 Hood Drive
Coppell, TX 75019
'56 Bel Air

843

Donny & Gina Layman
PO Box 941
Whitewright, TX 75491
'57 4dr 210 Sedan

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Sam & Jo Bono
601 Hanover Ct
Allen, TX 75002
'57 Bel Air

WELCOME BACK
256

Steve & Mary Anne Pratt
PO Box 1958
Forney, TX 75126
'55 Bel Air 2dr Sedan

DACC Drag Racers at the Texas Motorplex

DACC racers turned out for the 3rd event of the season of the Muscle Car Club Challenge Drag Racing series. Representing the DACC was James Carson with his '57, Greg Hedum with his '55, Tom Walker with his '57, Larry Rollow with his Vette and Larry Epperson with his '49 pickup. Advancing rounds were James Carson, Tom Walker and Larry Epperson with James going the farthest to Round 3 in his class before loosing. Thanks to Larry Epperson for bringing along his grill for the assembled group of racers and supporters to cook hamburgers and hot dogs. Next race is Sunday May 31st at Northstar Dragway in Denton!



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