

Homer Nelson's '57 Hardtop



Central and So. Central Regionals
Results of the Membership Fee Vote
Insurance—a Few Guidelines

Gas shortages couldn't stop the action in Dallas.

1979 South Central Regional

The Dallas Area Classic Chevys began planning for this year's regional convention during the cold winter months. However something other than unfavorable weather conditions proved to be the greatest hazard — a gas shortage. But even that didn't keep Classic Chevy owners from coming to what

proved to be an enjoyable weekend of Classic fellowship, held June 8-10 in Dallas, Texas.

Friday at mid-morning local members began setting up and preparing for the convention at the Registry Hotel. By late afternoon Classics began slowly rolling in

and continued to all night until registration closed for the evening. By then local members were prepared to take "watch shifts" throughout the night to see that no one tampered with the Classics in the hotel parking lot.

Saturday dawned sunny and warm, in spite of forecasted rain, and registration opened early at 8:00 a.m. From then on it was hectic at the registration area as members signed in, picked up their "goodie-bags" (one for the men and one for the women) and also that all-important dash plaque commemorating the weekend event.

An impressive line-up of model cars was building in the registration room, ready to be judged, and next door the National Club parts were selling briskly. The Swap Meet began almost immediately as many anxious buyers fought the Texas heat and humidity to get the best deal on Classic parts.

Mike Compton, Harvey Clark and host club president Richard Taylor officially greeted everyone to the convention at poolside. They briefly explained what was to take place during the weekend and wished everyone a good time.

The balloon toss was the first game to take place and the cool water was welcomed. Bill Pevoto and Ricky Marshall took first place in the adult toss, Missy Wasson and April Harrison won the 9-12-year-old division and in the 3-6-year-old division David Mienky and Ricky Hadley took first. Following was another exciting and interesting game — the Polish ski race. The Classic Chevy Club of Springfield, Missouri had this event down. Their men, Avery Bradley, Carl Close and Sherman Earnhart won the men's division, and their ladies' team, Kathy Earnhart, Shirley Close and Debbie Wrinkle, won the women's division. The Saturday games finished with the kids' spoon and ball race which was won by John Barnhart and David Mienky.

A banquet was held before what proved to be the highlight of the convention, the Sock Hop! The dance was strictly '50's, and what a blast from the past it was! Jimmy Dee and the Rocket 88's put on a dynamite performance for the packed house. The most popular song by far that night was one about a customized '55 Chevy. The Dallas Club had gathered over 100 door prizes and they picked winners



Convention

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from a hat throughout the night. Dave and Cindy Grimm took the best '50's costume honor for their slicked-up appearance.

After a late night Saturday, the Show and Shine entrants rose early to put the final polish on their cars. The judges had the difficult task of selecting winners from a group that were all winners. It took over three hours to thoroughly inspect each car from bumper to bumper. Judging sheets were gathered and while they were being totaled games again became the focal point.

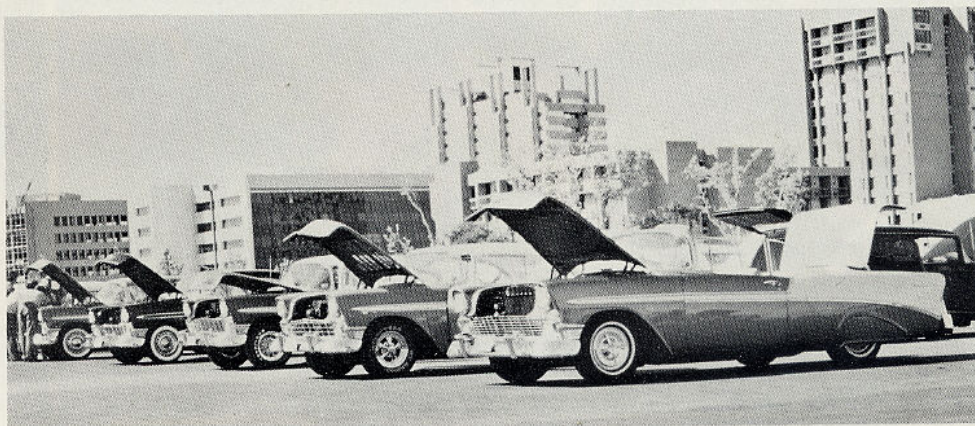
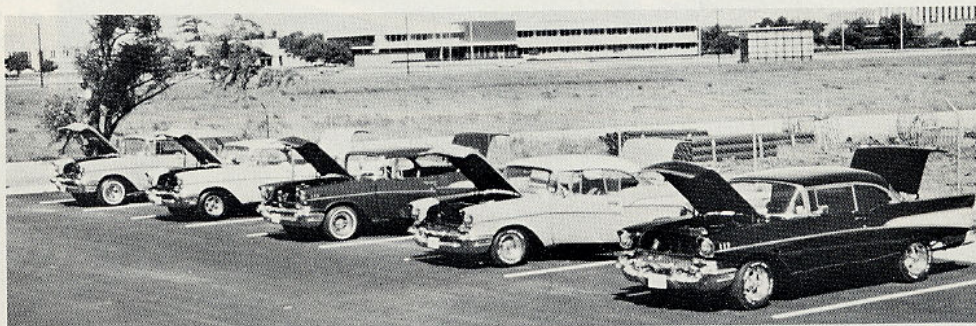
Can stacking lead the way with tight competition, but when the cans settled Johnny Brown had won the men's division and Sandra Blackwell the women's. The difficult nuts and bolts contest was won by Kenneth Burton and Lameda Black in their respective divisions. An interesting note here was that the women had a faster winning time than the men, so men, next time you need help working on that Classic you know where to go.

A tricky cracker-eating contest for the kids was won by Chris Brock and Renee York who downed their crackers and managed to whistle before the others. The games ended with the popular camshaft balance. Bruce Nichols raced his way to first place in the men's division, while Mary Burton showed the women how it's done.

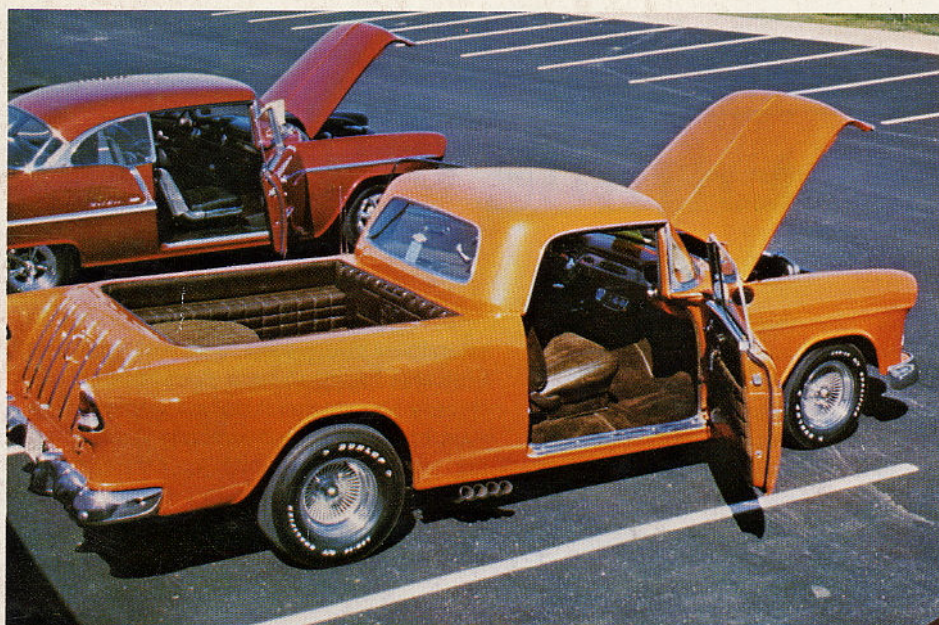
After a short lunch break, the awards presentation got under way, and the house was packed. Along with the game and

Show and Shine trophies, special awards were given by the host club. Best Club Participation and Long Distance went to the Classic Chevy Club of Springfield, Missouri, and Hard Luck went to Lewis Jordan and Glenn Martin who had problems getting gas.

Everyone went home a winner, all in attendance had a good time, and the Dallas Club was happy to have everyone in town. Next year's regional should prove to be even better with the nicer cars and increasing number of members appearing in the world of Classic Chevys.



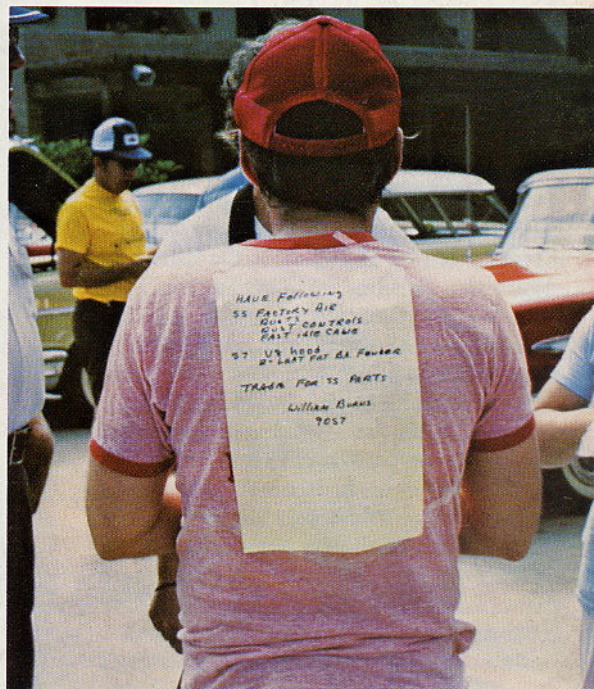
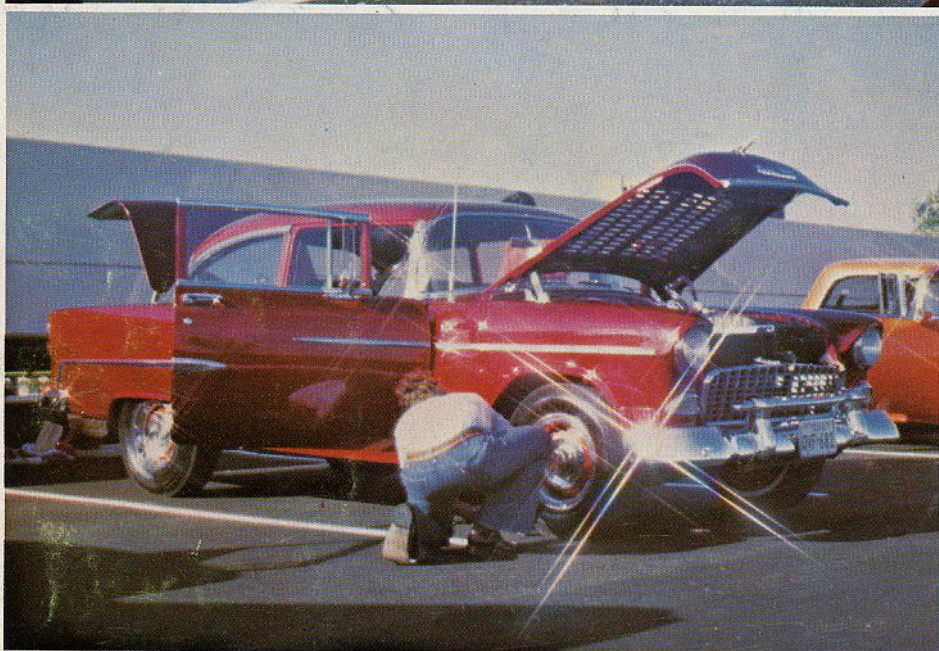
Page 30. Above: Ready for judging are these trucks belonging to Wendell Royster, No. 4951, left; Fred York, No. 13781, center; and Steve Jung, No. 4935, right. Below: Women's Polish Ski Race winners Kathy Earnhart, Shirley Close, and Debbie Wrinkle, of the Classic Chevy Club of Springfield Missouri. Page 31. Above: The '57 Semi-Modified Class. Center: A line-up of Classic '6's. Below: Bob and Bill Nimsick, Nos. 8930 and 4848, check in at the Registry Hotel.



Dallas '79

Weekend Highlights

1. Richard Taylor's (No. 4231) wild "El Caminomad" was a real eyecatcher. 2. Mike Brown, No. 13115, of Uncle Daniel's Old Car Factory, does a little last minute spit-and-polish. 3. William Burns, No. 9057, came up with a unique advertising campaign. 4. Gene Jones, member of Dallas Area Classic Chevys, directing Show & Shine entries to their places. 5. One of the two beautiful Nomads Ray Trevathan, No. 1286, brought to show.



Regional Winners

Central (Continued from page 19)

'56 Semi-Modified

1. Clinton Moore, #1742, Overland Park, KS
2. Larry Robertson, #6116, Springfield, MO
3. Vernon & Charlotte Leppert, #944, Springfield, MO

'56 Modified

1. Ken & Mary Burton, #5030, Saginaw, TX
2. Larry Sherer, #3655, Dodge, KS
3. Bobby Goss, #853, Springfield, MO

'57 Unrestored

1. Doug Perry, #2726, Lincoln, NB
2. Jim Vost, #7310, Salina, KS
3. Dick Kunkle, #1509, Stuart, IA

'57 Restored

1. Buel Bullock, #3605, Rolla, MO
2. Chuck Audette, #4124, Minneapolis, MN
3. Gene Rice, #5241, Crescent, IA

'57 Semi-Modified

1. Johnny Walden, #2404, Fayetteville, AR
2. Wayne Ebert, #13106, Colorado Spgs., CO
3. Larry Nave, #9817, Beatrice, NB

'57 Modified

1. Ward Gappa, #4916, N. English, IA
2. Gordon Couch, #4659, Bethany, OK
3. Jimmy Kivett, #11957, Hollister, MO

Truck

1. Wendell & Jan Royster, #4951, Springfield, MO
2. Doug & Shirley Couch, #6646, Hollister, MO

Corvette

1. Gene Wright, #8028, Springfield, MO
2. Terry Nusser, #14880, Jetmore, KS

Trailered

1. Steve Doye, #6482, Moline, IL
2. Bob Simoncic, #1270, Cherokee, KS

Best Paint: Buel Bullock, #3605, Rolla, MO

Best Engine: Larry Sherer, #3655, Dodge, KS

Best Interior and People's Choice: Ward Gappa
#4916, N. English, IA

South Central

'55 Unrestored

1. John Brown, #10615, Arlington, TX
2. Bill Vickers, #16142, Cushing, OK

'55 Restored

1. Ray Trevathan, #1286, Garland, TX
2. Dan Beck, #1258, Broken Arrow, OK
3. Larry Igo, #6075, Austin, TX

South Central (Continued)

'55 Semi-Modified

1. Cecil Cooper, #3654, Oklahoma City, OK
2. Ron Cleaver, #10246, Hurst, TX
3. Bill Nimsick, #4848, Rogersville, MO

'55 Modified

1. Rick Marshall, #16965, Ft. Worth, TX
2. Pete Sawatzky, #3062, Cushing, OK
3. Richard Taylor, #4231, Garland, TX

'56 Restored

1. Nelson Argood, #16041, Spring, TX
2. Clyde Johnson, #14936, Harrison, AR

'56 Semi-Modified

1. David Davis, #8645, Saginaw, TX
2. Johnny Skrasek, #3906, Ft. Worth, TX
3. Jeff Peznell, #16968, Arlington, TX

'56 Modified

1. Ken Burton, #5030, Saginaw, TX
2. Sonny Casey, #3907, Ft. Worth, TX
3. Chuck Hart, #4187, Wamego, KS

'57 Unrestored

1. Bill Pevoto, #1588, Beaumont, TX

'57 Restored

1. Ray Trevathan, #1286, Garland, TX
2. Johnny Skrasek, #3906, Ft. Worth, TX
3. Glenn Phillipi, #13361, Bedford, TX

'57 Semi-Modified

1. Dickie Jones, #12123, Big Springs, TX
2. Jim Hurt, #9587, Tulsa, OK
3. David Barnes, #14680, Grapevine, TX

'57 Modified

1. Gordon Couch, #4659, Bethany, OK
2. Charles Lowrance, #4988, Richardson, TX
3. Wes Sweger, #3027, Tulsa, OK

Truck

1. Fred York, #13781, Iowa Park, TX
2. Wendell Royster, #4951, Springfield, MO
3. Steve Jung, #4935, Dallas, TX

Trailered

1. Carl Mitcham, #4300, Amarillo, TX
2. John Brock, #1207, Houston, TX
3. Marty Hall, #8272, Altys, OK

Best Paint: Carl Mitcham, #4300, Amarillo, TX

Best Interior: Carl Mitcham, #4300, Amarillo, TX

Best Engine: Rick Marshall, #16965, Ft. Worth, TX

People's Choice: Carl Mitcham, #4300, Amarillo, TX

Sights and Sounds 'Round Dallas

1. New member Ricky Marshall took first place '55 Modified and Best Engine with his "Low '55." 2. Bruce Nichols, No. 6436, won the men's camshaft balance. (Note Clinton Moore, No. 1742, inventing a new dance.) 3. Wheeling and dealing in the Swap Meet area. 4. Oklahoma State Rep. Pete Sawatsky's (No. 3062) '55 Nomad. Wire wheels add a nice finishing touch. 5. Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88's — "a blast from the past." 6. Partial view of the beautiful Classics entered in Show & Shine. The judges listen intently to the rules.

