



A Publication of Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club February 2018

## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS:

- *February Meeting: February 11 at 3 pm at Earl's BBQ in Moore*
- *Eckler's 26th Annual Winter National Convention—March 1-March, 2018  
Westgate Lakes Resort & Spa, Orlando, FL*

<https://www.classicchevy.com/showregistration/index/viewshow/id/55/>

- *Oklahoma New Car Show, Fairgrounds, Bennet Bldg—March 8-10*
- *Southwest Street Rod Nationals at Oklahoma City Fairgrounds-  
April 13th - 15th—No mail-in entries accepted after Friday, March 23rd, 2018.  
Discount available through Friday, March 23rd, 2018*
- *2018 Fall Foliage— November 8-11—see next page*

## OTHER EVENTS

- **Coffee and Cars North Park Mall 1st Saturday**
- **Coffee and Cars Norman, 2nd Saturday**
- **Coffee and Cars Midwest City, 7305 SE 29th Street, 3rd Saturday**
- **Coffee and Cars Oklahoma City, Western Will Rogers Theater 10 am - 1 pm  
4322 N Western Ave, Phone: 405-253-3895 Phone: 719-398-9176  
Each 4th Saturday of the month.**
- **Stillwater Antique and Classic Car Club Cruise In, 3rd Friday 7pm - April  
through September, 4700 West 6th Street**

See all types of shows and dates in February at  
<http://www.route66cruisersok.org/carshow.htm>





**Join the  
25th Anniversary  
Classic Chevy  
Car  
Fall Foliage Tour**

**November 9-11, 2018**

**RiverBend Casino Hotel, 100 Jackpot Place,  
Wyandotte, OK 74370**

Hotel Room rate is \$99/night with 8% tax added

Hotel reservations can be made  
from 1/29/2017-10/29/2018

Call for hotel reservations at 918-678-4946.

Ask for group reservations: "Classic Chevy Group"  
or Block #9828

More details on the event will be sent later.

Any questions contact Mike Yerkes at [myerkes@cox.net](mailto:myerkes@cox.net)  
or Adeline Yerkes at [adelineyerkes@adelineyerkes.com](mailto:adelineyerkes@adelineyerkes.com)



**February Birthdays:** Carolyn Bradsher, Rustyne Harris, Fred Hensley, Jamie Lathrop, Louise Main, David Reeds, Linda Reeds

**Special Thoughts:** Mary Overall is recovering nicely from surgery although keep Billy also in your thoughts as he is Mary's nurse.



### Monthly Car Cruise Leader(s)

- February      Cancelled
- March        Larry and Annette Myers
- April         Joe McIninch and Chris Grove

### Monthly Article ( Auto Body or Repairs or Recipes

- February
- March        Mahala Jones (recipe) Mary & Billy Overall (car article)
- April         Eddie and Ruth Watts

## **ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE**

**Make check to: Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club**  
**dues are \$20.00. Send check to treasurer, Adeline Yerkes,**  
**13916 Kirkland Ridge, Edmond, OK 73013**

**If dues not paid by April meeting, a past due reminder letter will be sent. If dues not received by May meeting, you will dropped from the mailing list.**



## CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB

### MINUTES OF MEETING, JAN 14, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Mike Yerkes at 3pm at Earl's in Moore.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Birthday: Kay Welch

Special Thoughts: Mary Overall is recovering from surgery. Kay Welch's brother in law passed away.

John Bloomberg presented a report on the 21 Century Santa's car show, donations made to families and children events during the Christmas season. Thanks was given to the members who helped and who came to the car show in November. The show was a success and another show is being planned for Nov. 3, 2018.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes from the Nov 2017 meeting had been sent as an e-mail to members. Motion to accept the minutes by Annette, seconded by Kay.

Letter of thanks from the Hugs Project for our donation was passed around for members to read. Thanks was extended to Tracy and Irene for hosting our Christmas party. About 40 members enjoyed the good food and dirty Santa gift exchange.

Treasurer's Report: Adeline read the report of income and expenses.

#### Old Business:

\* Dinner cruises for Jan and Feb will not be planned because of unpredictable weather. March cruise to be hosted by Larry and Annette Myers and the April cruise will be hosted by Chris and Susan Grove.

\* Inquiries for information on the Fall Foliage Tour: **Nov. 8 -11**, River Bend Casino Hotel, Wyandotte, OK. Reservations after Jan 29 and 50 rooms blocked. Flier will be available soon. Committees for the tour are ready for volunteering. 1. Fall Foliage tour route mapping, 2. Activities for Friday and Saturday, 3. Saturday Night, and 4. 25 yr. memories. Everyone is encouraged to get involved.

\* Dashboard article for Feb is by Gary Mertens and Billy and Mary Overall is March with a recipe contributed by Mahala Jones.

New Business: \* Discussion whether to keep post office box in Wheatland. Rustyne volunteered to pick up the mail.

\* Larry discovered an old letter from Tom White claiming he had never been recognized for naming the "Dashboard" newsletter.

\* Brad Stevens's son still trying to sell his 57Belair 2dr HT.

\* Ruby brought old issues of Nomad and Classic Chevy magazine for someone to take.

\* 50-50 pot was won by Larry Myers.

\* Rodney is working on the Dealers new car show. This year will feature all 50's cars. Dates for show are March 9-11.

\* Street Rod Nationals will be April 12-15. Volunteers needed for Registration, gate check ins, and information booth. Contact Rodney.

Next meeting February 11. At Earls 3pm

Motion to adjourn by Annette, seconded Louise, adjourned 4:10pm

Submitted by Martha Duerksen, Sec



**For Sale—57 Belair Chevy,  
2-dr hardtop. Car be-  
longed to former club  
member, Brad Stephens,  
who is now deceased. Car  
being sold by son.**

**Seller may be willing to  
negotiate price.  
1900 miles**



**Contact: Jeffrey Cardwell  
at 580-302-4701**

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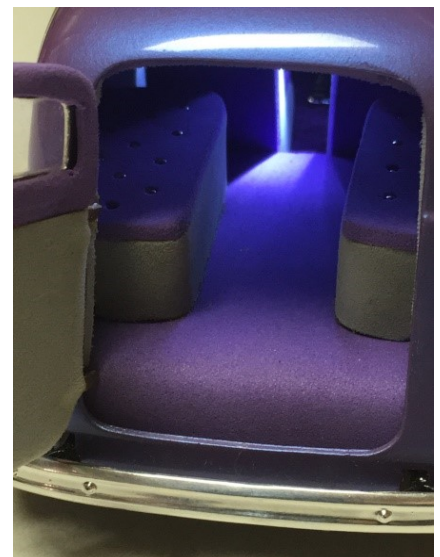
## Why come back?

Last Friday, I went to lunch at Billy Sims BBQ with Larry and Jason Myers. When we got there, we were met by Michael Yerkes and Russell Burke. After proper introductions, Russell said to Larry, "Larry, do we have a new member here?" --to which Larry replied, "No, Gary is a new, Old member." Immediately, Mike jumped on the opportunity and said, "Gary, will you write an article for the Dashboard --Why I came back?" Hence, the reason for the following:

Hi—my name is Gary Mertens, and I am the new, old member. I was a member of COCCC, joining the club sometime in 1995, when we moved back to Oklahoma from Ohio, where we had been for 20 years. Both I and my wife Linda are native Okies that got transplanted due to my work (and my company had the nerve to call it a promotion!)

During the time we were members, I was given the privilege of organizing the Model Car Contest in conjunction with Cruisin' Bricktown Open Car Show that, most of you probably remember, was hosted by COCCC. In the last show, we had somewhere between 400 and 450 model cars entered in the contest, making it the largest model builders contest in the state of Oklahoma. We were drawing contestants from OK, TX, AR, KS, & LA. The support and encouragement I received from the COCCC membership in this endeavor was phenomenal---I received any help I needed and was encouraged consistently to do whatever it took to make the model car contest a success.

I am also an avid model builder and have had the opportunity to build in excess of 100 model cars for folks throughout the United States, normally building a replica of their full size classic car. Here are pictures of one of the cars I built for myself.



Fast forward---during the time we were involved with COCCC, I had what I consider 2 of the 3 requirements for having a classic Chevy. I had a car and the life-long love of these wonderful machines. What I didn't have was the money to get my car finished. There were 6 specific people that we grew very fond of during the time in the club—Larry and Annette Myers, Rodney and Martha Duerksen, and Mel and Rustyne Harris. These folks always made us feel welcome and part of the group, whether it was at their home, at meetings, or at shows. This does not, in any way, imply that other members of the club were not good folks and pleasant to be around—just that these people were the “special ones” to us during our time in COCCC. Since they lived in Mustang, we developed a close friendship with Mel and Rustyne. Mel was probably over at my house 3-4 times a week, and we made numerous trips to the OKC salvage yards in search of parts and trim for the Tri-Fives. He never failed to start all our conversations with, “Have you started on the 55 yet?”

After a few years, I got frustrated and just quit coming to the meetings---quite simply, I felt bad about not having a Classic to drive along with other members to shows, events, parades, etc.

15 years went by and my classics sat in my garage. Then low and behold, in 2017, Linda and I came to the conclusion to go ahead and finish the first of the cars. After making the decision, it was time to move forward, and my mind quickly went to Larry Myers. The next step in the process was to contact Larry to see if he would help me with the car—and what better way to contact him than to attend a meeting. So I looked up the website, determined the time and place for meetings, and decided to attend the next meeting.

When I walked in the door—I was pleasantly shocked. The first person I saw was Rodney. He warmly welcomed me, and treated me as if I had never missed a meeting. Martha did the same, and when Larry and Annette came in, I was treated like a long lost friend. I had seen Rustyne at church that morning, so she wasn't too surprised to see me come in, since I had confirmed with her that morning about the meeting. After about 15 years away, it felt like I was in a group of friends again—and that is priceless!

So, Mike, in answer to your question about why I came back—I would have to reply simply, “People”. This is an amazing group of folks with an amazing love of classic cars, and a VERY strong bond that holds them all together.

**Editorial Note:** *I am interested in adding several other sections or articles to the newsletter. I have interviewed and reviewed other car club newsletters. Plan to do a feature article on officers and car club member several times a year, would like to have a “tips on mechanics” and a recipe section.... So please contribute.*



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

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