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Proud Grandparents



Photo provided by the Dragooos

John and Kay Lynn Dragoo are the proud grandparents of Nathaniel James Barta. He was born Feb. 22, 2001. Here, Kay Lynn shows off the new bundle of joy. The Dragoo's daughter Suzette and her husband John, of Perkins, are the proud parents.

At the movies with Don Bays

► If you mix a GTO, your first beers, and a drive-in movie, you have the ingredients for mischief

By Don Bays

Dashboard Staff

For those of you who are somewhat new to the Classic Chevy Club, you haven't been subjected to my articles. For several years, I wrote almost monthly in The Dashboard. This fairly drained me and used up my best stories. If you want to read some of these, ask Marilyn or Keith. They have access to the archives!

Anyway I thought I'd try to write again and realized I hadn't shared all my drive-in movie stories yet.

When my friends and I were 16 and 17, we had some buddies who worked at Buchanan's Grocery. This was an infrequent source of beer supply. The way we'd work it would be that one employee would stand at a "closed" register with empty sacks on the ready, while another employee signaled us back at the beer case when Mr. Buchanan had settled in at his desk.

We'd then grab two or three six-packs each and run to the front with them, hustling them into the waiting sacks. Then we'd pay and quickly leave.

The first time this feat was accomplished was to supply an outing at the Hillcrest Drive-In for me and three classmates. We took my 1965 GTO convertible to the triple feature with at least four six packs on ice.

We kicked back with what for some of us certainly was our first taste of beer and as we finished the cans, we tossed them onto the gravel parking lot.

Ka-chink, ka-chink went the metal cans as they landed. That is until R.C. Jackson tossed his can on the ground. It went Ka-thud! Obviously the boy had wasted one of our prized and hard fought for beers. Boy did he get a razzing! Needless to say, that was his last can to waste! One of the drive-ins in town was the Northwest HiWay. This was a twin

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Shades of Burma Shave



Photo By Rip Riley

Rip and Debbie Riley were the hosts for the March dinner cruise. They took us to a great barbeque restaurant in Luther where we all ate our fill. On the way to the restaurant, on Route 66, Rip had placed these signs reminiscent of the old Burma Shave signs. He went back later and retrieved them so he could take this picture. After eating we all cruised to Larry and Annette Meyers house to see the progress on the Krispy Kreme truck. It looks great.

Drive-in: Mix a GTO, beer and movies and you get trouble

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screen large outdoor theatre that hosted the "after-party" for my junior prom. This was a double or triple feature after the dance got over with.

The first feature started about 1:15 a.m. as I recall. (Boy, how young did we used to be?) For this occasion, I was nominated to score some real liquor for the gang. The way you used to do this was to go to the little liquor store near Campus Corner in Norman late at night when only the hired help was there. This guy had coke bottle glasses and must have been 50 or 60! So, I had nerve enough to get one bottle of Cherry Vodka.

(What did I know?) Unfortunately at the drive-in, I didn't know the concession stand help was going to leave soon after the first movie started, so I was stuck with root beer as a mixer. To this day I can't stand the idea

of Cherry Vodka.

But it was a pretty good night anyway. Don't know what the movies were, but did get around to visiting in several different cars. (Must not have been "going steady" at the time.) My band-mates brought a couple of amps and plugged into some outlets up by the concession stand to provide some entertainment between movies 1 & 2. Do you remember Hullabaloo? I think we had some girls acting like dancers from that show perched up on the patio cover in front of the snack bar. It was a memorable night.

Too bad I can't remember more of it! Oh yeah, I do recall this was one of two times when we actually applied for the trunk discount!

One more quick drive-in story, then I'll let you go. The 14 Flags was a huge drive-in theatre built circa 1965 at SW 96th and Western. The day after Christmas in 1969

was a lovely night and my wife and I decided to take in a double feature. We pulled into one space but then moved over so the speaker could be on my wife's side. She reached out for the speaker but dropped it on the ground. She got out to pick it up, bent over and said "Uh-Oh." She stood there motionless for several seconds, then got back into the car without the speaker. "Not working, huh?", I said. "No, my water just broke", said my wife. "We've got to go to the hospital."

"But we can watch this first film, can't we?" I asked. "You've got to be kidding!", was her reply, I still don't know if I ever got to see that movie, but I sure got a wonderful daughter. (By the way, we could've seen one movie with time to spare. Cheryl was born on December 27 about 2 a.m.)

Keep the shiny side up and I'll see you soon!

Meeting minutes, February

The February 11, 2001, meeting started at 2:05 pm. We met at the A & W Drive In at 89th & S. Western

► A motion to accept the minutes from the last month was tabled because of the computer being down. Motions will be accepted when the minutes are published.

► David and Larry went to the City of Oklahoma City meeting for Crusin' OKC. Will have to fill out new applications because all forms have changed.

► Rodney gave information for the last Crusin' meeting. One issue is Bricktown might not be willing to donate food this year at registration. Different ideas on food items was discussed. The different clubs are doing different "fun stuff" at their locations. Rodney getting with Crossroads Mall to discuss different options. KOMA is out of picture as far as sponsorship goes. Keith Marang worked up samples of photos for Crusin' OKC. We had questions the duration of the photo quality and Keith found out photo color quality is suppose to be good for 25 years under fluorescent lights. Registration (Crusin' OKC) will be Friday nite Bricktown 5 pm to 9 pm

and Saturday 7 am to noon. Awards ceremony will be at Crossroads Mall Sunday 10 am to noon. We will be inside the mall. Marilyn says need at least 2 people for registration & 2-4 for parking in Bricktown. Also will need people at barricades till noon. Registration is \$20.00 and still be eligible for drawings.

Some of the other clubs have set their activities for the day: Matrix — hydraulic demo., sumo wrestling, pie eating contest, moon walk. Stockyards — 10k run, sidewalk sale, cowboy poets, rodeo, mechanical bull. There are now 5 clubs with 480 cars involved. Cash prized up to \$5,000.

► Linda Bahr asked for sponsors for Bowling for Big Brothers Big Sisters. If anyone wants to be a sponsor, please contact Linda.

► Fall foliage — Curtis has set dates as Oct 26, 27, 28 in Lawton

► Patty got 12 entries to Starbird show. She has requested bottom floor. Needs help setting up. Still working on details.

► Rodney is having dinner cruise March 3. Meet at Sheplers (Meridian) parking lot. More info later.

► March 7 new car show with some classics. David Reeds will be calling.

► CC Riders are having their kick off dance next Saturday at American Legion Hall. This is a pot luck and dance and a fun event.

► Don and Annette won prizes for winning the trivia game. Rip, Harry Pouder, Dick Bahr won door prizes.

► Rodney made motion for the proceeds from Crusin' OKC to go to Childrens Hospital 2nd by Harry P. Vote carries. Charities this year to be: Clown Assoc., Big Brother Big Sister.

► Larry is working on a '39 panel truck for Krispy Kream Donuts it is white & green. Anyone wanting to take a look contact Larry.

► Dick Bahr brought up concern about Snyder IGA and Spencers being sold. Will there be no car shows at these locations anymore? David said he would check on any other car shows in their place.

► Motion made to adjourn made at 3 p.m. by Rodney Duerksen 2nd by Dick Bahr.

► Attendance for the meeting was 23

Meeting minutes, March

The March 11, 2001, meeting started at 2:00 pm. We met at the A & W Drive In at 89th & S. Western

► Motion made by Debbie Riley to accept minutes from last month. (copies off minutes were passed out) Minutes were accepted by vote.

► David talked about car show June 1 & 2.

► Crusin' OKC ready except for insurance. Larry & David signed a couple of more papers for Okla. City. We will use parking garage across from Rocky's for Friday nite registration.

► Bill Washam reported on Crusin' OKC. We will be on SW corner of Crossroads Mall parking lot, close to JC Pennys and Garfields for restrooms.

We will need to use club tents for shade. We will not be able to do burnouts.

There has been discussion with Crossroads about putting a couple of cars inside mall for advertising for car show as well as for Mall.

A discussion about trophies at each location to be done as the clubs see fit and at a given time was brought from the committee meeting. John Dragoo made a motion that we should do 5 trophies. It was suggested we use pictures (like Keith Marang makes) on plaques as trophies. Keith says he would handle trophies/plaques. 2nd by Ken Buchanan.

Motion carried.

Martha in charge of t-shirts.

Peggy Buchanan is in charge of registration with Rustyne helping in this area since she has the programs. We need 4 people for parking. John Dragoo, Rip Riley, JD Clemons, Curtis Welch, Ken Buchanan, James volunteered.

► Food Friday nite registration. Each club is asking people to bring favorite snack foods. NON perishable finger foods only.

► Keith showed picture demo board. Thinks trophy/plaque is great but not sure how good as money maker. Gave estimated prices for extra 8X10 pictures pictures.

► Denim shirts were again discussed. Rustyne is waiting on the prices and price breaks. We are estimating 100 shirts.

► Larry Myers questioned about possible contacting gaming or bingo places for any one interested. He would like it taken to the committee that there is some funding from Coors & Miller Beer available. Soft drink funds have dried up.

► Snyder IGA car show: new owner called and said really wants to continue having a car show there. David assigned that job to Rudy (C0-2nd VP) to get all info needed for that show.

► KOMA calendars passed out.

► Rip Riley passed out info on St Patrick

Day cruise. (David was impressed with colors used on computer). Calling committee needs to call.

► Get well card for Ron Burger in McKinney, Texas, passed around and signed. He is having knee surgery.

► Christy Farrel from High Pointe wants a car show in spring (June?) if we can. Need to know how many cars would be able to do this. Members agree, but need date. Will try for June 24.

► Patty Gunter did excellent job on Starbird car show. John Dragoo would like a thank you note sent to her.

► Annette & Larry Myers gave information out on different car show that they had received.

► Door prize won by Larry Myers. (Annette tried to put the necklace on him but the chain was too short.)

► The Stookey computer is up & running for E-mail & the Dashboard as everything had to be reinstalled after a new logic board was put in. They requested all information for the Dashboard be resent.

► Next meeting will be April 8, 2001 at A&W

► Rodney Duerksen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3 p.m. 2nd by Ken Buchanan.

► Attendance for the meeting was 31

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Next meeting:

The April meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the A & W at 89th & S. Western. Please attend if possible to help with Cruisin' OKC

Sunday
April 8, 2001

Important things to know

If you didn't make the last two dinner cruises you have missed some interesting places.

► **Rodney and Martha Duerksen** took us to the Firehouse Grill in Bethany. It was decorated with lots of firehouse and firefighter memorabilia and, as usual, none of us went hungry. The menu was varied as well as the taste. I checked out everyone's meal and I really think we had just about everything on the menu.

► **Rip and Debbie Riley** took us for a cruise on Route 66 to Arcadia and a stop at the round barn. We then drove on to Luther for barbecue. Great food and nice trip. Rip even posted signs for us and others to see. See Page 3 for a photo.

It is my hope that as the days get longer, and warmer, all of you will join the fun on these dinner cruises. Who knows where the next organizer will take us. It's always a surprise. **Marilyn Stookey**