

The Dashboard

A publication of
The Central Oklahoma
Classic Chevy Club.
A not-for-profit corporation.
A chapter of
Bow Tie Chevys
and
Classic Chevy International.

August 2000

Webbs' Impala comes up a winner

By Jerry Webb
COCCC Member

Hi Classic Chevy Club Members! Judy & I and our 9 year old granddaughter spent a neat week at the 20th annual National Impala Association's International Convention in Spearfish, S.D. on July 16 through 22. There were over 150 '58 thru '70 full-size Impala & Chevy registrants. These hunks of iron and steel came from 22 states, from Canada and two from Germany.

We are fortunate enough to own a black '58 Impala (in addition to our '57 Bel Air). This Late Great we have named "Paula." She was trailered these 2,000 miles for this event. On I-90 westbound in South Dakota we saw some Nomads eastbound who had just finished their convention in Spokane, Washington and were headed home.

Arriving in good shape Sunday afternoon, we unloaded, got our poolside room (Brittany was in hog heaven!) and began to mingle with all these people with their funny accents. Some we learned had been to all twenty conventions. We were the only Okies but there were a few from Texas (they talked slow enough for us to follow).

These were great people and fun to be with; most brought their kids and grandkids. We all made lots of new friends. There was something planned for just about every day and evening. Our favorite was the Mount Rushmore tour. More than 50 cars cruised through Custer Park to this national monument.

These were great people and fun to be with; most brought their kids and grandkids. We all made lots of new friends. There was something planned for just about every day and evening. Our favorite was the Mount Rushmore tour. More than 50 cars cruised through Custer Park to this national monument.

One evening there was a show & shine in Deadwood, another evening a local Chevy dealer put on a feed at his huge dealership, and on another evening there was a picnic in a lovely city park in Spearfish and a canyon cruise.

We had cool weather with several showers all week. Wednesday evening the cars which were entered in the "judged" division (25 total) went into the convention center to be available for inspection during the '50's dance. Several of us were just finishing our detailing when the D. J. was setting up.

We were seated in the center of a large room with our spiffed-up beauties circling

the room. Judging was on Thursday and Awards Banquet on Friday Night.

It was really great to see several young couples with our old car hobby/sport interest. One young man brought his '70 Impala he had just received from his Grandpa on his 16th birthday.

Old "Paula" outdid herself. She took First Place in the Modified Division. Judy, Brittany and I were very surprised and proud when we accepted this honor for her.

Saturday morning was the farewell breakfast with hugs and handshakes for our new-found friends and many promises to return next year. Even Brittany made a good friend she plans to write and hopes to see next year.

On our way home we met lots of classics and rods on I-80 leaving Lincoln after the Americruise. These guys were really giving us a hard time since "Paula" was on a trailer.

"What's the matter-you break down?"
"Need a jump?"

I told them honestly that this was her first time on a trailer and had to listen to their "yeah, sure, we've heard that before."

Home at last on Sunday evening, tired but happy, with thoughts of how blessed we are to have our Classic Chevy Club friends along with new-found friends — all with the same interest-old cars, old songs, and old women (oops).

COCCC member Jerry Webb is the main ramrod for the club's annual show held in cooperation with the Buchanan's grocery store chain.

Please note... Mailed with this issue of the Dashboard is a ballot for selecting the next slate of officers. For a change, we actually have a few contests to decide. The last meeting was largely taken up with nominations for these positions. After the meeting

some people asked to be dropped from the ballot and others asked that their names be changed from one post to another. Their wishes were granted so the names on the ballot do not exactly match the ones listed in the minutes. Please take the time to send in your ballot or just bring it to the meeting.

July 9 was a beautiful day in Oklahoma City. Perhaps it was the nice weather (or perhaps the threat of being nominated for office) that somewhat limited attendance at our southside meeting site.

► President John Dragoo started the meeting about 10 after 2 p.m.

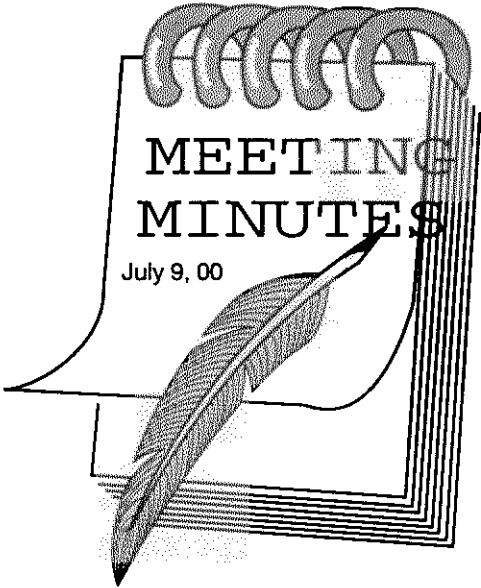
► Minutes, as graciously supplied by Kay Lynn Dragoo and printed in the last Dashboard, were accepted by floor vote.

► New business topics saw us nominate the Welch's and Riley's to spearhead the effort as COCCC hosts the 2001 edition of the South-Central Fall Foliage Tour. (Hey guys- it's really nice at Grand Lake and there's Starbird's place to visit!) The 2000 version, being hosted by the Dallas Classic Chevys and held at Queen Wilhelmina's Castle, is set for 11/10-12/2000. Tom Jennings from Tulsa has a reservation he won't be able to use. First come, first served! Better snap this up.

► Cruisin' The Coast is set for the second week in October. Several couples from our club, the Late Great Chevy Club and The OHRA will make the trek to Biloxi/Gulfport this year. The more the merrier!! David Reeds or John Dragoo should be able to provide some info on joining in on one of the bigger old car events in the nation.

► We decided that probably the last Saturday in September would be the right time for another drive-in movie night in our old Chevys. Go ahead and put this on your calendar — it's always a fun time at the Winchester Drive-In at 68th & South Western Avenue in Oklahoma City. We'll likely meet there about 6:45 or 7 pm, as usual. Try to invite fellow hobbyists in other clubs or lone wolf's that you know. The more old cars we get, the neater the atmosphere.

► True & Sherry Osborn bring their smiling faces and gorgeous yellow Nomad to our club. They've been checking us out for the last eight or nine years and decided to join at our July 9 meeting. We welcome the Osborne's as new members and as old and dear friends.



► Next we shared the bad news of late June/early July.

Larry & Annette Myers were on their way to the National Nomad Convention in Spokane when they blew a tire at 70 mph about 15 miles out of Cheyenne, Wyo. Thank God they were on a wide interstate and not some two-lane mountain road in Colorado, because they used most of the available room to get their gold/platinum quality '55 Nomad calmed down and pointed back straight (even though it was on the wrong side of the interstate — ed.). Whew, that sure sounded like a close one kids! The preliminary damage estimate is in the upper four-figure range as both rear quarters, the rear bumper and even the roof were hurt in this calamity. On the plus side, they got back to town in time to see grand-daughter Hannah come into the world. She is Jason & Angela's second child, born on July 12. Congratulations!!

Linda Bahr was hurt in a traffic accident on 6/26/2000. They discovered four broken ribs and a punctured lung the next day, which really laid the lovely Ms. Bahr up for awhile. She came home on July 2, none too soon for hubby Dick who has been under-

standably concerned.

Ken Buchanan's beautiful 1939 Buick Sedan was totalled in yet another club member accident. I hear that the Buchanan's attended the recent Street Rod Nationals with a healthy sized insurance check in hand, intent on coming home with a new "baby." Hope you got what you wanted!

John David Dragoo's house was robbed recently — thankfully no one was home to get hurt.

Cory Riley's car was swiped from a 7-11 parking lot. Mother Debbie chased down the little thieves later and cornered them for the cops. Way to go Debbie!

► Our next dinner cruise will be Saturday, July 29, at 4 p.m. We will meet in the parking lot at The Cracker Barrel in Norman on the west side of I-35 near Robinson. From there, we will cruise to Calypso Bay on Lake Thunderbird. Call John or Kay Lynn if you need further directions.

► Here are the nominations for office in the 2000-2001 period:

President: Linda Bahr and Martha Duerksen.

Co-2nd Vice-Presidents: Rip Riley, Curtis Welch, Rudy Escalera, David Reeds and Richard Bahr.

Secretary: Rip Riley and Jonnie Clemons.

Show Chairman: Rodney Duerksen and Ken Buchanan.

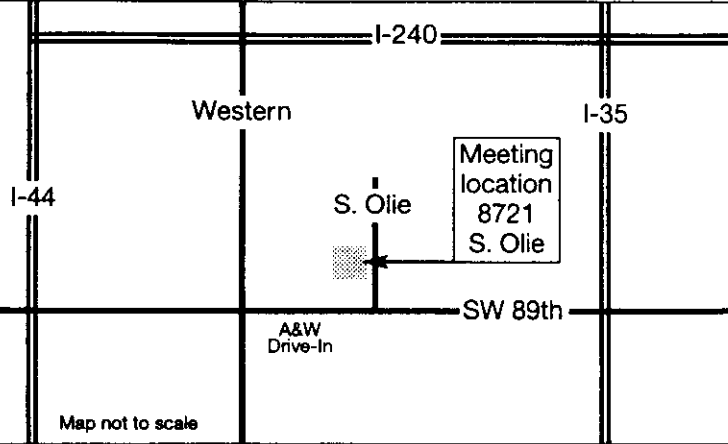
Treasurer: Rustyne Harris.

Newsletter Editor: Charles Stookey.

The plan is to print ballots with plenty of write-in room for each office and to allow campaigning for write-in votes before the voting is complete at our August meeting — which incidently is set for 8/20/2000, place & time to be announced. Don't miss this one — it's always one of our better meetings of the year!

► John closed down the July meeting shortly after 3 p.m. at which time about a dozen of us cruised over to check out a new Mexican restaurant. It was a spicy time had by all at San Marcos. See you soon!

Don Bays
COCCC Secretary



New members True and Sherry Osborn had been on the rolls for only part of a meeting when they came forward and volunteered their home as the location for the club's annual picnic/officer transition meeting. The club will provide the meat course and members are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts. Members should also bring a lawn chair and their favorite choice of beverage. The Osborns live just down the street from our meeting location at the A&W Drive-In on SW 89th Street in Oklahoma City.

RSVP by Aug.15 to Kay Lynn Dragoo — 366-8188 or kate@telepath.com — See you there!

Tulsa hosts Bow Tie/Late Great convention

Double Nickel lives

Longtime members may recall that Pete and Ernie Shnneman owned a beautiful 1955 Pickup lovingly nicknamed Double Nickel. Unfortunately the truck was destroyed in an accident on Interstate 70 in Colorado. A few years later Pete and the Classic Chevy family in Tulsa, and indeed the nation, lost Ernie to cancer. This year in Tulsa Pete debuted the new Double Nickel. Congratulations Pete.

Photo by **Martha Duerksen**

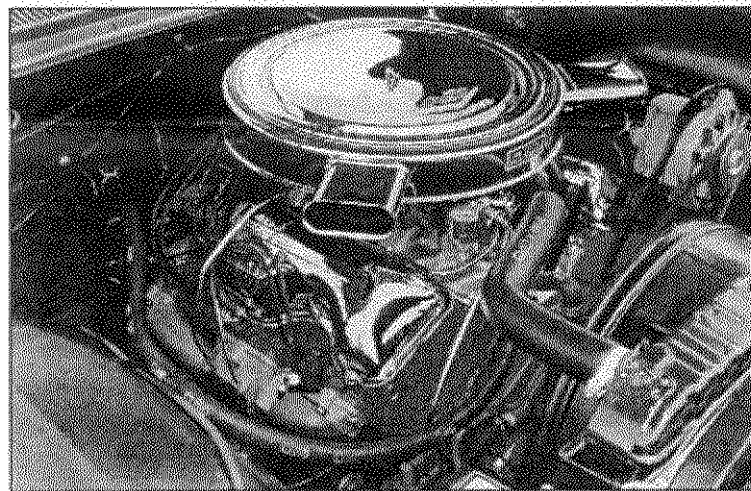
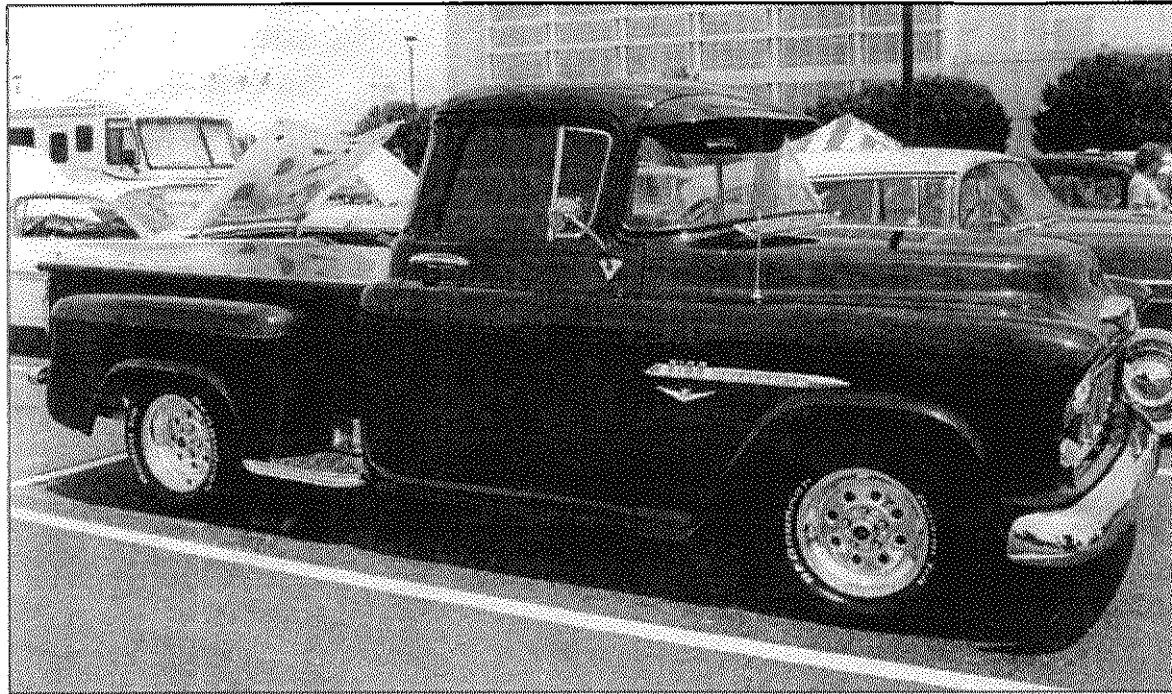


Photo by **Don Bays**

This big block is all dressed up and has lots of power to go.



Photo by **Don Bays**

Tulsa club member Marsha Aikens proudly showed off this fresh 1961 Bubble Top.

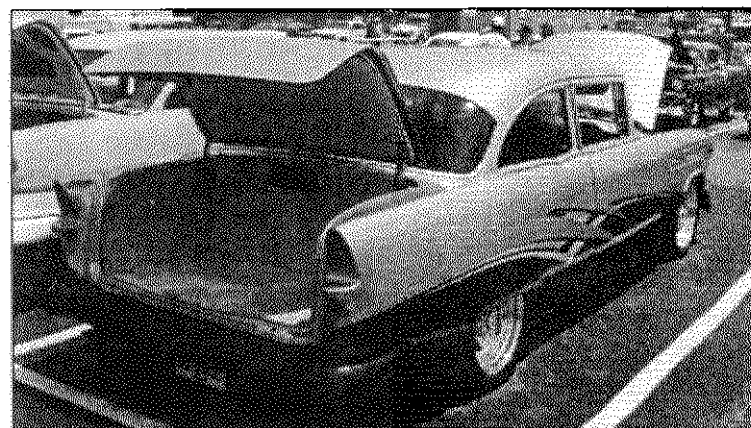


Photo by **Don Bays**

Now this is a fully dressed custom classic. It is sure to turn heads on an afternoon cruise.

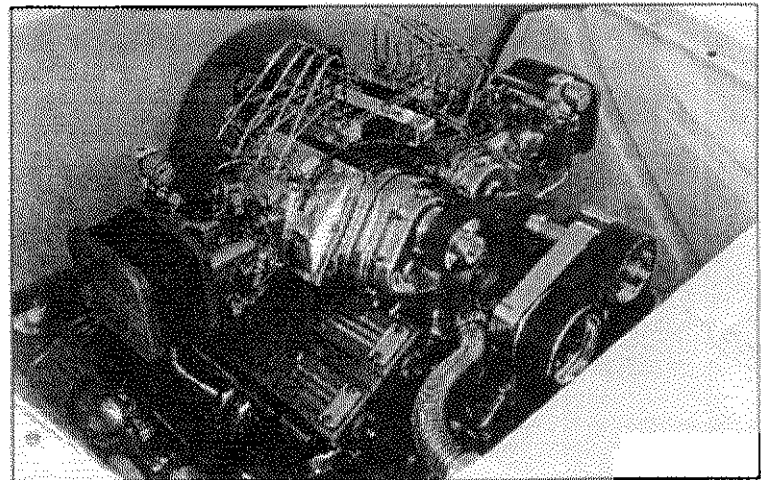


Photo by **Don Bays**

This modern mill does wonders to dress up the engine compartment of this classic.

Central Oklahoma



P.O. Box 676

Wheatland, Okla. 73097-0676

President

John Dragoo (405) 366-8188

Kate@telepath.com

Vice President

Larry Myers (405) 348-2502

lvmyers@msn.com

Co 2nd Vice Presidents

Curtis Welch (405) 484-7274

David Reeds (405) 387-5663

Treasurer

Rustyne Harris (405) 745-3065

meprrharris@juno.com

Secretary

Don Bays (405) 793-7399

bayslab@webtv.net

Show Chairman

Rodney Duerksen (405) 324-2228

marthamd@theshop.net

Web Master

Keith Marang (405) 329-1802

kmarang@mmcable.com

Dashboard Editor

Charles Stookey (405) 329-6864

rag55@aol.com

Next meeting:

Annual picnic/election of officers.

See map on Page 2 and information below.

If you didn't mail your ballot, bring it to the meeting

**Sunday, 1 p.m.
Aug. 20**

Important things to know

► The next COCCC meeting will be election of officers and our annual picnic. The potluck picnic will be held at the home of True and Sherry Osborn at 8721 S. Olle Ave. in Oklahoma City. Their home is a little east of the intersection of 89th & S. Western — turn north on Olle. See Page 2 for a map. Lunch will begin at 1 with the meeting to follow at about 2. The club will furnish meat and papergoods. Members should bring a covered dish, their own drinks, lawn chairs, and we need several folding tables. If you can help with the tables, call Kay Lynn Dragoo at 366-8188 or Sherry at 634-3433. So we will know how much meat and paper goods to buy, RSVP to Kay Lynn (can leave a message with Goldia) by Tues., Aug. 15th — 366-8188 or kate@telepath.com A big thank you to the Osborns.