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High Pointe Christmas

True satisfaction comes in the form of smiles

By John Dragoo
COCCC President

The COCCC Christmas Party at High Pointe Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, was a tremendous success. Kay Lynn Dragoo summed it up best when she said, "I got more than I gave." Rustyne Harris added, "I think all of us felt that way when we left. There could be no doubt that we received a lot from a couple of hours spent with those kids."

The young men and women at High Pointe received their gifts from the COCCC Santa (Bill Chaffin) and Mrs. Santa (Linda Bahr). They played their parts very well. The hospital as a whole was presented with books, movies, games, and fishing poles; each unit received a sack of gifts including games and a basketball or soccer ball or football.

Finally, each child got his/her very own Christmas bag of goodies which included a Walkman radio and personal items. The party and gift giving were a well kept surprise for the children. It was purposely designed that way by the hospital staff who contributed and participated in the festivities. They had as much fun as the children and COCCC members.

Each of our members carried home at least one loaf of homemade bread prepared by their kitchen staff. They have a great staff! Smiles and laughter of the children were more than enough payment. Rustyne Harris and Linda Bahr organized our club efforts. Superb job ladies! The hospital administrator paid us the ultimate compliment by inviting us back next Christmas.

Attending from our club were Bill Chaffin, John & Kay Lynn Dragoo, Richard &



COCCC Photo by Martha Duerksen

Santa Claus (Bill Chaffin) has just arrived in his modern sleigh with a load of presents for the teen-agers at High Pointe.

Linda Bahr, Rodney & Martha Duerksen, Larry & Annette Myers, Kay & Curtis Welch, Rip Riley, David & Linda Reeds, Marilyn Stookey, and Mel and Rustyne Harris.

The contributors' list is extensive: COCCC and individual members; Century 21 Riviera Realty, Inc. and staff, Sandy Grison, owner (This group provided not only

the 66 Walkman radios but other items as well.); Midwest City Free Methodist Church; Dentists of OKC; O'Rileys; Hobby Shop (Mike Connors); OEC; Snyders IGA; Southern Hospitality, Inc.; Bath & Body Works; Geri-Care, Inc.

There were so many contributors, I am afraid of leaving someone out and apologize if I did.

January 16, 2000 Meeting Minutes

By Don Bays
COCCC Secretary

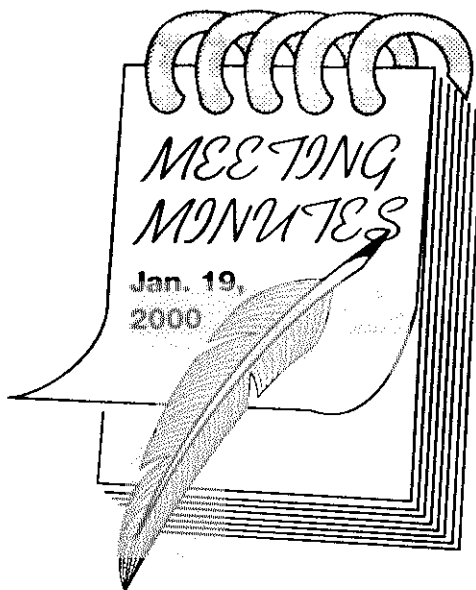
On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, before the snows of late January, the A&W Restaurant was packed to overflowing by the Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club's first meeting of the new century. Attendance was swollen by about a dozen new, newer or renewal members & guests, as well as members of the Oklahoma City Corvette Club, who will be helping us at Cruisin' Bricktown® 2000.

► President John Dragoo started things off by introducing a new Gypsy Red/Shoreline Beige 1955 Convertible to our ranks, brought to us by new members John & Judy Beasley. Also introduced were: Kent Officer, Jason Allen, Todd Maxwell and Rudy Escalera. Escalera re-upped after completing his fine street rod ride.

► Annette Myers shared some correspondence. They got a copy of the Topeka club's newsletter as well as an invite to the Canadian Valley Vo-Tech car show.

► John had all the new members line up, at which point I offered to do our "traditional" initiation - even though there's not one. But the first new member thought he might have to carry me piggy-back around the cafe!!

► I promoted a potentially fun summer-time activity — The Bow Tie Chevy/Late Great Chevy International Convention in Tulsa. This is one of the more fun things to do in the old car hobby. I've been to several of these conventions (including the very first Classic Chevy International convention) and I've never failed to have a good time, make new friends and learn something. For some of you newbies — this club ran a convention in 1993 for CCI at The Hilton Inn



Northwest. The closest national "concoors" convention this year is hosted by another national organization called Bow Tie Chevy, started by the Late Great Chevy Club about 1994. It will be held July 2-5 at the Southern Hills Marriott in Tulsa. (918-645-2102 or 918-272-2473 for more info). I urge you to confirm your reservations early. I think the rooms will be \$60 per night for Chevy fans. Also close this year is the Western National Convention for CCI in Albuquerque from August 24-27 at The Doubletree (505-247-3344; \$89 per night).

► Kay Lynn Dragoo spoke about the upcoming Fall Foliage tour. (For you new guys, this is an annual event started in 1993 as a fun-only outing for the south-central region's Chevy fans). This year's event will be at Queen Wilhelmina's Lodge, as was the first tour. Only 36 rooms are available, so act early on your reservations. Dates are November 10-12, 2000.

► Our club won \$500 at Darryl Starbird's Annual Rod & Custom Show held at The Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma

City. Our thanks go out to Dick Bahr, who ramrodded this effort, assisted by Mel Harris and Jerry Webb. Bahr gave a report on the show, which included his thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to show their car for three days.

► Rustyne Harris gave a High Pointe Hospital visit report. It was quite touching to see the impact our gifts had on these unfortunate teens. Bill Chaffin played Santa with his built-in pillow. Linda Bahr played Mrs. Claus to help present our gifts. Here's a big thank you to everyone who helped put on our car shows last year that raised money for such a worthy cause!

► Keith gave a nice report about our cool new website. He's using "RealAudio" to provide original artists' rock 'n' roll hits while we browse the site. A couple of new additions: Memory Lane will feature articles published elsewhere; Links will provide automotive-site links to other web addresses of interest.

► Craig Smith, president of the Corvette Club spoke about his club's excitement at being involved in the new 3-site show this year. Their club has the OK City bombing memorial as their main charitable cause. One of their members was lost in that tragedy.

► Rodney gave a presentation about the show preparations. John handed out some fliers that he designed. Evidently things are coming together. We now know that T-shirts will be available to club members at \$10 each. Be sure and get involved in the effort this year.

► John ended the meeting with a cute game to hand out a T-shirt and 6-pack of Coke. There was no item #8 on the printed agenda. Trish Cable spotted the missing #8 to pull down the prizes. Rip Riley won a tool bag and Rudy Escalera won a club hat just by being the lucky numbers.

See you at the Valentine's Day meeting February 13 at Lake Draper Marina.

Former club member Teddy Blevins dies following surgery in Pauls Valley

By John Dragoo
COCCC President

Many of you will remember former club member, Teddy Blevins.

He recently entered the hospital for hernia surgery. He developed a blood clot and passed away Jan. 23.

He was born March 25, 1956, in Pauls Valley to D. E. "Bud" and Juanita Blevins.

He graduated in 1974 from Pauls Valley High School. He furthered his education with Vo-Tech courses in comput-

ers. He was an assistant manager at Blackburn's Ace Home Center in Pauls Valley.

He was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Pauls Valley.

In addition to his love of classic chevys in particular 1955s) he enjoyed working in stained glass. Some of his work is installed in the Faith Baptist Church.

Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Stufflebean Funeral Home in Pauls Valley.

He is survived by a daughter, Virginia, his parents, seven brothers and sisters

including twin sister Claudia Fay Parker and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be sent to the Faith Baptist Church, P.O. Box 243, Pauls Valley, 73075.

Blevins was a good friend of Curtis and Kay Welch and many other COCCC members.

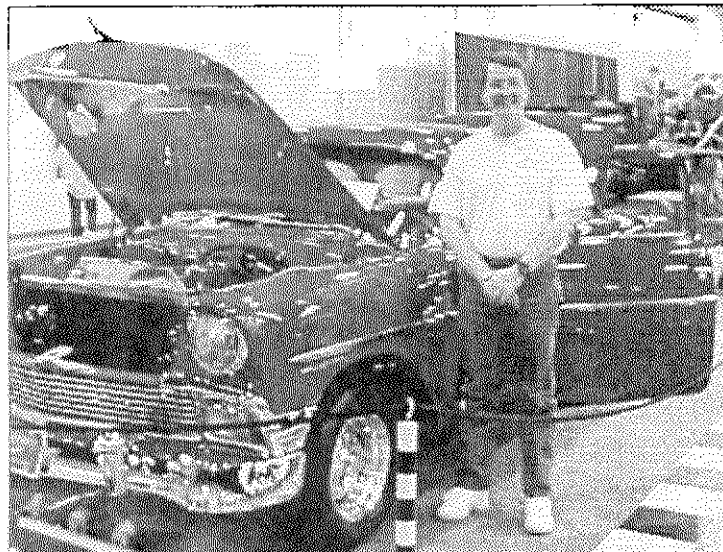
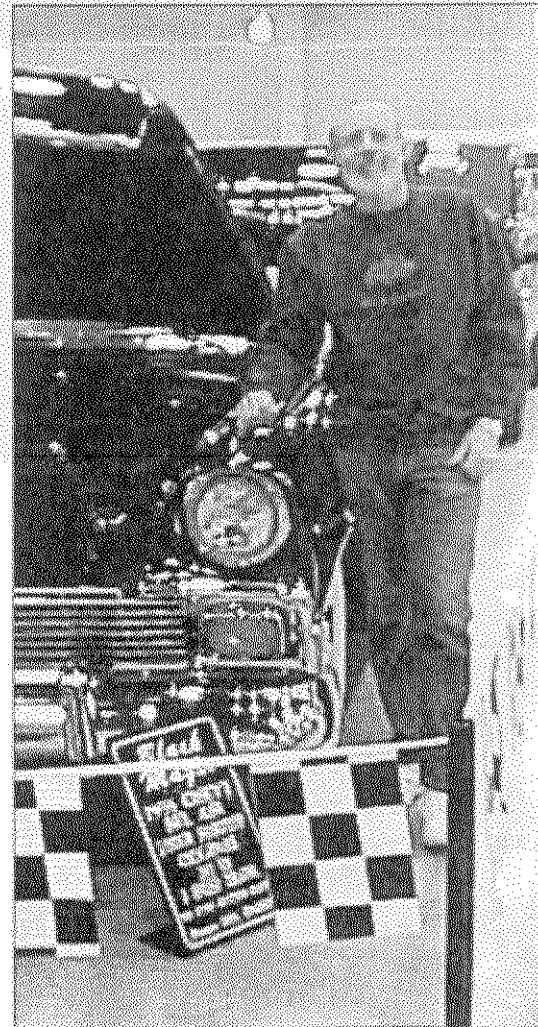
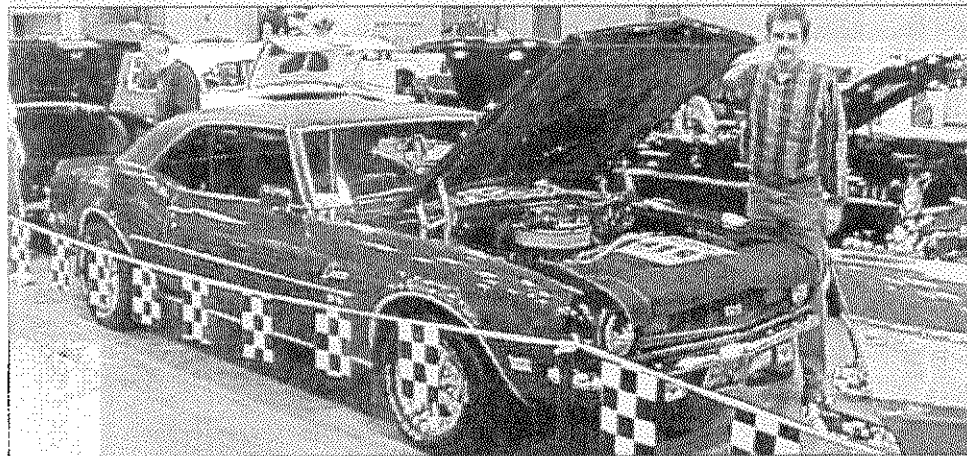
Even as a former club member he continued to work the Bricktown show with and for us. Ted was a good friend to the COCCC and he will be missed.

God speed Ted Blevins.

COCCC shines at Starbird Rod & Custom Show

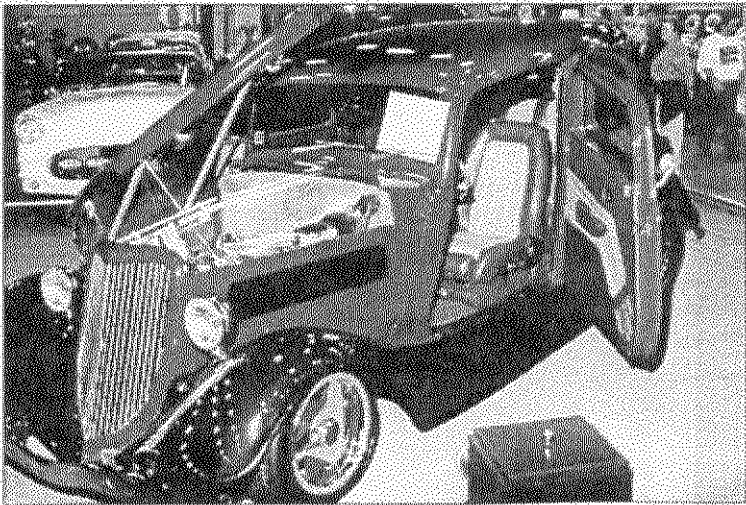
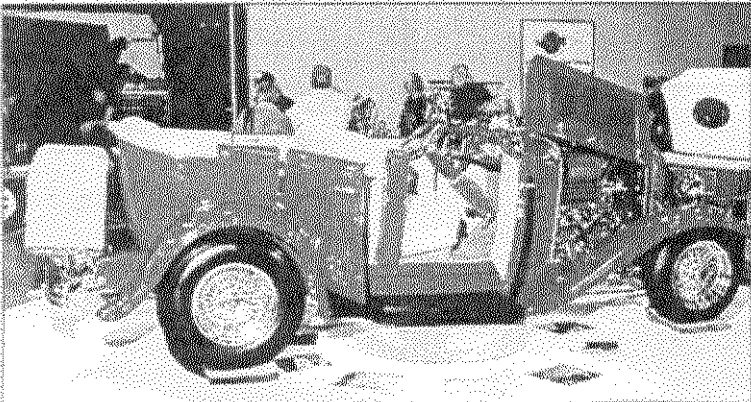
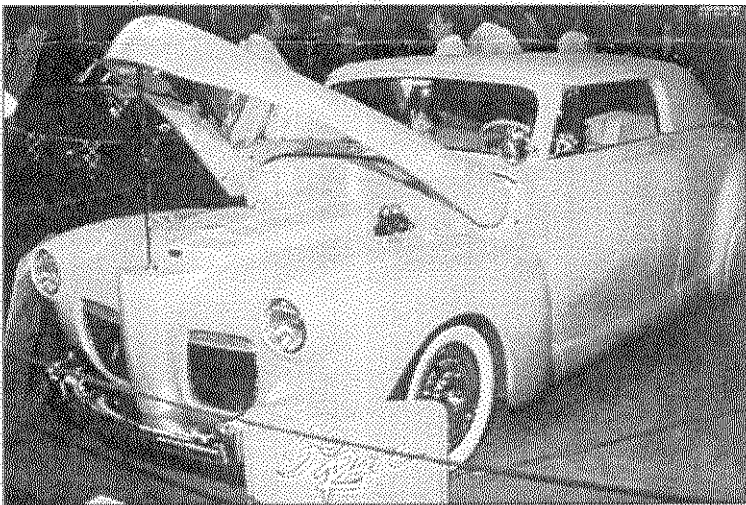
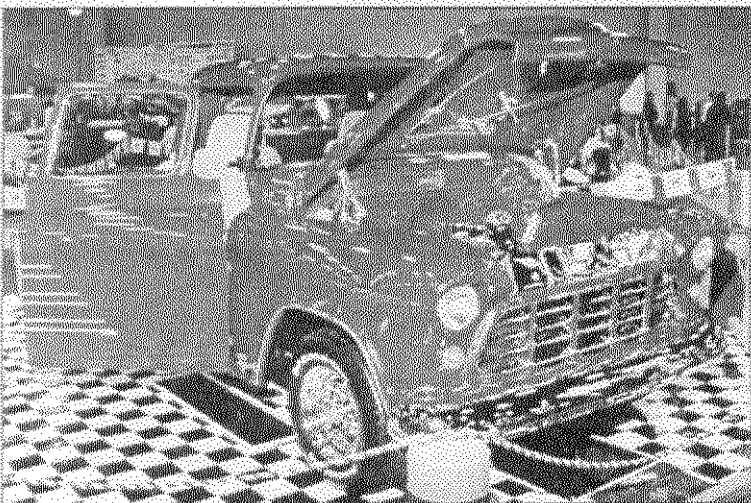
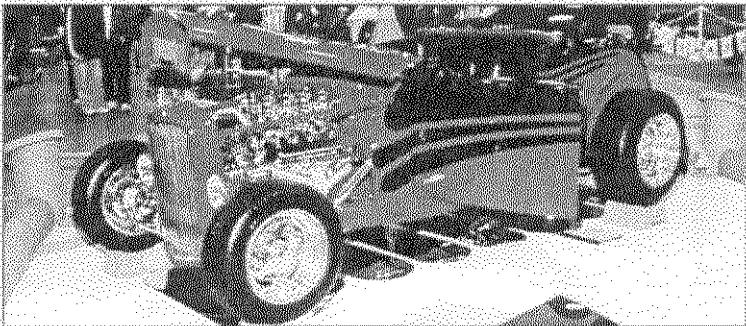
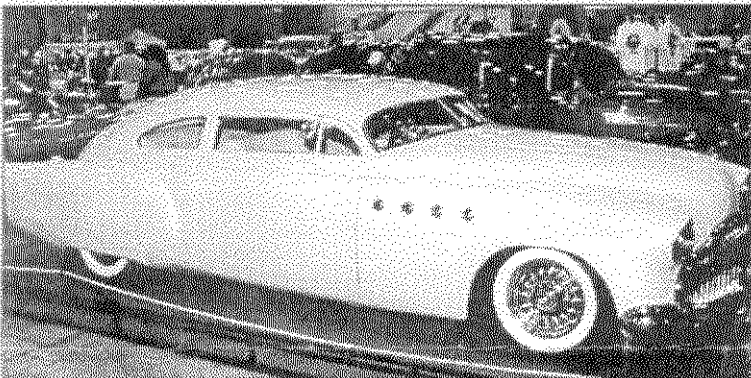
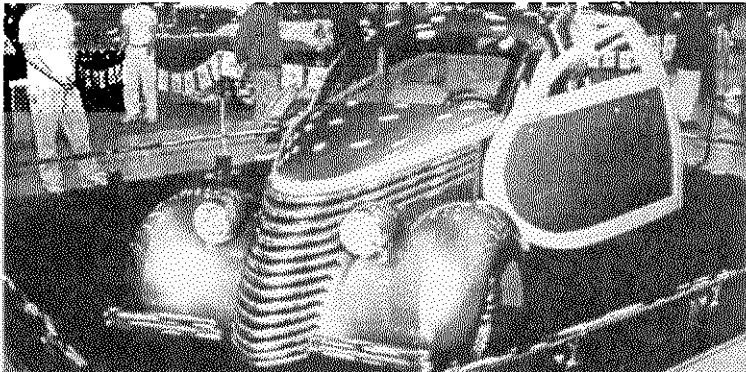
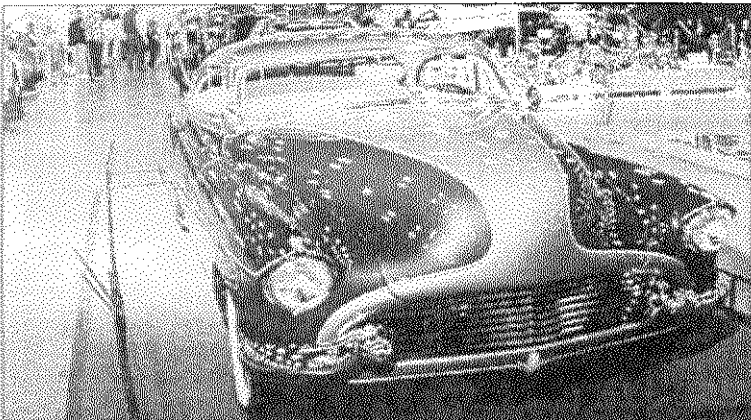


The club had a prime location in the exhibit hall.



Here are three of the Starbird attendees. Shown above is Richard Bahr. He took the photos on this page and page 5. He also coordinated the club's display. One question. Who took the photo? At left is Web Master Keith marang. At right is CCI State Rep. Mel Harris.

Starbird has a habit of drawing the best





Cruisin' the Coast COCCC style

Tom Cruise and Tom Hanks don't need to worry about these "actors" at a recent COCCC meeting. David Reeds and Rodney Duerksen presented a skit to show the membership what happened during the 1999 version of Cruisin' the Coast in Mississippi. Rain played a very large part in the activities as is illustrated by the umbrellas. Despite almost continual cloudbursts a fun time was had by all. Members are already planning for the 2000 version of Cruisin' the Coast. It is rumored that every other car in the caravan will be required to carry an inflatable life raft.



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Next meeting:

The next COCCC meeting is at Lake Draper Marina, 2 p.m., Sun. Feb 13, 2000. J.D. Clemmons made the arrangements. We understand they serve food. Keep in mind a Valentine's Day theme and act accordingly

**Sunday, 2 p.m.
Feb. 13**

Important things to know

► Plans are being made for our Fall Foliage Cruise for November 10-12, 2000 at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge — 12 miles Northwest of Mena, Ark., For Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11, 12. Rooms will be held until Oct. 1 at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge.

Breakdown of the rooms is as follows:

6 singles @ \$57.00

18 doubles @ \$67.00

6 king size @ \$67.00

There are only 5 smoking rooms.

Be sure to ask for the Dallas Area Classic Chevy rate as rooms at these rates are available only through the Dallas Area Classic Chevy Club. 1-800-264-2477 or (501) 394-2863.

This is a change from previous information. Only recently were rooms made available on the Friday night.