

The Dashboard

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No Valet Parking?



A Short Story

(As told to Mel Harris
by Tom Linn)

We went to Meers and then Medicine Park on April 11, 2009. Hope you also enjoy the pictures I took. The End. (Tom said thanks for reading his masterpiece and looking at the photographs).

The most interesting thing Tom Linn saw all day long.

Now, the Real Story

By Mel Harris

I believe Tom was a bit brief with his words above, so I'll add some of my own thoughts to make it a little more interesting. During the Street Rod Show, someone mentioned being hungry for a hamburger from Meers. So, on Saturday morning the 11th of April, a group with seven classic cars and one civilian car met in Tuttle to begin the trip. We took the back roads and after arriving home discovered our food adventure had covered approximately 200 miles, just to consume a burger and some cobbler. Luckily we arrived early enough to be seated immediately and did not have to wait long for our artery clogging meals to arrive.

After the food had been inhaled, all but three drove to Medicine Park and tried to walk off some calories and see the sights. The men enjoyed the peace and quiet of being on our own, as the women sped from shop to shop seeking



bargains. While walking around we came upon a metal sculpture of a buffalo. It absolutely fascinated Tom Linn and after 20 minutes we'd seen enough and were literally forced to drag him away. In fact, he was still screaming, hollering and upset when we reunited with the wives. (Strange man!) Soon it was time to head home, all the while enjoying fresh air, sunshine, very little wind and the sound of glass pack mufflers. Those making the trip were, Tracy Bugg, Rodney & Martha Duerksen, Rudy & Gloria Escalera, Mel & Rustyne Harris, Tom & Teresa Linn, Larry & Annette Myers, True & Sherry Osborn and the civilian car containing David & Linda Reed. Let's hope my version was a little more entertaining for you.

Where's the beef?



On Our Own and Wives Nowhere in Sight



Distinct Absence of Any Golden Arches



Teresa Wondering What Tom Will Do Next to Embarrass Her



What! No Chopsticks or Rice!

Dinner Cruise For Chicken

By Mel Harris

On the fourth Saturday of April, Mark Houser, driving his 1965 Corvette with the top down, lead us out Northwest Highway to the town of Okarche. Behind him was a 49 Chevy, two 55s, three 56's, three 57's and a new Dodge Challenger. Except for some heavy traffic and wind, it was a pleasant drive and all 21 seemed hungry when we pulled up in front of Eischen's. If you like chicken and have never eaten there, my advice is get that classic out and make the trip. Once there, you have two choices. Either fill your belly or eat a little less, then wrap your leftovers in foil, take them home and enjoy them the next day. The food is plentiful and quite reasonable in my opinion. Good choice Mark!!

One thing I did not mention earlier is the following piece of information. Mark Houser, just hours before the cruise started, had just taken delivery of a brand new, 425 horsepower, Challenger. Did he drive it to Okarche? No, he permitted a high school student, with a smile on his face, to have that honor. Mark is the proud owner of quite a few nice cars and willingly shares them with the younger generation. Seeing a teenager behind the wheel, enjoying one of his cars is quite common. My hat is off to him for being so kind and allowing others to have the experience of a lifetime.

Quotes, Jokes, and Other Page Filler

I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.

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You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

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The National Transportation Safety Board recently divulged they had covertly funded a project with US Chevy Clubs for the past five years. Black boxes had been secretly inserted in hot rod Tri-5's in an effort to determine, in steel-mangling wrecks, the circumstances in the last 15 seconds before the crash. It turns out that in 47 of the 50 states the last words of drivers in 61.2 percent of the crashes were, "Oh, Sh __!"

Only the states of South Carolina, Arkansas, and Oklahoma were different, where over 89.3 percent of the final words were: "Hold my beer and watch this!"

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If all the Chevy's in the United States were placed end-to-end...  
it would probably be Memorial Day Weekend...

Have a great Memorial Day weekend and we'll see you at our show!

## Drivin' Songs

By Mel Harris

This story got it's beginning somewhere around 1956 or a couple of years later. It's a summer Saturday morning in West Virginia and we're listening to the radio on our small front porch. Music was changing then, as Elvis and others awakened our generation to the new Rock n' Roll sound. While sitting there, not doing chores for some reason, a family cousin pulled up in front of the house. This man had a fondness for the Buick nameplate and this car spoke volumes about him, the brand and the times. It was a two door hardtop and was one of those that came from the factory painted in three different colors. Of course it had lots of chrome and was a car that definitely caught your eye. Plus, as he said, it would just float down the highway at higher speeds.

Our visitor walked up the sidewalk and onto the porch and heard what was on the radio. After a moment he said "now that's a drivin' song" and for the life of me, I can't remember what was playing. As he went on to explain, certain tunes just make you want to press the accelerator pedal a little farther toward the floor. I think he was saying they stir your soul and for an instant, hearing a particular song, while gradually increasing your speed is all that matters at the time. He mentioned traveling quite often, in his Buick, at speeds around 80 or 90 mph, which, in that part of the country was pretty risky. You see, the roads were two lane, which had been carved over, around and through the mountains, with a speed limit of 55 mph and that was if they were paved. Drive any faster than that and you were asking for trouble.

As the years passed and I began driving, his words stuck in my brain and still do even today. I'm not a music major but it's my belief it has something to do with the beat or an ever increasing tempo. Certain songs just get that right foot exerting more pressure and the car moving a little faster. Try some of these recorded in the 50's and 60's for yourself and feel free to add songs from the music you enjoy.

Hot Rod Lincoln = Recorded by Charlie Ryan in 1955 (Released in 1957)

Thunder Road = Recorded by Robert Mitchum in 1958

Rebel Rouser = Recorded by Duane Eddy in 1958

Rt. 66 Theme = Recorded by Nelson Riddle in 1960

Wipe Out = Recorded by the Surfaris in 1963

Maybelline = Recorded by Johnny Rivers in 1964

Little GTO = Recorded by Ronny and the Daytonas in 1964

We've Got To Get Out Of This Place = Recorded by the Animals in 1965

Paint It Black = Recorded by the Rolling Stones in 1966

Reach Out I'll Be There = Recorded by the Four Tops in 1966

Na Na Hey Hey = Recorded by Steam in 1969

In The Year 2525 = Recorded by Zager and Evans in 1969

So, if it's a sunny day or moonlit night, on a long stretch of deserted highway, see what happens to your right foot if a favorite song is playing on the radio. I'll bet the heart beats a little faster, the white lines get smaller and the scenery becomes a blur. Something tells me our resident retired law enforcement club member

might not agree with the things I said in this article. Even those officers still working will probably frown upon such action. In fact, they may have a radar trap set up as you pass through their section of highway. Be forewarned, you may look up and see a policeman rapidly gaining on you, lights flashing, with his favorite song, listed below, blasting on the radio while giving chase to you.

1, 2, 3 Red Light = Recorded by the 1910 Fruitgum Company in 1968..

Now crank up the volume, watch for the black and white units, drive safely and join us for the next meeting. It will be held in Guthrie, at the OHRA Car Show, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May which is a Saturday. Those wanting to travel in a group on that day need to meet at the Braum's, located on 15<sup>th</sup> and I-35 in Edmond at 8:00 am. Estimated starting time for the meeting should be around 1:00-1:30 pm, depending on how long our feeding frenzy lasts!! Also, Pat Harrington, of the "Two Pats" cooking duo, has requested that he be allowed to cook for us at this event, instead of our show, which is later in the month. Therefore, the only thing you need to bring to Guthrie, is your car and a covered dish or a dessert.

One final thought. During our last meeting, I made a mistake by not introducing our new editor (at least temporarily) for the Dashboard. Her name is Susan Grove and I offer my sincerest apologies. **As always, the person doing this job needs articles and pictures. Please help keep our newsletter entertaining by sharing anything you might have that would be of interest to the club.**

Mel Harris

President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                    |                                                                                                                                                              |
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| May 8 - 10, 2009   | Lone Star XXV Show in Dallas, TX Contact DACCC                                                                                                               |
| May 9, 2009        | OHRA Brown Bag Show, Guthrie, OK                                                                                                                             |
| May 30, 2009       | Cruise to the Park car show. COCCC hosts.<br>Info 1-405-340-5796 Larry                                                                                       |
| June 14            | Monthly meeting at Coit's NW 50 <sup>th</sup> & Portland 3:00 p.m.                                                                                           |
| June 20, 2009      | Car Show at Steak 'n Shake (see flyer)                                                                                                                       |
| June 21, 2009      | Car Show; food and drinks furnished, live music, carnival, <i>No Charge!</i><br>12:30 – 6 p.m. at Lakeside Assembly Church NW 122 <sup>nd</sup> and Rockwell |
| July 12, 2009      | Monthly meeting; same time and place as June 14                                                                                                              |
| July 12 - 16, 2009 | Chevrolet Nomad Association annual meeting and show<br>Boise, ID                                                                                             |

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE OR OTHER SHOWS,  
PLEASE REFER TO YOUR COPY OF THE 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
PUBLISHED BY OKLAHOMA HOT ROD ASSOCIATION.**

## CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB

### APRIL 5, 2009

President Mel Harris welcomed everyone and leads members in the pledge of Allengence.

Rodney & Martha were still helping at the fairgrounds with Street Rods. Rodney sends a big Thank You to everyone who gave their time to help and work.

We had one guest. Bill Overall met Shane at the Hot Rod Show and invited Shane to our meeting. Shane has a 1956 wagon.

**Happy Birthday to:** Peggy Bogardus, Sherry Osborn, Mike Rhoades, and Rosemary Watson.

Mel spoke to Mahala Jones and said that David is doing well. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed.

Rustyne Harris gave the treasurer's report. "Get Well Peggy" Gloria E. motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Rudy E. seconded, members passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

At our May car show, club members will be given a ticket for a hamburger at Two Pats. Members will bring chips, salad, desserts etc. Members are asked to wear their badge and club shirt on this day.

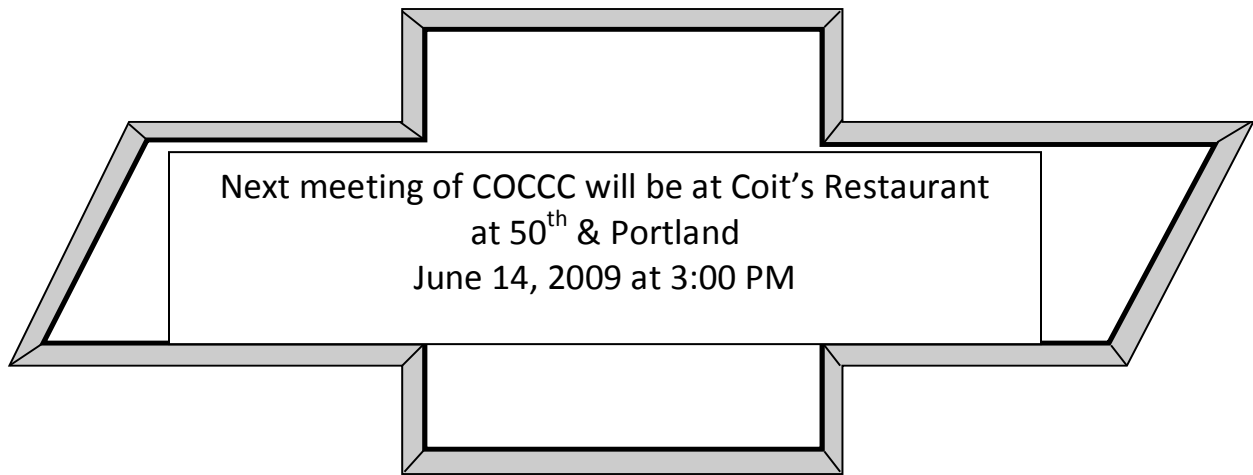
OHRA Show in Guthrie, May 9, 2009. Members will meet at Brums in Edmond, I-35 and 15th. Meeting at 8 am and leaving at 8:30 am. Our May meeting will be held there and will start at 1:30 pm.

Meeting at Coilt's on June 14 and July 12, 2009.

August meeting at the home of Tracy & Irene Bugg. We will have dinner their. You will get more details from your callers.

Trophes for our car show are done. Larry wanted to acknowledge to the members that the trophy cost was covered by Mark Houser. Thank You Mark from all the members. Next committee will be at the park in Edmond on April 22, 2009. We are asking every member to help work at the car show. Please look over the list and sign to work. Members were ask to distribute flyers.

David and Louise went to eat at Steak N Shake in Edmond. While there they ask to leave some car show flyers. The manger asked question on putting on a show and would like to have a car show on June 13, 2009. Members were asked if we would like



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