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Dues

\$10.00 per family per year plus \$1.00 per month dues.

Road Rally Review

It was a hot, hot Sunday afternoon, the 27th of June when the Classic Chevy Club got together for their second road rally. There was a total of 10 Classics represented and one prospective member also ran the course with us. The course began at Venture parking lot which I failed to tell everyone in the last newsletter and there was some confusion as to where we were starting from. I apologize for this mistake but at the same time I also feel that if anyone was really interested to compete all they had to do was pick up the phone and call me to find out where it started. I was disappointed that only 10 cars showed up for this rally as I thought it was a good one and the weather was nice and sunny although hot. I think we could have made a better showing than this if we had really tried. Anyway, enough of this serious business, lets get on with the results. The rally was scored on points only and there was only a nine point difference between first and last place. We had a tie for first place between Karl & Shirley Close and Bob & Paula Alford and family. To break the tie it was decided to have these guys draw a card and the high card won first place with the other guy taking second. Well, the cards were apparently leaning in favor of Karl that day because he drew the high card just as he had done at checkpoint one. (He drew a joker then which was considered the highest card in the deck.) So it was first place to Karl and Shirley, second place to Bob and Paula and a very close third place to Pat and Dorcas Sears who finished only two points behind first and second place.

Dash placques were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and everyone that started the rally finished it and had a good time. There seemed to be only two problems arise during the rally one being the fact that some dummy decided to confiscate an old sign off the side of an old abandoned feed store right in the middle of our rally. The sign, of course, was the answer to one of the questions on the rally sheet. The other problem occurred when Joe McCracken was tooling down the road in his '55 when his car got in a fight with a lawnmower and the car came out the loser. In plain English that means Joe just happened to be going by when this man's lawnmower threw a rock and put a chip and small dent in Joe's otherwise flawless paint job. Thats whats called being in the wrong place at the wrong time! All in all though, I think most everyone enjoyed themselves and I would like to thank Don White, Vernon Leppert and Sam Randolph and their better halves for helping out at the checkpoints and also thank everyone else that showed up and ran.

Classic Chevy Club Nationals

As most everyone knows the Nationals begin next Monday July 19, 1976. There are several people going at different times and I would just like to say that Larry & Cindy Clark and Pam and I are heading out about 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning for Tulsa and if anyone thats going down Sunday wants to caravan along, you're more than welcome. Just give Larry or myself a call and we'll set up a meeting place before then.

The Meeting

A club meeting was held Sunday July 11, 1976 at Phelps Grove and several things were discussed. Vice President Paula Alford presided over the meeting again as President Tom Miller was absent. The upcoming campout was further discussed and the date was definitely set up for the 24th and 25th of July at Cape Fair Campgrounds. There will be a barbeque on Sunday afternoon and if anyone wants to come down just for the barbeque you're welcome. If you're pretty sure you're going to camp out Saturday nite the 24th please let Keith Watson know and he will try to reserve you a campsite as he is going down on the 23rd (Friday nite). By the way, if you are going down for the barbeque you have to furnish your own stuff to eat.

A call was thrown out for something the club could do in August and it was decided to have a miniature golf nite on Tuesday August 3, 1976 at the miniature golf course on East Division near the old airport. They also have batting cages and go-karts so come on out and have some fun, whatdaya say?

Saturday August 14, 1976 is the date we decided to have a car wash and bake sale to raise money for the club treasury. We don't have details as of yet as to where it will be so there will be more on this at one of our next meetings.

Elections

Election of club officers will be at our next regular meeting which will be on Sunday August 1, 1976 at Phelps Grove Park at 4:00 p.m. Everyone in the club should be getting a newsletter this time whether your dues are paid up or not because we want everyone to know about the elections so please come out and vote. It will be a closed ballot type election so there will be no embarrassment and no hard feelings to anyone. This is very important to our club so be there!

Muscular Dystrophy Auto Show

Its only about a month and a half till Springfield sees probably the biggest car show its ever had and tickets were handed out at the last club meeting for everyone to sell. Of course the amount of tickets that we sell is either going to make this car show a success or a big flop. Its up to you. If you've decided you're gonna sell those tickets and have a positive attitude about it then I say more power to ya and when you sell out, come back and ask for more cause thats the name of this game. On the other hand, if you've got a negative attitude about it, and you sit around on your dead can and don't try to sell any, then I think thats a damn shame because its for such a worthy cause and there is really no good excuse for not supporting it. Each club has been issued 1000 tickets to sell and we hope we have to ask for more, so if you missed the last meeting and need some tickets to sell, contact Bob Alford because he is in charge of issuing them out. They only cost \$1.00 and is a bargain thats hard to beat. Where else can you go to a car show for \$1.00 and see a minimum of 100 cars on display as well as live bands, door prizes, and other attractions?

There has been a little confusion on the part of some people about the tickets themselves. When you sell a ticket, fill out the stub on the left side completely and keep it along with their dollar. Give the person you're selling to the long portion of the ticket only. Turn in the stub with your money as this stub will be used when drawing names for door prizes. We hope to have 20 good door prizes to give away; one every half hour during the show. Each car entered in the show will receive a dash placque indicating he was a participant. If you wish to show your car please let Tom Miller or Bobby Goss know as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the last minute because we need to know how much space we will require.

Tidbits

Our Sarge of Arms, Jerry Fields, has recently been released from the hospital after an operation. Its good to see ya thrashin around again Jerry! Hope you're feeling OK.

Congratulations are in order to Sam Randolph and Linda Cantrell on their upcoming marriage July 20, 1976 in Las Vegas. After that they will be residing in Hollister, Missouri. Best Wishes and many happy years together.

Bowling Party

On Saturday nite July 10, 1976 about 20 people of the Classic Chevy Club met at Battlefield Lanes bowling establishment for an evening of fun. It was men vs. the women and rumor has it that the women won but that cannot be verified at this writing. Sam Randolph had the highest game at 245 but this editor will not mention who had the low games. All in all everyone had a good time. Afterwards most everyone had refreshment at the Safari Room.

Car on the Month

This months feature car belongs to two of the newer members of our club, Randy and Barbara Allison of Springfield. The car is a '55 two door 210 sedan painted beige with a blue top. It is all original and powered by the old reliable six cylinder. Randy found the car in Purdy, Missouri, on a car lot where it had been for the past couple of years and was formerly owned by an honest to goodness, genuine, real life, little old lady. We don't know if this little old lady was from Pasadena or not but evidently she took good care of her car because it looks to be in fine shape today. Since buying the car in May of 76 for \$850.00 Randy and Barbara have had a little bad luck with their '55 but it isn't the cars fault. It seems they were out driving around in it one evening when Randy and Barbara found themselves the target of a water balloon thrown by a bunch of kids with nothing better to do apparently than tear up people's cars. The water balloon landed square in the windshield thus quickly eliminating one good windshield. But, thats not all! After having the windshield replaced with a brand new one, Randy walked out to his garage one morning only to find a large crack in the new windshield too. Randy and the glass company are still trying to figure that one out. Anyway, the glass people are going to replace that one too so maybe one of these days Randy and Barbara will have a good windshield.

Randy plans to maintain and restore the car to original condition including the seats which he has bought some NOS material for already. At any rate, it looks like a fine car and we're glad to have these two as new members of our club, broken windshield and all!

Calendar of Events

July 19-22 Classic Chevy Club Nationals , Tulsa , Oklahoma
July 24-25 Campout and barbeque - Cape Fair
August 1st Meeting and Election of Officers - Phelps Grove Park
August 3rd Miniature golf and go-kart nite - Mini Golf on East Division Street
August 14th Car Wash and Bake Sale location undetermined
August 29th M.D. Car Show - Mercantile Parking Garage
Sept. 3-6 Classic Chevy Club Regionals - Kansas City

Parts Wanted

Tail light rims for '55 Chevy Bob Alford 869-8933

Rear fender spears for '55 Chevy Belair Don White 887-4750

Drivers side tail light housing for '57 Chevy; Long chrome side mouldings for
rear fenders of '57 Chevy two door (no dings) Bobby Goss 869-5208.

Parts for Sale

4 new Camaro rally wheels 14 inch Bob Alford 869-8933

One nice used tail light housing for '56 Chevy passenger side \$15.00

One set paint dividers for '56 Chevy two-ten (nice) \$4.00

One mint used drivers side door spear for '57 Chevy 150 series two door \$4.00

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Classic Chevy Club Nationals

How does a person begin to describe in writing all the beautiful 55-56-57 Chevys that converged on Tulsa, Oklahoma the week of July 19th? If you appreciate these cars at all, all I can say is, you should have been there! There were Chevys from mild to wild including 100% bone stock original, to far out, modified, chrome plated, twelve second street machines and all in between. If its possible to fall in love with a car I guess thats what happened to me when I walked by a certain gold '55 Chevy two door that featured a complete chromed Corvette independent rear suspension, chromed front suspension, hand rubbed undercarriage (which matched the color of the car), custom interior, small block Chevy engine with much chrome topped off with fuel injection. Now that is a car!

The first day of the Nationals was scheduled for the swap meet and registration. Everyone that drove or trailered their Classic was assigned a numbered parking spot for the entire week to save confusion. After registration the President and officers gave the welcome speech and tuned everyone in as to what would happen and when, with the first item on the agenda being the big swap meet. At one o'clock everyone began selling and buying parts like little old ladies at a hat sale; money was flowing freely as there were bunches and bunches of beautiful parts for sale. Some were priced reasonable and others were in the "if you have to ask you can't afford it" price range.

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I know of one '57 grille bar that sold for \$150.00 because the guy that sold it was right next to me.

The swap meet continued till 6 P.M. that evening and around 8 P.M. we saw promotional films on the 55 - 56 Chevys including Pikes Peak Hill climb which was won in 1956 by Chevrolet. After the films were over, the officers held a meeting with all the prospective judges for the show and shine contest on Tuesday. Vernon Leppert, Larry Clark and myself were all three judges and speaking for myself, it was quite an experience judging those cars. Tuesday evening we were promised a full length feature motion picture in the banquet hall but the officers wouldn't tell anyone what the film was going to be. They just promised us it would be good and we wouldn't want to miss it. They weren't lying because it turned out to be "American Graffiti"! What other film would fit the occasion so well?

Tuesday afternoon marked the day for the "Streetskana" event which was held at one of the local schools parking lot. A course was laid out with pylons and hay bales and the object of course was to drive the course as quickly as possible without knocking over any pylons or moving any hay bales. It sounds easy but it wasn't. Take my word for it because I tried it three times without much success but it was a lotta fun. There was good participation in this event as there was in all the events during the convention. Even one of the patrolmen for the Tulsa Police Dept. gave the streetskana a go in his squad car with lights and siren blazing! He would have had a good elapsed time too until he got screwed up and ran off the course. He was a good sport though to give it a try.

Wednesday afternoon was the club picnic held at Chandler Park in Tulsa and Wednesday nite was drag race nite at Tulsa International Speedway. Most everyone looked forward to this event and the participation was fantastic. The drags were open only to 55-56 and 57 Chevys of the National club with close to a hundred cars taking it down the strip. You've probably heard the saying, "'Old Chevys don't die, they just go faster." Well, thats the way it was that night as there were several street driven 13 second Chevys and even a few 12 second wheelstanders. Some guys just took it easy down the strip and others let it all hang out in banzi fashion. I guess I was some where in between those catagories as I came off the line easy and then dropped the hammer. I guess I'm no threat to Don Garlits but I enjoyed it just as much as he does!

Thursday was set aside for the technical/business meeting and Thursday nite was the banquet and trophy presentatin. Pam and I had to leave that day so I don't know who the winners were yet but it will all be released in the national club magazine next month. Those people in attendance at the convention from our club were, Vernon and Sharlett Leppert, Larry and Cindy Clark, Bobby and Pam Goss, Joe McCracken, Randy Allison and Kenny Hurley. I would like to say a few words about the Natinal club if I may. I have been a member for almost a year and a half and I think it is a well organized, worthwhile club to be in that is growing everyday by leaps and bounds, with a membership of around 3500 in just its second year of existence. If you are not in this club, I think you're missing out on a valuable piece of literature as they put out a fine color magazine every month loaded with parts sources, cars, technical advice, and many other pieces of information regarding 55-56-57 Chevys. It is a club thats dedicated to preserving the

best three years of Chevys ever made and to help obtain new parts from General Motors so that we can do just that. If you're really in to 55-56 and 57 Chevys and you're not a member yet of the national club, think about it. Or ask anyone in our club who is in the national club and I'm sure they will tell you its a pretty good deal.

The Meeting

Sunday, August 1, 1976, a meeting was held at Phelps Grove Park for the purpose of electing officers for our next year. The voting was held with closed ballots and the meeting was opened by President Tom Miller and closed by the new President Joe McCracken. The elections went along pretty smooth and the results are printed on the first page of this newsletter. I hope everyone will rally around our new officers and give them your support. They can't do it alone and the more participation and help they get the better things will be for all of us as a club. There seems to be a general lack of interest on the part of about 75% of this club. It seems that when volunteers are called for to help out on a project there are a lot of people who would rather just "let somebody else do it." Well, "somebody else" can't do it all, and when 25% of the membership does 100% of the work load while the other 75% set on their can and reap the benefits, something is wrong. A club such as this is supposed to be something that is fun and enjoyed by all members but when a small portion of the membership has to work so hard that it isn't fun anymore and just a big hassle, thats when the club starts going downhill. If everybody will participate and do their share then everyone can enjoy the club. It was decided at the August 1st meeting to postpone the bake sale and car wash which had been scheduled for Saturday August 14th until sometime after the upcoming M.D. car show on the 29th.

Mini golf and go-kart nite

Tuesday August 3, marked the date for the miniature golf and go-kart night at the mini-golf course on East Division street with a good turn out from the club to see how good (or bad) they were at putting what used to be called a golf ball in the hole but which has been renamed by several of the members as "that dirty @#&*%\$ little round @#&*%\$ ball? We never did determine just who had the best or the worst score and even if we did determine who had the worst score we would be hesitant to say because we would like to live a little longer. All we can say is that Jack Nicklaus has nothing to worry about right now. Joe McCracken was having a rough time convincing Nancy that he had beat her by one point because Nancy thought that the higher the number your score was the better the game you had. Sorry Nancy, it just isn't that way! After mastering the 18th hole everyone decided to give it a whirl on the go-kart track. Unfortunately there were only seven go-karts so everyone couldn't go at one time, so seven of the guys rode first. You would have thought they were racing in the Indy 500 as the competition was fierce among six of the karts with Earl Morgan riding what appeared to be the dud of the bunch because just about everyone lapped him at least twice. But after switching karts on his next ride and getting the same results in speed we decided that whn you're as big as Earl is, those little go karts just don't have the horses to push you around very fast, right Earl?

The next race was a powderpuff with all the karts being ridden by the girls with the exception of one which was chauffeured by Bill Huyett who got left out on the first ride. Bill tried to make like Larry Phillips and pass them all but never did get by a couple of them. It seems that every time Bill passed one of the girls on a curve they would scream and get all bent out of shape. It was almost as much fun watching the girls ride as it was to ride them ourselves. Anyhow, everyone seemed to have a blast and we had a pretty good turnout with about 20 or so members showing up.

Muscular Dystrophy Car Show

Time is drawing near for the big car show on the 29th to benefit M.D. and we would just like to remind you to sell as many tickets as possible and turn the money and ticket stubs in to Bob Alford as soon as you can. Advertising should be breaking out in the media anytime now so it should be easier to sell tickets once the people start hearing about it. We did have a setback on our plans to furnish everyone participating in the show a dash plaque. It seems that no one wanted to donate them to us so it was mentioned that we might wait until after the car show and order the amount of plaques we need with everyone that wanted one to pay for his own plaque. They shouldn't cost more than \$.75 to a dollar maximum a piece and the more thats ordered the cheaper they will be.

Car of the Month

Soon to be running around on the streets of Springfield will be one of the sharper 55 Chevys around and it will be chauffeured by Don White. The car is still incompleted at this time but Don is working on it and hunting parts for it every chance he gets. He hopes to have it on the streets and completed in a couple of months and from what I've seen of the car so far it should be as nice as any of them. The car is a two door Belair sedan which has just recently been painted by our Prez., Joe McCracken, who also sold the car to Don. The paint scheme is white over black and Don plans to install a black interior with '67 Chevy bucket seats and console and black cut pile carpeting. He is in the process of rewiring the underdash at this time which is no easy task in itself.

The car currently is powered by a 283 cu. in. engine and 3 speed trans but Don expects to install a 327 hooked to a 4 speed very soon.



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Other plans call for a rechromed bumpers both front and rear and Cragar SS wheels with radial tires. Knowing the quality of cars Don has driven in the past we're sure he will have another nice one when he gets through with his '55 and we'll look forward to seeing it on the streets and I'm sure it will be an asset to our club.

Members Comments

Brenda Miller wishes to thank all club members for the flowers that were sent to her from the club during her recent stay in the hospital. We all hope you're doing OK Brenda.

Bob Goss has been put in charge of recruiting volunteers for the purpose of selling tickets at the gate during the car show. Volunteers shouldn't have to spend more than two hours at the gate if we have enough help. If you want to help out a little contact Bob as soon as possible. By the way, it is suggested that everybody "show your colors" by wearing your club tee shirt at the car show.

August 15th Meeting

At approximately 4:00 p.m., President Joe McCracken brought our latest meeting to order at Phelps Grove Park and several things were voted on and passed. Among these things were: 1) Annual dues of \$15.00 per year coming due at the time of your yearly anniversary with the club. No monthly dues involved. This way everyone will either be in the club or out. Nobody will be behind in their dues. 2) You will not have to join the national Classic Chevy Club in order to belong to this local club. However, this will more than likely mean our club can no longer be considered a local chapter of the national club since they require all local chapters to be 100% members of C.C.C. 3) Anyone who is in our club now but is behind in their monthly dues must pay their dues up to date along with their \$15.00 dues for their following years membership or they will not be allowed to stay in the club. 4) Club meetings will now be held once a month on the last Sunday in each Month subject to change when necessary. This of course eliminates the every other week meetings. The meets will be held in the same place (Phelps Grove) and at the same time as always (4:00 P.M.) 5) The club voted to purchase a club banner with funds from our treasury unless we can get a sponsor to donate one to us. We will try to have a banner by the date of the M.D. car show so we can display it there. 6) It was decided to hold a special meeting of all club members who have signed an entry sheet to show their car in the M.D. car show at Sambo's on North Glenstone on August 26th at 8:00 P.M. which is a Thursday nite. It is important that you be there to iron out last minute details and to turn in your money from your ticket sales as this date is only three days before the car show. If you can't be there try to send someone in your place. 7) It was also voted on and passed to authorize Bob Goss to rent a typewriter for the purpose of getting the newsletter typed up each month. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 P.M.

Parts Wanted

Frot and rear bumpers for '55 Chevy passenger car. Must be in good shape. Don White 887-4750.

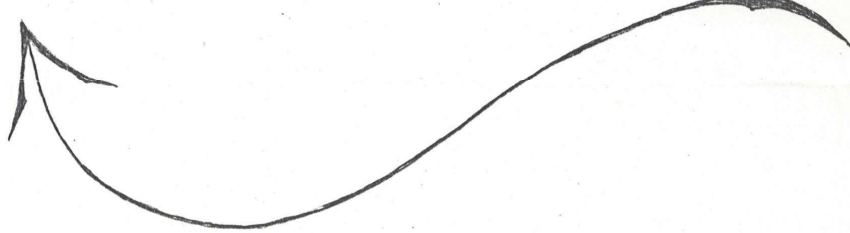
Ads wanted for this column and for sale column. Contact Bob Goss 869-5208.

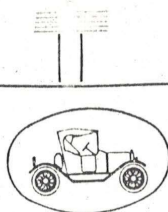
Parts For Sale

1957 Chevy 283 engine, complete with powerglide transmission. Contact Jack Dalton (non-member) 865-6868.



REMEMBER!!! Meeting August 26th 8:00 P.M. Sambo's on Glenstone.





Ozark Antique Auto Club 9TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET

AUGUST 21, 22, 1976

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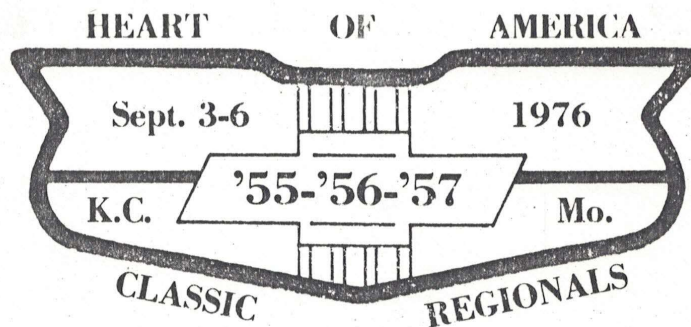
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HEART OF AMERICA CLASSIC REGIONALS

The Heart of America Chevy Owners of the Greater Kansas City area and the Classic Chevy Club nation wide are co-hosting a Classic Regionals at Kansas City Marriott Hotel, Kansas City International Airport, on the Labor Day weekend Sept. 3 to 6, 1976. This event is open to 1955-56-57 chevys, all body styles, plus pickup and corvette.

REGIONALS ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY SEPT. 3 - Registration will begin at 6:00 P.M. in the tent at lakeside.

SATURDAY SEPT. 4 - Final registration at 9:00 A.M., morning will then be open for cleaning of cars and getting acquainted. Swap meet starts at 12:00 noon on the field near the parking lot. From 2:00 to 6:00 there will be fun and games including, creeper race, sparkplug changing contest, and a sack race. Dinner break will be at 6:00 with a street dance to follow at 9:00 P.M. lasting until 1:00 A.M. There will be a wet bar and a live band on the scene.

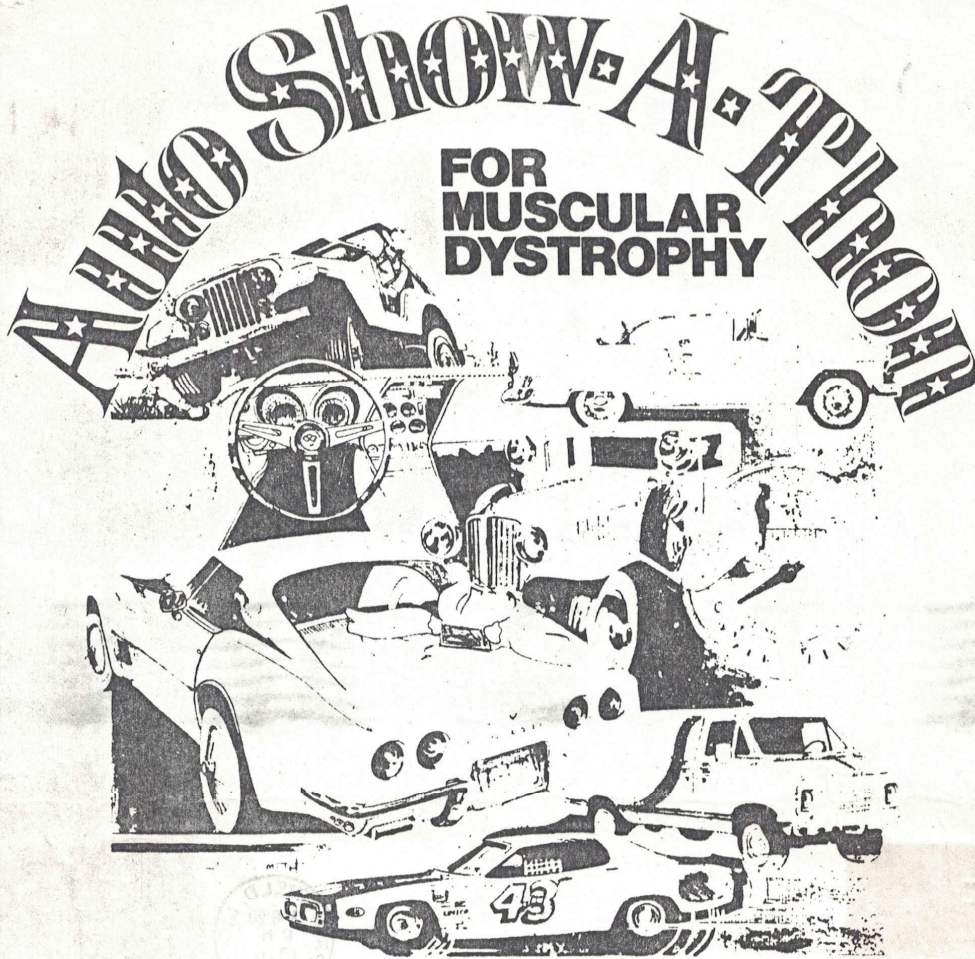
SUNDAY SEPT. 5 - From 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. there will be a car wash provided at the receiving dock. Judging of cars will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M. in the parking lot. 12:00 noon break for lunch. From 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. there will be activities with drivers and his or her car, to include the blind driver contest, tether pole, and tire change. 7:00 P.M. will be a barbeque at lakeside. Cost of barbeque is \$6.00 per person. Trophies will be presented at this time.

MONDAY SEPT. 6 - 8:00 A.M. a continental breakfast, with photos taken of all trophy winners.

Trophies will be presented for:

- Best 55-56-57 original (3 trophies)
- Best 55-56-57 modified (3 trophies)
- Best paint, Best interior, Best engine
- Best 55-56-57 pickup, Best overall pickup
- Peoples choice
- Plus dash plate, all trophies for the games will be homemade.

ENTRY FEE : NATIONAL CLUB MEMBERS -
\$10.00
NON-MEMBERS - \$25.00
WHICH INCLUDES ONE YEAR'S
MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL
CLUB.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 29
10 AM TO 8 PM

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Our Last Meeting

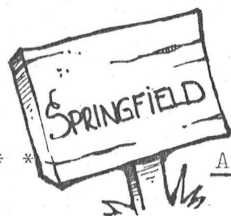


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Our last meeting, as most of you know, was held at Farm & Home Savings & Loan on the 26th of August to discuss final plans for the highly successful Muscular Dystrophy "Show-a-thon" of autos. At this meeting all tickets and money was to be turned in to Bob Alford for tabulation of advance ticket sales from our club which turned out to be in the vicinity of 960. I think that is outstanding myself, especially on the part of Bob Alford who sold a whopping 280 tickets to lead all individuals in the seven clubs represented. Bob was rewarded for his fine effort both by receiving his choice of one of the door prizes awarded at the show and by helping to present the check to M.D. on the telethon. Other information given to members attending this meeting was some of the door prizes that were to be given away and the request by Tom Miller for everyone that planned on showing their car to be at the parking garage no later than 8:30 Sunday morning.

A call was also sent out by Bob Goss for volunteers to work the ticket gate on show day and after a little boost by Bob Alford we gathered quite a few volunteers. A big thanks goes out to everyone that helped. Joe McCracken also informed us that Reliable Chevrolet has graciously consented to sponsor us again. Just how far they are willing to go on this hasn't been made clear to us as yet. But at least we will be given access to a meeting room for our winter meetings at their new 3655 South Campbell address. Our next meeting by the way will be on the 26th of September at 4:00 p.m. at Reliable.

The meeting was adjourned with most everybody looking forward to the M.D. Show on the 29th.



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Auto Show Supreme

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Springfield, Missouri has seen quite a few auto shows of one type or another in the last 15 to 20 years but I don't think any of them comes close to what was presented on Sunday August 29, 1976 at the Mercantile Bank parking garage. If you were a kid just old enough to know what a car was or you were old enough to be around when cars were started with a crank you would have appreciated this show because there was truly something for everybody that appreciates a four wheeled automobile. Plus the added attraction of rock bands, country & western singers, square dancers and even door prizes. I wish I could thank everybody that participated and helped out on this show but it would probably fill up my whole notebook and even then I'd probably leave someone out I shouldn't have so I'll just try to condense it by thanking the seven clubs that comprised the Inter City Motor Club Council. They were: Rod n Relics, Show-Me Vans, Ltd., Hole in the Road Gang, Studebaker Drivers Club, Vette Sette Corvette Club, Ozark Antique Auto Club and of course Classic Chevy Club of Springfield. The representatives of these various Springfield clubs had been meeting and planning this show for better than four months. I was at those meetings and if you didn't attend any of them then you probably can't fully appreciate all the planning and working it took to make this show a success. Each member of the Inter City Club Council deserves a lot of credit for pulling this thing off as does any one who helped out in any way at all.

The total tabulation of advance ticket sales and gate admission is still unknown because dollars are still trickling in from various sources but at last report the total was approaching \$5700.00!

There were 122 automobiles shown and you couldn't have picked a more beautiful day or a better place to have a car show in Springfield. It just goes to show you that even though Vanners are interested in Vans, Vettters are interested in Vettes, and we are interested in 55-57 Chevys and so forth, that we can all pull together when necessary and bring off a heck of a good show for a heck of a good cause without a lot of hassle between clubs. Springfield should be proud that it has this many auto clubs of this caliber and this many fine automobiles to put on display for such a worthy cause. I know I enjoyed it and I think most everyone else did too. By the way, the Inter City Club Council had a meeting on September 8, 1976 to decide on whether or not we would do it again next year. It was voted unanimously to do so with the approval of all the club members. So the "Council of Clubs" is willing, are you?



When the sun came peeking over the hill about 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning the 4th of September, four Classic Chevys left the Springfield city limits in a caravan headed northbound for Kansas City and the Central Regions Classic Chevy Club Regionals. The regionals were sponsored by the National Classic Chevy Club and hosted by the Heart of America Chevy Owners Chapter of Kansas City. Taking part in this northbound trek were Joe and Nancy McCracken, Bob and Pam Goss, Earl and Susie Morgan, and Bill and Jeannie Huyett and family. Prez Joe informed us that he thought the best route to take would be straight up 13 until we got to Warrensburg and then hang a left to big K.C. which is what we done. A minor pit stop was made in Warrensburg and then it was on to Lee's Summit where we lost Bill and Jeannie because they had to drop their kids off at Jeannie's sisters house for the weekend. After reaching the Marriott Hotel at Kansas City International Airport at about 11:00 a.m. we rolled in to find a parking lot full of 55 - 57 Chevys of

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all descriptions. It was apparent that we would have some stiff competition in the show n' shine portion of the program because there were some awfully nice cars there. By the end of the day there were over 100 cars in attendance including another Springfield club car owned by Randy and Barbara Allison who also joined us.

Most of the afternoon saw a swap meet take place with quite a few parts available for sale and the evening was topped off by a live band which played on the parking lot until the wee hours of Sunday morning. Sunday morning saw another Springfield club member, Bob Gilpin and his wife Gwen come rolling in in their '55 Chevy not to enter but just to "check things out." By 9:00 a.m. everyone was out shining and cleaning their cars in preparation for the show n' shine judging contest. Mother Nature had seen fit to sprinkle a few drops of rain sometime during the night just enough to mess up everybody's clean cars so there was a lot of last minute clean-ups before 9:00 a.m. when the judging began. Judging was over around 1:00 p.m. or so and after a quick picture taking spree Bill and Jeannie and Pam and I decided to head back for Springfield town while the rest decided to stick it out in K.C. until the awards were given that evening. And as it turns out, it's a good thing they did because Joe ended up winning third place in '55 original and Earl won third place in '56 original. That's something to be proud of because like I said, there were some nice cars at the show. Nice going guys!



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TidBits and Trivia

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Just in case you've ever wondered how many 55-56-57 Chevys including Corvettes but excluding trucks were built, the total comes to 4,803,395 give or take a few! The highest produced vehicle of all three years was the '55 Bel Air four door sedan and the least produced was the '55 Corvette with only 674 units being built. No wonder they're hard to find!

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Do the step sill plates on your two door 55-56-57 Chevy look like they've been run over by a herd of wild elephants and then pecked senseless with a ball peen hammer to boot? Well, even if they're not that bad but you would like to replace them anyway and you don't want to pay the going price of \$70.00 per set for some originals then you might consider shelling out a few dollars (considerably less than \$70) for a set of new step plates from a 1965 thru 1970 Chevy two door. With the exception of drilling some new mounting holes in your door sill these plates will drop right in and lood very nice. Just ask your friendly Chevrolet parts man for Group # 11.175 and part numbers 4474766 (right side); and 4474767 (left side).



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For Sale & Wanted

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For Sale or Trade - One used six cylinder hood emblem for '56 or '58 Chevy hood. Don White 887-4750.

Wanted - For '55 Chevy Belair two door Sedan.

- 1 - defroster arm
- 1 - NOS Park lite lens
- 2 - radio knobs (Belair)
- 1 - dome lite rim and lens
- 1 - back bumper
- 2 - bumper guards for front bumper

Don White 887-4750



 * "We could only be very lucky if all the
 * effort put forth to disrupt our club
 * could be used to help run it!"
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 * Don White
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DON'T FORGET...
 NEXT MEETING AT
 RELIABLE CHEVROLET
 SEPT. 26
 4:00PM