



CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB
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Bowtie Newsletter

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Editor's Notes

This month, Snoopy and Woodstock have some positive words for us to consider for 2021.



If they respect you, respect them. If they disrespect you, still respect them. Do not allow the actions of others to decrease your good manners, because you represent yourself, not others.

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Stay safe

Now back to the regularly scheduled newsletter.

Name the cars from Cars shown below.



Answer on Page 2

Groundhog Day – February 2, 2021

Groundhog Day falls on February 2 in the United States, coinciding with Candlemas. It is a part of popular culture among many Americans and it centers on the idea of the groundhog coming out of its home to “predict” the weather.

Is Groundhog Day a Public Holiday?

Groundhog Day is not a public holiday. Businesses have normal opening hours.

What Do People Do?

Groundhog Day is a popular observance in many parts of the United States. Although some states have in some cases adopted their own groundhogs, the official groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, lives at Gobbler’s Knob near Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The town has attracted thousands of visitors over the years to experience various Groundhog Day events and activities on February 2.

The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club plays an important role in organizing Groundhog Day in the town. Club members, news reporters, locals, and visitors meet at Gobbler’s Knob on February 2 each year to await Phil’s appearance and his weather prediction. Pennsylvania’s governor has been known to attend Groundhog Day ceremonies. Many weather researchers questioned the groundhog’s accuracy in predicting the weather, but some of the groundhog’s fans may not agree.

Public Life

Groundhog Day is an observance but it is not a public holiday in the United States. However, areas around parks and some streets may be busy or congested in towns, such as Punxsutawney, where Groundhog Day events are popular.

Roots in Nature

Thousands of years ago when animalism and nature worship were prevalent, people in the area of Europe now known as Germany believed that the badger had the power to predict the coming of spring. They watched the badger to know when to plant their crops. By the time the first German immigrants settled in Pennsylvania they probably understood that this was not true but the tradition continued.

Unfortunately, there were not many badgers in Pennsylvania so the groundhog was substituted for the badger. Tradition has it that if the groundhog sees its shadow on February 2 it will be frightened by it and will then return to its burrow, indicating that there will be 6 more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, then spring is on the way.

Punxsutawney Phil

Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day in the United States in the 1800s. The first official trek to Gobbler's Knob was made on February 2, 1887. It is said that Punxsutawney Phil (the groundhog) was named after King Phillip. He was called Br'er Groundhog prior to being known as Phil. Canada also celebrates Groundhog Day.

The movie "Groundhog Day" from 1993, starring comedian Bill Murray, made Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania famous worldwide. The film's plot added new meaning to the term "Groundhog Day" as something that repeats itself endlessly.

**From Timeanddate.com*

Don't Forget – April Meeting will Announced at a Later Date



The April, 2021, Classic Chevy Club Meeting date, time and venue will be announced at a later date.

Indian Hills Community Center Phunny Puns



February – March 2021 Recurring Events

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Dinner Out Night</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>Apr 2021</i>



Answer:
Bobby Swift is an American racing stock car. Between the 2000s to 2010s seasons of the Piston Cup Racing Series, he was a professional racer and member of Octane Gain Racing. During races, he held high positions and was known for his strategy of squeezing past his opponents at the last moment to win a race. He was good friends with Lightning McQueen, Cal Weathers and Brick Yardley. During the 2016 Piston Cup season, he was fired and replaced by Daniel Sweretz.
Voiced by Angel Oquendo

**Police came round last night
and told me my dogs were
chasing people on bikes.**

**My dogs don't even have
bikes.**

Classic Chevy Car Club Website Mission Statement & More

Mission Statement: The website centers on the membership, events, and member's cars. We hope that this approach will allow us to grow the club membership, maintain current traditions, and to use technology to assist us with improving communication to current and future members.

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From the Editor

The Bowtie Editor is always looking for ways to improve the format and content of the newsletter. Any comments are welcomed. News about past (participants/trophies) happenings, upcoming car shows, or events are certainly appreciated.

Special Editor Note: It is getting more and more difficult to keep track of local car show and events. Dates can be canceled, postponed, or moved with very little notice. Please let Melinda or me know of any changes you come across so we can keep the membership list up to date.

Thanks.

Ancestry at it Best



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Dog Talk



Website Updates

Our club newsletters are current through February, 2021. Membership Lists are current and are available in the website. The latest version of the list was emailed to the membership in November.

However, if you see something that should be changed or added, let the editor know.

The Bowtie editors will be starting to search for scheduled events in 2021. I have listed below what I have to date. Let me know if you come across any that are not listed

<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Branson Auction</i>	<i>Convention Center Branson, MO</i>	<i>16-Apr to 17-Apr</i>
<i>NSRA</i>	<i>Springfield, MO Ozark Empire Fairgrounds</i>	<i>28-May to 30-May</i>
<i>Birthplace of Rte. 66 Festival</i>	<i>Park Central Square, Springfield, MO</i>	<i>13-Aug to Aug 14</i>
<i>Goodguys</i>	<i>Ft Worth, TX</i>	<i>12-Mar to 14-Mar</i>

New Features for February:



- Classic Chevy Club Newsletter from December, 1977, that included articles about the club activities.
- No new photo albums were added for January.
- There were no new / revised flyers or 2020 notifications of events.

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Usually, on the email page, there is a link to the newsletter attachment. Links to car show flyers and to the Jan-Dec 2021 schedule that are in the club website photo album will be available in March.

West Plains Car Club 2021 Newsletter for February is available in the website.

Gretchen Richart

The obituary from Adams Funeral home in Nixa is copied here in its entirety.

Gretchen Richart, born Gretchen Louise Hanson, passed away, at age 90, Thursday, January 28, 2021. She was born June 18, 1930 in Kansas City, KS to Edwin and Hazel (Steele) Hanson. Gretchen graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1948. She married Harold Richart in 1950 celebrating 70 years of marriage.

Together they raised three beautiful children. R. Gene Richart, his wife Dianne of Nixa, LuAnne Baughman, her husband Wayne of Saddlebrooke, and Greg Richart of Nixa.

Being a Santa Fe Railroad family, they have lived in Oklahoma, Shawnee, KS, Table Rock Lake at Lampe and then settled in Nixa. There are six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren all of who brought her great joy.

Gretchen was a homemaker while her children were at home and later worked as a secretary for a heavy equipment sales company.

Gretchen is survived by her husband; her children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; a sister Wilma (Hanson) Neblock of Lee's Summit; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Gretchen is preceded in death by her parents; and siblings Edwin Hanson, Jr., Bob Hanson and Margaret McFadden.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Convoy of Hope P.O. Box 1125 Springfield, Missouri 65801.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Monday, February 1, 2021 in Adams Funeral Home, Nixa. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 PM in the funeral home. Cremation will follow the service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Adams Funeral Home, Nixa.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Gretchen Richart please visit our Sympathy Store.



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February-March

Happy Anniversary to You Two			
February	Name	March	Name
21	Gene & Judy Herndon	4	Charles & Diana Mahaffey
22	Eddie & Susan Dugger	30	Wendell & Jan Royster



Happy Birthday to You, Too			
February	Name	March	Name
7	C.A. Smith	1	Karen Oldham
9	Jess Owen	1	Brenda Slama
10	Charles Steg	14	Tom Trosper
14	Eugene Dilbeck	16	Paula Davenport
24	Judy Wilgus	17	Carl Schmachtenberger
27	Bev Cox	21	Kathy Schmachtenberger



For the Record

Classic Chevy Club was formed in 1975 for the enjoyment, preservation and restoration of Classic Chevy's. Members need not own a car, but a sincere interest is requested. Dues are \$24.00 a year, payable in August, but are pro-rated at \$2.00 per month, if you join after August.

For 2020, the last meeting was in October (26th). Dinners were to be held on November 23 (Canceled) and December 28 (Canceled), 2020. The first dinner out night for January 25 was canceled. I think we are seeing a trend here.

The first meeting in 2021 will be held in April.

Dinners will be held at Jose' Loco's – On W Battlefield, starting at 5:00 pm.

Room Legend:

- AB = Community Room A & B
- Aud. = Auditorium
- SHR = Story Hour Room
- Can = Canceled
- TBD = To be determined
- JL = Jose' Loco's

And Finally



Thoughts & Prayers

Always keep our great country and our military in your prayers.

The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Psalm 145:8



t of Club Events by:
Dolly Goss

"HAYRIDE 77"

Probably the best thing I can tell you about the hayride is that if you missed it, you missed alot of fun.

It was the first hayride I had been on since I was fresh out of high school and it was just as much fun the second time as it was back then.

The hayride itself lasted about an hour or so with about 28 people attending.

It was a perfect night for a hayride and the only thing the members had to bring was what they wanted to drink. The rest was either furnished by the club or by Mr. & Mrs. Young, who put on the ride.

A couple of members decided we needed a little entertainment, so someone brought a portable tape player, while the other one (Larry Robertson) brought a pocketful of kazoo's.

Larry and I tried to compete with the tape player by playing the kazoo's but I think the majority of members appreciated the tape player more. They just don't appreciate talent when they here it do they Larry?

About middle ways throught the hayride, the beer and cool temperature necessitated a pit stop in some farmers field for a few of the gang, but other than that it went pretty smooth.

After the ride we were taken down into a vally below Mr. Young's farm house where he had a big bonfire already waiting for us to roast weiners and marshmallows on, which I personally enjoyed even more than the hayride.

Like I said before, it was a lot of good old fashion fun at a good old fashioned price, and I hope we can do it again some-time.

Bob
#853



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FOURTH CHEVY CONVENTION JULY 17th - 21st

For all of you members who don't already know, the fourth annual Classic Chevy Club convention will be held in Memphis, Tennessee on July 17th through 21st this year.

Since Memphis is only about a five to six hour drive from here, it would be nice if more of us could attend this year. The only way we could have a good turn out for this convention is to start planning our vacations now. I guarantee you'll enjoy it.

You know the idea of our club hosting a rod run has been floating around since we first became a club about two years now. After attending the Nationals in Columbus, Ohio, and seeing just about what it takes to host a rod run, I really believe we could handle it. Only if we didn't mind a little work. It only took about 10 devoted people to handle the Nationals! Surely we could handle a small rod run. This could be a good winter project for us. We could contact some of the area Chevy Clubs and see if they were interested. Why not!!

Members, I received a phone call from Mrs. Long, the owner of last month's Classic of the month. She told me how much she appreciated and enjoyed us having her car in our newsletter. She also wanted to know how much money she owed us!! How about that for appreciation.



...Little ol' Ladies
(and babies)
are SO CUTE!!!

CLASSIC CHEVY OF THE MONTH



This month is an old familiar car I hope most everyone knows. It has participated in most activities locally and to a certain extent, state wide.

This Dusk Rose Poly and India Ivory 1955 Belair tudor sedan has been owned four years by Joe and Nancy McCracken at 1614 Putman Drive.

The first time I saw the car, I was driving a crimson red/off white 1955 Belair tudor and parked right behind it in a driveway in Southern Springfield. The car was purchased new in Asbury, Kansas, and still retains the dealers emblem under the NOS rear emblem. It was an uncle to a nephew hand down and four weeks after the nephew bought it, he lost his job and as a result, I was able to become the third owner.

Sitting by my three big block Chevy's, I feel this six cylinder power glide is still the most reliable and dependable car I have. I wouldn't be hesitant to go around the world in it. As of this winter, Nancy and I have been in seven states in this car on Rod Runs.

I have replaced most outside trim (except side chrome-spears) with NOS equipment. Tulsa Custom Chrome did the bumpers. The car has two personalities and changes with the twist of a four way; a Rod with the Corvette Rallys or a stocker with the original tires and full hubcaps.

The car will be ours, as I see it now, from now on, even though we have had some substancial offers. Its future although it is incomplete, I feel the need to build a truck (1955 vintage of course).

The licneses have expired and I don't believe that I will renew them, but let it set for antique plates in 1980!

Joe
#3192

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Members comments..

The History of Car Clubs or..... You've Come A Long Way Baby!!!

Have you ever given any thought to how car clubs have changed over the past 20 years?

If you've been around long enough to remember how they were back in the late 50's and early 60's, compared to how the majority of them are now, then I am sure you'll agree there's been quite a few changes made.

Car Clubs of the 50's and early 60's era as I remember them consisted of mostly all single & young guys who seemed to have only three things on their minds: outrageous cars, outrageous girls, and just generally raising hell!

There were no so-called "social" activities planned, except to maybe get together on Friday or Saturday night, get drunk, and cruise up and down the boulevard and being obnoxious.

A typical car club member could be generally described as being 17 to 22 years old, with a flat top haircut, and combed back on the sides into the famous D.A. style, using about a jar of butch wax and Brylcreem a week to make sure it stayed that way. The shirttail was worn outside the pants and the collar was turned up in the back so he would "look cool"!! A pair of Levi's rolled up at the bottom with white socks and black loafers completed the style.

Although by today's standard, he looked stupid like that, it was certainly the only way to dress at that time. And although the dress style left something to be desired, the cars these guys drove were usually spotless and very well kept up in top condition.

Even the names of the clubs back then were more simple and reflected their sport in such a way as to leave no doubt to anyone about what they were interested in.

Names like, The Shifters, The Hi-lobes, The Untouchables, The Street Dragons. All these names hinted they were the performance cars around, and if you were wise you didn't give them any grief.

Being a member of a car club was a very prestigious thing among the younger set that had an interest in cars. He was especially cool if the club he was in could scrape enough money together to buy all the members plaques, with the club name and insignia etched on them, so they could hang them on the front bumper or stand it up in the back window of their cars. That way there was no doubt left to anyone that he was a full fledged member of the "Dragons, etc.", and was to be respected as such.

.... Along Way Baby cont.

Then, as the 60's rolled by, car clubs sort of faded away and nobody was really interested in them because there seemed to be many other things happening to occupy everyone's time. Things like the Beatles, protests, and the thing that most everyone was protesting about; the Viet-Nam war! The war seemd to snatch up about every 18 year old guy that came down the pike, so there really wasn't that many guys with cars left around to have a club anyway.

Most of the guys that had belonged to a club in the late 50's and early 60's were growing up and raising familys, and were no longer interested in being in a car club as they once were.

Then, along came the middle 70's, the war was over, then suddenly auto clubs of all kinds are popping up all over the place again, but with a big difference.

The car clubs of today seem to be more specialized, like ours for instance. That is to say most of todays clubs are interested only in certain types of automobiles. Vanners naturally only want vans in their club, we only want '55 thru '57 Chevy's in our club, etc., etc..

This approach differs very much from the old car clubs which were interested in all models as long as they were sharp looking and ran good.

Todays clubs are made up of both men and women and the majority of them are in the age 20 and up bracket. Some of the members may even have been in the 50's clubs, only their goals and intentions are much better now (thank goodness).

The car clubs of today are much more socially inclined and respected by the community more. They're not just thought of as "those dang hotrodders".

They're into doing good for the community and helping others as well as promoting their sport.

To sum it all up, car clubs have changed very much in 20 years as well as the cars themselves and the people who drive them. But when you get right down to it, the whole idea behind a car club is to have fun with cars. Thats the way it was 20 years ago. That's the way it is now, and I hope it never changes.

Bob Goss
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