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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT MEETING
March 19 at El Gallo on South Congress.
Social hour 6 PM meeting 7:30.

President's Message

I want to thank Jim Rankin for stepping in and conducting the February meeting for me. It was an oversight on our part that we would all be absent from the meeting when this Cruise was planned. Not a big deal of course but we will check the calendar next time we make these kind of plans. I heard that we had a nice turn out for the meeting and that Ed Volek was the winner of the hidden word in the Newsletter. Good job Ed, glad that you read the Newsletter and enjoy the savings at Sonic. You never know where the out of place word will appear, so be looking for it.

The Activities that you members are planning for our Club seems to be coming together nicely. Many members are excited in making the plans for this year. Many good ideas and interesting ideas are being submitted. Be sure to get the plan out to our Secretary Gladys so they can be place on our Event Calendar by Robin and onto our web site.

The articles from members that are in the newsletter about their cars have been fun to read and very interesting. Jim and Corky wrote the first two and now we have a new one coming out. So start collecting your thoughts and write an article for all to enjoy. Yes contributions to the Newsletter and making Cruise plans for the Club qualify you for additional points at the end of the year.

Enjoy this cold weather, it won't last and get ready to go out and Cruise with your Chevy.
See you at an event and definitely at the Club meeting on the 19th of March at El Gallo.

CTCCC Meeting minutes for February 19, 2015

The meeting was held at MiMi's on North Mopac. Jim Rankin presided in Dan Bowen's absence. The January minutes and February treasurer's report (read by Lynda Rankin) were approved.

Jim Rankin acknowledged the February Birthdays and anniversaries. In the wellness report, Joel Parish announced that he will have hip replacement surgery on February 26th. Gary Baker has pneumonia. Carol & Stan Martin have a new granddaughter who has been in the hospital with jaundice.

Upcoming club activities include a trip to Wimberley on March 7th planned by Barbara and Joel Parish (more details to follow), a first day of Spring trip to Green's Sausage House in Zabcikville followed by a tour of an historic Catholic church in Westphalia on Friday, March 20th planned by Connie and Reuel Hoelscher (See previous e-mail from Dan Bowen on this) and an overnight trip on March 21st to Fredericksburg for a wine tour planned by Janie and Corky Lien. The hotel for that trip is Comfort Inn and Suites on South Washington St. Westwood wants the club to come back again this year on March 28th and will have free food and drinks. Corky and Phil Meeks gave a recap of last year's event there. It is a beautiful location.

Corky reported on "Corky's Cruise" to Palo Duro Canyon April 25 – 30th. Go for all or part of the cruise.

Janie Lien and Linda Volek reported on the scholarship search. They have sent letters to several local schools that have automotive programs and expect to find a suitable recipient for the 2015 scholarship.

Dues are due. Some were paid at the meeting. Be sure to pay dues to stay current on the newsletter and on the roster.

Jim Rankin reminded members that a chairman is needed soon for Lone Star 35 which will be hosted by CTCCC. He also reported on Lone Star 33 being held in San Antonio this year. The Alamo Classic site has a link to the hotel which hasn't been working properly. It shows no rooms available at the special rate of $89.00. Jim recommended calling the hotel directly and asking for the special events coordinator and give them the Lone Star 33 event name to get the special rate.

The newsletter "secret word" was won by Ed Volek. It was hidden in Corky's story about his car and indicated that he had a "washing machine" engine. There were other guesses on an error in the President's message, but was not the standout "hidden" word(s). The 50/50 drawing was won by Janie and Corky Lien and was donated back to the scholarship fund. The special drawing was won by Pam Porter.
The meeting was adjourned.

Where It All Started

Hello Members,

When Dan asked me and my wife, Connie to write a bio on some of our classic vehicles, we decided to start off with the vehicle that we have had in our family the longest, our 1957 two door Bel Air Wagon.

We bought the car in 1972 from a high school coach and his wife in Rosebud Texas. The car had been ridden hard and the 350 cu in engine was locked up. This fact did not deter my interest because I had rebuilt a 283 engine and had it ready to drop into some car. I shortly made a deal for the car, an aluminum Borg-Warner T-10 four speed and Hurst competition plus shifter for $300. (That is about as much cash as I could gather at the time.)
I dropped in the motor and it was time to pick up Connie and go to Six Flags over Texas. This was just the beginning of many years of enjoyment from the wagon.

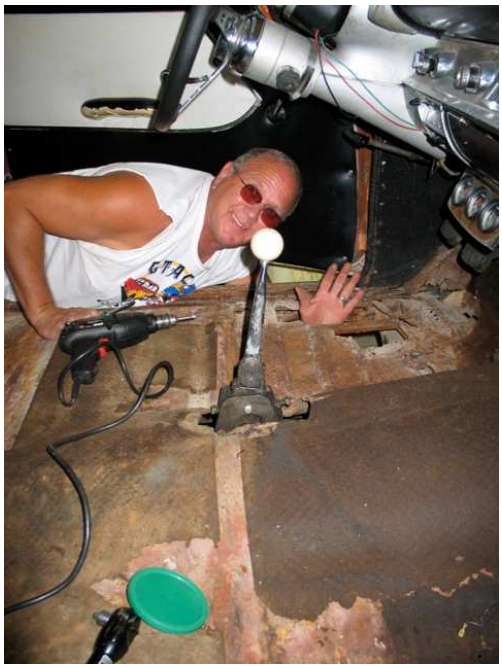
The wagon took us on many dates including, dances, drive in movies and the like. By the time Connie and I got married in 1975, we had purchased the 1965 Impala SS, which we still own. We drove around Texas in the “65’ on our honeymoon. So the “57” got to rest for a week.

Over the years, children came and car time because scarce, so by the mid 80’s I put the “57 to rest until after I retired in 2008.

By 2010 I thought I had a game plan together to restore the wagon. We decided to take the wagon back in appearance to 1957. We had it painted the original colors of Tropical Turquoise and India Ivory. We did add a new 350 cu in 330 Horse motor and a 700 R automatic transmission and vintage air for comfort. I had the body work done by a shop but soon the plan fell apart. Not to be deterred, I began rebuilding the front suspension, dropping in the motor, transmission, and interior and reassembled the car. Although the wagon was not quite complete I did manage to have it back together enough to drive the family around on Christmas of 2011. We wrapped up work on the ‘57 and began showing, driving, enjoying it early in 2012.

Our first car show in the wagon was in Burnet where we met Janie and Corky who invited us to a club meeting. It was at the meeting at their house when we joined CTCCC and met others who also love their Chevy’s. Every time we drive the ‘57 it is like spending enjoyable time with an old member of our family. Reuel and Connie Hoelscher

Before



After

Next month- Chester Toothman

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/1 Joel Parish
3/2 Bobby and Maria Marshall, anniversary
3/15 Gwyn Burgess
3/27 Stanley Martin
3/30 Jim Sellstrom
3/1 Jim and Judy Kennedy, Anniversary
3/8 Denise Conway
3/24 Tom Porter
3/28 David Robertson

Thank You from the San Antonio Club

Hey Dan, Thank You and you Club for the Generous donation to help our club pull off this LONE STAR XXXIII here in San Antonio. Please thank your club from all of us.
Bert Brown

Caribbean Cruise

For the second time Kay and I took a February Car Cruise on the open Seas with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines out of Galveston with a few of the Chevy Club members from Austin and Houston. We sailed out on Sunday Feb 15th and returned on the 22nd. The 7 day cruise on this massive 14 story ship was booked a few months in advance. The first Port of call after two days at sea was Jamaica where we docked and enjoyed fabulous warm weather. Arriving in the morning gave us time for walking through a few shopping areas. We took the tour minibus to a planned Snorkeling trip. Here we boarded a Catamaran and ventured out into the Gulf. While we were moving along the water heading to our spot we were being treated to Jamaica Rum punch, then we arrived at our spot. Following a quick review of the snorkeling equipment and being fitted to it, we splashed in to the warm water. The guide was very good and lead us to some spectacular sites beneath the surface. Coral formations, many species of colorful fish and sea creatures. This lasted about an hour in the water. Once again on board we were offered some punch. A little strong but pretty good punch.

We continued on by boat to Ocho Rios where we spent time at Dunn's River Falls. This is a spring fed fresh water falls that flows into the Caribbean. Cascading down a rock formation of 600 feet, the water is rushing down full force while visitors climb the sloping rocks to the top. Kay & I were a little apprehensive at first but it was fun. We held hands with strangers making a human rope as we made our way to the top. Yes, the water was cold and invigorating but it was fun and we did it! The guide took a video of the climb and I'm glad that we purchased it. Getting wet while climbing the rocks, there were hollow areas where water pooled and you could relax awhile. Not too long as others were still climbing and wanted to get in also. Old and young were having fun. No one got hurt or fell. It was not even slick as you would imagine. I guess the cool water continually running kept the moss from accumulating. What fun it was and we did it!

Returning back to the ship, we cleaned up and got ready for dining. The dining service onboard was great. They really do it right to make you feel special. A great menu every night providing you with many choices of wonderful dishes. Diet, what diet? No way can you miss out on this food. The food on board at all the dining areas was incredible. The next day we were back at sea heading toward Grand Cayman. We were warned that the weather was not looking good there but we were heading that way. Turns out that the weather was very windy and the Port was closed not allowing the ship to dock. The captain turned the ship around and headed slowly toward Cozumel giving us another day at sea. Since most of us play a card game called Hand & Foot, we gathered around tables and enjoyed a good game or two. Of course the Casino was open and I had to see if I could win a few bucks. Turns out I just made a few donations to the cause. As long as we were not in any port the casino was open. I did enter two Poker Tournaments but I wasn't too lucky as I came in 4th place in one and 3rd in the other. On board they have shows and a game deck and many shops and bars of all kinds. The shows are very good with comedians, magicians, ice skating games and on the top deck they have two volley ball courts that change into basketball courts, a rock climbing wall, a wave machine and a miniature golf course of 9 holes. It goes without saying who won that. There is always something for you to do while at sea.

Arriving in Cozumel eating great food once again, we headed out for a full day tour on the beach. Our tour package was unlimited food and drinks and drinks and drinks. I was introduced to a new drink called the Dirty Monkey. A Pina Colada with Kahula. Mmm good. Sitting there on the beach being catered to was wonderful, just like at home...
The day was warm and very relaxing for us. Watching the sites on the beach, having fun with friends and eating unlimited Mexican food, you can't go wrong on one of these trips.
On our final leg of the trip home, we had our second formal dinner. Both formal dinners we got fancied up. At this dinner I was wearing my Tux trimmed with blue tie and sash. Complimenting Kay's beautiful new blue dress. Looking so stunning we had to have our pictures taken.

Even though we asked many to join us on this trip, we were glad that those who could make it came. Hopefully the next time this is planned you can make it to. A Car Cruise of a different kind.

Dan & Kay Bowen

Three Club Activities In March

On **March 7**, Saturday, the club will cruise to Wimberley, a “little bit of heaven.” We will meet at the “Y” at 9:00 a.m. and travel west along Highway 290. At Dripping Springs, turn left on to County Road 12 that leads straight to Wimberley.

Once we get there, you have many things to do together or by yourself. There are many small shops at the town square. If you need a snack, try Wimberley Pie Company—along 12 going to San Marcos. This was my grandparents’ old home and has great pies and pastries. Next to it is a dress shop – my aunt’s house. The ladies will enjoy shopping in this cute shop. There is an antique shop, art/craft galleries, and several specialty shops. The town square offers 3 restaurants, but there are several others around town.

There are other attractions, too -- such as Cypress Creek Reserve offering tastings of their rum that is distilled right in Wimberley. Duchman Family Winery just up the road from Wimberley offers a tour and samples of their wine. Stop by Middleton Brewing for beer and wine tasting. Pioneer Town is located at 7A resort. Take a look around and see firsthand this recreation of an 1800’s town that has been the set for several movies. Wimberley Glass works is located at 6469 RR 12 between Wimberley and San Marcos. Glass blowing demonstrations are daily (except 1-2)

This weekend happens to be Wimberley Market Day located at 601 FM 2325. More than 475 venders on a 16 tree-shaded lot offer everything from fresh ground cornmeal to antiques. Paid parking is available.

It will be a busy day in Wimberley. Take your time and enjoy yourselves.
Barbara and Joel

Our day trip **March 20** will start by meeting at the Home Depot in Hutto. We will leave there promptly at 9:30 and drive on Limmer Loop and then head east on Chandler road to highway 95. We will then travel north on 95 to the east side of Temple. If any members are traveling up Hwy 95 from Elgin we can meet you at the Circleville store just north of Taylor. We will go through Granger, Bartlett and Holland Texas. From Temple we will turn onto Hwy 53 East for 10 miles and stop for lunch at Green’s Sausage House in Zabcikville. After lunch we will drive 10 minutes to Westphalia Texas to visit the Historic Catholic Church of the Visitation and Museum next door. If you are into exploring historic cemeteries, there is a large one next to the church. One of the ladies from the Historical Society will be opening the church and museum for us. While we are at Green’s having lunch, many of you may also want to purchase some of their delicious baked goods or items from their meat market. Please refrain at this time as you can stop back by after we visit the church and museum. You may want to bring an ice chest to keep your purchases cool on your drive home.

Here are links to the web sites to Green’s and the church. This will give you a little insight to the places we are going. http://www.churchofthevisitation.org http://www.greenssausagehouse.com

Please let us know if you plan to attend as we will need to have an estimate of people for the restaurant.
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We are happy to be going on another car cruise to Fredericksburg, Texas on Saturday, **March 21,** 2015. To tour several Wineries there. We will meet everyone at Jim's Restaurant at 8 a.m. at the Y at Oakhill, for those who would like to have breakfast first. We will promptly leave at 9a.m. and cruise over to the Fredericksburg Visitors Center 302 East Austin Street Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. The 290 Wine Shuttle picks people up every 20 minutes and takes them in several 15 passenger, air conditioned Vans, to as many Wineries as you wish to go, from 10 a.m. to 6pm. for only $19.99 per person. We can park our Classics at the Visitors Center all afternoon. We will be staying at the Comfort Inn and Suites, 723 South Washington Street Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. (one mile South, off of Main Street) I have several Single King, and Double Queen, Non Smoking Rooms for $129 plus tax under Janie or Corky Lien. If you would like to book a room, call 1-830-990-2552, give them your personal credit card information, taking mine off. I will be canceling these rooms by March 20th. In order not to have our credit card charged. Check in is at 3pm, checkout is 11 a.m. We can have dinner in town, there are lots of places to go. It will be Spring Break during this week, with lots of activity in town! Looking forward to you coming,
Janie and Corky Lien

Upcoming Events

Mar 14 Stephanie Myers 4th Annual Classic Car and Vintage Plane Show Georgetown Airport
Mar 14 Austin County Cruisers 12 annual car show 9AM-1PM Bellville, TX
Mar 28 Westwood Country Club car show
Apr 17-18 14th Annual Lonestar Rod and Kustom Round Up Austin TX
Apr 18 Texas Corvette Association Open Car Show in Boerne, Texas www.texas-corvette-association.org
April 25-30 Corky's Cruise to Palo Duro Canyon.
May 15-17 Lone Star XXXIII San Antonio Texas
Aug. 14-15, 2015 Danchuck Tri Five Nationals, Bowling Green KY.

CTCCC Activity Sheet 2015

To Plan a Club Activity, pick an empty month and Call Gladys or Dan. July, August, October and November are available.

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Dan Bowen

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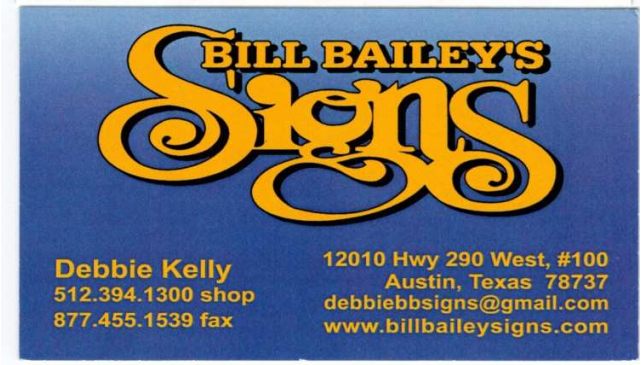
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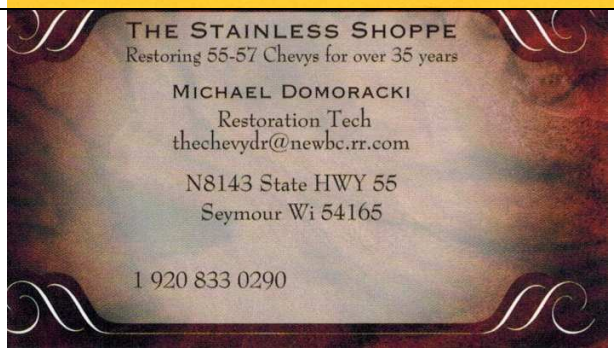
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