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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Thursday August 18 at Mimi's on MOPAC north of 183. Social hour 5:30PM meeting, 7:00.

President's Message

Members,

Wow, this is really the political time of the year. I have never heard so much discussion about a campaign. Did our parents get so excited about the elections? Not mine. Seems like everyone is all revved up.

Hey, where did this rain come from? And the cooler temperatures? Love it.

Several of us went to the dirt track races at Cotton Bowl Speedway on Sat, July 23. Chester, Gary, Jim, Don, Mark and I had a really good time. Eating at Southside BBQ in Elgin is fun, and then to hear those engines wind up for a couple of hours. Did you know that Gary Baker is like a fifth generation Texan. His ancestors came to Texas in the 1830s!!!!!!!!!! He may have the real facts, but it is a long time. That fire in Bastrop really set him back, like a lot of others. I had a friend tell me one time to never underestimate the pain another may be having. Good advice.

Great meeting at El Gallo. I always have a good time over there. We birthed the playing card project, and we buried the book exchange project. We are getting geared up for Lone Star and the Holiday Party. Gladys has agreed again to head up the Holiday festivities. Thank you, Gladys. We all liked last year—what was not to like. It was like a fancy wedding. **She has secured Sunday, Dec 4, at 5 so mark your calendars.** Let's fully support her. That is our largest function when all the members get together to celebrate and steal from each other. Do you guys want square dancing this year? Or just be bop to 50s music? I would like to see Corky dance. Not on my bucket

list like the Tri-Five Nationals next year, but ever since he told me that he can cut a rug with country, I have been trying to picture some be bop from him. Probably shouldn't have mentioned that. And I apologize for even asking Dan to read that one joke at the last meeting. I could not bring myself to read it but wanted it out there to provoke some levity. Dan is a good sport and ya'll are too.

Ruel and Connie are going to Hot August Nights. Some of you are going to the Tri-Five Nationals in Kentucky. I am going next year, when the 57 is 60 years old. Funny how my car stays looking and running the same while I am sagging a little—posture, gut—and not as alert, vibrant—some torque is gone. Attitude is what is important, my advisors say. So I am trying to open my heart rather that geometrically progress with my snappy nature—like the Three Stooges. Taking my grandson, Jacob, 6, to see Ice Age on Sunday for my birthday present from him. Now that makes my heart sing. First time to take him. Hope he sits on my lap. I did that with my daughters on Saturdays when they grew up, and I always loved it.

Really proud of all of you chipping in to make Lone Star 2017 a success. The teams have a great start with your participation. Jim, great job. We expect that of you which is not fair. It is because you have done it before so wonderfully. We do not take you for granted. Thank you so much from all of us for making this so special.

Okay, better stop for now. Robin is about to come home from work. Her nails and hair are doing great, so she will be early tonight. We are going to watch Hilliary make history. Can you believe that 100 years ago we did not let women vote!!! And now look at it. Wow. Do things change.

And I do not remember politicians asking foreign governments to hack into our national security. Did that happen in the 50s when our cars were built? Man, fasten your seat belts over the next several months!!!

We are getting new members. Be sure to welcome them and make them feel at home in our special Chevy Club.

Our next meeting is Thurs, Aug 18, at MiMi's. 5:30 social and 7 meeting. Come early to shop and miss the awful traffic.

Be safe and healthy.

Ronnie

CTCCC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of July 21, 2016 club meeting by Don Peterson (Marilyn was away visiting family):

Ronnie welcomed all to the meeting with an introduction about the purpose of our club.
Kay Bowen introduced her friend and guest Joyce Hancock.
Ronnie complimented Pat Corbell for his excellent work producing our newsletter.
Minutes from the June meeting were accepted.
Anniversaries and birthdays were announced with well wishes to all.

Ronnie gave an invitation to his birthday party on July 30th.
Treasurer's report was accepted.
There was discussion of past and future club activities. All enjoyed joke time.
Jim Rankin gave update on Lone Star XXXV.
Juan Sanchez was welcomed as guest at our meeting. Juan has a '56 and '64 Chevy.
Kay Bowen reminded all of the annual Operation Christmas Child.
Dan Bowen presented an appreciation plaque to Able Kennedy of El Gallo Restaurant for their accommodations of our club meetings. It is posted on the wall in the foyer.
For future activities check with Connie or Dan.
August club event is Sat., Aug. 27th, 6:00 p.m. at Top Notch Hamburgers on Burnet Rd.
Christmas party will be 12/4/16, 5:00p.m., Holliday Inn, Highland Mall. Gladys stepped forward again this year to put it all together.
Joel won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings back to the club. 9 members won club playing cards.
Meeting adjourned

Member's Car Story

This is Dale Martin, I think or the heat has fried what little brain I had. The first car I bought was a 1930 Ford Model A coupe. I had sold coupon books that I bought for $1.25 each and sold for $2.50 each. They sold like hotcakes and I thought I was rich. That car was given to a man who had no legs so I had to look for another Model A because I had been told you could move the shifter up under the dash and your date could sit close to you. I was only 13 and I am still wondering about that shifter. I was still making money with coupon books and I had over $30 and I did find another Model A that I did a lot of work on, I had the body all fixed up and someone offer me more money than I could refuse and I sold it After that I bought my first 1955 Chevy 2 door Del Ray. My pride and joy through high school. I worked at a service station and I would wash it, polish it and even clean it underneath, then I wouldn't drive it in the rain. It was a fast car and I drag raced it all over Austin. But it met its demise the night of our senior all night party. I had a designated driver who was not so sober. My next 55 is the Bel Air I have now. A guy came into my office at TxDot looking for a place to sell his 55. I offer to buy it for $8000. but he didn't think that was enough . He left to try to get a car lot to buy it. I knew a car lot wouldn't pay more than that so I waited. He was back and I bought it. It was a very nice driver and we drove it for some time. But need to be restore now.

The first 57 Corvette I had I bought off a car lot in Austin. It was right after high school and I worked on it and raced it quite a bit. But after Sue and I married and were expecting our first child I decided it was not a practical car for a baby and we sold it. I regret that to this day. Some years later my hunt was on for another 57 Corvette. A friend called me a said there was an ad in the paper for a 56 for $600. A 56 is about the same as a 57 so I called knowing that is was a misprint and it was, should have been $6000. I took off to look at it with $5000 in my pocket. He said he was going in the service and couldn't sell it for that because he had a couple of full price offers. This was a Saturday and he was leaving Sunday afternoon and he was waiting for these people to get loans? I said I don't think anyone is going to get a loan today and I started to leave. He said let me see that money again and he sold it to me. We drove it some but it had some body damage at some time and had a ton of Bondo on it. I had to get a complete new front end. It's painted but not together. I have given it to my youngest son. I still wanted a 57 Corvette and I kept looking. Finally found one in Hemmings that and I thought was within reason. Only problem it was in

northern Illinois. But after phone calls and pictures we decided to go look at it and check it out. We did buy it and drove it back to Georgetown, no problem except the windshield wipers didn't work and we hit a hard rain in St Louis, Mo. Sue wanted to stop, she was driving my truck and I was following but I didn't want to stop in St Louis so we keep driving. All I could see were the tail light of the pickup. We drove it for a while and I still have it. It need to be finished. We have had many vehicles during this time, a lot of them where classics but these are my favorites.

Scheduled Member's Newsletter Articles

September Maurer October Parish November Robert Raben
Please email your story to Lcorbell@austin.rr.com before the first of your month.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

8/1 Gary Evans
8/2 Jean Jacque
8/4 Jim Kennedy
8/7 Gladys Ables
8/9 Susie Mc Shane
8/12 Bill and Joan Talley, anniversary
8/20 Christian and Karen Soeffker, anniversary
8/24 Dale and Sue Martin, anniversary
8/25 Coco Ancira
8/2 Ron and Karin Campbell, anniversary
8/4 Gary and Debbie Brown, anniversary
8/7 Xavier Aguilar
8/8 Ben Ancira
8/12 Dennis and Wanda Zwernemann, anniversary
8/15 Robert and Phyllis Schwope
8/24 Don and Marilyn Peterson, anniversary
8/25 Kay Bowen
8/27 Mike Mc Shane

August CLUB EVENT

Our Club activity for August is to go to Top Notch Hamburgers on Saturday, August 27th. We will meet there, in our classics, at 5:00pm. They will have reserved parking for us. Top Notch is located at 7525 Burnet Road. Marilyn will have a sign up sheet at the monthly meeting on August 18th. If you don't think that you will make the meeting, but would like to go, please email Mary Haile at boernehill@aol.com
We need to have a count ahead of time, to let the restaurant know how many parking places we will need. Come out to join your fellow club members in driving our classics and eating good burgers at this famous Austin landmark!

Shoe Box Gifts

By Kay Bowen
Once again I'm inviting our club to participate in packing shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child. More than 11 million shoe box gifts were delivered this past year to children in over 130 countries! I'm so pleased to be a part of this & to be a part of a car club that has also been a part of this terrific accomplishment!
For those of you who are not familiar with Operation Christmas Child it is just one of the many missions of Samaritan's Purse which "is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid with excellence to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in over 100 countries." [From Samaritanspurse.org website] Operation

Christmas Child (OCC) is run by Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son, and these shoe box gifts have been sent around the world since 1993. Along with the packed gift (many which are the first gift a child as EVER received) each child receives a booklet called "The Greatest Gift" which tells of God's gift of Jesus Christ & how much He loves us all. These simple gifts have changed lives all over the world and often times even saved lives! Won't you help me again this year by packing one or several Shoe Box Gifts? Here's how to go about it. First, pick whether you are packing for a boy or a girl then pick an age: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Us a shoebox or plastic container about the size of a shoebox. Fill the box with a variety of gifts! Keep in mind, these gifts often go to war-torn countries so Please, NO WAR RELATED toys (toy guns, knives or military figures.) Also prohibited are liquids or lotions, chocolate or food, medications or vitamins, glass or other breakable objects and aerosol cans. Suggested toys include small cars, balls, stuffed animals, dolls, yo-yos, jump ropes, things that light up or make noise (add extra batteries for any toys requiring batteries.) School supplies are always appreciated including pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons, markers, paper/notebooks, coloring books, solar calculators, etc. Personal hygiene items are needed such as toothbrush, toothpaste, combs, mild bar soap & washcloth. You may also add a t-shirt, socks, underwear, pj's, sunglasses, ball cap, hair ribbons…you get the idea! Have fun with it! Now is a great time to find those school supplies at amazing prices so shop now! It is also a lovely touch to add a personal note, card or photo of yourself or family (or even your pet!) Children love to feel connected to the one who cares enough to send a gift. Above all, add your prayers for this child & his/her family as you pack the gift. OCC asks for a donation of $7 per gift to cover costs of shipping & other project costs. You can donate online at www.samaritanspurse.org or by check payable to Samaritan's Purse. You may write one check for as many boxes as you pack.
Once again we will gather with our packed shoebox gifts in our old rides the morning of Saturday, November 19th to deliver these gifts at Bethany Lutheran Church in South Austin. I have asked members of the Antique Auto Club "The Road Relics" to join us this year, as well. I will be checking in with you to get an idea of how many will be participating & would love to set up a video again of the drop-off in our cool cars. I will provide more details as we get closer to the time but please start your shoebox gifts now! Feel free to contact me with any questions concerning this project at kbowenrealty@aol.com or call 512-963-6844.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITY NEEDS A PLANNER!

We find ourselves in need of an event for our calendar for September. If anyone has an idea for something fun for the club to do, and is willing to plan it, please step forward and let Ronnie know. We have several members willing to help carry it through, so don't be shy! "Just say yes!"

Upcoming Events

Aug 12-14 Teddy Bear BBQ & Chili Cook-off festival with a show and shine and poker run. Our web site is www.teddybearbbqcookoff.org
Aug 20 Hill Country Rally for Kids Car & Motorcycle Show. The show is scheduled for August 20, 2016. This year, the car show has a change in location from Camp McCulloch to downtown Dripping Springs. Apparently, the event organizers are limiting the number of cars in the show to 200, but I have not verified that. So CTCCC members interested in showing their rides may want to submit the form early to ensure they are registered.
Labor day weekend The University Of Texas chapter of the Society Automotive Engineers would like to invite the members of your organization show their cars at the first annual University of Texas autocross and car show at *Circuit of the Americas!*

First Saturday of every month Top Notch Drive In on Burnet Rd.
Cabela's Parking lot in Buda every Saturday night until about 10 PM
First Sunday every month Leander 10 AM-1PM www.leandercarshow.com
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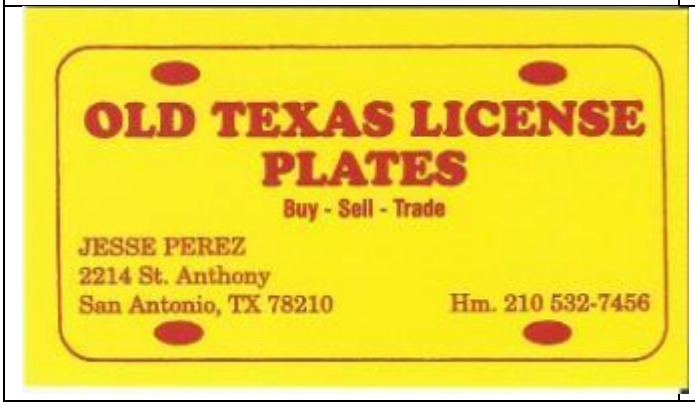

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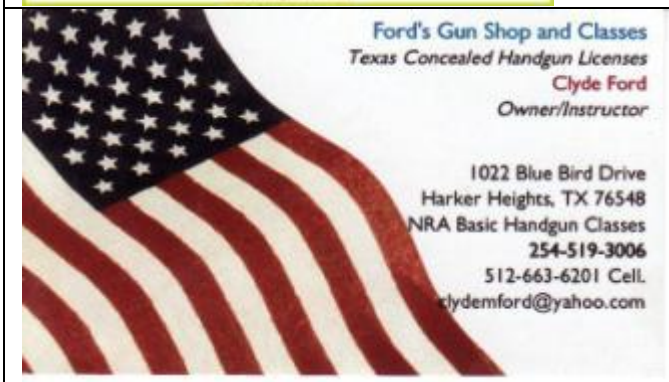
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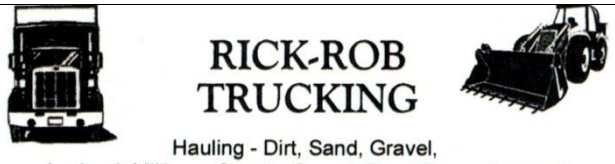
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