

Bowtie Bulletin



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LSR Meetings

Executive Board Meeting

July 12th, 6:30 PM at the home of Wayne & Betty Wilshire, 1101 Pinehurst Ct., Mansfield.

Light refreshments will be served.

Region Meeting

July 13, 2:30 PM at Arlington Sr. Recreation Center, 1000 Eunice Street.

Dinner after the meeting at Spring Creek Barbecue, 1724 Hwy 287 N, Mansfield 76063. (SE corner of 287 & Debbie Lane).



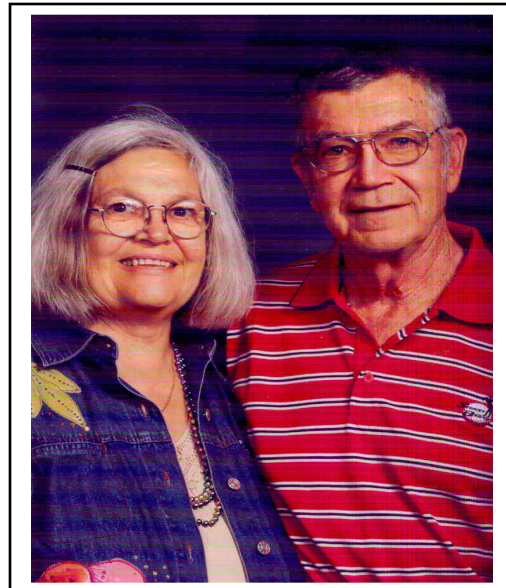
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Lone Star Region, Texas Vintage Chevrolet Club of America



Frank & Myrl Wade will be honored for their 50th anniversary at the July meeting.



Wades Celebrate 50th Anniversary

- By Myrl Wade

Frank & I met through my Mother. She worked in the bead room at General Tire in Waco. Frank worked in stock preparation at General Tire. Frank would make production and go over to talk with Mother. He told her he had dated many girls but had not found the right one. She told him she thought she would introduce us, reluctantly. She invited him to come to see her card business, and he came over. I had a

date that night but he was a no show. Frank asked Mother if he could take me out, and she agreed. We went to a movie in his 1956 Chevy two-toned green four door family car. Then we went to Chatham's Drive In.

We dated for a while. Frank came to show me his new 1958 Chevy Impala, red with white top, two door sport coupe. We continued to date, and one night when we went to a high school dance, he asked

me to marry him. I said yes, so he asked my Daddy, and he agreed. We married July 13, 1958 on Mother and Daddy's 25th wedding anniversary and Grandpa's birthday. Two of Frank's nieces were flower girls and my nephew was ring bearer. My oldest brother, Harlan, gave me away, and Daddy performed the ceremony. The reception was at the First Lutheran Church in Waco.



Happy Birthday

Annette Miller	7/04
Gerald Finley	7/09
Joe Reiter	7/12
Mike Shockey	7/13
Purnetta Wagner	7/15
Amy Jackson	7/16
Carmen Brantley	7/18
Betty Sewell	7/19
Ann Rasch	7/20
Donald Prince	7/21
Verna Brown	7/28
Denita Brannon	7/29
Chuck Reams	7/29

Happy Anniversary

- July 9 –**
Greg & Jennifer Fanucci
- July 13 –**
Frank & Myrl Wade
- July 19 –**
John & Pat Smitka
- July 21 –**
Bob & Sandy Reams
Huston & Betty Shelton
- July 23 –**
Marion & Johnetta
Courtney
- July 27 –**
Jerry & Sue Gray

2008 Executive Board Meetings

- July 12 - Wilshire
- August 9 - Smitka
- Sept. 13 - Chambers
- October 11 - New house
- Nov. 9 - Before Bingo

Director's Corner – by John Smitka

I want to thank everyone who worked Lone Star's swap meet and hope they are enjoying a well deserved rest. This year's fundraiser should have been called "Gone with the Wind". We couldn't set up on Wednesday due to the high winds, and when we did set up on Thursday morning, it took us 2 1/2 hours fighting Mother Nature. When we returned on Friday morning, the poles were bent and all of the tie-on straps were ripped off. The weather forecasters reported wind gusts as high as 60 mph. Even though our numbers were slightly down this year, it was a great swap meet considering the \$4 per gallon gas prices. All the vendors really enjoyed the food served on Friday and Saturday again this year.

Glen Rogers and Pat have still not heard from anyone willing to come forward to take over next year's swap meet. Please let them know if you are up to the task. Pat is getting the mailing list redone for next year's Registrar and is also

willing to help train someone. She wants to thank the members who helped her with the mail-out and registration table again this year.

Belated Father's Day wishes to all of you dads, granddads & great-granddads. I trust everyone enjoyed time with their loved ones on this year's holiday.

If you're not busy on the 4th of July, the Andersons have signed up Lone Star again for Arlington's parade, so come on out as a participant or just cheer the members on. Please check with Elmer if there are still openings available.

At the next stated meeting, we will celebrate the first of three 50th Anniversaries slated for Lone Star club members this year. Pat & I want to send our congratulations to Frank & Myrl Wade. They are a lovely couple and we are so glad that they decided to join the VCCA. Plan on eating some anniversary cake and then going to dinner with the group after

the meeting.

Don't forget to send in your Registration Form for this year's Fall Joint Tour to Carolyn Couch. As this year's host, the San Jacinto Region is planning a car judging on Friday if you come down early to Galveston, and a Menu Tour to choose from on Saturday as far as sightseeing.

With the price of gas continually going higher, we are starting to rethink a closer destination for Lone Star's Fall Day Tour this year. We hope the November 1st date brings cooler weather for members without air-conditioned classics.

I'll see you and your old Chevy's at our next meeting. In the meantime, stay cool during these dog days of summer.

E-mail Change

Please update your E-mail information for John & Pat Smitka.

pat.smitka@hotmail.com

Southern Fall Tour October 14 – 17

The 5th Annual VCCA Southern Fall Tour this year will be held October 14 – 17 at the Quartz Mountain Lodge in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.

The tour will take us into the Wichita Mountain area of Southwestern Oklahoma. Located about 25 miles north of Altus, Quartz Mountain State Park is one of the most scenic areas in the state.

The tour is open to VCCA members with 4 or 6 cylinder Chevrolets 1912 – 1954. The number of vintage Chevrolets is limited.

Contact Chip & Cathy Sweet 979-233-1600; fsweet1@peoplepc.com or Clay & Judy Perrine 817-545-7540 perrine1@flash.net

2008 Joint Tour, Galveston, Sept. 18-20

Come join the San Jacinto Region for the 2008 Joint Tour. We will have fun in the sun and sand as well as fun with our old cars. We have a new region in Area 6 (Arkansas) who will have the opportunity to join us this year.

In addition to touring with the old cars, you will have an opportunity to have your car judged as an official VCCA judging event. This judging event will take place on Friday, Sept. 19th, so you will need to arrive on Thursday in order to participate. If you would like to participate or have any questions about the judging event, please

contact Bill Bradford at (281) 579-9834 or wfb@swbell.net.

There is so much to see and do that it cannot all be included in Saturday's touring, and there will be an opportunity to see additional area sites on Friday. If you have any questions, contact chairman Carolyn Couch (281) 343-7494 or ccnana42@yahoo.com

The Fall Joint Tour Menu & Registration Form and the Judging Registration Form are included with this newsletter. Send in your registration as soon as possible. Make hotel reservations now through August 25.

Upcoming Events 2008

July 4	Arlington 4 th of July Parade
July 13	LSR Meeting – Wade's 50 th Ann.
August 10	LSR Meeting – Denman's 50 th Ann.
August 23	Ladies Antiq. & Men's Garage Coll.
August 30	Bug Tussle
September 1	MDA Car Show Lone Star Pk. 10AM
September 14	LSR Meeting – Allen's 50 th Anniv. Arlington Charities Food Drive
Sept. 18 - 20	VCCA Area 6 Joint Tour in Galveston Hosted by San Jacinto Region
September 27	Front Street Festival, Arlington
October 12	LSR Meeting – Parking Lot Swap Meet
Oct. 14 - 17	VCCA Southern Fall Tour, SW Okla. Open to Chevy's through 1954
October 25	TX Ctry. Reporter Festival & Parade 9 AM, Waxahachie
October 25	Winnsboro
November 1	Fall Day Tour
November 8	WW-II Re-enact. 3 PM, Waxahachie
November 9	Board Meeting, LSR Meeting - Election of Officers, Bingo Party / Covered Dish
November 28	Ft. Worth Parade of Lights
November 29	Holiday Luncheon & Ornament Exc.
December 6	Pythian Car Show & Charity
December 11	Johnnie High Christmas Show 7 PM
December 13	LSR Christmas Party 6 PM

1940 Chevrolets Needed

- By Barbara Anderson

A marking business needs cars of the 1940's for the grand opening of the Vandergriff building at the corner of Division and Mesquite in Arlington on July 18th from 9 to 11 AM. Call Elmer Anderson at 817-457-6225 if you have a 1940 car and for more information.

Sunshine Report - By Sheila Kinsey

We offer sincere sympathy to the Don Newhouse family on the passing of Mary Newhouse, Don's mother. Mary was also Jeff and Claire Newhouse's grandmother. She passed away June 3, 2008. She was 100 years young!

Lloyd Nicholson had back surgery June 9 and spent one night in the hospital. He went home the next day and is doing very well.

Sincere sympathy is also extended to the Gray family on the passing of Ruby Peters, sister of Jerry Gray. Ruby passed away June 16, 2008. She was 94 years young.

Notes of Thanks

To all our friends in the Lone Star Region VCCA,

Thank you so much for the beautiful green plant that you sent for Don's mother's funeral services. We really appreciated those of you that traveled to Bonham to be with us on that day.

Also, thank you for all of the beautiful cards and the calls of concern. Your friendship and support during the last three years has been a source of strength for us and we are blessed to know all of you.

Don & June New house

Thanks for all the calls, cards, e-mails, beautiful flowers, and prayers expressed to us in the loss of my sister, Ruby. We feel very thankful for having such a warm and loving LSR family.

Jerry & Sue Gray

Thank you very much for the lovely green plant and for all the beautiful cards sent to our home. We appreciate your expressions of sympathy at the loss of my brother, Jack Green.

Betty & Wayne Wilshire

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, all the wonderful cards, and the beautiful pot plant from the LSR VCCA. We appreciate having friends and Club Family like all of you. My knee is doing well, but the therapy is about to do me in.

We love you, and thanks again for all your love and prayers.

Denita Brannon

Thank you for remembering us during Lloyd's back surgery days. He is doing well. He has less pain in his back than he has had in several years. He has to stay IN THE HOUSE for one week and then limited for 3 more weeks. So far, we feel this surgery is a miracle.

Lloyd was pleased to get his 35 year badge. We do not get to get to the meetings, but think of you often.

Lloyd & Nina Nicholson.

'58 Impala 50th Anniversary

At one time, the Bel Air was the nicest Chevrolet you could buy. The Impala changed this. The first Impala came out in the fall of 1957; it was the 1958 Impala. The Impala was a great success. It was as only offered as a sport coupe and convertible, giving it an image of sport. The Impala was over 9 inches longer, 4 inches wider, and 2 inches lower than the previous full-size models (Bel-Air). Chevrolets had been slowly getting longer, lower, and wider.

The new 1958 Impala came with some exciting options. It came with the new 348-cubic-inch V-8 and the Level-Air suspension system. With the new engine, the Impala was much faster than previous Chevy's, and with the new suspension system, the car had a smoother ride than ever before. One of the biggest changes was the new frame design on all 1958 Chevy's. Chevrolet started

building cars with an X-frame. This was newer technology that gave the car a better ride. The new Impala came with chrome accents on the door and instrument panels, and a sport-style steering wheel. Things like that made the '58 Impala feel more luxurious than the '57 Chevy.

General Motors production for the Impala was in 1958 – 1985, 1994 – 1996, and 2000 – present. From 1958 until 1965, the Impala was Chevrolet's most expensive full-size car. In 1965, Chevrolet introduced the more-expensive Caprice.

In the late sixties, the Impala was typically positioned just below the top luxury trim, the Caprice, and above the more economical models like the Biscayne or the Bel Air. The Impala, named for a southern African antelope is most readily distinguished by a pair of three rather than two tail lights at its rear.



Membership

Prospects:

Steven Vaughn
Arlington, TX 76002
(Swap Meet)

Art Fuller
Kennedale, TX
(Elmer Anderson)

William Gray
Grand Prairie, TX
(Wayne Wilshire)

If you have prospective members, send their name and address to our Membership Secretary, Betty Sewell, and she will give them membership information.
Betty Sewell 817-641-9072
besewell@hpnc.com

Advertisements

LSR Web Site Ads for Non members:
\$25 for 90 days for 4 lines
\$35 with photo included
Web site www.lsrclub.org

LSR Newsletter Ads for members only:
No charge. Contact wilshire1101@charter.net

Old Car Drawing

No drawing in June and no winner in May. July's drawing will be for \$10. Drive your old car – you might be the next winner.

Newsletter Information – By Betty Wilshire

We're still giving members the choice of receiving new newsletters by US-mail or E-mail and most of the other regions are doing this also. We are currently sending out 45 by US mail and 56 by E-mail.

The new newsletters are usually sent out by the 1st of the month. If you have any problems,

receiving your new newsletter, please let me know. Sometimes there is a glitch in sending E-mails. Our Web Master, Jeff Newhouse, has also been putting the latest issues on our web site, www.lsrclub.org. So you can also retrieve the new newsletter from the web site.

We appreciate all those

that are helping us keep new newsletter costs down by using their E-mail. If you would like to try it, just let me know.

Also, please update your records with my new E-mail address:

Wilshire1101@charter.net

Thanks so much.



Swap Meet Feed Thank You – By Barbara Anderson

I want to thank all of the people who helped with the swap meet food. Thanks for the salads, munchies, desserts, and the roaster. Thanks to the people who unloaded the trunk of my car, sat up the tables and reloaded my trunk. You made my job a little easier.

Thank you!

Independence Day Parade - By the Andersons

The Arlington 4th of July Parade line up time is at 7:00 AM. We are number 51. All 8 slots for our club have been filled.

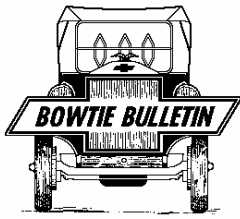
We will send you a parking lot pass a few days before the parade. Be sure to have it with you when you come to the parade ground or

you will not get on the parking lot.

Editor's Note:
If you're not a participant in the parade, come out to watch and cheer them on. Come early to get a good viewing spot. This is the 43rd annual parade starting at 9:00 AM

located in downtown Arlington. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Bill of Rights" and is dedicated "To Those Who Uphold Our Freedom". For more information and for the parade route go to the official web site:

www.arlington4th.com

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If you would like to share a story, photos of your old Chevy, or a club event, please submit information to be included in the next newsletter by the 25th of the month.



Vintage Chevrolet Club of America, national website: www.vcca.org

Lone Star Region website: www.lsrclub.org

Swap Meets & Car Shows

Nostalgia Nights Cruise In (new location) Friday nights at Albertsons parking lot at I-20 & Little Road, 301 SW Plaza, Arlington, 6-10 PM www.classicalgasmotors.com

Christian Classic Cruisers Car & Truck Show - Birdville ISD Football Stadium, 5-9 PM (3rd Sat. through Oct.) \$10 registration.

July 5 (Sat.) – Granbury's "4th of July Car Show", 7 – 11 PM, 415 E. Hwy 377 in Granbury. D&D Rockin Rods in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Home Depot. Come "Celebrate America", 55+ awards, lots of give aways, BEST DECORATED VEHICLE 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

July 25-27 – Fredericksburg Swap Meet, Lady Bird Johnson Park

Sept. 12-14 – Southwest Swap Meet, Rangers Ball Park Arlington, 1900 block of Road to Six Flags (East of the stadium)

Sept. 27 – Elm St. Rod Run, downtown Hillsboro, TX, open to rods, customs, bikes & classic cars, co-hosted by Roadside America & the Cruisers Club. Registration opens 8 AM - \$20 entry fee.

Oct. 3-5 – Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Goodguys Rod & Custom Show

Oct. 16-18 – Fall Chickasha Swap Meet, Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, OK

Oct. 25-26 – DFW Swap Meet, LaGrave Field, Fort Worth

Note: For further information, check schedules at www.txccc.com, www.carshownews.com, and our website www.lsrclub.org.

The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (national) was founded in 1961. Our local organization, the Lone Star Region, was started in 1971. The organization is family oriented and promotes interest in antique and classic Chevrolets. We preserve and restore old Chevy's just for the fun of it. National dues are \$35 per year, and regional dues are \$12 per year. Our LSR of VCCA meetings are held at the Arlington Senior Recreation Center, 1000 Eunice Street, Arlington, TX 76010, phone 817-277-8091. The regular club meetings are normally held on the second Sunday of each month at 2:30 PM.

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