



Classic Chatter

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ABBREVIATED EDITION

No, it's not your imagination; we're watching our weight for the Holidays –but remember this newsletter isn't 'small' it's just condensed. We'll be back to full-size in January with coverage of the Sam Pack Collection tour, stories from the Christmas Party, Upcoming Events –and probably some feature car .

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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Happy Holidays! As I reflect upon the last twenty months, I appreciate the confidence that you placed in me to serve as your Club President. I believe that the Club will flourish under the leadership of new President Tim Bunkley and the continuing service of our other officers – Vice President Terry Watson, Treasurer Duane Schroeder, Secretary Bruce Fowler, Membership Director Ken Kramer, Activities Director Pat Sinnott, and Newsletter Editor Lee Arning. All of these officers, and several dedicated members, have contributed countless hours and energy to ensure the delivery of numerous benefits that provide value to your car club membership. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have served along side of them and trust that you will continue to give them your support.

There are a couple of items that deserve further discussion as we start a new year, and I want you to be aware of them so that you can contribute your input towards the effective continuance of the Club:

1. We close the year with approximately 140 members/associates. We attract new membership through several ways, including word of mouth from our own members, public exposure at events and car shows, and referrals from other LCCI clubs/affiliates. We must remain an active club to bring new energy and support (and cars) for a strong future. As of last week, we have approximately 50 renewals processed through LCCI; please go to: www.lccimembers.com to renew your membership.

2. We have a solid balance in our club treasury and earned a modest positive balance from our Golden Girls regional meet, thanks to the hard work of numerous volunteers and the consistent and professional efforts of our Treasurer Duane Schroeder. Nevertheless, our annual club expenses exceed our income – a condition that cannot be continued indefinitely. This trend was identified during John McCall's presidency and the membership agreed to raise annual dues which slowed, but did not reverse, the trend. During that time, a very successful LCCI Invitational, chaired by James Gudat and delivered by a team of volunteers, gave a substantial boost to our club balance sheet which we still enjoy today.

Our single greatest continuing expense is the printing and mailing of the newsletter. We have attempted to offset this expense through advertising revenue, and we need your help if we are to sustain it. We have secured a couple of commercial advertisers and have had several members offer to advertise at our discounted member rates. If you are a member who offered to advertise, we need you to follow-through on your commitment by providing ad copy and payment. Our membership has

decided that a hardcopy newsletter is an important benefit of membership, and Lee Arning has done a great job of producing a useful and interesting monthly product worthy of support.

Perhaps I'm merely reflecting the economic zeitgeist, but I believe that these are issues worthy of consideration for our club as we transition to new leadership. Your Club offers many benefits to members, not the least of which are the many activities we sponsor, the wealth of knowledge of our hobby, and the friendships that have been engendered. I am grateful to have shared in these benefits and wish your new officers the best as our club moves forward together.

Happy Motoring!

Stan Fleshman, and Secretary - Bruce Fowler. The officers elected to 2009 – 2010 terms are as follows:

Tim Bunkley, President

Duane Schroeder, Treasurer

Ken Kramer, Director of Membership

Newly elected officers will assume their posts on December 14, 2008, at our Holiday Party. No other motions or actions requiring a vote by membership occurred at the Annual Meeting.

David Sacha

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 14, 2008

6:30 – 11:00 pm

Park Cities Hilton

5954 Luther Lane, Dallas, TX

Classic Chassis Dallas returns to the Ballroom of the Park Cities Hilton for this year's Annual Holiday Party. Price per member/associate member is \$25 and \$30 for guests. Valet parking is available at \$8; self-parking is available at \$5. Attire is Holiday Festive.

If you've been unable to get your tickets (and do not do so in person at a club event) you can still contact Duane Schroeder (see his e-mail and phone on the front page).

The evening includes a social hour with cash bar followed by a three-course served meal. As has become a tradition, we will have a silent auction, door prizes, and a gift exchange (car-related items encouraged) – bring a wrapped gift, approximately \$25.00 in value, to participate in the gift exchange.

This will also be one of your last chances to purchase our 2009 Club Calendar for your holiday gift-giving!

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CCCC ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

By Bruce Fowler, Secretary

Classic Chassis Car Club – Dallas held our Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 20th, 2008 at La Madeline on Lemmon Avenue in Dallas. David Sacha presided over the meeting. A membership report was delivered by Ken Kramer. A treasurer's report was delivered by Duane Schroeder. Nominations for open offices were moved closed and elections were held by secret ballot. There were no contested offices. Election results were confirmed by Past-President - John McCall, member -

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CCCC's Gudat wins at KLUV's 2nd Annual Car Classic

On November 10th, four club members registered cars in the KLUV Car Classic. The event is well attended and has grown to about 200 (?) cars.

The range of vehicles represented was quite diverse, not only in makes (domestic and foreign), but also types – restored, versus original, versus rods/customs.

Cars ranged from the 20s right up to recent vehicles: a T-bucket from '23, a '37 Plymouth, '38 Chevy, a '41 Dodge (which you don't see at many non-Mopar shows), a '48 DeSoto –and of course the requisite '55 – '57 Chevis and T-Birds. But there were also imports: a '66 Austin Healey 3000 Mark III (!), a '60 Austin Healey Sprite and more.

And while a large segment of this show is rods and customs, the design creativity and engineering that went into some of them is truly beautiful (regardless of whether some of us might generally prefer original or OEM restored vehicles) –the detail in these rods/customs was something that all car fanatics can appreciate.



Lane Eaves entered his '57 Lincoln Premier; Terry Watson, his '60 Continental and '57 Turpike Cruiser; James Gudat, his '63 Rambler wagon *with* the matching Scottie travel trailer; and Bruce Walter, his '66 T-Bird Convertible.

Here's James with the proof of his award-winning combo (Rambler and trailer) *plus* his display –from trailer awning, to

lawn chairs, to the teal-colored 60's luggage.



Although this is only the 2nd year for this KLUV-sponsored event, it really appears to have good support. Remember to your 2009 November plans, along with the Kruse-Leake Auction.



S P E A K E R F O R J A N U A R Y !

Classic Chassis is proud to announce **James Guy McClintock** as our guest speaker for **January 2009**. Mr McClintock (Guy) worked in all areas of sales for GM from 1948 to 1987. His territory included Michigan and several other states during that time. Guy has a unique perspective not only on the American automotive industry, but, also insight about why the industry is where it is today. Please plan on attending the January meeting to help welcome this interesting speaker.

FOR SALE

A BEAUTY FOR SOMEONE'S HOLIDAY GIFT STOCKING... IF YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD GIRL...

For Sale 1963 Buick Riviera. Owned by my family since new, this car has been stripped to the bare metal, repainted the original Marline Blue, bumpers rechromed, rebuilt transmission, new exhaust as well as many other improvements. Must go to a good home. 72K miles, \$10,000 OBO. Ed Murchison 214-395-7151



UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

JAN 6, 2008 - Tuesday, 6:30 pm –
Monthly Dinner Mtg –WITH speaker
El Fenix – 1601 McKinney Ave
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