



# CLASSIC CHEVY CHATTER

HOUSTON CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION,  
RESTORATION, AND ENJOYMENT OF '55-'56-'57 CHEVROLET  
AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS

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## AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

The 253<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Houston Classic Chevy Club will be held on **August 26, 2010**, at **Christie's Seafood Restaurant, 7:30 PM**. The hot days of summer are limiting show and cruise events but we still have things happening. Come hear about what is happening and be with new and old friends discussing our favorite subject, our classic tri-fives. Be ready for more of the trivia challenge. Come early if you wish to eat dinner prior to the meeting. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US!! 21 YEARS AS A CHAPTER!

## JULY MEETING

**Greg Graves**, president, started the meeting with some event information, trivia and door prizes. We had a lively discussion of ideas for club events and some of the top ones were going to Fredricksberg, the drive-in, and the Brazos Bend Observatory. Of course the best time to do any of these events is during the cooler weather and that is when a lot of shows and cruises might create a conflict. So stay tuned for announcements of when and where. We also had two visitors.

### HCCC OFFICERS FOR 2010

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Please send ideas and pictures  
for articles and stories.

HCCC Monthly Meetings - fourth Thursday  
of every month Christie's Seafood  
Restaurant, 6029 Westheimer, 7:30 PM.

**Come early if you wish to eat dinner prior to the  
meeting.**

Club Website [www.houstonclassicchevy.com](http://www.houstonclassicchevy.com)

**In addition to the newsletters being posted on the club  
website, club members can advertise vehicles they have for  
sale. Contact Suzie Stone at [Swong311@aol.com](mailto:Swong311@aol.com) to have  
your vehicle posted. We are also looking for pics from  
events, so submit yours.**

Weekend Breakfasts

**Club members meet for breakfast on Saturday at the Avalon  
Diner, 12810 Southwest Freeway in Stafford. Most folks  
arrive about 7 - 7:15 AM.**

## **REPORT ON RECENT EVENTS**

**John Moss** reported on the tour of Mr. Gullo's private collection of 260 cars under cover on carpet in his museum quality private collection. Several members of both HCCC and KCC attended.

## **DOOR PRIZES and 50/50 JAR**

Door prizes consisting of items useful to car "nuts" are brought by members. Some of the June winners were: **Iona Gauthier, Rita & Ed Battenfield, Jaime Roberts, and Richard Ryan.** Winners should bring a door prize to the next meeting.

A collection jar is passed around at the meeting, which we call the 50/50 jar. The total collected is divided between a lucky ticket holder and the Club. We collected \$47.00, so \$23.00 went to the winner **Ed Battenfield.** Congrats, Ed! We also collected for the Food Bank.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **August**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sat.** Car Show Benefiting Travis Rilat At Jack Brooks Park In Hitchcock  
Travis Was Critically Injured!! MUST READ FLYERS-- Silent Auction-- BBQ Chicken Dinner  
[Click here: 08-21-10 Car Show Benefiting Travis Rilat At Jack Brooks Park, Hitchcock](#)  
[Click here: 08-21-10 Car Show Entry Form](#)  
[Click here: Travis Rilat Article In Galveston Daily News](#)

**21<sup>st</sup> Sat.** "OLD SCHOOL CAR CLUB OF BRYAN" Biggest & Hottest Car Show At Kroger's In  
Downtown Bryan, Texas. BBQ Cook Off--Rain or Shine--Entry Fee \$20.00  
[Click here: 08-21-10 "OL SCHOOL CAR CLUB OF BRYAN Car Show](#)

**28<sup>th</sup> Sat.** Cars & Dice Car, Truck, & Bike Show At Isle Capri Casino In Lake  
Charles, La. 15 Classes--\$20 Pre Entry--\$30 Day Of---All Proceeds For Gulf Oil Spill  
[Click here: 08-28-10 Cars & Dice Car Show In Lake Charles Flyer](#)  
[Click here: 08-28-10 Cars & Dice Car Show Entry Form](#)

### **September**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sat** Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber Route 6 Rendezvous Car & Bike Show At  
National Oak Park.-- Parade--Tractor Show--Arts & Crafts--Flame Throwing Contest  
[Click here: Route 6 Rendezvous Car & Bike Show](#)  
[Click here: 09-04-10 Alvin's "HOMETOWN" Festival & Car Show](#)

**4<sup>th</sup> Sat.** Sweeny Lions 2010 Car Show At Downtown Park In Sweeny, Texas. Early Entry \$15 Day Of  
\$20--9AM to 2PM--MORE Classis, Trophies, Door Prizes, Food & Fun This Year!  
[Click here: 09-04-10 Sweeny Lions 2010 Car Show](#)  
[Click here: 09-04-10 Sweeny Lions 2010 Car Show Entry](#)

**11<sup>th</sup> Sat.** Remembrance Day Festival Classic Car & Truck Show At Stancil Park In Cleveland. BBQ  
Cook Off, Raffles, Auction, Children's Events 281-214-0478  
[Click here: 09-11-10 Remembrance Day Festival Classic Car & Truck Show](#)  
[Click here: Remembrance Day Festival Web Site](#)

**11<sup>th</sup> Sat.** Kolache Festival "PLUS" Street Rod & Classic Car Show In Caldwell, Texas At Davidson  
Creek Park One Block East of Hwy 36 On Buck St. Read Flyer To Much To List  
[Click here: 09-11-10 Kolache Festival Street Rod & Classic Car Show](#)

## September (Continued)

**10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Super Chevy Show Will Return To Houston Raceway Park, Baytown For The First Time In 5 years to Celebrate 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (Go To Web Site, To Much To Mention)**

[www.superchevyshow.com](http://www.superchevyshow.com)

**18<sup>th</sup> Sat.** 1st Annual Woodlands Wrestling Booster Club Car Show At Grace Presbyterian Church, 8989 Woodlands Parkway---50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, Live Music, Food

[Click here: 09-18-10 1st Annual Woodlands Wrestling Booster Club Car Show](#)

**19<sup>th</sup> Sun.** Bayou City Cruisers 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car Show At White Top Pavilion Across Street From Clear Lake Park.--\$20 Before Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> After \$25-- T-Shirt--Dash Plaque- Bag

[Click here: 09-19-10 Bayou City Cruisers Car Show In Clear Lake Park](#)

[Click here: 09-19-10 Bayou City Cruisers Car Show Entry](#)

**25<sup>th</sup> Sat.** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car Cruise-In Tailgater At Sam Houston State University at Bowers Stadium's North Parking Lot.-- NO ENTRY FEE--FREE FOOD--FREE MUSIC

[Click here: 09-25-10 7th. Annual Classic Car Cruise-In Tailgater Flyer](#)

**25<sup>th</sup> Sat.** Elm St. Rod Run, Customs, Bikes & Classics Car Show In Historic Downtown Hillsboro Texas/ 212 E. Elm St.-- \$20 Entry Fee--Arts & Crafts--BBQ Cook Off--Vendors

[Click here: 09-25-10 Elm St. Rod Run, Customs, Bikes & Classics Show](#)

**25<sup>th</sup> Sat.** FFA 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Car & Hot Rod Show At Athletic Complex, 1100 W. FM 487 In Jarrell, -- 9 TROPHY BUCKLES For All Classes--T-Shirt--Door Prizes--Judging At 2PM

[Click here: 09-25-10 FFA 5th. Annual Car & Hot Rod Show In Jarrell, Tx.](#)

**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Long Horn Rod Run Downtown Old Town Spring, Texas First Door Prize \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$125, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$75. --Grand Door Prize Chevy 350 Transmission**

[Click here: 09-25-10 27 Annual Long Horn Rod Run In Spring Texas](#)

## STANDING EVENTS

Niftee50ees Saturday Night Cruise - Spring

The Niftee50ees is a large group of car owners who meet on **Saturday** evenings at the Kroger Center, Champion Forest Drive and Spring Cypress Road. It's best to arrive no later than 5:30 PM. Security is provided. Go to <http://niftee50ees.com> for information and to see photos of past gatherings. You can also join the group and receive a weekly newsletter. (March to November)

Home Depot Friday Night Cruise - Pearland

The front parking area of Home Depot at 518 and Dixie Farm Road is reserved on **Friday** nights. All types of vehicles are represented. Good nights bring out 35 to 60 vehicles. Drop by to see and be seen.

Urban Living/ Urban Speed.com - Washington Ave

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, 5023 Washington Ave @ Durham, 10 am to 2 pm, **free**, breakfast & lunch included. Hob-Knob with the Lamborghinis, Porsches, etc

The Sweet Spot Audio & More at 300 North Gulf Freeway in League City, **Every Third Saturday**, "Cars and Coffee" Cruise To Sweet Spot 8 to 11am. **"FREE COFFEE & DONUTS"**

[Click here: Sweet Spot Audio](#)

Know of events in your area - let Marti know so she can add them to this list. ([martigreg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:martigreg@sbcglobal.net))

## **A LITTLE PERSONAL HISTORY**

My Restoration Story

By Richard Ryan

I worked for 5 years on restoring a classic '57 Chevy and the frustration of dealing with a 50+ year old car. I finally threw in the towel and sold it to someone in the neighborhood. But that love and desire for a classic Chevy did not go away. Being a part of this club, watching everyone having fun driving their cars and going to fun places made my next decision easy. In March of 2010, I found the car of my dreams on Ebay in Lakeland, FL. It is a '57 Bel Air 2 Door Hardtop that has had a body off restoration already done. I had the car shipped from Florida to Houston in a covered hauler. I can now say that I am owner of a "non- red" '57 Chevy. In fact, it is so dark maroon, that at first glance, it appears black. But when the sun hits it, you can definitely see it's maroon. It has bucket seats, a 400 cu. in. small block Chevy with a Muncie four speed, late model Chevy 10 bolt rear end, coated Hooker headers, 3 inch Magniflow exhaust, 4 barrel carb, power steering, A/C, 17 in. billet wheels and front power disk brakes. Did I forget to mention, lots of polished billet under the hood. It had only 4K miles on her since the restoration, when I purchased the car. Now, I can drive in style to club events!





Restore your own or buy one already restored, either way you can't beat the feeling!! As they say, "They don't make 'em like they used to"!!