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SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

The 242st meeting of the Houston Classic Chevy Club was held on September 24, 2009, at Christie's Seafood & Steaks with 20 members and guests present. Chris Snapp, vice president, opened the meeting and welcomed guests Wes Fielder (Shawn Fielder's dad), Jim and Laverne Kolb (friends of Pee Wee Bowen who became members), and new member Greg Phillips.

Chris asked the group to report on what they were doing to their cars. Janine Snapp, after a little telephone tag, was able to recently talk to Bob Branch. He stated that he is doing fine and he sounded strong over the phone. He was happy he was getting rain at his place and was hoping to get more rain. Please keep Bob in your thoughts and prayers.

Chris's trivia questions and comments included:

In 1957 Chevrolet offered two V-8 engines, a 265 and a 283. What color were they painted? *The 283 was painted orange and the 265 was painted yellow. They were painted different colors so the dealers could tell them apart.*

What was the first year that the impala was a separate model, not the first model year? *1959*

What was the largest V8 available for the 1960 Impala? *348*

Was a V6 engine available for the impala? *Yes*

The name Impala came from what type of native African animal? *Gazelle/antelope*

The 1957 Chevrolet was made in Canada 2 years after the model year ended in the US.

The cruise to Fredericksburg is planned for the last weekend of October. We will depart from our usual gathering location (Harris County BBQ on Highway 6 at 290) at 8:00 AM on Friday, October 30, and return at our leisure on Sunday, November 1. Each person is responsible for making their hotel reservations. Some of the group are staying at the Super 8 located at 514 E. Main Street, phone 830-997-6568. The Austin and Dallas Chevy clubs have been contacted and a few members from these clubs are expected to also be in Fredericksburg. Friday night dinner is usually a group dinner at a nearby restaurant. On Saturday evening, a few couples plan to attend the Rock Box Theater, a live music show featuring music from the era of rock 'n' roll.

Pee Wee's Annual Hot Rod Picnic will be in Carbide Park, on Sunday, November 1. This will be a time for car enthusiasts to drive their cars and spend an afternoon visiting. Pee Wee's band will play from 3 to 5 PM. Everyone should take a dish to share, your own beverages and chairs. The park is located west of I-45 on Highway 519 between LaMarque and Hitchcock.

New member Greg Phillips is putting together "Cruise for the Cure" which will be a gathering of cars at Sam Houston Race Park. Any money collected will be donated to MDA. There will be no prizes, no dash plaques. Just bring your cars out and help to raise money for MDA. He may have the fire department out to pass the boot. The tentative date is April 18, 2010. Greg will provide more details as they become available.

Bob Stone presented the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was \$4,536.24, there was a deposit of \$63.50, and no expenses, leaving an ending balance of \$4,599.74. Donations to the food jar amounted to \$6.

Door prizes were won by: Wes Fielder, Roy Thornton, Regina Thornton, Laverne Kolb, Gary Allen, Patsy Jewel, Jerry Bowen, Shawn Fielder and Marti Graves. Winners should bring a door prize to the next meeting.

The next club meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, at 7:30 PM, at Christie's Seafood Restaurant. Come early if you wish to eat dinner prior to the meeting.



Who was that masked man? Maybe we can track him from his prints! We heard he was last seen leaving an auto store in Pearland.

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