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Newsletter:

This newsletter will be published once a month if possible and will be mailed to all active members. An active member shall be considered active if his dues are paid up to date. Sorry, but we need the dues. Each month we will try to feature one person/family and his/their car in this newsletter. A picture will be taken of their classic and they will be interviewed as to how long they've had their Chevy, what they've done to it, what they plan to do with it etc.

We will try to have a parts wanted and parts for sale column but, this can only work if you let us know what you have to sell or what you want to buy! If you have something to sell please try to furnish us with a price for the item. If you can do this we think your response will be better than if you list no price at all. We will also report events that our club has and will participate in to keep you informed.

Any suggestions as to how we can improve and expand this newsletter will be much appreciated.

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Upcoming Events:

Roller skating party: It was brought up at our last meeting to have a roller skating party. Pam Goss is checking into this and will report her findings at our next regular meeting so we can discuss it further.

Rod Runs:

As most of you know by now we are invited to attend the Chevy's Limited of Southwest Missouri's rod run in Eagle Rock, Missouri April 10-11, 1976.

The Van Club, Rods & Relics, Vette Sette Clubs are all going and these clubs are leaving Crazy Cecil's parking lot between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Saturday the 10th. Several members of our club have decided to leave from Crazy Cecil's lot also at approximately 8:00 to 8:15 a.m.

Car Shows:

On the 24th of March representatives of the Sho-Me Van Club of Springfield, Rods & Relics, Vette Sette Corvette Club and Classic Chevy Club held a meeting to see if we couldn't get to know each other a little better and maybe plan a few things together once in awhile. One of the things that was discussed was to have an outdoor car show consisting of automobiles from the four local clubs on Labor Day weekend in September with all the proceeds going to benefit the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy telethon which is held every year at that time. It was felt that it would be a good way both to benefit a needy cause and at the same time draw attention to our clubs from Springfield and the surrounding communities. This idea is in the planning stages right now and we will print more about it as it becomes available.

The four clubs representatives also agreed to meet once a month to discuss ideas and make sure we didn't have conflicting events scheduled for Springfield at the same time. The four clubs representatives will be known as the Inner-City Club Council.

The Heart of America Classic Chevy Club of Kansas City and the National Classic Chevy Club will be co-hosting a regional meet in Kansas City at the Marriott Hotel, Kansas City International Airport on Labor Day weekend September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1976. It is open to all Chevy's 55 thru 57, all body styles plus pick-ups and Corvettes. Members of the National Club will be charged \$10.00 and non-members \$25.00 which includes one years membership in the national Classic Chevy Club. There will be trophies, dash plates, games, swap meet, a street dance with live band and a barbeque. If you are interested in attending please see Bobby Goss or Tom Miller for registration forms and more information or contact Don Willfong, 7001 Parkview, Kansas City, Kansas 66109.

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Well, that our first newsletter! It isn't much but we have to start somewhere.
As I said before, any ideas on improving this newsletter will be appreciate.
Thanks!



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On Sunday April 4, 1976 our club held a swap meet at Smith Park. We invited all the local clubs to attend and most of them did in one form or another. It was a bright, sunny day and by one o'clock in the afternoon most everybody that brought parts to sell had them displayed on the ground. There were many cars attending and quite a few parts but we had hoped for a little more in the parts category. It was our first swap meet though and we're looking for bigger and better things next time. We'd like to thank all those who attended and especially those that bought and sold parts.

Eagle Rock Rod Run

Saturday, April 10, 1976 came bright and early for several members of the Classic Chevy Club as they met on Crazy Cecils parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to bop on down to Eagle Rock, Missouri to enjoy two bright, sunny and a little bit hot days of cars, games and fun for all. Leaving Crazy Cecils lot at approximately 8:20 a.m. were Joe & Nancy McCracken, Don & Sylvia White, Earl & Susie Morgan, Vernon and Sharlet Leppert, Dewayne & Sandy McAllister and Bobby and Pam Goss. After about five miles on the road Vernon's foot got heavy and he passed us all and we didn't see him again until we got to Eagle Rock. We later found out that he wanted to check a few salvage yards on the way down. No wonder he was in a hurry. He wanted to beat the rest of us to the good parts. That boys not dumb!

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Around 10:00 a.m. we rolled into Cassville and the hungrys had a firm hold on Don and Sylvias stomachs. We all stopped at a restaurant and had a roll or some toast except Don. He had to scarf down some biscuits and gravy. Then it was on to Eagle Rock. When we pulled in it was a sight any car enthusiast would fall in love with. It was a big grassy hillside overlooking Table Rock lake filled with hundreds of some of the sharpest 55 thru 57 Chevys, Rods, Vettes, Vans and Antiques you could hope to find in one place at one time. Tom Miller met us at the gate and saved us some time by already having us registered and obtaining our dash plaques and saving us a spot to park. Thanks Tom, we appreciated that. Also on hand to greet us were Jerry & Dee Dee Fields, Pat Sears and old lead foot Leppert and his better half. (Just kidding Vernon). Later in the day Karl and Shirley Close joined us and Sunday Mike and Bonita Yager came down as did Kenny Hurley in his sharp '57. By sundown many tired people went to their lodging for the night while others stayed and listened to the live band.

On Sunday, activities consisted mostly of voting for your favorites and the awarding of door prizes and trophies. Several of our members won door prizes both Saturday and Sunday and guess who won the trophy for the best 55 Chevy? Our own Joe McCracken, thats who. Well deserved Joe!

By the middle of the afternoon most of our club members had headed home with a most enjoyable weekend behind them. I think the Chevy's Limited of Southwest Missouri done a fantastic job in promoting this event and we want to thank them for the invitation. I hope we get one next year because all I can say is if you didn't make this one you missed one heck of a lotta fun and good looking cars. By the way, there were 428 registered vehicles attending. Not bad huh?

Inner City Auto Club Council

On Wednesday April 28, 1976 members of the Inner City Auto Club Council again met at Sambo's Restaurant on North Glenstone to discuss our upcoming car and van show as we mentioned in the last newsletter. Also attending the meeting was Mr. Arvil Beckerdite, District Director of Muscular Dystrophy. Mr. Beckerdite offered several suggestions for promoting the show and informed us he would be glad to help out in any way he could. Tom Miller was elected Chairman of the group and several committees were set up in order to organize the "Show-A-Thon." It was decided to have the show on Sunday, August 29, 1976 with all cars, trucks and vans to be shown consisting of our own clubs so if you would like to show your car please let Tom Miller know as soon as possible. It was first thought we would have the show on General Electrics back parking lot but it has been changed instead to the Municipal Parking lot directly behind Mercantile Bank on St. Louis Street. This is an ideal place because it is a multi floor lot with plenty of room and we're covered even if it rains!

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Club Meeting

Our club held its latest meeting on Sunday May 9, 1976 at 4:00 p.m. at Reliable Chevrolets used car lot and discussed several topics including the upcoming "Show-A-Thon." We discussed things the club could do and it was decided to meet on Sunday May 23, 1976 at Phelps Grove Park to have a picnic and later on in the evening a cruise nite to show off our classics and let people know we're around in case they're interested in joining the club. It will be advertised in the newspaper and the club will spring for the pop. Be prepared to bring your food, ball gloves, volley balls, badmitten, enthusiasm and most of all, your Chevy. By the way, it all starts around 1:00 p.m.

Parts for Sale

Clutch, Pressure Plate, Flywheel, Throw out bearing, and bellhousing for 55-57 Chevy. \$30.00 Dave Anderson 869-8822

Reproduction tail lite lenses (1 pair) for 55 Chevy \$5.00 pair. Two tail lamp assemblys for right side of 56 Chevy very good condition \$12.50 each. Bobby Goss 869-5208

Four speed transmission and shifter \$175.00. 56 Chevy 2 door Station Wagon new interior, 327, 4 speed. Call Frank Hooten 732-6103.

Parts Wanted

NOS or mint used hood bar for 56 Chevy. Good park lite panel passenger side (no rust) for 56 Chevy. Good used left tail lite housing for 57 Chevy (no pits) Bobby Goss 869-5208.

Good used parking lite housing assemblys for 55 Chevy. Dewayne McAllister 866-2928.

Complete Speedometer Housing and gauges and lower steering column section painted factory silver. Gold hood and trunk V's; park lite lens; tail lite lens all for a 57 Chevy. Don White 887-4750.

If anyone has parts for sale or parts they want contact Bobby Goss or Dewayne McAllister. This Newsletter goes to three other clubs here in town as well as Classic Chevy chapters in many other states, so its pretty good advertising and the price is right cause its free!

Speaking of parts our Pres Tom Miller informs us that if you want to buy any new parts O'Reilly Automotive has graciously consented to sell us parts at dealer price by simply showing our C.C.C. membership cards when we buy something. A big thanks goes out to O'Reilly for that!

Members Comments

Member Dallas Chaffee showed up at our last meeting wearing a jean jacket with Classic Chevy Club of Springfield, Missouri embroidered on the back along with the Chevy emblem. He tells us he had it done by Bev's Embroidery at 2325 East Washita 881-7212 and recommends her work. It looked pretty good to us Dallas.

Car of the Month

Residing at 2204 North Packer Road are Bob and Paula Alford, and one of the sharpest 55 Chevy's around. Bob and Paula have four children and have belonged to our club almost from the beginning of it. Paula, of course, as most of you know, is our Vice-President and also sees that this newsletter is copied and mailed out.

Their 55 Chevy is a Belair 2 door sedan painted light blue and white by Carringers Custom Cars of Willard, Missouri with interior and fully upholstered trunk work by Goodwins Seat Covers & Upholstery of Springfield, Missouri. All chrome is original and the car is powered by the original 265 cu. inch V8 and powerglide transmission. Bob purchased the car in 1971 for \$125.00 in not too good condition in the looks department and transformed it into the attention getting, sharp classic it is today. The odometer shows 69,000 miles. Bob runs L60-14 tires on the rear with Chevy Super Sport wheels all around and drives the car to work at Kraft Foods daily. Paula works at Cox Medical Center and we don't know what Bob makes her drive! Bob plans on maintaining the car in its present condition and maybe replacing the engine with a 350 when the old one gets "tired." As I said before Bob & Paula's 55 is one of the nicest ones around and we're proud to have it and them in our club. By the way Bob & Paula, you wouldn't consider taking that \$125.00 back for the car would ya? Nah, I didn't think so.



Car of the Month Selection

Some of you may be wondering how we are choosing which car goes in the news letter each month. We thought a good way would be to start at the first of the alphabet for the first car and go to the end of the alphabet for the next car, back to the first for the third car etc. I hope this suits everybody and if there are any objections to this form then bring it up at the next meeting.

Late News

The Vette Sette Corvette Club will be showing their Corvettes at Park Central Mall on Saturday May 22, 1976 9:00 to 5:30. Everyone that can go see them should do so as we would want them to come and see ours if we show them some place.

On Monday night May 17, 1976 there was a meeting held in the Fountain Plaza Room at Cox Medical Center consisting of about 40 people from the Vette Sette, Rods & Relics, Sho-Me Vans, and Classic Chevies. Also on hand was Mr. Arvil Beckerdite, District Director of Muscular Dystrophy, and some of his people. A short film was shown demonstrating the effects of muscular dystrophy on young people and later there was a discussion about the upcoming car and van show to be held in August. This show will be discussed at our regular meetings and committees will be formed to help carry out the necessary functions this show will require. It is going to take some planning and hard work on everybodys part and can't really be a success with just two or three people from each club doing the work. Everyone must pitch in and do their share.

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Picnic

The place was Phelps Grove Park. The date was May 23, 1976. The day was a hot but pretty Sunday afternoon and the occasion was a get together of the Classic Chevy Club of Springfield and many non member 55-56-57 Chevy enthusiasts to enjoy an afternoon of "baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolets" as long as they were 55 thru 57's!

An ad had been placed in the Springfield newspaper inviting everyone to come and join us on that day and there were several people that did just that. A meeting was held around 2:00 p.m. to let everyone that was unfamiliar with our club know a little more about it and to invite them to join our club. Six people did join that day adding three more classics to our club including one from down in Razorback country, Harrison Arkansas. They are John and Ginger Foley of Harrison who own a maroon and white 55 Chevy two door; Greg and Kathy Oliver from Springfield with a green 57 two door hardtop; and Randy and Barbara Allison also from Springfield, with a blue over beige 55 two door. Randy is also a member of the national club. We'd like to welcome these new members and hope they take an active part in our club and its functions and we hope they won't be disappointed they joined us.

After the meeting was over several members chose to play soft ball while others just hung around under shade trees, drank the pop, and generally "shot the bull" for awhile. It was decided earlier in the afternoon to go "cruisin" around about 5:30 that evening so when 5:30 rolled around about 15 to 20 55-56-57 Chevys lined up and headed out. We all caravanned over to A&W Root Beer on Kearney for some cool suds (root beer type) before splitting up to go home and call it a day. All in all a good time was had by everyone and we considered it a success.

By the way, for those of you who don't know it, it has been decided by a vote of the membership to hold our meetings this summer every other Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at the southeast corner of Phelps Grove Park. If it is raining the meetings will take place either under the park pavillion or at Reliable Chevrolet's used car lot. If anyone would like to come out earlier on Sunday afternoons to Phelps Grove to play ball, shoot the bull, or what have you, come on out. There may be a few others come early too.

Skating Party

Thursday morning, June 3, 1976 probably saw some awfully sore rumps on many members of the Classic Chevy Club because the night before we had a skating party at Skateland North on Division Street. Between 20 and 25 members showed up to try their hand, feet, elbows and rumps at skating on jeans and tee shirt night where you got in for half price if you wore jeans and a tee shirt. We found out many members could skate pretty well, some a little bit and a few like Don & Sylvia White, and Tom Miller who were taking their lives in their own hands as well as anybody else who got too close to them! Sylvia just never did seem to get the hang of it too well but Don learned pretty fast and he was smilin all the way around the rink. Then there was our Prez himself Tom Miller, who was heard to remark as he was picking himself up after busting his buns in the fourth turn, "!!**###** that hurt all the way up to my neck."

There was also Jerry and Dee Dee Fields who waltzed around the rink hand in hand in perfect time looking as though they might have done this sort of thing before, especially since they came in carrying their own skates! Joe McCracken was seen looking as though he was trying to break skatelands speed skating record with his little brother in close pursuit until Joe was totaled out in the fourth turn by a few other skaters. That fourth turn seemed to be a little hazardous. I even crashed there once myself, as well as numerous other places!

It was a little painful for some but most everyone really enjoyed it and if you missed it, you missed out on a lotta laughs. We might even do it again sometime, what do you say?

Club Meeting

Classic Chevy Clubbers got together on Sunday June 6th at Phelps Grove Park to discuss matters and upcoming events. President Tom Miller couldn't make it to the meet that day so Vice President Paula Alford presided over the meeting. A call was put out for suggestions on what we can do as a club in the upcoming weeks and three things were voted and decided on.

First, the Road Rally which was supposed to have been held on Sunday June 13th was postponed to Sunday June 27th at 1:00 p.m. More on this later in the newsletter. It was also decided to cancel the June 20th meeting at Phelps Grove Park in favor of a meeting after the Road Rally on the 27th. The club also voted to have a bowling party and also a camp-out in July. It has also been decided that the phone committee will no longer exist except maybe on special occasions so if you want to know what is going on either show up at the meetings as often as possible or consult your newsletter which by the way, you will only receive if your dues are paid up.

Upcoming Events

Road Rally: As was mentioned earlier the road rally has been changed from June 13th to June 27th due to my inability to obtain the road rally sheets that were used by the Sho-Me Van Club on time. This was no fault of Sho-Me Vans and I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for giving us copies of their rally. A few changes will need to be made since their rally was held about 3 months ago and some of the questions they asked will no longer exist.

Anyone from our club who participated in their rally will be ineligible to be in ours obviously but we would appreciate their help in carrying ours out. If anyone else would like to help out at the checkpoints instead of participating in the rally please contact Bobby Goss before the 27th.

Basically the run will consist of a course approximately 50 miles long (all on paved roads) with four checkpoints. Each driver must have a navigator and they will be handed a sheet with a certain number of questions at the beginning of the course. These questions and your answers will be turned in at the first checkpoint and you will receive another sheet of questions and draw one card from a deck of poker cards. The card you draw will determine the number of points you receive as will the number of questions you have answered correctly. The second checkpoint will consist of another set of questions and the third checkpoint will also as well as a set of dice you will roll for points. The fourth checkpoint will be at the end where you will toss a quarter into a large or small box from about twelve to fifteen feet away with hitting the large box gaining you 5 points, the small box 10 points and missing both boxes getting you zilch! The rally will be judged on point accumulated and not on the fastest time. At the end of the rally there will be a picnic as well as our regular club meeting, so bring your picnic lunch with you and your ball gloves, frisbees, badmitten sets, or what have you and we'll all have a good time. Any by the way pray for sunshine!

Bowling Party

It was brought up and voted on to have a bowling party on July 10th (thats a Sat. night) at an undetermined location as of yet. Keith Watson volunteered to find out where, when, and how and let us know at a future club meeting. If our members can bowl about like they skate this oughta be a blast!

Camp-Out

All those in favor of "roughing it" for a night or two will have that opportunity on July 24th and 25th at a camp out down at the lake as some of the club members voted to. Details on this camp out will also be discussed at a later club meeting so if you're interested in this then start dragging out the tent and being nice to Mother Nature.

Muscular Dystrophy Auto Show

As was mentioned in earlier newsletters we hope to have a very large and very financially successful car and van show for Muscular Dystrophy on August 29th. Tickets for this event will start being handed out to club members to sell, sell, sell sometime in July we hope. Tickets will only be \$1.00 in advance so we should be able to sell a pile of 'em at that price and maybe, just maybe it'll help some little kid to walk again.

Parts Wanted

Right and Left rear fender chrome strips for '55 Belair two door.

'55 tail light housing good condition (1) Don White 887-4750.

For Sale

1 - '56 Chevy 1 piece rear bumper (extra nice rechrome)
1 - '56 Chevy 6 cylinder hood emblem NOS \$50.00
'55 Chevy front fenders (used but nice) \$70.00 pair.
1 pair '57 Chevy back-up light lens NOS \$20.00 pair
1 set '56 Chevy park lite panels (used but nice) \$20.00 each
Joe McCracken 833-1100.

Usually at this point we have a feature car of the month. Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no Car of the Month this time. Sorry.