

Hot Times In Texas! – Lone Star '36'

The 36th Annual Lone Star Classic Chevy Convention took place over the normally comfortable Memorial Day Weekend in Irving, Texas, but this year the heat was on as temperatures ran 10 degrees above normal! This didn't keep the '55-'57 Chevy enthusiasts away though, as the 4 day event drew over 150 of the finest Tri Fives to Lone Star '36'!

The 4 day run was full of activities, beginning with the Thursday Early Arrivals Parking Lot Party. One of the event sponsors, Authentic Automotive made two early arrivals very happy when two of the new 'Vintage Alternators' were given away as door prizes! These exclusive alternators look just like a generator but has the internals of an alternator, thus providing a much stronger charging current and is just the ticket for those with original appearing cars but want a modern charging system. Jim Rankin of Austin and Larry Myers of Edmond, Oklahoma were the lucky winners of those fantastic door prizes from Authentic Automotive.

From there, the pace picked up with a fantastic tour on Friday that left the hotel with 3 luxury buses that took folks to the 'Star In Frisco' which serves as the Dallas Cowboys World Headquarters and practice facility and then on to the Gas Monkey Bar & Grill for lunch. As more arrived to Irving, the big Friday night event was the 'Lone Star Drags' where convention participants could take their turn at running their Tri Five on the drag strip. A grudge match developed between a couple of 1956 Corvettes during the night but when the smoke cleared it was local runner Joey Truelove who got the win over Manuel Alcorta of Lubbock for the title of Lone Star '36' Drag Champion!

Saturday was a day set aside for showing off the Chevys. The above normal temperatures kept folks under trees and canopies but the Chevys looked fantastic under that Texas sun! Judging took place for a variety of special awards and the 'Top 25', which proved to be a tough job when the parking lot was filled with so many fine Tri Five Chevys! That evening, a live concert was held in the parking lot by 'The Vinyl Stripes' who are one of Texas best oldies, surf music band that came to play at Lone Star '36'. They provided tunes right up until darkness when a large screen was erected in the parking lot and with 5000 watts of sound we all watched the classic road movie 'Two Lane Blacktop' that features what may be the most iconic '55 in existence.

Sunday morning dawned bright and clear, and with a Poker Run on the agenda that proved to be the perfect setting as Tri Five Chevys lined up and made a beautiful drive though the North Texas countryside. Big winners in the Poker Run were Patrick Briney of Richardson, TX, Jimmy Johnson of Tuttle, OK, Diane Bray of Little Elm, TX, Marge Parrott of Humble, TX and Wayne Casteel of Lockhart, TX all who split the \$630 pot! A free happy hour was provided by the host club Dallas Area Classic Chevys Sunday afternoon with a live performance from the local oldies band, 'The Route 66 Band'. This all led up to the final event of Lone Star '36', the Awards Banquet and Dinner. With over 200 folks attending, this was a special evening not only because awards were passed out to too many very deserving '55-'57 Chevys, but also because over \$8000 in door prizes were given away! And if that wasn't enough, throughout the weekend tickets were sold in a 50/50 cash raffle to benefit the Patriot Paws Service Dog organization. These fantastic folks train service dogs at no cost to provide for disabled American Vets and with it being Memorial Day Weekend it was very fitting to raise funds for this group. And raise funds did we! The 'cash pot' was just over \$2000 when the winning ticket was called which was Marti

Graves of Manvel, Texas. She donated a part of her \$1000 winning back to the cause, and with other cash donations obtained during the weekend, the Dallas Area Classic Chevys sent almost \$2000 to Patriot Paws to use in their mission to train service dogs for our Vets!

A very big and special thanks to the sponsors of Lone Star '36' that made the event happen. Painless Performance, Authentic Automotive, Eckler's Classic Chevy, O'Reilly Auto Parts, City of Irving, Reliable Chevrolet and the American Tri Five Association.

The winners of the various awards from the car show along with the 'Top 25' are listed below. And the 'People's Choice' Award went to the very deserving Custom 1955 Bel Air Hardtop from Mustang, Oklahoma belonging to Doug & Carolyn Bradsher.

AWARD WINNER LIST

Drag Race Runner Up – Manuel Alcorta – Lubbock, Texas

Drag Race Winner – Joey Truelove – Wylie, Texas

Best Modified Paint – Dual Winner – Verl Roberts – Lamont, Oklahoma
– Doug Bradshear – Mustang, Oklahoma

Best Original Paint – James Castleberry – Dallas, Texas

Best Modified Interior – Don Andre – Southlake, Texas

Best Original Interior – David Fletcher – Brentwood, California

Best Modified Engine – Doug Bradshear – Mustang, Oklahoma

Best Original Engine – David Fletcher – Brentwood, California

Most Unique Tri Five Chevy – Greg Graves – Manvel, Texas

Best Engineered Modified – Scott Cepak – Bedford, Texas

Best Use Of Color – Verl Roberts – Lamont, Oklahoma

Best Tri Five Chevy Patina – Manuel Alcorta – Lubbock, Texas

Best Tri Five Chevy Survivor – Dennis Fletcher – McKinney, Texas

Most Likely To Get a Ticket – Ken Mason – Arlington, Texas

Painless Performance Favorite Tri Five Chevy – Doug Brashear – Mustang, Oklahoma

Authentic Automotive's Favorite Tri Five Chevy – Gary Nyland – Bulverde, Texas

Eckler's Classic Chevy Favorite Tri Five Chevy – Don Peterson – Buda, Texas

O'Reilly Auto Parts Favorite Tri Five Chevy – Jim Rankin – Austin, Texas

Irving Convention & Visitors Bureau Favorite – Reuel Hoelscher – Round Rock, TX

Reliable Chevrolet's Favorite Tri Five Chevy – Mike Yerkes – Edmond, Oklahoma

American Tri Five Association's Favorite – Neal West – Redmond, Washington

Patriot Paws Service Dogs Favorite Tri Five Chevy – David Parrott – Humble, Texas

Longest Distance Traveled – Neal West – Redmond, Washington

Hard Luck Award – Tom Parsons – Mustang, Oklahoma

Best Club Participation – Central Texas Classic Chevy Club

Houston Classic Chevy Club's Favorite Tri Five Chevy – Kay Welch - Pauls Valley, OK

Dallas Area Classic Chevys Favorite Tri Five Chevy – Johnnie Brazeal – Yukon, OK

Central Texas Classic Chevy Club's Favorite – Verl Roberts – Lamont, OK

TOP 25

Bill Preston – 1956 Corvette – Flower Mound, Texas
Gary Nyland – 1955 Nomad – Bulverde, Texas
David Parrott – 1957 Bel Air Sedan – Humble, Texas
Don Andre – 1957 Bel Air Hardtop – Southlake, Texas
Matt Heit – 1956 Bel Air Sedan – Midlothian, Texas
Larry Myers – 1957 Nomad – Edmond, Oklahoma
Doug Bradshear – 1955 Bel Air Hardtop – Mustang, Oklahoma
Terry Simpson – 1955 210 Sedan – Claremore, Oklahoma
Rich Purvis – 1955 Nomad – Grapevine, Texas
Don Peterson – 1955 Del Rey Sedan – Buda, Texas
James Castleberry – 1956 210 Hardtop – Dallas, Texas
Steve Pratt – 1955 Bel Air Sedan – Forney, Texas
David Fletcher – 1957 Convertible – Brentwood, California
Keith Brogdon – 1955 Bel Air Sedan – Watagua, Texas
Terry Sealock – 1957 Nomad – Lucas, Texas
Tom Parsons – 1956 Corvette – Mustang, Oklahoma
Verl Roberts – 1955 Nomad – Lamont, Oklahoma
John Boutte – 1956 Convertible – Burleson, Texas
Maxie Gremillion – 1957 Bel Air Sedan – Missouri City, Texas
Don Gilleland – 1955 Nomad – Tulsa, Oklahoma
Reuel Hoelscher – 1955 1st series Pickup – Round Rock, Texas
Mike Reeves – 1956 Nomad – Burleson, Texas
Patrick Briney – 1955 Bel Air Sedan – Richardson, Texas
Neal West – 1955 210 Sedan – Redmond, Washington
Albert Turner – 1957 Corvette – Dallas, Texas