



## Lone Star Region, Texas Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

### Holiday Luncheon – By John & Pat Smitka

On Saturday, November 29, from Noon until 3 p.m., we hosted the Lone Star Region Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange at our home in Waxahachie. While the ladies were in the house sharing delicious finger foods and scrumptious desserts they brought, their husbands were entertained in the Chevy Shop with doo wop music, popcorn, a pizza lunch, Chevy talk and old Chevy commercials beginning in 1938. The ladies exchanged Christmas ornaments playing the "Pass the Ornament to the Left & Right" game. The most interesting ornament was brought by Verna Brown and won by Myrl Wade - a "Blue Suede Shoes" singing & hip shaking Elvis Presley figurine. The weather was great, the company better, and time flew by as a fun time was had by all.

Members in attendance included Barbara & Elmer Anderson, Denita & Hancel Brannon, Verna & Bobby Brown, Bettie Duncan, Sue Gray, Elisa & Scott Holdridge, Sheila & Chuck Kinsey, Sherlene Moore, June Newhouse, Judy & Clay Perrine, Eileen & Glen Rogers, Pam & Ron St. Romain, Betty & Chic Vaughn, Betty & Wayne Wilshire, Myrl & Frank Wade, Gerry & Mark Young, as well as Bluebonnet Region members and our son, Joe, and daughter-in-law, Belitza.

### LSR Meetings

#### Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, January 10  
at 4:00 PM, at  
Buck n' Loons  
3517 S. Cooper  
Arlington

#### Region Meeting

Sunday, January 11,  
2:30 PM at Arlington  
Senior Recreation  
Center, 1000 Eunice  
Street.  
Dinner after the  
meeting at Black -  
Eyed Pea, 1400 North  
Collins, Arlington.



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### Happy Birthday

Joe Shea	1/1
John Smitka	1/2
Joe Smith	1/10
Jim Smith	1/11
Joe Lake	1/12
Margie Allen	1/14
Barbara Meadlin	1/15
Jeff Quinn	1/17
Betty Vaughn	1/18
Mark Young	1/18
Harold Teague	1/19
Dee Broughton	1/20
Johnetta Courtney	1/20
David Simmons	1/23
Weldon Whiteman	1/25
Barry Bujol	1/26
Mary Teague	1/27
Bennie Zimmerman	1/30

### Happy Anniversary

- Jan. 1 –  
Bill & Purneta Wagner
  
- Jan. 10 –  
Charlie & Kay Lynn  
Villasana
  
- Jan. 17 –  
L.M. & Juracy Ray
  
- Jan. 29 –  
Dutch & Diane Bryant

### WISHING YOU

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2009

## Director's Corner – By Elmer Anderson



The New Year is starting, and I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I want to thank John and Pat Smitka for an exciting 2008; we got a lot done.

We plan to do some of the things that have been popular in

the past and some new and different activities with the help of all of you. We do need some volunteers. So get those cars warmed up and ready to go. See you at the first meeting of 2009 on January 10.

## Fort Worth Parade of Lights – By Barbara Anderson

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> was a perfect night for a parade and we had one to go to. The Fort Worth Parade of Lights started at 6:00 and there were six cars participating - Elmer and Barbara in their '57, Verna Brown with Eileen Rogers in her '68 convertible, Bobby Brown with Glen Rogers in his '57 PU, Bennie Zimmerman with his daughter and granddaughter in his '55 convertible, Clay and Judy Perrine with their

daughter-in-law, Betty, in their '55 convertible, and Wayne Wishire with his daughter and grandson in his '54 PU. We have always said until all the lights on the cars make it through the parade we will be in the next parade. Well, we will be in the parade again next year.

After the parade the Andersons, Browns, Rogers, and Perrines went to eat at Angelo's BBQ. Clay Jr. met us there. The place was

crowded, and I found one long table with a family sitting at one end. I asked if we could sit with them and they said sure. It turned out to be club members who joined in April, and Marshall & Dotty Sansbury have not attended any other meetings since then. We sure hope to see them again real soon. The crowds were great, the parade was great and the food was great. See ya next year.

## Membership Renewal 2009

Membership dues for our local Lone Star Region (LSR) are \$12 per year, payable each year in January. If you are a new member who joined during Oct-Nov-Dec 2008, your dues will carry over for 2009. A membership renewal form is included with this

new sletter. Make checks payable to LSR – VCCA and send to our new **Membership Secretary, Eileen Rogers, 2804 Warren Circle, Irving, TX 75062-8937.**

Membership renewal in the national Vintage Chevrolet Club of

America (VCCA) is payable on your national membership anniversary date, and VCCA will mail you a notice when it is due. Membership in VCCA is required to be a member of the local LSR club and participate in the club's activities.

## Sunshine Report

We offer heartfelt sympathy to Bud and Billy Grote on the loss of Bud's sister. Sophie Aline McGow on passed away November 29, 2008.

Jimmy Smith was recently diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. This is a slow progressing leukemia with no treatment needed unless it begins to affect lymph nodes, liver or spleen which could be up to 10 years. Please keep the Smiths' in your thoughts and prayers.

To report Sunshine News, contact Sunshine Lady, Sheila Kinsey, at [chuck-sheila@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chuck-sheila@sbcglobal.net) or call 972-623-2523.

## LSR Closes Out 2008

As we closed out the year at the annual Christmas Party for 2008, John Smitka recognized the officers and other "spark plugs" that had helped keep our club running for the past year. Then Clay Perrine installed the new officers for 2009 to lead the club into another year of driving and loving our old Chevy's. Santa Claus made his appearance and gave toys for each "good" little boy and girl. Throughout the evening door prize gift cards were awarded to attendees, and the cleverly crafted centerpieces were also given away. Don Newhouse closed out the evening with remarks and read a prayer by Billy Graham. It was another great party and a great way to end another year.

## Thank you everyone!

- By Judy Perrine

A big thank you to all of you who made the 2008 Christmas Party happen. It was a joy to see so many members working together on our holiday event. I won't try to list everyone's name, but 24 of the attending families had one or more people actively participating in some way, for a total of 32 people involved. It was the Lone Star Region family at its very best. The men's singing group and the unsuspecting audience participation folks were really good sports and deserve recognition as do all the creators of the wonderful centerpieces. There is much untapped talent in our family. My heartfelt thanks go out to the committee members who made my job as coordinator so easy. Take a bow, June Newhouse, Sue Gray, Barbara Anderson, Eileen Rogers, Sherlene Moore and Joan Smith. It was a pleasure working with you.

## Upcoming Events

### 2009

January 11	Lone Star Region Meeting
February 8	Lone Star Region Meeting
March 8	Lone Star Region Meeting
April 19	Lone Star Region Meeting
May 5 - 8	Southern Spring Tour, Carthage, MO Four & Six Cylinder Tour
May 17	Lone Star Region Meeting
June 12 - 14	LSR Swap Meet at Traders Village
June 15 - 19	33 <sup>rd</sup> Middle West Meet to be held in Mankato, Minnesota
July 12	Lone Star Region Meeting
August 9	Lone Star Region Meeting
September 13	Lone Star Region Meeting
September	Area 6 Joint Tour in Oklahoma Hosted by Heart of Route 66 Region
October 11	Lone Star Region Meeting
November 8	Lone Star Region Meeting & Bingo
December 12	Lone Star Region Christmas Party

## Holiday Activities

- By Barbara Anderson

ARLINGTON PARADE OF LIGHTS - Elmer and Barbara Anderson in their 1957, Verna Brown in her 1968 convertible and Bobby Brown in his 1957 PU represented the Lone Star Region VCCA in the Arlington Parade of Lights.

THE JOHNNIE HIGH CHRISTMAS SHOW - Ordinarily there would not be that much to write about going to the Johnnie High Christmas Show, but this year was special. After some of us ate at Campo Verde we met the rest at the show. After intermission they called some of our group up on stage to sing, and we found out that some of our group could sing The 12 Days of Christmas. Hancel Brannon - 2 Turtle Doves and Sue Gray's granddaughter, Sarah. - 11 Pipers Piping, sang with such feeling, we just did not know they had it in them. It was quite a treat.



Randy and Kandy Hulsey are proud grand-parents! Their daughter, Stephanie, gave birth to a baby girl at 8:15 am, November 28, 2008. Kinsey Grace Buck weighed in at 5 pounds 4 ounces and 17-1/2 inches tall with lots of dark hair, long narrow feet, delicate fingers and a cute button nose, so says her Grandma Kandy. Congratulations to Randy & Kandy and Stephanie and her husband.



Jeff New house proudly showing his 1966 Nova, a father and son restoration project by Don & Jeff.

## Chevy Parts for Sale

1987 Chevy truck hood, left driver's door, right and left front fenders. \$15 each part.  
Call Bob Swiff 972-255-6932, VCCA #12424

## Check out the Web Site

Photos of the Pythian Children's Home Car Show are available for viewing on our web site [www.lsrclub.org](http://www.lsrclub.org). The slide show appears first with a "play" button (arrow). Click the button to start the show. You can switch to "full-screen" mode by clicking on the lower right hand corner of the pictures. Swap Meet pre-registration forms are also now available on the web site.

## Note of Thanks

Thank You Dear Friends, for your kindness during the loss of my sister. For the plant, the cards, the visits and your prayers. It is so nice to have friends and you are the best. Thank You again.

Bud and Billie Grote

## Nostalgic Nova Show – By Jeff Newhouse

DALLAS -- Reports of a gathering of brightly shining objects along a stretch of Northwest Highway last November proved not to be a collection of stars from another galaxy, but rather a showing of Chevrolet Chevy II/Novas from the North Texas area. Approximately 30 owners of Chevy II's and Novas made their way to Dallas for a Nova-only car show November 9th at the Pappas BBQ restaurant on West Northwest Highway. Chevrolet began production of the Chevy II/Novas model in 1962, and it continued through the 1979 model year. Chevy II and Novas were part of GM's rear wheel drive X-body platform. For their time, X-bodies were considered small entry-level cars. The show was hosted by the Lone Star chapter of the National Nostalgic Nova club based in York, PA. The show featured a wide array of Novas from a numbers-matching 1966 Chevy II Nova SS to unrestored originals, stock daily drivers, mildly modified weekend drivers,

show quality customs, and full-race-ready creations. The Pappas BBQ restaurant is a great location for a show. Its nostalgic drive-in style covered parking spots were reserved for show participants, and the indoor dining area and two outdoor patios provided a place for patrons and participants to enjoy the show. Participants selected the top 20 cars and a best-of-show for '62 through '67, '68 through '79, and under-construction. Jeff Newhouse's 1966 Chevy II Station Wagon was recognized as Top 20 winner. While the Lone Star Nova chapter has struggled to remain active over the last few years, both the organizers and participants spoke of how they hope to have more shows in the future. Visit [www.LoneStarNova.org](http://www.LoneStarNova.org) to see a slideshow of the many bright and shiny Novas that gathered for this show.

## Children Warm Our Hearts Again – By Betty Wilshire

Our group met on December 6 in Arlington and drove to the Pythian Children's Home in Weatherford to attend the car show and Christmas party for the children. Driving together were John & Pat Smitka-'71, Don & June Newhouse-'55, Jeff Newhouse-'66, Mark & Gerry Young-'57, Wayne & Betty Wilshire-'60, and Elmer & Barbara Anderson-'57. As we drove into the car show parking area, we saw that Glen & Eileen Rogers in their '68 had already arrived. Clay & Judy Perrine in their '55 drove in a few minutes later. We were hoping for nice weather, and we got it. The day was cool, but sunny and quite comfortable outdoors.

We noticed that some work had been done to the main building. The dining room had been painted and looked bright and clean. New window blinds had been installed as well as some new outside doors. It was good to see some improvements, and so many more are still needed.

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## Membership

### New Members:

Ronnie Batchelor #45249  
DOB 11/5  
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DOB 7/28  
Anniversary 8/19/06  
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Phone 817-453-4383  
[rhbatch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhbatch@sbcglobal.net)  
1963 C10 Pickup 8 Cyl.

Lowell H. Staph  
DOB 8/4  
3217 Hawthorne Street  
Amarillo, TX 79109-3415  
Phone 806-352-5469  
[lowellstaph@superlink.net](mailto:lowellstaph@superlink.net)  
1929 International 4-door

### Prospects:

Maynard Riegel  
Dallas, TX  
Chan Allen  
Rainbow, TX  
(G&D)

Tommy Roden  
Fort Worth  
(Barbara Anderson)

**LSR Membership Dues are payable in January each year. (See membership form included with this newsletter.)**

Many thanks to Betty Sewell for doing a great job as our Membership Secretary for the past 5 years.

If you have prospective members, send their name and address to our newly elected Membership Secretary, **Eileen Rogers**  
Phone 972-252-8510 or  
[eileen.rogers1@verizon.net](mailto:eileen.rogers1@verizon.net)

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This was the best turnout for the show with over 80 cars registered and about 100 people coming through to look. We even met up with some new members we hadn't seen in a while, Marshall & Dotty Sansbury in their '47 convertible.

We snacked on hot dogs, nachos, and popcorn. Then the children played games as directed by the hosts from D & D Rockin' Rods. One of the favorite things for the children to do is the "Money Grab". Volunteers helped the child count the money they grabbed. This gives the child a little money of their own to spend on themselves or a Christmas present for someone else. Look for photos of the event on the website at [DDRockinRods.com](http://DDRockinRods.com).

Some of the children had to leave early to be in a Christmas program that evening. One of the children we sponsored, Veronica, was one of them, so a few of us went upstairs to watch her open her gifts. She had stayed with Pat during the car show, and I'm not sure if she had smiled all day, but when she opened her gifts, out came the smile. Pat did a great job shopping for the "girly" things.

After a lot of bribery of candy and toys, car awards were handed out as selected by the children and the dorm parents. Then the time finally arrived for the rest of the children to open their gifts. The other children we sponsored were Clayton and Daniel. Pat and I had done the shopping for them. They warmed our hearts again as they

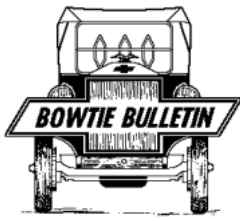
excitedly tore open the wrapping paper and smiled at each gift they opened. They were very grateful and thanked us as we left.

It was interesting as I was shopping for gifts in Target, I met a young woman and her 5 year old son. When I told her who I was shopping for, she said that she had also grown up in a children's home. Her son helped point me in the right direction to find toys for a 5 year old boy.

After the car show and party, we gathered for dinner at the Salt Grass Restaurant. It was a rewarding day helping put smiles on the faces of children that needed some extra attention during a difficult time in their lives. Thank you LSR for your charitable support of the Pythian Children's Home.



Daniel and Clayton were two of our sponsored children at the Pythian Children's Car Show. Looks like they are future car enthusiasts.



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Please submit information to be included in the next newsletter by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

New letters are sent by E-mail and regular mail to arrive by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. If you don't receive yours, please contact the Newsletter Editor.



**Vintage Chevrolet Club of America**, national web site [www.vcca.org](http://www.vcca.org)

**Lone Star Region** web site [www.lsrclub.org](http://www.lsrclub.org)

## Swap Meets

Jan. 24-25 – DFW Swap Meet, LaGrave Field, Ft. Worth,  
And April 18-19, June 27-28, Oct. 24-25

Feb. 20-22 - Decatur Swap Meet, E-mail [wcaac@ntws.net](mailto:wcaac@ntws.net)

Apr. 30-May 3 - Pate Swap Meet, TX Motor Speedway, Ft. Worth,  
E-mail [pateswapmeet@aol.com](mailto:pateswapmeet@aol.com)

June 12-14 – 34<sup>th</sup> LSR Swap Meet at Trader's Village, E-mail [jimtar1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimtar1@sbcglobal.net)

**More registration information available on our web site [www.lsrclub.org](http://www.lsrclub.org)**

### RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Please remember the "3" steps to recognize a stroke, **STR**. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S\*** Ask the individual to SMILE.
- T\*** Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today.)
- R\*** Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. **New Sign of a Stroke -- Stick out Your Tongue:** Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

*The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (national) was founded in 1961. Our local organization, Lone Star Region, was started in 1971. The organization is family oriented and promotes interest in antique and classic Chevrolets. We preserve and restore old Chevy's just for the fun of it. National dues are \$35 per year, and regional dues are \$12 per year. Our LSR of VCCA meetings are held at the Arlington Senior Recreation Center, 1000 Eunice Street, Arlington, TX 76010, phone 817-277-8091. The regular meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM.*

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