



CLASSIC CHEVYS OF CENTRAL IOWA P.O. BOX 484 DES MOINES IOWA 50302

Dear Prospective Member:

Classic Chevys of Central Iowa, formerly Central Iowa Tri-Five Chevy Club, is a family oriented organization that is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the 1955 through 1972 Chevrolets. You do not need to own a "Classic Chevy" to belong to this organization, only a need to love the classic Chevy.

The club was founded in September 1977 through a custom and modified ad in the Sunday Register for lovers of the 1955, 1956, and 1957 Chevys, noting in the ad that ladies and families were welcome. There were approximately 12 members who joined in organizing the club in electing officers for the 1978 year and establishing by-laws and a newsletter to show upcoming events and meetings. Meetings were originally held in garages and homes of the members. They were held in parks as picnics when the weather permitted. The meetings are now generally held the second Sunday of each month at a place and time to be announced.

Officers are nominated in July each year and are elected into office at the August meeting. All new officers are seated at the September meeting.

The club decided to start holding annual car shows in 1979 and held the first one at Wright Chevrolet in Carlisle with a display of 10-12 cars with ballots being put in a cardboard box in the back of a member's Cameo Pick-up. The car that received the most public votes was awarded with a framed certificate. Since that time, with a bit of experience and confidence, the club has printed flyers and started a mailing list and advertises the show in many different ways. Such as ads in car magazines, newspapers, and the 1989 show was even advertised on KIOA radio. The club advertises to have car competition, dash plaques, door prizes, t-shirts, and trophies for all classes. We have held events at several dealerships in the area such as Lentz Chevrolet in Indianola, Pat Clemons in Boone, and Beneventi in Granger. We have cars come from around Iowa and surrounding states such as Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota, and Illinois.

The annual club event is now held the first Sunday in June. Originally the car show was just for Tri-Five Chevys. It has since been expanded to an all Chevy show and is currently held at Southridge Mall in Des Moines.

It takes a lot of time and patience of all members in the club to produce a quality annual show. One of the by-law requirements is that each member help plan and put on the annual event. The committees and their basic jobs are as follows:

Publicity and t-shirts: It is this committee's responsibility to design the flyer, prepare a t-shirt design, order t-shirts, obtain sponsors for the show, and totally publicize the show by mailing flyers to people, advertising in magazines, and in general advertise the show.

Classification and Trophies: It is this committee's responsibility to determine the car classes, number of trophies in each class, the type of trophies, and how the cars will be classified. They will classify the cars as they come into the show. There will be trophies for both stock and modified cars. They will be sure that there is a ballot printed and ready to be passed out at the end of registration. They will provide classification information to the publicity committee for the flyer.

Entertainment: This committee is responsible for planning entertainment during the show. This includes the hiring of the band or a Disc Jockey. This information needs to get to the publicity committee also for inclusion in flyers and in other advertising.

Door Prizes: It is this committee's responsibility to prepare door prizes for the show, storing of the door prizes until the show, being sure that they are at the show, and have a system devised for distribution of the door prizes. This committee is also responsible for writing and mailing of the door prize thank you notes. Normally, this is a specially printed thank you with some type of design depicting our club with a personal thank you inside.

Grounds and Security: It is this committee's responsibility to prepare a layout for the parking of club cars, entrants cars, swap meet spots and for other special needs. They will also provide security during the show to prevent damage to vehicles.

In 1977 a group of club members made a Historian Book. It carries a lot of information regarding the club. Because of all the effort that went into making this book we have now added the office of Historian to the board to keep this book updated.

The club receives many newsletters and mail from other clubs around the state and adjacent states. The Secretary/Newsletter Editor has this information if you wish to review the newsletters. They outline what other clubs are doing and gives an additional list of shows.

Beginning in 1987 we decided on a club charity. We have donated to Amanda the Panda, Kids with a Wish, the Food Bank, Shoes that Fit, Ronald McDonald House, Bloomfield Fire Department, and Hands in Motion. Each year we determine our charity and donate to that charity.

There is a wooden plaque displaying all the dash plaques from all our car shows, be sure to take a look at it sometime. Dean McClafflin has the plaque.

Each year we have a Christmas Party. We do pay for our own meals. Sometimes there is a special event at the party. Also \$10.00 charity gifts are provided by each member to be given to a charity.

To join the club you must attend two regular business meetings, which do not need to be in consecutive months. At the end of the second meeting you are voted into the club. Dues are \$25 per year, pro rated per month if you join during the year plus a \$5 initiation fee. Renewals are \$25. Dues must be paid by the March meeting in order to prevent paying the \$5.00 initiation fee. Each member is required to attend and help plan our annual car show.

We are not affiliated with Classic Chevy Club International but many of our members are also members of that club and can give you information concerning Classic Chevy Club matters.

If you are interested in the Classic Chevys of Central Iowa then please join us, the club certainly welcomes you. We think you will enjoy joining others with a common interest.

Sincerely,
Happy Cruising