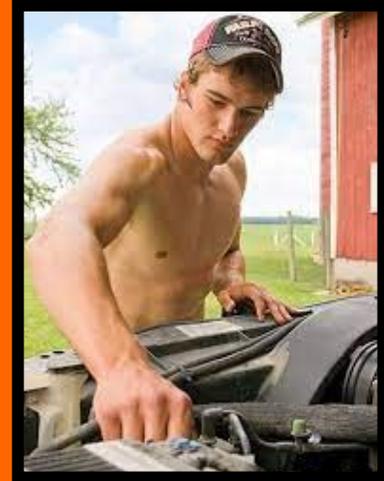


CLASSIC CHASSIS CAR CLUB OF



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We are open and welcome any automobile enthusiast. This newsletter does not infer that any/all club members are LGBTQ.

“Ride with Pride”

SAN ANTONIO CLUB VISITS MEETS AGAIN IN PERSON AT W.D. DELI NEAR DOWNTOWN SAN ANTONIO.

Note that the Club is "back on the road again", they visited the VW Show at Trader's Village and saw many examples of "pregnant roller-skates" and multi-arched VW Buses.



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OUR MISSION

- To be open and welcoming of any automobile enthusiast regardless of sexual orientation.
- To support the purpose(s) of the Lambda Car Club International in the enjoyment and exchange of information on old and special interest motor vehicles, combined with social fellowship by LGBTQ community members interested in such vehicles.

RSVP: Halloween Party on October 23rd !



SA CLUB HAS RETURNED TO “IN PERSON” MEETINGS AND EVENTS! PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US AT ANY OF THESE!

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Calendar of Events

Finally back together, let's enjoy these upcoming “in-person” events!

RETURN TO NORMAL.....

The Classic Chassis Club of San Antonio is returning to normal meetings and events. Many of us (if not all) have received our Covid vaccine.

However, we understand completely if you wish to practice CDC protocols for masking and other concerns.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our meetings and events.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS MONTH AND BEYOND!



3RD ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 23, 2021—7:00PM

277 Cameron Trail, Lakehills, Texas 78063

- Food to be provided by LCCI—San Antonio
- Costumes encouraged!
- Bring a Side Dish To Complement Meats/Finger Food
- Plenty of Car Related Gifts and Treat Bags
- RSVP - Ron Clarke—roninsatx@gmail.com or call (830)612-1038

Cool Crest Mini-Golf Outing

November 13th—10AM

A fun, relaxing, and fit fun event!

Lunch to Follow!

Jacala Mexican Restaurant
(San Antonio's Oldest!)

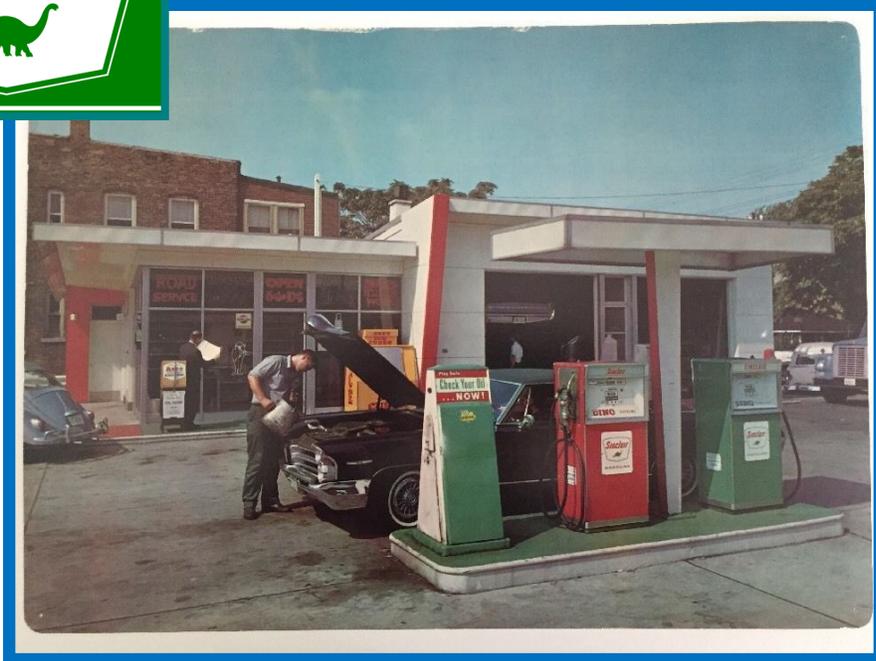


Annual Holiday Party & Meeting

(White Elephant Gift Tradition Returns!)

Saturday, December 11th—1:00PM

- * Hosted at Tom & Eddie's (Home of the smallest San Antonio Holiday Tree!)
- * Meat Will Be Provided by the Club.
- * Please bring a side dish to compliment a traditional holiday meal.
- * Please bring a “White Elephant” gift to exchange.
- * Kindly RSVP by Email or Call (210)317-8035



Sinclair Gasoline Station, Orange, Texas (1966)

VINTAGE FUEL STOP

Sinclair Oil Corporation is an American petroleum corporation founded by Harry F. Sinclair on May 1, 1916, as the Sinclair Oil and Refining Corporation by combining the assets of 11 small petroleum companies. Originally a New York corporation, Sinclair Oil re-incorporated in Wyoming in 1976.

The corporation's logo features the silhouette of a large green dinosaur, based on the then-common idea that oil deposits beneath the earth came from the dead bodies of dinosaurs. It is ranked on the list of largest privately owned American corporations.^[1] It owns and operates refineries, gas stations, hotels, a ski resort, and a cattle ranch.

This is the 4th month of Sinclair of from the 60's. Join us next month when we visit the 1970's with Sinclair and its' dinosaur emblem!

FUNNY TEXTS FROM ALL OVER THE U.S.

Here we continue the monthly tradition of finding funny texts (it's amazing what an auto-correct can do!) from all over. Enjoy.



**1940's
Big, Bad,
Bolder.**



Photos by: Shayne B.

CAR CLUB MEETS AT W.D. DELI

Last month, the Club gather in San Antonio at W.D. Deli to meet in person to talk cars, club business, and sandwiches from one of the best Deli's in San Antonio. They brought their cars!

W.D. DELI MEETING AND CRUISE-IN PHOTOS:

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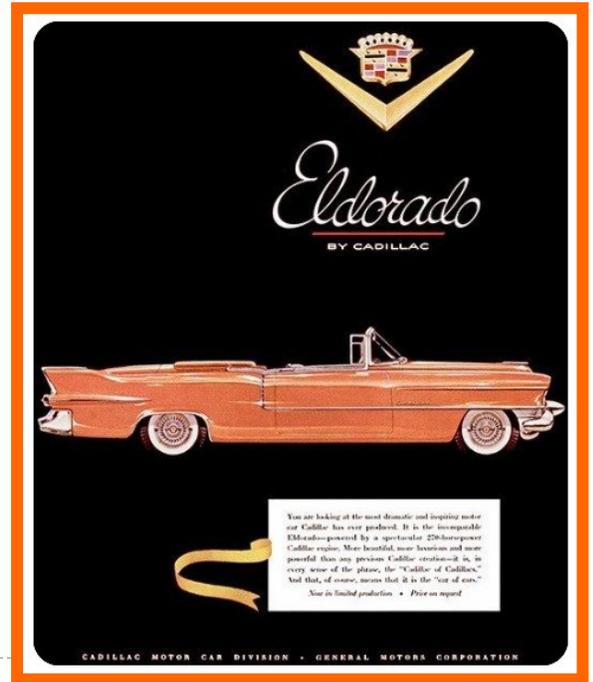


MEMBER CAR



Donnie's 1955 Cadillac "Series 62" is very popular and has carried many dignitaries at parades all over South Texas. A favorite of Senators and even Congressman, it has been a wonderful part of our club for over 2 years.

Former Congressman Charles Gonzalez enjoys Donnie's 1955 Convertible in 2015.



THE "SERIES 62" WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1940 AND THE 1955 FELL WITHIN THE 4TH GENERATION OF THE SERIES. IT CAME IN BOTH A SEDAN (COUP DE VILLE) AND A CONVERTIBLE (ELDORADO) WITH VARIATION OF DESIGNS IN EACH.

The Series 62 included a lower sleeker body, a new cellular grille insert, and inverted gull wing front bumpers and tapered dagmar style bumper guards. Round jet style dual exhaust outlets were incorporated into the vertical bumper extensions and the rear bumper was entirely redesigned. Sedans used a distinctive style of window reveal molding, which created a built in sun visor effect. A wide ventilator intake was now stretched across the base of the windshield on all body styles and the chrome visored headlamp look was emphasized. The Series 62 could be distinguished by the lack of rear fender louvers. V-shaped ornaments and crests were used in the hood and deck and there were full length body underscores in bright metal.

-Wikipedia



Donnie D.'s 1955 Cadillac Series 62 (Convertible)



Photos by: Shayne B.

MORE PHOTOS FROM W.D. DELI

Last month, the Club Members brought their cars to the monthly meeting at W.D. Deli on Broadway. Enjoy these photos.

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W.D. DELI MEETING AND CRUISE-IN PHOTOS:



From: BarnFinds.Com

BARN FIND

Long a staple, Barn-Finds.Com has been instrumental in years past finding cars throughout the United States that one would think were unsalvageable. Even the worst can be a “parts” car, but you can also find a lump of coal soon to be a diamond. Those cars are featured here monthly.

2nd Generation

Chevy Bel Air

(1955-1957)

The Chevrolet Bel Air received new, re-vamped styling for the 1955 model year. The Bel Air was 3,456 lb (1,568 kg) and 15 ft (4.6 m) long. It was called the "Hot One" in GM's advertising campaign. Bel Airs came with features found on cars in the lower models ranges plus interior carpet, chrome headliner bands on hardtops, chrome spears on front fenders, stainless steel window moldings, full wheel covers, and a Ferrari-inspired front grille. Models were further distinguished by the Bel Air name script in gold lettering later in the year.

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Original V8: 1957 Chevrolet 210 Townsman Station Wagon

With the values of classic station wagons growing at an alarming rate, the day will come where the more desirable examples could climb out of the reach of most enthusiasts. They will face two choices. The first will be to raise the white flag and go hunting for an alternative. The second is to find an affordable car and set to work creating the wagon of their dreams. If tackling a potentially affordable project is on your wish list, this 1957 Chevrolet 210 Townsman Station Wagon could be the right car in the right place at the right time. It is a complete car that still houses its original drivetrain. It needs some work, but with the bidding sitting at a mere \$3,500, it has the potential to tick the “affordable” box. If you are tempted to pursue this one further, you will find the Wagon located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and listed for sale [here on eBay](#). If I haven't already tempted you enough, the fact that this appears to be a No Reserve listing could be enough to push you over the edge.

There's no point sugar-coating it. This Matador Red Chevy has rust that the buyer will need to address. It has managed to sink its teeth into most of the lower body extremities, including the rockers, lower rear quarter panels, and doors. The owner also mentions issues with the floor. When you combine those factors, the buyer will be intimately acquainted with their grinder and welder before they can even consider applying a fresh coat of paint. That person will also need to decide whether that paint will again be Matador Red, whether the original Surf Green is more to their liking, or whether a different shade takes their fancy. From a positive perspective, all of the steel is available to address these rust problems. When we reach the point where we start to consider this Wagon's potential value, it should be worth the effort and expense to perform any repair work to the highest level. While it seems to have been doom and gloom to this point, it is worth noting that this Wagon's frame is structurally sound, with no evidence of rust or prior repairs. Some of the trim is missing, but the glass looks like it could be in good order.

For enthusiasts considering a faithful restoration, the news is all positive when it comes to the drivetrain. This 210 features its original 283ci V8 and two-speed Powerglide transmission. With 185hp at the driver's disposal, the Wagon should be capable of dispatching the ¼ mile in 19 seconds. The owner says that the V8 starts and runs well and that the transmission shifts through the gears okay. Eagle-eyed readers will have noted the updated intake and carburetor. These will have unleashed a few additional ponies, but the original components are included if a faithful restoration is the ultimate goal. We receive no concrete information on the state of this wagon's interior, but the brief glimpse that we get suggests that a complete restoration of this area will also be on the radar for the buyer. Once again, how this is tackled will depend on personal preference. Many upholsterers could create custom trim if that is the goal. Reproduction trim kits are also available and generally retail for around \$2,000. I've previously stated that restoring an interior can seem expensive, but it does represent a one-off expense. Treated with care, a high-quality restoration could last for more than fifty years without needing to be touched.

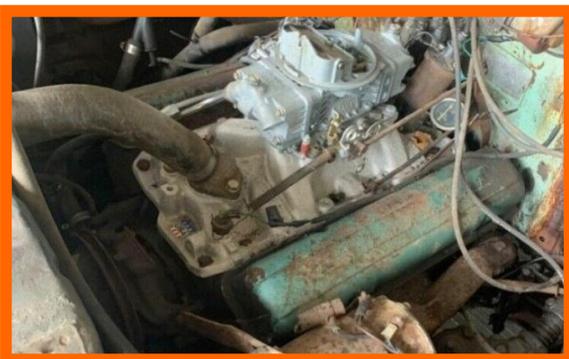


Imagine a 6-seater version of the 1957 Bel Air. It's hard to find existing station wagons of that era, let alone an unrestored one. Here it is!

BARN FIND PHOTOS



READ THE SIDE PANEL FOR MORE HISTORY ABOUT THE 1957 BELAIR TRADESMAN.



The “Townsmen” name was first used in 1953 on the 210 series four-door station wagon, and used the GM A platform. For 1954, the name was updated to the luxury Bel Air series station wagon, which featured DI-NOC woodgrain paneling.



In both years, all Townsmen were eight-passenger models. In 1955 and 1956, the Townsman was once again a 210, but in 1957 it was available as both a 210 and a Bel Air. All 1955–1957 Townsmen were six-passenger models. A 235.5-cid inline six-cylinder engine was standard power in all five years, with V8s available beginning in 1955.

-Wikipedia

MAKING YOUR VINTAGE AUTO-MOBILE MAINTENANCE A BIT EASIER.....

This is a regular feature of the San Antonio monthly newsletter. Each month we will try to bring you a maintenance "hack" that will help you maintain your vintage or modern classic vehicle.

CLASSIC CAR MAINTENANCE "HACK"

● KEEP YOUR WIPERS FROM SMUDGING.

When your done cleaning your windshield wipers, rub them down with rubbing alcohol. This will help prevent your wipers from leaving smears on your windshield the next time you go to use them.

Even seasoned maintenance and mechanic tech use these "hacks"!



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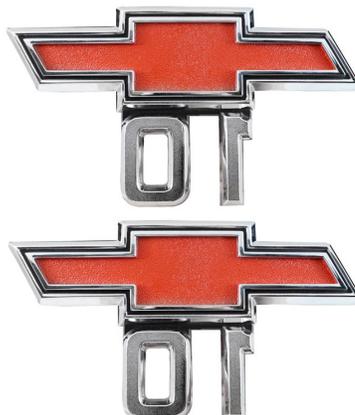
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