

The Dashboard

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Hello Gang,

Make sure we all do our auto maintenance to deal with this heat. Some of the below tips will apply to our treasured Tri 5's, but all of them will most definitely be needed for all of our regular daily drivers.

The 3 most important summer car prep tasks are:

Your **AC system** to catch refrigerant leaks early, Check **coolant level** and concentration condition to prevent overheating, and adjust **tire pressure** for hot pavement, (heat increases PSI). Complete these three tasks and you will avoid the most common summer breakdowns.

Other things to look at:

Take a quick look at your spare tire if it's been a while. On the chance you do get a blow out, you want that back up plan.

While you're under the hood checking that coolant level and condition, take a quick look at your belts and hoses. Heat is hard on rubber. A broken belt or burst radiator hose will strand you instantly.

Tak a good look at your battery. Heat kills batteries faster than cold. With engine off, voltage should read 12.4V or higher, inspect terminals for corrosion and clean with baking soda if needed, ensure cable connections are tight and secure. If your battery is over 3 years old, have it load tested at an auto parts store. (usually free)

Inspect your wiper blades, looking for cracks, splits, or hard rubber. Replace blades if they are 6 mos. Old or are showing any wear. Fill washer fluid reservoir with a bug-removing formula for summer, and replace cabin air filter. A 90-minute inspection prevents the most common summer breakdowns: overheating, AC failure and tire blowouts.

Summer Emergency Kit:

Extra water (at least 1 gallon for drinking and coolant top -off, jumper cables or a portable jump start, flashlight with extra batteries, basic first aid kit with sunscreen, reflective triangles or flares, phone charger (12v adapter or battery pack), tire inflator or compact air compressor, and of course duct tape and zip ties for temporary fixes.

Road Trip Readiness Check List:

Check oil level and condition (change if due within the next 1000 miles);
Verify all lights work, including brake lights and turn signals; Test Brakes



for any pulling, squealing or soft pedal feel; Check Transmission fluid level and color; Verify spare tire is properly inflated; and pack your emergency medical kit.

Be Safe as we all travel the roads.



RunOff Primary Election: August 25th, 2026

As a reminder, we have a primary election coming up on August 25th. Please get online and go to the Oklahoma Voter Portal, you can find it by going to: [Oklahoma.gov/elections](https://oklahoma.gov/elections) and logging in. To log in all you need will be your last name, first name and date of birth. Hit the Find Me button and you are there. Here you will find all the upcoming elections for your specific precinct, as well as sample ballots that will show you all the candidates that are running and any state special election/ questions that are being considered. I usually print out the sample ballots to take with me when I go vote to help me remember who I'm planning to support, and it makes it so much faster to make the actual ballot when your at the polls. Happy Voting.

Upcoming Holidays: None for August, so just enjoy the month and stay cool. After that will be Labor Day September 7th.

Dashboard Articles:

Don't forget to share with Annette any articles or pictures you have that would be of interest to the Club. We are always looking for things to post.

Hope to see everyone at next month's meeting.

Sherrell Porter, President



True Osborn at OKC boot.

Myers' 3 Nomads at the Blue Whale.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB

JULY 12, 2026 MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President Sherrel Porter at 3:00pm at Johnnies in Moore. Pledge of allegiance given. Guests were welcomed.

Secretary: Martha, minutes in Dashboard. No corrections, motion to accept by Annette, seconded by Kay. Accepted

Treasurers Report: Robert, Dues are past due. Quarterly report given. Checking account (expenses Jim Thorpe \$100., jacket stitching art work \$325). Members savings ; Special savings , E Jones

Birthdays: Larry Myers, True Osborn, Wayne Pettigrew

Donna still having PT for knee surgery. Card for Louise Main, brighten day.

OLD BUISINESS: Fall Foliage, Still one more trip, July 18-19 to finish plans. All plans will be sent out to clubs and every one at past years. Annette will be a big help for this. Any one who is going needs to make their reservation now. There are only 25 rooms in our block. Will be canceled 2 weeks before Oct 22 .Rt 66 Is a busy event

WEST Rt 66 trip. Tom and Robert are planning this event. Looking at August 21-22. Let Tom know if you are interested in going .

Jackets: Let Tom know when you are going to go order your jacket. If you want them for Fall Foliage maybe do it soon.

NEW BUISINESS: Be considering Dinner cruise ideas , Chickasha maybe to the "Leg" for pictures.

Christmas party : plans , where ? gift exchange? when?

Be thinking on charity choice.

Coming events. Larry and Annette leave on 17th for Noman convention Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Hot Rod 100 Sept 26, 2026. Registration on line. Route will be Rt 66 to Sapulpa, to include Private car collection . Dead line for getting T shirt 4-5 wks. Before date.

Went over the trivia questions that where in the dashboard. See how many we could answer.

Motion to adjourn by Doris, seconded by Shirley .

Adjourn 4:10pm

Submitted by Sec. Martha Duerksen



Greg Porter was
swallowed by the
Blue Whale.



Joe & Donna McIninch at the
Blue Whale



2026 Fall Foliage

October 22—25, 2026

Hampton Inn

115 Deacon Turner Road

Miami, OK 74354

918-541-1500 Dial 0 when prompted

The room rate is \$120.23 per night taxes included. The Hampton hotel is affiliated with Hilton so you might be able to use your Hilton Honors. There will be a free breakfast from 6 am to 10 am. There are 25 rooms in the block consisting of 15 double queen rooms with tub and shower and 10 king rooms with walk-in shower. Rates are guaranteed until 2 weeks before the arrival date.



Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club Officers

President: Sherrel Porter First Vice-President: Tom Linn-Lim

Second Vice Presidents: Lyn Cradduck and Shirley Bynun

Secretary: Martha Duerksen Treasurer: Robert Bogardus

August Birthdays

Happy heavenly birthday to John Dragoo



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**Club Applications
and Dues:**

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