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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026



Welcome to the COCCC Dashboard.

As you all know, Annette announced in the September edition of the Dashboard that she has officially stepped down from publishing any future Dashboards.

I would like to take a moment and thank her and other members for all the years of dedicated work and time she has given to keeping the Dashboard the successful newsletter it is. Please join me to wish her a wonderful retirement from this task.

In the meantime, bear with me as I try to fill her shoes (temporarily) at becoming a publisher.

Our Club is now actively searching for a club member with enthusiasm and creativity willing to fill this position.

Martha and I will be providing you with part of the material you will be using each month. This part will be more of a copy and paste task and you gently reminding her and I, to get our newsletter contributions to you in a timely manner.

The creative part will be on how you would like it to look and feel. Gathering any other additional information/stories etc. from our members or on your own, attaching pictures of interest that the club would find interesting, and then sending it out as a group email with additional emails outside of our group email system to include a few members who are not getting the group notices.

This position will be open to anyone interested in taking on this task to help keep our Dashboard tradition alive and everyone informed of our club activities.

I personally am using a Word program to publish this newsletter as it was readily available as part of my Microsoft 365 program on my computer. If you happen to be more "tech" savvy than I am and have a better option or program that works best for you, that will let you send out the Dashboard as a PDF attachment in emails to the group, please by all means let us know. All input is very welcome.



MARTHA'S MINUTES:

CLUB SECRETARY AND HISTORIAN

Minutes from Last Month's Meeting: September 13, 2026

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

Birthdays: Doug Bradsher, Annette Myers

Secretary: Minutes in Dashboard.

Motion to accept minutes as written by Shirley, second by Kay. No Opposed. Motion to Accept.

Annette is resigning as Editor of Dashboard. Her resignation has been accepted. She has volunteered in this position for over 20 years. A job well done and much appreciated. She feels it is time for someone else to step up. The program we have been using to publish our Dashboard will need to be replaced. It will no longer be supported. We need someone to volunteer to fill this position. Annette will be available to help the transition.

Treasurer: No report until Oct, quarterly. Robert is missing today because they lost some property in the Caddo Co. due to wildfires.

Old Business: Sherrel and Greg have gotten their jackets. Took 2 weeks to get and cost \$176.22. Could vary depending on which jacket selected and if you have any additional embroidery work added to it.

FALL FOLIAGE plans, Oct 22-25, 2026, room rate \$120.23 per night, taxes included. Rates will be good until 2 weeks before dates. Door prizes, bingo Friday night, gift exchange men and women Sat night.

HOT ROD 100, Community Church, Guthrie, Sept 26, 8:30am

RT 66 WEST trip, DATE CHANGE, Oct 8-9, Thurs and Fri, Start from I 35 and 15th 9am, Edmond. Holiday Inn Express, Clinton, Ok, 580 323 150, \$129 @night.

New Business: Dinner cruise, Annette, Sat Sept 19, Little Mikes, hamburgers, Northwest Highway. Need a head count for those interested in going.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Dec 12, Sat same place as last year, Rocky Mountain Grill. We wil do a gift exchange.

Bring ideas for this year's charity & we need to determine amount for this years donation. What is in account for charity?

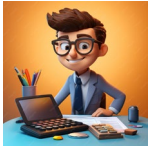
50/50 \$16.

Next meeting: Oct 11, Same time and place. Johnnies Charcoal Broiler in Moore, 3 pm

Motion to adjourn passed. 4:00pm

Members' present: 13, visitor 1

Submitted by Secretary Martha Duerksen


Robert's Numbers
Club Accountant

Robert will update our Quarterly status at the October Meeting

WESTERN RT 66 TRIP UPDATE:

The Plans for the Oklahoma Western Rt 66 Trip has been rescheduled for a much later time. With everything currently going on, it was decided to cancel the trip planned for week of Oct 8-10th. We are now looking at the first or second week of April 2027 to attempt to make this trip. Tom Limm-Lin will keep us posted.

CURRENT PLANS FOR FALL FOILAGE: DATES: OCT 22-25, Thurs thru Sun.

Still working on a few more details but this is the planned agenda so far:

Thursday Agenda:

We will meet at Pop's in Arcadia; the plan is to leave Pop's at 9am. So, arrive early, this will allow you time to fill up with gas, take any bathroom breaks or grab a cup of coffee to start your trip.

We will be following Rt 66 from Arcadia, Ok. and travel to Miami, Ok., with many opportunities for stops and photo ops along the way. Current weather predictions indicate we will have great weather for this trip. Day time temps will be in the upper 70's, with clear sunny sky. Do plan to bring a jacket with you as temperatures will be in the mid upper 40's at night.

Lunch on Thursday will be in Sapulpa, Ok. at **Crossroads Cookery**. Address is: **117 E. Dewey Ave, Sapulpa OK, 74066**.

We do need a head count so we can make reservations so the restaurant will be fully prepared for our visit. I think everyone will find this to be a very interesting stop with lots of unique décor.

We will Drive thru Tulsa, with no stops planned in Tulsa due to the traffic concerns and potential for getting separated. Should we get separated, we will regroup at the **Wal-Mart parking lot on the NE side of Tulsa in Catoosa**: Address for this location is: **19801 Robson Rd, Catoosa, OK. 74015**

Once we are re-grouped, we will cross the highway to continue along Route 66 which snakes north through Claremore, Chelsea, and Vinita on our way to Miami.

We anticipate arriving in Miami, Ok. around 4pm give or take depending on how long everyone spends at our other stops. Once everyone is checked in to the hotel, dinner plans will be of your own choosing.

Friday's Agenda:

Leaving the Hotel at 10am, first stop will be the Dobson Museum, after which we will head out toward Afton, Vinita, Foyil, Chelsea & time permitting, Claremore, Ok. some of the stops along the way will

be: the Ribbon Road on Rt 66, the Crosstar Flag & Tag Museum. In Vinita, we will be find photo ops of mural, hi-way café giants etc. Chelsea has some unique Totem Poles.

We will

Lunch will be at the NoWhere on Route 66 BBQ. Address: **300 S 1st St (also listed as [300 SE First St](#)), Afton, OK 74331.**

Dinner plans are for the Clanton Restaurant in Vinita, OK.: **319 E. Illinois Ave, Vinita, OK. 74301.** The Reservations have been made for 5pm to accommodate our group.

After Dinner we will return to our hotel were we will meet up in the gathering room the hotel has provided for us, for games, snacks, and relaxation.

Saturday's Agenda:

We will leave the Hotel at 10am and go to the Coleman Theater for a tour of this historic location. This is a free tour, but they do very much appreciate donations. After this tour we will head out for Baxter Springs, Ks. for museum and photo ops. We will be going to check out the Rainbow bridge as we travel. This will be a very scenic drive along Rt 66 Road. Based on the Fall Foliage predictor, we should have a very showy road of color. There will be many photo ops along the way.

Lunch will be at **Van's Steakhouse** in Baxter Springs, Ks. Address: **2447 Military Ave, Baxter Springs, KS 66713.**

Dinner will be at the Hi-way Café, Address: **437918 US-60, Vinita, OK 74301**

After dinner we will return to the hotel, meet back up at the Hotel meeting room for games, gift exchange, and time to enjoy visiting with each other.

As a reminder, please bring a Men's and Women's gift for the gift exchange event. Wrap the men's in brown paper or newspaper and the ladies in pretty paper to help us distinguish the gifts.

As an added attraction, the Silver on 66-Centennial Rally will be happening in Miami this same weekend. They will have their gathering along Main Street.

This is a pretty good general plan of what is on our agenda, there may be a few changes as we go.

Tips for Traveling:

Vintage cars are famously easy to work on, but only if you have the right tools on hand. Don't rely on finding an auto parts store in rural stretches.

- **Basic Hand Tools:** Carry a dedicated set of wrenches, sockets (standard or metric depending on your car's origin), screwdrivers, pliers, and vice-grips.
- **A Dedicated Car Jack:** Factory bumper jacks from the 1950s–70s can be incredibly dangerous and unstable. Pack a small, modern hydraulic bottle jack or a reliable scissor jack along with a solid block of wood to place underneath it on soft shoulders.
- **The "Big Three" Fixes:** Always pack a roll of high-quality duct tape, a spool of bailing/mechanic's wire, and plenty of zip ties to temporarily secure loose parts or trim.
- **Illumination:** Pack a bright, hands-free LED headlamp and extra batteries so you aren't trying to hold a phone flashlight while working under the hood at dusk.

Older engines naturally consume more fluids than modern cars, and finding vintage-specific replacement parts in a small town can take days.

- **Extra Fluids:** Carry a gallon of premixed coolant, a few quarts of your preferred motor oil (especially if your classic requires high-zinc formulas), a bottle of brake fluid, and automatic transmission fluid.
- **Belts and Hoses:** Pack a spare set of matching radiator hoses and a replacement fan/alternator belt. They take up very little space in the trunk but will absolutely save your trip if one snaps.
- **Ignition Components:** If your car still uses a classic distributor setup, carry an extra set of points, a condenser, and a spare ignition coil.
- **Fuel Filter:** Older gas tanks can stir up sediment on long, bumpy road trips, which can quickly clog a fuel filter. Pack one or two cheap inline replacements.

Classic cars face unique challenges on modern infrastructure, requiring a slightly different navigation strategy.

- **Avoid GPS "Tunnel Vision":** Standard mapping apps will always prioritize the fastest route, which often means high-speed, 75-MPH interstates. If your classic prefers cruising comfortably at 55 MPH, toggle on "Avoid Highways" in your app settings to stick to scenic, vintage-friendly two-lane roads.
- **Paper Maps are Backup Gold:** Cellular service can be completely non-existent in deep rural areas. Keep a physical highway atlas or a specific Route 66 guidebook in the glovebox.
- **Track Fuel Range Early:** Classic gas gauges are notoriously inaccurate and float around dynamically. Track your mileage using your trip odometer (or a phone app) and start looking for a gas station as soon as your tank

Long hours on the asphalt can cause mechanical strain, particularly during warmer months.

- **Watch for Vapor Lock:** Classic carbureted engines are highly susceptible to vapor lock (where heat boils the fuel inside the lines, causing the car to sputter and stall). If this happens, pull over safely, let the engine cool, and carry a rag you can soak in cold water to wrap around the fuel lines and fuel pump to cool them down.
- **Monitor the Gauges:** Don't just look at the road; keep a strict eye on your temperature and oil pressure gauges. If the needle starts creeping up while idling in town traffic, turn the car off or find a stretch of open road where airflow can naturally cool the radiator.
- **Comfort Items for Passengers:** Remember that many classic cars lack modern air conditioning and insulation. Pack a cooler stocked with ice-cold water, carry microfiber towels to wipe away sweat, and keep a bottle of glass cleaner handy to clear bugs off the upright, vintage windshields.

Weather Predictions: Should be very nice during the day and dry, but we all know Oklahoma weather can change quickly so come prepared. Always keep an umbrella in the car just in case. The evening/night are looking to be in the mid upper 40's low 50's so a light jacket would be advised.

Safe Travels.



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.





Birthdays, Anniversaries, & other Celebrations



October Birthdays:

Judy Courtney 10-03 Karen Marang 10-05 Billy Overall 10-06 Junior Craddock 10-08
 Hugh Martin 10-08 Lisa Kosa 10-14 Dale Kosa 10-31

Club Website:

Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club is 55-57chevys.com

Club Applications and Dues:

Treasurer
 PO Box 893253
 Oklahoma City, OK. 73189

Central Oklahoma Classic Chevy Club Officers for 2026-2027

President: Sherrel Porter Second Vice Presidents: Secretary: Martha Duerkesen	First Vice-President: Tom Linn-Lim Lyn Craddock and Shirley Bynum Treasurer: Robert Bogardus
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