

# HAVASU CLASSICS

## CAR OF THE MONTH

### February, 2011



OWNERS	
JIM & GERT COSMANO	
YEAR:	1955
MAKE:	CHEVROLET
MODEL:	BelAir
STYLE:	2 Door Hardtop
ENGINE:	350 cid V8
TRANS:	350 Turbo Hydro
FRONT END:	Stock
REAR END:	Stock
COLOR:	Turquoise and India Ivory
PAINT MFG.:	Unknown
TRIM:	Polished Stainless & Chrome
TIRES:	15" Kelly Wide Whites
WHEEL MFG.:	General Motors
WHEEL STYLE:	Painted Steel
EXHAUST:	GlasPak Muffler
SAFETY EQUIP.:	None
Date Acquired:	1972
{in the family from 1956}	

In 1956, when I moved to Pasadena, CA, my mother asked me to help her find a car to buy. I looked in the local used car lots and found two really nice, like new vehicles;

A 1955 Ford Thunderbird and a 1955 Chevrolet BelAir, Sports Coupe. After looking at both cars, my mother bought the Chevy, because it had more room. I think she paid in the neighborhood of \$2,200 for the car. She drove the car until 1970, when at the age of 60 her eyesight began to fail and she stopped driving. She parked it in front of her daughter's (my sister) home where it sat for two years. During that time she refused many offers to buy the car, stating that she was saving it for her son (that would be me). In 1970 I was living in Rochester, New York and had no intention of moving out West. How she knew that I would change my mind, I do not know (mothers are like that, you know). However, in 1972 we did that very thing. Gert, the kids and I moved to Arizona and went on to California to visit Mom and she gave me the car at that time. I was very pleasantly surprised and grateful for the gift. Since then it has been a labor of love to restore the Chevy to the condition it is in today. When I am too old to drive, it is my intention to give the car to one of my children to keep and care for, keeping it in the family. It has been and still is a great pleasure to drive. I did give my mother a ride in the Chevy when I had it all finished. She said it looked like the day she bought it. That alone made the whole project worthwhile. Thank you, Jim & Gert Cosmano



*On behalf of the membership, I want to thank Jim and Gert for this first person account of the history of this very special and perfect 1955 Chevrolet, BelAir. Additionally, I want to thank Jim for the tireless efforts he has and continues to devote to the development and maintenance of our Club Web Site. Jim and Gert have become an important cog in the working of the Club and they are greatly appreciated. Sincerely, on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Editor of this Newsletter.*

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# Knights of Columbus' Rain or Shine Show

Record cold temperatures in the 20's and 30's had been recorded this particular week, with strong accompanying winds, right out of the north. We are talking about low's in the upper twenties and wind gusts of 45-55 mph. Really sucky weather for our little slice of heaven, here in Arizona, but still a better place to be than most others this winter. For the previous two years, it rained on this date and this car show. Men of lesser stamina and courage would have given in to social pressure and scheduled the show for predictably nicer weather. No, not Mrs. Watkins little boy Chuckie, noooo way. So here we are 2011, still February, still winter and it dawned a beautiful Arizona winter day with light, wispy clouds meandering across the sky, mild to warm temperatures and a

beautiful sunrise to welcome just under a hundred faithful car nuts. Seven o'clock and everything was coming together. Mike Patten was there to spin some golden oldies with KJJJ/KNTR FM providing the speaker system. The members of KOC was there in force to fix and serve a great breakfast and kept the coffee fresh and hot. Tee shirt and raffle ticket sales were brisk all day and a good time was had by all. The lesson here is to pay attention to little Chuckie Watkins and doubt not what is to be. Next year we will have practice sessions on how to park between the painted lines, even in big red trucks. Oh!!! And, just a little service tip. Never leave loose rags or towels under the hood with the engine running, it probably won't end well.



Lou Luscombe's 1929 Ford



Alvin Sease's 1933 Chevy



Wayne Young's 1940 Chevy Coupe



Ken Light's 1957 Ford Bird



Kim Wireman's 1963 Ford



Norm Stephens 1972 Plymouth



Jim Decke's 1986 Pontiac Fiero



Larry Rich's 2003 ZO6 Vette



Mike Murry's 1952 Triumph



Veron Samson's 2008 Custom Bike



Gary McCreight's 1959 Jeep P/U



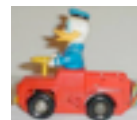
Jeff Whelchel's '48 Chevy Rat



Jim Cosmano's 1955 Chevy  
**PASTORS PICK**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank each and every one of the Havasu Classic's Members that helped or participated in the February 5th Car & Bike Show. We want you to know that it was greatly appreciated. You helped to make the event a great success. Without your help this would not have happened. Thanks again,

Chuck Watkins  
'49 1 ton Chevy  
KOC & Havasu Classics Member



Larry Gile's 1940 Chevy Delivery  
KOC PICK  
FIRST TO REGISTER



# MEALS ON WHEELS

Proceeds from the January 22nd car show were recently donated to Meals on Wheels. Show participants purchased "50/50" and gift basket raffle tickets to raise \$413.00 for the program. Dina's Restaurant & Bakery teamed up with Havasu Classics car club to raise the money at their car show, which was open to all car clubs and owners, without fee. Dina's Restaurant owner Karolyn Wolfrom donated 20% of all food sales totaling \$589.00, including donations from the Wait Staff from their tips. The grand total donated to the Meals on Wheels was \$1,002.00. Pictured here are Havasu Classics Sergeant at Arms, Dorothy Zacavich (left) and Dina's Restaurant owner Karolyn Wolfrom on the far right presenting two checks to Senior Program Site Supervisor Rena Arnold (center), with Kathy Cushman and Fran Croteau on either side. Thank you all for helping out.

Dorothy Zacavich ~ Sergeant at Arms



## HAVASU CLASSICS' MEMBERS,

Come join the fun....February 26th! We're having a SCAVENGER HUNT at the "Mohave Museum of History & Art" and at the "Route 66" museums....Prize awarded for the first one finished! This is really fun and interesting AND will only cost \$2.00 per person. We'll take a break from the "work" and have a yummy lunch at

"Cracker Barrel". We'll be leaving the "Micheal's" parking lot at 9:30 AM...cruise to Kingman, tour one museum, go have lunch then go to the other museum....Contact Sandi Hughey 680-3819 so she can let the museum and the Cracker Barrel know how many to expect.



It's that time again! I'd like to thank everyone who donated items for the raffle baskets at Anderson's for the Veterans Show. Without your help, we couldn't have made the baskets to help raise the money donated to our local veterans.....so THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! Our spring "Rally at Rotary" will be held March 25th and 26th. As you know, a large portion of the money raised at our shows comes from the raffle baskets....due to the generosity of our members, we've been fortunate enough to have several quality baskets and raffle items to help raise these funds!

We are again asking you to donate items that will fill the baskets. Or make a full basket yourself (or a group of you) for our raffle. Please contact Sandi Hughey or Theresa McIntosh for questions or ideas.

The monies raised at this show go to local support and charity agencies to help those in need... in our community! Personally, this is the reason I belong to the club....individually most of us couldn't make a big difference BUT working together we can make a BIG difference....We thank you in advance and look forward to putting on a good show.



# CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS

Contact Dorothy Zacavich @ (928) 855-0474

- FEB 26** HAVASU CLASSICS Museums Cruise w/Sandy Hughey, tour Route 66 and History Museums, have lunch & cruise home. Call Sandy @ 680-3819 to sign up. Leaves Michael's at 9:15 a.m.
- Feb 26 **BOUSE FIRE DISTRICT 7th ANNUAL CAR SHOW** \$25 Fee until 2/15 and \$35 after. @ Bouse Community Park on Plomosa Road. Registration opens @ 7:00 a.m., Judging @ 2:30 p.m. For more information call Pete @ 928-851-2450 or cell @ 760-408-3044
- MAR 1** HAVASU CLASSICS GENERAL MEETING - KOC Hall @ 6:00 / come early and visit.
- MAR 4-6** MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS - YUMA, AZ (928) 343-1715 - Dennis Booth <[www.caballeros.org](http://www.caballeros.org)>
- MAR 5** Bradley 9th Annual Car Show 10:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m. Free food - Call Jim @ 928-854-9201
- MAR 7** HAVASU CLASSICS DINE-OUT @ GOLDEN HORSESHOE @ 4:30 SIGN UP NOW CALL DOTTY ZACAVICH @ 855-0474 OR EMAIL <[dotnzac@npgcable.com](mailto:dotnzac@npgcable.com)> by Friday 3/4 @ 5:00
- Mar 11 - 13 GOODGUYS CAR SHOW - Scottsdale, AZ @ Westworld - For details go to: <[southwestnats.com](http://southwestnats.com)>
- MAR 12** HAVASU CLASSICS BOWLING...@ 2:00 p.m. Come to bowl or to cheer of others. Sign up sheet at the March Meeting; Call Mary Bishop at 928-854-1668 for more information.
- Mar 13 DIAMOND CAR CARE'S 1st Annual Car Show. 108 N. Lake Havasu Ave. \$20 registration - call (928) 486-2633.. Show from 1:00 p.m. To 6:00 p.m. Raise money to bring Marine Corp. Band to LHC
- MAR 16** HAVASU CLASSICS trash pick-up on Highway 95. Meet Sara Park @ 7:30 a.m.
- Mar 19 St. Patrick's Day 2nd Annual Car Show - Henderson, NV \$30=Tee shirt & Goodie Bag for first 200 entries. \$35 after 2/19 and will include the same. Contact - [Hustlers' Las Vegas Car Club](#)

**MAR 25 & 26 RALLY at ROTARY PARK and Cruise on the BLVD. LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER. GREAT SHOW AND CRUISE**

Info: Don Calkins 453-1624 / John Hanks 680-7331

- APR 5** HAVASU CLASSICS GENERAL MEETING - KOC Hall @ 6:00 / come early and visit.
- April 9 Hot Rods at the Foothills: Havasu Foothills Estates: \$20 Preregistration/\$25 after 3/25 Judy McIntyre
- APR 12** DINA'S / HAVASU CLASSICS CAR SHOW AND DINE OUT - DORTHY 855-0474
- April 16** HAVASU CLASSICS SPRING PICNIC - ROTARY PARK, RAMADA "C", 10:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m. - Hotdogs and Burgers provided by the Club, bring a dish to share. Contact Dennis Daly to help with Games, cooking, set-up and clean-up. Call Dennis at 680-6776 to get involved.
- APR 15** Car Show in Kingman for Charity/Books 4 to 7p.m. Kristi @ 928-692-5754
- APR 19** HAVASU CLASSICS SPRING PICNIC @ ROTARY PARK - RAMADA "C", 10-4pm SIGN UP AN MONTHLY MEETING - NEED VOLUNTEERS - CALL DENNIS DALY @ 680-6776
- April 23 CLASSIC CAR SHOW - One Summer Night Cruisers - Entry fee @ show \$5.00 Bob Smith 453-0733 {currently planned for "OLD" Chuy's parking lot. See <[www.onesummernighthavasu.com](http://www.onesummernighthavasu.com)>
- MAY 3** HAVASU CLASSICS GENERAL MEETING - KOC Hall @ 6:00 / come early and visit.
- NOV 5** ANDERSON CHRYSLER VETERANS CELEBRATION.....Bill Bess (928) 680-8042
- NOV 19** INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOOD BANK AND TOY DRIVE.....Lloyd Ames (928) 453-6419

FOR MORE CURRENT INFORMATION CHECK

<[www.havasuclassics.com](http://www.havasuclassics.com)>



## RETIRING 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2010 Havasu Classics Board of Directors were recognized for all their contributions and tireless efforts to keep the Club on track and moving forward. Not pictured, Bob Houghton was absent for this presentation and is our out going Club Vice President. Peggy Mauro, second from right will step down from the duties of Secretary. The remaining three in this picture, from the left, are President Dan Smith, Treasurer Paula Smith and Sergeant at Arms Dorothy Zacavich will return to serve the Club for the 2011 year. On behalf of all Club members, we would like to express our gratitude for your service. The membership should be thinking of which of YOU will be holding this job in the 2012 year. We will need a full slate of officers and now is the time to start planning on how YOU can serve the club.....By: Lloyd Ames

### *Angelina's Fine Dining with Good Friends.....Dorothy Zacavich*



February 14th was not only Dine Out evening with good friends, it was Valentine's Day as well. Over forty members and friends gathered for some great dining and stimulating conversation at Angelina's. Various prizes were given out by our Club Sergeant at Arms and Party Organizer Dotty Zacavich. Just a word of caution to the guys who tried to slip a fast one over, and you know who you are, next time there will be a 'full expose' in this esteemed publication. :o)..... Dorothy



**COMING TO A WIENERSCHNITZEL  
NEAR YOU!!!**

**ONE NEVER KNOWS WHAT  
SURPRISES LIES IN WAIT FOR  
YOU....Mmmmmmmmm!!!**



# GENERAL CLUB MEETING

6:00 p.m., March 1, 2011 - Knights of Columbus Hall, 186 London Bridge Road, L.H.C., AZ  
**MEETINGS BEGIN ON TIME - COME EARLY TO VISIT WITH FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS**

**REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED AT  
ALL CLUB MEETINGS.**

**Call Raquel Rothweiler @ (928) 855-0436  
and volunteer to bring your favorite dessert.**

**Coffee and Water Furnished**

*REMEMBER TO THANK THOSE WHO  
BRING AND ARRANGE DESERTS*

**MARCH MEETING  
DATE**

**Tuesday - March 1,  
2011**

*Editorial Message:*

If you would like to help out, you can volunteer to fold, label, stamp and staple the newsletter every month. Just give me a call. Lloyd - 453-6419

MEMBERS MAY PURCHASE THEIR NAME TAGS AT:

**GOLD STAR ENGRAVING**

34 SCOTT Dr., Off of McCullough Bl.  
Across the street from Mad Dog's Bar

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