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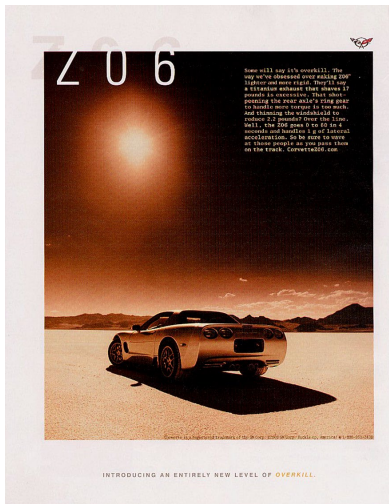


Lone Star Region Meetings

Next Region Meeting

**LSR Anniversary Meeting
Sunday April 14, 2024 @
10:00 AM**

Barry Simpson's Shop
12117 E. FM-917
Alvarado, Texas



Director's Minute

Hello all,

Well, 2024 has been active far. After a couple of weeks of winter weather, the temperatures changed quickly to summer like numbers of over 90 degrees breaking all kinds of records. Nuts!

We are moving along with our day tour program with a visit to the DFW Elite Toy Museum on the 9th of April. I have been told they have expanded their showroom. Am looking forward to that visit.

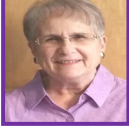
On April 14th, we will be celebrating our 53rd anniversary as a club. An amazing feat by any measure! It will be at my hobby shop in Alvarado starting about 10am. For those who have not visited lately, please give me a call (817 690 3002) for directions. We will be cooking up hot dog and hamburgers with plenty of sides and soda and water. Please bring you neighbors, friends, kids. 53 years of active membership IS a big deal! Don't miss the fun..

On a sad note, long time member Verna Brown recently passed away. Her services were attended by Roger and Anna Perez, Glen and Eileen Rogers, Elmer Anderson and Gerry Young. She will be missed.

After much discussion, it has been decided that LSR will not host the fall joint tour for 2024. We will instead concentrate on activities such as monthly day tours and increasing membership. Both of these areas have been recognized as needing attention. And so we shall. Toward the latter part of the year, the board and membership will evaluate where we are and possibly look at 2025 for increased activity on the joint tours.

But for the rest of this year, expect more local tours and other activities and having fun!

Drive carefully, Barry



Sunshine 'n Shadow Report

By Sheila Kinsey



VERNA MAE BROWN July 28, 1933 ~ February 14, 2024

Verna Linenschmidt Brown passed away on February 14, 2024 in Mansfield, Texas.

Verna was born July 28, 1933 to Arnold and Leticia Penn Linenschmidt, on the family farm in Denton County, Texas. She attended grade school at Blue Mound School in Denton County. The family later moved to Grand Prairie, Texas where she continued her education and graduated from Grand Prairie High School in 1950. She relocated to Arlington, Texas with her parents in 1951 and became a member of the 1st Methodist Church, serving as Sunday School teacher for many years. In 1956, she married Robert (Bobby) Lee Brown in Arlington at the 1st Methodist Church. They were married for 65 years and though not blessed with children, were an adored aunt and uncle by their 3 nieces and 4 nephews.

From 1956 to 1965, Verna was employed by GH Turner Insurance, Chance Vought Aircraft and Sinclair Oil and Gas. Beginning in 1965, Verna learned to groom poodles and worked with Bobby's mother in that business. She later branched out to grooming other breeds and started her own grooming business in Arlington. Verna loved being around animals. She loved her 4-legged customers and loved her job. She continued grooming for 45 years. After retiring, she enjoyed watching any show about animals and reading stories about them as well.

In addition to loving animals, Verna's next biggest passion was cars. She was a classic car enthusiast and often participated in the Arlington 4th of July Parade. Some of her favorite classic cars that she and Bobby owned included a '64 Chevelle, a '55 Malibu and a '56 Chevy Cameo. The couple could often be found at Green Valley Raceway enjoying the Stock car drag races.

Verna had many creative talents; from oil painting to sewing to beautifully wrapped Christmas and birthday packages. She also gave the gift of time to her family and community. Verna was a caring and giving person to both her animal and human friends. She supported many charities that addressed the needs of both.

Verna is remembered as a person who liked to have fun. In her leisure time, she enjoyed playing games, working puzzles and many other activities that made her truly fun to be around. She had a well-developed sweet tooth and always had a bowl of candy on hand that included her favorites, such as, Snickers, Almond Joy bars and Hershey's chocolates.

Verna was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Leticia Linenschmidt, brothers, Benjamin Lynnet Linenschmidt and Franklin Linenschmidt; sisters, Gennieve Linenschmidt Ptacek and Velma (Dolly) Linenschmidt Ptacek; her beloved nephew David Lee Ptacek, Stephen Ptacek and niece Mary Jane Ptacek; her Husband of 65 years, Robert (Bobby) Brown and her loving toy Poodle "Tinker Bell".

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Verna's memory to Operation Kindness (<https://support.operationkindness.org/site/Donation>), Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County (mealsonwheels.org) or to the charity of your choice.



Joan Beverly Smith
February 15, 1934 - January 15, 2024

Joan Beverly Smith, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and community servant, passed away peacefully at home on January 15, 2024.

Born on February 15, 1934, in Elizabeth, NJ, to Lloyd and Helen Yost, Joan's life was marked by a profound commitment to service. In her early years in Edison, NJ, she cared for 14 foster babies, laying the foundation for a legacy of compassion. Later in life, she extended her love to animals, nurturing and caring for 33 foster dogs.

Not one to sit idly, Joan actively engaged with her community. She was a Deacon and Elder at Community Presbyterian Church of Edison, NJ and found a new church family in Grace Presbyterian Church when she and her husband relocated to Arlington, Texas in 1980. There she became an integral part of the church community, participating in the Prayer Garden, Memory Café, Women's Group, and the New Day program which provides weekend food bags to students who are food insecure in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Joan's love for life extended to her interests and hobbies. Joan and her husband Jim enjoyed being members of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA), Lone Star Region, Arlington, TX. She enjoyed cheering for the Cowboys and Texas Rangers, cherished moments at the beach, and found joy in cooking. A lover of the outdoors, she could often be found walking dogs in the park. She admired Abraham Lincoln and found inspiration in his principles. Kenny Rogers' music resonated with her, reflecting a timeless appreciation for melody and lyrics.

Joan was preceded in death by her son, Mark Smith, in 2018, and her husband, James T. Smith, in 2019. She and 'her Jimmy,' as she affectionately called him, shared 65 years of love and companionship. Joan is survived by her three children: Sheryl and her husband, Tim, Brian and his wife, Elaine, and Daniel and his wife, Krista, along with eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She will be remembered for her selfless service, unwavering love, and the positive impact she made on the lives of those around her. Celebration of Life Service on January 22, 2024, 2:00 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, Arlington, TX.

Cards of condolence may be sent to Joan's children and granddaughter, Izabella: Tim and Sheryl (daughter) Young, 14 Rye Street Piscataway, NJ 08854; Brian Smith (son) 4413 Dade Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75028; Danny (son) and Krista Smith 4413 Dade Drive, Flower Mound, TX 75028; Izabella Alicia-Smith (granddaughter), 2400 Chew Street, Muhlenberg College Martin Luther Hall, Allentown, PA 18104

DFW Elite Toy Museum – Rescheduled Tour – Mark your calendars! The tour of the Toy Museum is now scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday, March 9. The Museum is located at 5940 Eden Drive in Haltom City TX 76117. This isn't just a car museum or a toy museum; it is both. When Glen called to firm up the date, he was told they added 20 cars to the collection. So, shine up your cars and join us for this LSR activity. Let's have a great showing since they are opening this warehouse especially for us. This just a small sample of what is included in the building.



You can either meet us at the Museum or join the group leaving from the Sprouts parking lot at Green Oaks and Highway 20 in Arlington at 9:00. The best directions I can give coming from the south are Highway 121 to the Carson St. Exit, turn right on Carson and then turn right on Eden which is just over the railroad tracks. Remember this is a total warehouse area and it doesn't really look like a Museum. This is how it looks. We drove past it the first time. Look for us outside the Museum.

Ron started collecting the museum's toys in the 1980s. We'll let Ron tell his own story:

When I began collecting toys, I was already in love with Mercedes, and other fine European marques. I decided then that I would aspire to own every Mercedes toy made. I was naive. It didn't take me long to realize that buying new toys was like pitching an ice cube into the ocean in the hopes of cooling it down. I began to buy strictly antique toys. Over the years, my focus narrowed even more to specific manufacturers like Tippco, and models that were interesting, like race-cars or open cars, or those steeped in history or loaded with provenance.

As in business, I wasn't afraid to pay a little too much for something I really liked, or was exceedingly rare. Soon those buys looked great, as antique toys continued to increase in value. In the '90's, I accumulated About 60 antique real cars, but decided to sell most of them in 1999, after selling my chain of junkyards to Ford Motor Company. The big cars were a pain in the rear, and toys were easy to store and enjoy, and had an ever-increasing value with no overhead expenses. In the '90's, I started buying automotive art, including paintings and bronzes, if they engaged me, although my first love remained toys.

I hope you enjoy my collection; it's been my pleasure to open it up to my friends and put it on display here at the museum and, to the world on this website. Today the collection is approaching 3,000 pieces. I am known for my Driving School Model collections, and have perhaps the largest collection in the world. Automotive enthusiasts and gearheads love it as it's extremely engaging for folks who have a technical appreciation for its exquisite detail and accuracy.

Menger Hotel

The Menger Hotel, one of the state's oldest and best-known hotels, was opened by William Menger and Maria "Mary" Clara (Baumschlieter) Menger, both German immigrants, on Alamo Square in San Antonio on January 31, 1859. Mary Menger arrived in San Antonio in 1846. Soon after, she married Charles Guenther and ran a boarding house, where she met William Menger. Menger had moved to San Antonio in the early 1840s, and eventually boarded and worked as a handyman at Mary's boarding house. After her first husband died in 1850, Mary and William married in 1851. In 1854 he operated a brewery with Charles Phillip Degen at the hotel's current site, while Mary ran the boarding house.

In 1857 the Mengers decided to expand their boardinghouse into a hotel. Local architect John M. Fries is credited with designing the two-story cut-stone building, which features classical detail; John Hermann Kampmann oversaw construction of the project. The foundations were laid on June 18, 1858, and work was completed by the end of January 1859. The hotel was so successful that Menger immediately made plans to build an addition between the hotel and his brewery. Construction on a forty-room annex was begun in August 1858 and completed the following year. The hotel featured a tunnel opening off the basement, through which William Menger led groups of selected guests on tours of the adjacent brewery.

William Menger died at the hotel in March 1871, and Mary Menger and son William took over management. When the Civil War and Reconstruction were over, and especially after the railroad arrived in 1877, the Menger became the best-known hotel in the Southwest. It was praised for the cuisine offered in the Colonial Dining Room. Specialties included wild game, mango ice cream, and snapper soup made from turtles caught in the San Antonio River. William Sydney Porter mentioned the hotel several times in his stories. In the winter of 1872–73 Sidney Lanier made his home at the Menger while he wrote the sketch "San Antonio de Bexar." In 1873 Gen. Philip H. Sheridan and Secretary of War William W. Belknap were guests, and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant spent four days at the hotel in 1880. The "eight rooms with adjoining baths" were well known to travelers, who were said to race from the depot to secure such luxuries. In March 1879 gas lights were installed. The hotel was popular with army personnel from Fort Sam Houston and enjoyed a wide patronage.

In November 1881 Mary Menger sold the hotel to Kampmann and Jacob Waelder, who sold it to Col. William Davis and Frank P. Hord. An east wing was added in December 1881. In 1887 Caroline (Bonnet) Kampmann, then widow of John Herman Kampmann who died in 1885, purchased the property. Her son, Herman Kampmann became manager in 1887 and supervised the installation of a new bar, a replica of the taproom in the House of Lords Club in London. The solid cherry bar, cherry-paneled ceiling, French mirrors, and gold-plated spittoons were the marvels of San Antonio. The beer, chilled by the Alamo Madre ditch, which passed through the hotel courtyard, mint juleps served in solid silver tumblers, and hot rum toddies came to have wide renown. Theodore Roosevelt first visited the Menger in 1892 on a javelina hunt; he returned to recruit his Rough Riders (the First United States Volunteer Cavalry) at the hotel in 1898; in 1905 he was back for a banquet. In 1909 the hotel was again enlarged with an addition to the south side. Architect Alfred Giles altered the main façade, adding Renaissance Revival details in stuccoed brick, pressed metal, and cast iron; he also designed an interior rotunda that provided light and served as a circulation hub. The hotel was a center of San Antonio social affairs and a meetingplace for visiting celebrities. It declined during the Great Depression, but in the mid-1940s the building was reconditioned, and the more celebrated dining rooms were restored. By 1951 a new wing had been added, and the building had been completely modernized under the direction of architects Atlee B. Ayres and Robert M. Ayres. In 1976 the hotel was added to the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Alamo Plaza Historic District. The Menger was again renovated in the 1980s.

LSR EVENTS

April 14, 2024 – LSR Anniversary Meeting,

July 4, 2024 – Arlington 4th of July Parade

July 9, 2024 – LSR Monthly Meeting, 2:30pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 5500 Mansfield Road, Arlington

September – Cancelled

October 13-18, 2024 – Southern Fall Tour

October 13, 2024 – LSR Monthly Meeting, 2:30pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 5500 Mansfield Road, Arlington

December – Christmas Party TBD

2024 VCCA Southern Fall Tour

Chip and Cathy Sweet, Tour Registration

I am pleased to announce the 2024 VCCA Southern Fall Tour is being planned by Richard "Tiny" Thomas in the Wichita, KS area. There are still several things that need to be confirmed but the dates and hotel are set.

The first official tour day will be Monday, October 14, 2024 with the ending dinner on Friday, October 18, 2024.

A registration form will be sent to those that have replied that they are interested. We anticipate the form will be available January 2024. You can make hotel reservations NOW if you intend to attend. As you should note there are only 42 rooms in our block. Once those are committed there may not be any more.

Hampton Inn
1701 Cambridge Street, Derby KS
1-316-425-7900 (Ask for the block of rooms under Richard Thomas)
\$90 per night for all rooms, a block of 42 rooms set aside for us.
Room rate applies for October 13 through October 18, 2024.
Unbooked rooms will be released Sept 29, 2024.
Limit of 40 vehicles pre 1955.

Please email Chip Sweet at chevychip@yahoo.com to receive a registration form when they are available.

Chip & Cathy Sweet, Tour registration

March 23, 2024 – House of Hot Rods Car Show 9:00am – 1:00pm
Summit Racing, 2200 E. Interstate 20, Arlington, Texas

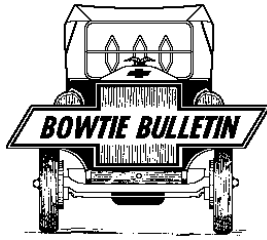
April 12-13, 2024 – Southwest Swap Meet, Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie, Texas

April 26-28, 2024 – Goodguys LMC Truck Spring Lone Star Nationals
Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle, Fort Worth, Texas

LONE STAR REGION – VCCA

DATE/TIME	February 11, 2024
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LOCATION	Grace Presbyterian Church, 5500 Mansfield Road, Arlington, TX 76017
MTG. CALLED BY	Barry Simpson, Director
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Eileen Rogers, Secretary
ATTENDEES	Total Attending 16 – List filed with minutes)
AGENDA TOPICS	
<p>CALL TO ORDER: Barry Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm.</p> <p>SUNSHINE REPORT: Nothing reported.</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP: 41 Families</p> <p>OLD CAR DRAWING: Won by George Lozano but he did not drive an old car in the rain. Next drawing at the April 14 meeting will be \$53 in recognition of the 53rd Anniversary of LSR, and will revert to \$10 at the July meeting. Incidentally, George’s wife was an extra in the Chosen. George said it was a lot of work, but an excellent movie.</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>As outlined in the February Bowtie, the board met on January 7 to discuss ways to have fewer meetings and more activities. Anyone who has an idea for an activity should make that suggestion. Eileen and Glen will coordinate these activities.</p> <p>Anna mentioned the passing in January of Joan Smith, a longtime LSR member.</p> <p>2024 Fall Joint Tour</p> <p>Roger explored the options of hosting the 2024 joint tour, but ultimately determined there was insufficient time and support to get this accomplished. Glen talked with directors from other regions and determined that they also were experiencing reduced participation. After discussion with Mike Shockey from the Bluebonnet region, it was suggested cancelling the 2024 tour and participate with that region for a 2025 tour.</p> <p>Resolution made by Glen Rogers and seconded by Barry Simpson to explore working with the Bluebonnet Region for 2025 and cancelling the 2024 tour. Resolution passed.</p> <p>Marketing</p> <p>In order to increase membership, it will be necessary to broaden our approach to marketing to include: face-to-face (car shows, parades, etc.) and Facebook and to supplement traditional outreach including banners, brochures, cards, etc.</p> <p>The newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis and beginning in 2025 consider increasing the cost of dues for those choosing to have a paper copy of the Bowtie Bulletin to offset the cost of printing and mailing.</p> <p>Decision to de-emphasize the vintage aspect of the name to encourage a broader range of Chevrolet vehicles/owners. No actual name change, but identified as a North Texas Chevrolet club.</p> <p>Thanks to Roger for completing the excellent LSR calendars. Works of art! He explained that it was done for members but wouldn’t be cost effective to do as a money making project. He is also working on the supplemental pages for the “Faces of LSR” book.</p> <p>Meetings</p> <p>Meetings will be changed from monthly to quarterly (January, April (anniversary), July, and October (election of officers). Christmas dinner will be scheduled in December. The Anniversary Meet will be held at Barry Simpson’s shop located at 12117 E. FM 917 Alvarado, TX. Details to follow.</p> <p>Between meetings, information on scheduled day tour activities will be coordinated by email.</p> <p>Refreshments for Quarterly Meetings - Thanks to these volunteers</p> <p>January – Rogers April – Perez July – Mills October - Bryant</p> <p>ATTENDEES: Elmer Anderson , Kandy Hulsey, George Lozano, James Marshall, Jeff Newhouse, Dave and Kay Putney, Roger and Anna Perez, Glen and Eileen Rogers, Terrell Schaffer, Eddie Sewell, Barry Simpson, and Wayne Wilshire, Guest: Scott Hulsey</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn by Glen Rogers and Second by Kay Putney : Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm.</p> <p>Minutes Distributed on to: Bobby Mills texasrangers@rocketmail.com, Jeff Newhouse jnewhouse66@sbcglobal.net, Roger Perez arperez10@att.net, Eileen Rogers Eileen.rogers1@verizon.net, Glen Rogers glen.rogers@verizon.net, Barry Simpson cbccolee@aol.com, clint.sessler@gmail.com, Sheila Kinsey and Chuck Kinsey chuck-sheila@sbcglobal.net, Elmer Anderson elbaan@sbcglobal.net, Jerry.Gray.jerry76013@aol.com, Chip Sweet chevychip@yahoo.com, Wayne Wilshire wilshire1101@att.net</p>	



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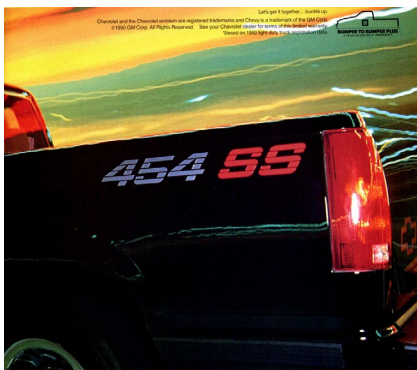
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