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NEXT MEETING: October 25, 1981

LOCATION: Fellows Lake (Meet at North Town Mall)

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held in Phelps Grove Park on the 27th, and brought to order at approximately 4:00 by club president Wendell Royster. Around forty club members were in attendance. Wendell promptly announced that anyone who has not paid their local club dues will be taken off the newsletter mailing list.

Club treasurer Robin Goss gave the club account report of \$722.26, and Karen Roderique, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Greg Sweet, who has been checking into some insurance for the club's trailer, reported that we could purchase insurance for about \$30 per year. With that policy, any member of the club could pull the trailer and be covered.

A new point system was introduced and discussed at great length, but when the votes were finally cast, the decision was to continue the existing one (1 point for attending a club function and 2 points additional for driving a classic Chevy).

Several members are in charge of locating a winter meeting place. If anyone has any ideas on this, please let them be known at our next meeting.

It was voted to have another party this fall in Aurora. More to come on this later.

Wendell is sending in another list of name tags. If you want one, the cost is \$1.50 each. Contact Wendell at home or at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

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### TWIN BRIDGES FUN RUN

Saturday morning, September 12th, found several members of the Springfield Classic Chevy Club traveling to the Twin Bridges Recreation Area near Miami, Oklahoma. The occasion was the Chevys Ltd. of Southwest Missouri's annual Fun Run.

Jan and Wendell Royster, Bud Janes, Dennis and Mary Martin, Dave Marek, Claude and Karen Rodrique, Kenny Hurley, Avery and Karen Bradley, and Gene and Wilma Wright all gathered at the campground to show off their cars and enjoy viewing the many other classics, street machines, street rods and sports cars in attendance.

The run was, as in past years, a very laid-back, relaxed affair, with very few organized activities. Even the judging is handled differently than most other runs. Each entrant is given a sheet with all the classes listed, and he or she votes for their favorite car in each class.

Most of the Springfield members returned to Springfield Saturday night, but Avery and Karen Bradley and Claude and Karen Roderique camped Saturday night and were on hand Sunday for the trophy presentations which found Avery and Karen hauling home a trophy for their nice '56 Chevy hardtop.

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### CLUB HAYRIDE

Despite some cloudiness and lightning, the members of the Classic Chevy Club of Springfield who attended the annual club hayride on Saturday evening, September 26th, all seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

The hayride was held at the K.O.A. Campground west of Springfield

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which is located on a small farm. The owner of the K.O.A. also owns the farm and provided a very nice hayride, complete with a "haunted house" and other attractions.

The club bought all the hotdogs and buns and provided lots of '50's music to go along with the rest of the activities. Even a couple of very brief showers failed to put a damper on the fun.

Anyone who missed the hayride missed a very enjoyable evening with lots of good food and plenty of time to visit with each other.

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COMMERCIAL STREET FALL FESTIVAL

Fourteen members of the Classic Chevy Club of Springfield had their classics parked in the middle of Commercial Street on Saturday, September 26th. The occasion was the Commercial Street Historical Society's annual Fall Festival.

Those members displaying their classics included Jan and Wendell Royster, Gene and Wilma Wright, Pat and Dorcas Sears, Kim and Cheri Bradley, Don and Sylvia White, Bud Janes, Larry and Ann Robertson, Bob and Robin Goss, Greg and Marilyn Sweet, Derald and Myrtle St. John, Larry and Cindy Smith, Bill and Kathy Caldwell, and new members Martha and Robert Sanders of Marshfield.

Although there were no trophies or prizes awarded, there were plenty of activities and attractions to keep everyone busy. There were several carnival rides, a crafts fair, many historical displays, including Gene Wright's 1908 Olds replica, live bands, two live seven month old lions from Exotic Animal Paradise, and even a couple of very attractive belly dancers.

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### THE PREZ SEZ.....

After my first official meeting a few Sundays ago, it's very apparent to me that changes are long overdue. As one person said, "I'm tired of hearing hours of carrying on. But how do you stop these people without stopping the input?"

The fact is that we're no longer a small group of people interested in classic Chevys (which is the main purpose of this club), but a large group of people covering a variety of occupations and interests.

To speed up the meetings, I am going to implicate some changes in the order of business proceedings. This is done in City Council and other larger clubs. There will be a five minute limit on any discussion on the floor. If after this time there has not been a clear statement to show motive, I will table the whole idea. I will take both pros and cons or left and right of the original idea after members of both sides have prepared a written statement as to how they would like their idea presented to the club for vote. Majority will rule the outcome. Note: To ease and speed up the meeting, if one has an idea, show up at the board meeting and present it there. This will be an open meeting for everyone. Your idea will not be dropped, but simply reviewed to assist you in presenting it in the best way. But keep in mind, it will still be up to the club members to decide what the final outcome is.

I would like to cut out the gossip during the meeting and the back row ideas. By really putting forth a meaningful effort into the business, we would cut down on repeat and "I never heard that", and we could have a fellowship period afterwards.

There have been many ideas and events that were never brought

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up at the meetings. Please, if you have a suggestion, however large or small, share it.

In closing, if you want or have any suggestions for the November party at Aurora, get with Jan on this and get the ball rolling. It was voted to have a party, so get in there and help them rather than yell at them later. Christmas is coming, too, so if any of you want in on Christmas events, partys, dinners, etc., please contact Jan. She needs your help. Also, I am already getting invitations to be in Christmas parades, so CLEAN 'EM UP AND ROLL 'EM OUT!

-Wendell Royster-

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PARTS WANTED

WANTED - Good small clock Chev. eng. Prefer 283 as complete as possible. Contact Bobby Goss - 869-5208.

WANTED - NOS or good used set of 265 valve covers ('56). Contact Kim Bradley - 864-6061 or 862-9445.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Rockaway Beach Parade - October 17th. Meet at Venture parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Leave at 9:30.
2. October Club Meeting - October 25th at Fellows Lake. Bring a picnic lunch. To caravan, meet at the North Town Mall at 1:30 p.m. Meeting will start at 2:30 or 3:00. In case of incimate weather, Jan Royster is checking on King Pizza for the meeting.
3. The Aurora Party - November 14th at the American Legion Hall. Time to be announced at the October meeting.



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### MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Our featured members this month are Kim and Cheri Bradley.

Kim and Cheri joined our club in the spring of this year about the time we went to the Red Barn for our annual pig-out and meeting.

They have a son named Matt and a daughter named Ashley and they live at Strafford.

As for hobbies, Kim is an avid car enthusiast who also enjoys hunting and trailbiking. Cheri enjoys writing stories and books. In fact, she has already written one book and is starting on another.

Kim, as most everyone knows, is the owner of Bradley Motor Company on South Glenstone and Cheri is presently working in the office of Lee Way Freight Lines.

As for the classic Chevy owned by this couple, they have several but the one we are featuring in this story is the little black and white Belair tudor sedan.

If any of you could have seen this car the way it looked when Kim bought it in April of 1980 for \$600.00, you probably would have said the same thing I did -- You gave \$600.00 FOR THAT!!!!?

It only goes to show you, with enough hours worked and enough money spent, you CAN turn a sow's ear into a silk purse! That's what Kim has done with this particular car, because it is nice enough today to take a first place trophy anywhere in the country.

The car was found sitting at an abandoned house at Pittsburg, Kansas, and about the only good thing you could say about it was the fact that it was almost 100% complete and original down to the last bolt. The car was practically rust free but not dent free. The interior was complete but rotted out. The engine was complete but frozen up.

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After getting the '56 to Springfield, the front end sheetmetal was removed, interior gutted, and the rebuilding process had begun.

Jim's Automotive completely rebuilt the 265 V8 engine, and front suspension and brakes. The powerglide was sent over to Beetles Transmission for an overhaul and the body was sent to Gerald Davis Body Shop to be completely stripped, straightened, and repainted in the original black and white colors.

While all this was going on, Kim was buying new parts from anywhere and everywhere, mostly from C & P and CCCI. The '56 had evidently been sitting since 1969 because that's the year of license plates it had on it when Kim bought it.

When the car was returned from the body shop, it was given the final rub out, all the newly polished stainless trim was put back on and it was sent to White's Auto Trim for the all original interior.

Much detail work and many, many hours of labor went into rebuilding this car. I know this for a fact because some of those hours were mine.

It took a lot of hours and a lot of dollars (approximately \$7000.00) to rebuild this car, but it has turned out to be one of the finest '56 Chevys around anywhere.

The car was built to compete in original restored class but with a quick change from wide whites to wire wheels and white lettered tires, it can go in contemporary of modified class with ease and has done so.

The amount of money and time Kim has invested in his car is a lot, but when you think of the enjoyment it brings by the admiring looks it gets from people when it goes down the street, and the value of the car today, \$7000.00 doesn't sound all that bad, especially when you look at a new car price tag of \$10,000.00 and say to yourself-- They want \$10,000.00 FOR THAT??! Keep 'em shinin' ! -Bobby Goss-

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### OCTOBER MEETING

For those of you who didn't make the meeting due to some reason (like maybe the World Series or Cardinal football) here's what happened.

Club President Wendell Royster brought the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. at King Pizza with 36 members in attendance. Treasurer Robin Goss gave her report of club expenses and income. Secretary Karen Roderique reported on past club business and meetings. Then Wendell gave a short run-down on the Rockaway Beach outing, or as he put it, the "Rockaway Beach Splash". (It rained cats and dogs.)

The winter party in Aurora will be held November 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the American Legion building. To caravan, meet at the West Sunshine Wal-Mart at 7:00 p.m. Remember: This is a club function, so drive your classic if you want points.

If you are interested in driving your classic in the Springfield Christmas Parade, please contact Wendell before the 14th of November.

To change the subject: Wendell found out it will only cost \$10.00 to incorporate the club.

Also, we voted to have our winter meetings at King Pizza. It's located at the corner of Glenstone and Kearney in the K-Mart Shopping Center. Our next meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m., November 22.

Wendell touched on the plans for hosting the 1983 National Chevy Convention. It seems the Springfield Chamber of Commerce is behind us 100%. More on this later.

The CCA points will be directed by Carolyn Sweet, Cindy Smith, and Sondra Stowell this year.

Donald St. John will be in charge of the 1982 Fun Run. All those willing to help, please give him a call.

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There will be a board meeting November 19th at McDonalds on  
Battlefield. Any interested members may attend the meeting scheduled  
for 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

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THIS 'N THAT

WELL, EXCUUSSE MEE!!

We inadvertently left our Kenny Hurley's name from the list  
of participants at the Commercial Street affair. May my '55 Chevy  
turn into a pink Edsel!

If anyone fails to receive a newsletter, please let me know.  
Your name may not be on our new mailing list.

Did you know that about one half of our club membership is  
made up of people not living in Springfield, but in surrounding  
towns?

How about naming our newsletter? The national magazine has  
a name, and so do many newsletters of chapter clubs. Why not ours?  
I'll have more on this at our next meeting, but in the meantime,  
be thinking of a few ideas.

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PARTS

WANTED: One set of nice '55 fender skirts, right or left front  
fender chrome. Contact Don White at 882-4055 or 864-6061.

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## EDITORIAL

I would like to thank everyone for their appreciative comments on our "new" newsletter. The hand I received at our last meeting really goes to the people who help me with this publication. On the back of the front cover you will notice their names: Cheri Bradley, Charley Hurley, Dave Marek and Bobby Goss. Four very important people without whom I know this would be a lot bigger job to complete. I would like to extend this "hand of appreciation" to these people.

Dave Marek, who continues to help me very much by writing about functions I can't attend.....a hand of thanks!

Cheri Bradley, who does all the typing, correcting, and generally getting it all on paper.....a hand of thanks!

Charlie Hurley, who is in charge of all the copying using his company's "new" copying machine. Charlie is also responsible for the labels on your newsletter.....a hand of thanks!

Bobby Goss, who writes the Member of the Month section and does a super job.....a hand of thanks!

These four people are the main ingredients of the newsletter, and I appreciate them very much, but it's your appreciation of them that makes it all worthwhile.

-Don White-

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## CHEVY CHRISTMAS

This year's Christmas party is scheduled for December 12 at the Heritage Cafeteria on South Glenstone. If you are planning to

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meet the others in the parking lot at 6:30 p.m. We have reserved a banquet room and will eat at 7:00.

Due to the limited parking spaces, we won't be counting points for driving the classics. A dent in a chevy would make a bad Christmas present, wouldn't it?

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### GIRLS!

The Nixa PTA is sponsoring a winter craft festival this year at the South School gym on Main Street in Nixa. The dates are December 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and December 6, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

All the articles sold will be handmade, including Christmas tree decorations and gifts. If you are looking for something different to give someone this Christmas, it's only six miles to Nixa. For more information call Myrtle St. John at 725-3441.

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### THE PREZ SEZ.....

I must thank everyone who came out to the Hitching Post Friday, November 6th. We had 18 Chevy's and two '57 Fords, and they were all really nice. There were at least 40 Chevy people present, and total attendance was more than the Hitching Post had ever seen!!! It was said that night that you can never go back to the fifties, but it's sure fun trying, and I do feel everyone there was trying.

KTTS, KWTO, and the Hitching Post are overwhelmed by our club, and they want to have another Fifties Nite. If you didn't make the first party, don't miss the next. A date hasn't been set yet,

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but stay with us!

Well, we're going to be in the Christmas Parade here in Springfield again Saturday, November 14. We are supposed to meet at Benton and Division, or close by. We're not sure of the time yet, so if you didn't raise your hand at the meeting, feel free to call me about the time. We need all the cars we can get.

Also on November 14, is the party at Aurora. We are supposed to meet at Walmart on West Sunshine (the old Crazy Cecil's) at 7:00 p.m. so we can be at the Aurora American Legion building by 8:00. Bring your own drinks and chips. The club will furnish the set-ups and ice.

November 22, KTTS is having a Road Rally starting at Surplus City on West Sunshine. I need people for five check points, and also a few extra people to cover odds and ends. You can also run in the Rally if you want to. It all starts at 11:00 a.m., so we need to be there by 10:00 or 10:30 to get set up. Please call me if you want to have some fun. We will be out in time for the club meeting at 4:00 that afternoon

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for the very nice meeting we had last month. Thank you very much!!

-Wendell-

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

1. November 14 - Springfield Christmas Parade - Contact Wendell Royster at 883-6541 if you have any questions.
2. November 14 - Aurora Party - Meet at West Sunshine Wal-Mart at 7:00 p.m. Party at 8:00 in the Aurora American Legion Building.
3. November 19 - Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in McDonalds on Battlefield.
4. December 5 - Marshfield Christmas Parade - steel plant at 12:15 p.m.

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### EDITORIAL

Fun Run '82 is already in progress. This year we hope to have the best Fun Run ever. To make this possible, it will take 100% club participation and enthusiasm. One hundred percent participation is within our means, but what about the enthusiasm? How does someone get excited about putting hours and hours (really months) of work preparing for a run, then come show time, you can't show your own car? That in itself is a big let down. The point is, we can get club participation, but to really get club enthusiasm for this run, we need to work on it and prepare it as a club, then when it's time to show, participate in it as classic Chevy owners.

I believe showing our cars in this run would create a special interest within our club. More than just preparing for it, but actually participating in it as well. More than likely, this would be an actual high point for our club this year.

Another point to bear in mind: there will be no national function in our area this year. That will leave only a couple of Chevy functions for our local members to attend during the entire season.

You know, there are people in our club who have super-nice cars that have never had the opportunity to show them. I guarantee showing them here in their own back yard will generate some of the old enthusiasm! Be thinking about it, and at our next meeting, let's have a show of hands to see just how many people really want to participate instead of just host the Fun Run.

I know there are a few people who believe you can't responsibly host a run and participate in the showing, too. Wrong-0! We can show, but make the judging guidelines simple, like the national club does. I've already contacted several other clubs, and there is really no problem. For the most part, they will all judge. All we have to do is place a person from our club with a member from say the

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Dave Marek reported on the club jackets, which will be \$16.60 for adults and \$15.80 for children. You will be able to choose the color you want.

Don White made a motion to change the cars on the front of our newsletter to make them more original. Motion was passed.

Wendell Royster read the list of changes for the '82 Fun Run in St. Joseph, MO. The board meeting was scheduled for January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in McDonald's on Battlefield. The next club meeting was scheduled for 2:00 p.m., January 31 at King Pizza on East Kearney.

Meeting adjourned.

-Karen Roderique

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CCA POINTS

The first turn-in date for CCA points is January 5. Would you please bring your points to one of these three locations:

- 1) Jan Royster - 1131 S. Craig
- 2) Cindy Smith - 3088 W. Madison
- 3) Marilyn Sweet - 3241 W. Edward

We will count points at the Roysters' on January 4 at 7:00 p.m., so please make sure you have them turned in by January 3. The following is a list of the CCA sponsors:

B.F. Goodrich	Heritage Cafeteria	Plaza Shoe
Carpenterian	J.C. Penney	Nutri-Systems
Coca Cola	Colonial Bread	Penny Power
Empire Printing	Levy Wolf	Skaggs
H & R Block	Machine's	Solo Markets
Foremost	Midwest Rug	

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PARTS: FOR SALE/WANTED

- 1) Need: one 1955 jack, two 1955 Belair hubcaps, 1956 265 valve covers, and a nice left front spear moulding. Contact

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Kim Bradley, 864-6061.

- 2) For Sale: three sets of red crown valve stem caps.  
Contact Wendell Royster, 883-6541.
- 3) Classic for Sale: 1955 sedan delivery body (less drive train). Contact Gene Wright, 862-9878 after 5:00 p.m.
- 4) For Sale: set of '55 gravel shields, club reproduction, very nice. Club price is \$99.50 plus shipping. Will take \$90.00 (still in original package). Contact Don White at 882-4055 or 864-6061.

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GENE'S SHOP

Our city fathers are sure to be proud of Gene Wright. Why? you ask. Well, if you haven't been at the corner of Broadway and Nichols lately, you're in for a big surprise. Gene, along with helpers Dave Marek, Kenny Hurley, and "Chief Inspector" Bud Janes, are turning his 18th century shop into something to be proud of.

Gene (It looks good enough to me!), Dave (Cut it again, it's still too short!), Kenny (Them nails keep a movin'!), and of course Bud(Dial-er-in!) have really done a number on Gene's garage. They've completely enclosed the north end of the shop (while it was raining), and installed new siding all around the outside. Compared to what it was, the place looks like an ivory castle. Also, there are new doors with enough locks on them to keep out Houdini! The place just don't look the same.

I'm sure the neighborhood residents are at a loss for words. Not to mention our city fathers. If you're ever in the area, you owe yourself a look-see.

-Don White

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SPECIAL NOTICES

- January 28 - Board Meeting - McDonald's on Battlefield at 7 p.m.
- January 31 - Club Meeting - King Pizza on Kearney at 2:00 p.m.

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-No newsletter in January (Nothing happening)

I've only received three different names for the newsletter. Out of about fifty memberships in our club, that isn't a very good percentage. Put on your thinking cap and come up with a good name. The winner will receive a free one-year membership to the local club. The deadline date is February 28, so get to gettin'!

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#### MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Our featured members of the month are two people who joined our club about two years ago last August. I'm speaking of Claude and Karen Roderique, who live here in Springfield.

Claude is a copy machine technician for Doss and Price Copy Supply here in town, and Karen is a typist for Lawrence Photo.

Hobbies for these two car nuts are photography and hunting for Claude, sewing for Karen.

Claude and Karen have taken a very active interest in our club since they joined. Claude is now one of our official photographers, and Karen is the current club secretary.

Speaking of taking an active interest in something, this is what Claude has done with their '55 Belair 2-door hardtop since he purchased the car about two years ago from fellow club member Bob West.

I've got to admit, when Claude and Karen first joined our club, I took one look at their '55 and thought to myself, "That's one car that will never look any good." Boy, was I wrong about that! That same car today is one vehicle that anyone would be proud to own. It's come a long way, baby!

The car was basically finished about April of 1981, except for a few minor details. Claude did all the mechanical work on the car himself, and some of the body work. Final body work and paint was performed by fellow club member and

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bodyman Dave McHenry. The car was painted Dusk Rose and India Ivory, which is a combination not seen too often on a 2-door hardtop, but which looks excellent.

The gray interior was purchased from Larry Wallie in the original materials and installed by Kenny Lorenze of Executive Coachbuilders.

Topping off the original look of the car is an exterior survivor and a set of Sears wide whitewalls.

All chrome plating was handled by Advance Plating in Republic, and other necessary parts and goodies were obtained from all over the United States.

The car is powered by a 283 engine and 3-speed tranny with overdrive.

Out of the seven shows the car has been judged in, it has placed in all but one show so far and received enough points at the Dearborne convention this past summer to receive a bronze certificate.

Now that the car is completed, it does have a price tag, because Claude has a desire to build a '57 Chevy. So, if you're interested in buying a very nice Classic Chevy, ask Claude to price it to you. You just might own it!

-Bob Goss

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THIS LIST OF PEOPLE NEED TO CONTACT  
KAREN RODERIQUE AND TURN IN THEIR NATIONAL  
NUMBER + EXPIRATION DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
LIKE NOW! - PHONE 887 9647

JAMES ARNOLD  
CLIFF BURNS  
BUTCH CARDW  
CHARLIE CRISWELL  
JERRY GARRETSON  
HARDLD HAMMOND  
DAVE MCHERRY  
BILL PENDELTON  
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