



I don't have a problem sayin' no to a lot of things. Strawberries . . . no thank you, Chinese food . . . nope, tequila . . . oh, heck NO!!! But when I was invited to cruise night by The Conroe Cruisers, I didn't have to think twice . . . Sign Me Up!

The Conroe Cruisers are one of the areas most active car clubs. With over 100 club members, club president Tim Abbott and wife Pam, who happens to be the activities director, stay busy keepin' this wild bunch in check.



The Cruisers have a cruise-in every Saturday on the lot at Incredible Pizza and they generally average between 25 and 50 cars most weeks. Before I get into that, let me first say that although I didn't actually have any pizza at Incredible Pizza, that place is INCREDIBLE!!! Can you imagine Chucky Cheese on steroids? Well, that doesn't even begin to describe what I'm talkin' about. There was laser tag, mini-golf, mini-bowling, skating, ski ball, bumper cars, various and assorted video/prize games and . . . Nascar go-carts! Holy Cow! I wanna live there!

So, cruise night is 7pm to 9pm-ish. Yeah, did I mention this is Texas and it doesn't even begin to cool off 'til 'bout . . . NEVER!! My heavens it was hot, but that didn't stop me. I rolled up right at 7 and there were already about 40 cars and a total for the night of 49.



Yeah, yeah . . . it was hot but who cares, there were cars to see!

The first thing to catch my eye was a Model A with a '32 grill shell, all black with black leather interior and appropriately named 'Black Betty'. Outside of the few minor exterior mods and upgraded wheels, it had an almost



original look.

Tim and Pam Abbott's copper/rust colored '69 Camaro is an eye popper at any show with it's blown 454 and we also got a look at her daily driver . . . an Inferno Orange 2010 Camaro.



And it seems that J.L. & Juanita Hooks just seem to be collectin' Chevy trucks. And to quote Juanita herself "I like trucks!". Well, duh! You've got one in almost every color!



"Retro Rod", not exactly street rod, certainly not rat rod but the perfect description of Rick Kabala's '42 Ford Pick-Up. It's flat OD green paint accented with dark green and white pinstripe details, faux wood grain, Lake pipes and paired with wide white walls and smoothie hub caps make it a real standout.



J.D. Wyrick's '23 T Bucket Roadster is truly a flashback to the 'Kookie' style from '77 Sunset Strip'. And make sure you check out the overflow tank!



So, we've talked street rod, retro rod, truck, and muscle, but when I looked at the '53 Caddy convertible all I could think of was the B-52's song 'Love Shack'. Besides 'beautiful', the only thing I can say about that car is, 'it's as big as a whale'!



But the star of the evening, for me anyway, was Rick and Judy Booth's blue on blue '39 Chevy Business Coupe. I'm tellin' ya, this car has it all, everythin' but the kitchen sink. And the only reason it doesn't have that is because they couldn't fit the mini fridge and a sink too! Yes, you read right . . . a built in mini fridge in the deck where the back seat isn't. This car is just exquisite, Rick and Judy did the work themselves, he paints and she airbrushed and not one detail was overlooked. Not even the hidden alien in the flames.



On Sunday, October 10th the Conroe Cruisers will host their annual Fall Car Show and you can bet your bottom dollar I'm gonna be there. If this is what shows up for a casual cruise night, I can't wait to see what'll show up then!

Thanks to all The Cruisers for makin' me feel so welcome and Tim . . .
I remembered your name AND I made it home okay!

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