

Northstar Chevelle Club

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"Dark Cloisonne" Blue '69 Malibu



Original Equipment

- 350 c.i. 250hp 2bbl engine
- TH350 3-speed automatic
- 2.56 axle ratio open 10-bolt
- Lemans Blue paint
- Black cloth bench seat interior
- "Malibu" trim package
- Air Conditioning

Current Features

- 400c.i. Small-Block engine
- Edelbrock Performer Intake Manifold
- Holley 600 carburetor
- B&M "Holeshot" 2400 stall converter
- B&M Transpak High Perf. Shift Kit
- Front disc brakes
- 94-96 Corvette "Dark Cloisonne Metallic" Blue paint
- "Arctic White" 70 SS style stripes
- Cragar "Street Star 15x7 wheels
- BFGoodrich 255/60 and 225/60 radial T/A's
- Stock exhaust manifolds into 2 1/4" dual exhaust with glasspack mufflers.

Changing Soon

- American Racing 15x8" Torq-Thrust II wheels
- 3.08 ratio posi-traction 10-bolt
- 4-wheel disc brakes
- Boxed rear control arms
- Front 1 1/8" and rear 7/8" sway-bars

Derek Kiefer and Jenna Niebuhr



I was born in 1982, and raised on a farm in Adams, MN. After High-School, I went to RCTC in Rochester to get a degree in CAD Drafting, and I now work for Marquette Grain Systems in Byron, MN. Last October I purchased a house in Dexter, MN with my girlfriend Jenna. She is going to college to be a Nurse, and we intend to get married when she finishes School.

My Dad always had several old cars parked in the back of the shed and would take us to car-shows when we were kids. I had always wanted a '55 chevy, but when I received a model kit of a '69 Chevelle SS for

my 6th birthday, my life was changed forever. The '69 Chevelle became my "dream car". When it became hard for a small-farmer to make a decent living, Dad took a night-job welding to provide for us, and that is where he heard of a Chevelle for sale. I scraped up every penny that had ever been given to me for birthdays, Christmas, and for helping Dad on the farm to purchase my '69 SS396 Chevelle for the mere sum of \$1000. You can bet I was the only 12 year-old in school to have my own muscle-car. A few years later, I spotted this '69 Malibu sitting in a driveway in Austin, MN. There was no "for sale" sign, so we asked, and the guy had just decided he didn't need it anymore. It ran and drove perfectly, the original interior was in excellent shape, but the body was very rusty. I couldn't pass up the \$500 price-tag, so at age 15, I was the proud owner of a second '69 Chevelle.

I touched up the rust, put rally wheels on it, and drove it for a month when I turned 16. By this time, Dad had opened his own body-shop and quit farming. We had decided to do a "quick repaint" that winter, which turned into a 2 1/2 year father/son project done on a very tight budget.



Because of the rust, we replaced most of the outer sheet-metal. The fenders, doors, and SS hood came off my SS car, and the quarter-panels were new aftermarket. I made the rocker-panels on a sheet-metal brake, and all of the patches for the floors and trunk-pans. I did all of the welding, and rough prep-work. To get everything perfectly straight, I needed Dad's help. Dad wanted me to spray the paint, but after 2 1/2 years of work, I didn't want to mess it up on the last step. When the paint was dry, I spent 40+ hours buffing it to a mirror-shine. Another month of assembly work, and it was ready to drive. When I got it back from its front-end alignment and new exhaust install, I had 3 days left of my senior-year, and the color matched my graduation gown perfectly.

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Driver's side Quarter Panel before restoration

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The car was used as my daily driver for 2 summers. In October 2002, I was rear-ended at a stoplight. Two weeks after that, the engine overheated and cracked a head. I had just spent all my “engine money” on a ‘66 El Camino so I had to put the 400 in as-is, a stock, smogger, low-compression, 190,000 mile ‘77 pickup-truck engine. I decided to detail under the hood, which took all winter, so my quarter panel didn’t get finished until this spring.



I’ve put over 20,000 miles on this car, attending shows, cruises, and just driving around. I’ve made many new friends in the Northstar Chevelle Club, and their influence, good or bad, has encouraged me to get my SS drivable under its own power. Hopefully the Malibu holds up this year so I can spend some time working on its “big brother”

By Derek Kiefer

Northstar Chevelle Club News - Summer Fun! - by Derek Kiefer

Summer is now in full-swing, and there are tons of cool events to attend. This will be my first time attending Car Craft Summer Nationals, and I’m really looking forward to it. I intend to have a booth set up under a tent with a banner, flyers, membership applications, past newsletters, and ACES Chevelle World magazines set out. We’ll also sell hats, and shirts, and try to promote our club.

Aside from Car Craft, my other summer highlight comes from my *other* obsession. On the opposite end of the performance spectrum from Chevilles, is the Model T Ford. My parents have a 1914 touring-car and I have a 1923 roadster-pickup. Each year we attend a week-long tour in a different place every year. This year it’s in Wisconsin.

My month of July is booked solid with car events... Pan-O-Prog, Iola, Car Craft, Model T Tour, Engelhart Performance’s show just to name a few, not to mention a couple friends and relatives weddings, a Ford tractor show (yet another hobby) and probably a few more things I forgot to mark on the calendar.

You can bet I won’t get that posi-rear in my Malibu this month, or the bucket seats, or 4 wheel discs. At least the new wheels will be easy to install, because that’s probably as far as I’ll get this month.

Derek Kiefer, Northstar Chevelle Club President

Northstar Chevelle Club HATS AND SHIRTS available

Our new Northstar Chevelle Club hats are now available as well as Sweatshirts, and Polo Shirts. They come embroidered with our logo. A limited quantity of all of these items are available at our July meeting until our next order.

Northstar Chevelle Club ball-caps, \$10

Sweatshirts, M, L, XL, \$20

Polo Shirts, M, L, XL, \$22

To order contact Dave Seitz (763) 662-2336

New Chevelle Book! “Chevelle SS 1964-1972”

Written by former Northstar Chevelle Club member, Jeff Steffes of Chaska, MN is a soft-cover book covering Chevelle Super-Sports from 1964-1972. It includes colored pictures, and has a chapter about proving whether a Chevelle is a true SS or a fake. You can order online at www.chevelliefan.com.

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Upcoming Events:

July Meeting

Saturday, July 17th, 1:00 p.m.
Minnesota State Fairgrounds
Car Craft Magazine Summer Nationals Car Show

We are meeting at the residence of **Paul Siliciano (651) 631-8083** at 6:00 a.m. We are departing at 6:30 SHARP and driving in together.

They will not reserve parking for us, so we will not know until that day where we will be parked. By driving in as a group this will ensure that we will be parked together. If you arrive later, you can call Derek Kiefer's cellular phone (507) 438-8907 to find out where we are located.

July 9th: (Fri.) **Pan-O-Prog cruise** in Lakeville *Largest Cruise in MN.* We're invited to watch at Lake Marion Collision 20120 Dodd Blvd. Lakeville. (952) 469-2277 Food and drinks provided

July 9-11: (Fri.-Sun.) **Iola Wisconsin Car Show and Swap Meet** 80+ acres of swap meet!

July 16-18: (Fri.-Sun.) **Car Craft Summer Nationals.** Our club meeting held on Saturday at the show 1:00.

July 31st: (Sat.) **Engelhart Performance Car Show.** Free entry, free dinner, free beer. Meet racing legends "Miss Mighty Mopar" Judy Lilly and "Akron" Arlen Vanke. Many factory lightweight and legendary race-cars in attendance. 11-5 rain or shine. Elkton, MN

August 1st: (Sun.) **"Top 50" show** at Jack and Jim's Food and Liquor in Duelm, MN. Trophies awarded to top 50 cars. Show held 1st Sunday and cruise on 1st Tuesday of each month.

August ???: NCC **"Race Day"** at Rock Falls Raceway, Rock Falls, WI. Dates will be decided at the July meeting and published in August Newsletter.

Contact Derek Kiefer for shows, cruises, etc that you would like the club to

Free Classifieds: *call or email Derek Kiefer to list your items.*

'68 327 Engine, 275hp, 10:1 compression. Originally from '68 Impala. Includes stock intake, distributor, and water-pump. \$200.00 obo. *MUST SELL, Moving to Nebraska!* Carter 4bbl and exhaust manifolds also available.

Stan Shinker, (952) 423-4345

Wanted: 70-72 SS or Monte Carlo dash insert. (do not need cluster), SS "bulge" hood, and hood hinges
Harlan Kemper, (651) 674-8360

15x7" Cragar "Street Star" chrome steel 5-spoke wheels (as seen on feature car) like new \$400 obo

TH-400 long tail 0 miles on rebuild - \$250 obo

TH-400 long tail good core, needs rebuild - \$125 obo

TH-400 short tail worked when pulled - \$150 obo

Edelbrock Performer intake manifold for small-block chevy, used - \$80 obo

Derek Kiefer, (507) 438-8907

Stolen Alert: '72 El Camino, project: Around 5/26 - 5/29/03 stolen from storage near St. Michael, MN Non SS, Factory A/C car. Vin# **1D801TZK661157.** Lic# CYP 005. All black, SS hood, SS emblem on grille, Has BigBlock missing AC accessories, 10-bolt, aftermarket gages, sweep speedo, Black bench interior, 15" corvette ralleys, Has a black canvass cover that was rolled up behind cab. Snaps for it on quarter panels.

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