

Northstar Chevelle Club



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How did the Northstar Chevelle Club get started? Well, it all started in 2002 thanks to the tech forums on Team Chevelle (www.Chevelles.com). Seems there was quite a few MN members on the forum so Derek Kiefer had the idea to post about perhaps all of us getting together for a meet and greet and BBQ. Dean Ribich, another TC member from Plymouth, MN, offered his home and garage to host the group. The post drew some members attention from several hours away in the state of Iowa and were willing to come up and join the group. Because Derek lives down near Rochester, he met up with the members from Iowa to drive up together. He would unfortunately suffer a fender bender from the fellow member behind him that misjudged a yellow light and was rear-ended, his 69 suffered light damage but wasn't necessarily an easy fix. The turnout of cars was much more impressive than many would think considering the weather. How about a 1970 L78 El Camino, an unrestored 1969 Yenko Chevelle with full docs and matching numbers, and of course, Dean Ribich our host, took his very own 1970 LS6 Chevelle out of the garage to show it to everyone. The very same car that is well known in the Chevelle community as the one and only Benchmark car. The rest were a big block powered 1968 Malibu, my 1966 SS396, a 1964 El Camino and even a 1964 Impala Station Wagon. It was a real treat to see all of these cars out in weather that was rainy and chilly. Most would have stayed in the garage. Don't get me started on the fun in the driveway. This was a cloudy and overcast day with rain off and on seeing it was October and all. The pavement was wet and Dean wanted to do more than show how it looked, he wanted to show how it ran too, and actually decided a few burnouts in the driveway would do the trick just fine. That got the bug going because Chad, the owner of the 69



Yenko decided to get in on the act also decided to do a few burnouts of his own after Dean finished, like a donut or 2 to be quite honest. None of the fun was done to risk the safety of the bystanders or the cars themselves, it was just fun to watch high dollar cars get flogged a little bit. A little rubber on the pavement plus some dirt and burned rubber on the quarter panels never hurt anyone. You just don't see that sort of thing with cars like these now days. All the pictures in this article were taken from that event.

In the fall of 2003, we decided to hold a cruise in the Red Wing area. It ended up being our most successful cruise to date with 15 plus cars showing up (17 if I remember right).

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The weather was great and the fall colors made it a beautiful drive around the area. Our main destination that day was to just enjoy the fall colors in and around the Red Wing and Winona area. Since then we have made several trips there, every other year or so including Elmers Car and Toy Museum across the border in Fountain City, WI. But this time of year isnt only about the destination, its about the trip down there too. The beautiful fall colors and great weather are a perfect opportunity to take cruises like these every year. As for car shows and cruises...



We also attend as many car shows as possible just to hang out as friends plus continuing on the 3rd week of every other month during the nice weather time of year for club stuff. Even if it means holding the meeting at a car show. Such is the case with shows like the Car Craft Summer Nationals held at the MN fairgrounds. Thanks to club member, Paul Sili-ciano, whom lives a few miles away, has been very helpfull for us in reserving a spot at the show so we can all park together and use our tent to promote the club. Another show we attend as a club is the car show in downtown North St. Paul. Club member Tony Hoffer has really helped us out in setting this up so that we are the host club of the night for



one of their Friday night shows each summer. Another opportunity came our way in 2005. We were contacted by Walser Chevrolet to co-host a car show of our own along with the Northstar Camaro Club. It was a great success and we got invited to do the same thing the following summer also, 2006. Unfortunately, they merged with another dealer and closed for good that following winter. The fall of 2007 we had an idea to hold our first ever club BBQ, so we gathered at Weaver Lake Park in Maple Grove and invited all of our families. It turned out to be a great success and we are planning to do this again as a regular event

although our plan isnt to necessarily hold it at that location each season. We plan to keep having club BBQ's.

As for winter, we dont sit around waiting for the snow to melt. We just complain about it all winter! We dont hang out as a club as often as we do in the summer but we still get together every other month typically continuing to do shop stuff, helping other members, etc. Club member Karl Drotning has stepped up and hosted us for our January meeting at Crystal Lake automotive every year so far on the same month.



Larry Lucast has stepped in and hosted us many times in both seasons over at Corvette Specialties. But we have also been known to get together at club members homes, thanks to their nice heated garages and shops. Which is actually where our next meeting will be for May. Jamie Munter stepped up to host us at his home shop in Zimmerman, MN.

During the year, we try to fill our plate as much as we can for a club this size, all the while, having a good time doing it.

By Chris Reid

Northstar Chevelle Club Officer positions.

President: Brad Wilder

Vice-President/Secretary: Derek Kiefer.

Secretary: Lori Mcaree

Events Cordinators: Chris Reid, Rick Pochmara.

Webmaster: John Enga.

Newsletter: Chris Reid.

If you would like to help with any positions in the club, existing or not, contact Chris Reid. Chevelle396guy@msn.com Or 612-396-1045

T-shirts: \$10. Hats: \$10 Polo shirts: \$20

Sweatshirts: \$18

Window Decals: \$5

Baby Onsie: \$8.

License Plates: Was \$10, still on clearance...\$5!

Membership: \$25/year. (New members get a T-shirt and Decal)

Northstar Chevelle Club News - by Chris Reid.

The final installment of Mike Hayens 72 Chevelle was supposed to run this time around but unfortunately, no body got any good pics of the finished product for me to use. With the car currently in storage and not easy to gain access to and the difficulty of lining up schedules to get a chance to shoot some photos of the car, a last ditch attempt on the second weekend of March to get pics in order to get a newsletter out by the meeting on the 3rd weekend of March didnt end up panning out. None of which was anyones fault really, schedules were difficult to line up with. By the next issue, the car should be out of storage and will be much easier to get some good, usable pictures to print so look forward to it then. I thought it would be nice to share a little bit about the past times we had in our club going back to the beginning and sharing some of our experiences we have shared along the way. The pics in this story came from our first ever meet and greet at the home of Dean Ribich but since they came off the net, they do look a bit blurred.

Our next meeting will be held at the home shop of Jamie Munter, in Zimmerman, MN, on May 17th. We will be meeting at 1PM as usual. Dues, please remember that dues were up in March. So please remember to bring 25 dollars for renewal if you havent renewed yet. We are now pro-rating the memberships and rounding them up to the following January, so that now, members renew from January to January. It was starting to become quite confusing when some members joined in March, some in January, some during the summer sometime, etc. This makes things much less complicated for keeping track. This time the log book and merchandise will be present to keep track. Thank you everyone for your support in the Northstar Chevelle Club.

We have also been working on more businesses to allow club members to receive discounts just for being a part of the NCC. Catco offers 10 percent discount on services like driveshaft re balancing, They can even make a custom length unit if you need it., Keystone offers a group purchase discount on re chromed bumpers, usually around November. It is subject to a minimum of bumpers being supplied. John Delke offers a discount to club members on his lighting kits. We are working on more businesses to add to the list and we will update you as more discounts come along.

By Chris Reid.

Upcoming Events:

May meeting.

May 17th, 2008.

Jamie Munter. Zimmerman, MN.

Jamie has plenty of parking for us to park our cars as well has offered the use of his two hoists in his dream shop, should anyone be interested in raising their car up to repair, replace, or inspect any components underneath. Plus a tour of his 3 level dream shop. We will also be BBQ'ing. Please bring your own chairs and beverages.

Thank you Jamie for hosting us.

July meeting.

July 27th, 2008

Car Craft Magazine Summer Nationals.

MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN.

We will be hanging out all weekend but the meeting will be held at 1PM on Sat. 26th.

Location at the fairgrounds will be determined.

June 13th, 2008.

North St. Paul Car Show.

Downtown North St. Paul, MN.

Club of the night.

Tony Hoffer organized this again for us in becoming the host club for this Friday night show.

More details to come.

Thank you Tony for setting this up for us (again).

August 16th. 2008.

Anoka River Run car show.

Downtown Anoka, MN.

Our plan is to meet and enjoy the Saturday night show that goes on all summer long.

More details to come.

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