

April 2012



MINNESOTA'S '64 – '87 CHEVELLE AND EL CAMINO CLUB

President: Stan Shinker
Webmaster: John Delke

Vice President: Tom Brokaw
Treasurer: Michael Sabby

Next Meeting
Saturday 04/21/2012
11:00AM

Place: Jon H's home, *then* Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club

All current/paid members will receive directions to Jon H's house via email.



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Meeting Minutes

**Northstar Chevelle Club
Saturday, March 24th, 2012
Dick's Hot Rod Shop-Lakeville
Noon-2 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. New Member Intro's-if present (Stan)
2. Old Business
 - a. Treasurers Report (Mike)
 - b. Web News/Updates (John D.)
3. New Business
 - a. Updated Club Banners-2 Ea. One Sided for \$350
 - b. April Meeting Gun Club Fee-\$150
 - c. Newsletter 'Members Rides' Volunteers
4. Upcoming Events
 - a. Sat. April 21st Meeting (CHANGE---Moved to Forest Lake Sportsman's Club-Meet up at Jon H's)
 - b. Sun. May 6th Buick Show & Swap-St. Paul Fair Grounds
 - c. Sat. May 12th Rock Falls NCC Drag Racing
 - d. Sat. June 2nd Pequot Lakes Show & Start of bi-weekly Hastings Show
 - e. Fri. June 29th No. St. Paul Cruise-In NCC Club of the Night
 - f. Powercruise-BIR July 13-15
 - g. Car Craft July 20-22
 - h. NCC/MSMA Automania Car Show-Sun. Aug. 19th
 - i. MSRA Fun Run-BIR Aug. 24-25
 - j. Midwest Chevelle Regionals -Kansas City, MO Sept. 21-23rd
 - k. 2012 Fall Cruise-Duluth Oct. 6-7
5. Open Forum
 - a. Raffle Drawing?
6. Meeting Close

**Chevrolet COPO Camaro Goes From Concept to Production.
Stock Eliminator drag racer, the quickest Camaro ever offered by Chevrolet.**



DETROIT (2012-03-08) – Chevrolet will build 69 COPO Camaros for 2012, the brand's first purpose-built Camaro drag-racing specialty car designed to compete with the quickest in NHRA's Stock Eliminator and Super Stock classes. National records for quarter-mile times in these contests are in the nine-second range.

As such, the COPO Camaros are expected to be the quickest Camaro ever offered by Chevrolet.

"The COPO Camaro is going to shake up the sportsman drag racing ranks this summer and give Chevy fans a great new reason to cheer on the Bowtie," said Jim Campbell, GM U.S. vice president of Performance Vehicles & Motorsports. "COPO builds off the strengths that have made the Camaro the best-selling sports car in America. And while it was developed strictly for the drag strip, the COPO Camaro is infused with the same performance pedigree that every Camaro shares."

The 69-car production for the 2012 COPO Camaro matches the number of "ZL-1" COPO Camaros made in 1969. COPO stands for Central Office Production Order and was Chevrolet's special-order system in used by dealers to build high-performance models in the 1960s.

The new COPO Camaros will be built using factory "body-in-white" body structures produced at the Oshawa, Ontario plant that manufactures regular-production Camaros. They are the same body-in-white body shells available to all racers under Chevrolet Performance part number 19243374.

Customers will order and complete the transaction for their COPO Camaro at their preferred Chevrolet dealer with delivery at the General Motors Performance Build Center in Wixom, Mich.

Deliveries will begin early this summer.

Highlights of the new COPO Camaro program include:

- A sequenced build number matched to the engine but sold without a Vehicle Identification Number and cannot be registered for highway use
- Three racing-class engine are available, including a naturally aspirated 427 (7.0L) and two supercharged 327 (5.3L) V-8 engines
- Engine assembly at GM's Performance Build Center, where the buyer can opt to participate in the engine assembly similar to Chevrolet's Corvette Engine Build Experience and the Chevrolet Performance Build Your Own Crate Engine programs
- Engines pairing with a Powerglide automatic transmission designed for drag racing
- Five colors: Flat Black, Summit White, Victory Red, Silver Ice Metallic and Ashen Gray Metallic
- A COPO graphics package similar to the one introduced on the concept vehicle available in Metallic White, Semi-Gloss Black, Inferno Orange Metallic and Chevy Racing Blue
- Pricing starting at \$89,000
- A special collector's package offering the purchase of all three engines with the COPO Camaro including one installed in the car at delivery – with each engine serial number matched to the car

Selection process

The COPO Camaro concept was first shown at the 2011 Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show in Las Vegas, where the overwhelming response by more than 2,000 racing enthusiasts shaped the decision to produce a limited number of COPO Camaros.

To ensure fair access to the limited number of COPO Camaros, an independent third party was used to identify the first individuals who would be offered the opportunity to buy one of the new COPO Camaros. Those selected will receive a confirmation letter with instructions on how to fulfill the purchase contract, choose the engine option for their intended racing class, and take delivery.

Designed to win

The COPO Camaro is designed to NHRA racing specifications including a solid axle and a full chrome moly roll cage. Inside, most of the standard sound deadening and power accessories have been deleted in order to optimize weight for NHRA racing. Also included is a pair of racing bucket seats (no rear seat), a safety harness for the driver, a competition floor shifter and Chevrolet Performance gauges.

The three engines offered in the COPO Camaro program were developed to align with the top

classes in NHRA's various Stock Eliminator and Super Stock ranks. They are:

- An LS7-based naturally aspirated 427 (7.0L) V-8
- A supercharged, LSX-based 327 (5.3L) V-8 featuring a 2.9L supercharger
- A supercharged, LSX-based 327 (5.3L) V-8 featuring a 4.0L supercharger

The 2012 COPO Camaro is being offered as a performance part, with a specific part number (P/N 20129562). It cannot be registered, titled, licensed, or driven on public roads or highways. COPO is specifically offered for off-highway, competitive NHRA use only.

Racing enthusiasts interested in more information can go to www.gmperformanceparts.com to sign up for COPO Camaro updates through the Fuel online newsletter. Production updates will also be posted on Chevrolet Performance's Facebook page.

Founded in 1911 in Detroit, Chevrolet is now one of the world's largest car brands, doing business in more than 140 countries and selling more than 4 million cars and trucks a year. Chevrolet provides customers with fuel-efficient vehicles that feature spirited performance, expressive design, and high quality. More information on Chevrolet models can be found at www.chevrolet.com.



Match the Chevelle Advertising Slogan with the Year

Can you match the advertising slogan with the correct year of Chevelle?

- a. Chevelle SS 396. And the SS doesn't stand for "Standing Still."
- b. If it moved any better, you'd miss a lot of scenery.
- c. Chevrolet. Building a better way to see the U.S.A.
- d. Ever see a Chevelle that wasn't enjoying itself?
- e. I'd be a big mover on looks alone.
- f. We built more car into the car.
- g. How do you change America's most popular mid-size car?
- h. The quick-size Chevelle.
- i. When you love driving as much as we do.
- j. Chevelle: The concentrated Chevrolet. Just add Gas.



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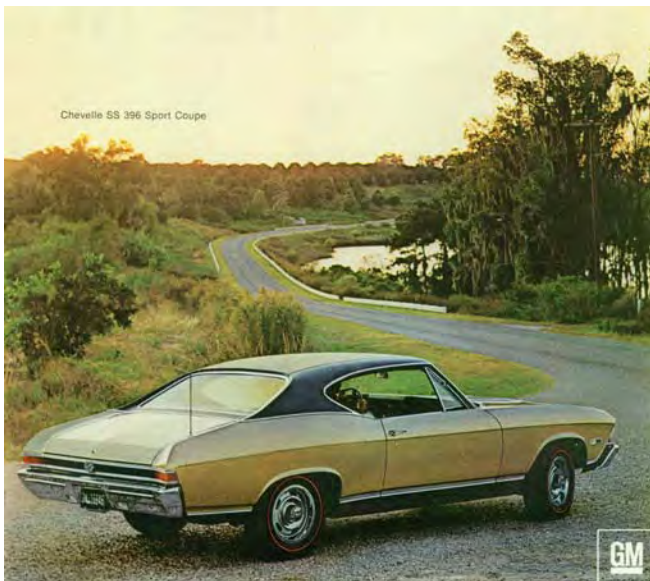
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Answers on following page.

Upcoming Events

No. St. Paul Cruise-In NCC Club of the Night

Fri. June 29th

CAR CRAFT 2012

July 20 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.), July 21 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) & July 22 (9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

<http://www.familyevents.com/files/2012%20early%20brid%20car%20registration%20form.pdf>

NORTH SHORE RUN

Save the date: Oct. 6th - 7th

12 rooms have been blocked off at the Canal Park Lodge in Duluth. Reservations can start being made as of Jan. 21. The rooms are saved under the Northstar Chevelle Club. If the rooms have not been reserved by Sept. 6th they will no longer be held.

<http://www.canalparklodge.com/>

Don't forget to purchase your 2012 Chevelle calendar!!



Calendars are available at our monthly meetings, or you can order them using the Club Merchandise link on our website. Cost is \$12 plus \$3 S&H for up to 2 calendars. \$10.50 S&H for 3 to 20 calendars. Shipping to a single address only with each order.

Answers: a5 (66), b3(65), c6 (72), d1 (64), e7 (68), f2 (70), g8 (71), h9 (67), i4 (73), j10 (69)