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**MINNESOTA'S '64 - '87 CHEVELLE AND EL CAMINO CLUB**

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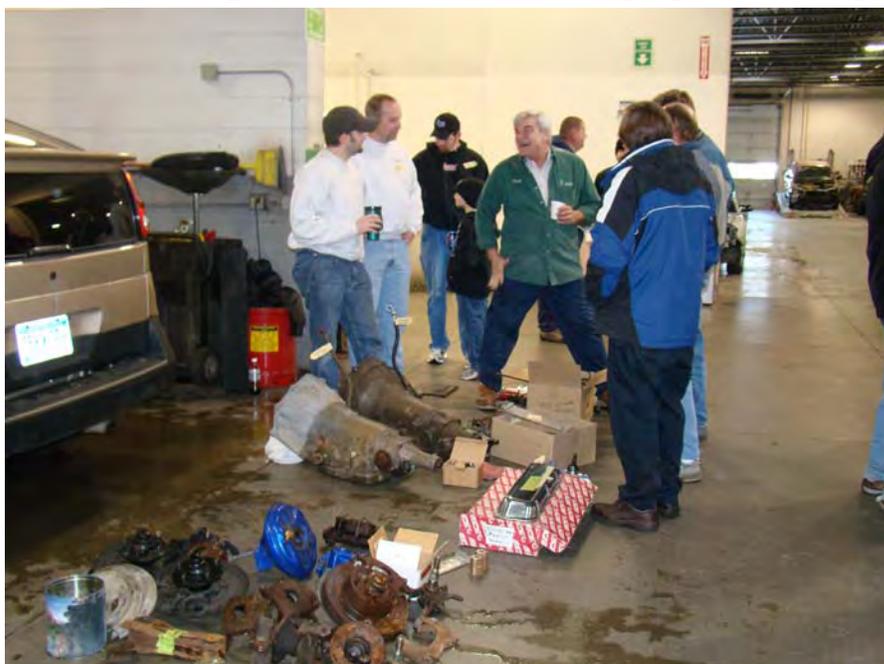
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## **Bowtie Brunch Highlights**

The annual Bowtie Brunch was held at Crystal Lake Automotive in Lakeville on January 21. Members from the Northstar Chevelle Club, Northstar Camaro Club, as well as the Nova, and Impala clubs were in attendance. For those of you who missed out on the fun... There were quite a few swappers who were there before twelve setting up to sell their wares ranging from racing slicks to dash panels to magazines and die-cast cars.

As usual, Karl arranged a great meal, which was catered by Rascals. It featured a tossed salad, Parmesan Ranch chicken, garlic mashed potatoes with chicken gravy, sautéed dinner veggies, and rolls. Your choice of pink lemonade or raspberry tea was there to quench your thirst, while bread pudding with white chocolate sauce was served up to satisfy those with a sweet tooth. After lunch, a short Northstar Chevelle club meeting was





initiated by Stan with just one item on the agenda. A vote was taken to amend the club by-laws to allow an optional meeting to be held in December with the club allotting a maximum of \$250 to the function, but could not include the purchase of any alcoholic beverages. Club members in attendance unanimously approved the optional December meeting. It should also be noted we had six new members join at the Bowtie Brunch!

At 2:00, Troy, a Crystal Lake Automotive employee held a session on dealing with spot welds. He demonstrated various methods of removing spot welds including grinding, cutting, and drilling. Thanks Troy!

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At 3:00 Karl held a seminar on color sanding and buffing. He demonstrated his techniques on a white '66 El Camino door. Once again, a large group took the opportunity to learn or expand their knowledge of the fine art.

In addition to all the activity, there was plenty of bench racing and swapping of favorite stories about the Chevelles we now own, or those that are just a memory. All in all, a great mid-winter event to get together with fellow club members to help curb our cabin fever.



**Next Meeting**  
**“Classics Plus” Saturday 02/18/2012**  
**12:00 -2:00 PM**



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# Upcoming Events

## CAR CRAFT 2012

July 20, 2012 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.), 21 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) & 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.

## Little Known Chevelle Facts

Periodically, I will feature an article pertaining to some obscure or lesser know fact about the Chevelle. This month's feature entails interiors from other General Motors divisions installed in 1968 Chevelles.

### Alternate 1968 Chevelle Interior

During the 1968 model year, some Chevelles received interiors from other GM manufacturers, namely; Buick, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac. Many Chevelles were equipped with Buick interiors and are noted on the trim tag with the Chevrolet trim number followed by the Buick trim number. Examples of these trim numbers are; 765-118, 765-158, and 765-168 black bench seat and 766-178 black bucket seat. In addition, Oldsmobile and Pontiac supplied seats with trim numbers 765-980, 766-970, and even a 760-910 coded trim tag have been discovered on Baltimore, Kansas City, and Fremont built Chevelles fitted with Oldsmobile alternative seats and 766-223 coded Pontiac seats. Generally, these are found in April, May, and June time frames with the earliest found being 03E from Fremont (in a Malibu sport coupe) and the latest being 06B from Baltimore (in a Malibu sport coupe).

El Camino body styles were just as susceptible to getting these alternative interiors as were the coupes and convertibles. A Concours optioned Malibu is just as likely to have a Buick or Olds interior but only one documented Concours optioned Chevelle has presented itself and it has an Olds interior code. These Buick/Oldsmobile/Pontiac coded tags have been found on Baltimore, Kansas City, and Fremont built Chevelles. Why the Atlanta and Framingham plants were not affected is a good question.



## Ride of the Month 1972 Chevelle



No one offered to have their Chevelle or El Camino featured this month. I started the ball rolling last month with my Chevelle, but I don't own enough cars to use mine every month...So if you would like to see this feature continue, I'll need some help here!

Anyone interested in having their Chevelle/El Camino featured in the coming months, please submit your photos and information about your ride to; [newsletter@northstarcheves.com](mailto:newsletter@northstarcheves.com)



Chevelle 300 4-Door Six-Passenger Station Wagon

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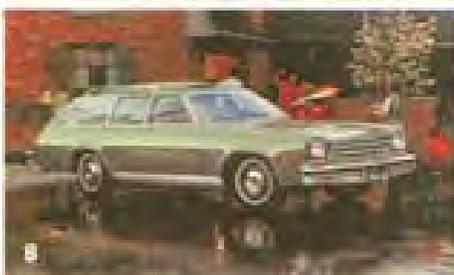
more inspired editions of GTO, SS 396, 4-4-2 and the new GS-400. If by now you're reaching the happy conclusion that there's something in our GM mark of excellence for you, keep watching. We've a lot more machinery to raise your pulse rate with this year. After all, we wouldn't be General Motors if we let up, right?

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Bringing sweet tears to your eyes are (l to r): Pontiac's GTO Convertible, Chevrolet's SS 396 and Camaro SS 350 Convertibles, Buick's GS-400 Sport Coupe, Oldsmobile's 4-4-2 Holiday Coupe and Chevrolet's Corvette 427 Sport Coupe. And the other side of our page will





## The Family Album of mid-size Chevelles.

Nine mid-size, mid-price choices from Chevrolet. A complete family of coupes, sedans and wagons. Sixes and V8's. All with emphasis on the kind of value that makes sense these days.

### Four nice coupes.

If you've got economy on your mind, you'll be happy to hear that the popular Malibu (1), a car with a reputation for value, is our lowest priced Chevelle coupe. The Malibu Classic (2) adds a touch of cornet and class with its rich interior, coach windows and more. The Malibu

Classic Landau (3), with its special half-vinyl roof and pinstriping, is the most distinctive Chevelle, while our Laguna Type S-3 (4) is clearly the sportiest, with its bold body stripes, Rally wheels and special suspension.

### Two roomy sedans.

Back to economy again with the Malibu Sedan (5), our lowest priced Chevelle. A family car with 4-door practicality. The Malibu Classic Sedan (6) is richly appointed, especially on the inside, so six adults can ride in style.

### Plus three wagons.

Three comfortable, family-size wagons, starting with the Malibu (7), our most economical mid-size wagon. The Malibu Classic (8) has elegant touches you're sure to appreciate. The Malibu Classic Estate (9) tops our wagon line with the look of wood.

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