



**December 2016**

Change. Some people fear it, some embrace it. Some just hope to find a little more in the couch cushions. I like change. Every few years I rearrange the garage. Actually half the time it's because I bought a new house, but that's change too.

Thank You to our 2016 board members. We met new people, saw new things, and had a good time. What's in store for 2017? Next month, our club will see change. Our new President Chris P aka 67SS has some ideas regarding new membership recruitment, our club's web presence, and I'm sure more that will be revealed in the next few months.

Starting in January, Larry will take over producing our newsletters. He's had plenty of experience with car clubs, newsletters, and I'm sure he will bring a great perspective to our club. Make sure you thank him when you're at the annual Bowtie Brunch January 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank Karl too, he puts a lot of time and money into hosting this every year and it's one of our best turnouts for members. Don't forget to renew your membership too.

What do we have planned for February? There's a small company in Blaine that restores classic car radios called S&M Electrotech. They also do modifications like upgrading the internals for better performance and adding on auxiliary ports for hook ups. You know those funny shaped front speakers on the 70-72 models? He makes new ones. While we're there, we're also going to tour a performance shop in the area. This will all be on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Let's keep up the chatter on the club forums. What's going on with your project? What's happening in your shop? You know we all like to see what's going on. Need help with something? Let us know, we have a wealth of information among our club members. Keep an eye on the classifieds. I know I plan on putting a bunch of stuff on there over the course of the winter. What do you have that another member might want?

**Don't forget  
our annual  
Bowtie Brunch  
At Crystal Lake  
Automotive  
--January 21<sup>st</sup>--  
Come hang out  
with people from:  
Northstar Chevelles  
Northstar Camaros  
Northstar Impalas**

**Welcome to the car for here and now.  
Chevy's all-new Malibu.**

**Here** New fuel economy. Welcome to Malibu, a car that's full of good news for here and now. Sensibly sized, sensibly built, sensibly priced, the new Malibu has been designed to meet the needs of today, without forgetting the pleasures you've come to expect. Like leg room, comfort. And quiet. You can see our new technology nestled in the smart new styling of the mid-size Malibu. On the outside, it's appreciably smaller than last year's Malibu, making for easier parking and better maneuverability in city traffic. Yet on the inside, you'll find more headroom, more legroom and more trunk room than last year. You'll also find impressive fuel economy. Because under the hood, there's new V6 power. Smooth and responsive, and very good with gas. With the standard 3.3 liter V6 and 3-speed manual transmission, EPA ratings are a surprising 29 mpg highway, 21 mpg city.

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**Here** A car you'll love to drive. You'll also find impressive fuel economy. Because under the hood, there's new V6 power. Smooth and responsive, and very good with gas. With the standard 3.3 liter V6 and 3-speed manual transmission, EPA ratings are a surprising 29 mpg highway, 21 mpg city.

**Now** Solid Chevy value. (Your mileage may vary, depending on how and where you drive, car's condition and available equipment. Drive train not available in California. Also, the new size Malibu is equipped with GM-built engines produced by various divisions. See your dealer for details.) Chevy's all-new Malibu. It's as fresh and original as tomorrow. And the good news is, it's here and now.

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**Many car company names are named for real people.**

**Buick:** David Dunbar Buick (1854-1929), a Scotsman, merged the failing Buick Manufacturing Company with another to form the Buick Motor Car Company in 1903.

**Chevrolet:** Louis Chevrolet (1878-1941) was a race car driver and designer who co-founded the company.

**Chrysler:** Walter Chrysler (1875-1940) formed the Chrysler Corporation in 1925.

**Dodge:** John (1864-1920) and Horace (1868-1920) Dodge founded their own car company in 1914.

**Ferrari:** Enzo Ferrari (1898-1988) racing car driver and designer founded the company in 1929.

**Mercedes-Benz:** Karl Benz (1844-1929) is believed by many to be the inventor of the automobile. Mercedes Jellinek was a daughter of a German diplomat and investor.

**Oldsmobile:** Ransom Eli Olds (1864-1950) founded the Olds Motor Vehicle Company in 1897.

**Porsche:** Ferdinand Porsche (1875-1951), automobile designer and manufacturer, started his own company in 1930.

**Rolls-Royce:** A combination of Sir Henry Royce (1863-1933) and Charles Rolls (1877-1910). Royce founded the company in 1903 and Rolls promoted the car.

OK, I'm taking a mental break, trying to pound out another newsletter, and trying to think of a cool last topic to share with everyone. I'm looking around my office for ideas when it struck me: there's got to be an automotive bucket list out there somewhere. I read on Facebook today that someone just arrived and is getting ready for the PRI (Performance Racing Industry) show in Indianapolis. That's gotta be on the list. Then there's SEMA, and the Barrett-Jackson auction. A couple members just came back from the MCACN (Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals) in Chicago, and I think the Street Machine Nationals in Illinois would be cool. Back to the '50s has to be there, as well as going to Bonneville to watch the record races. Toss in the Daytona 500, Indy 500, 24 hours of LeMans, and riding along during an at-speed lap of the Nurburgring (yeah, I think I just broke my spellcheck). I'm not into the European cars, but I bet one of the exotic car shows in Dubai has to be pretty cool. There are still some big swap meets, odd races, and I'm sure a ton I don't even know about yet. What's the next thing locally I might go to?

**The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual World of Wheels**

**March 17-19 at the US Bank Stadium.**

**BUCKLES** DAVID GILBERT



Have you ever wondered where some of the newsletter ideas come from? When I first started doing the newsletters years ago, I had a hard time coming up with new ideas, topics, and tech information. As I went to shows, read magazines, and surfed the internet, I kept a file for ideas. Sometimes it was a page, sometimes a web link or email newsletter. I'm a naturally curious guy, so new tools always interest me too. Going to a trade show or large car show with tons of vendors is like making it to the promised land for me. I have learned to not be a catalog hoarder and now simply take a picture of the catalog page or use the new-fangled square bar code thingy that sends you to the web page. Here's a list of some regular newsletters I currently or used to get:

Chevy Hardcore	Corvette Online	Dragzine	EngineLabs	LSX Magazine	Revved
Rod Authority	Street Muscle	Turnology	Hot Rod magazine	On All Cylinders	
StreetLegalTV	LSXTV	StreetRodLife	TheShopMagazine	Superchevy	CarCraft
Hemmings	SEMA	SuperStreetOnline	Hagerty	RPM Magazine	

What are some of the forums, newsletters, or websites you frequent? Why not take a minute and share the next good article or link with the rest of the club. As I'm clearing out my office (remember the "change" theme?) from the overload of clutter, I keep coming across things that I have kept to read later. Well... it's later.

**Final note:**

I wrote a goodbye message in the newsletter several years ago. This is not another one. This is a thank you. Thank You to everyone in the club who has stepped up over the years to help do things. Whether it's an elected position, an official volunteer position, coordinating an event or meeting, or who knows what else we need.... Thank you to all our members who make this club a great group to be part of. It's the cars that bring us together, but the people who keep this club together. I have known our incoming President for more than ¾ of my life, and I know he will do his best to help guide this club with the best intentions. I know he will try a few new things, we all have, and it will be fun.

**Bryan**