



From the Desk of the President:



Here we are in the second month of the New Year already. I find myself, and I suspect some of you, elbows deep working on your cars trying to get all your winter upgrades done in hopes of having everything done by spring to have a running driving car again. Along with car projects is the issue of spending money on parts for said projects. I found this picture on Facebook and had to laugh, I wondered, is it just me that thinks this way or do most car enthusiasts have this

mentality when it comes to spending money on their cars? The days of going to swap meets and scouring junk yards is long gone for most. You are probably more likely to find the part you need on Craigslist, Ebay, or through an internet search. Hop on the computer, type in the part you are looking for and wait for the search results to pop up. Paypal has made it so easy to order that part you want, need, or just got to have to finish that project. If you are a good Paypal customer they will give you 6 months interest free when you purchase on Ebay for buy now pay later options. In any case, all you have to do is hit that submit button and wait for it to show up at your door without giving it a second thought. Whatever that part is you are hunting for, being it a numbers matching part or something that is not reproduced, you may not think twice at the money you just spent to get that part for your car to make it perfect in your eyes. I know I have been there and done it myself.

In conclusion I hope that your car projects are going well and your credit card is not maxed out. Remember, if you ship your parts to a friend's house then the wife will never know what you are buying. I know some of you have done this.



Bowtie Brunch

Once again, Karl put on an event! The food was delicious, and Karl's hospitality can't be beat. About 75 Bowtie owners and enthusiasts filled the place almost to overflowing. After a welcome and a little information about the business, and after stuffing ourselves, Karl put on a demonstration of bodywork. He always tells us he doesn't do much of that work, but he looked like he did these things every day. He showed how to find rust, and how to fill it for a short-term repair. Then he demonstrated feather-edging paint, and finally how to apply, sand, and finish filler (body men do not use "Bondo". They use chemical something or other.) As you look at any of the cars in progress in their shop, you see the level of quality even in areas that will never be seen.



February Meeting

S&M Electrotech in Blaine will be the host. The meeting is at 11:00am on Saturday February 18th. Their address is 8836 Xylite St NE, Blaine MN 55449. Simple directions mean getting off 35w onto County J, go West. Turn Right at Lorenz Bus which is Xylite St. It's about 1/4-1/2 mile up on the left in a business building. He's about midway down the building.

Who is S&M Electrotech? In a very simplified nutshell, they build/retrofit/restore old car radios, keeping the classic look but with modern internals. They also do speakers, including making their own version of the rectangle 70-72 Chevelle front stereo speakers. This is another one of our local guys who are experts in their field. Their website is www.turnswitch.com if you're curious.

As an added bonus, after visiting S&M, we're going to also mosey over to Specialty Auto Service to tour their shop. They do mechanical restoration/modification of vintage/classic vehicles.



Stuff you didn't know that you needed to know.

You know how your dog (or a friend) will stare at you while you are eating, hoping you will share? There is a word for that. Groaking – The act of staring at someone who is eating, hoping they will give you some. I think we need to change our dog's name to Groak.

Six cylinders and small block V8's were no longer available in 1966 SS Chevelles. Buyers had to choose between three versions of the 396. The 325hp 396 was standard, while the 360hp and the 375hp were optional powerplants.

Only twelve M22 "Rockcrusher" four speed manual transmissions were installed in SS Chevelles in 1966.

Beginning in 1968 the VIN plate was located on the dash and visible through the windshield.

Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth. This needs a name?

Most Americans flush the toilet while still sitting on it.

Squirrels can climb trees faster than they can run on the ground.

Every single U.S. President has worn glasses.

Thomas Edison once saved a boy from a speeding locomotive.

The only member of the band ZZ Top who does not have a beard is named Beard.

Every episode of *Seinfeld* contains a Superman reference.

For you computer people: The word "byte" is a contraction of "by eight"

Of all the words in the English language, "set" has the most definitions.

Americans eat two hundred million M&Ms each day.

The exterior of the 1972 Chevelle SS was nearly identical to the 1971 version. Minor changes included restyled side front marker lights and a totally blacked out grill. The domed hood now featured locking pins

In 1977, Chevelle SS production dropped to a record low of 19,293 units.

Small Block Cylinder Head Comparison

Description	PN	Source	Price
Dart SHP head	127322	Jeg's	\$931.98
Jeg's head	514000	Jeg's	959.98
Summit head	162109	Summit Racing	995.95
Vortec iron (mod)	SD8060A2	Scoggin-Dickey	779.90
Edelbrock E-Street	5089	Scoggin-Dickey	909.95
Speedway (Flo-Tek)	7222200	Speedway Motors	739.98
Patriot	2168	Summit Racing	815.00
Harland Sharp 1.6:1 roller rockers	S-1002	Summit Racing	239.00
ARP head studs	234-4401	Summit Racing	190.93
Fel-Pro head gaskets	1010	Summit Racing	41.95
Fel-Pro intake gaskets	1205	Summit Racing	14.75
Fel-Pro header gaskets	1444	Summit Racing	17.95
Comp Cams 10w30 muscle car oil	1594	Summit Racing	39.75 (5)

Average Horsepower Per Dollar	
Speedway	\$2.12 / Avg. HP
Patriot	\$2.23 / Avg. HP
Vortec iron	\$2.25 / Avg. HP
Dart SHP	\$2.55 / Avg. HP
Edelbrock	\$2.58 / Avg. HP

Want-Ads.

We didn't get an overwhelming response to our want-ad section this month. Advertise anything. If you have one little part to get rid of, send me an ad (and a picture if you want). If you want to sell your house, send me an ad. I will post anything that is not offensive or illegal. Send an ad for just about anything to Llucast80@Gmail.com

Wanted:

If you browse the forum, you know about Darren's 72 four-door. It was stolen last summer at the Street Machine Nationals. It was recovered after the MSD box burned or exploded and did a lot of damage. He ended up owning the car after a long negotiation with the insurance company, and is now going to fix it. He needs a LOT of stuff. The right front fender and hood area, along with the A/C unit and right side of the dash all burned or melted. If you have anything, contact Darren, or find his post in the "Projects" section of the forum.

Next meeting: February 18 at S&M Electrotech