

April & May 2019



Monthly Newsletter

As you may have noticed I did not have an opportunity to send out the April newsletter prior to the May meeting as work travel and family got in the way. Funny how that can happen! This month's letter will be combined for April and May. Please let me know if there are specific topics you want to cover in any upcoming newsletters or any general changes to the format.

As a quick reminder the discounts page now requires the Club username and password to access, as these are exclusive discounts available to members as a benefit of paying dues.

April Meeting

On a gorgeous spring day approximately 20 members gathered at Terry Didion's home in Shoreview for the monthly club meeting and overview of his extensive model train collection and layout.





Crowd favorites included working models of railcars that could load barrels, cattle, coal and lumber and others that delivered and picked up mail bags.



Several of us were able to see the live launching of a rocket for the first time!



President Hank Millette lead the club meeting as we discussed upcoming events including the rescheduling of the visit to Kiss's Classic cars due to road conditions. Hank and Terry's vehicles were on display and ready for spring. The rest of us discussed finishing de-winterizing and wrapping projects in anticipation of what I deem "car season."



I had a nice lunch with Mike and Lee Sr. and Lee Jr. as we heard about Mike's recent projects and Lee's visits to race tracks. They all clearly know more about Chevelles and model trains than me and I enjoy learning more about Chevys at every club meeting.

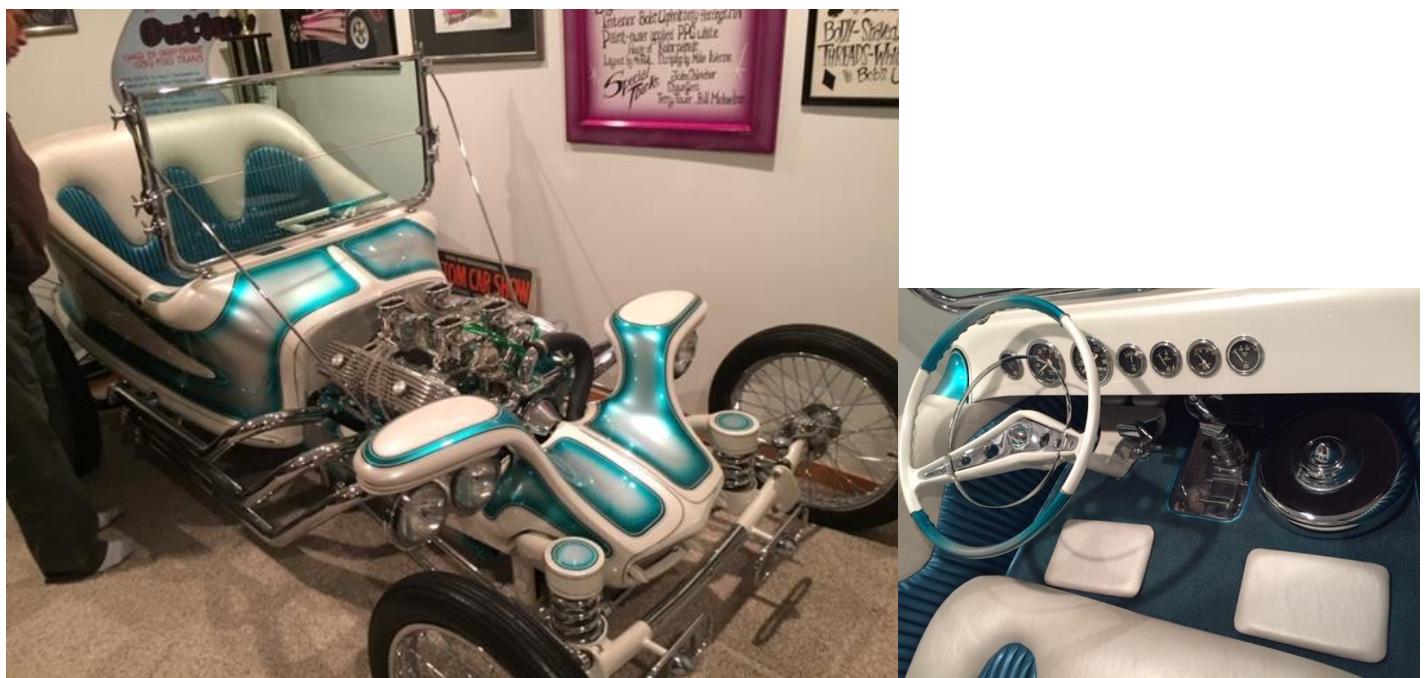
Thanks much to Jenny for recording the meeting minutes, Terry for hosting, and for all of those that provided snacks and lunch for the day.

May Meeting

The club event in May was to view Mark Moriarity's collection at his home in Mound. Mark was a gracious host and toured the club members through his home. His collection has been featured in numerous publications and websites. The design and custom work is phenomenal. Yes, the pictures don't lie – a few vehicles are inside his house and yes, that is a go-kart hanging on the wall.



The Futurian



The Outlaw

June 8th at 10 AM: Tech Session - Focus on Ignition
Andrew Kraling's house, 319 Vincent Ave N, Minneapolis 55405
See the forum for more information

July 19th-21st: Street Machine Summer Nationals,
State Fairgrounds, Falcon Heights, MN
July 26th: North St. Paul "Club of the Night"

August: Hastings Cruise-in Night

See forum for swap meets, cruises, shows

Tools – Get Moving!

Below are a few varieties of rolling jacks from inexpensive and not as adaptable to an expensive, customizable arrangement.

12" Tire Premium Skates Wheel Car Dolly. Red Hound Auto. Amazon \$130 for set of 4.

Premium vehicle dolly set made from solid diamond plate steel with a protective black powder coat finish. Each dolly, measuring approximately 12" x 16", is rated for 1,500 lbs. and includes a convenient handle. Total capacity 6,000 pounds.



Jackable rolling car dolly. GoJak Model G4520. Amazon \$255 each.

The GoJak Vehicle Positioning Jack Dolly is rated for vehicle curb weights up to 4500 lbs. and tire widths up to 20". This design is perfect for low profile performance vehicle with wide tires. The GoJak 4520 also has a 5-degree offset pedal for additional foot-to-tire clearance when jacking.



EZV Jack car dolly. <http://www.ezvjack.com/> \$1500 for the set.

This rolling jack brings the car up to a level that allows for easy and more ergonomic body work and repair. Brake, wheel, and suspension work can be easily accomplished without tying up a lift as the car is slightly higher and the tire does not have to be held by the unit.



Chevelle Trivia / Fun Facts

The Chevelle was first introduced on September 26, 1963.

Chevrolet identified a need/target market to deliver a highly customizable (to replace/build off the success of the Tri-Five 1955-1957), mid-size product to complete a range from the compact Nova/Chevy II to the larger Impala.

Executives also wanted a product to compete directly against the Fairlane, Tempest, Cutlass, and Skylark.

1964 and 1965 Chevelles included Front bucket seats as standard equipment. In 1966 the cost for the A51 Strato bucket seat was an extra \$100.

The “blinker tach” was installed in only 3,653 of the 62,785 SS396 Chevelles built in 1967.

1969 featured a chambered exhaust system (NC8) fitted with straight pipes at an option cost of \$15.80. The system was 50 lbs lighter without the mufflers. 4,143 Chevelle buyers ordered the NC8 and one must wonder how few original systems remain today.

1971 was the first year Chevelle fitted with 15-inch wheels (I purchased the original Rally wheels for my vehicle along with the rings and center caps – still have them today in the garage).

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