

Northstar Chevelle Club

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Year In Review

Jan/Feb 2004



Roy Janni's Cortez Silver 70 SS396 Chevelle

We started out the year with our first ever mailed out newsletter, which was a big hit over the previous emailed newsletters. To kick things off right, we featured Roy Janni's 70 SS. Roy, the original owner of this car, ordered it while stationed in Vietnam in July 1969. Roy didn't even know what the 70 model was going to look like, and he had to pick the options from the '69 option and price list. The options he selected, include L-34 350hp 396, SS396 package, M-21 4-speed, F-41 suspension, and Cortez Silver paint, with black bucket-seat interior.

In January, we watched Gary Heddon assemble John Enga's 406 at our meeting at Magnum Superchargers in Oak Grove.

Keith Anderson's Black '70 SS396 El Camino

Mar/Apr 2004

As hard as it is to follow a story like Roy's, Keith did it quite nicely with his '70 El Camino, and its colorful racing history. Ordered with the L-78 375hp 396, M-21 4-speed, 3.55 posi rear, and cowl-induction hood, this car was meant for the track. When Keith bought it, it had "Rolling Thunder" painted on the sides, had a 6-point cage, and was missing the engine. Keith restored it to original, but it just was not fast enough. It now sports a 496ci big-block, Viper T-56 6-speed, 3.73 posi rear, 4-wheel disc brakes, and 17" ZR-1 Corvette wheels. It can be driven anywhere, and runs high 12s! It currently only has 14,000 miles on the clock!

Karl Drotning demonstrated a quick-ratio power-steering swap at our March meeting at Crystal Lake Automotive in Lakeville.



May/June 2004

Tony Hoffer's Mohave Gold '72 Malibu

We all remember our first car, and a few of us were smart enough or lucky enough to keep them. Tony bought this basic 72 Malibu with a 350/TH350 from the proverbial "little old lady" in the fall of 1980 in his senior year of High School. After a few years and several mods, he ran consistent 13.90s before marriage and kids took priority and the car was garaged indefinitely. After realizing life is too short, Tony started rebuilding the car in 2000. He had an old friend (and NCC member) Bruce Tsieda paint it the original Mohave Gold, and Tony built a 406 smallblock, which dyno'd at 533 horsepower. He has run a traction-limited 12.34@110.68, but there's more potential with some chassis tuning. Tony is looking for 11's next season!

We enjoyed a beautiful day in May to gather at Corvette Specialties in Blaine and where Larry Lucast fed us well while we ogled each others cars. We gathered again in June at the Fri. Night cruise in North St. Paul.



Derek Kiefer's Dark Cloisonne '69 Malibu

July 2004

Starting with a \$500 rusty beater I bought when I was 15, 2-1/2 years of work, and a lot of help from my Dad, I built this '69 Malibu. Its original 350 gave up after I abused it for 2 years, so I replaced it with a stock 190,000 mile 400 smallblock, rebuilt the TH350 transmission, and swapped in a 3.08 posi rear and 4-wheel disc brakes. I'm currently building an entirely new chassis for this car with low-budget, road-course racing, comfort, and reliability in mind. Motivation will come from a '95 LT1 and overdrive automatic from a '95 Caprice patrol car. 13 second ET's, great cornering, 20 mpg, cold A/C, and minimal maintenance are my goals.

Aside from having our first monthly newsletter, we had a great time at Lakeville's Pan-O-Prog cruise, and the Car Craft Summer Nationals in St. Paul.



August 2004



Brad Wilder's Cranberry Red '70 SS396 El Camino

Brad purchased this number-matching documented SS396 El Camino in very rough shape in 1998. After discovering that sheetmetal was not available for El Camino's, Brad bought a solid 71 El Camino for a parts-donor to save this one. After 6 years of work, it was "unveiled" upon completion in May of '04 at the Corvette Specialties meeting, a few blocks from Brad's house. Its original drivetrain has a few performance parts, but retains a mostly stock appearance.

In August the Northstar Chevelle Club met at the "Back to the 60's" show in Red Wing, MN at Treasure Island Casino.

John Delke's yellow '64 El Camino

John bought this El Camino in 1990 as a project, and used it as a daily-driver for 3 years. John then parked it for several years while his family and house projects took up all of his time and money. In the spring and summer of '02, John decided he wanted to drive it again, and focused on safety and reliability first. He updated the drivetrain with a 383/TH350 and 4-wheel disc brakes. He had it back together just in time to make it to the club's first BBQ in October '02. While body and interior work and are not done, John is enjoying driving it anyway.

In September, we met at Rock Falls Raceway, for the "Musclecar Day". Of the five of us that ran, three were in the 12s, one in the 14s, and I couldn't get out of the 15s. We all had a great time, and nothing broke!

September 2004



October 2004

Chris Reid's Marina Blue '66 SS 396 Chevelle

Chris bought his '66 Chevelle SS396 in August, 1993. The body was in primer, and it had a non-original 396 in it, with the Muncie 4-speed, and 12-bolt posi rear. He's been working on it ever-since, and has it almost done. Chris has rebuilt the suspension, and drivetrain, replaced much of the interior, and had it painted. While it is still missing some trim, and has some unfinished details, Chris enjoys driving it and having fun while saving money and collecting parts to finish it. Chris had it painted Marina Blue, instead of the original Artesian Turquoise, and although it is a true SS car, it is missing the original 396. Chris says it's a perfect balance of a true SS, that is not so "correct" that he can't modify it to his tastes.

In October, we had our Annual Fall Cruise. We cruised along the Mississippi River from Red Wing to Fountain City, WI where we toured Elmer's Auto & Toy Museum which is located in the center of an old salvage-yard overlooking the river. It was a very scenic drive with an awesome destination.



Jim Roy's Dark Cloisonne '68 Malibu

When Jim bought this '68 Malibu as a solid rolling shell, he had a plan in mind. He wanted to build a nice car that runs low 12s and is very street-friendly. Jim did his own body-work, and painted the car Dark Cloisonne Metallic Blue. With his AFR aluminum headed 406sb, TH350, and 3.36 10-bolt, Jim has managed a best of 12.8 @ 108 on street radials. Jim is hoping to meet his "low 12" goal next summer on slicks.

In November we held our meeting and election at Corvette Specialties in Blaine. Larry Lucast provided us with lunch and a great place to meet.

2004 was a fun and exciting year for the club, if you can excuse the late newsletters.

November 2004



Northstar Chevelle Club News - Meeting Notice! - by Derek Kiefer

I want to make sure everyone is aware that our March meeting location has changed. The Date and Time are still the same (Sat. March 19th, 1:00) but our location has changed. Due to a hip-replacement, Paul Seaton will be unable to host our meeting at Quality Collision and Sandblasting in Inver Grove Heights. Kyle Wells, owner of Excalibur Motorsports has offered to host the meeting at his store in Hopkins, MN. See details below.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for feature cars. What you see in this newsletter is every car we have featured so far. I know there's more than 8 feature-worthy Chevelles out there, so let's start writing and taking pictures!

If you're following my progress on my chassis buildup, you'll have to be patient, as I've hit a roadblock. My daily-driver, a '91 Caprice Wagon, bit the dust, and everything I had budgeted for the Chevelle, has been spent on a replacement car... a '95 Caprice LT1 Wagon. I'm now patiently waiting for my tax returns, so I can start ordering parts for the Chevelle again. The coilovers and adjustable control arms I want aren't cheap.

-Derek Kiefer

Upcoming Events:

March Meeting

Saturday, March 19th, 1:00 p.m.

Excalibur Motorsports

1001 6th Street South
Hopkins, MN 55343
952-945-0031

Kyle Wells, owner of Excalibur Motorsports has offered to host our March meeting, after the short-notice cancellation of the meeting at Quality Collision and Sandblasting. Kyle has nearly 20 years experience with motorcycles, ATV's, and Snowmobiles. Bring your questions! He will provide soft drinks and snack trays - "over 21" beverages are welcome, but BYOB.

Mar. 19th: (Sat.) 1:00

Excalibur Motorsports,
Hopkins, MN

May. 21st: (Sat.) 1:00

Location To Be Determined...

If you have questions, comments, or ideas for upcoming meetings and events, please contact Derek Kiefer at derek@northstarcheves.com or phone: 507-438-8907

*Hwy 169 to the Excelsior Blvd. exit.— West on Excelsior to 11th Ave.
South on 11th. Ave, past Wendy's, under the bridge, to 6th St.
Left turn on 6th, go east 1/2 Block to shop on your left.*

OR

*Hwy 169 into the Hopkins area.— Take the 5th St. / Lincoln Dr. exit (it's the next exit south of Excelsior Blvd.).
At the top of the ramp, go west - to stop sign - "T" intersection.
Turn right, and go north 1/4 mile to 5th St. - "T" intersection (giant SuperValu warehouse dead ahead).*

Free Classifieds: call or email Derek Kiefer to list your items.

70 El Camino - Arizona Solid! 307/3-spd with clutch pedal and Z-bar assy. Good doors, floors, frame and RH quarter. LH quarter damaged, no front clip, interior, or title. \$900 *Derek Kiefer Dexter, MN 507-438-8907*

72 Chevelle SS - #s matching 402, A/C, complete unmolested original, rusty.

70 El Camino - has nice front clip, rear tub not very nice

71 Malibu Convertible - needs floors and trunk floor, has new top

71 Chevelle 4-door - California car *Bruce Tscheida, Lakeville, MN 651-459-9194 (h) 952-469-2277 (w)*

Wanted: 70-72 SS "bulge" hood, El Camino/wagon front fenders, RH El Camino door, El Camino qtr panels, outer wheel houses, inner rear panels from box floor to bottom of qtr panel, and SS or Monte Carlo non A/C dash insert. (do not need cluster). *Harlan Kemper, North Branch, MN (651) 674-8360*

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