## Northern Ohio Chevelles

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**Next Meeting** 

Feb 16th, 2010 7:00 PM

**Don Sitts Dealership** 

### From the Editor—Mark Meldrum

Wow, has it been cold or what? I was so glad to finally get out to the barn and work on the Chevelle. I have been sandblasting, cleaning, and collecting parts for Project Red Racer since October. I am pleased to say that I was able to put the first part on the frame today. One would think that you open the assembly manual up to page 1 and follow the instructions. After all, this is just a full scale model car, right? Just like when we were kids, we would cut some grass, earn some money, and then have mom take you down to GC Murphy's to buy the latest 1:25 scale model car. As soon as I would get home, it was time to open up the cellophane wrapped box, pull out the instructions and the trees filled with car parts. Slowly but surely the parts on the trees would get painted to all the correct colors. Then it was time to build the sub assemblies, such as the engine, the suspension, and the interior. I have built a ton of model cars over the years, in fact, I have built three 1966 Chevelles just to practice before building a real one. I am also blessed to have so many Chevelle friends to call when I can't figure out what color to paint something or how it goes back together. Joe was right on the money last month when he talked about me calling

Larry every 5 minutes. I almost bought another 66 Chevelle 4 door in November just to have something to go look at when the assembly manual did not have enough information. After months of taking things apart, it was so satisfying to tighten those first few bolts. Oh, by the way, just in case you want to know, the first part to put on the frame is the engine mount and its not on page 1, its on page 105. Time to Burn Rubber



Mark

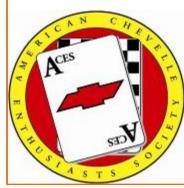


### **South Carolina**

Tri-centennial By Joe Bertrand

This 1970 Chevelle was built as a South Carolina tri-centennial edition, com-

memorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of Charleston, SC. In 1670, settlers arrived at the Ashley River and established a settlement on its west bank, which they named Charles Town in honor of Charles II. The following year, to provide for better defense, they transferred themselves across the river and rebuilt



# From the Office of the VP Joe Desmont,

This year is already shaping up to be a very busy year for the club, besides filing for our Corporation with the state of Ohio, we are also going to file for a 501 3c, nonprofit status, which will enable us



to give tax deductible receipts for sponsors and other donations.

We also have the Auto Rama quickly approaching, keep an eye on your email for scheduled work nights. We will also be handling the Columbia Chamber Car show again this year, that has been moved to Friday night, to try and get us a better turn out than the past 2 yrs. More info to follow on this show forth coming.

Chevelle-a-bration will be here before you know it, and there are quite a few of us making the annual trek south to have very good showing for our club. If you are on the fence about attending, make sure you check room availability, you can cancel with most hotels 24 hrs before the event without losing your money.





Last month our club was contacted by the IX Center, regarding a new car show called Piston Power that they are working on for Oct. 24, 25, 2010. The object of this show is to showcase any type of vehicles powered by the piston.

This show will include Motorcycles, Military equipment, Planes, Semi trucks, Boats, Snowmobiles, Cars of all sorts. They will be utilizing the entire IX center. There will also be a large swap meet area as well as a Auto Auction and vendor area.

The preliminary price for club participation will be based on a club displaying 12 or more vehicles at \$20.00 for the weekend. The price will include 2 pass's, and free parking for the weekend, including trailer parking. This is very reasonable if you compare this to the Auto Rama. They are encouraging the clubs to set up displays, they would even like to see in progress projects. They are also going to allow the clubs to do raffles, and collect donations for their Charity, as well as post information about the club as well as membership info. I talked to the director about doing a "Toys for Tots" drive in conjunction with us, maybe a Dollar off admission with a new toy presented at the door.

This would be a great opportunity for a lot of our members to get their cars into an indoor show that is geared for the drivers as well as the restored. As more information becomes available I will send out an email and let everyone know.

### From the Office of the Treasurer

Ken Smith

I'm happy to announce that we're off and running already in our efforts to gain sponsors for the August 2010 Northern Regional Car Show. Flaming River Industries has stepped up to the plate to be the first sponsor to donate for the show. Many thanks to them.

With this in mind, I'd like to encourage all members to try and get us at least one sponsor, donating at least \$50, for this year's event. This month's newsletter included a Sponsor Worksheet. Please print it out and take it with you when you approach any prospective sponsors. Soon we hope to have completed a packet



for sponsors, to help inform them about our club, the show we're asking them to sponsor and the charity we're raising money for, as a result of the show.

At the February Meeting, we will take nominations for officers for the coming membership year. The membership year runs from April 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Included in this newsletter, is a MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM. Dues for 2010 are due by April 15<sup>th</sup> for all members that wish to stay current. Please make sure the form includes your name and address, and any changes you may have had in the last year. Make your checks out to Northern Ohio Chevelle Club, and mail it to: NOCC, c/o Ken Smith, 478 Seaman Ave., Akron, OH 44305.

Dues can also be paid via PayPal. For PayPal users, use the club's email address (<a href="mailto:n.ohio.chevelles@sbcglobal.net">n.ohio.chevelles@sbcglobal.net</a> ) to send the payment to. Don't forget to include your name and address and mark it 2010 Dues.

I've completed the forms for the club to become Incorporated. Having the club Incorporated is the first step for us to become tax exempt. We'll have all of the necessary signatures in place and the forms mailed off to the State for their consideration soon. Once that is completed and we receive our State Incorporation papers, I can then finish the tax exemption papers for the IRS.

Our goal has been to have the club become a 501( c )(3) tax exempt organization. With the tax exempt status, it should be much easier to attract sponsors for our August event, therefore increasing the amount of money raised for our charity(s).

7 DAY EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE for late January 2011. Yes, we are planning a Caribbean Cruise already for next year. Tenatively, we've chosen to go via Carnival Cruise lines and will sail either January 22<sup>nd</sup> or January 30<sup>th</sup> of 2011. Destinations will be the Bahamas, San Juan, St. Thomas and Grand Turk islands. The cruise is all inclusive. We are planning on getting a block of rooms on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> level of the ship, so tentative pricing would start somewhere between \$600 – 700 per person for an interior room on those levels.

In the meantime, we'd like to get a rough count of those members that are interested, so we can pursue an appropriate number of cabins. Interested members can contact me via email at <a href="mailto:subsdotkom@sbcglobal.net">subsdotkom@sbcglobal.net</a> or call me at 330-285-7420. Once more information becomes available, I'll pass it along to everyone.

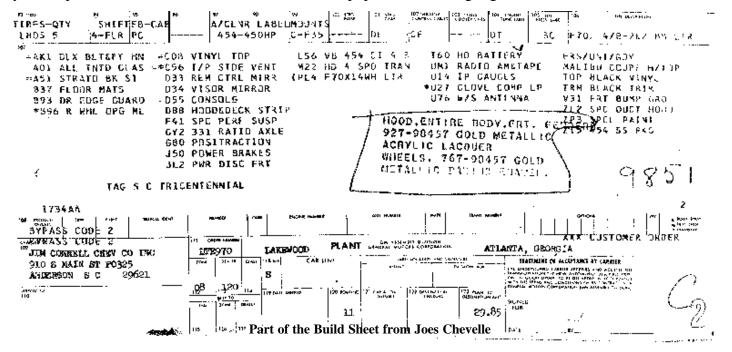
at the tip of the peninsula between the Ashley and Cooper rivers. Therefore – 1970 would have been the 300th anniversary of Charleston South Carolina.

It was painted a special gold color, including the SS wheels, as called out on the build sheet (attached). I have tried to locate other owners of these special edition cars. So far I have made contact with 4 other owners beside myself, and found a build sheet on the internet for a 6th vehicle. It appears that my car is the only one built with a LS6 engine. The engine and the color of the car may be one of a kind. After disassembly to the bare frame, I discovered the front section was "tweaked", most likely from an accident. It was hard to determine what dimensions were out of tolerance, and I felt that it would be even harder to straighten and verify that everything was back in spec. So I made the decision to replace the entire front section. I purchased a nice rust free section from Arizona, and made my own jig to locate it for welding to the original section. As it turned out, all dimensions came in perfectly. The frame was taken to Toledo for an electrolysis process to clean inside and out (not an acid dip), then to Niles to e-coat inside and out to act as a rust inhibitor. I then spot filled any imperfections, primed, wet sanded, and applied 2 coats of chassis satin black urethane. I'm currently sub-assembling components, like bushings and ball joints in control arms, and the differential, in preparation for the final assembly of the chassis. I plan on having a swap meet spot at Chevelle-a-bration this year. We mainly get a spot to have drive-in parking privileges, have a spot to hang out, cook burgers, and drink beer. But not in that order. The parts on the table just make it look good!! Here is a link of a tri-centennial Chevelle that was for sale last





year: http://www.chevelles.com/forums/showthread.php?t=272621&highlight=SC+tricentennial



### COME AND JOIN THE US

### MICROBREWERY BEER TASTING

Meet at Holiday Inn –Strongsville At 11:15am on Saturday, February 20, 2010

Scott has booked an Limo Service for the day is \$49.50 per couple, I will need checks made out to Tami Eckelmeyer then I will write one check to them on Monday, Feb 15.2010. We are able to bring snacks and cooler on the bus. Beer Samples range from \$1 to \$3.00 depending on kind

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### Members Notes & E Mails

Bryan—Where do you order your hardware kits?

Hey you big ole sausage!

I'm a big stickler when it comes to fasteners, I really don't like when they are not the correct heads and stuff so I always use AMK product's fasteners. NPD & Hinshaw's sells them or you can buy them direct as I have done in the past. They sell a complete chassis fastener kit bagged & tagged with everything you need, all correct finishes and styles like they were from the factory. You can also just buy individual packaged sets or just misc. pieces, these are my favorite fasteners, as you can tell! Bryan

#### Mark,

Can you please put the following in the news letter. This is the dance we went to last year.

Columbia Chamber of Commerce presents: Valentine's Day Dinner Dance Feb. 13, 2010 Columbia VFW 9340 Columbia Station Ohio Entertainment by: Tailor Made Classics Doors Open at 6:00 PM-Dinner at 7:00 PM Entertainment 8-11 PM Cash Bar

Tickets \$25.00 per person Available at Frank Clarke Agency, See Joe Desmont Thanks Mark, Have a HAPPY VD Day - Joe

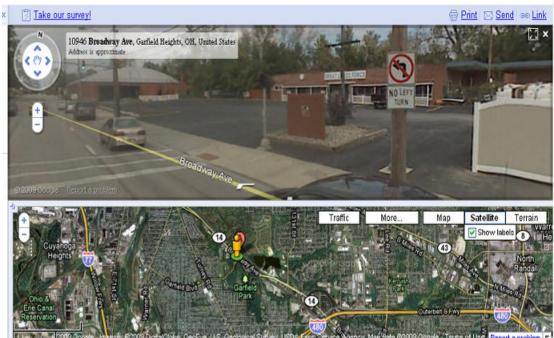
I am not sure if I will make it this year Joe, the band was great but you are not a very good dancer. LOL For you technical computer geeks out there... You may have noticed that the file size of this newsletter is considerably lower. I upgraded to Microsoft Publisher 7.0 and it has a better compression tool for photos. This new program may not improve my grammar or sentence structure but it will certainly help you open the file quicker. That means you people with a slow internet connection should feel like you have a small block with a hot cam. I am also very pleased with the number of stories coming into NOCC. I should be set on cover stories for the next couple of months. Keep the stories coming my way and I will do my best to get them in the newsletter. Next month I have a cover story on a sweet 1964 Chevelle.

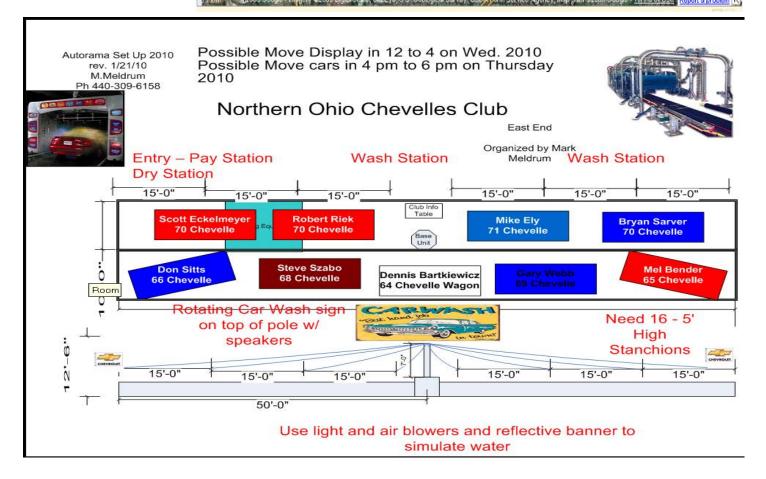
### **Display Work Day for Autorama**

We plan on getting together at Great Lake Fence on Saturday Feb 13th to work on the display for the Cleveland Autorama. We have a bunch of pieces and plans but we need some manpower to put some sub assemblies together. So please meet us around 10 am at 11111 Broadway Ave, Cleveland, OH 44125. Give me a call at 440 309 6158 if you plan on coming. Mike should have all the tools and supplies we need to fabricate something up.

I need a crew to work on

- The rotating sign
- Vacuum Box
- Stanchions
- Rotating Brushes
- Car Wash Frame
- Whatever Else we dream up





### Project Blue Beard—Bryan Sarver



Now that the whole body is covered with plastic, taped off and protected, I seem sealed the firewall and cowl areas along with the rear wheel wells. The next step is to scuff up the firewall, floors

and trunk area's with a DA sander and then hand sand the nooks and crannies. Since the body was stripped and then dipped with EDP primer the sanding has been really a pretty easy process so far. There were only a couple areas on the floor's and firewall that needed a little body work or some high build primer to get them all squared away. With all of the sanding completed I wanted to get the trunk area done, the first step was to primer up the bare metal areas that were exposed during the sanding. I used black primer since the spatter paint doesn't really cover that well and black is a perfect base coat for the dark green and aqua trunk paint. I decided to re-spray the Astro blue on the trunk latch and trunk lid hinge support areas since they weren't

covered all that well while the car was being painted. Now that the trunk is done I can just close up the deck lid in order to keep the trunk area protected from all the overspray. My next step was to spray the black epoxy primer on the floors & firewall and then top coat them with black low-gloss enamel. I painted down inside the cowl area first so that was done, I will cover that area up with paper to protect it before I paint the top of the cowl and the firewall. I have to prime & paint at two different times because my paint booth area fills up with fog pretty quick so I need to minimize what I spray. First I sprayed the floor pan area between the firewall and last body brace up in the rear end tunnel area and then the firewall & back half gas tank area next. With all of the painting done we can reunite the body with the rolling chassis so now it's time to have the body mounting party. I don't know who





is worse body guy's or

engine builders, I'm still waiting for my motor to get done so I can stuff that in the frame before I bring the chassis home. I finally picked up my motor on 1/15, the short block is assembled so I will have to assemble the rest. I have everything painted for the engine except the block and heads so once I finished the assembly on the engine I will paint the remaining components. The frame is at my work so I plan to drop the motor & trans in the frame and hang the exhaust before hauling the frame home. It is Monday

1/25 now so hopefully I will have this done by the end of the week. I am really excited thinking the body will finally be

reunited with the finished frame after being apart from it for about three years now! I have been working on the body at the same time I'm doing the motor so I have a bunch done on that since I finished the paint. I have installed the firewall insulation pad, the inner & outer heater boxes, 4-speed pedals, accelerator pedal and defrost vent. I have mounted the wiper motor, wiring gutter and tcs switch on the firewall and have installed the quarter window regulators, quarter windows and outer fuzzies. The next time I write I hope I will be talking about how I'm just about ready for the Autorama!



### **Chevelles in the Snow**



One of Joe Desmont's parts car, I think he calls it the "HOOPDEE"



Here are a couple of old photos of Project Copper, Andre trying to protect his new wheels -This Chevelle sure did turn out good!!





Moving Mike Ely's Chevelle from front to back last month



This was Larry Robison last winter pulling out Red Racer



Scott Eckelmeyer's advice is "Don't Drive in the Snow"

Bad things can happen

### Project Red Racer

by Mark Meldrum

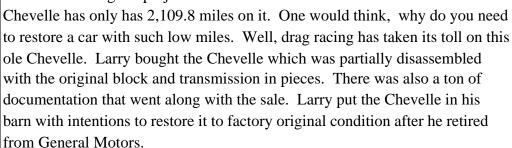


I have been talking to a few members and it appears there is some confusion about Project Red Racer. Some of the confusion probably comes from my writing style. For those of you that don't know me to well, I am a Mechanical Engineer by trade. Writing is not my strength. I have also noticed that my stories

about Red Racer have been in several newsletter spanning the course of a year. So the new members are probably wondering what the heck I am talking about. Let me start by saying this project was dreamt up while we were at Chevelle-a-bration and yes drinking was involved. I am not talking about Kenny's famous Sweet Tea either, I am talking about hard core moonshine. Now that you have an idea of my background and state of mind during the project inception, let me attempt to explain Project Red Racer.

My good friend Larry Robison has raced and restored some awesome cars over the years. In 1994 Larry ran across an add for a 1966 Chevelle in Lock Port NY. A race car driver named Nick Colaizzi was selling a car he had owned since new. The 66 Chevelle was only registered for the street in 1967 and it quickly started rotating the odometer 1/4 mile at a time. I am not sure when Nick stopped racing the 66. He started to restore it to original condition but lost in-

terest in finishing the project. This



Larry has been into Chevelles for a long time. He was one of the original members now defunct National Chevelle Owners Organization and member #7 of the American Chevelle Enthusiast Society (ACES). This will be the 3rd Chevelle he has restored to factory original condition since I have known him. The quality and workmanship of his work are top notch for a guy who works out of his garage. He retired and we pulled the 66 out of the barn last winter. I took a ton of photos of the Chevelle and stated thinking how cool it would be to restore a 66 Chevelle just like this but not to factory original condition. I wanted to restore a clone of this 66 Chevelle to period correct race car. Larry really like the idea.

I started to share my idea with friends that Larry and I had met over the years at Chevelle-a-bration. The idea really caught some attention from people who are really in tune with 66 Chevelle restorations. In fact, a nationally know enthusiast who has written a book on 66 Chevelle restorations called Larry and tried to buy the car based on some photos I had posted on Team Chevelle. Larry told him no way.



We have become really good friends over the years with the Jackson family from Texas, and they wanted to get involved with the project also. This is when the project started to gain some traction. The Jacksons had several 66 Chevelles in their back yard that would have been good for this project. I visited Joel Jackson several times in Texas through out last year and we finally decided on one of their 66 Chevelles that had the best frame. Joel and I agreed to co-build the car. Unfortunately, Joel's dad who was also in on the project, passed away in September. That set our project back a month or so but Joel told me that his Dad really wanted us to do this project so it was off to Texas to pick it up in October.

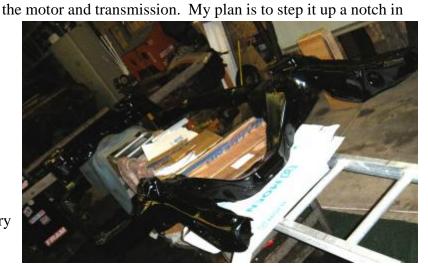


Picking up Red Racer from Joel in Texas

Once again, we are building two 1966 SS Chevelles that we call Project Red Racer. The car that Larry is building will be Factory correct and the car that Joel and I are building will be a race car recreation of Larrys Chevelle. Currently all the attention is on the frames for the cars. Larry and I try to get together as much as

Larry's frame after installing the rear end 1-21-09

February. My motor is almost built and I am going to purchase a WRE race ready transmission, that should help me catch back up to Larry in the progress department.



possible to help each other out and keep the same pace. I have to admit that I have fallen a little behind on my project lately. Larry has his frame almost complete and has started working on

Mark's Frame 1-21-09

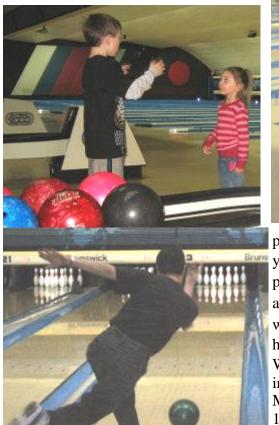




The Motor for the Race Car—Test fitting

### NOCC goes Bowling by Ed Nichols

On January 23 a number of members got together at Yorktown Lanes to do a little bowling and have a lot of fun. There were 34 of us bowing with a number more watching from the seats above. We had a lane set with bumpers where some of our younger family members had a chance to do their best. I want to thank Kalynn for helping with the bumper lane. I think she might have had the most fun! Craig Kozak and his wife Katie won

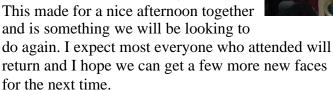




prizes for the best score and the worst score. I am not going to tell, you need to ask them who scored what. We held a 50/50 with the proceeds paying for pizza for all of us. The winning 50/50 ticket was a ticket pulled by Jacob (one of the kids who bowled with us) and went to Ed Nichols. OK, I won the 50/50, I swear it was not fixed! I

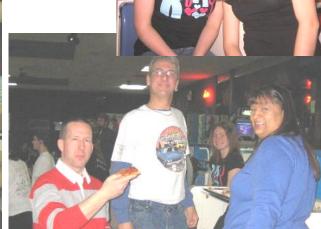
have witnesses.

We had 2 birthday girls in attendance, Kayla Muckleroy turned sweet 16 and Donna Smith ( I don't know and am not about to ask ).









### Something for Everyone

### NOCC visits the Crawford Auto Aviation Museum

I would like to thank everyone that showed up for the meeting at Crawford Museum, very nice turn out. We had a great time touring the facility, and then we traveled to Mamma Santo's for lunch. It was very nice to see 20 plus members join us, again thanks.—Joe Desmont





The Fralics had their hands full when the kids spotted the Little Tikes Cars



### The Fun Stuff Page



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Ask for Joe Desmont



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Ask for Mark Meldrum



Ask for Carl Nichols

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Sunfire Red Metallic

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Lagoon Aqua Metallic

Desert Beige

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