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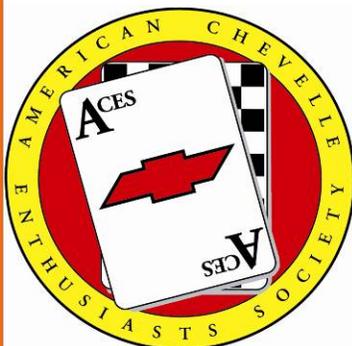
Next Meeting

**Club Meeting Nov 17th 7pm
Strongsville Holiday Inn**

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Thankful for... *From the **GUEST Editor**—Patty*

What does November mean to me? The end of summer activities, and as the end of another year approaches, time to reflect and remember the year that has just passed (or flew by!) Thanksgiving: a time for reflection, and to give thanks. So, what am I thankful for? My family, my health, my job, and The Northern Ohio Chevelle Club. I am not so much talking about a “club”, as I am really referring to the people that make up this club. Mark, Josh and I have made some wonderful friends over the past 5 years. Little did I know how much that old, red convertible (sorry folks, that’s what I call her), would impact our lives when we picked her up in Wisconsin and brought her back to Ohio. It’s just a car, Mark. What the heck is all the excitement about? Well, over the past several years, I see what that old, red convertible has done. Good times, fun trips, and great friends! The three of us have been able to spend time as a family attending car functions, and just taking her out for a Sunday drive. I am very thankful that Mark has the car, the club and his car club friends to keep him occupied and out of trouble, while I am working in the evenings. The winter months, he stays busy planning the Cleveland Autorama. That ends, we breathe (for a week or so), then he starts to work on the Northern Regional Chevelle Show. That ends, we breathe, (for a week or so), and he begins all over again. I am thankful he is not at a bar or out doing who-knows-what, out who-knows-where. I can usually hear him upstairs, (in his man-cave) laughing, recording and working on videos for all of his projects. When he is out, I know he is in good hands, whether it is traveling to car shows in Cuyahoga Falls with Brian Sarver or traveling to Texas with Larry Robison and George Kelovsky (and Josh), or attending a club meeting at Don Sitt’s Auto Sales. A special thank you to Joe Desmont for being Mark’s partner-in-crime. To Andre Stephens for contributing articles for this newsletter, so that Mark doesn’t have to write quite so much. To Ed Nichols and Kenny Smith for organizing and running such a fantastic club. To Mike Ely for providing a near-by alternate garage for Mark to hang-out at. To Shawn Muckleroy for handling the website, so Mark won’t have to. I could go on, and on and on. I am thankful for all the fun times, and get-togethers we have. They are such a blast. Did I mention how much fun the Chevelle Ladies are?! At the risk of repeating myself (too late, Patty), I guess I just want to make my point, I am thankful for all of the wonderful Chevelle Club members, and for the friendships they have given my family.



Karin & Lyndsey at Crocker Park

A Good Woman, Wife, & Friend by Andre Stephens

Instead of boring you with more of my car adventures this time I want to write about the women in our lives that without them we would never be able start or finish some of these fine automobiles that we own.

From the Office of the Mrs. Prez

Deb Nichols

As we all know or should know October was National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. How many of you ignored caring for yourselves this month/year? That goes for you too gentlemen. More cases are being documented each year of men getting breast cancer, so don't think your exempt.

The motto last year was "If you like yours as much as I do you'll feel them". Very important words-fun too! Something you and your partner can do together. Have you ever thought of how important Breasts are? They can nourish babies, enhance your sweaters/shirts, can make great toys, and can even be a work of art. They have many many different names and come in all shapes and sizes.....speaking of shapes and sizes there have been some "rumors" out there about flashing at car shows (won't mention any names) it seems it may even be a tradition, sort of expected. Well I have found the perfect bra for the occasion. The brand is Joe Boxer and is sold at I-Mart stores. They appear to be smiling/winking at you when you see them.

So if your looking to have some fun go out and get your bra, if you can't locate one just call me (not Ed I embarrass him enough) and I'll be sure to pick one up for you. Remember the car shows are not just for the boys anymore. How many more will join us for Lady's Night: (Thursday Night of the Regional Chevelle Show) Sweet Tea, Dancing, Riding the Bone (creeper that is) and "Flashing"?

Ta-Ta for now Deb



Deb making sure Mark is well supported at the 2008 NOCC Christmas Party

Hey I saw this on Team Chevelle... from Daytona Jeff via Mark Meldrum

Chuck Hanson was awarded the Iacocca award at NPD's GM show at Silver Springs

From Chuck Hanson...

Thanks for posting up on this, Jeff. I'm honored and humbled by this award, and was truly sorry I couldn't stick around to receive it in person. I was told of the award, however, just as I was ready to leave Saturday afternoon, while I was telling the folks from NPD thanks for the hospitality and a great event. Unfortunately, I couldn't stick around because of a dedication at our church on Sunday. We've recently completed some major renovations to our 125 year-old church building, and as the Chair for the Building and Grounds Committee, I'd promised I'd be there for the ceremony.

The award is especially gratifying because I am also diabetic, and all the work of the Iacocca Foundation is directed towards finding a cure for and alleviating the symptoms of this disease.

The folks at NPD are to be commended for their support of the Foundation's work. My diabetes is a little different than some in that mine was caused by exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. This has been a fairly recent revelation to me, and I encourage any Vietnam vets that are suffering from diabetes or have the symptoms, to get checked out ASAP at their local VA.

It was great to see so many ACES Members and their Chevelles while I was there, and really enjoyed the visits. With over 900 GM vehicles in attendance, there sure was a lot to see, and I encourage anybody who can attend a future NPD GM OctoberFest to do so. Information can be found on their site:

http://www.npdlink.com/modules.php?name=Silver_Springs

Happy Veterans Day on Nov 11th, Chuck. Your sacrifice along with all the other Veterans are appreciated by this Great Nation.



From the Office of the Treasurer by Donna Smith

Las Vegas, or as Kenny calls it, Lost Wages. Ed and Deb Nichols, Kenny and I left for Las Vegas on September 16th. Our flight left at 6:30 in the evening from Akron-Canton airport and after a brief stop in Atlanta, we arrived in Las Vegas at 3:30 a.m. our time. We stayed at the Riviera on the northern section of the strip. We arrived, checked in, and of course, were ready to gamble, so off we went to hit the casino. Within the hour, I hit a slot machine for \$1000. Weeee.

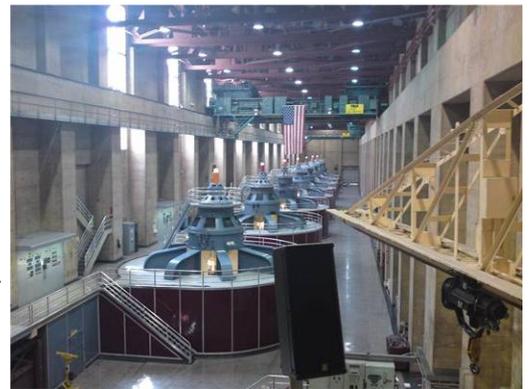
For the five days there, we traveled the strip. Venturing from Casino to Casino, while seeing the sights. If you've never been to Las Vegas, I can tell you it changes in between each trip and there is always something new to got see or do.

We rented a SUV on Friday and took off to go visit the Hoover Dam. Kenny and I have been there before, but that was some 16 years ago. Needless to say, true to Nevada and it's changes, the area surrounding the dam had changed. First, we had to go through a checkpoint, thanks to 9/11, and arrived to find a new visitors center, complete with a parking deck. 16 years ago, there was only a small 40 car parking lot



near the dam. The visitors center took us into a small theater to watch a little history of the dam before we were whisked off on a tour of the dam itself.

We rode down into the dam in a huge elevator that held 25 people or more, and were taken through some tunnels in the mountain and into the power plant of the



dam. Six huge generators could be seen, that measured some 5 stories tall. Two stories above the floor, and they extended three stories into the ground. Hoover dam is a sight to see and I recommend a visit to it, should any of you ever go to Las Vegas.

As for the gambling, I was the big winner for the week. I hit a slot machine within an hour after our arrival for \$1000. I won another \$800 and \$400 respectively, within the next day or so as we cruised the strip. Ed and Kenny hit the blackjack tables and spent enough time at them to stay out of Deb's and my hair and let us do some serious slot machine playing.

Having the club President and Treasurer along on a gambling trip has huge benefits, since they are the only two people with access to the club checking account. Just kidding, the club money is safe.

For Kenny and I, I personally paid for our trip. That lazy husband of mine wouldn't go unless I paid for it. I can't speak for Ed and Deb, but our trip cost me, (airfare, hotel, food, gambling, you name it) a whopping \$800. Next, we're headed to Soaring Eagle ,located in Upper Michigan, for an overnigher, and a little gambling.





Sandblasting a manual transmission

When I first met my wife we both worked at an auto parts store and she knew nothing about cars. I don't believe she had ever had grease under her nails until she met me. It did not take long before the curiosity set in and she wanted to know why I spent the same if not more time under the cars as with her. I figured it was time to get her feet wet or should I say her hands dirty. We started out by replacing the Cherry Bombs on my 1973 Charger and replacing them with a header back dual exhaust with turbos. Not once did she complain about all the dirt and rust that was getting in her hair and nails it was at that moment I knew I had a Good Woman.

Throughout the years we have tackled many other projects such as body work on her Pontiac Sunbird, suspension lift on our 1990 Jeep Wrangler, and a complete interior change on my 1978 Blazer. We got married soon after and this is where everyone said life would change for us. Some people would say that shopping and spending money would be her new pastime but they were wrong. Karin and I went to drag races, tractor pulls, and even mud bog races and still not once did she say, "That's sounds boring lets do something else". By the time our Chevelle had come into the picture 16 years of marriage had past and we were waiting the arrival of our first child Lyndsey Nicole. Again my friends told me that being a mother would change her but again it didn't. After our daughter was born my wife would go down in our basement and spend hours sandblasting parts for the



Sandblasting some Chevelle Parts



Painting the Undercarriage

Chevelle in my sand blast cabinet while Lyndsey was asleep. When I needed a helping hand she was always there without complaint. This year while getting ready for my first Good Guys National Show in Columbus, Karin and I spent four days painting the undercarriage of the Chevelle and we had to do it after Lyndsey went to sleep. So we were up until 2am some nights painting so that we can make the deadline of being in Columbus by Thursday. While Karin was putting the second coat of paint on my gas tank I sat back and knew I have a Good Wife. So now that the car is almost done Karin gets to enjoy the many years of our hard work. I sit back and reminisce about all the things we have seen and done over the years. I don't know what the future has in store for us but one thing I do know is that our love for all things automotive will always be there. We should stop and thank those who have helped us build our dream machines because a simple thank you goes a long way. I'm sure I am

not the only one who has a story like this but this is the first time I can remember since being a member of the NOCC that anyone has wrote about it.



Andre Stehpens Copper SS



By the way guess who took this picture?

She's my Good Friend....
A good friend Indeed

Trophy Whores from Way Back

Patricia Umstead

The 1986 Chevelle Showdown was in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. It must have been a fun weekend because 'the boys' still talk about it, smile and laugh. Kevin was born in March of '86. Jim was now the daddy of two small children. I do not recall being invited to join him on this trip. I wonder why?

I knew Jim was in good hands because he was rooming with Larry Robison and I knew they would drive safely and not get into much trouble. Obviously I did not know Larry well at the time. I am certain a few beers were consumed. Over the years Jim and Larry kept in touch. This year, at one of the Chevelle club events, I learned that Jim and Larry met Rick Herling at a gas station along the way and he followed them down to Tennessee. It is nice to know that a car, especially a Chevelle, can keep friends together and bring old ones back into our lives.

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Elyria VFW Post 1079 – One More Great Show!

Sunday, October 18, 2009 – by Melanie G. Bender

Well, having never been to the Atwood Lake Fall Festival and Car Show, I have to say this is the *coldest* car show I have ever attended! And that includes an early May 2006 Super Chevy Show at Norwalk Raceway Park! I drove the '67 Chevelle, met Jim & Pat Umstead ('55 Chevy) and then stopped to fill up the gas tanks. Two customers admired my '67 – one man used to own a '68 and the other man's father had a '67 Chevelle. We picked up Rich & Ann Rutt ('69 Chevelle) and Gary & Violet Webb ('69 Chevelle) and I told Jim my car was making a "ticking noise." He said his car was doing the same – it was the speedometer, because it was cold!



We registered our cars and went into the VFW hall for a tasty \$5.00 breakfast buffet: bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice. Our *Chevilles and Friends* group was joined by Chris Olson ('70 Chevelle), Joe Desmont ('74 Chevelle), Loretta Shells ('65 Chevelle), Steve Sazbo ('68 Chevelle), Rick Mel-drum ('48 Buick), Neighbor Dave ('63 Corvair) and Mrs. & Limo Johnny ('53 Chevy Pick-Up).



Throughout the day we passed out Halloween Party flyers, looked at the cars, warmed up in the VFW Hall, ate lunch, sat at the Bar and watched the Browns vs. Steelers game. Rich kept dusting his car, Chris had a portable heater, and for the rest of us...our hats, headbands, gloves, long underwear and layers of clothing kept us warm.



Jim and I put away our cars for the winter, and we all had a good time at the last car show of the season. Food, fun, friends and flushing toilets – it doesn't get any better!



November 2009

SPECIAL DAYS

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Birthdays

Mike Ely Nov 20th
Shawn Muckleroy Nov 16h
Jody Schramm Nov 27
Scott Smith Nov 24

Anniversaries

Steve & Laura Szabo Nov 06
Dennis & Carolyn Krelder Nov 14
Jim & Pat Hollingsworth Nov 14

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MEMBERS NOTES & E MAILS

Duuudes,

Here are a few pictures of the new ride I finally got a chance to push it outside to take some snap shots, I know some of you have seen it already though. Many long and endless nights are coming my way soon, mamma is gonna miss me!

Bryan



Bryan—Seems like just yesterday you sent me a photo like this.

Bryan's 'old' Chevelle on display at Summit Racing in Tallmadge, OH from Shawn Muckleroy



Shawn—It seems like just yesterday we put the motor in this fine Chevelle and don't forget who started this project—Our buddy Mike Ely.

Hello,

I made our reservations and we will see if their shower is as good as ours (the one we won at your show) at home. It was nice not having to wait until January to make the reservations

and the cost being less. Just let us know when we can register for the show. We hope all is well with everybody up there and we will see you hopefully before August.

Joan Padgett (our member from Georgia)



Speaking of Mike Ely—Here is the latest photo of his 71 Chevelle—Its looking good and ready for the road, as soon as he gets the inner fender wells in



Why Men Drink Beer by Loretta Shells

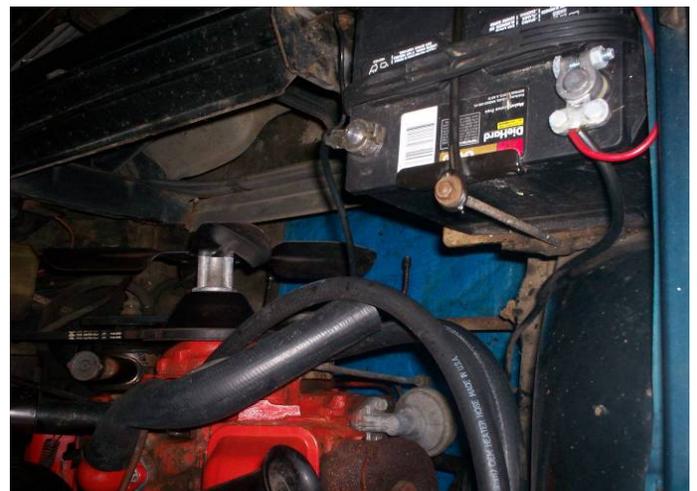
Ok Have you ever started a project that was supposed to take 15 minutes or so?? I was told that's all it would take to remove my old radiator out of my 65 Chevelle. Just a couple of bolts and hoses. I went out to the garage "mans domain" and started working on it. 1st thing I like is tunes in the background I work better with music. I start by taking off the hose clamps and draining the fluid. No problem there, next I try to break loose the bolts holding it on, that did not go well. They did not budge. So I put some ass into it "lots to give" and no luck. Ok next item disconnected the line. Well I cant see

way down there so I take a bungee cord tie it to a flashlight and instant trouble light. While I am trying to work on it I drop the wrench into the bucket of radiator fluid. Darn it, where is a buddy when you need one? to hold the tools or flashlight or beer? That's why it takes three guys to change a light bulb. Now its getting late and those minutes are just ticking by. I come to find out it can only be removed with a line wrench, which I don't own. I call a member

{Joe Bertrand} he graciously lends me his and within minutes it was off. Yeah! But the radiator is still attached. So I call a member Joe Desmont, I cant get these bolts off. Joe stops over and within minutes they are off. I get the radiator out and take it to be recorded. After that I drop it off at member Jim Umstead to be painted. I pick it up, and think well i got it out How long could it take to put back in???? I didn't

even try. Umps garage did a road call to my house and put it all back together for me. So a few mishaps and a few phone calls and a few favors and few minutes later the job was done. It took a lot more than 15 minutes.

Thanks to all who helped in the club. The main lesson I learned on this project is " WHY MEN DRINK BEER". P.S. I have a refrigerator in my garage and will keep it stocked for future car projects.





A Peach of a Kid by Joan Padgett

Cody Jones is a wonderful boy who has multiple health problems. He was born with heart defects and a rare lung disease. He must be on oxygen at all times. He has to use a ventilator at night to help with his breathing. Cody has beat many odds over the years, in and out of Egleston Children's Hospital. He has had many surgeries so far and despite his medical needs he is bright and funny and can read and write. He loves to receive mail-cards, magazines etc. Reading is his favorite thing.

Cody celebrated his 18th birthday this year. Guess what photo was on the invitation? the one of Cody sitting in our Chevelle. We also found out that week his surgery was set for July 6. Cody had his surgery and was then transferred to a regular room. His mom said he was in a lot of pain but they hoped to get him home ASAP. He took the Chevelle Photo to the hospital and was telling everybody it was his car. This is a wonderful photo of Cody because it just shows his loving face behind the wheel of a Chevelle. He

seems to be unaware that he has any more problems than the rest of us. When Cody was in the hospital his mom asked if we could arrange a ride in a parade. On October 3rd we headed to the local Marble Festival and Parade with Cody in the Chevelle and had a great time.

If you ever meet him you would see what a great kid he is (always smiling). He has had many operations since birth to correct some of his problems. Even though his challenges are many, Cody is such a joy to be with and enjoys life to the fullest. He has no idea how special he is to us. Cody has adopted our 72 Vert, and says its his. So

whenever he wants, we go up and take him for a short cruise. Its the only time he ever gets to ride in the front seat as he has to carry an oxygen tank as he cant have it near an air bag equipped vehicle. We started a post on Team Chevelle titled "Brighten a young boy's day" We hoped to help brighten his days but it seems to brighten mine even more. Cody has received many hats, model cars, magazines, and photos since the post was started in March of this year. Remember Cody in your prayers and if you have a moment email him or mail



him a card. He loves to get physical mail. His Email is: cody.218@hotmail.com or 218 bell Avenue Jasper GA 30143. He keeps all the cards and reads them over and over. Anyone that would like to help cheer this young man along just send him a card or even a picture of your Chevelle and a word or two would be appreciated. We signed him up as a member of Peach State Chevellses so that he receives our newsletter each month. Thanks for any encouragement you can give this courageous young man.

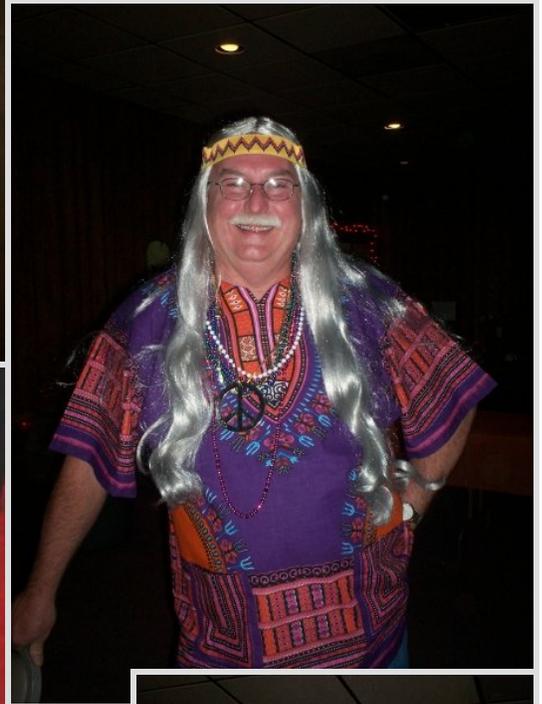


We want to thank everybody involved in getting this quilt to Cody. He loved it and I think it's probably one of his favorite things. Special thanks to NOCC member Sylvia Hergina who made the quilt and to Debbie Clemmons, Mid South club member, who won the Quilt from our Chinese Auction and gave it to Cody.

Note from Editor—We send Cody an NOCC newsletter each month and I want to Thank John and Joan Padgett for all they do in and outside of the Chevelle Community.

Halloween Party

Its to late in the month to write an article, lets just say, we collected a lot of toys, had a great party and owe Pat & Mel a big thanks for organizing all of this.—Loretta's Photos



The Fun Stuff Page

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auto sales

330-945-5800



440-748-2632 ask for Rick



Please send me your stories & captions for this photo no later than—Nov 25th.
mmeldrum1@hotmail.com



Sorry Mr. Filby, I think the State Store is already closed.

That's right sonny boy, they used to call me "Wildthing" on the dance floor. Maybe tonight I'll show you some moves!

Slow down, I'm gonna give these chicks my number!

Turn in here, I gotta take a wiz!
All the above are from George Kelovsky

"You can tell a lot about guy's, by the quantity and size of there fuzzy dice"

Jim Umstead

Man in funny hat last seen doing the 'bump' and breaking my wife's leg :) Shawn Muckleroy

Driving Mr. Daisy

I want to Thank all the ladies who participated in the first newsletter mostly written by the ladies in our Club. As Patty said—this is November a time to be Thankful.

Mark Meldrum



This just in from "Big Daddy" Carl Mumma... Hot news off the press!! He just sold his 1968 Chevelle and bought this new ride. He shot this photo to show all of us his new ride. He shaved his "chops" off for the shoot. I don't know who the "Babe" is he is with but he stressed on this one "DON'T ASK KATHY"!!! Carl says, "Now I don't have to worry about rain", "I can cruise with all you

BIG DAWGS, anywhere, anytime" "The HELL with you guys and especially BIG DADDY DON, My STUPID BUDDY RICH or ITCHY ASS or whatever DEM GUYS call him and that SITTS guy too. "If I can't take you guys anymore teasing me about trophies or wiping the car down I'll just cruise into ole' Lake Erie and disappear, maybe the islands, the flats, Cedar Point, Niagara Falls who gives a crap it's endless!! I'm GONE, maybe even up to the Detroit River and to Greektown for some gamblin" "Oh yes, I still carry the micro-fiber rags to wipe off my ride when it comes out of the Lake!!" All I have to say fellas is this new AMPHIVILLOUS (or whatever it's called) CAR IS MY PROGRAM. I wanted to get it in PHANTOM BLUE but they only had PHANTOM MAROON available!!

