

OKLAHOMA CHEVELLE & EL CAMINO OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Next Meeting
Monday, April 13
IHOP
(71st & Garnett)
Social Hour - 6 PM
Meeting - 7 PM



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Oklahoma's Best
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From the desk of the

Busted Headlite

With the exception of the brief but extensive snow we had on Saturday, it looks like Spring is not far off as the tree's and Flowering plants begin to bloom. With Spring comes CAR SHOWS. It seem's like these days, everyone is having a car show to raise money for some worthwhile enterprise or charity.

Clearly it seems where ever I park my car, I get 4-5 flyers each time asking me to participate. If done right the car show can be a great fundraiser. How do you know how to pick a good car show? I certainly don't have all the answers but I can give you some of the things I look for.

1) Do I know the people hosting the car show?? For example the Late Greats put on the "Carousel of Cars" I like this car show...OK, so I won the cash Jackpot two years in a row. (only cause Suzanne Bowman wasn't there). I know Rick Turner who is acting as the official host, nice guy not to mention my car has done well. This is one is a keeper in my books, May 3rd this year.

2) Watch out for the Car Shows in the small towns that are unknowns, you may be showing your car against 3 others. Now, I have done several small town shows that we have done because people in our club were involved (Pam and Randy Scott). Well run show, nice people, and raising Money for the School, a good recipient Great turn out. I have also done the ones like Catoosa that had a very small showing, (my niece was in the band and they were trying to raise some cash.) Not well run at all.

3) Is this the first year they are having the show? If it is you have to be careful . Could be another 4 car show. You are bound to win something if that's the way you want to win?!

4) Anyone else in our club going? If I do a show, I always like to make sure at least one of my buddies is going, usually the more the merrier. I guess that might be one of the reasons I like Carousel of Cars, we usually have a few members of our club out there. *Continued Inside...*

Dinner Cruise

Boy, Kruze N Burgers in Sand Springs. was fantastic. The burgers were good and the service was great! The weather was kind of iffy so only two brave girls, that's right-girls, brought their rides. Sue Gougler was in her cool '69 Cougar convertible and Patrice Bellis brought her simply beautiful '68 Chevelle.

Then, to top it off, after the Kruze N Burgers T-shirts were given away, Erick Bellis won the free dinner. For you new guys, each dinner cruise we have a drawing for a free meal.

This month let's go to Uncle Vinny's New York Pizza in Broken Arrow, great pie and one of the President's favorites.

Meet at the Social Security Administration building (BA and Garnett) at 5:30 p.m. and leave for Uncle Vinny's at 5:45, Saturday the 18th. Plan on eating between 5:30 and 6 p.m. If you want to meet us at the restarant, it's at 322 W Kenosha in beautiful BA.

Oklahoma Chevelle Club Classified

Members may run in any category at no charge. Non-members—\$3 per month.

Please include your name with each ad.

Submit ads to: Greg Bowman ☎ 1010 W G ☎ Jenks ☎ OK -74037

LOST AND MAYBE FOUND

I am trying to locate my Chevelle. I sold the Chevelle in Tulsa in 1973. It was gold with a black vinyl top. Vin# 138177B181854. I would appreciate any help you can give me in trying to locate any information. I am hoping that it still exists and has not ended up in a scrap yard somewhere.

My name is Ronald D Pennington, address 16289 Valley Drive, East Liverpool, OH 43920 and my phone number is 330-385-4322. E-Address is rdpenn110@yahoo.com or pennington16289@comcast.net

Thank you again for any help you can give me.

Ron



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5) Know how the cars are being Judged? What kind of system are they using? Do they have awards like the "Pastor's favorite" or "Teachers pick" .Usually the Pastors favorite is a member of his congregation, or the car gets picked because it has a pretty paint job. Not all Judging is the same.

6) Look for a listing of car categories, better shows will actually list

the categories on the Flyer, because they want to attract the nice cars, who normally will only show up if they have a category they believe there car will do good in.

Realistically, I am always hopeful that my car will win something. But I am never to disappointed if it doesn't. After all I am just there to have a good time, meet some new people. Hope to see you at the Carousel of cars in May.

Also, Hooters has a huge FUN SHOW on Easter that usually has 100-150 cars.

See you out there!

Tim Kelly

Club VP

Editors note: Let me know about shows you plan on entering and I'll put it in the newsletter. At the show take plenty of pictures of your cars and let me know what you are doing and what club members win. If it looks fun enough you may have more company the next year! So get out there and do stuff with your car!

Leake Auction Action

The 37th Annual LEAKE Automobile Auction will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 12, 13, and 14, 2009. The Auction will start at noon on Friday, 10:00 AM Saturday and 11:00 AM on Sunday. They will again run two rings on Friday and Saturday.

As in previous years, the Oklahoma Chevelle and El Camino club has been invited to participate which provides our members not only the opportunity to drive some of the most exotic and rare cars from the past but generate revenue for our organization. The LEAKE Auction Company will issue payment to the club based on \$6.50 per hour per member for the time worked. What a deal! Not only do you get to touch, drive, and re-live your youth and American history, but get paid for it as well.

Each participating club receives an invitation for 8 working slots per day (24 in total). Additionally, every working member will receive free admission for all three days, 25% off entry fees should you wish to sell a vehicle, and the bidder fee will be waived (in the past it was \$100.00).

The members signed up and participating this year are Neil Bowen, Jim Johnston, John Bradley, David Nance, Harold Gordon, John Karleskint, David Gougler, Larry Gougler, Tim Kelly, Herb Surrell, Carter Raley, Greg Bowman, and Wil Pfeiff. Should you wish to join in the fun while making money for the club, not to mention receive the discounts and bidder fee waiver, please contact Wil Pfeiff to get on the list should any worker happen to cancel at the last minute.

Midwest Chevelle Regionals Update

Now it's 88 days and counting. Things happen now at a rapid pace.

Harold Gordon & crew have chosen the t-shirt artwork. They chose artwork from past shows to cut costs.

And speaking of costs, what drives these shows are sponsors. If your company or employer would be interested in a sponsorship let someone on the Regional Show Team know. There are many levels of sponsorship and all donations

are appreciated. We always need door prizes and cash is nice too. So get on your thinking cap, get creative and ask away.

A volunteer list was circulated at the last meeting and your next opportunity to get on board will be at the next meeting on April 13. There are plenty of jobs left so sign on the dotted line and help your club. And, as always, there will be a Regionals meeting after the regular. See you there!

Dash Project

I have been planning this project since last July. But, I'm getting ahead of myself. For those new to the club, I have a red and black 1971 Chevelle convertible SS 454.

Since I bought the car in '01 I've wanted a round gauge dash. With the help of my friend and fellow club member Gary Ruleford I was able to make that happen in



'03 but I lacked two crucial instruments: a tach and a temperature gauge.

Once again, Gary came to the rescue having the necessary gauges to get this project off the ground. I bought them from him in July with the intention of starting after Christmas parade season in December

Step 1- The Tear Out

The first warm weekend in January I started the first step: Tear Out. The dash pad came out without a struggle and I kept all the fasteners separate and labeled (Hint: make sure your bags are zip lock not sandwich bags, trust me). Next I made my first rookie mistake: unplug anything you can before the dash starts to come out; speedometer cable, fusebox, etc.

Fortunately, it was about this time that I called Gary to ask a

couple of questions. To my surprise (and relief) he turned up about 20 minutes later.

The first thing we did was take the drivers seat out for better access to the steering column and fusebox. At this point he reminded me we have to put the car where it would be until the dash was reinstalled (it was in the driveway). So we put the seat back in with one bolt and moved it to a covered spot.

Then removal began in earnest, with Gary working on the drivers side and me on the passengers we proceeded to remove all fasteners and wiring harnesses. We did have to cut two wires (to the stereo) but were then able to pull the dash out whole.

Step 2 - The Switch

The original was to take my stereo out of my dash and put his round gauge dash with the gauges into my car. One problem. I have a convertible, he doesn't..

OK, on to plan B. Now we'll take the gauges out of each dash and switch them.



It does add another step but I'm sure the result will be worth the effort. Now we look for a

Part 1: How to Possibly Screw Up A '71 Chevelle convertible while really trying.

weekend to start the switch which I hope to accomplish in April with completion in May or June.

In the meantime I have a nagging problem (no cheap shots) with the blower switch. It only works on a couple of positions. A quick check of chat rooms on Team Chevelle revealed I'm not the only one with that problem.

Erick Bellis brought his multi-meter over, removed the offending device, and tested it. No ohms. OK, we have a bad switch, right? Not so fast fried chicken breath! Erick noticed only one three place wiring harness but six prongs out



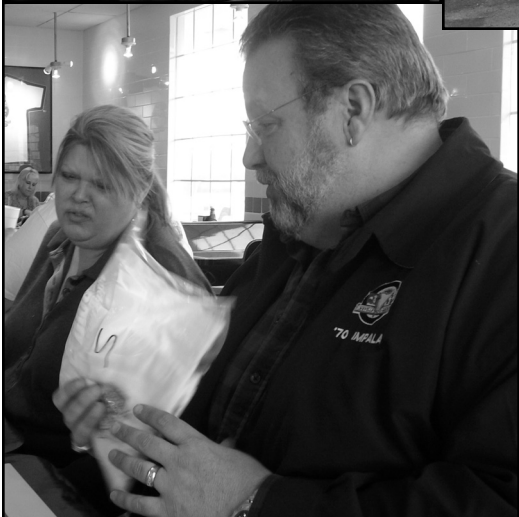
the back.

When he got home he checked his '69 wiring diagram and found all six prongs being used. He called and asked me to check the diagram in the Assembly Manual I have.

A Chinese proctologist would have trouble reading this thing. But I think it is an accurate description of a bowl of spaghetti. Needless to say, I wasn't much help, but I got online and ordered a great one from a place called.classicar-wiring.com. It's great (still looks like spaghetti). Full color, laminated on a single 8.5 X 11 sheet.



Our merry band at Kruze N Burgers included; Sue & Larry Gougler, Jamie & Tim Kelly, Angela & Dennis Genavola, Paerice & Erick Bellis, John Karlskin and Suzanne & Greg Bowman. It was a blast and great food.



April Calendar

Monday, April 13 **Club Meeting-** Meeting at IHOP at 71st & Garnett at 7 PM. Social hour at 6 PM. President (and former Long Island resident) Dennis Genavola once again wrestles our unruly group into submission. Harold Gordon would like to see everyone afterward for a short Regional Show meeting.

Saturday, April 18 **Club Dinner Cruise** - This month let's go to Uncle Vinny's New York Pizza in Broken Arrow, Great pie and one of the President's favorites. Meet at the Social Security Administration building (BA and Garnett) at 5 p.m. and leave for Uncle Vinny's at 5:15. Plan on eating between 5:30 and 6 p.m.. If you want to meet us at the restaurant, it's at 322 W Kenosha in beautiful BA.

Saturday, April 18 **Cruizaders 2nd Annual Car and Motorcycle Show** - Registration starts: 6:00 AM Awards at: 6:00 PM No entry fee. Location: 7th and Okmulgee Ave, Muskogee. Contact person: Bob Raley, raley_r_1@hotmail.com For more information call 918-682-3496 or <http://sites.google.com/site/cruizaders>

Saturday, April 18 **5th Annual Lake Dawg Cruisin' Car Show & Poker Run** - Eufaula, OK - #9 Landing on Hwy 9 East of Eufaula. Registration starts: 9 AM Awards at: 4 PM Entry fee: \$15.00 Contact person: Linda McLaughlin. Email/phone: lakedawgdesigns@sbcglobal.net or 918-967-0400

April 24 - 27 **36th Annual Creek County Swap Meet** - Creek County Fairgrounds at Highway 33 & Route 66 approximately 5 miles west of Sapulpa. Early set-up after 2:00 p.m. Thursday. Swap Meet Hours: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - 6:00 a.m. until dark. Please note: All merchandise must be 80 % auto and/or bike related. The club will have a booth, see Wil Pfeiff about putting your treasures in the booth.

Saturday, April 25 **5 C's 22nd Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show** - Tahlequah, OK - Downtown at the Cherokee Square, Muskogee Avenue. Registration starts: 6:00 AM Awards at: 3:00 PM Entry fee: \$15 \$100 Club Participation Prize, Award format: 1st & 2nd Place Trophies in 42 Categories Contact: Mitchell DuVall Email/phone: 918-458-1469 or mduvall@cablelynx.com

Saturday, May 2 **19th Annual Fried Onion Burger Day Car Show Classic** - El Reno Registration 8am to noon. Early entry fee \$10 (before 4/17) \$20 DOS. Multi-car discount (go Wil). Judging by entrants. Contact Info: Codie Finnigan, 405-262-8888, www.elreno.org, email: mainstreet@elreno.org

June 12, 13, & 14 **Leake Car Auction** - This is great fun and you make money for the club. Where else will they turn you loose to drive a 1929 Buick or a Hertz Shelby convertible. Sign up, it's loads of fun and you don't have to drive, just direct traffic and you make money for the club. More info in the coming months.

July 9, 10 & 11 **Midwest Chevelle Regional Show** - It's coming fast, the show committee is working hard to make this event happen at the Cherokee (Hard Rock) Casino. There's still plenty to do, all volunteers are welcome. Get involved, all your help will be greatly appreciated.

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