

IMPALA INFO



Vol. 3, Num. 3

Phoenix Chapter of the National Impala Association

October, 2004

Classic Chevys to shine at Chandler 5 & Diner November 6

Get out the wax and the buffing cloths; it's time to shine up your Chevy for Arizona Impalas' first-ever 5 & Diner Shiner. Our first fall show is set for Saturday, November 6 at the 5 & Diner, at 960 N. 54th St. in Chandler. Take I-10 to Ray Rd. and go east; take the first right turn, then another quick right turn to the diner. Registration begins at 11 a.m., and awards will be given at 4 p.m. If you haven't already registered, you can download a registration form at www.arizonaimpalas.com or register at the



show. Registration is \$20 and includes a T-shirt, dash plaque and discounted food and drinks in the 5 & Diner. And as with our past shows, a portion of the proceeds will benefit Horses Help.

The show includes 13 categories for classic Chevy cars and trucks.

Besides Impalas, there are categories for Corvette, Chevy II and Nova, Camaro, Chevelle/El Camino/Monte Carlo, and there's even a category for Chevy Clunker (we'll see if there's a beater that can beat Archie, Dave Poore's '72 Impala).

Restification: Modern performance with an original look

By Gary Dulude

Although Betty, my '64 Impala sport sedan, is not a daily driver, I do drive her regularly. And while I want to keep her looking as God and GM intended, I have

made some modifications for better performance and reliability. She has radial tires that are wider than OEM specs and a rear anti-sway bar. Both improve handling significantly, reducing body lean without hurt-

ing Chevrolet's famous Jet-Smooth Ride. I also replaced the points with a Pertronix electronic ignition system. And I recently installed Bosch platinum spark plugs, which burn hotter than
continued on page 4

Next meeting: October 30

Kevin and Marty Byrnes are hosting our next meeting at 4 p.m. Saturday, October 30. Their address is 3008 E. Southfork Dr. in Phoenix, and there's a map on the Web site. You can also give them a call at 480-759-1866. We need your help to stuff goody bags for the November show and finalize any remaining details. See you there!

Visit our Web site at www.arizonaimpalas.com

3rd All-Chevy Show our biggest event yet

Thanks to good weather, advance publicity, and the hard work of our members, Arizona Impalas third-annual All-Chevy show April 17 at Impala Bob's in Mesa was our biggest show yet. More than 80 classic Chevy cars and trucks came out, and we gave out 20 trophies in 11 classes. Three Arizona Impalas members took home trophies. Even an Impala's huge



Lots of classic Chevys, including Greg Pyle's first-place '63 Impala SS 409, came to our third All-Chevy Show at Impala Bob's in April.

trunk isn't big enough for all the trophies John Sahid has won. His Roman Red '62 Impala

SS tied for second place in the always tough 58-64 full-size class. New members Ray Menard

and Bob Zetterman won in the 65-76 full-size class. Ray's sleeper, a gray Biscayne two-door, with a 502-hp ZZ502 crate motor, took second place. Bob's ultra-rare Marina Blue '67 Impala SS 427 took first place. It is one of 2,124 '67 Impalas to have the Z-24 SS 427 package, and one of just 64 built equipped with a 4-speed and factory air conditioning.

continued on page 3

Our first trophy! Arizona Impalas wins club participation award at Deer Valley Band show

The Arizona Impalas won the club participation award at the third annual Deer Valley Skyhawk Band car show in March. Out of more than 90 cars at the show, we had seven of them, including

Karl and Cindy Becker's '64 Impala SS, Gene Johnson's '58 Impala and Bob Kohler's '67 Impala. John Sahid brought four cars, and as was the case in 2003, he took home four trophies. His '62

Impala SS won a People's Choice and a first place trophy; his '62 Biscayne 409 and his customized '71 Chevrolet truck both won second place trophies in their respective classes.



With seven cars, Arizona Impalas won the club participation award at the Deer Valley Skyhawk Band car show in March.

IMPALA INFO



*Published quarterly by Arizona Impalas
Phoenix chapter of the National Impala Association
www.arizonaimpalas.com*

Vic Zavarella	President	623-594-2066	gaznogo@cox.net
Dave Poore	Vice President, Webmaster	602-770-0005	dave72@stillruns.com
Karl & Cindy Becker	Secretary	623-582-3572	kbc-b-impala-ss@att.net
Kevin & Marty Byrnes	Treasurer	480-759-1866	kmbyrnes@cox.net
Ron Trainor	Board Member at Large	602-278-8671	ronwendyt@cs.com

3rd All-Chevy Show our biggest event yet

continued from page 2

Also at the show was a crew from the Speed Channel. They shot video of several cars and interviewed member John Sahid for an upcoming feature on the Chevrolet Impala. If you missed it on TV, you can download a video clip at the club Web site.

Bob Zetterman's Marina Blue '67 Impala SS 427 (right), won first place in the 65-76 full-size class.



This year's show helped us raise \$170 for Horses Help, which offers therapeutic and recreational horseback rides for people with special needs. Show attendees also filled several bags of

canned goods donated to the East Valley Food Bank. Also contributing was the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, which made drinks for donations.

John Sahid tied for second with his '62 Impala SS (top left). Bob Zetterman's '67 Impala SS 427 (top right) is one of just 64 built with a four-speed and air. Ray Menard's second-place '66 Biscayne (middle right) is a real sleeper with its 502 crate motor (bottom left). More than 80 classic Chevy cars and trucks (bottom right) came to our show at Impala Bob's.

Restification: Modern performance with an original look

continued from page 1

standard plugs. Betty's 327 V-8 feels more powerful and responsive, plus I'm seeing a slight 1-2 MPG improvement in gas mileage.

All of these "restifications" (defined as installing modern components while maintaining a classic car's appearance, or as a friend put it, "like an outhouse with plumbing") were pretty simple. But the ones I made this summer took some more ingenuity.

Like most early 60s cars, Betty only has an AM radio. I had bought an old Radio Shack FM converter on eBay, and stuck it in the glovebox, but the signals never came in very clear—too much static. I decided to leave the original Delco AM unit in place and put a new AM/FM stereo CD player in the glovebox. Problem was, it wouldn't fit. So it went under the dash. It didn't look bad there, but it wasn't what I had wanted.

The solution turned out to be the tissue dispenser that was a common dealer-installed accessory. The stereo box was 8.5"



wide, 3.5" high and 8.25" deep. The tissue dispenser measures 11.25" wide, 2.75" high and 5.5" deep. So with some cutting, the tissue dispenser would fit around the stereo and hide it from view.

A friend from work, Sam Womack, likes to tinker and figure out how to make things work, so he agreed to help me.

After taking measurements, Sam built a template for the stereo box from scrap sheet metal to use while he cut the tissue dispenser to fit around the box. He removed the front of the tissue dispenser and set it on hinges so it would flip down for access to the stereo.



A modern AM/FM stereo and CD player is hidden behind a dealer-accessory tissue dispenser in Gary Dulude's '64 Impala. The tachometer is mounted on the hinge from the tissue dispenser, so it can swing up out of sight under the dash.

Sam used an epoxy to put four lock nuts on the tissue dispenser and attach it to the stereo box. Getting the stereo box reattached to the dash was tricky because we now had no room for the screwdriver used with the original screws attaching the stereo box to the underside of the

dash. So Sam drilled new holes and used another set of lock nuts to reattach the stereo box to the dash. It's tight and rattle free, and best of all, it looks just the way I wanted it to.

I had also wanted a tachometer, but I didn't want to strap one to the steering column. So Sam took the discarded hinge from the tissue dispenser to mount the tach on the bottom edge the dash under the lights and wiper switches. When I'm driving, the tach is easy to read through the steering wheel. And whenever I want, I can swing the tach out of sight under the dash.

Besides these modifications, Sam installed a set of 12-volt outlets in the trunk so I can plug in my electric cooler, which is great for road trips. And after I had left my lights on and run down the battery more than once, Sam also installed a chime behind the driver's-side kick panel and wired it to the dome light switch. That way, it only chimes if I have the headlights on and open the door. It's already come in handy.

Member spotlight—Vic & Gerri Zavarella’s ‘65 SS

Recognize these two cars? Hard to believe, but they’re the same one

Vic and Gerri Zavarella bought their white ‘65 Impala SS brand new from a Massachusetts Chevy dealer, and Vic still has the original bill of sale and registration papers. He special ordered the car with the unusual powertrain combination of the standard 195-hp 283 V-8 backed by a four-on-the-floor. Although the car has no other options, Vic has since added aftermarket air conditioning, which still works.

If it looks a little worse for wear in the bottom picture, that’s because it was Vic’s daily driver for 36 years and his sons also learned to drive in it. It may have looked like a beater, but it also served as a testament to the Impala’s durability.

In 2004, Vic finally had the time to restore the



After what Vic describes as “36 years of road wars,” Vic and Gerri Zavarella have restored their ‘65 Impala SS to how it looked when they bought it brand new in 1965.

SS to its original glory. Besides new paint and bodywork, the car got a new interior with the original Super Sport upholstery and trim.

The Zavarella’s Impala has personalized plates “NOGO 1,” and there’s a story behind them. The first car Vic built and modified was a 1950 Chevy 2-door with a 220-hp 283 V-8 PowerPack, a three-speed on the floor and a 4:11 rear end.

Back in his street racing



days, in the late 50s and early 60s, people would ask, “Does that Chevy go?” A friend of Vic’s in the back seat answered them with, “Naa...No Go!” Vic first got personalized NOGO plates in Connecticut back in 1959. After moving to the Valley, Vic applied for NOGO plates in Arizona and turned

in his old Connecticut plates. His friend’s brother applied for the plates in Connecticut and has had them on his car since 1969; Vic even has one of the old Connecticut plates.

Nearly 40 years later, Vic and Gerri’s Impala SS is still going strong.

A big “thank you” to our supporters

We want to thank the businesses who support Arizona Impalas and help make our car shows such successful events. A special thanks to Impala Bob’s for

hosting our April show, as well as to the businesses below who contributed to raffle prizes. Remember to support those who support us.

- In-N-Out Burger

- The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf®
- AutoZone, Tempe
- Pep Boys, Mesa
- United Car Care
- Patko Auto Service, Phoenix
- Volvo of North Scottsdale
- Casino Arizona, Salt River
- National Impala Association, Spearfish, SD

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday,
October 24: Parts Exchange and Swap Meet, Glendale Community College, 59th Ave. and Olive, Glendale. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and parking; no car show; sponsored by Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. Information: 623-934-6092.
- Saturday,
October 30: Club meeting at Kevin and Marty Byrnes' house, 3008 E. Southfork Dr., Phoenix. Call 480-759-1866 or download a map from the club Web site for directions.
- Saturday,
November 6: 5 & Diner Shiner, 960 N. 54th St. (southeast corner of I-10 and Ray Rd.), Chandler. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday,
November 13: Alzheimer's Association Benefit Classic and Hot Rod Car Show, Prince of Peace Church, Deer Valley Rd. and 151st Ave., Sun City West. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information: 623-546-3650
- November 19-21: Goodguys at WestWorld, Scottsdale. Information: 480-312-680.
- Saturday,
December 11: Rosson House Museum Victorian Holiday Celebration, 113 N. 6th St., Phoenix. Space is limited. Information: call Tammy Parker, 602-261-8063.



Arizona Impalas
3008 E. Southfork Dr.
Phoenix, AZ 85048

Address Service Requested