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Full-Size Chevys at the 2023 MCACN



Story & Photos
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Talk about a stunner- Gary Kimbrell's 1964 Impala SS convertible just glows with its Silver Blue Metallic paint and matching blue bucket seat interior. Power comes from a 409 Chevy.



Tony Hossain's Ermine White 1965 Impala SS convertible features 327 power as well as a Parchment top and interior. The visual impact is obvious- this one is a real head-turner.

The 2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals, held this past November 18-19 in Rosemont, Illinois proved to be a great year for fans of full-size Chevys. After a couple of very dry years, the big Chevys came back in very impressive numbers and the quality and rarity of these vehicles was extremely high.

In addition to the full-size Chevys in the showfield, there was also a very unusual 409-powered machine in the Barn Finds area and it wasn't a Chevy! John Vacek displayed his very rare and unrestored

1963 Pontiac Parisienne, which was documented by GM of Canada as having been built on April 18, 1963 and delivered to Dominion Motors, Ltd, in Port William, Ontario, Canada. Wish we had that level of documentation for American-built Chevys!

Another fantastic story that came out of MCACN this year was the 1965 L78 396/425 Impala owned by longtime NIA members Dennis and Rose Sherman, from Fort Wayne, Indiana. They are the original owners of this amazing machine, which is purported to be the sole remaining example still with its original owners. Your editor didn't have to think twice to present his "Celebrity Pick" to the Shermans for their car. It was an honor to meet them.

We also had a chance to catch up with NIA Chief Judge Ron Mroz, who was also serving on the judging team for MCACN, as well as our 2023 Best of Show winners Jerry and Barb Skidmore, who brought their 1968 SS 427 all the way from Johnson City, Tennessee. It's a beauty and like the rest of the full-size Chevys on display, they were all fantastic examples of the breed.

The 2024 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals is shaping up to be a winner and we hope that even more of our favorites show up. The date is November 23 and 24 at the Donald E. Stephens Center. Log onto mcacn.com for updates. We hope to see you there!



Your editor presenting his "Celebrity Pick" award to Dennis and Rose Sherman, the original owners of a gorgeous 1965 L78 396/425 Impala SS two-door hardtop. The Shermans have been NIA members since 2011.

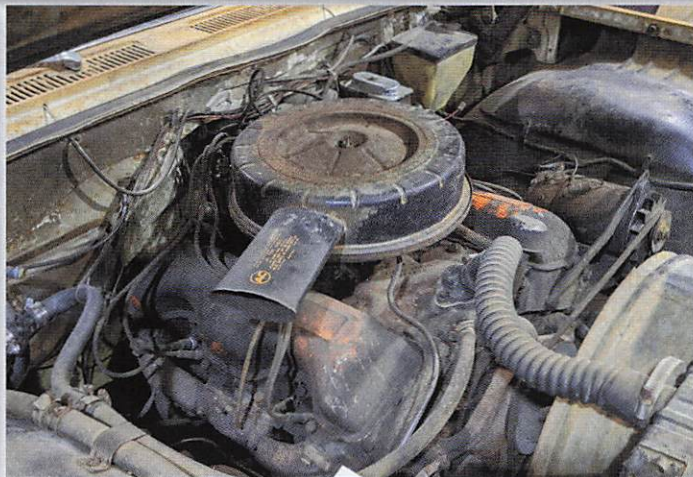


The Shermans' Impala is a beautifully-preserved original, retaining its original paint, interior and powertrain. Aside from tires, some hoses, light bulbs, water pump and a new clutch, it's exactly the same car that was delivered to Greiger Chevrolet in August of 1965.

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The MCACN "Barn Finds" section featured this original Ermine White 1961 Impala convertible with a blue interior. It was displayed by Hometown Auto Center and under the hood is a 348 cubic-inch...



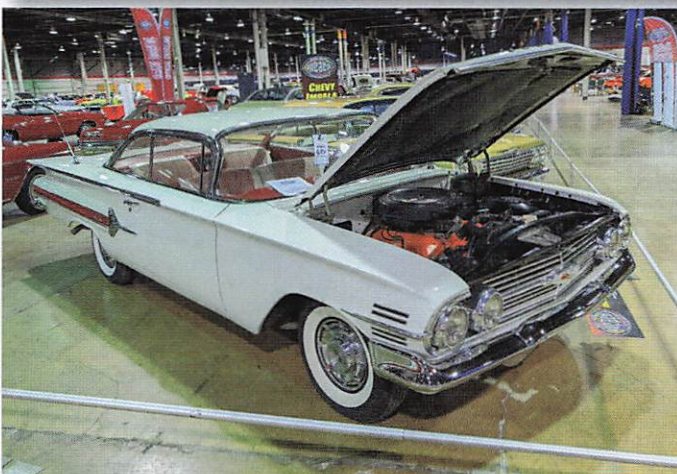
...W-Series V-8. It features a heavy coating of patina but was actually a very solid car that was begging for a resto. We hope to see this one restored and on display soon.



Of all the cars on display at the 2023 MCACN this one was one of the most unusual. It's a Canadian-built 1965 Pontiac Parisienne owned by David Vacek, equivalent to the American Bonneville in terms of trim level but completely different from a mechanical level, being based on...



...a full-size Chevrolet X-frame chassis with a modified Pontiac body, an amalgam of Chevy and Pontiac interior components and in this case, a 409/425 Chevy V-8 hooked to a four-speed manual transmission. This is an incredibly rare machine and we hope it's returned to its former glory.



Al Prislinger, Jr.'s 1960 Impala two-door hardtop really popped with its Ermine White paint, contrasting red side spear and two-tone red and white interior. Under the hood is the optional W-series 348 Tri-Power...



which was the top option for the Impala in 1960. In its highest-performance version with 11.25:1 compression, the 348 Tri-Power put out 355 horsepower at 5,800 rpm, with 356 lb/ft of torque at 3,600.



Dennis Albaugh's Butternut Yellow 1967 SS 427 convertible was a stunner with the contrasting black top and interior. Rally wheels with trim rings and redlines really set off the look. What a beauty!



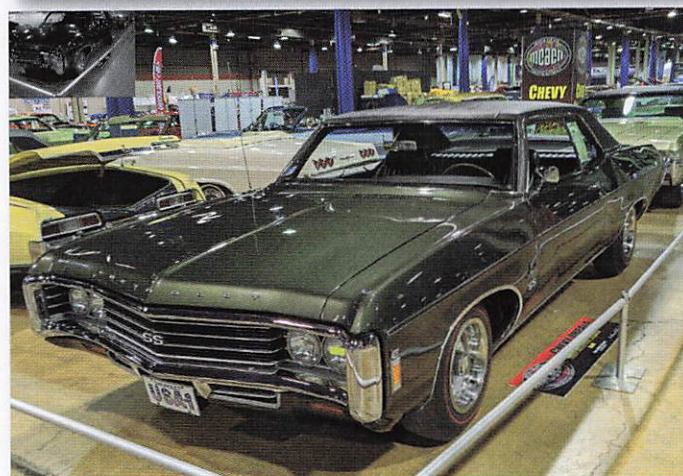
Dave Spahn's 1962 Impala SS convertible is powered by a dual-quad 409. We are in love with the Silver Blue paint and matching blue interior. This car is an eye-grabber to be sure.



We didn't see any vintage Caprices at MCACN besides TLC Restoration's amazing black 1966 Caprice with a red interior. It featured a 283, air conditioning and those beautiful mag-style wheelcovers.



Luis Maxariegos, from nearby Downers Grove, Illinois displayed his gorgeous 1966 L72-powered Impala SS two-door hardtop. If going fast was the name of your game in '66, this was the hot ticket.



Mark Yarbrough's gorgeous Fathom Green 1969 SS 427 is an exceptional example of the last year of SS 427 production. This car was the epitome of performance and luxury.



The recipient of the Tom Dietz Memorial Award was Robert Kleckauskas, from St. Charles, Illinois and his 1962 409/409 Impala SS two-door hardtop. This car is very similar to Tom's own car.

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Fifteen year-old Anthony Stoll showed off his 1970 Chevy Impala, which was part of the "Future Generation Invitational" display, highlighting young enthusiasts. It has a 350 and Powerglide. Great choice!



Todd Dietz showed the 1962 Golden Anniversary Edition Impala owned by his late father, Tom Dietz. The entire "History of the Hot Ones" was dedicated to Tom Dietz, a legendary figure in the hobby.



John Cretacci showed his 1963 Impalas SS in an unusual fashion- as a restored chassis and powertrain unit. The car itself is an original 409/425 with a four-speed transmission, 3.55 posi and metallic brakes. We can't wait to see the finished product in its original Satin Silver paint and red interior.



Jerry and Barb Skidmore displayed their spectacular 1968 SS 427 at MCACN. This particular SS 427 was our 2023 National Impala Association "Best of Show" winner and it was certainly deserved. It was great catching up with Jerry and Barb and we hope to see all three of them in Dayton.



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