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HARRY'S ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

WACO CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Gerling's Precision Layout Company was started August of 1994. I started contracting CNC programming around town. The business seemed to be expanding so I was hiring people to work for me and I was selling CNC programs. Soon after the 911 tragedies, I was forced to lay off everyone but my son and myself. He started with me when he was only 13 years old and was able to come full time after high school. He and I bought this equipment and building we are currently in now.

We bought our CNC mill last year to build "Tools" mainly. Production tools for the aircraft industry. We also bought a portable CMM (computerized measuring machine) for checking the accuracy of our products. We still program for other shops around town and build blue prints for a couple of places. We inspect parts and tools for shops around town too. We are what's known as a "one off" shop. We build a lot of one only pieces. I invite you to come see us Wednesday April 1st for our Annual Club Meeting. Come on out and enjoy some food and ask questions if you want. We hope to see you there!

Coming up I-35 get off at the Kansas Coliseum exit and 85th street north. Go west 3 miles across Broadway (BROADWAY does NOT STOP). Continue west past Meridian (Qwik Shop 4 way stop light) Continue west approximately 7 blocks over the railroad tracks. 2nd street past railroad tracks turn south (left you can not turn right) This is North Sheridan. Continue south 6 blocks. You will have a stop sign at main. Continue south and my building is the 4th building past main. Light Gray upper with dark gray bottom building. My name is on the point of the front of the building. There is a mailbox out front with 216 on it. You can't miss the place. Free food and surprises!

Harry Gerling
Vice President
Wichita Area Chevelle Owners



PRESIDENTS NOTES

It's Official... W.A.C.O. is now hosting the 2010 Midwest Chevelle Regional. The Regional will be held the weekend of July 30th & 31st at the Wichita Marriott Hotel located at 9100 Corporate Hills Drive. A block of rooms, (45 for Friday night and 40 for Saturday night) are being held for participants and/or club members who wish to stay at the hotel during the Regional. The cost of these rooms per night is normally \$194 for double occupancy. The Wichita Area Chevelle Owners has a special agreement with the Marriott, that for club members and/or car show participants, the room rate is \$95 per night. To make reservations, please call 1-800-610-0673 and mention the Midwest Chevelle Regional for the discounted room rate.

The Marriott Hotel will have the parking lot cleaned and secured and roped off for the area of the show. For those who will be coming from out of town that have trailers, trailer parking will be made available to those behind the Hotel.

During the day Friday the 30th, there will be food and drinks made available at no charge for people who arrive early and for those who will be there to help set things up. There will also be music playing outside to help set the mood of the Regional.

For Friday night, there will be a mixer's party at Corrigan's Sports Bar & Grill located inside the Marriott Hotel. Plan is to have a live DJ set-up and play Pub Stumpers, Karaoke and dance music throughout the evening.

On Saturday the 31st, the Wichita Area Chevelle Owners will be providing free hamburgers, hotdogs & brauts, along with pop, water & chips from 11:00 until 3:00 during the show.

For the Awards Banquet Saturday night. This will be held in the Atrium Theater Room inside the hotel. The Marriott is providing theater style seating with a podium, microphone and tables for the Awards presentation.

This pretty much is just a start for the planning of next years 2010 Midwest Chevelle Regional. For Club Members, please attend as many meetings as you can between now and next years show, so that your thoughts and ideas can be heard. Again, I would like to say that there will be plenty to do for next years show and that we will need all of the support from the WACO members to make this show a success!

Richard O. Bartel
President
Wichita Area Chevelle Owners

JUNE WACO EVENT

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

Lonnie Wall has volunteered to come up with an event for the club in June. He has reserved the clubhouse at Fox Lake in Cassoday, KS for June 27th. That is the **last Saturday in June** and the weekend before July 4th. The clubhouse has all the comforts of home... a kitchen, restrooms, shade, etc. All members and their families are invited out! We will give more details as the date becomes closer. Fox Lake is a fun place to be and we hope you will all mark your calendars and come out for the day.



SECRETARY / TREASURE

I would like to remind everyone that March is when it is time for many of us to pay our dues. Please check the label on the front of the newsletter to see when yours are due. You can mail a check to the return address on the front of the newsletter.

I would like to remind everyone that the 2009 Midwest Chevelle Regional in Tulsa will be here before you know it. I hope a lot of you are planning on going this year, it sounds like it will be a lot of fun.

Harold from Tulsa told me that the cheaper of the two hotels is right next to the casino and that it is a covered walk to get there. The rate there is cheaper than I have seen it in years. There is a flier in this newsletter with registration so you can get signed up early. For the cheap rates on the hotels you have to make reservations before June 9th I think.

Don't forget we have volunteered to host the Mid West Chevelle Regional in 2010!

I would also like to remind everyone to keep an eye out for my ElCamino/Caballero and let me and the police know if you see it. For those of you who don't know, it was stolen from in front of my house. I had it sitting out front with a for sale sign on it when someone took it. No, I did not leave the keys in it. It has been gone for 3 weeks now so I really don't expect to get it back.

If anyone wants to buy a jet ski I have one to sell. I would give someone a good deal if they are really interested. 1999 (I think), 1100 Kawasaki, carries two people and pull a skier. It has a double trailer that goes with it too. \$1,500.00.

If anyone has a posi for a 1978-87 Malibu/ElCamino for sale, please let me know. Just about any gear ratio will work for me. I would also be interested in a peg leg if the gearing was something interesting like a 3 series.

I also need some good .030 over pistons for a 350 if anyone has any new or used ones they want to sell.

It is time to put cruising plans together for the summer so please plan on coming to our meeting so you can help with plans for the summer.

That is all for now,

I hope to see all of you at the next meeting or at least some time this summer!

David Gohring
Secretary and Treasure
Wichita Area Chevelle Owners

HISTORY OF THE DASH PLAQUE

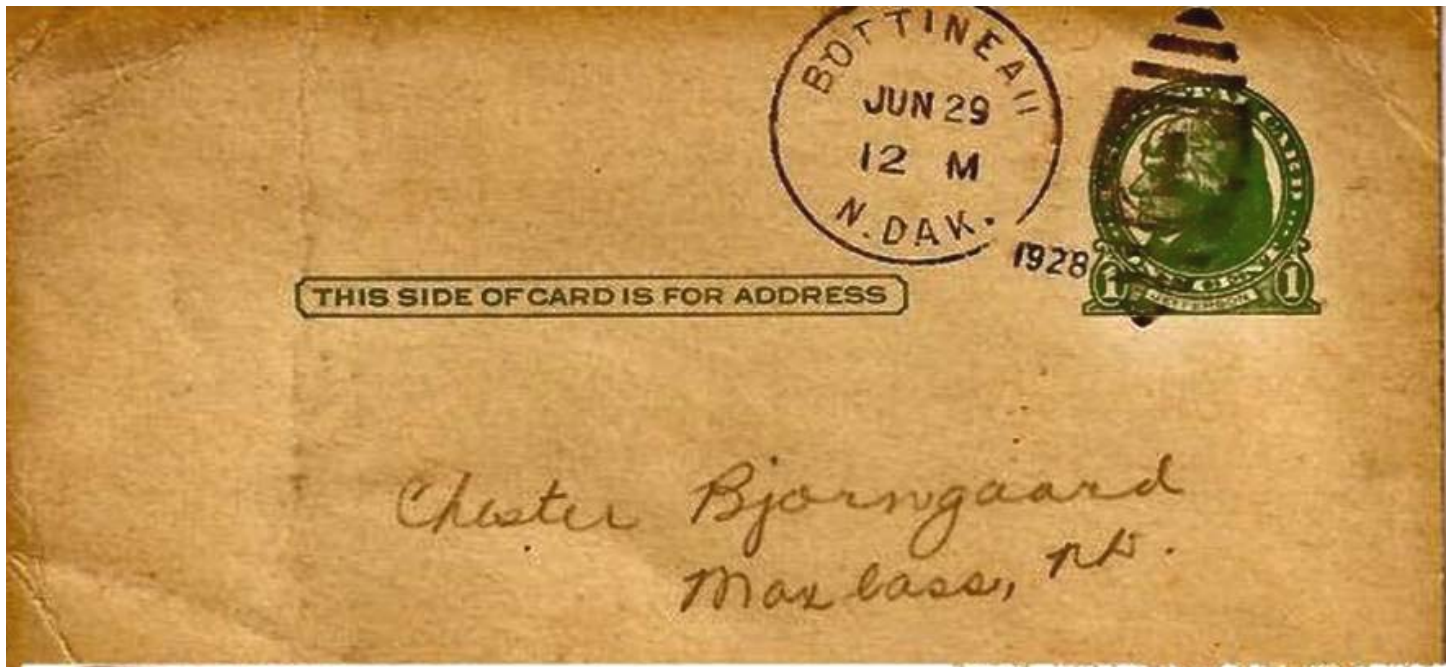
Ever wonder how car show dash plaques got started? I don't know the whole history, but some research suggested that they evolved from the timing tags that early clubs like the Southern California Timing Association (SCTA) handed out to racers at the dry lakes. These were stamped metal plaques that indicated the car, date, and top speed achieved at a given event. These "timing slips" were then pop-riveted to the car's dash as proof of the car's top speed. The history of dash plaques may even go back further into the circle track days of the '20s. Makes sense to me.

GM JIM



POSTCARD FROM 1928

You got to love this! My Mom sent it to me and I had to share it with you! It's a postcard for an automotive shop from 1928! Please sign me up for the \$25.00 motor AND transmission overhaul! Those were the days!



Dear Sir:—

We're writing this letter to you today because we want to help you get your money out of your Model T.

It's still as good a car as it was the day the new Model A Ford was announced and there's no need to sacrifice it.

The Model T Ford is still used by more people than any other automobile. Eight million are in active service right now and many of them can be driven one, two, three and five years and even longer.

Bring your car to us and let us look it over. You'll be surprised to see how little it costs to put it in tip-top shape.

New fenders, for instance, cost from \$3.50 to \$5.00 each, with a labor charge of \$1.00 to \$2.50. Tuning up the motor and replacing commutator case, brush and vibrator points costs only \$1.00, with a small charge for material. Brake shoes can be installed and emergency brakes equalized for a labor charge of only \$1.25. A labor charge of \$4.00 to \$5.00 will cover the overhauling of the front axle, rebushing springs and spring perches, and straightening, aligning and adjusting wheels.

The labor charge for overhauling the average rear axle runs from \$5.75 to \$7.00. Grinding valves and cleaning carbon can be done for \$3.00 to \$4.00.

A set of four new pistons and rings cost only \$7.00. For a labor charge of \$20 to \$25.00 you can have your motor and transmission completely overhauled. Parts are extra.

Bottineau, N. Dak.

Very truly yours,
C. R. GLEASON CO.





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CLUB _____

CAR INFORMATION

DRIVE

TRAILER

FIRST CAR: YEAR _____ MODEL _____ ☐ ☐

SECOND CAR: YEAR _____ MODEL _____ ☐ ☐

REGISTRATION (FAMILY & 1ST CAR) _____ @ \$45.00 _____

ADDITIONAL CAR _____ @ \$30.00 _____

ATTENDEES W/O CAR _____ @ \$30.00 _____

T-SHIRTS (SPECIFY QTY-SIZE EXAMPLE: M-1, XL-3)

(S, M, L, XL, XXL) _____ @ \$10.00 _____

(3XL, 4XL) _____ @ \$12.00 _____

T-SHIRTS AT THE SHOW (BASED ON AVAILABILITY)

(S,M,L,XL,XXL) \$12.00 (3XL, 4XL) \$14.00

LATE REGISTRATION FEE (CUT-OFF DATE JUNE 9, 2009) \$10.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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EDITORS NOTES

Hi Team WACO,

Long time no see! I hope everyone is doing well. I don't know about you guys but I'm ready for some spring sunshine and some nice warm weather real soon. Maybe we can all get our Chevelles out on Wednesday, April 1st and meet at Harry's place for the WACO April fools meeting... No joke!

I did do some small updates to my Chevelle over the winter. I put a lift kit on it and a blower with some Big Foot tires too. What do you think! Okay maybe that's an April Fools joke but I'm ready to get the old Chevelle out and play with it soon.

Hope to see you all soon too!
Brent Hardin



CHEVELLE ADVERTISEMENTS 1964

I was looking for something to put in the newsletter this month and I came across a real neat website that had a bunch of vintage adds for Chevrolets. You may have seen these already but I thought I would share them with you. This is just the base model 1964 adds but maybe in the next newsletter we will put some newer models in!



STYLING THAT MOVES YOU EVEN WHEN IT'S STANDING STILL

If you ever get stuck in a Chevelle that's not on the go, look over its bold, exciting lines and spacious interior. It's the Chevelle Look—all new, already classic!

Note, for example, the graceful fender sweep, front to rear. Lamps blending gently into an understated total design above the massive rear wraparound bumper. The tastefully restrained use of trim, front, side and rear.

See how functional each crisp detail can be, too! Curved side glass is stylish, yet adds to the generous interior room. 115-hp wheelbase is jaunty, also makes handling and parking

virtually effortless. Rich fabrics and handsome vinyls add interior beauty—and comfort. In coupes and sedans, the squared-off rear window is extremely smart and allows maximum vision.

Eleven beautiful Chevelles, including convertibles, sport coupes, sedans and wagons, offer true Chevrolet value at moderate cost. See them at your Chevrolet dealer's. Test-drive one or two of them while you're there, too.

They'll move you with their styling—and with just about any measure of six or V8 power you like. . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan.



THE GREAT AMERICAN PERFORMANCE

CHEVELLE! BY CHEVROLET



WE DIDN'T JUST MAKE CHEVELLE BEAUTIFUL AND HOPE FOR THE BEST

You might want Chevelle just because you like its looks. But if you think all we had in mind was a good-looking car smaller than Chevrolet and bigger than Chevy II, read on. One of the most beautiful things about Chevelle is the way it fits between parking meters (with five feet left over), yet still has a Fisher Body-fal of room inside.

Think those curved side windows are only for looks? They slant in for easy entry, and don't need bulky spine-venting doors to roll down into.

Chevelle's long, wide hood looks nice, too. But it's that way because of what goes under it—things like a wide choice of 360 and V8 engines, not to mention extra-cost air conditioning and anything else you'd like up to put there.

Chevelle's rear deck is just a smart cover-up for a 21.5-cu-ft. trunk. Its rear, you haven't noticed a foot lately, it can hold 4 overnight bags, 2 toolboxes, 2 pullmans, 1 wardrobe and 1 train case, with a set of golf clubs thrown in for good measure.

We've been very practical about the whole thing. If you think like we do, you're practically driving one already. . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan.



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The deadline for the newsletter articles and or ads is 10 Days before the next regular club meeting. If you don't have your article turned in by that date, it may not be in the next newsletter. This will give me enough time to put the newsletter together, print it and mail it on time. **NOTE** – When you want to advertise something in the newsletter and you email us the information, please include your full name and phone number with area code. This will make it much easier for our readers to contact you about your stuff!



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Next Meeting April 1st
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