



August 2017 Newsletter



Jim & Judy Wersching's 66 El Camino

VVSC Offseason
Marque of the Month: Chevy

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Upcoming events

The Swallows have flown back to Capistrano, The folks who endure the summer here still have these 2 ongoing happenings until the Swallows return for October events:

Breakfast at Bobbie's - This is the ongoing breakfast get together that is scheduled for 8 am Thursdays but people start showing up around 7 - 7:30 am. Going by last summer we usually get 10 - 20 people in the hot part of summer.

Bobbie's Café is located at 15472 North 99th Ave.

Cruise-in at McDonalds The other ongoing event this summer will go on every Wednesday at 5pm until cars stop showing up because it is to darn hot! If you are displaying your car or truck, show up early as spots go fast. With the Swallows leaving daily this may become less of a problem.

MaCDonalds is located on the NW corner of 99th Ave and Bell

Newsflash: It **is too darn hot!**

Please check the web page events entries for the most up to date and accurate information!

Editor's View



Welcome to the August 2017 VVSC offseason Newsletter

Hi you!

I've been avoiding the "Chevy issue" because there are so many Chevys in this club. I feared I would leave too many member's cars out due to space limitations and just plain not knowing all the owners and their cars. I stopped avoiding this marque when I received the fascinating article and great pictures submitted by Jim Wersching which are featured later in this issue. On the cover is the 66 El Camino which is the focus of his life-long love of cars of the 50s and 60s. More on Chevys in following pages along with some random member owned Chevy photos. (I might have some photos and know who owns them) Your car missing? Look out for "Chevy II" -Ed



One of the "Good Guys" cars



I would love to feature our members and their cars in each newsletter. Technical articles on "how you fixed it" are especially desired. Submit these to:
locascio2000@hotmail.com

A reminder to get involved in the fight against proposed water rate consolidation and increase.

At this time, EPCOR water company is requesting increases in YOUR water bill that could be significant based on consolidation. SCHOA is appealing this request that was approved by the ACC. The assistance of the Community is necessary to cover legal expenses.

Submitted by Connie Sherman

For more information: <https://www.suncityhoa.org/>

Loving Chevys for over 41 years



Text and photos by Jim & Judy Wersching

I've had 1950's-60's cars from the day I got my first car back 1965, and probably will until the day I quit driving. When my wife Judy and I bought a new home in Bartlett IL. back in 1976, money became very tight. By 1979 when I needed to haul lumber to finish our basement, I wanted a cheap truck so I purchased a 1966 El Camino for \$500.00. It served the purpose and a lot more. That summer, I did the body work and painted the truck the original red. After a rear end accident in the winter of 1980, it was totaled, but I was hooked! I really enjoyed the El Camino, with its 327 V8, 3-speed stick and had to have another one. So within a few weeks, we purchase a "shell" of a '66 from a salvage Co. and swapped all the good parts, (engine, drive train, rear window, etc) from the totaled one to make one complete vehicle. My son, Jim, and I worked feverously to complete it and get it back on the road by spring. 37 years later, we still have this truck. I've repainted it a couple of times, always Corvette medium metallic blue, rebuilt the engine once, re-upholstered the seats twice, and even changed the frame – the original one just rotted away. It has over 375K miles (140K on the rebuilt engine) on it and runs great. It's was daily driver in the summer for my commute between Bartlett and Bensenville where I worked – now I'm lucky enough to be retired. Our kids learn to drive stick on it and we have a lot of family memories with it. We have a few other older cars that Judy and I enjoy driving on summer weekends and evenings, but this one holds a special place in the garage and our hearts. I enjoy doing all the work on this myself, from body/paint to interior and brakes. It's therapeutic! I'm look forward to every spring when it will once again come to life and be uncovered and enjoyed.

Over the years, I've had articles about this truck published in Hot Rod back in '81, and The Chevelle Report (A no longer circulated Chevelle magazine). I also had Revell/Monogram come to take pictures of my El Camino when they were making a plastic model of the '66 El Camino. We have a lot of history with this truck and plan to keep it for a long long time.

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I've included a few photos of the other cars I currently have.

1966 Chevelle SS convertible, 1966 Impala, and 1969 Chevelle.

I restored these all myself, along with "a little help from my friends".

Jim & Judy Wersching



Thanks to Jim for his story and the photos of his very desirable Vintage Vehicles. Articles like Jim's make publishing the newsletter a great pleasure. I would love to feature your favorite cars on the pages of the next issue. Just submit some photos and a short or long story to compliment those photos. **Ed**





Member Chevys



**Carol McDade's 55
Chevrolet Bel Air
with minion of
Darby O'Gill**



**Al Baxley's
55 Chevrolet
Townsman
station wagon**

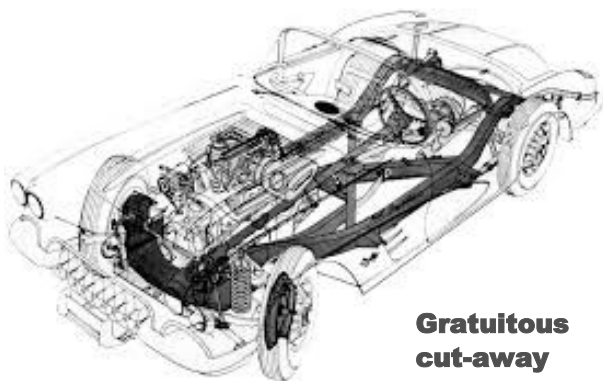


**Above:
Tom and Patti
Wilber's
31 Chevrolet**

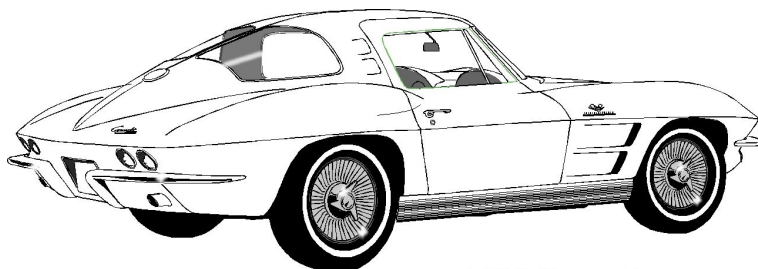


**On the left:
37 Chevrolet
owned by Jerry and
Verna Simmons**

**Below: Our own
Len Szymanski's
Corvette rendering**



**Gratuitous
cut-away**



1963 Corvette



Above: John Silchia's modified 48 Chevy sedan.

Below: Walter Schwegler's 68 El Camino. If I have the year wrong, try the URL below.



<http://blog.elcaminostore.com/el-camino-timeline-1959-1987/>



Blue Flame 6



**Ubiquitous 6.2 liter.
420 HP in my
Silverado pickup to
move 2 horses!**

Submitted by Les



You haven't napped until you've napped on the hood of a '57 Chevy'

(You haven't conquered verisimilitudal perspective until you've mastered a cute cat and car cartoon. -Ed)

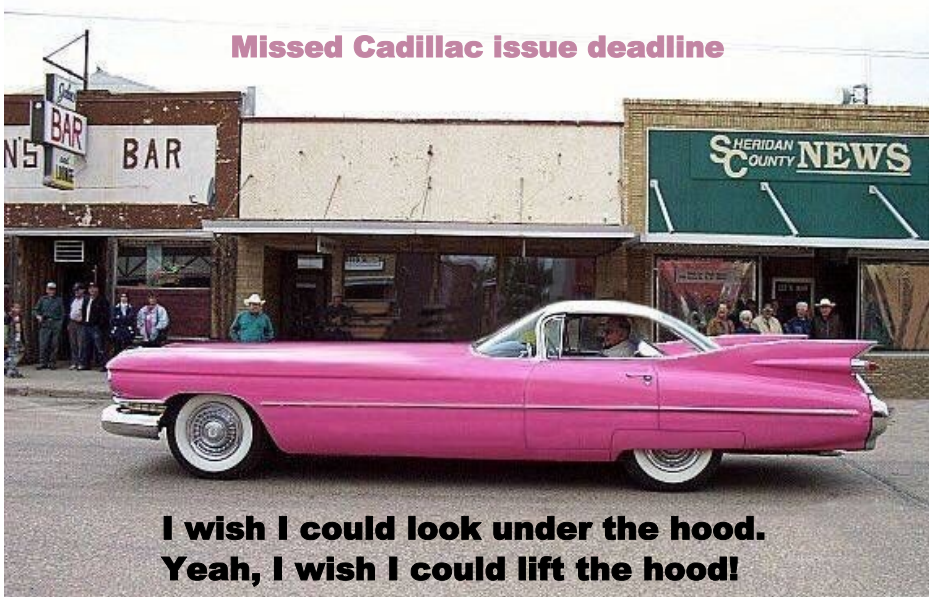


**Still not so funny (please submit fresh material!)
My uncle Tony threatens to put this picture on the cover of the next newsletters until I receive submissions for this page!**

Funny pages



Up periscope, all ahead full!



Missed Cadillac issue deadline

**I wish I could look under the hood.
Yeah, I wish I could lift the hood!**

Doug DeMuro gets sucker punched by Jay Leno...

Why? Ask Doug. He and his humor seem to be moving up in the Automotive entertainment field.

Previously writing for Jalopnik, he now oversees a webpage called Oversteer for Autotrader.

Find it at:

**[https://
www.autotrader.com/
oversteer/?page=1](https://www.autotrader.com/oversteer/?page=1)**