

NORTHERN OHIO CHEVELLES



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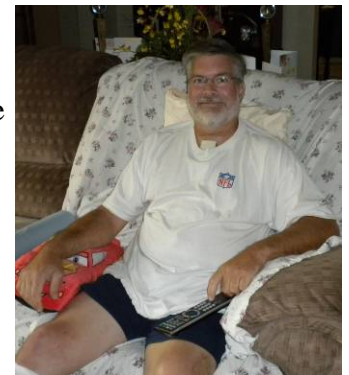
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Next Meeting

Club Picnic Sept. 13th

From the Editor—The Next Gen

Seeing all of you and your families this past month made me start thinking about the future of this hobby. In last months newsletter, I posted Chuck Hanson's thoughts on how he intends to keep the ACES organization alive and well for years to come. As you know, the Northern Ohio Chevelle Club was a pioneer in creating a Chevelle Club that included Chevelle's, Malibu's, and El Camino's all the way up to 1988. Joe and Chuck had a focused interview over the PA system at the ACES Northern Regional Show. They talked about keeping the younger generation interested in the Chevelle hobby and making it more affordable. For those of you that listened, you know that Joe and Chuck poked fun with Monica Umstead who stood proudly next to her Dad's 1966 Chevelle Convertible with the top down. Monica shared stories about how she had only seen the top down on the Chevelle a few times in her lifetime and how there is a standing argument between her and brother Kevin on who the Chevelle is willed to. Who would know at that time, Jim would have open heart surgery the next week. Thankfully, this organization and the hobby are in good health and Jim is on the road to recovery. We, as individuals, need to start thinking about how to keep this hobby going. I have heard that car crazy people account for about 10% of the population. What can we do to fuel the fire of the even smaller percentage of people who have passion for Chevelles? What can we do to get the younger generation to follow in our foot steps? The answer does not involve willing your Chevelle to your children. The answer is not running out and buying a Chevelle for your nephew. I believe the answer on how to create passion for this hobby is to involve your family with all the automotive activities. When you make it fun for the family, it creates memories that can be shared. That's why NOCC will continue to organize and participate in family friendly events. That's why we will continue to help each other in the garage and on a personal level. It's the Chevelle that brought us together the first time but it's the friendships we make that continue to bring us together. The future of this hobby may not be known but with proper nurturing and planning we can ensure that it will still be here for years to come. Time to Burn Rubber—Mark



Jim Umstead recovering at home



Andre & Chip

Chip Off The Old Block

by Andre Stephens

You have no idea the things I do to make sure my car looks good if it is on display. This year before the Cleveland Auto Rama was held, I decided that I was going to make a series of road trips to various car