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WAUKESHA OLD CAR CLUB

June - July, 2024



1958

Chevrolet Impala

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FEATURE CAR

1958 Chevrolet Impala

Steve Heinemann

When I got my driver's license at 16, I was allowed to use my parents' 1957 green and white Mercury family car to go to work after school. My cousin, who was two years older and lived next door, had bought a 1958 white Impala and I was envious. At 17, I had saved enough money to buy a car. Like any teenager, I wanted a cool car and that was a 1958 Impala with dual exhaust. However, low and behold, all the Impala's I looked at were priced higher than my savings account. Then I saw an ad for a 1958 Bel Air two door sedan at a dealer in Elm Grove. I checked it out with my dad and debated about buying it since it wasn't an Impala, but it did meet my available savings. It was a black car with a silver interior. It had a small block 283 cu in, engine, single exhaust with a Turboglide transmission. In any case, it wasn't an Impala, but I could afford it so I bought it. It had fond memories of constant repairs including throwing my repair money in a bottomless black hole. I traded it in after three years and life went on.

Years passed by. After having two kids, 51 years of a great marriage, then I lost my wife to Alzheimer's and decided to start looking for a '58 Impala again. Since I didn't use up our long-term care funds, I told my daughters I was going to use part of the funds to find and buy a '58 Impala. They said do it, because if you don't, we'll spend it when you're gone. I looked at various classic car sites and found one for sale from a guy's collection in Illinois that had all the cars from "American Graffiti." If he couldn't buy one like one in the movie, he would buy one like it and have it restored to be like the one in the movie.

The Impala I bought was like the Impala in the movie. It was a frame off restoration, white 1958 Impala with a 348 motor, Powerglide transmission and the stunning multi color blue interior. The interesting part is that it is identical to the Impala my cousin had owned that I had admired. It looked like a new car except that it was 65 years old. Only issue I had was that it wouldn't fit in the garage space I wanted to put it in since it's bigger than my daily driver - as they all were in the 50's. Therefore, it took the prime space in my garage.

Now, if only I could do the same with myself and have a complete restoration back to my youth.

Steve



Waukesha Old Car Club Meeting Highlights

April 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Herman with 28 members present.

There were no new members or guests.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Officers and Board Members were introduced

Presidents Report:

- Ron Herman reviewed what was discussed at the board meeting. The Car Show to do list has been emailed to all members. We have to assume and thank everyone for doing their job to make the car show a success. At this point all the permits have been applied for and have been received.
- The club has left over shirts from prior year shows. They are available to members at discount pricing. The shirts will be available at the club meetings

Vice Presidents Report:

- We have club hats and t-shirts for sale.
- An email was sent out to members asking if they wanted their email listed in the next roster. Five members responded that they didn't want their email listed.
- Six club members attended the open house at Bennett Coachworks
- On May 25th Gateway Classics will be hosting a 25 year spectacular in conjunction with their Caffeine and Chrome

Secretary's Report:

- Linda Uebele read the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report:

- In the absence of Jim Young the President gave a Treasurer's report for the month of March. The report was accepted as presented
- **Sunshine Committee**
- Judy Sodemann had nothing to report.

Old Business

- Bob Merner is looking for member cars to be featured in the *Spark and Sputter*.

New Business

- Some ideas for club activities are a trip to the SS Cobia and Museum in Manitowoc,
- Pick up some car show flyers and hand them out at the car shows you attend.
- Check out the club on Facebook , Instagram and the Club's website.

The meeting was adjourned

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Waukesha Old Car Club Meeting Highlights

May 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by President, Ron Herman.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Officers and Board Members were introduced. There were two new members.

Presidents Report:

Ron Herman reviewed what was discussed at the Board meeting.

- The board discussed the car show, all permits have been applied for and received.
- The board is looking into selling the grills that were used at the car show. Now that we are using Roberts Specially Meats for the cooking they are no longer needed. There was a discussion and determined that a quorum of members are needed to vote to sell the grills. This may also require a by-law change.
- A reminder that the June club meeting will be held at Bubba's Frozen Custard. It was noted that due to construction on Capitol Drive Steve will be sending out an email on the best way to access Bubba's.
- Due to the ever increasing cost of postage and printing, there was a discussion to provide the *Spark and Sputter* in an electronic format only. Many car clubs and other organizations are now doing this.
- The club will be looking into replacing the tires on the trailer.
- Steve will be sending out the Car Show To-Do list again. Again, if you are unable to complete the assignment you did prior years let Ron or Steve know.



Vice Presidents Report:

- Steve has requested the Gateway Classics feature the WOCC at their July 27th Cars and Coffee. Reminder that Gateway Classics has moved to a new facility in Caledonia
- The My Garage group is looking into a tour of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum and USS Cobia more details to follow.



Secretary's Report:

- Linda Uebele read the minutes from the April meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report:

- The President gave a report of income and expenses for the month of April. The reports was accepted as presented.

Sunshine Committee

- Judy Sodemann reported that Roy Rathke had a mild stroke and is currently in

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Old Business

- Check out the Wednesday Night car Show at Fox View, also Pistons and Pins at the Sussex Bowl on Monday's
- Jefferson Swap Meet and Car Show was only two days. Weather was decent and sales were brisk.
- Bob Merner is always looking for club cars to be featured in the *Spark and Sputter*. All that is required is a few pictures and a brief article about the car.
- Check out our Facebook page and look us up on Instagram

New Business

- The June meeting will be at Bubba's, 1276 Capitol Drive, Pewaukee. Same place as last year.
- The club will update the signage for the car show
- The meeting was adjourned



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Club Activities & Other Fun Things To Do

Calendar updated as changes occur

June	10	The June meeting will be at Bubba's Custard, 1276 Capital Drive, Pewaukee
	15	Gary's Hot Rod Reunion Racine County Fair Grounds
	29	BREAST CANCER BENEFIT Car and Bike Show @ VFW Post 17980 Beloit Rd New Berlin
July	4	Waukesha Forth of July Parade More details to follow
	8	7:30pm Club Meeting at Foxx View Lanes, Board meets prior to meeting
	28	Cars on Main Car Show Lannon, WI
August	11	Frame Park Car Show
September	8	Club Picnic and Auction More details to follow

Tour of Bennett Coachworks April 13, 2024



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