

# GOPHER STATE CHEVYS GAZETTE

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

HI EVERYONE

We came Arizona by Antonio, spent some River walk. point is 3 compared it Minnehaha restaurants for many way does it



with the mighty Mississippi. San Antonio has done a very nice job of developing it and making it visitor friendly. It was a ten day Fiesta during our visit so the city was very crowded. Of course the history of the missions and the Alamo held a lot of interest. We were surprised that we did not see any classic cars while there. We were a little surprised at the spring greeting we received on our return to Minnesota. Although Linda says I'm lucky to have some time to get my dash wiring fixed on the 62 before it is time to do some cruising. It is going slower than expected. The Buick show is May 1 and I'm not ready. My brother-in-law, Clark, has a 62 Belair and keeps calling to see if I'm done and ready to go.

The GSC May 19 membership meeting is going to be held in Hugo at the Cadillac café. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM. Anyone who wants to eat dinner should come earlier. The plans for the summer cruises will be finalized at this meeting.

Car shows to remember this summer. **All GM Show** (June), **East Bethel Days** (July).

Norm Wells has informed us he will be unable to do the newsletter this fall. Norm and Pat have done a great job despite Norm's health battles and we thank them for hanging in there with us. Please let me or a board member know if you have an interest.

Remember the pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House will be turned in at the Back to the '50's.

Since there is no spring, I guess summer cruising is just around the corner. Get that classic ready (I'm working on it) and show it off at a show or just enjoy some time on the

road. It always makes my day when I get a thumbs up when driving my 62.

See you down the road!

Denny

#### MINUTES OF THE GOPHER STATE CHEVYS APRIL 14, 2011 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The April 14, 2011 meeting of the Gopher State Chevy Club was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Denny West. There were eight members in attendance including six board members. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### CAR SHOWS

All GM show June 5, 2011. Help needed on June 4th around 9 AM to set up tents. Trophies are ordered and will be given out as roughly one per ten cars in that class. At least a first and second place will be given even if there are only ten cars in a class.

MSRA Run to the Hill. Ed, Harley, Nan and Butch attended the event in St. Paul at the capitol. A lobbyist from MSRA spoke about many things. One pertained to the collector car owners. It was about adopting the California emissions standards for our cars, which would require more ethanol added to gasoline and yearly inspections of the collector cars. These items are not being adopted yet but are being considered.

##### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Ron was unable to attend but sent information for upcoming events.

May 15th. Cal Kamholz will lead a cruise to the Willmar Car Show. Anyone going meet at RJ Riches Restaurant at 2145 Highway Avenue in Moundsview between 6:30 and 6:45 AM. A stop for breakfast will be made somewhere along the route. Call Cal at 763-784-6178 with any questions or if you will meet up with the group along the way.

May 19th. Our regular club meeting will be held at the Cadillac Cafe at the corner of Cty Rd 14 and 35E in Hugo and will include dinner. Meet at 5:30 for dinner with the meeting to follow around 7 PM.

June 16th will find us at Culvers on Rice Street to kick off Back to the Fifties. Culvers is located at 2880 Rice

Street in Little Canada. Meet at 5 PM.

June 25-26. Rohweders have invited us back to their lake cabin for a get together on the 25th. On the 26th we will attend the Alexandria car show. Members who attended both last year had a wonderful time. Members are responsible for their own motel reservations in Alexandria for Saturday night. More information will be addressed at the May 19th meeting or call Don Rohweder (651-636-2506).

July/August. No date set yet but Jeanne Sielini has again offered her home on the lake for a picnic location. Last year was a perfect night and everyone enjoyed the event and her hospitality. We will discuss the date and specifics at the next meeting. Come and give your input.

#### HISTORIAN

Don handed out copies of the MCCA car cruise list.

Don also reported we have had 17 membership renewals so far. That is about half of our members. Please get your dues in as soon as possible so we can update our member lists.

#### NEWSLETTER

The Club will have to find a new Newsletter Editor for 2012 and 2013 as Norm needs a break from recent events which have proved more stressful than originally anticipated. Please contact a Board Member if you have an interest in taking over the Newsletter Editor Duties.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Notice about East Bethel Days is in the line chaser.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Short discussion about filing for Federal non-profit membership. We will keep an eye on it. Secretary will request a complete copy of our liability policy to determine what our coverage really is.

We received the certificate of liability insurance for the East Bethel show and it was given to Harley.

East Bethel Show. July 16, 2011 at 9 AM to 3 PM. Will include cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles. Admission is \$5. Cash drawings will be at 2 PM. Four trophies will be handed out- A Best of Show in each category. Must be present to win the trophy. Final flyer is in progress.

Next meeting, May 19th at Cadillac Cafe in Hugo, dinner 5:30 PM with meeting to follow at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Wells  
Secretary

A Commentary by Ed Grieman, Past President

#### Of Dynaflo and Powerglides

The Buick Dynaflo Automatic Transmission appeared in 1948 and did not shift. All ratio changes took place in the torque converter currents. The Dynaflo Transmission existed to be the emphatically smooth alternative to the Hydra-Matic's four gears and three pronounced shifts. Beginning in 1950 GM began installing Dynaflo Transmissions in Chevrolet cars under the Powerglide name. In 1953, the Powerglide became fully automatic and shifted between its two ranges. (Twin-turbine Dynaflo/Powerglide).

Upon acceleration, the Dynaflo/Powerglide converter works differently than the Hydra-Matic converter. If the driver begins to accelerate with the Dynaflo/Powerglide and suddenly closes the throttle within a few seconds, the torque converter will stall the engine. For this reason the Dynaflo/Powerglide equipped cars have an anti-stall dashpot installed on their carburetors that cushioned the throttle so it closed more slowly and does not stall the engine.

Cruise season is here!!!!!!

Two out-state cruises are being planned this season. The first one is a cruise to Willmar, Minnesota on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Willmar Car Club show and swap meet held at Kennedy Elementary School, 824 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW in Willmar. Over 150 trophies and awards will be presented. We will meet at R. J. Riches restaurant parking lot at 6:30 A.M. leave for Willmar at 6:45 A.M. and try to be at the show by 9:30 A.M. Cal Kamholz will lead us, and Cal will choose a great place to have breakfast on the way. Cal also knows every back road between here and Willmar, and he promises a very scenic cruise.

The second cruise will be to Alexandria for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Vintage Car Club show and swap meet on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Douglas County fairgrounds. More details in the June Newsletter. Remember, our Chevys are like horses, they need to be exercised often and hard to stay in prime condition, so please join us for one or both of these fun filled cruises.

Editor's comment

Another idea for a local cruise is to the Dairy Queen on Old Highway 8 in New Brighton. They are advertising a free milk shake if you drive your collector car to this DQ on all Friday nights during the cruise season if the weather cooperates. I'm not sure what size shake you will get and the parking area is fairly small but we will try it out as soon as I get a Chevy home when the weather finally decides to cooperate and let you know how it turns out. I've been told by reliable sources that a second DQ is under construction and about to open on Silver Lake Road at Mississippi Street. As far as I know this DQ is not part of the Friday night cruise ins for this year. Now that \$4 per gallon gasoline is upon us the local cruise ins may have some merit for some of us old car people unless you have a hybrid Late Great Chevy. Think about that, that may be the ultimate Restomod.

It's May and the cruising season may be some additional time in presenting itself, as the dreadful weather seems to be what we can expect as it was in March, April and the entire winter. Also, April is the month that renewal of membership with Gopher State Chevys takes place. Don't forget to renew your membership with Gopher State Chevys for 2010. Please remember that this year the dues are \$20.00, the same as last year. As part of the membership renewal process we ask that you complete the membership information form with all your current information including address, telephone number, car information, e-mail address if you have one. This will ensure that all information concerning Club activities will be able to be sent to you. Thank you for taking the time to clean up this housekeeping task. A membership application form is included with the newsletter and it will be with the newsletter that is posted on the Club website. Many of you have renewed and we thank you for taking care of this in such an expeditious manner.

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Make/Model of car(s)

Number 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Number 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Number 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Number 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Annual dues are \$20.00 payable each April 1. Make checks payable to Gopher State Chevys and mail to the address above.

More Barrett-Jackson information

It seemed to have been a buyers market for the Late Great Chevys as some nicely restored cars sold for less than the cost of the restoration. An example of this was a 62 Sport Coupe with a 327/300 HP, A/C, PS, PB, Power Seats, Turbo 350 tranny, Autumn Gold, Fawn Beige interior which sold for 24,750 including the buyers premium. This was a nice car without resale red paint which probably held the price down. Another example of a Late Great selling for less than the cost of restoration was a 64 SS convertible, red with a 409, that sold for 46,200. A red 58 convertible went for 62,700, another red 58 convertible went for 81,400 and was featured in Hemmings Auction coverage with the following description: "Our sample Impala was claimed to be an original red, original 348 powered ragtop, which made it worth huge money right of the bat. But it was far from original, which brought it down a couple of notches. Tri-Power had been added, along with all of the '50s tickytacky that today's 'Lost in the '50s' fans insist on, like skirts, Continental kit, wide-white radials, a more recent (tape deck) stereo. and even exhaust cutouts worked into the rear quarters. What was there was absolutely in top condition, however, and the price paid (minus the buyers premium) was exactly in line with book value." One thing wrong with this description is that 58 Chevys didn't have any kind of stereo as Avery Fisher invented stereo about the time the 58s came out in October, 1957. A 1960 Chev 4 door hardtop (sport sedan) sold for 12,650 and was written up by Hemmings with the following description: "This one made an interesting counterpoint to the '59 Galaxie we looked at elsewhere at this auction. Both were four-door hardtops, and were more or less competitors. Both were original condition four doors (and quite by chance they were nearly the same shade of blue). Both wore their patina on their sleeves. This Impala had a crusty engine bay and had been 'upgraded' to a 283/Powerglide combo, whereas the Galaxie was born with a 292 Y-block. But the Impala books for more and sold for more, even though it sold under book. With all other factors comparable, did the Bowtie give an automatic value advantage?" One thing is becoming clear as the trend for higher prices paid for original, and original restored cars, has been evident in the past several years. So Resto-mods may not be the way to go when you are considering what to do with your next restoration.

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The following is an email I received from Norm Herauf (58 Norm) about the dangers of new oil formulas for our collector cars. I am affectionally known as 62 Norm, not because of my age, but because of the model year of the cars I own. 58 Norm has a very nice 58 Chevy that I haven't seen for a while and would love to see again.

62 Norm,

Some members might be interested in the reply that I received from Castrol oil after I complained that they did not warn us that their new oil formulas can damage our collector car flat tappet cam engines.

58 Norm

Thank you for contacting Castrol North America.

The API SM/ILSAC GF-4 engine oil category calls for reduced Zinc and Phosphorus levels to allow extended catalyst life in current model vehicles. There appear to be field issues associated with the SM/GF-4 oil's level of anti-wear in the classic car engines known as flat tappet cam engines. The current late model passenger car engines are not flat tappet cam engines and have no reported field issues related to the level of anti-wear chemistry in the SM/GF-4 oils.

Castrol SYNTEC 20W-50 classic car formulation is being replaced by Castrol with SYNTEC Power Technology 5W-50 viscosity grade. The 5W-50 grade will also be specially formulated for classic car use and will adopt the 20W-50 claims – designed for use in classic cars. The 5W-50 formulation will contain more zinc additives than the 20W-50 and will also enhance start up ability in cold temperatures as well as enable better fuel economy\*

\*Compared to SAE 20W-50.

Castrol Consumer Relations

### Porky's Update

In a few weeks, Porky's will sit next to an old Chevrolet garage in Hastings. It will become the newest addition to Steve Bauer's Little Log House Pioneer Village in Hastings.

Bauer has been saving bits and pieces of Minnesota history from destruction for the last 24 years. It all started with a log cabin he saved from a fire drill in 1987.

"One leads to another and another," he said.

Since he acquired the cabin he's also collected a church from the late 1800's to an old spiral bridge that once spanned the Mississippi River. In total Bauer has saved 50 historic properties. Porky's will become the 51st.

"With Porky's there we're going to get these girls back on roller-skates again like it was in the 50's," Bauer said.

Preserving history became a hobby that has taken up 60 acres of his 160 acre farm and countless hours of his life. But he would rather be collecting old cars and old buildings than anything else.

"I don't want to go out and hunt animals or an elk or a deer. I'm hunting for old antiques and old memories and old history," Bauer said.

### Looking forward.....

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Thursday May 19, we will meet at the Cadillac Cafe in Hugo for our May meeting. This will be a dinner meeting and will count as our May outing as well as our regular meeting. The Cadillac Cafe is at the corner of County road 14 and 35 E. You will see a sign for Bobby and Steve's Auto World above the restaurant. We will meet at 5:30 for dinner with the meeting following at about 7PM.

June 16<sup>th</sup> the Thursday before the Back to the 50's weekend Culver's on Rice Street in Little Canada, NOT the A & W which is closed.

June 26<sup>th</sup> Alexandria, MN, 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Vintage Car Club show and swap meet on at the Douglas County fairgrounds, more info next month.



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