



## Bluewater Region – Running Board News November 2023



### President's Report

I trust all had a very Happy Thanksgiving and that you are all staying healthy through this next possible bout of Covid...so far the numbers are staying low. Stay safe everyone.

Our summer has passed now, but the events and planning for our club still move forward...special thanks to all who have stepped up to take on events and make them happen ...great to get the vehicles out and connect on so many levels. Thanks to all who supported the Larry and Linda Fisher Strawberry Social time, the Brian and Betty Wood tour and lunch event to their beautiful location on Georgian Bay - truly appreciated, and our 23 person visit to the Blyth Festival was so much fun.

It was so great to be on the Tour to Yesteryear in Chatham this past September with 4 other couples and cars from our Bluewater Region. Making new friends and enjoying the program set out by the host region is always a treat, and visiting other parts of our province is so rewarding to see the land, connect with the people and enjoy the company.

Visits to Seniors homes in our area were well supported and a big thanks to those who came out and made someone's day reminiscing about their past with vehicles from the eras and the like and connecting with former Bluewater member Morley Tanner was also an unexpected treat.

I was truly hoping to take part in the pop-up tour that Wayne Hynd planned for the club a couple of weeks ago, but a bad step from a ladder...twisted knee ...X-rays and crutches spoiled my day. Nothing broken, but painful to move about still! Special thanks to Wayne for taking this on and to all who supported the event.

Please stay tuned for more events as they unfold for us all in the near future, and Happy Halloween to all...!!

***“Come for the Cars...Stay for the People”***

.....Fred



# Regular Board Meeting

November 20th at 3:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion in Owen Sound at 1450 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West

All are welcome.

Some highlights from our last Board Meeting – October 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Treasurer's Report: General Funds on hand - \$3086.02 and Investment Acct: \$6,427.68
- Memberships (new and renewed) – 69 + 5 Associate Members from other Clubs
- Annual AGM for National – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> in Bracebridge. Fred is unable to attend and asked if anyone from the Executive would be available.
- Next years Tour to Yesteryear will be 6 days, host town is Brockville – September 8-13<sup>th</sup>
- A thoughtful discussion was entered into about Name Tags. Russ reported that the Membership Form indicated a few people had requested a new name tag. Our policy has been to provide new members with tags. After much discussion and in consideration that the annual membership is \$50 per family with \$37 of that being forwarded to National the Club is left with \$13 to cover the current yearly expenses, it was concluded that it isn't feasible to continue the tradition of supplying name tags for either new members or current members wanting a replacement tag.
- Legion dinners were discussed, and we decided to continue to support the Owen Sound Legion Dinners.
- We also discussed the upcoming Christmas in January Party on January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Owen Sound Royal Canadian Legion (more details in the ad below).
- A recap of the various events attended by the Club in August and September was given by Fred. As in Fred's Message our events are generally well supported. In particular, the Shallow Lake United Church Show 'n Shine continues to be a popular event with even more cars this year. Again, the Corn Roast was well attended and continues to be a popular event. Wayne Hynd has advised that he has two corn pots (owned by the Club) stored in his garage which led to a discussion for future corn roasts. We know that Earl McComb has sold his beautiful Smoldering Pines (a perfect venue for our Corn Roast and Pot Luck), and although he may have a season or two remaining to host, we did talk about other locations that might be appropriate. We will wait and see what transpires next spring before making any further decisions. Additionally, the Fall Tour led by Wayne Hynd, was well attended.







## FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH COFFEE CLUB - McDonalds Sunset Strip, Owen Sound November 4th -- 8:30 AM

A reminder that Saturday (November 4th) is the first Saturday of the month and it is our standing date for coffee and perhaps some breakfast on the sunset strip in Owen Sound. Hope you can join us at 8:30 am.

TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## 2023 Tour to Yesteryear in Chatham – Gail Novack, Reporter

We had about 80 cars nestled into the back parking lot of the Holiday Inn in Chatham. Every morning everyone would meet outside before the 9:00 am driver's meeting to polish and buff their cars for the day's tour. This was also a great time to check out the other cars and meet someone new. There were 41 members attending the TTY this year for the first time.

Monday night the ACCCC hosted a car show in the Casino parking lot next door. They had advertised in the newspaper and on the radio. A good crowd came to learn about our club and view the cars and there were a LOT OF CARS.

We toured several museums and this year the Black Slave Trade and the Freedom Trail were highlighted. In the past it was usually the Battle of 1812. We visited Buxton National Historic Site and Museum and Josiah Henson, Wallaceburg Museum formerly known as Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The landscape around Chatham is very flat and apparently it was once the bottom of a seabed. It is known for agriculture and fields of corn, beans, and greenhouses full of tomatoes are prevalent everywhere. The greenhouses look like they go on for miles. Migrant workers are brought in to harvest the crops. It is also the home of 1200 wind turbines, more than any other municipality.

We toured private collections of the Thompson family, Steve Plunkett, Dowler-Karn Service Station, Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village and RM Classic Cars & Restoration.

Wednesday evening the ACCCC Board of Directors held an information session, mostly on encouraging regions to host a TTY. Multiple regions can work together, and the tour can be any length of time – 3 days, 5 days, whatever works for the region. After the brief meeting a Loonie Auction was held. This was great fun and with a great number of people, the loonies were constantly being heard dropping into the buckets.

Our closing banquet was held at the Links Golf Club. Attire was 20's era, dressy casual, and a wonderful buffet dinner of chicken and roast beef was on the menu. We also had the pleasure of a Murder Mystery. Actors from the local theatres mingled among us, dressed in character, and provided interesting clues for us to guess who murdered the Big Cheese. This had everyone at the table asking questions and talking with each other about who they thought the killer might be. In the end it was the driver, Wheels.

Altogether we travelled 884.5 miles or 1359.9 km (thanks to Tony Lute for keeping track). We made some new friends and as the saying goes, “You Come For The Cars and Stay For The People”.

We're already talking about going next year to Brockville. Hope to see you there! Gail Novack



Editors Note: Pictures provided by Gail Novak and Anne Strain. The door with all the signatures is from the Steve Plunkett Museum and are of some famous people who have visited the museum, as well as the blue car is from Steve's collection.

Thanks Gail for the submission.

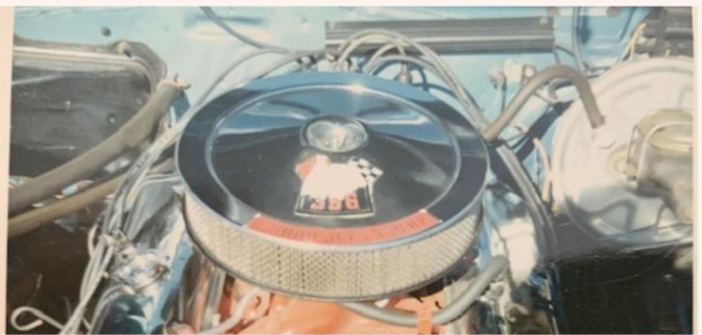


# Our 1967 Chevelle (s)

One every 50 years.....

Most of you if not all of you were here in 1967. Sharon and I were living in Burlington. I was working at Bell Canada and Sharon at the MTO, aka Department of Highways. We had been married almost one year and were driving a beautiful red 1964 Ford Galaxy 500 4 door sedan. We bought it from a schoolteacher cousin of mine, and it was mint with low miles.

One sunny Saturday afternoon we stopped into the Chevrolet dealership, J. Holland Motors on Plains Road in Burlington and made the mistake of going into the show room. There sat 2 brand new SS 396 Chevelle convertibles. One Marina Blue with a black top, the other Buttermilk Yellow with a white top. Both breath-taking machines to a farm boy from R.R. 5, Chatsworth, Ontario (pre postal codes). Before sunset that same day, we had made a deal on the Marina Blue Chevelle with the black convertible top and traded our trusty Galaxy off on it in the deal. Financing was with GMAC @ 6.5%.



**Editor's note:** Do you believe that Jim drove this car in the winter? AND then one day in the summer, he actually let his niece stand on the trunk of his precious car. Oh my! How we have changed!

Just like that, we were fast forward into the muscle car era of the 60's. Our Chevelle was pretty loaded with the 350 HP option, 4 speed, power steering, power disc brakes (disc on front) new for 1967. Oh yes, AM radio and red wall F70 - 14 wide oval tires, how cool was that? I won't get into it too much, but we did have some fun on the North Service Road with some other want-a-be drag racers in Burlington. We held our own with our Chevelle on the street scene and even opened the pipes and made a few runs at Cayuga 1320 Drag Strip where the competition was a bit stiffer.

After moving back to Shallow Lake in 1971 and enjoying our Chevelle here for a year or so, we got car crazy again and even though our Chevelle only had 20,000 miles on it (pre kilometres) we ordered a new 1973 Corvette from McKibbin Motors in Meaford in late August 1972. (See picture below – and we still own this Corvette). We took delivery of it in October 1972. The Chevelle sold very quickly with a “For Sale” sign on it from our driveway between Owen Sound and Shallow Lake.

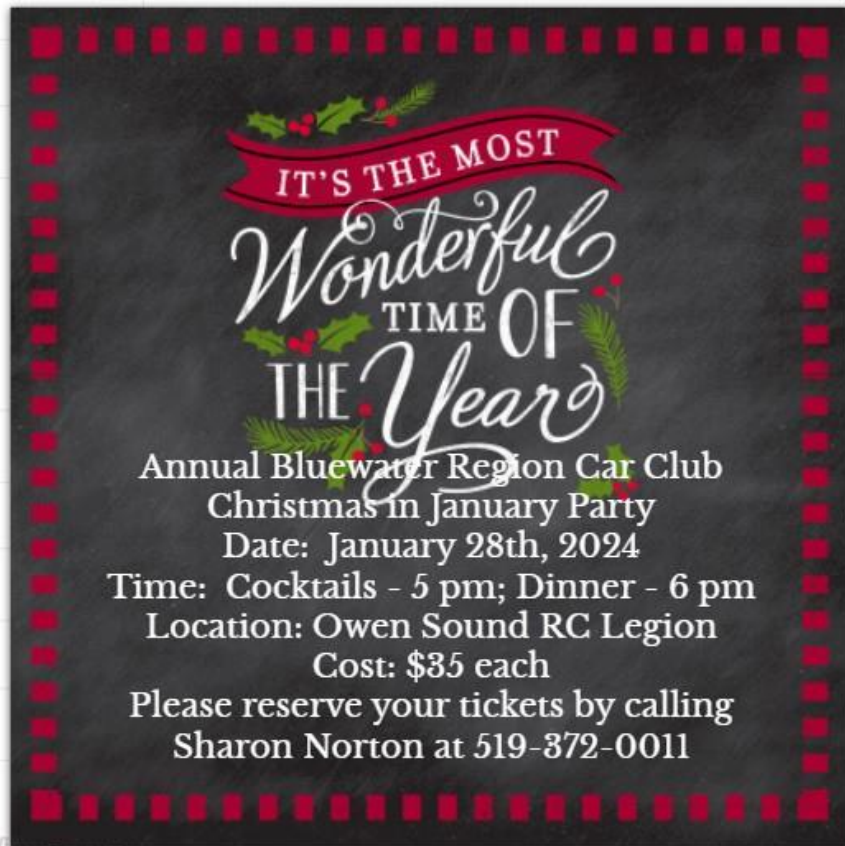
One day 50 years later I was checking out a 1987 Chev short box 4x4 that our son wanted me to look at for him that he saw advertised on Kijiji. I did look at the pick-up, and it was a clean southern truck but a little too pricy for him. In the conversation with the seller of the truck he said he had a couple of project cars in his other shop and asked if I would like to see them. When he opened the door to his other shop there was a 1957 Chev Belair being restored and.....on a hoist sat a 1967 Chevelle Sport Coupe covered in dust with Rally wheels, SS hood and under the dust, Marina Blue paint.



My heart did a pitter patter, but I didn't let on to him. After some casual talk about his 57 Chevy and the Chevelle, I asked if the Chevelle might be for sale. He said, maybe, but it was his wife's favorite car, and he was pretty sure she wouldn't consider selling it. It took a couple of weeks of me flirting with him and him flirting with his wife that we finally made a deal. Halfway through this process Sharon got to see it and I had her full buy in. She was as excited as I was because it brought back such good memories. That doesn't happen very often when I want to buy a car, or tractor or some other good deal, that Sharon is in agreement.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Norton





Join us at the Royal Canadian Legion in Owen Sound for our Annual Christmas in January on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

We will have music including some Christmas songs.

There will be a Loonie Auction with lots of prizes and lots of fun.

If you are able, we are looking for items to auction off at our Loonie Auction like wine, alcohol (Bailey's or Carolina's or your favourite (small) bottle of scotch, etc), chocolates, actual bills (\$50, \$20's) small automotive items or anything you can dream of. Keep in mind it should be something you might like to bid on. Please contact Mary Ellen Parsons at 519-371-4149.

As you are aware our annual car club memberships were due October 1<sup>st</sup>. There are still several of us who have not renewed our membership yet, BUT not to worry, Russ Manson, our Membership Chair says he will still accept your membership. Please make your cheque payable for Bluewater Car Club in the amount of \$50 and mail to Russ at 130 Cobble Beach Dr., Kemble, ON N0H 1S0. Russ cannot receive cash and please no DROP OFFS. Thanks.



**JOIN US FOR TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS  
OWEN SOUND ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION**



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH – DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM

Dinner at 5:30 pm      Cost: \$20.00

PLEASE CONFIRM your tickets with Murray and/or Mary Hall at

1-226-622-7454 or by e-mail at [maryandmurray@hotmail.com](mailto:maryandmurray@hotmail.com) by Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Dust of Snow

By Robert Frost

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued.



Well folks, looks like the winter season is upon us and time to prepare our vehicles for those slippery, icy roads and messy windshields. Don't forget.

### EDITOR's Note:

If you have a story you would like to share with the membership, please contact me at 519-372-0011 and I will do my best to fit it in. Now is a good time as space is more available - Sharon



Don't forget  
**REMEMBRANCE  
DAY** on Saturday,  
November 11<sup>th</sup>.