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Summer Odyssey

Nogo I, Lucy and Edith attend National Impala Association's 25th convention in South Dakota



Nogo I, the '65 Impala SS they bought new and restored last year; Kevin and Marty Byrnes with Lucy, their '66 Impala SS convertible; and Dave Poore with Edith, his '72 Impala Custom coupe joined nearly 200 classic Impalas in the Black Hills near Mt. Rushmore. For more pictures and videos, go to the club Web site, www.arizonaimpalas.com

Nearly 200 classic Impala's fill Main St. in Spearfish, S.D. at the 25th annual convention of the National Impala Association.

Nogo I, Vic and Gerri Zavarella's '65 Impala SS, joins other NIA member cars on display at the 25th annual convention this summer.

Three Arizona Impalas member cars—and their owners—made the 1,300-mile trip to the 25th annual National Impala Association con-

vention in South Dakota this summer. Vic and Gerri Zavarella with

2nd Annual 5 & Diner Shiner coming November 5

See inside for the registration form for our second annual 5 & Diner Shiner, Saturday, November 5 at the 5 & Diner at Ray Rd. and I-10 in Chandler. Last year's inaugural show was a big success, and we expect even more cars this year.



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Random ramblings from the President

by Dave Poore

I recently added a convertible Impala to my collection. I now have three '72 Impalas; a pair of 2-door hardtops and the convertible. The new one, Meathead, came from the East Coast, so he will need a lot of work if I plan on restoring the car—which I do.

New member welcome

Tony and Linda Blasie are the proud owners of “Daddy’s Toy.” Except for this ‘63 Impala’s

spectacular paint job, Tony did all the restora-

tion work himself. It’s a real beauty!



(Top) Dave’s fleet is complete with this spring’s acquisition of Meathead, a ‘72 Impala convertible. Meathead joins Dave’s two other Impalas, Archie and Edith, along with his daughter’s ‘76 Chevelle, Gloria.

(Bottom) “Daddy’s Toy,” Tony and Linda Blasie’s ‘63 Impala, has been featured in the Roddin’ & Racin’ newspaper and West Valley News.

Hurricane Relief

As part of our second annual 5 & Diner Shiner in Chandler next month, we’ll be accepting donations for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Do we have your current e-mail address?

If not, you’re missing out on club news and events. Make sure we know how to reach you by sending an e-mail to webmaster@arizonaimpalas.com.

I Love Lucy—Marty & Kevin Byrnes’ ‘66 Impala SS

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Lucy is all put back together now and is back on the road. Kevin and Marty enjoy her every weekend and occasion-

ally, Marty drives her to work. In July, they drove her all the way to Spearfish, S.D. to the National Impala Association convention. It was a dream trip with

absolutely no mechanical problems. Next August, they are driving Lucy back to Michigan for Marty’s high school class reunion (none of your business which

one it is) and will also attend the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise in Detroit which is Kevin’s original stomping grounds. Whenever and wherever they drive her she draws looks and comments, including her front Michigan plate that says “LUCY66” and her Arizona plate that says “LUVMY66.” That’s why Kevin and Marty’s shirts have a red heart on them that says: “I Love Lucy.” Oh, by the way, Kevin and Marty got married in October 2003, and Kevin would never sell Lucy (this marriage will last).

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The story of I Love Lucy—Marty & Kevin Byrnes' '66 Impala SS convertible

Lucy's story starts before Kevin and Marty Byrnes were married. Marty owned a brand new '66 Impala convertible when she was 18 years old. Her first husband made her sell the car when they got married because it wasn't paid for. (She knew early on this marriage was not going to last!) She was determined that some day in the future she would own another '66 Impala SS Convertible. Marty purchased Lucy from a private owner in Gaylord, Michigan in 1999. Marty had just lost her beloved Golden Retriever Lucy, so the car was named in her memory. They now have documentation verifying that her engine, drivetrain, etc. are original to the rest of the car. Being a Michigan girl, 39 years of rain, snow and road salt took its toll on Lucy's body and her engine. In July 2001, Kevin and Marty drove her from Battle Creek, Michigan where Marty is originally from, to Phoenix. Well, almost to Phoenix; Lucy's engine blew in Gallup, New Mexico. The remainder



(Top) Kevin and Marty Byrnes drove Lucy to the National Impala Association convention in South Dakota this summer. (Right) Lucy is parked with other Impalas on Main Street in Spearfish, S.D.

of the trip was spent riding in the front seat of a flatbed tow truck with no air conditioning driving through the White Mountains with a driver that hardly spoke any English. Even on a flatbed truck she was drawing looks and compliments. \$600 and 10 hours later we arrived home. For a few months they were able to drive her around the neighborhood staying under 35 miles per hour. Finally, they decided to have the engine rebuilt and as long as she was going to be down for a while Kevin took her all apart. Kevin did hours and



hours of work on her body sanding it down to bare metal (Lucy was naked for a while). Kevin has touched every part of the car taking it apart and putting it back together. He has refurbished countless parts and accessories. The clock and the radio have also been restored. All chrome was redone by Papago Plating. It's gorgeous. Special mention needs to be made here for Marty's son-in-law

BRIAN GRAHAM who flew to Arizona from Michigan four times over four years to help restore the car. Brian's expertise included many things including but not limited to welding, sanding, and painting. "We could not have accomplished what we did without BRIAN GRAHAM'S help." Many official thanks to him and his talents.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday,
October 8
Desert Classic Chevy's 18th Annual Extravaganza, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park,
Chandler. 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Friday-Sunday
October 14-16
Casino Arizona Third Annual Fall Classic Car Show, Loop 101 and McKellips Rd.,
Scottsdale. Info: Char, 480-850-7881 or Mary, 480-850-7968.
- Saturday,
October 15
6th Annual Thorobred Thunder All-Chevy Car Show, Thorobred Chevrolet,
2121 N. Arizona Ave, Chandler. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Rodger, 480-985-4372.
- Saturday,
October 22
Impala Bob's 3rd Annual Chevy Power Car Show, 4753 E. Falcon Dr. at Falcon
Field Airport, Mesa. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Rich, 480-981-1600.
- Sunday,
October 23
Vintage Chevrolet Club Annual Parts Exchange and Swap Meet, Glendale
Community College, 59th Ave. and Olive, Glendale Info: Dick, 623-934-6092.
- Saturday,
November 5
5 & Diner Shiner, 960 N. 54th St. (southeast corner of I-10 and Ray Rd.),
Chandler. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday,
November 19-20
8th Annual Goodguys Southwest Nationals, West World of Scottsdale, Loop 101
and Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.
- Saturday,
December 3
Arizona Impalas First Saturday Gathering at Safeway, 83rd Ave. and Deer Valley
Rd., Peoria. Meet at 5 p.m.



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