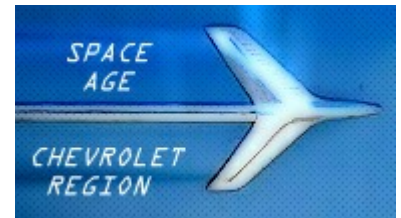


# SPACE AGE STAR

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**THIS MONTH: MEMBER CARS AND AN AACA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT**



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## Editor's Notes

There's a lot to report from the AACA annual meeting. Congratulations to region Vice President John Mahoney for winning the Senior Chevrolet award. The Senior Chevrolet Award was established in 2002. It's given to an outstanding Senior Chevrolet shown at an AACA National Meet during the year. John put a lot of time and effort into his 1960 Impala; the award is well deserved.

My favorite event at the Meeting was the 1960s Chevrolet Assembly Plant Procedures seminar presented by region member Verne Frantz. The slide show was very interesting, and Verne's commentary provided great insight into how our now collectible Chevrolets were assembled. I spotted many of our region members at the seminar.

Welcome to our new members recruited at the Annual Meeting: Ann Goldman, Jim Gill and John Pieczynski. Ann's 1989 Suburban is featured on the cover and pages four and five.

It was fun seeing region members that I usually only see at Hershey: Bill Pritchett, Pete Cullen, Nick Matlaga and Myron Smith. I'm glad I finally met former National President Bob Parrish. Bob was a big help when we were trying to start the region. I also met National Director Marty Roth who recently joined our region.. It's gratifying to connect faces with names and to get to know our members.

An important issue at the meeting was fund raising for the new AACA headquarters/library building in Hershey. Many generous donations were presented during the dinners and meetings. Most of the donations came from regions, some came from individuals. Since our region doesn't have a treasury, I suggest that any member who'd like to donate do so as an individual. Any amount you can afford to donate will be helpful. Send donations to AACA national headquarters.

I recommend attending the Annual Meeting at least once. It's a great chance to meet AACA members from all over. The seminars are very interesting. The region president's dinner and awards dinners are very long, but they're good venues to meet people and learn about the club.

I hope spring has sprung wherever you are and that you're getting your Space Age Chevrolet out of the garage. – *Russell Heim*

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## **REGION NEWSLETTER RECEIVES AACA AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Shortly after returning home from the Annual Meeting, I received the above certificate in the mail. It was a very pleasant surprise, especially since 2017 was the first year I submitted the *Space Age Star* for consideration for an award. Thanks to all the members who contributed to the newsletter. Also, thanks for all the positive comments and encouragement.

I produce the newsletter for fun and entertainment. I enjoy researching and writing the articles. Seeing photos of members cars and learning the stories behind the cars is also a lot fun. It's nice to be recognized on a national level for something that's fun.

Even though my name is the only one that appears on the certificate, the award belongs to everyone in the region. Thanks again to all members of the Space Age Chevrolet Region for your support and encouragement.

*Russell Heim*



# **1989 Chevrolet R2500 Suburban**

## **By Ann Goldman**



I purchased this Midnight Blue & Quick Silver R2500 Suburban from the original owners. When I first laid eyes on the truck, I was thrilled at how beautiful and well-kept the truck was. My first thought was, "I'm bringing this truck to Hershey!" The original owners originally purchased the truck, after their six children moved from home, to tow their 32' camper from New Jersey to Florida. He kept meticulous repair records and loved this truck very much. Unfortunately, his wife developed MS and she was unable to get in and out of the truck. When he finally decided it was time to sell the truck, he had two people interested - me, and a man who wanted to use the truck as a painters vehicle! When we went to their house to exchange the cash for the title, he went into the other room to get the file of the truck - including a large stack of oil change stubs - that he wanted to give to me. While gone, his wife whispered to Joel and I, "He is so happy that you are going to buy his truck because he knows you will take good care of it. He'll be in a bad mood for a few days because he'll miss the truck, but he'll be ok." That was February, 2012.

I drive the truck daily back and forth to work, but in October, 2014, I brought "The Burb" to Hershey to show in HPOF for the first time. It was a typical rainy Saturday, but I got to the fairgrounds bright and early because I didn't want to miss a thing! What a thrill it was to drive through the tollbooths for the first time! There weren't a lot of people out in the rain, but just seeing them watching us drive through was exciting! During judging, I was nervous, but the HPOF team was wonderful, answered my questions and later at the banquet, I learned that I got my certification. I was so excited and I was hooked!

I learned about local Chapter shows, as well as the NC Region shows and spent more and more time out with the Burb at these shows, meeting new people and seeing different areas. I still drive the Burb daily, and it's a chore to keep it clean - especially with the snow! I enjoy the conversations I get to have with people who've had the same truck, or one similar, and talking about all the benefits and fun I have in the AACA. I'm glad to be able to help people who are restoring their Suburbans and pickups from the same generation.

I have since been showing it in various AACA shows from Florida to Pennsylvania, enjoying every mile in between. Our next National event is in Alabama. Someplace neither me nor my truck have been to!







# **Robert and Ann Street's Impalas**

## **1961 Impala Convertible**

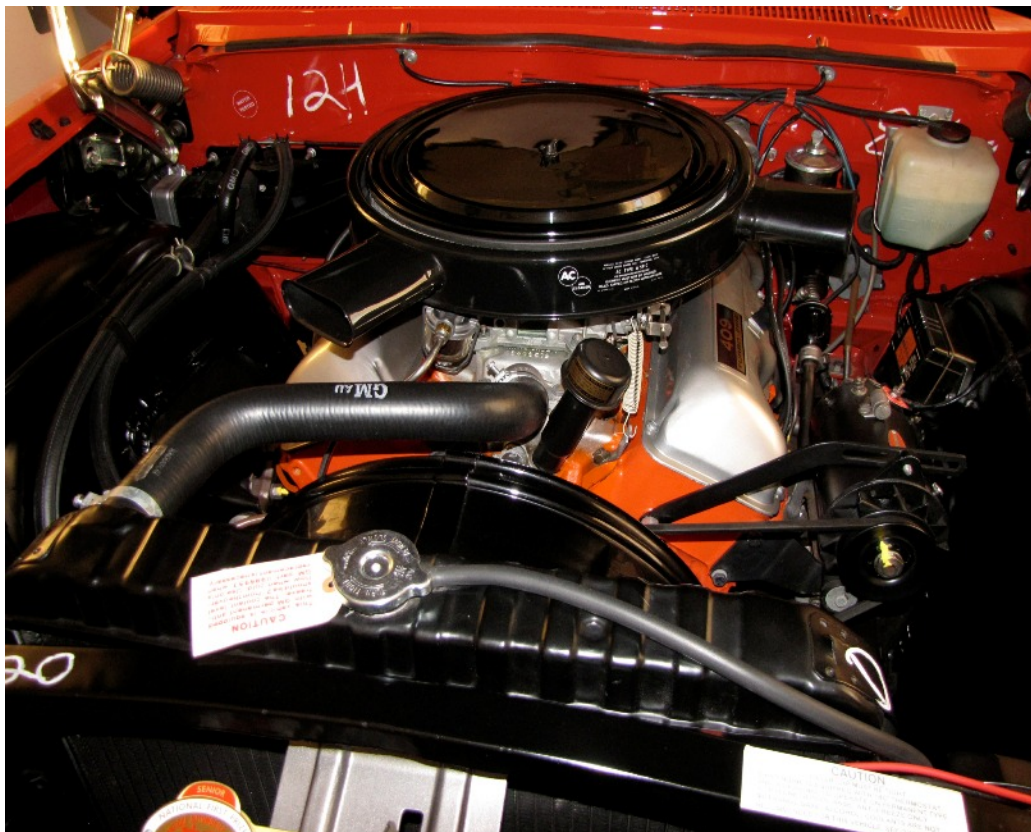
We bought this car in 2004 down in Dothan, Alabama and have made few changes to it. It is primarily used for local parades or special events and is tagged. It has been shown at Tidewater and Richmond regional events. The mileage on the car, 68,000, is believed to be correct according to the documentation attained. The car was built in St Louis the 3rd week of May 1961.





## 1962 Impala SS 409

This car was purchased in Richmond in 2014. Previously the car was in a private collection facility in Naples Florida. The car hasn't had any changes to it other than some serious detailing work. In 2016 this car was awarded the Melton national award and is still shown at national shows. The car was built in St Louis the 3rd week of June 1962.





## 1961 Impala SS 409

This car was purchased 2016 in Richmond. This car has had no changes other than detailing work and is shown at national shows. The car has been shown at Tidewater for the Virginia ODMA event. This car is noted as being one of the few factory built SS cars with the correct 1961 409 engine. The car was built in St Louis the 2nd week of April 1961.









# **ROBERT GRAFF'S 1970 CHEVELLE SUPER SPORT**

## **PHOTOS BY JOHN MAHONEY**

John writes: I took a few photos of new member Robert Graff's 1970 Chevelle at the Marion County (FL) Tax Collectors Charity Car Show on February 24th. The Tax Collector is Mr. George Albright who is also an AACA member.





# **ALERT FROM SEMA**

## **Congress Introduces Bills to End Corn Ethanol Mandate**

Legislation (H.R. 5212/S. 2519) has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to cap the amount of ethanol that's required to be blended into the U.S. fuel supply at 9.7% (E10 gasoline). The bills phase out the federal government's ethanol mandates by reducing the amount of corn ethanol blended into gasoline by 2 billion gallons a year until the mandate is eliminated in 2030. The EPA has turned to sales of E15 (15% ethanol blended into gasoline) to achieve the law's artificial mandate. Ethanol, especially in higher concentrations such as E15, can cause damage to older vehicles.

### **You Can Shape the Course of This Proposal**

**DON'T DELAY!** Please contact your members of Congress to request support for H.R. 5212 and S. 2519. Reach out to your Senators and District Representative on these bills:

### **You may use the following points in your message:**

- Ethanol can cause metal corrosion and dissolve certain plastics and rubbers, especially in older vehicles that were not constructed with ethanol-compatible materials.
- H.R. 5212/S. 2519 phases out corn ethanol mandates under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) and caps the amount of ethanol that is blended into our gas supply at 9.7%.
- H.R. 5212/S. 2519 would reduce E15 gas sales in order to meet artificially high mandates under the RFS.
- The bills protect older vehicles from the risks posed by E15.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE OUTREACH DEPARTMENT OF THE MESOTHELIOMA CENTER:**

Auto Mechanics are at risk of developing Mesothelioma, a rare cancer caused from asbestos exposure that can take 20-50 years to develop. Asbestos was commonly used in the production of older car parts, including including brakes, clutches and heat seals.

Our website features extensive information on asbestos and we work 1-on-1 with individuals to help them find local doctors, treatment centers and support groups all at no cost.

The web site address is:

[www.asbestos.com/occupations/auto-mechanics/](http://www.asbestos.com/occupations/auto-mechanics/)



## **CLASSIFIED AD - 1985 CAPRICE STATION WAGON FOR SALE**

I am the second owner of this 33 year old 9 passenger wagon. I have owned the car 5 years and used it as a second car at my home in Florida. This car was certified HPOF Original at the 2017 AACA Meet in Ocala Florida, where the car is currently located. Car is equipped with Chevrolet built 305 V8, cruise control, AM/FM radio, power steering and brakes, power windows and locks, but oddly no power seat. I replaced the water pump, tie rods center link, brakes, exhaust and the A/C compressor and lines. A/C was retrofitted to 134. Original alternator was rebuilt. The only thing this car could use is maybe a set of shocks. It is a very nice used car. There are a few bruises on the right side from exiting and entering the garage. Someone touched up some of the wood grain that was damaged with paint and did a pretty good job of it, however I have a roll of the correct color and pattern wood grain di-noc material that goes with the car. I also located a set of NOS floor mats that add to the car and make a nice touch. The original factory grey primer is still on the bottom of the floorboards. This is a rust free car from Long Island New York. It was kept in a heated garage it's entire existence and never was taken out in the snow. I have the original owners manual, shop manual and sales literature. I also have an NOS rear bumper filler panel. This car will be listed for sale in the classifieds of the next issue of our great magazine Antique Automobile. A nice clean car, fly in and drive it home! \$8200 Thanks for looking. Contact John at 516-840-3653.





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