

MIKE & LISA SELBY'S

MAGNOLIA *chrome*

1966 CHEVELLE SUPER SPORT

What year and make is your car and what attracted you to it?

It's a 1966 Chevelle Super Sport. When I was 12 years old I learned that my dad's first car was a 1966 Marina Blue Chevelle super sport. When I looked at pictures I was in love. I was devastated to learn he sold it and asked 'why?' His answer was, "Because you came along!" He sold his beloved '66 to provide for my mother and me. I swore to him that one day, one way I would own a 1966 Chevelle Super Sport.



Can you tell us about the history and original use of your car?

I know the car was manufactured in November of 1966 and the original color was green with a green interior. Sometime during its existence someone restored the car and changed the color scheme to black on red (which I really like). It is an all original numbers matching car meaning the engine block, the transmission, the rear end and all of the body panels are as they came of the assembly line in Nov. 1966.

How did you acquire it and how long have you owned it?

I've been dreaming of this car since I was 12. It had to be a true SS, a big block car, with a 4 speed with a Posi-Traction 12 bolt rear end, just like dad's. I found this car in October of '22 in Michigan. After begging my wife for 3 weeks she finally relented and we took delivery of the car in November. The first time she got in it the expression on her face was priceless and the comment from her was "I just feel cooler in this car".



Have you restored or customized the car?

I did not but prior to my ownership it did go through a body off 'rotisserie' restoration. Every nut and bolt on this car is as it was in 1966.

How often do you drive your classic and where do you take it for drives?

I generally drive it on weekends during the cooler months. Lisa and I will take the car for drives to Palatka, Hastings to County Line Produce (our favorite spot) and to car shows around the area.

What do you do to maintain it and keep it running well?

Really just the periodical maintenance, check and change oil, air filters and a periodic points adjustment. As I mentioned she's all original so no fuel injection or electronic ignition on this old girl.

Are you a member of any classic car clubs or organizations, have you participated in any shows?

I am a member of the Pharaohs-St. Johns Chapter. We donate regularly to K9s for warriors and various other groups. I've entered my car in two shows so far. My first one I took first place and the other I took no hardware but the experience of watching the younger generation looking at old muscle cars and asking questions is an awesome experience.

Are there any unique features or quirks about the car you enjoy, and ones you don't?



I love the sound and the thrill of a big block car. To ride in it and feel the car shake is a thrill in itself. True Detroit muscle from when horsepower was real horsepower. There is no AC in this car, so

driving it on a really hot day is just that HOT. I didn't buy the car for gas mileage but as my dad says, "it'll pass everything but a gas station". About 5 miles to the gallon.

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SS 396 Sport Coupe with front and rear seat belts standard. One of eight safety features we put there for you to use. So do.



What is your favorite memory or experience with your car and what do you love most about owning it?

So far my favorite experience was winning that first car show. The other is the look you get from people who truly enjoy old muscle cars. In the Chevelle realm the 1970 Chevelle is the most loved year of that model. Obviously I disagree and most others do when they see my Midnight Rider (the car's name). What I love most about owning it is that my father had this car and he loved it. I love the sound of his voice when we talk about the car and the tips and advice he gives from owning the exact same car 57 years ago. He will be here in December and will drive it for the first time and I have to tell you I may just tear up a bit, to watch him go back to his 17 year old self in that car!!!



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