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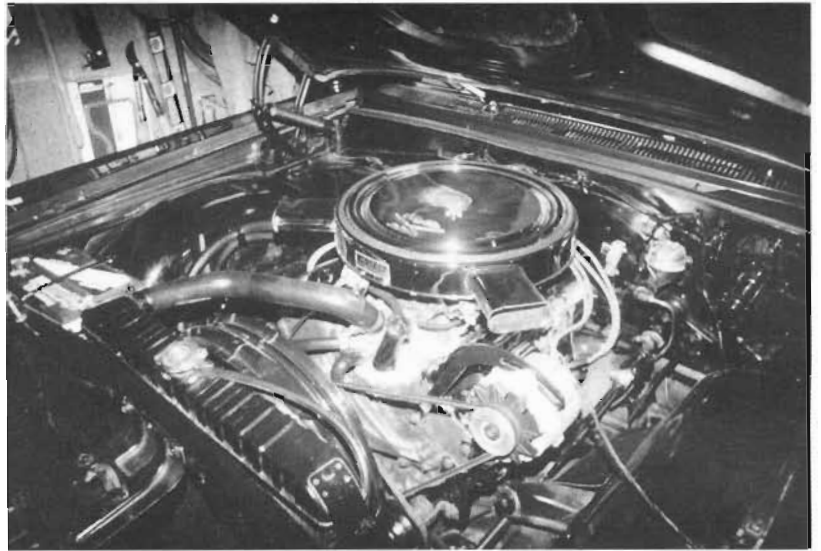
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Happy Thanksgiving

“Four-Speed, Dual-Quad, Positraction, 409”

One warm summer day back in 1963, my girlfriend asked me over to her house to go for a ride in her older brother's new car. I took her up on the offer and was in for a surprise. There in the driveway sat Sheldon, Iowa's first brand new 1963 blue on blue, 4 speed, dual-quad, positraction, 409, Impala “SS”. I was hooked! I still remember saying to myself, “Someday, I'm going to get one just like it.”



Well, the years passed and I am sorry to say my love for the '63 seemed to fade. Apparently your values seem to change with age and I fell right into the heart of the system. Between 1964 and 1978, I went through numerous autos, picked up a great wife, two fantastic kids and a couple of dogs along the way. I was even into buying station wagons by now.

The memory of that first '63 “SS” was all but gone. Then one summer evening back in 1978 while going through my evening ritual of reading the classic car ads in the Denver Post, one small ad caught my eye. For Sale: 1964 Impala SS 409, very nice. The memory of that '63 “SS” came out of nowhere and my curiosity began to run wild. Luckily, I was pretty bored that evening and

even though it wasn't a '63, I thought I would go take a look at it.

When the owner took me into his garage and pulled off the car cover, I was stunned! Somewhere in the back of my mind I swear I could hear the Beach Boys singing “4 speed, dual-quad, positraction, 409”. She was almost in mint condition and only had 42,000 original miles on the odometer!

All of a sudden the vision of a '63 didn't seem all that important; this was close enough, and besides, I graduated from high school in 1964. How's that for rationalizing? After 20 minutes of negotiating, the Chevy was to be mine. Next came five sleepless nights waiting for the money and title to change hands. You can't believe how relieved I was when that Chevy was finally tucked away in my garage.

The car is still very close to original. The original distributor has been replaced with a Mallory system





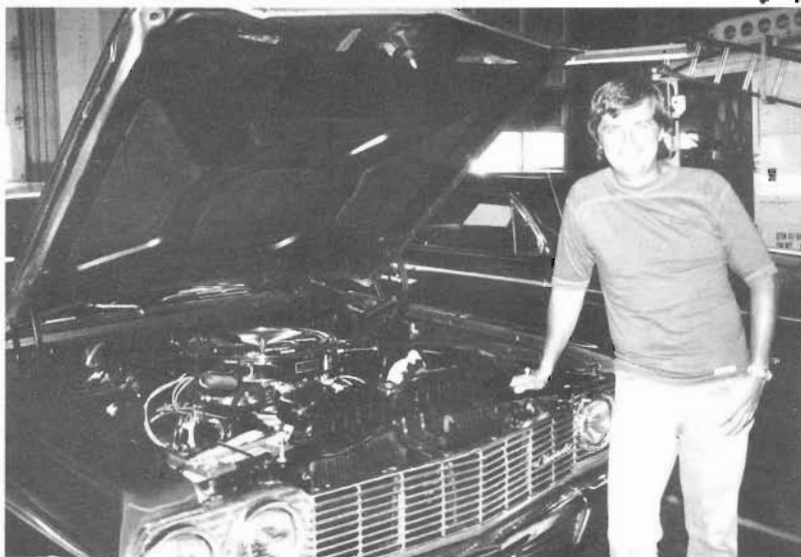
and it was repainted the original white over dark blue in 1969. This is one reason which made N.I.A. Convention #5 so special to me. To win first place for best paint with a sixteen year old paint job has to be my most coveted award.

She has only accumulated an additional 6,000 miles since it fell into my very grateful hands, most of which came from driving it to and from N.I.A. Conventions. Although the '64 only needed minor work such as bumper scratches, new seals and detailing, I still seem to find little things to work on year to year. Future plans for the '64 consist of a lot of cleaning, cruising and more N.I.A. Conventions.

Options on the '64 were definitely kept to a minimum. She contains no power equipment with the exception of what is under the hood. As the Beach Boys so aptly put it, "Four-speed, dual-quad, positraction, 409" and believe me, "She's Still Fine."

Thank you Dennis. N.I.A. is very proud to feature your award winning '64 for the second time. (See Impala News-September 1981) Your "SS" is as awesome as it is beautiful with that immaculate 425 horse "409" under the hood.

Dennis & Susan Efting have been in attendance at every single N.I.A. National Convention since they began with Convention #1 at Park City, Utah back in 1981. Not only have they attended every national convention, they are now the only N.I.A. members to have shown their Chevy at every convention.



The Efting's Chevy and its proud owner.

The Efting's '64 is a real show stopper every place it goes. This car has been the undisputed champion in the BEST 1964 Class since N.I.A. Convention #1. Dennis was the founder of the High Country Chevys local chapter and was named Mr. Impala 1981 when the award was first conceived.

After the 1985 Awards Banquet, Dennis is now considering an addition to their home — an N.I.A. Trophy Room! Congratulations Dennis & Susan — now if you ever want to consider selling the old '64. . .



**Dennis & Susan Efting
Members #00519
Lakewood, Colorado**



*** PEOPLES CHOICE ***
BEST 1963 - 3rd Place
Jeff Reuppel & Lesa Gropper
Member #02541
Spearfish, SD



*** PEOPLES CHOICE ***
BEST 1964 - 1st Place
BEST "SS" - 1st Place
BEST PAINT - 1st Place
BEST ENGINE - 1st Place
BEST INTERIOR - 2nd Place
BEST OVERALL - 1st Place
Dennis & Susan Efting
& Family
Members #00519
Lakewood, CO



*** PEOPLES CHOICE ***
BEST 1964 - 2nd Place
BEST PAINT - 2nd Place
BEST INTERIOR - 3rd Place
Alvin & Elaine Knoll
Members #00241
Regina, Saskatchewan



*** PEOPLES CHOICE ***
BEST 1964 - 3rd Place
BEST CONVERTIBLE - 1st Place
BEST INTERIOR - 1st Place
BEST "SS" - 2nd Place
George & Lill Shull
Members #01552
Sac City, IA



*** PEOPLES CHOICE ***
BEST UNRESTORED - 3rd Place
Tom Minto
Member #01780
Tell City, IN



*** PEOPLES CHOICE ***
BEST CONVERTIBLE - 3rd Place
John Rasko
Member #02560
Aurora, CO