

Finding And Restoring An Original 1967 Chevrolet Camaro Yenko

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There aren't many classic cars that are more sought after than an all-original, first-generation Chevrolet Camaro Yenko 427. Fully restored examples of these high-powered tuner creations can sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars, so when Camaro enthusiast Doug Perry received word that a local enthusiast had a Camaro Yenko collecting dust in his garage, he knew he had to have it.



The car in question wasn't just any 1967 Chevrolet Camaro Yenko. This particular car was the last 427-swapped Camaro to leave Yenko Chevrolet in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania in 1967 and had been owned by the same man, John Weaver, since it rolled off the lot all those years ago. As *Hot Rod Magazine* reports, Perry initially approached Weaver about acquiring the car in

2009, but he didn't want to sell it. In fact, Weaver didn't even want to show it to Perry, as he was embarrassed that he had left it in a state of disrepair since the late 1970s.

Eventually, in the summer of 2018, Weaver gave in and finally agreed to sell Perry the car. There were two conditions, though. The first was that Weaver wanted the car restored within two years and the second was that he brought it back to him to have one last drive. The first stipulation was no problem, but Perry had to say no to the second.

The reason? There was no way that he was only going to let Weaver enjoy just one more drive in his Camaro. There would be several. "Because you're going to have a lot more than one ride," Perry told him, as quoted by *Hot Rod.* "When you come to Ohio, you get your own set of keys. We nicknamed the car Superman. It will always be your car. I'm just a caretaker."



From the Driver's Seat

Well, summer will be officially over in just a couple of weeks and at least for me it was an unusually quiet summer. There are a number of events that I look forward to every year that were cancelled, but now they will even more enjoyable next year when they all come back with more enthusiasm. Luckily, Golden Memories is still on for September 20th at the Flint Cultural Center. There will be plenty of space for



everyone to distance out and enjoy the day so even if you don't want to come into the planetarium for our meeting, please try to participate in the show. I look forward to seeing all of you because it has been WAY too long.

Even though there have been minimal antique car events this year, I hope you all have been able to find other things to do. I got to have an experience of a lifetime in Mid-August when my wife, my parents, and I drove across the county to buy a new old car. I will write a more detailed story for a future issue of the Chevy Chatter, but I got to see much of the county having passed through 16 states in a 10-day period! If you have done anything you feel could be printed in the Chevy Chatter, please send it to our editor and maybe you can be featured. We are very short of content this year with the lack of activities. Corrie would like to add a member highlight section in the newsletter. If you have an interesting story on how you came to own your vehicle, or want to tell us any experiences you had with your old cars, please let us know!

Regretfully, I made the call to cancel the fall mothball tour. Our scheduled tour chairmen received the opportunity to visit with a son they haven't seen in quite a while and needed to back out. If someone would like to host an event, please reach out to either Brian Granger or Myself and we will assist in any way we can. Otherwise, I will see you in October for our final meeting of the year at the Junction of Hope restaurant (which is open) and the banquet in November.

September Birthdays

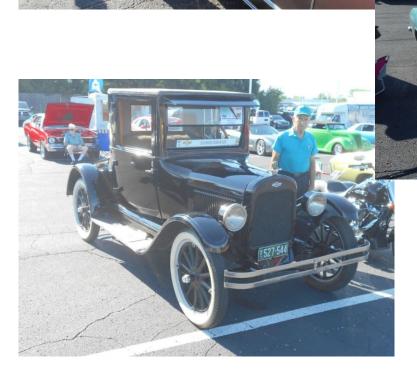
Ken Hoexum 1st 2nd Edwin Oswald 3rd Jeanette Beach 5th Janet Taylor 10th Ken Beaver Chuck Stebelton 10th 12th Dave Rickabus 17th Verle Wetherwax 22nd Verna Schott Chip Sweet 30th

September Anniversaries

1st Dennis & Bonnie Reinke
3rd Bob & Diane Sovis
4th Darrell & Hope Dowdy
11th Wayne & Loretta Jackson
17th Joe & Karen Scheuring
18th Gerald & Pamela Nagy
20th Steven & Theresa Maveal



Shea Chevrolet during the 2nd Sloan Auto Show in Flint,MI.



Photos submitted by: Bruce Granger

For Sale

1916 Chevy 490 Roadster

Received VCCA Best of the Best Overall National Includes original trunk and hand built pickup box. Also includes accessories and extra parts. Approximately 350 were built, very rare. \$32,000.

1930 Chevy Phaeton

Received VCCA 6 cylinder Best of the Best National. Includes many accessories and extra parts. 1,713 were built. \$37,000.

Both auto restored to original, look & run excellent. Stored in private museum.

Contact Lloyd Henige. VCCA #26903 New Lothrop, MI. Phone 810-638-5425 or Cell 810-965-7382 or lhenige1@yahoo.com

One set of doors for a 1937 or 1938 Chevy 4 Door.

Some rust on the lower skins. Frames are solid, no windows, no door handles. \$100 for the set or best offer.

Contact Gary at 269-924-8091 and please leave a message.

1939 Chevrolet Master DeLuxe Two-Door Town Sedan.

Garage find, owned since 1973. Runs and drives. Rebuilt engine and trans. NOS front shocks and vacuum assist. Quarter panels replaced. Not installed: NOS rear fenders and running boards, new Hampton Coach interior, exhaust and re-chromed grille. Very good steel front fenders. \$9,500 obo. Two restorable, but rusty, 1939 Front Fenders for \$50 each, and one used 1939 Chevy radiator for \$50. Lowell Rothert, VCCA#56779, Lansing, MI. Ph: 517-230-1472 or lrothert@comcast.net.

Don't forget! If you have any Chevy parts, vehicles, or memorabilia for sale, send it to ChevyChatterMI@gmail.com for the next newsletter!

Upcoming LMR Tours and Activities

Sept. 13 - Sept. 17 Happy Days XII AND 6-Cylinder Tour to be combined in one tour; new date

Sunday, September 20, 2020 Golden Memories Car Show - Sloan Museum 1PM LMR Meeting

Moth Ball Tour - CANCELLED

Sunday, October 18, 2020 1PM - LMR Board Meeting 2PM - LMR Meeting (Members) – Election of Officers Junction of Hope Restaurant

Saturday, November 7, 2020

LMR Awards Banquet

Comstock Inn in Owosso, MI. beginning at noon.

Please check VCCA.org/events for further information on these and other regional VCCA events.

Due to the number of postponed and cancelled events, please make sure to double check websites and facebook pages, etc. if you are planning on attending any event.

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