

Bowtie Buzz

Memphis Classic
Chevy Club

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More Buzz Baloney:

- * Body by Fisher
- * Songbook - Tom Waits
- * MCCC Spring Classic Announcement
- * Big John's Corvette
- * 1973 Chevelle SS Wagon Sold!



The Purpose of the MCCC shall be to promote, foster, and encourage all activities toward the collection, restoration, preservation, and appreciation of all Chevrolets produced from 1955-1972, and to better facilitate the exchange of information and ideas regarding these automobiles.

MEETING & CRUISE-IN

- MCCC meetings are held on the third Monday of each month. There is no meeting in December. Meetings are now being held at Wally Hatchet's restaurant, 6439 Summer avenue, with dinner/social time at 5:30 PM and the meeting itself beginning at 7:00 PM.
- It seems like Cruise-ins and Cars and Coffee meet ups are everywhere nowadays but a long standing favorite is held every Thursday (weather permitting) at the corner of Stage & Kirby Whitten Rd. in Bartlett. This is the old cruise-in site that always draws a big crowd, and the business climate there is not currently opposed to the Thursday night gatherings. However, there are plans for new construction at that site we now have a new option at Bumpus Harley Davidson (read on...).
- The Cars & Coffee event that was being held at the Butcher Shop on Germantown Road has a new location. The morning meet-up is now being held at the Edelbrock Headquarters, 8649 Hacks Cross Rd in Olive Branch MS, 38654.
- The MCCC and Bumpus Harley Davidson are now hosting a new Thursday night cruise-in at the Bumpus HD store at 2160 Whitten road. We've already had a couple of these events successfully completed so do consider participating if you haven't already. Also, the MCCC Cars & Coffee event held Saturday mornings at Freeman Park in Bartlett are a go for 2024 and are currently underway.

CLUB NEWS

Spring is has finally sprung. Many local car related events are making their way onto our 2024 calendars. April 20th will mark the next MCCC cars & coffee event at Freeman Park in Bartlett. Also, make note of the rapidly approaching [Blue Suede Cruise](#) in Tupelo MS (May 3-5) and our own Spring Classic Car show (May 11) at Freeman Park. Meanwhile, the club has a theme to pursue for the coming year... **More and More in 2024**. We made progress in 2023, but we still need more **Growth** to remain a viable club for the future. More **Members**, more **Participation**, and more **Revenue**. Get ready to do your part!

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Dig. Our annual springtime car show is set in stone for May 11th in Bartlett at Freeman Park. Be there or be square.

The Bodybuilders



Don't look now, but we're entering a space/time wormhole to see how GM (or more correctly... Fisher Body) built your car's body shell and interior bits during the 1970's. While this era is often referred to as the 'Malaise Era' and produced some puny horsepower numbers, there was some slick automotive styling that emerged. Go to this [You Tube Link](#) for more.



Chevy Songbook:

Well, Here it is... **The Chevy Song of The Month:** This time our monthly selection might be pushing the boundaries as a 'Chevy' song, but it's hard not to make the association. Here we have the earthy vocal inflections of [Tom Waits](#) as he pounds the keys to his folksy highway ballad '['OI 55'](#) that weaves a tale of spending so much time with someone special that it becomes necessary to split in the wee hours of the morning and return to a normal routine while watching the sunrise in his "OI 55" (whatever brand, it works for

nostalgia's sake). It's a simple tune, but feels right when chewing up highway miles with all those other cars and trucks. For an alternate take, give a listen to [The Eagles](#) cover of the same song. It's got an extra dose of steel guitar and the usual Eagles take on harmony, but it's still a song to drive by when there are lots of miles to go.



Ali Kat 57 Chevy Guitar:

In case your inner musician butts heads with your naturalized gearhead self, you may be in need of a 57 Chevy themed guitar. It's made in Australia of all places, but it does give off that Tri-Five vibe. <http://www.alikat.com.au/chevy.html>

2024 MCCC ELECTED OFFICERS

(Note: Officer's Meeting is the 1st Monday of Each Month)

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/memphisclassicchevys/>

Big John Mazmanian's Corvette:



One of the most recognizable names from Drag racing's golden years is **'Big' John Mazmanian** and his series of immaculate candy red race cars that he campaigned from the 1960's through the middle of the the 1970's. Probably best known for his Willys (left) and Austin AA/GS cars, he also fielded some of the slickest nitro funny cars to ever hit the strip. Probably not as well known was his first serious drag racing effort, a 1961 Corvette that held the same standards as his later race cars. Read more about the slick modified sports racer at: <https://edjusticejr.com/blog/f/big-john-mazmanians-corvette>



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One of those 1970's GM styling successes was the early decade version of the Monte Carlo. We'll look at this Chevy answer to the Pontiac Grand Prix in a future issue of the Bowtie Buzz.

What Price for a Chevelle SS Wagon?



OK, I asked you if you knew about these one-off SS wagons in the last Bowtie Buzz. Oddly, one of the 71 made showed up on [Bring-a-Trailer](#) this past month. It's in quite nice shape to be 51 years old and it sold for \$21,705 despite looking like a 70's soccer mom's car. Must be the low production numbers and that 454 cubic inch rat motor hiding under the hood that gives it a certain something rare and desirable.



Don't forget about the [Edge Motor Museum](#) at 645 Marshall Ave. in Memphis. This old factory building has been repurposed into our area's only real automotive museum. They do a great job of displaying the cars they have on hand, and the cars that are displayed do rotate on a fairly regular basis. Don't forget to photograph your ride against the Hot Wheels wall.



Behold what may be the most identifiable tail lights ever in the history of automobiles. The infamous 1959 Chevrolet 'cat's eyes' tail lights. A fitting way to end this month's Bowtie Buzz.

Sorry about being tardy with this issue of the Buzz, but the old work/life balance thing blew a head gasket over the last month. We'll be back on track soon enough as springtime brings forth some current Chevy-centric fun.

So that's it for this month. See you next time with another Bowtie Buzz.