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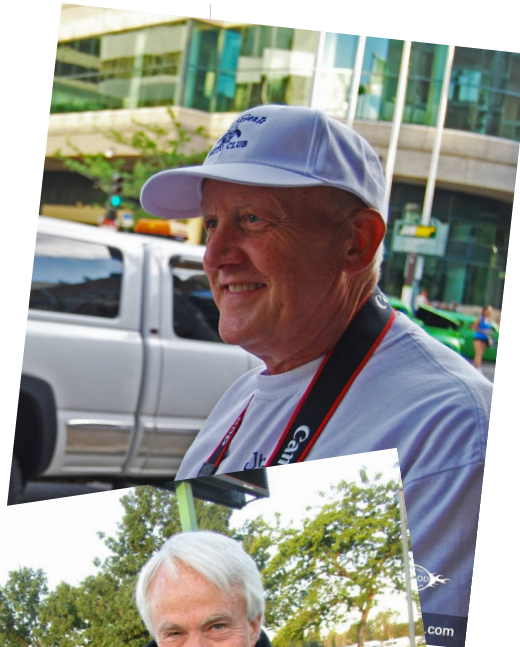
# August

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS, BRUCE TOWN AND DEAN CARRIVEAU

Fellow Gents, I'm sure you have seen a couple crazy guys running around our shows with cameras in their hands. They are none other than esteemed club members, Dean Carriveau and Bruce Town.



Instead of an article, they both have chosen to share some of their pictures. They both do a lot for our club and their work is appreciated.



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More of their work can be seen on the website [www.thegentsautoclub.com](http://www.thegentsautoclub.com) and on Facebook!

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**Call To Order:** 6:02 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Steve Williams

**Introduction of Visitors:**

Todd Greg (son of a founding member)

Steve Trebesch - former member

**Prospective Members:**

Tom Eller (absent) (August will be 2<sup>nd</sup> mtg)

Larry Bachao with a 1970 Roadrunner (August will be 3<sup>rd</sup> mtg)

Bill Keener with a 1970 Chevelle (August will be 3<sup>rd</sup> mtg)

**Reading of Correspondence:**

none

**Report from Treasurer:**

Read and accepted

**Report of Secretary:**

Newsletters are available at the meeting thanks to Bruce Town

**Report of Committees:**

INCCC Rep gave his report. Please see your email for a copy of the INCCC newsletter.

**Old Business:**

All 12 of the 2018 calendar contracts have been signed and paid. At the time of this meeting, three have already agreed to participate for 2019.

Our website is up and running – if you want your car featured, please see Bruce or Dean.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT ATTENDED THE SOAP BOX DERBY!

The Pizza Factory cruise was a success – thanks to all that showed up!

The Wendle Car Show was also a success. About 89 cars registered with another 11 or so unregistered.

The Riverside Cruise planned for September 8 has been cancelled.

If you want a holder for a Gent's display card, please see Steve Williams.

If you are interested in personalized business cards by OTE Images, please see Tom.

**New Business:**

Team St. Luke's show was discussed. Volunteers requested for a news spot the morning of the show.

Eagle's Honor Flight Show was discussed.

The INCCC Downtown Scholarship show was discussed.

Sontag Park has been reserved for our reunion picnic on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

We have a large Gent's plaque that is available for shows.

Rick Sawyer offered to do clean-up work on an old Gent's 4' traveling trophy.

**Announcements:**

Welcome back Darrell Brown!

If you sell a show car featuring a Gent's sticker – it is your responsibility to remove our sticker before the vehicle changes ownership.

**Next Meeting:** August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm, Eagle's

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:23pm







If you have any questions or comments about the meeting or INCCC in general, contact Dean Carriveau



### Notable Dates

- August 2—Regular monthly meeting at the Eagle’s at 6pm
- August 5—Hillyard car show: Hotrods in Harmon Park
- August 17-20—Good Guys car show
- August 25—Suncrest Zip’s cruise night
- September 10—Gents reunion


Happy Birthday to our July birthdays: Tom Yedinak and Bruce Town!

Happy Birthday to our August birthdays, too.

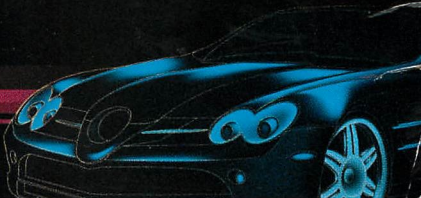
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# 1966 Chevy II Nova That Busts Out Over 870 Horsepower

For as many hot rodders that buy and sell rides as a way of life, there's a legion of others that tend to stand by their original choice, building on, modifying, and enjoying the same car for many years. Al VerSchave's been hanging around with this Nova going on 15 years. He's taken many steps, even changed addresses a few times along the way. Here's what happened.



He bought the Nova at the Pomona Swap Meet in 2003. His dad helped him hop it up with a 355 and a four-speed, and so they built the quintessential high-school driver. "Over the next few years, we transformed it with a healthier small-block, Richmond four-speed, and a Currie 12-bolt axle," Allen said. "The car was a blast to drive even then, and living in Arizona at the time, I would drive it to the track and up and down Speedway Boulevard."

Early in 2006, Al navigated a different direction and the '66 began to slowly evolve. He did the measuring, sourcing, and construction. In June 2006, he packed everything up, destined for Chicago. Something in that irrepressible atmosphere changed him: he decided to go full drag race and worked overtime in order to enable the essence of this car-building miasma: stuffing the biggest engine in the littlest body on earth. Slip a big-block in a pocket that was ever-engineered to take a small-block.

"It took nearly five years to complete due to the price of the parts I wanted. I started it when I was 18 and finished it when I was 22. I was working multiple

jobs and doing fabrication work on the side, earned the cash necessary, and built a name for myself in chassis construction," he said. He called his nascent enterprise AVS Fabrication.



To make room for the fat-block 598 and the large diameter fenderwell headers, Al shaved the shock towers. He put the engine in; built the 12-point rollcage; installed the mini-tubs and the frame ties; constructed the beautiful, sweeping headers; and welded up the 4-inch mild steel exhaust system. AVS made the fuel cell and secured the battery in the trunk. In Tinley Park, Ray at Romito Racing Engines built Al a conservative 870-horsepower bullet and backed it with a custom-built 400hp fogger. To finish it off, AVS crafted the air cleaner housing.



Al did some finesse work, and for the suspension he inserted roller bearings in lieu of the usual bushings. He built some custom offset spring shackles to move the leaf bundles inboard and fashioned frame connectors to pull the car together.

He pulled the rear seat out and covered the space with an upholstered panel. He made a custom package tray. Dave

Schober covered the JAZ buckets. Closer in, Al fabbed the console but kept the rest of the setting as it has been ever since it rolled off the line.

As handy as Al is with the torch and the mechanical blueprint, he knows a thing or two about how to make that ride shine. He shaved the side moldings and the "Nova" nomenclature and completed the bodywork. Then he broke out the painting tools and blew on that Marina Blue. Dave VerSchave applied the graphics to complete the outward shine. The lads retained the factory grille but added Classic Industries front and rear bumpers and screwed a Glasstek 5-inch cowl hood over the pile.



According to Al, the labor and the love were worth it. He'd "finished" the car two days before the 2010 Detroit Autorama; the Nova did well. The next outing was the 2010 Chicago World of Wheels where Al stood proudly to receive the Master Builder award. A few years hence, there would be a small impasse, otherwise known as "we need more power and we need more juice." Yup. That potential 1,200 horsepower he already had just didn't seem quite enough—as any seasoned hot rodder will gladly admit. He freshened the engine and adapted an upgraded Induction Solutions fogger. On horsepower, the hairy Rat ran 9.80s through the mufflers on pump gas. "I haven't had a lot of time to run the car on nitrous but got it to go 8.90s on a small tune-up. I'm hoping this summer [2017] to run 8.50s with a large tune-up." He says

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Club member, Paul Inman's efforts do not go unnoticed —your "eye in the sky" perspective is also much appreciated!



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# California Bill to Extend New Car Emissions Test Exemption Approved by Senate Committee; Moves to Appropriations

- A.B. 1274 acknowledges the relatively minimal environmental impact of the new vehicles targeted for this exemption. The vast majority of newer light-duty vehicles are equipped with cleaner technologies that typically pass smog check after six years.
  - A.B. 1274 acknowledges that it is senseless to test newer vehicles, the results of which demonstrate no significant air quality benefits. The idea behind exempting any class of vehicles is to reduce costs while not losing appreciable emission reductions. This strategy builds support for emission inspection programs, but also directs finite resources to where they will be most valuable in cleaning the air.
  - A.B. 1274 recognizes that in years 7 and 8, a vehicle owner will ultimately save money over what they would have spent to complete a smog check. Given that the average smog test costs between \$29 and \$69, vehicle owners can expect to save up to \$45 per vehicle for each year of the exemption.
- A.B. 1274, if enacted into law, would become effective on January 1, 2018.
- Overview:** Legislation (A.B. 1274) to extend the emissions inspection

exemption for new cars from 6 to 8 model years has been approved by the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and now moves to the Appropriations Committee. The bill has already been approved by the full California Assembly. Under the bill, the newly exempted motor vehicles (model years 7 and 8) would be subject to an annual smog abatement fee of \$24.

Editor's note—this is for California however, we all know Washington watches what California does and often follows suit. Please take note of this. You can also follow many of these alerts on the Sema San website: <http://semasan.com>



<http://semasan.com/page.asp?content=aa2017CA9&g=SEMAGA>

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that the car sat a lot during 2013-'16 while he grew AVS Fabrication. In the fall of 2016, he moved it all back west, establishing a presence in Oceanside, California.

But as you can see, the Nova isn't for travelling the long haul—seats minimal and incapable of adjustment. There's no audio, air conditioning, or overdrive transmission to wrangle those harsh 4.11s—which made Al think his project

through again. Maybe down the road he'll incorporate a strong five-speed manual and fuel injection.



“I've owned this car for 14 years now and being 29 years old, it represents a good part of my life,” he said. “I never see myself selling it and look forward to seeing the changes that will be made over the years.” Hot rodding never dies.

<http://www.superchevy.com/features/1707-1966-chevy-ii-nova-that-busts-out-over-870-horsepower/>

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## Owner of Ford Bronco Used in O.J. Simpson Chase Hopes to Sell It for \$750,000

Now that O.J. Simpson has been granted parole, he could be released from prison as early as October. And there's one man who TMZ reports is just as excited as the Juice himself: His former sports agent Mike Gilbert, otherwise known as the current owner of the notorious white Ford Bronco used in Simpson's famous low-speed police chase in 1994.

Shortly after the chase that culminated in Simpson's arrest for the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman, Gilbert and two partners bought the Bronco from Simpson's friend and would-be getaway driver A.C. Cowlings for \$75,000 as an "investment." (Though Simpson also owned a identical white Ford Bronco— itself a key piece of evidence in the trial—that truck was impounded and later

destroyed following his acquittal.)

And 23 years later, it appears that Gilbert is getting ready to cash in. TMZ reports that he's gauging interest for the Bronco on the collector's market as Simpson's release date draws near, hoping to sell it for as much as \$750,000. Sources also tell TMZ that Gilbert previously turned down an offer of \$250,000, so the man obviously knows what he's got.

Whether or not you agree with his valuation, he's probably correct in telling ESPN that this Bronco is "the second-most-viewed car in American history" after the Lincoln Continental that President John F. Kennedy was riding in during his assassination.

Surprisingly, considering its role at the center of probably the most famous

police chase in American history, the white Bronco spent most of the last 23 years hiding in plain sight, covered in dust and tucked away in a parking garage at Gilbert's partner's condo complex. In 2012, it went on display for the first time since 1994 as part of a sports memorabilia exhibit at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas. After a short stint in Gilbert's garage, it currently sits on display at the Alcatraz East Crime Museum in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, though Gilbert told ESPN that loan would be cancelled if the truck sells.

TMZ's sources added that there's one buyer Gilbert won't consider, even if the price is right—O.J. Simpson himself.

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/news/owner-of-ford-bronco-used-in-oj-simpson-chase-hopes-to-sell-it-for-dollar750000/ar-AAoYOis>