



# Newsletter



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE January 2012



Well, with Christmas behind us, it's on to New Years and 2012! It will be a great year. Here we are almost the end of 2011 and hardly any snow yet. I'm OK with that as most of you are.

The next big thing to come our way, not counting the Monthly meeting, is the NDSRA Annual Meeting and Christmas party. It's on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Meeting for the membership is at 1:00 and then bus tours to follow and then the meal. Please RSVP to Dave Alberts, Jerry Black or myself for a head count.

It guarantees to be a great time. You do not have to be a member to enjoy this day. Membership is very inexpensive and well worth every dollar.

I hope to now fire up my business full time at the storage garage shop just East of Schatz's truck stop. I am hoping to have some seminars there for all of the members to enjoy and learn for the hobby. For instance, I want to have a tire dealer come and explain the importance of tire care, proper tier care, age of tires, styles and their uses, etc. Might have one on 'cutting and buffing' and maybe one on just polishing a normal car, carburetors, and who knows what else. If you would be interested in such things, then stay tuned for some fun times...

The Christmas party was a blast and I wanted to thank all that attended and the folks that put it on...specifically Joanne Larson and Linda Black. Without their dedication and willingness to have the responsibility of hosting a good evening, it would not be great at all. Thanks to Joanne and Linda for a superb job.

And as I went table to table at the party, recognizing folks for their efforts throughout the year, I was remiss on not mention Tammy for doing such a nice job on the newsletter. Without this key ingredient, we would not be as 'informed' as we all could be.

Congratulations to the 'Car of the Year' honorees. The logo is designed, the shirts are printed and they will be available for your purchasing pleasure at the January meeting. Prices for the shirts and sweatshirts remained the same. They make great presents!

Well, that's all for now. See you at the January meeting or NDSRA Party or somewhere along the line!

God Bless and Happy New Year,

George

# Classifieds

If you wish to place an ad for an item you are selling or looking for. Just give George or myself a call or an email.

Tammy

## For sale

Nice hood, grill, and bumper for 1970 Ford pickup. Make an offer.

Call 721-5531 or 852-4550 and ask for Greg

**Just a friendly reminder, the NDSRA Christmas Party is on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Grand International Inn. If you are planning to attend and enjoy the meal you must preregistered by January 4<sup>th</sup>. To register, please contact Dave Alberts at 838-4309, email [mde@srt.com](mailto:mde@srt.com), or see him on Wednesday night at the Vegas.**

# 1961 Chevrolet Impala SS 409

by [the Auto Editors of Consumer Guide](#)



Chevrolet brought muscle car power to the people in the early 1960s, especially with the 1961 Chevrolet Impala SS 409. The mid-1961 introduction of the Chevrolet Impala Super Sport option package showcased another new arrival, the 409-cid V-8.



A bargain at just \$53.80, the SS "kit" was offered on any Impala. It included Super Sport trim inside and out, chassis reinforcements, stronger springs and shocks, power brakes with sintered metallic linings, spinner-type wheel covers, and one of Chevy's earliest uses of narrow-band whitewall tires. The dashboard gained a Corvette-type passenger grab bar and the steering column got a 7000-rpm tachometer.

Only Chevy's toughest V-8s were offered with the SS kit. The available 348-cid mills ranged from a four-barrel with 305 bhp to a tri-carb with 350. The other choice was the 409. Essentially a larger-displacement 348, its upgrades included forged aluminum pistons, a wilder camshaft, and 11.25:1 compression. A single four-barrel mated to the aluminum manifold. It made 360 bhp. It also made history.

## The engine in the Chevy Impala was all about power.

Chevy built 491,000 Impalas for '61. Only 453 had the SS package and of those, just 142 got the 409. But word spread quickly. Here was a mainstream Chevy V-8 with 409 lb-ft of torque and the ability to turn mid-15-second quarter miles with the standard 3.36:1 rear axle and mandatory four-speed manual. "She's real fine, my 409," sang the Beach Boys, and a legend was born.



**Debuting on hardtop and convertible Impalas, the SS option included narrow whitewalls, SS tags, a passenger grab bar, a steering-column tachometer, and suspension upgrades.**

The SS badge would grace great Chevys into the 1970s before going on an extended hiatus. The 409 lasted only

through 1965. It would eventually make as much as 425 bhp and be offered even in stripper Bel Airs and Biscaynes. But a basis design traced to a late-1950s truck engine and incompatibility with serious performance hop-ups doomed it in an era of modern high-performance engines.

All told, the 409 went into just 43,775 cars. That its reputation outshines its production numbers shows how much impact the 409 had on muscle's early days.

## ***Burnout Chili***

### **Ingredients:**

|  |                                  |
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| 2 1/2 lb. lean chuck, ground                     | 2 Tablespoons cumin, ground      |
| 1 lb. lean pork, ground                          | 2 teaspoons paprika              |
| 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped                  | 2 teaspoons oregano leaves       |
| 1 cup finely chopped onion                       | 2 teaspoons sugar                |
| 8 oz. hunt's tomato sauce                        | 1/2 teaspoon coriander, ground   |
| 1 cup water                                      | 1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa     |
| 1 can beer (12 oz.)                              | 1/2 teaspoon Louisiana hot sauce |
| 3 Tablespoons chili powder                       | 1 teaspoon cornmeal              |
| 2 Tablespoons instant beef bouillon (or 6 cubes) | 1 teaspoon flour                 |
|  | 1 teaspoon warm water            |

### **Directions:**

1. In a large saucepan brown 1 1/4 pounds of the ground meat (the beef and the pork), drain the fat.
2. Remove meat (the beef and the pork). Brown the rest of the ground meat, drain all but 2 tablespoons of the fat.
3. Add the garlic and onion, cook and stir until tender.
4. Add the other half of the meat and the tomato sauce, water, beer, chili powder, bouillon, cumin, paprika, oregano, sugar, coriander, cocoa, and hot sauce. Mix well.
5. Bring to a boil then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 2 hours.
6. In a small bowl, stir together the cornmeal and flour, then add the warm water and mix well.
7. Stir into chili and cook, covered, for an additional 20 minutes.

| ◀ December   |     | ~ January 2012 ~ |   |     |                     |  | February ▶ |
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| Sun  | Mon | Tue              | Wed   | Thu | Fri                 | Sat  |            |
| 1<br>Happy New Year!<br><br>All the best in the coming year! | 2   | 3                | 4<br>Monthly Meeting at the Vegas   | 5   | 6<br>Noon Luncheon  | 7  |            |
| 8  | 9   | 10               | 11<br>Cruise to the Vegas   | 12  | 13<br>Noon Luncheon | 14<br>NDSRA Christmas Party<br> |            |
| 15   | 16  | 17               | 18<br>Cruise to the Vegas   | 19  | 20<br>Noon Luncheon | 21   |            |
| 22   | 23  | 24               | 25<br>Cruise to the Vegas   | 26  | 27<br>Noon Luncheon | 28<br>Winter Wheels Car Show in Jamestown  |            |
| 29   | 30  | 31               | <b>Notes:</b><br>The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it. |     |                     |  |            |



Life throws the bad things at us to make the good things all the more worthwhile...

# Member Directory

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**Next General Meetings at the Vegas:  
January 4/February 1, 2012**