

## ***Feature Vehicle - January, 2002***

***Gord Baird, Aurora, Ontario***

***Member #18***

***68 Chevelle SS***

We would like to thank Gord Baird for providing the details for his rare '68 Rag Top. The following is an excerpt from a letter Gord provided to us with his CanAm membership.



In the spring of 2000, I purchased my 1968 Chevelle SS convertible. As it became known that I was looking for a classic show car, I received a call from a dealer who knew of a car that was for sale. The following Sunday, a rainy day at that, we drove out to look at the Chevelle. As we drove up the driveway, the garage door opened and my wife said, "I love it". As you all know, that's 90% of the battle. A week later we purchased the car.

My first call was to GM. They verified the production date, shipping date, dealer number, paint code, production numbers and the option list. Luckily the option list corresponded to the build sheet that came with the car. I did find out that my Chevelle is Canadian built and 1 of 108 made. The car is numbers matching and most of the original parts were reused in the ground up restoration that was completed in 1991.



I was also surprised that this car had 32 factory options, which was the most of any vehicle produced in 1968 at the GM plant in Oshawa, Ontario.

I was at a car show in the summer of 2000, when a gentleman dropped a hint that my firewall was incorrectly painted the same as the body and it should have been black. I later found out that the Canadian built Chevelles came from the factory with the firewall painted the same as the exterior of the car.

As you can see, there is more fun to owning a classic than just driving it. You really can't replace the conversations that are struck up at local cruise events.



***Chuck Frame***