

***June, 2004 Feature Vehicle***  
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***67 Chevelle Malibu***

Since I sold my motorcycle in 1991 I missed the excitement of having a unique and attention-getting ride in the garage. In 1996 I started looking for another Harley, but my wife suggested that maybe an old car would be fun.....OK I said, and the search was on. I found several nice cars - a 70 Buick Gran Sport and a 69 Pontiac Lemans were the best rides I came across in my price range until I found this car. A



67 Malibu coupe, equipped with a 283 engine, powerglide tranny, red with a black vinyl top and a bench seat interior and cheap set of rally wheels.

I started hitting the local cruise circuit and seeing the other cars. I decided that rebuilding the existing power train was not meeting my needs! The metamorphosis was on and I found a rebuilt 68 L79 327 350 horse engine setting in a corner of a local corvette repair shop. I traded the original 283 for the keystone wheels (gave the powerglide away), installed a 700R four speed auto and SSBC front disc brakes. Stage one was done.



Last fall the vinyl top came off while on a road trip to Lebanon Valley drag strip and it was replaced with a new one which called for a tad of body work and a complete wet sanding/polish job to improve the overall appearance 110%.

Also, the stock 10 bolt 2.73 peg leg was replaced with a 12 bolt 3.31 posi which helps to launch this 3400 pound ride.

I just completed a round trip to Nashville for CB 04, 1900 miles. The car ran flawless (cruised @ 2100 – 2300 rpm) and turned in over 21 mpg while using one quart of oil. Stage 2 (future plans) are vintage air and power windows.



End result is a fast comfortable car that always seems to draw attention, has the correct “lope” for cruise nights, gets good gas mileage when driven over the road and the wife can drive it when I have had too many!!!!!!



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