

## *Feature Vehicle - October, 2002*

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*69 C.O.P.O.*

As far as we can tell, there were approximately 323 COPO Chevelles produced in 1969. As luck would have it, I am fortunate enough to possess one of 20 that made it originally into Canada.

My car was sold new from Park Lane Motors in Sarnia, Ontario. I was fortunate enough to track down the original owner of the car who told me that the car was bought for one reason only – DRAG RACING! The car was a frequent participant at Motor City Dragway in Detroit.



As many of you know, the COPO Chevelle was not a SS car, but a Malibu equipped with the RPO-L72 427/425 engine which included the following: four bolt main block, 11:1 forged aluminum pistons, mechanical camshaft, forged steel crank, Holley 780 vacuum secondary carburetor, aluminum intake, chrome valve covers and single point aluminum distributor. This Lime Metallic COPO also came equipped with the infamous M22 “Rock Crusher” 4 speed transmission and 12 bolt posi rear end with 4.10 gears.



As you can see, the car also received a pretty much stock looking interior with a standard Malibu steering wheel, front bench seat and gauge package.

After owning this car for the past five years, I am amazed at how the prices of these classics have soared. I know, if I had to do it all over again at today’s prices, it could well be a very different story.



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