



1969 Chevrolet Chevelle Super Sport

This nearly perfect 1969 Chevelle Super Sport was purchased in its present condition from Gateway Classic Cars in St. Louis in August of 2008. It was restored by its previous owner who told me that it has all of its original quarters and pans without a speck of rust. An inspection of the engine block revealed that it was manufactured in 1974, so it's not original and the numbers do not match. However, the engine was rebuilt only 5000 miles ago and runs like a dream.

This car may not be all original, but it's very cool - a real head turner. The black and chrome with the original factory SS rims really make it sharp. The 396

cubic inch big block engine will set you back in your seat and empty your wallet at the same time. Very fun to drive. The personalized plate that I chose reads 69BB396. People ask me what the BB stands for and I tell them it's for Big Block. It also has other meanings such as Bee-Bee, which is a term of endearment between me and my wife, Janet. My personal favorite is Bad Boy. My wife says he's a "guy magnet" and has been the cause of more than a few neck strains as we drive down the street.

My wife and I enjoy taking "Chevy" (pronounced the same as Chevy Chase with a hard Ch) to car shows and he always shows well. We also drive him in local town festival parades and he's always a hit with both young and old alike. Nevada featured him on the thumbnail for their collection of pictures for the Lincoln Highway Days celebration on their website in 2008. He was also featured as KIOA's Cool Car of the Week in 2009 and made a brief appearance in KCCI's spot on Central Iowa's Cool Cars.

So get out to those local celebrations and car shows. Who knows, you just may see Chevy rumbling down the street.

