



# Yesterday's Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region



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**NO regular Meeting in May .....  
Please dig in and hopefully our lives  
will soon return to normal.**

**From your Director:**

I hope this note finds you all in good health. I know how much you all look forward to our monthly get together, so Steve and I have decided to move into the 21st century and create a virtual meeting for May 7, 2020. Please keep an eye on your emails, as Steve will be forwarding you all of the information you will need to join in.

Stay well and I look forward to seeing each and every one next month.

I will send our membership the instructions to get onto the meeting.



Steve Rosenberg & Larry Pearson helping Chuck Noble with his '54 engine install.

**I went to** the liquor store Tuesday afternoon on my bicycle, bought a bottle of Jack Daniels and put it in the bicycle basket.

As I was about to leave, I thought to myself that if I fell off the bicycle, the bottle would break. So, I drank all the Jack Daniels before I cycled home.

It turned out to be very good decision, because I fell off my bicycle seven times on the way home.

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## *Chevrolet Trivia*

**What was the unique feature of windshields of Chevrolet Fisher Body cars from 1926 through 1932 ?**



Made by Sil Delgado .....  
Automatic transmission steering column

**Stay at home Because  
if you die your wife will  
sell your classic car for  
the price you told her  
you paid for it 😊**



**May Birthday's**

- Kathi Bromley 8<sup>th</sup>
- Fred Bell 9<sup>th</sup>
- Hill Lewinson 13<sup>th</sup>
- Andy Spilkoman 28<sup>th</sup>

None of us married in May

To all the birthday boys & girl  
Have a wonderful day. I was going to buy you  
all dinner @ Mastro's ....Damn it, they are closed.

This was typed during the shutdown, IF IF by the  
time you get this & the restaurants are open  
again ( I HOPE I HOPE) I will give you directions  
to your local McDonalds 😊

**When the Corona Virus finally  
exhausts itself & the danger is over,  
let's do something good for Our  
Country.**  
**Let's spend our vacation in the USA,  
eat in local restaurants, buy american  
products, buy local meats, veggies &  
support local businesses.**  
**These businesses are going to find it  
very difficult to get back on their feet  
and survive without our help. They're  
suffering badly now.**  
**Our products are some of the best in  
the world. This country is one of the  
most beautiful.**  
**Let's Make This Our Finest Time!**  
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**From Rich Palazzo ..... TY Rich!**

**Subject: 1931 Chevrolet Front window  
crank assembly**

Took out the front window crank assembly,  
because it would not crank up. It took two people  
to raise the window.  
After removing the assembly, the crank  
mechanism was still very hard to turn. After



greasing all the gears and oiling all the moving shafts, it finally worked smoothly. This was the first time it has been lubed in 50 years.



It now works smooth again!



With window up from outside.



## Chevrolet Trivia Answer

The windshields in most Fisher Body cars from 1926-1932 had a crank-up mechanism that raised and lowered the glass. This would allow air to flow into the car and down to the floor when the air hit the back of the dash, directing the air flow downward. This was named Vision & Ventilation or "VV". 1932 was the last year this was used as it was replaced by the cowl vent system for fresh air cooling. 1932 was the only year that had both.





You are old if you remember these 😊 I'll have 2 Bismarck's please. OK, what was a Bismarck? ..... email me your answer.

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## **1926-1932 Fisher "VV" Windshield**

**By Stephen Kassis**

1926-1932 Fisher Body closed cars, including most Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Oakland, and Cadillac's had windshields that cranked up to allow air to circulate into the passenger compartment. This was referred to as the Fisher "Vision & Ventilation" system. In this system, the windshield glass is held with an upper sash channel and slides in rubber channels on either side of the windshield. The glass is lifted with a windshield regulator that sits above the windshield and connects to the upper windshield sash channel. The regulator mechanism has pot metal gears with a crank handle. Cranking the handle will raise and lower the windshield glass several inches. As the windshield glass is raised, air flows into the passenger compartment, hits the curved part at the top of the dash and is directed downward onto the floor area.

The weakest part of this system is the pot metal gears used in the windshield regulator. If the

mechanism gets stuck and the handle is turned too hard, it can damage the gears of the regulator. Because these are only pot metal (die cast), they are very weak and strip out easily.

If your regulator is stuck - **DO NOT FORCE IT!** Instead remove the header board that holds the windshield regulator. There should be two screws at the each end of the regulator board. In addition, there are usually two or four screws at the top in the middle. After the screws are removed, the board should slide out of the upper sash brackets by pulling straight back. Once the regulator board and regulator are removed, check the movement of the windshield glass. The glass should slide up and down easily. If stuck or sluggish, try some silicone spray on the side channels to free up the movement.

If the glass moves easily, the next step is to check the regulator gears. The gears in the Chevrolet windshield regulator were pot metal until 1932. In 1932 steel gears were used. Lubricate the pivot points and gear teeth. Install the regulator handle onto the shaft and gently work the gears back and forth. If the mechanism is seized and will not free up, installing replacement of the gears may be necessary. New gear sets are available to replace 1929-1930 & 1931 windshield regulator gears.

One thing to check when working on your windshield is to make sure your windshield glass is laminated. Prior to 1932, Chevrolet used only plate glass in their windshields. This glass is very dangerous and should always be replaced with laminated safety plate glass. New rubber seal kits are available to replace original brittle windshield seals.

**Top of column on right .....** Is that an Italian race car? Someone has TOO MUCH time on their hands ..... ALL of us 😊



**Does this make sense?** Purchased on eBay. The item was 75-80 miles from my home. They sent it to their distribution center in Tennessee.

**Next Meeting @ park**

**Too be determined when all is normal  
again  
Balboa Park**

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7:30 – 9:00 PM**

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