



Yesterday's Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region



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NO Meeting in July Please dig in and hopefully our lives will soon return to normal.

July is one of our months where we don't meet at the park. We have always had our summer BBQ in July in leu of our regular meeting. More bad news that will not happen this July ☹.

Car show 2020 in short We don't know. We have set the yes or no date as September 8. That would give us two months to get the job done. We can do it with a two-month lead. Stand by.

VERY short newsletter



Newest member Eric Stalnaker's '68 restorod Camaro, Welcome Eric

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3 dos and don'ts for cleaning your engine compartment

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The fit and finish of a car's exterior often gets all the attention, and most gearheads will debate polishes and paint protectants for hours on end. If you want to find who is really detail-oriented at a car show, don't look *at* the hood—look *under* the hood. A spotless engine bay is tough to achieve and even harder to maintain. It's worth it, though, because a clean engine compartment is not only attractive but also conducive to spotting [any leaks or issues](#) when they start, rather than leaving them to be camouflaged by grime.

If your engine is a dingy, oily mess and you want to bring it back to a respectable condition, here are a few tips.

Don't: Be quick to take things apart

Do: Take a "before" picture

If the engine is running smoothly, I'm hesitant to take anything apart to clean it, and I'd recommend you think the same way. The old adage of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" has treated me well for many years. However, to get a deep clean you must dive deep. Before you start, grab your camera and snap a picture.

Even if you have a great memory and a wealth of reference materials, a photo can still prove invaluable. Sometimes, all it takes is a simple glance at a "before" picture to know where that hose with the weird bend was attached. It also

serves as great evidence of the improvement you make.

Don't: Go crazy with the "engine cleaner"

Do: Use chemicals appropriate for the job

It's on a shelf at every auto parts store—you'll be tempted to grab that aerosol can of foaming degreaser and pretend you are [the greatest graffiti artist known to man](#) as you fog the entire engine compartment. Don't do it.

Aerosol engine cleaner works great for engines that are very heavily soiled, but most of the time that stuff is overkill. It's also deceptively involved; if you don't rinse off all the residue, it will cause corrosion. Instead, spend a little extra time by using a few clean rags, spraying your detailer of choice on the rag, and simply wiping away the dirt. I typically start with a quick detailer and, if the grime is stubborn, I progress to more aggressive chemicals like brake or carburetor cleaner.

This more time-consuming process has two benefits: It prevents chemicals from forcing their way into nooks and crannies they shouldn't be in, and helps you become familiar with those same nooks and crannies. Seeing a lot of oily buildup in one spot? Investigate to see whether there's a leak that needs to be cured.

Don't: Grab the pressure washer

Do: Use the garden hose

If you need to wash off the grit and grime, resist the urge to reach for the pressure washer. Both a home pressure washer and the wand at a local DIY car wash will eject water at a dangerously high pressure and threaten just about any part of your engine compartment. The jet can easily push past gaskets, into electrical panels and connections, and also into grease fittings.

If you discover the engine compartment is so filthy that a rinse-down is needed, take the time to seal all electrical connections and crankcase openings (the oil fill, for example) before using a garden hose. If the garden hose doesn't provide enough pressure, gently scrub with a soft bristle brush to break the gunk free.

3 essential alignment terms, explained

https://www.hagerty.com/media/maintenance-and-tech/3-essential-alignment-terms-explained/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20_June_18_Newsletter_NewDD

If you ever wanted to learn about alignment terminology, read this article.

July Birthday's

Meg Hays	10 th
Dave Valentine	15 th
Chuck Noble	24 th

Anniversary

None

I behalf of all your Chevy buddies, have a wonderful SAFE birthday!

Next Meeting @ park

Too be determined when all is normal again

Balboa Park

17015 Burbank Blvd., Encino, CA 91316
7:30 – 9:00 PM