



Yesterday's Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region



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NO Meeting in September Please dig in and hopefully our lives will soon return to normal. We will be dark this month and return on line 10/1 Be safe!!!!

Car show 2020 CANCELLED

Sad ending I was contacted by the Veterans Administrations in Ventura. They wanted to do a classic car drive by for 6 house bound vet's in the cities of Ventura and Oxnard.

I talked with them about CDC standards for safety and was assured that would be the rules. They emailed all those who confirmed. With the instructions were the CDC rules of engagement.

I got the El Camino washed & shined, left my home at 9:00 AM for the 25-minute drive to Ventura. The A/C felt so nice! When I arrived, there were 50+ cars already there. I was lucky to get a parking spot in the street next to the parking lot driveway. What did I see first off? Too many people gathering in groups and walking around without masks. I sat in my car for about 15 minutes. I was able to call one of the organizers over to me, she was masked, and told her there are too many "jerks" here (I didn't use that word) and I don't feel safe and was leaving. She understood my concerns. I fired the engine up and drove the 25 miles home. I think I felt the Elky saying the freeway drive felt good.

Stay safe, there are ways to get the cars out with our fellow club members and be SAFE.



Sil's new toy How many people in the world can say they owned two SSR's in their lifetime

High school reunion

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" You'll love this one.

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"

Thank you Sherwin Silver 😊

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Chevrolet Trivia

What was the first year that Chevrolet beat Ford in sales, and why?

Look for the answer at the bottom of this newsletter

6 measuring tools you need in your garage Reprinted from Hagerty with permission



Measuring tools are the unsung heroes of most toolboxes; precision matters when building something that will last. Here are here are six measuring tools that every home DIY enthusiast should have in their toolbox drawers.

I have all these Do you??? Suggestion, on the micrometer, remove the battery when not in use. My micrometer box even has a place for it. Like his, mine was also bought at Harbor Freight.

Notice from the association of psychiatrists

Dear citizens,

During the quarantine it's normal to talk to your plants and pets.

Kindly contact us if they reply.

Thank you

From member Larry Sorrentino

What do car guys do in a global pandemic? Why, they work on their cars, of course!

This is my first-person account of the perils of tearing into a 1929 Chevy coupe. Don't worry, there's no gore in this story. First, I'd like to walk you through the basics of auto repair/replace.

If you haven't worked on your car or any car, in a while, I'll share a few things you need to do, have and use. Wear old clothes, you will get dirty. If you are taking things apart, you'll need something to clean them in and someplace to put your parts. Pick up a small wash tub, a variety of brushes, most auto parts stores have a selection of brushes in a handy pack. Steel bristles for steel and hard material, copper for soft metals and aluminum bristles for delicate parts you don't want to marks with steel bristles. I found that used household containers like cottage cheese containers and almost anything plastic will work. I started using some degreaser from the parts store but found it to be toxic, flammable and generally not good for humans. I tried "409" cleaner, not bad but to my surprise, "WD40" worked best for my applications. I started to replace the brakes and clean up the car as a matter of pride of ownership. The tale of my brakes will turn your hair white. Back to taking things apart. If you are not 100% certain how it comes apart, take pictures BEFORE you turn that first nut or bolt. Cell phone or tablet are ideal, the tablet gets the win because it will give you a bigger image.

One thing I personally dislike is scrubbing nasty hands and fingernails. Many options are available, from scraping your nail on a bar of soap will help keep your nails in pretty good shape. My choice is to trim my nails as close as I can. Nothing hurts more than tearing a greasy fingernail. And the cleaning and bandaging is a real drag. If you go with trimmed nails you might want to get some disposable gloves, Smart & Final carries non latex food handler's gloves that will keep your hands clean. While you are in the store, look at the selection of brushes they have and maybe get a gallon of "409" and some green scouring pads for the messy jobs.

New tire & tire irons

I can't stress the importance of keeping your parts together. If you are working on the right front wheel, have a suitable container to put nuts, bolts and washers that belong to that wheel/brake. I have about a dozen plastic containers, all marked with the contents. Luckily, my car has running boards so I have a built-in shelf to hold different containers with clean parts. The lids from half gallon Ice creams are perfect for lug nuts and such. If you plan to paint your parts, have a dedicated painting area away from your car and other parts. Let the paint dry, don't rush. Since I am doing all four wheels and brakes, I can work on one wheel at a time and move from wheel to wheel. There is a method to my madness!



I'm going to take it as a given that you all have a basic tool box, end wrenches, ratchets and sockets, maybe air wrenches. I've got my old reliable red Craftsman compressor. They are nice but not necessary. While I'm talking tools, you may have to buy some for specialty jobs, I needed to get a slide hammer from Harbor Freight to remove the rear axle seals from the rear end housing. Now driving the new ones in was easy. I took the seal to my local hardware store and matched the seal to a plumbing fixture, added a 6" nipple and a coupler and shazam, I had a seal driver for \$8.00! And the plumbing pieces are reusable. I try to wipe off my tools and put them back when I'm finished with them. By all means, wipe and store your tools at the end of your work day. Nothing's

more frustrating than walking into the garage in the morning and having to start looking for tools. Clean as you go is my best advice.



New brakes don't fit 😞

We all order parts, whether from "The Filling Station," or somewhere else, keep the box, packing materials and double check the packing list to ensure that you got what you paid for. If you need to return something, you have a box and packing material for free. It's always a thrill seeing the UPS man bringing you new toys. If you get parts you aren't ready to install, keep them in the box. The trunk is a great storeroom! To be clear, open your shipment to ensure accuracy and put the parts back in the box. That allows you to work around the new parts until you are ready for them. Mark the box's contents on the outside of the box.

I didn't mention safety glasses earlier, but they are a must have item. Just today I was cleaning some parts with my grinder when a wire came off the wheel and bounced off my safety glasses. If you are working under the car, think about a face shield. Nobody likes unknown stuff falling on one's face when you have both hands occupied on a task.



Clean brakes

Since we all have different cars of different years, this isn't really a "how to" story. It's just a few ideas for those of you into or getting into projects. A lot of this is pretty basic, but everyone's level of knowledge is different. I hope that these suggestions are helpful to the readers. Auto repair is work, in the hot weather, stay hydrated, have a snack on the work bench and be CAREFUL! Oh, and HAVE FUN!

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1990 Chevrolet Suburban



[Raleigh Classic Car Auctions](#)

Sale Price: \$38,850

With only 21,000 miles from new, this Suburban is flawless and completely original.

September Birthday's

Dave Dunton 1st
Alba Wisman 4th

Rich Wisman 15th
Carmine Palazzo 17th
LaDonna Della Gala 22st
Steve Rosenberg 29th

Anniversaries

Marisol & Sil Delgado 4th
Katie & Al Osterloh 6th
Tracy & Jeff Bartfai 7th
Debbie & Jeff Jordan 7th
Linda & John Potter 10th
Evelyn & Vasken Hogopian 21st
LaDonna & Michael Della Gala 22st

To all of you, your friends wish you a special day



DID YOU KNOW: Airbags deploy between 100 & 220 MPH. If you ride with your feet on the dash, you may send your knees through your eye sockets if the airbag is deployed. Police are sharing this photo in hopes of spreading awareness of safety while driving.

Chevrolet Trivia Answer

Chevrolet first exceeded Ford in sales in 1927. It was almost by default as Ford had shut down its production lines to prepare to produce the Model A. From that point through 1935, the sales lead changed back and forth from Chevy to Ford. However, from 1936 through 1986 (excluding WWII), Chevy beat Ford in sales in 44 out of 47 years!

Next Meeting @ park

Too be determined when all is normal again

Balboa Park

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