



# Yesterday's Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region



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## Online meeting 4/1/2021

We will have a virtual meeting on May 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM. I will send out the link in a few days. Hope to see a big turnout. Connect instructions will be sent separately.

I am getting VERY optimistic that there will be a car show this year. The date we set aside was 11/14.

What are your thoughts? We can discuss it at the "meeting"

## From the director

This will be my last message to the membership as your director.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I will no longer be able to serve in this capacity.

It has been my honor to serve as director through some great and not so great times.

Stay healthy and keep the chrome side up.

Thank you all, Paul Bromely

## Editors comments .....

Paul, we all thank you for your service to the VCCA and San Fernando Valley region.

After finding our 2020 election results (thank you Jim Karras) our vice-director is Don Stout. I talked to him and he is stepping up. Thank you, Don. We discussed what might happen this year. The car show, unless C-19 makes a comeback ..... PLEASE NO! ..... Will

happen. We even discussed in person meetings and the BBQ. We will talk about that at next Thursday's meeting. As decisions are being made it will be an official meeting with minutes taken. Please attend.

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### *Chevrolet Trivia*

What was the last year Chevrolet offered a straight axle front suspension in passenger cars?

### *GMC Trivia*

GMC Inline 6-cylinder engines had an easy way to tell the size (cubic inches) of their engines. How can you tell?

A link

## [VIDEO - STARTER ASSIST SPRING ON EARLY DELCO STARTERS](#)

[By Larry Hagemeister of Hagemeister Enterprises, Inc.](#)

Did you ever go to start your vintage 1960's or 1970's Chevy car or truck and just get a click? This video shows you why and how to fix it. For those that attended the 2016 VCCA Anniversary Meet at Lake Tahoe, Larry was one of the technical presenters. He spoke about all things to do with automotive electric systems. His knowledge spans a wide range of vehicles from vintage cars & trucks to tractors and big rigs. Check out this informative video and sign up for his You Tube channel to see more great auto electric videos.

Click on Link for video

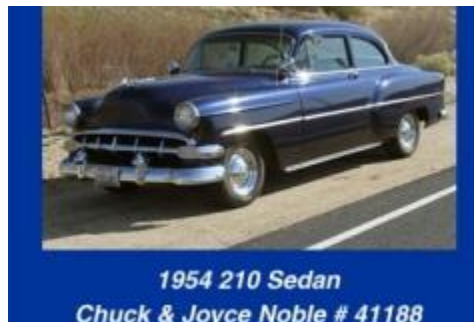
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### Chuck Noble's '54 update 4/17/21

This next week I will be working on the '54 Chevy. The rear end died after 67 years. Unable to find someone to rebuild the original one around here I decided to upgrade and am installing a S-10 373 rear end with Posi-traction and installing a S-10 5 speed transmission with overdrive. I have a couple friends here that build street rods that know how to do it correctly. I will have to have a drive shaft made and will need an adapter to mate the trans to the 6 cyl engine. Will also have to modify the clutch to mate with the new transmission. When finished it should

be a better driver and get better mileage. Should be able to have it on the road in time for a classic Car tour in June.



I was able to find parts for the old rear end but no one would touch it as it tied up their shops to long and very few have worked on a torque tube drive line. Also, to change the clutch I had to drop the rear end to remove the transmission to get to the clutch. With arthritis and bad back and heart I decided to upgrade to make it easier to work on. The 6cyl engine stays as it runs good and strong and is built up to around 155hp+ and will stay with traffic easily.

We are hoping to drive it to Ohio for a VCCA tour in July if we can still get in. Waiting to register until I know the car is ready for that long of a trip. I built it to drive and drive it we do, since moving here we have had it in Indiana, Tenn., Eastern KY in application mountains.

### Chevrolet Trivia Answer

The last year that a straight axle front suspension was offered in Chevrolet cars was 1940 in the Master 85 series. From 1941 onward, independent suspensions were used exclusively on Chevrolet passenger cars.

### GMC Trivia Answer

Starting in 1939, most GMC six cylinder engines have the cubic inch size stamped in as the first three numbers of the stamped engine serial number. The number is stamped on the machined boss near the fuel pump.

We made another goof on last month's trivia quiz. The first hydraulic lifters in a Chevrolet engine came in 1950 Powerglide engines. We mistakenly listed it as 1953.

Tip of the day!

You're welcome.



Thank you Sherwin Silver for many of these funny pictures!

Truck for sale. Needs parts. Serious inquiries only.



Finally I understand why cars have these things...



### May birthdays

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

To all of you, celebrate in style

**None of us** married in the merry month of May.

### Next meeting at the Balboa Sports Center

To be determined when we are back to normal

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