



Yesterday's Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region



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The April meeting at the park outdoors was a success so we will do it again. will have it at the Balboa Sports center (same as were our meeting indoors) outside at the west end of the parking lot. **Bring your own folding chair.** Only rain will cancel this meeting 5/4 at 6:30 PM

If you have one of those battery camping lanterns, please bring it.

Since you will be able to keep an eye on your car, maybe drive an old Chevy. Rene did. He brought his newest old Chevy, a '39 Deluxe.

Here you are looking at show and tell at our outside meeting.



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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY REGION,
VCCA
THURSDAY, April 7, 2022**

The Meeting was called to order by Director Andy Spilkoman at the west end of the Balboa Recreation Center parking lot at approximately 7:10 pm. There were 9 Members present and one guest.

There were no Minutes to be approved.

Treasurer: Treasurer Steve Rosenberg gave his Treasurer's Report for March, 2022. Steve reported that we are in excellent financial condition. Steve Rosenberg reported that VCCA National has asked for donations to support the Bowling Green National Convention in August. Steve proposed that we donate \$250. **Carolyn Ragan made a Motion that we donate \$250 to National to support the Convention. The Motion was seconded by Larry Sorrentino, voted on and carried unanimously.**

Correspondence: Andy Spilkoman reported that he received ten \$10 raffle tickets from National for their National Convention raffle. They were offered for sale to the attendees and five were sold. Steve Rosenberg collected the money and will mail the money to National along with the tickets. Winners do not have to be present.

Committee Reports: Steve Rosenberg reported that we are scheduled for our 21st VCCA Car Show at Community Chevrolet for Sunday, November 13, 2022. Everything will be the same as for last year. Steve announced that we need a new volunteer for the raffle. No one present volunteered, so Steve will advertise for a volunteer in *Yesterday's Chevrolet*.

Tours & Activities: Larry Pearson reported that he and several of our Members attended Don

Stout's Celebration of Life party at his Chatsworth home. It was very well done, with about 100 attendees.

We received notification of the Orange County Region's annual all Chevy car show at Connell Chevrolet in Costa Mesa on October 9th.

Steve Rosenberg brought up the subject of our annual Summer Party in July. Encino Park is a State of California facility and has been closed for the last two years because of COVID, and we do not know if it will be available for us this year. The Club pays all expenses. Rene Gomez was present and volunteered his home for our party. We unanimously accepted his generous offer. The date is to be determined. There will be a car show at Ranch San Antonio on Sunday, May 1st.

Old Business: None

New Business: Steve Rosenberg reported that Ronald McDonald House is selling raffle tickets for a 1969 Camaro SS 396 and 1958 Corvette, or \$45,000 cash. We normally support this annual charitable raffle. **Steve made a Motion that we purchase \$100 worth of tickets. The Motion was seconded by Carolyn Ragan, voted on, and carried unanimously.**

Badge Money: Nothing was collected.

Door Prizes: Larry Pearson brought the door prizes, and Steve Rosenberg recommended that all attendees would pick a prize.

What have you done, bought, sold, problems, and other interesting things you saw the past two months, car or parts related? Everyone gave their stories.

There being no further business, **Larry Sorrentino made a Motion that the Meeting adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Steve Rosenberg, voted on, and carried unanimously.** The Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Pearson
Acting Secretary for Gloria Palazzo

Chevrolet Trivia

What was the first production year that Chevrolet offered a Cab Over Engine (COE) truck?

Look for the answer at the bottom of this newsletter

Chevrolet Trivia

What was the first Chevrolet to feature a rumble seat?

Look for the answer at the bottom of this newsletter



John Potter's '32 He and his cars now reside in St. George Utah

A big thank you to Dave Valentine who stepped up to head the opportunity drawing table for our car show. He will still need other assistants as it is not a one person job.

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What you need to know about E15 fuel

Kyle Smith

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Ethanol fuels are not new, but recent legislation targeting high-fuel prices has brought the biofuel back to the forefront of the conversation. What is this change and how will you be affected? It's pretty simple: Tuesday's announcement is merely an extension of a practice already in place seasonally.

The announcement made by President Biden earlier this week will temporarily allow the sale of E15-blend gasoline through the summer months, a time period in which it is typically banned. This cuts the amount of fossil fuels in each tank by raising the ethanol content of each gallon sold from the typical 10 percent to 15. Ideally, wider availability of a more ethanol-rich fuel will insulate consumers (and their wallets) from high oil prices and supply-chain issues.

Can your car safely sip this new cocktail? A 5 percent increase in ethanol content is not anything over which most drivers should worry, as the vast majority of vehicles produced after 2001 are E15-tolerant. E15's compatibility with most 21st-century engines traces back to its first implementations in 2012 across a handful of midwestern states. The Environmental Protection Agency has previously been leery of approving E15 fuels for summer use due to the evaporation during warmer temperatures, which can lead to smog; hence why, in 2022, the wider availability of E15 expires this fall.

For classic car owners, E15 fuels are best avoided due to increased likelihood of corrosion from the ethanol content and probable system incompatibilities. For instance, traditional, rubber fuel lines are known to degrade faster

with ethanol-blended fuels, which also result in increased deposits if fuel evaporates inside components like fuel pumps and carburetors. Another issue, which applies to any vehicle running on E15, is the relative energy density of ethanol blends. Ethanol releases less energy when burned compared to gasoline. The 5 percent increase in ethanol content will cause fuel economy to dip, but the change would be about the same as a small change in driving style or variance in weather conditions (such as a light headwind). [Studies have proven this](#) decrease to be in the single digits: 3 to 4 percent fewer mpg when running on E10 rather than 100 percent gas, and 4 to 5 percent when using E15.

In short, this is a change that will have minimal impact on most drivers and their budgets. Classic cars and trucks should still avoid ethanol-blended fuels if possible. (There's little chance of E15 sneaking its way into your tank unannounced: Pumps must be labeled with what type of fuel the consumer is purchasing, and thus you will know whether you are putting E10 or E15 in your tank.) Use a site like [Pure-gas.org](#) to find whether there are stations near you with the option of ethanol-free fuels. Lower-ethanol, higher-gasoline fuel may be worth the extra coin for your classic engines, but don't fret over using E15 in modern vehicles that are used on a regular basis.

Chevrolet Trivia Answer

In 1939 Chevrolet introduced their first Cab Over Engine (COE) truck line. This new offering came in three different wheelbase options: 107", 131" or 158" and all of these were in the Utility series.

Chevrolet Trivia Answer

The 1927 Sports Cabriolet was the first Chevrolet to offer a rumble seat.

May birthday's

Fred Bell 9th
Hill Lewinson 13th
Andy Spilkoman 28th

A VERY happy birthday to you three

None of us married in the merry month of May.

It's May, It's May the merry month of May

..... what play/movie was that song sung?

**Next meeting @ Balboa Sports center
May 4, 2022 outdoors
West end of the parking lot**

*17015 Burbank Blvd., Encino, CA 91316
6:30 –8:00 PM*