



Yesterday's Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region



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Back again at our home, Balboa Sports center. That said those of you we have not seen ... great weather, great meeting room and even greater people. Join the group. The entry door we used to use is non-op for entry. The entry door is at the back of the building on the east side of the building.

Our car show is only 2+ months away. November 19th. We WILL need members to help. Last year we had about 110 cars on the lot. I am estimating 125 this year. We will have 2 sign-in tables and need 4 more members to help Vasken & Barry.

Feel free, if you haven't already, bring your completed show application to the meeting.

Upcoming Club BBQ will be September 23rd Los Encinos State Historic Park 11:00 AM food service at noon.... 16756 Moorpark St, Encino. Again, the region will be picking up the tab 😊

Suggestions As there is only street parking don't bring you old Chevy. Bring with you lawn chairs. BYOB beer or wine if you wish any. From Balboa St, turn east on Moorpark Rd and the park is on your right.

You and a spouse/guest are invited. **IDO NEED RSVP's** of those that intend to join us with 1 or 2 persons attending. Questions? Ask me. StoneFire Grill will be doing the cooking.

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Chevrolet Trivia

When did Chevrolet first introduce the small block V-8 engine?

Helpful Restoration Gadgets

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Restoration of vehicles is a fun but challenging hobby. These tools and gadgets will help make the restoration of your vehicle easier. There are many helpful restoration gadgets to make the job a little simpler. This will outline some of the more helpful items that you might not know about or even thought to ask.

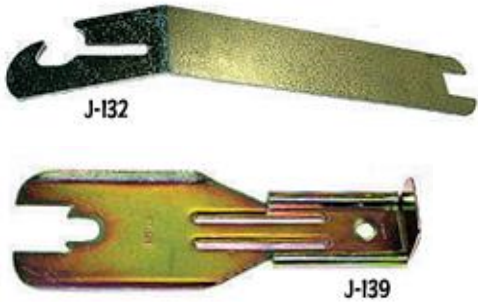


[VT-22](#)



[GM-1121](#)

VT-22 & GM-1121 – Rivet Head Bolts – These are a great short cut item that helps to replace rivets used on hood latches, hooks and handles. You will probably find other uses for them as well. From the top, they look like a rivet but on the bottom, they are threaded and come with lock washer nuts. Head diameter is .425", 10-32 x 1/2" bolt. Simply drill out the old rivets, do whatever repairs are necessary (like painting, chrome plating parts, etc.), then reinstall the item using these threaded little goodies to make life easy! Available in stainless or zinc coated, these little time savers look great when installed.



Chevrolet Trivia
When did Chevrolet first introduce the Suburban?
 Look for the answer at the bottom of this newsletter

J-132 (1948 & Older) & J-139 (1949 & Newer) – Door Handle & Window Crank Handle Removal Tools – When trying to remove inside door handles and window cranks, this little tool is worth its weight in gold! Trying to do this job with a screwdriver is crazy because the slot is so hard to reach without the proper tool. These tools have the proper bends to push out the retaining clips with very little effort.



Hole Plugs – Rubber, Plastic & Metal – So you got your firewall all painted up, engine installed and you are just finishing up wiring your old car. You look at the firewall and there are two holes that don't™ have anything going through them. Now you realize that the holes don't™ belong there at all. You could pull everything back out, repair and repaint the firewall OR you could find a proper sized hole plug in rubber, plastic or metal and make a quick, clean repair. Hole plugs come in many sizes, just measure the diameter

of the hole and get a few extras for those unwanted openings.



SA-115 & SA-115S – Clutch Head Screwdrivers & Sockets – GM had a special screw head made in the 1940's through the 1960's called clutch head. These screws came in machine thread or sheet metal thread. When doing a restoration on one of this era Chevy or GMC, you will likely run into these screws. The head opening looks like a "figure 8". Removing these screws without the proper driver is next to impossible. You can get a set of four different sizes (5/32", 3/16", 1/4", 5/16") available in either screwdriver or socket drive. If it is going to come out, the proper clutch head tool will get the job done!



Ferrule Tool

C-662



C-111 Ferrule

C-662 – Chrome Ferrule Installation Tool – Outside door & trunk handles on GM cars & trucks from 1937 & earlier used a chrome ferrule (C-111) to hold the handles steady. These chrome ferrules had a special tool required to install them. The tool pushes outward on the inside edge of the ferrule, thus tightening it in the hole of the door or trunk lid. This job is nearly impossible to do without a tool like this one.



V-100



[V-105](#)

V-100 – Torque Tube Bushing Puller – From 1951-1954 Chevrolet used a press fit bushing at the front of the torque tube. When replacing this bushing with a new bushing and seal assembly ([V-105](#)), it is necessary to remove the front bushing from the torque tube. Normal methods would require complete disassembly of the gears & driveshaft from the tube. With this tool, the front bushing can be removed in a matter of minutes with the driveshaft in place! NOTE: Earlier torque tube bushings are held in with dowel pins and should not require a tool to remove them.



[CD-41](#)



[PRP-0002](#)

CD-41 & PRP-0002 – Locking Strip Installation Tools – Rear window and quarter window seals on Chevrolet & GMC trucks from 1942-1966 used a rubber seal that has a locking strip to hold it in place. The rubber locking strip fits into a triangular shaped groove in the window seal. This special tool spreads the rubber seal out while helping feed the locking strip into place. It makes a simple job out of an otherwise tedious task.



VT-41 – Hood Prop – This handy device is used to hold the hood open on early cars & trucks (1929-1935) which have 4-piece hoods and V-shaped hood to radiator supports. Simply bolt into place and choose a long or short support arm. This clever device will keep the hood up while you do engine repairs, but also prevents damage to the hood from being folded all the way over on the other side. It folds quickly out of the way when not needed. Time-saving gadgets are wonderful to have when doing a restoration. These are just a few that might help you out on yours.

1954 for the 1955 model year - Chevrolet introduced its famous, powerful and durable small block V-8

engine in its cars & trucks. The small block was soon renowned for its performance and durability. It remained in production in different versions for 40 years.

6 tips for using jack stands

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Working on cars requires a whole slew of relatively specialized tools. Often times we don't even realize how unique those tools and practices are until we talk to someone new to the hobby. Or someone who is on the outside looking in. Just one example: How casually we discuss (and practice) the act of lifting our multi-thousand pound vehicles into the air and then supporting them with separate load-bearing apparatuses that allow us to work on, disassemble, or reach under the vehicles. It's dangerous when done right, and deadly when done wrong.

That sounds scary, and to a point it should be. Being cautious when the risks are this high is not a bad thing. That's why we created a quick list of tips for using jack stands: good for newbies, but it's also a refresher for those experienced enough to have lifted up a vehicle many times, in many ways over the years.

Buy once, cry never

There are many factors in selecting jack stands, and price is one that many of us are forced to consider. While tools can and will be shopped based on price point, jack stands should not be one of them. These are critical safety items that should come from reputable and trustworthy sources. The Harbor Freight jack stand [debacle](#) of 2020 should be burned in our collective memory for a long time, as being crushed by your car is not the way to go. Cheaping out with jack stands is a fast track to a mere feeling of safety, rather than possessing actual safety.

Jack stands should be sturdy with a good wide base. A secondary method of locking them at

the desired height is also a plus. Do not modify jack stands or otherwise compromise safety features in the name of convenience. Doing so is only making it easier to get hurt.

Size appropriately

Jack stands produced after 2015 are rated as a pair. Which means if you find some at the local parts store that say they are "three-ton" jack stands, the ability to support the claimed 6000 pounds requires both stands. In reality, three-ton jack stands should be the smallest used in most home shops, as it gives a good safety margin when working on smaller cars, yet a set of four does have enough capability to hold a medium-sized truck or SUV in a pinch.

August Birthday's

Bob Ragan 14th
Anthony Zanontian 26th

August anniversaries

Gloria & Carmine Palazzo 3rd
Sue & Richard Palazzo 15th
Mary & Duane Diez 30th

September Birthday's

Dave Dunton 1st
Alba Wisman 4th
Rich Wisman 15th
Carmine Palazzo 17th
LaDonna Della Gala 22nd
ME 29th

Chevrolet Trivia Answer

In 1934 Chevrolet introduced the Suburban Carryall for the 1935 model year. It was a closed body, one half ton truck platform with seating for eight people. It would evolve into today's Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV).

September Anniversaries

Marisol & Sil Delgado 4th
Katie & Al Osterloh 6th
Traci & Jeff Bartfai 7th
Linda & John Potter 10th
Evelyn & Vaskin Hogopian 21st
LaDonna & Micheal Dells Gala 22th

Next meeting @ Balboa Sports Center

17015 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA 91316

Thursday, September 7th

7:00 – 8:30 PM