



Yesterday's Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region



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You will notice the newsletter has gotten less & less the last year or so. I have been doing it for probably 40 years. It's time for someone to take over. I can remember when they were printed and mailed to members.

I WELCOME items you wish to be in this newsletter. Include pictures?

SFV Region Meeting Minutes Thursday February 5, 2025

Meeting called to order: at 7:07 PM Those in attendance were Kevin Enns, Steve Rosenberg, Carolyn Ragan, Larry Pearson, Andy Spilkoman, & Steve Halloway. 6 members total, no guests.

Minutes: Andy Spilkoman motioned to approve minutes, Steve Halloway made the second motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: Steve Rosenberg read off the Treasurer's Report. Larry Pearson motioned to approve, Carolyn Ragan made the second motion. Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Communications: Shelterbox sent a Thank You letter for our \$500 donation. From National VCCA, all VCCA classes judged cars the fees will increase from \$5 to \$15 in 2026. That means that VCCA judged cars fee will go up \$10. **ED. Note** As the VCCA supplies all VCCA mini's, oval's & boards and mails items to award winners, that make sense.

Committee reports / car show: Is now confirmed for the second Sunday in November, Sunday, November 8th

Tours & Activities: open discussion was held about coming up with some tours and activities to do throughout 2026 Round table discussion: On upcoming events and things we've done with our cars since last month.

Old Business: none

New Business: An open discussion was had about donating to the Ronald McDonald House of Charity in the amount of \$400, to be equally divided of \$200 for raffle tickets to two prizes, a 1970 Chevelle and a 1962 Corvette. The raffle tickets will be divided as follows in the event the region wins one of the cars, 1) Each club member of the SFV Region gets one ticket. 2) Each club member of the SFV Region that attends a monthly meeting will get one additional ticket per meeting. 3) Each club member of the SFV Region that attends a tour or activity will receive one additional ticket per event. Steve Rosenberg made the proposal. Carolyn Ragan made the first motion to approve. Larry Pearson made the second motion to approve. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Badge Fines: none Door prizes: Andy Spilkoman – Putty Knife / Larry Pearson – DOT 4 Brake Fluid / Steve Rosenberg – Permatek Gasket Maker Meeting adjourned: at 7:52, first motion by Andy Spilkoman, second by Carolyn Ragan.

Respectfully Submitted Kevin Enns

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Jeff Pettis (PCC newsletter editor) and the original author This story was summarized from an article written by Johnny Hunkins.

The Factory V-8 Chevy Vega That Should Have Been! (Summary by Jeff Pettis) Did you know Chevrolet almost produced a V-8 Vega? I didn't and I worked in a Chevrolet garage in the early 70's. Chevrolet introduced the Vega 2300 in September of 1970. From that day on those interested in performance took a look at the Vega and began dreaming of slipping in a small-block V-8. It wasn't long and the aftermarket world picked up on the idea and "kits" for the transformation were quickly available. Don't think the Chevrolet engineers weren't considering the same thing. The issue from General Motors was in the weight distribution issue the V-8 would create - translating into handling. A small-block Chev (production cast-iron block and heads), minus fly wheel, clutch, and bellhousing, weighed in at about 535 pounds, while the aluminum block four-cylinder Vega 2300 engine with other similar equipment weighed in at 285 pounds. The engineers played with a number of prototypes that ran the range of the Cosworth twin-cam four-cylinder head conversion to the Wankel rotary. Where they spent the most attention to was an all aluminum small-block V-8. The aluminum V-8 brought the weight down to 375 pounds when set up with the similar equipment as the heavier cast-iron block. That's running about 165 pounds lighter!



Another surprise to me as I read the article was the Alcoa aluminum block (with cast iron cylinder liners) and aluminum heads for the small-block Chevy was developed in 1959 by Zora Arkus-Duntov for his Corvette research. A limited number were built and only a few existed at the time of this original article (1972). These were never offered to the public through either the production line or the service package parts program. In testing the car recorded a stopwatch quarter-mile standing –start time of 13.97 seconds. The car was equipped with a stock 350 Turbohydro transmission, stock Vega rear end, and street tires. Had everything been acceptable to the Chevrolet executives the package was shooting for the 1974 model year. This story was summarized from an article written by Johnny Hunkins and came from the original article in the July 1972 issue of HOT ROD. You can read the full article by going to: <https://www.hotrod.com/features/chevy-vega-small-block-v8-engine-hot-rod-july-1972>



Birthday girl Sabina Karras & their '64 Impala

1966 vs. 2026 1966: Long hair 2026: Longing for hair
1966: KEG 2026: EKG 1966: Acid rock 2026: Acid reflux 1966: Moving to California because it's cool 2026: Moving to Arizona because it's warm 1966: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor 2026: Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor 1966: Seeds and stems 2026: Roughage 1966: Hoping for a BMW 2026: Hoping for a BM 1966: Going to a new, hip joint 2026: Receiving a new hip joint

1966: Rolling Stones 2026: Kidney Stones
 1966: Screw the system 2026: Upgrade the system
 1966: Disco 2026: Costco
 1966: Parents begging you to get your hair cut
 2026: Children begging you to get their heads shaved
 1966: Passing the drivers' test 2026: Passing the vision test
 1966: Whatever 2026: Depends



Prize to 1st person that replies, who, what & where.

Birthday's

David Enzer	4 th
Elliot Shell	6 th
Gail Summer	6 th
Girard Mollayan	7 th
Kevin Enns	10 th
Al Osterloh	15 th
Terrie Bagnuolo	24 th
Sabrina Karras	29 th
Sasha Palazzo	31 st

Anniversaries

Linda & Barry Goldsmiths	22 nd
Sasha & Anthony Palazzo	15 th

Next meeting @ Balboa Sports Center

17015 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA 91316
 Enter from back, North/East corner

Thursday, March 5th

7:00 – 8:30

To All of you, enjoy your special day