



Yesterday's Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region



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Valley Relics

<https://valleyrelicsmuseum.org/>

We are confirmed for Saturday June 13th from 10 - noon. They have a wedding after we are gone. The club will pay the entry fee. Regularly \$15, they are charging the club \$10. You and a plus 1 will be free. Any additional will still be \$10. Those who intend to attend and have **NOT RSVP'd** please do so.

Somewhere in their collection is a Dales Jr Market name badge that say's STEVE, STORE MANAGER. If you spot it. I'd like a heads up :)

We might, for those that wish, meet for breakfast. (info to follow) That won't be free :)

It will be a VCCA passport event. If your car does not have one, it is easy to obtain.

Questions? Give me a call 805-379-9666 C 818-321-0642

SFV Region Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 7, 2025

Meeting was called to order at: 7:08 PM

Those in attendance were: Kevin Enns, Steve Rosenberg, Carolyn Ragan, Dave Valentine, Larry Sorrentino, Norm Guimond, Steve Halloway, and Larry Pearson. 8 members total, no guests.

Meeting Minutes: Larry Sorrentino made the first motion to approve the April minutes. Norm Guimond made a second motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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

New Communications: none

Committee Reports / Car Show: Steve Rosenberg presented to the club the flyer for the 2026 Division #1 Chevrolet / GMC car show at Community Chevrolet. A discussion was held about flyer, raise in registration fees, and raffle drawing.

Tours and Activities: SFV Region Summer BBQ Party to be sometime in July, exact date, time and location, TBD.
Steve Rosenberg made a motion for our SFV Region to have a passport tour of Valley Relics Museum. Tour to be held on a weekend in June. Norm Guimond made a second motion. A vote was held and motion passed unanimously.

Dave Valentine will look into setting up a table at at Bob's Big Boy in Toluca Lake on their

Friday night cruise night as a membership drive for sometime in late June or early July.

Round Table Discussions: What have you done, bought, sold, problems, and any other interesting things we've done with our cars since last month.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Badge Fines: none

Door Prizes: Steve Halloway – Permatex Anti Seize / Larry Sorrentino – Hose Clamps / Kevin Enns – Tire Guage

Meeting Adjourned: First motion to adjourn meeting by Larry Pearson, second motion by Larry Sorrentino. Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully Submitted
Kevin Enns



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Hantavirus May Be Hiding in Your

Classic—Here's How to Handle It

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There is no shortage of risks when driving or maintaining vintage cars, and we all either accept those risks or take action to mitigate them. For example, small changes in driving habits can reduce the risk of getting involved in a traffic collision, but some risks are far harder to see and can get us even if our cars aren't being driven. Vintage and collector vehicles often sit for extended periods of time, occasionally playing host to vermin or rodents. These unwanted guests bring—and more importantly leave behind—remnants that are not only annoying, but can be dangerous to your health.

Rodent droppings and nests can live longer in cars than the animals that made them, and that means many aging cars can harbor hazardous material without us even knowing. I say this because I have learned the hard way when taking apart a new purchase [only to find nest](#) after nest. I'm not alone either. If this happens to you, here's what you need to know to stay safe.

What hantavirus is



You might have heard the term tossed around a lot lately, but what is hantavirus, and what are the risks? In short, hantavirus is a name that covers certain types of viruses, originally identified in Korea during the Korean War, with another type identified in the United States in 1993. Though rare, these viruses can be deadly as they often lead to diseases like hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS) and hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS). HPS is most common in the United States, but it is possible to contract HFRS in the U.S. too, though it is mostly found in Europe and Asia.

Where and why you might encounter hantavirus in your old car

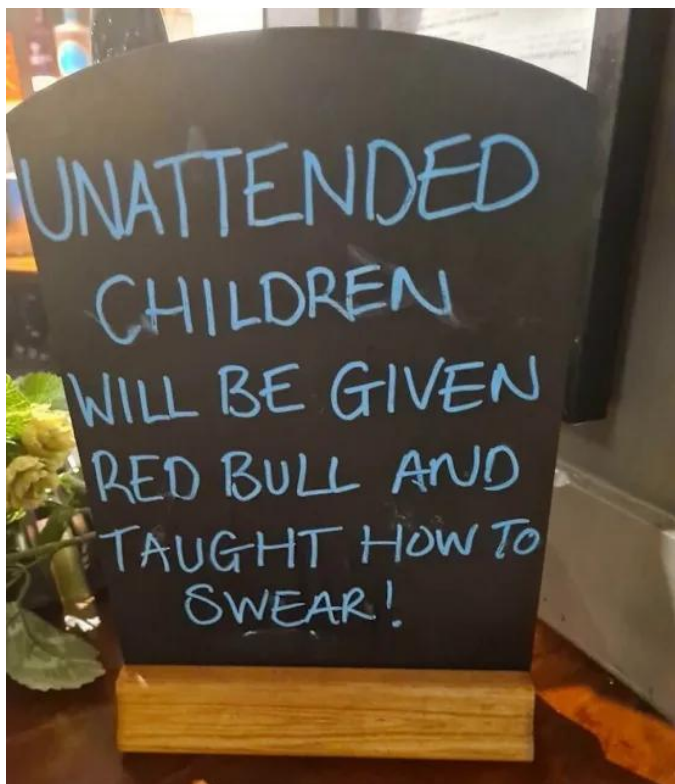
The main carrier of hantavirus in the U.S. is the deer mouse, which, like many types of rodents, likes to make nests in warm spots, especially over winter. Anyone who has pickled a vintage car for even just one season has likely been made aware of the risk of mice chewing wires and seat foam, along with destroying other materials as they build nests.

Those nests appear to be the least annoying part, but can actually be the most dangerous. The main risk of contracting hantavirus is by inhalation or through skin contact, making cleaning these nests out something that should be taken seriously. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the virus can also spread when saliva, urine, or feces from an infected animal gets into cuts in a person's skin or their eyes, nose, or mouth.



This means if you do find a mouse nest or detritus in your car, taking the small amount of extra time to prevent touching or inhaling [when removing the nest](#) is prudent. A mask, gloves, and standard household disinfectant like a bleach and water mixture are enough to nearly eliminate the risk of contracting hantavirus. The CDC also recommends airing a vehicle out prior to cleaning and against using a vacuum to clean up nests, as it is likely to stir up material into the air and make it more likely to be breathed in. Prevention involves making the space as inhospitable as possible for the rodents, laying traps, and closing up small holes to prevent them from ever entering.

Mice destroying our beloved cars can be tough, but when taking action to repair or prevent possible damage, ensure that the car is the only thing needing attention and repair. We can't mitigate all the health and safety risks that come with vintage vehicles, but hantavirus is one that you should not fear.



California's "Leno's Law" (SB 1392) continues gaining major support as it moves to the State Assembly after passing the Senate with bipartisan approval. The bill would create a limited smog exemption for qualifying collector vehicles, starting with pre-1981 models and expanding to pre-1986 vehicles by 2032, while keeping California's existing pre-1976 exemption intact.

Support continues to grow from the lowrider community, SEMA, Jay Leno, and even the FIA, all emphasizing the importance of preserving California's automotive culture, small businesses, and historic vehicles while still respecting air quality goals. Over 1,700 letters of support have already been submitted by the lowrider community alone.

Proponents say the bill is focused on true collector cars driven sparingly for shows, cruises, and events — helping keep California's automotive heritage alive for future generations.

#LenosLaw #SB1392 #CaliforniaCarCulture #ClassicCars #HotRods #MuscleCars #CollectorCars #AutomotiveHeritage #CarEnthusiast #SEMA #LowriderCulture #JayLeno #VintageCars #CustomCars

#SaveOurCars

#AutomotiveHistory

#Offenhauser #KeepTheCultureAlive

#CarCommunity

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June Birthdays

Verena Herzog-Mollyan	2nd
Vasken Hogopian	3rd
Linda Goldsmith	5th
Marisol Delgado	5th
Larry Pearson	15th
Kerri Dunton	21st

Anniversaries

Lori & Dave Enzer	15th
Kerri & Dave Dunton	18th
Verena Herzog- & Girard Mollyan	21st
Terri & Brent Davis	21st

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

Thursday, June 4th

7:00 – 8:30