

# BOWTIE 101 AUGUST 2023. VOLUME 11

Chevy trivia
What year was the
Silverado nameplate
first used as a truck
option level?
Answer on page 4

## Central Coast BBQ and Monthly Meeting – SLO (July 1)

Ok gang, we had a great turnout today for our BBQ and meeting. We had nine cars and twenty-one members for today's event. We all gathered at Rich & Sharon Pescatore's house on such a great day. We could not have asked for any better weather or the company that we had. We had a short meeting and then we did what we do best, eat. The meat was done to perfection and all the sides that were brought were very good. All in all, a perfect day to spend with friends. Happy 4th to everyone. Take care and stay safe. We will see some of you for the 4th parade. Sal Orlando













**Grillmaster Rich** 









Eachus's '31 Sedan



Orlando's '31 Phaeton



Pescatore's '37 Rolls Royce



MacDonald's '55 Belair



Cochran's '57 150



Pennell's '63 Greenbrier



Miller's '65 Malibu



Petrie's '66 Monza



Berto's '70 Stingray



Rosenthal's '70 Stingray



## Nipomo 4th of July Parade

Hi everyone, well we had another great fourth parade today. The weather was perfect, and the crowds were awesome. We had the Crankers and the Chevy club together today. There were five from the Model A club and four Chevys, the bus belongs to the Chevy club and along with one VW that is a Chevy club member. The crowds along the way were great and happy to cheer us on. We all came back for a drive-through hamburger or hot dog lunch along with chips and water. Thanks goes to Sean S. for all he does for this event. Well, if you missed it, plan on joining next year.

Enjoy the ride, Sal Orlando























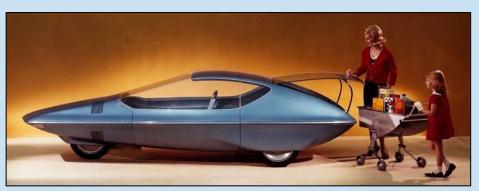


### 1964/65 World's Fair - New York

The world's fair that held over 140 pavilions and 110 restaurants, representing 80 nations (hosted by 37), 24 US states, and over 45 corporations with the goal and final result of building exhibits or attractions at Flushing Meadows—Corona Park in Queens, New York City. The immense fair covered 646 acres on half the park, with numerous pools or fountains, and an amusement park with rides near the lake. The fair is noted as a showcase of mid-twentieth-century American culture and technology. The nascent Space Age, with its vista of promise, was well represented. More than 51 million people attended the fair. It remains a touchstone for many American Baby Boomers who visited the optimistic exposition as children, before the turbulent years of the Vietnam War and many to-be forthcoming cultural changes. General Motors was present with futuristic car designs and Chevrolet showed up with engine and transmission displays of what would soon be in our future.



GMC's "Tower of Power" Stacked Trucks



Runabout Concept Car at GM's Pavilion



**GM Futura Concept Car Stiletto** 



General Motors Futurama



Turbine Powered GM Firebird IV



Turbo-Jet 427



Turbo-Fire 350



The soon to be released Turbo-Jet 396



Chevy trivia answer:
The year was 1975 when
Chevy offered the top trim
level on C/K full-size trucks.



# HOMEWARD BOUND

# 1957 Chevrolet Nomad

BY: DON CLARK

I spotted my 1957 Chevy Nomad online at the American Classic Cars & Hot Rods dealership in Midvale, Utah during February 2017. It struck me as a nice example of a vintage Chevrolet, so I flew out to look at it and brought a mechanic friend with me. I told them that my plan was to take it back to California. It turned out the car's actual

owner was Ardell Brown and it was consignment by dealership for the sale. They invited us to go out to see Ardell's collection in a barn not far away. This was an impressive collection, which at that point had been pared down to a little over 100 vehicles. The history on this car is still a bit vague to me but he had owned



the Nomad for a few years and either Ardell or earlier owners had done things to it to make it their own. He acquired the car from a suburb of Everett, WA and never really drove it as he was in his declining years. The original 14" steel wheels and wheel-covers had been replaced with new 15x7 OEM Chevrolet Rally wheels from the 1970's. The car had the front drum brakes removed and now aided

by the improved stopping capability of modern disc brakes. Because the car had been sitting for more than a decade, the motor understandably ran a bit rough, but we couldn't pinpoint exactly why. After

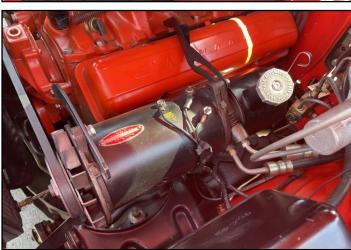
a test-drive though; it drove very nicely and convinced me that I should purchase the car.

I had a gentleman trailer my new purchase to my home at the time in Long Beach, California.











Going through the paper work and receipts in the glove box I discovered that prior to the home in Everett, the car resided in Orange County and was owned by James East, who owns Jim East Auto Body and Paint in Orange. It's not clear how long he was the cars owner, but registration tags indicated it was for several years during the 1990's. Earlier than this I have no knowledge. I suspect that





some of the paint work had been restored during the period he owned it because the condition is quite magnificent for a car that is 66 years old. After closer evaluation of the engine's condition, my mechanics advised me the best course of action was to replace it, but rather than doing that, because I wanted to maintain its authenticity, I elected to try and resolve what the issues were which took a period of time. Removing the headers was one of the things I did fairly soon and reinstalled a pair of stock exhaust manifolds. Eventually I chose to have the engine rebuilt which not only solved the rough running characteristic but allowed it to run on today's fuel. During this process I learned that the original motor was not present, but instead a 1959 283 c.i. truck engine,

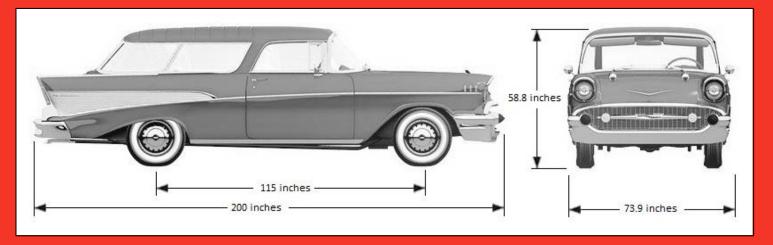
which was still, however, according to the original factory specifications.

In my effort to make the car more dependable, I replaced the fuel tank, sending unit, and added a set of 215/70R15 BF

Goodrich TA radial tires to the pristine rally wheels. The car's paint colors are Matador Red/India Ivory, and the interior has Red/Black upholstery. The cowl tag show a Van Nuys assembly designation. One of the interesting characteristics of this era is that the generator and power steering pump share a common drive shaft and use the same drive belt. It still retains a points ignition system, original radio, and rear drive train.

I had the radiator replaced with a vintage configured unit but built for higher capacity flow. The clock did not work so I installed a new period correct reproduction. I had always wanted a 1957 Chevy as it is my birth year and had been studying all the various models that were being offered for sale at the time. I am now glad I decided on this specific model of the 1957 Chevrolet. To me. the attitude of the Nomad is very distinct, and the rarity makes it something that does not exist with too many examples of the other 1957 Chevys I have come across.





## **Factory Specifications**

Base price: \$2,857

#### **ENGINE**

Type: OHV V-8, 2 valves per cylinder,

cast-iron block and heads, spark ignition, 4 stroke

Displacement: 283 cubic inches Bore x Stroke: 3.87 inch x 3.00 inches

Compression ratio: 9.5:1

Horsepower @ RPM: 220 @ 4600 RPM Torque @ RPM: 300 @ 3000 RPM Valvetrain: Hydraulic valve lifters

Main bearings: 5

Fuel system: Rochester Powerpack, 4 barrel carburetor,

steel intake manifold, mechanical fuel pump

Lubrication system: Wet sump, mechanical, gear driven pump Electrical system: 12-volt Delco tar top battery, Delco generator

Ignition: Breaker point inductive

Exhaust system: Dual exhaust, cast iron manifolds

#### **TRANSMISSION**

Type: Power Glide, 2 speed automatic,

column shifter

Ratios: 1st 1.82:1 2nd 1.00:1 Reverse 1.82:1

#### DIFFERENTIAL

Type: Cast iron pumpkin, 54" between backing plates

Ratio: 3.36:1

#### **STEERING**

Type: Saginaw, power, recirculating ball

Ratio: 20.0:1 Turns, lock-to-lock: 5.34 turns

Turning circle: 41.5 feet (curb to curb)

#### BRAKES

Type: Power, internal four-wheel mechanical drum

Front: 11.0 inch drum Rear: 11.0 inch drum

#### **CHASSIS & BODY**

Frame: Rectangular steel tube perimeter, box girder Body style: Three-door, executive wagon, six-passenger

Layout: Front engine, rear-wheel drive

#### SUSPENSION

Front: Independent, unequal-length A-arms, coil springs, double acting diagonally mounted telescoping shocks,

spherical ball joint geometry

Rear: Live rear axle, paralled rear leaf springs, double acting diagonal telescoping shocks mounted to body

#### **WHEELS & TIRES**

Wheels: Stamped steel, 5 x 4.75" bolt centers,

full wheel covers

Front/rear: 14" x 5.0", 3.94" back spacing

Tires: Bias ply tubeless Front/rear: 7.50" x 14"

#### **WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Wheelbase: 115.0 inches Overall length: 200.0 inches Overall width: 73.9 inches Overall height: 58.8 inches Front track: 58.0 inches Rear track: 58.8 inches Ground clearance: 7.0 inches

Shipping weight: 3,342 pounds

#### CAPACITIES

Crankcase: 4 quarts +1 for oil filter change

Cooling system: 16.9 quarts Fuel tank: 16.9 gallons Transmission: 4 quarts, ATF Type A Rear axle: 4 pints, SAE 90

#### **CALCULATED DATA**

Bhp per CID: 0.65 Weight per bhp: 18.06 Weight per CID: 11.81

**PERFORMANCE** theoretical 0-60 MPH: 11.7 seconds

1/4 mile: 18.9 seconds @ 74 MPH

Top Speed MPH: 101

#### **PRODUCTION**

1957 Chevy cars total: 1,515,177

1957 Nomads: 6,103 (0.4% of total 1957 Chevrolets)



# **Technical Updates**

Engine 283 c.i. engine from 1959 Chevy truck, heads overhauled with hardened

valve seats, stock exhaust manifolds reinstalled

Fuel system Replacement stock fuel tank and sending unit

F/R Wheels/tires NOS 15x7 Chevrolet Rally, BF Goodrich TA Radial 215/70 R15

Cooling system High flow capacity OEM style

Brakes 11" disc front

Instrumentation Replacement OEM style analog clock



#### Norgrove Gardens Railway – Arroyo Grande (July 22)

Hi everyone, well this has been a very busy Saturday. First some of us took our cars over to the AG Chevy dealer and parked them. Then we got into modern cars and went over to the Norgrove Railway for a private tour. Wow, what a few extra bucks can do for a guy. This is an amazing collection of trains. Along with the trains a guy needs a shop to maintain them of course. After touring the shop area we went on a twenty five minute train ride over and through the vineyard on a two mile track on four hundred acres. We thank the Corvair Club for inviting the Chevy Club to join them on this tour. We left there and drove back over to the dealership to take in the Chevy car show. Enjoy the ride, Sal Orlando

















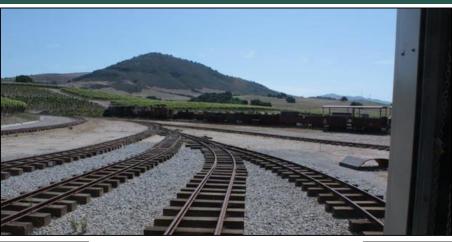






































#### Arroyo Grande Chevrolet - 10 Year Anniversary Car Show - (July 22)

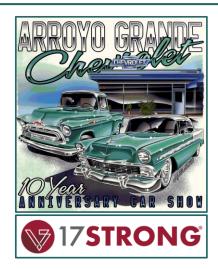
Arroyo Grande's Chevrolet dealership and partner 17Strong put on an outstanding event which featured 97 distinctly different cars. The show was free to participants and donations were requested to provide grants for Victory trips to adults after battling life threatening illnesses. Rob was first to arrive and was able to save spots together for most of our 11 cars and vintage Schwinn Sting-Ray. The weather was perfect, and our canopy provided a comfortable spot to gather around and enjoy the sights, music and tasty provided lunch. We look forward to more events like this one and our sincere thanks go to AG Chevrolet's Nathan Beebe for his vision and execution of this exceptional car show.





AG Chevy's '57 3100







AG Chevy's '56 Belair









Nathan's '63 Nova SS

Rob's '55 SB 3100

Richard's '50 SB Coupe







Steve's '57 150

Sal's '31 Phaeton

Dean's '70 454 Stingray







Don's '57 283 Nomad

Steve's '55 502 Belair

Anthony's '36 Master







Ernie's '63 327 Split-Window Sting Ray

Mark's '68 427 Stingray

Chris's '64 LS Malibu and '76 Bicentennial Sting-Ray

























































## 1954 Chevrolet Corvette S.O. 2151 Prototype

## This One-of-a-Kind C1 Corvette Could Fetch Up to \$2 Million at Auction Next Month







The opportunity to acquire an early Chevrolet Corvette like no other is coming up next month.

Gooding & Company is set to auction off a one-of-a-kind C1 "proposal car" at its annual Pebble Beach sale during Monterey Car Week. The gorgeous convertible is a design concept for a mid-generation design refresh that GM chose not to move forward with.

The origins of this prototype, which is known by its S.O. 2151 serial number, date back to early 1953, before the 'Vette had even gone into production. It's one of 15 cars with a single-piece fiberglass body that were built for testing or display at GM Motorama. This example debuted in early 1954 as a pale-yellow hard-top, after which it was retired and sent to GM's storied Art and Color department for use as a proposal car.



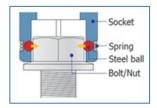




Under the supervision of legendary designer Harley Earl, the car would end up being used as a design prototype for the 1955 Corvette, which was due to get a makeover to go with its new, optional V-8. The vehicle's body features several stylistic changes, including a new egg-crate front grille, a decorative hood scoop, slanted front-fender vents, bumper-exit exhaust tips, and a trunk like that found on the fastback Corvair. The convertible, which is powered by an inline-six and finished in Bermuda Green, is a beauty, but as Corvette buffs know, GM executives decided to hold off for a year and then go in a more muscular direction with the 1956 model.

# Best sockets that hold bolts and nuts from falling out





One of the biggest time wasters of working on a car is looking for a bolt or nut that fell out of its socket and bounced around somewhere in a difficult to reach or see area. A piece of masking tape stuck to the bolt/nut head does a great job also.

#### Battery good but starter won't crank motor



Tap the starter with the jack handle or tire iron. The starter is an electric motor and can develop a flat spot on the armature. By tapping it, you're trying to jar the armature enough to move it off the flat spot. If there's no click when you turn the key, you might have a bad neutral safety switch. Shift into neutral and try starting. If that doesn't work, shift back to PARK and try again. Repeat this cycle several times. If it finally starts, replace the switch.

#### Rubber Hose Guide



A length of snug-fitting rubber hose over the spark plug will save time by helping you guide the plug into tight places and prevent damaged threads when installing the spark plugs. The hose will allow you to turn the plug, but not cross thread it.

#### Double nut stud extractor trick



Rather than using vise grips to remove a stud, use two nut threading them onto a stud and tightening them against each other, and then turning the lower of the two nuts to loosen the stud.

# Points of Interest





#### **REAGAN PRESIDENTAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**

Explore more than 100 acres of collections at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum. Board Air Force One or tour the kids around a Secret Service Exhibit. Through August 13<sup>th</sup> see special exhibit <u>AUSCHWITZ. Not long ago. Not far away.</u> brings together more than 700 original objects of great historic and human value; objects which were direct witnesses of the horrors of Auschwitz and the Holocaust. These objects serve as the guiding thread of a rigorous and moving account of the history of the German Nazi camp Auschwitz and its dwellers, both victims and perpetrators. Located in Simi Valley.

#### 1973 Chevrolet Veraneio



Here's one you don't see everyday. The unique-looking 6 passenger Veraneio SUV never made it to the North American market. It was first unveiled for the 1964 model year and was built in Chevrolet's Sao Paulo plant in Brazil and sold under the Suburban nameplate until 1969 when it became the Veraneio. This first-gen Veraneio remained in production for 25 years.

The Veraneio underwent quite a few changes throughout its production run, which included cosmetic touch-ups to the car's design inside and out. The SUV was offered with 2 different V6 engines; either a 4.1 or 4.2 liter.

These were popular as family wagons, but also used as police cruisers and ambulances.









Brazilian market model based on the local market C-series pick-up chassis. Initially sold under the Suburban nameplate starting in 1964, badging was changed to Veraneio in 1969—it translates to "summertime" in Portuguese.

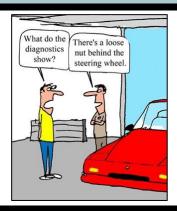
This one is equipped with a 261 c.i. Stovebolt, 6 cylinder engine and a column shift 3 speed manual transmission. The later models used the 250 c.i. motor.

The lip over the top of the windshield appears to be inspired by a '59-66 truck, and the side windows have more of a station wagon vibe to it with a very sloped rear window. The tailgate is hinged along the roofline to allow for easy access to back cargo however needs ample clearance to open.



# **Lighten Up**

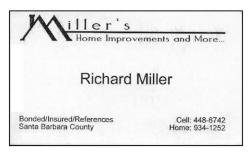






#### Vendors our members recommend





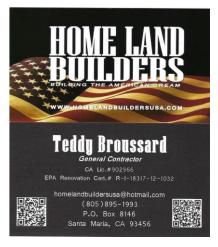






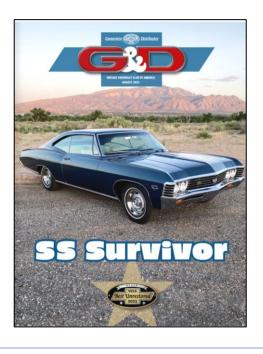








#### **News & Information**



G&D MAGAZINE
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Has been published
now in FULL COLOR



Hemmings featured article
1954 Delray

Chevy trivia
What is the difference
between the Stingray and
Sting Ray?
Answer page 27

# New article on history of Chevy Pickup Trucks



# **CCR Anniversaries**



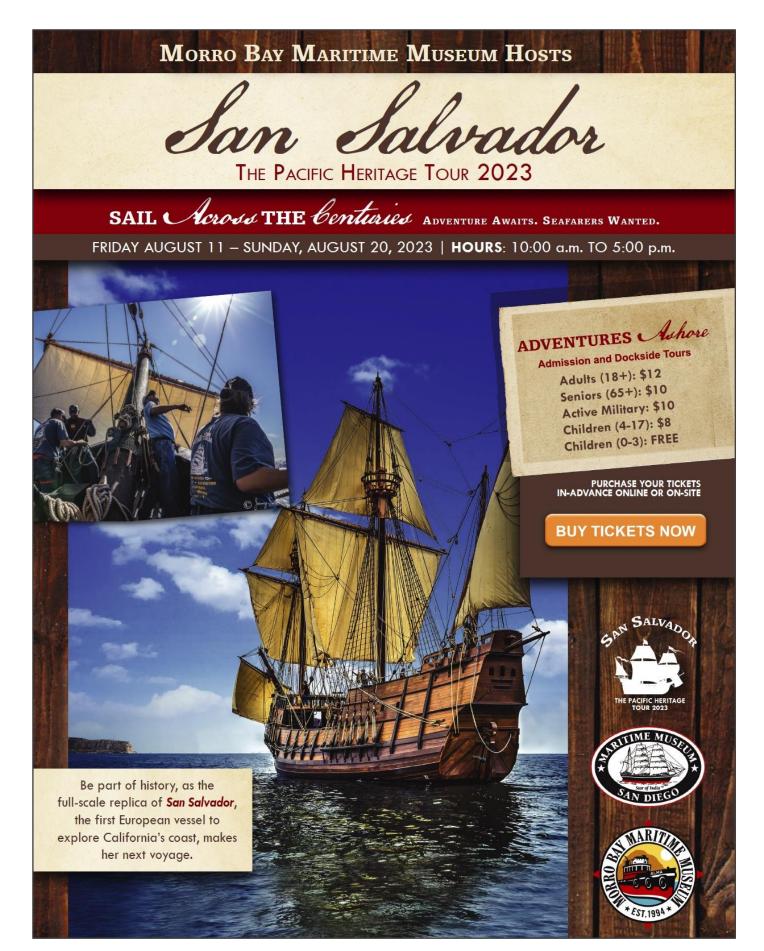
**4 Years** Vince Petrie Aug 13 **6 Years** Loren Eachus Aug 16







Register here.



Buy tickets here.



# 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lake Park Car Show SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023 ★ 10am – 3pm



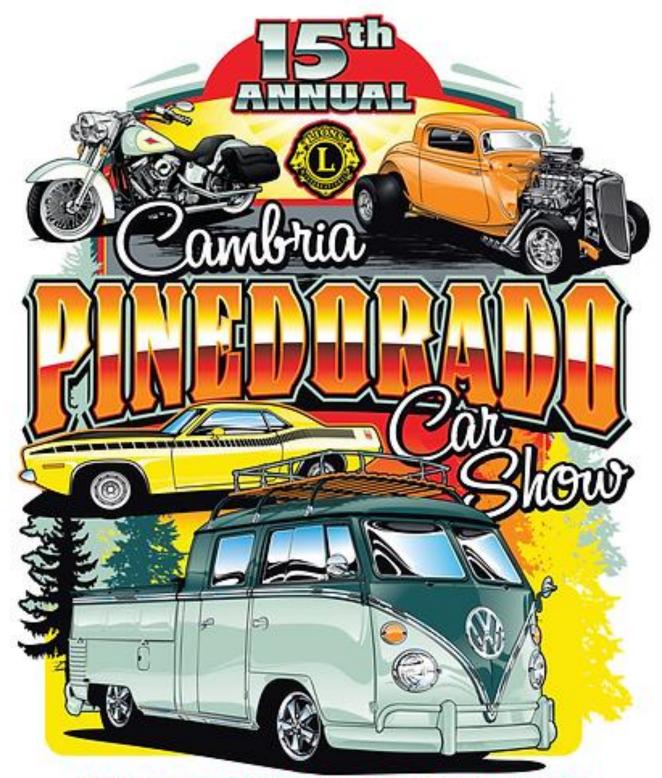
#### **ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES**

#### Register at www.midstatecruizers.org

Pre-register to receive a free T-shirt. Purchase additional shirts at show.

Roy Barba 805.238.3177 ★ Larry Wilson 805.423.5218

Register here.



# SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 3RD - 2023

Open Show! All Years and Makes! Cambria Vets Hall

#### WWW.CAMBRIALIONS.ORG/CAR-SHOW

ENTRY FEE '50 THRU AUG IST....'60 THEREAFTER - ALL REGISTRANTS RECEIVE T-SHIRT Entry Fee is a Donation - NO REFUNDS - All Proceeds Go To Cambria Lions Charities

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# Current Car Culture Collectibles





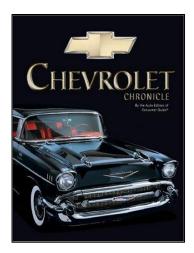
#### **Chevy Piston Lamp**

Great gift for a car guy or mechanic, hand made from recycled real metal car parts except the air filter is new, air filter housing can be ordered in black or chrome, lamps are made 1 at a time as no two are the same, 6" diameter x 17" tall, \$239 with free shipping



#### 1967 Chevy Camaro SS Red The First Yenko Super Camaro

1/18 die cast model. Carpeted interior. Real rubber tires. Tilting front seats. Steerable wheels. True-to-scale detail. Has detailed chassis. Officially licensed product. Wired and plumbed engine. Opening hood, doors and trunk. Manufacturer's original unopened packaging. Made of diecast metal with some plastic parts. Detailed interior, exterior, engine compartment. Dimensions approximately L-10, W-3.75, H-2.75 inches. \$139.95



#### **Chevrolet Chronicle**

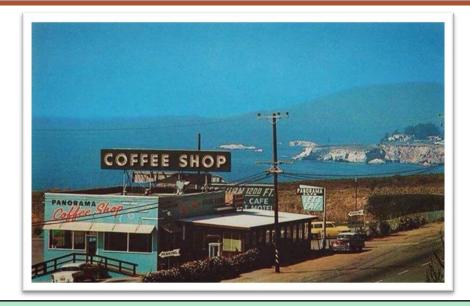
Brings the story of Chevrolet right up to date, with coverage from the birth of the brand in 1911 to today's new models. Lively picture-caption format. More than 1700 photos, most in color. Vintage factory shots, brochure and ad art, original and restored classics, and all the latest Chevy cars, SUVs, and pickup trucks. This complete year-by-year history Includes historic timelines and model specifications, prices, and production totals. 384 pages, Hardcover, \$29.99



#### **Tri-Five Bel Air Gas Pump Sculpture**

A FIRST! Limited-edition vintage-style gas pump sculpture honors 50s Bel Airs®. Lighted globe, real rubber hoses, realistic meter gauges and more. Limited edition to 95 casting days. GM licensed, Hand-numbered and includes matching Certificate of Authenticity. Measures 12" H, \$110

#### BACK IN THE DAY



#### **Event Calendar 2023**

Aug 5, 9:30 AMMonthly MeetingAG Chevrolet DealershipAug 11 & 1219th Annual Lompoc Police Cruise & Car ShowLompocAug 16, 8:00 AMVCCA BreakfastCJ's Café, AGAug 15San Salvador Sailing ShipMaritime Museum, Morro Bay

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Sep 13, 8:00 AM VCCA Breakfast
Oct 7, 9:30 AM Monthly Meeting

Oct 7 Viking Charities Classic Car Show

Oct 18, 8:00 AM VCCA Breakfast

Sep 3 Cambria Pinedorado Car Show

Nov 4, 9:30 AM Monthly Meeting
Nov 5 Nojoqui Falls Fun Run

# **Planning Stages**

Cambria Christmas Lights
Fred Lange Restorations, Santa Maria
Tom Meleo's Collection, Lindsay
Laetitia Vineyard & Winery, Arroyo Grande
The Buckhorn Restaurant, New Cuyama

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Sal Orlando Photographer



#### **Chevy Trivia answer:**

Sting Ray describes the C2, while Stingray describes the C3 and later.



CJ's Café, AG

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AG Chevrolet Dealership

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Cambria, Pinedorado Grounds