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Chevy trivia
What was the last year Chevs came with this tail light lense?
Answer on page 11

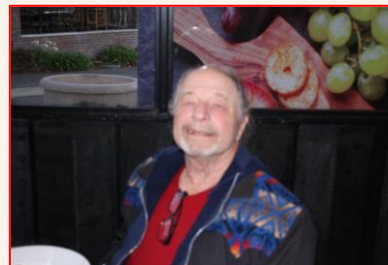
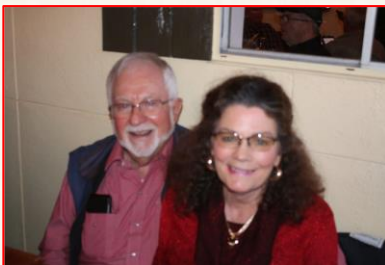


Monthly Meeting Overview – Arroyo Grande Chevrolet (February 3)

- Trilogy - So far, we have 10 members that are intending to go to the Trilogy show 9/22: Teddy, Steve C, Steve M, Don Clark, Chris Collins, Rob Robinson, Richard Miller, Dean/Pam, Rich Pescatore, Brent Norris. Some cars will have special/assigned spots, the rest can, if they wish, park together with us. Put VCCA on the back of your registration.
- Monthly lunch: Our new location is Fat Cats, in Avila Beach at 12:00 PM, the 2nd Friday of each month after CJ's.
- The talk is heating up for the 2025 All-Cal. So far, we have 11 people that have volunteered to help. Zoom meeting forthcoming. We have identified 6 committees so far, more to come.
- San Fernando Region has announced they are going to the Nethercutt 9/14 at 10:00 am, contact Steve Rosenberg if you are interested in going. By Steve Cochran

Valentine's Dinner, Gina's Italian Cuisine, Arroyo Grande (February 10)

Hi everyone, well WOW, what a turnout for this dinner. There were 28 members there last night. I think that everyone had a great time and dinner. Thanks to Richard Miller for setting this up again. Well, if you missed this get together, try and make it to the next tour or breakfast or lunch. Take care and stay safe. Enjoy the ride, Sal Orlando





VCCA Breakfast, Valentine's Day at CJ's, Arroyo Grande (February 14)

11 of us got together: John C, Sal, Rich P, Mark, Rich M, Jim Pennell, Steve M, Jim Perry, Vince, Steve C, and David Richardson who now lives in Kingman but fortunately for us, was visiting the area.



VCCA Lunch, Fat Cats Cafe, Avila Beach (February 23)

The weather finally cooperated after another storm system passed earlier this week, so many of us drove our old cars to the beach. Chris Collins recommendation to meet here proved to be a winner. Present were Steve C, Jim Perry, Sal, Chris & Beth, Mark & Cathy, Vince, Gene and myself. This should definitely be THE place to repeat lunch. Note to self; bring sweetheart next time. It really feels like car season has begun again. By Steve MacDonald



Chris Collin's '64 Malibu

Statistic from Jan 2024:

- Over 75% of car fires occur in older cars due to mechanical or electric deterioration.
- Between 2013 and 2017 79% of people who die in car fires were men.
- Collisions are the most common cause of vehicle fires.
- Vehicle fires cause almost twice as many deaths than apartment fires.



We have all heard about the dangers of EV's catching on fire lately, but that doesn't mean our classic Chevys are immune from similar dangers. Although easier to extinguish gasoline, the threat of igniting can be just as serious.

The primary cause of vehicle fires in vintage cars is due to a fuel system leak. Gasoline is extremely flammable and at a temperature of just minus 45 degrees Fahrenheit or above can quickly catch fire from a simple spark. The best way to reduce chances of a fuel system fire is to make sure the car is properly maintained. If you ever smell gas in or around your car, find and fix the leak immediately.

The electrical system is the second most common cause because wire insulation degradation can short out causing a spark thus leading to fire. This can happen anywhere in the car. Engine compartment shorts can cause fuel fires and in-cabin sparks can cause upholstery fires. Decomposing antique wire insulation can be disastrous.

1961-1964 Corvair Rampside Trucks

Ever since I bought my 1967 A100 Dodge as a kid, I have been intrigued by forward control trucks. They are fun to drive because you sit over the front wheels, and there is something very exhilarating about sitting just feet away from the front of the vehicle. Also, because you need to begin turning at a corner much sooner than is intuitive.



When Chevy introduced this model in 1961 it was unlike anything ever produced in the US. Aside from being a short wheelbase, rear engine, air cooled design, this Corvair model's most unique feature was the ramp and how it transitions to the low floor level. This made loading the mid-section from the side of the bed extremely easy. With 6 cylinders and a Powerglide transmission it easily out-performed the VW Type 2 pickup, which is what Chevy was targeting. But it was the ramp that differentiated it from both the Ford Econoline and Dodge A100.

March Meet, Famoso Dragstrip (Leap Day)

Cochran and I had planned on going but his schedule changed so I attended solo to glimpse the current technologies of this sport. It's no longer the nostalgia cars I was used to growing up in the 60's. Some seriously fast, loud and engineered rides on display. An LAPD officer brought a newly built '70 Camaro for its first run. This event was in the middle of nowhere in almond groves and the day had ideal racing conditions. By Steve MacDonald



Saint Partick's Day Car Show, Orcutt (March 9)

This show benefits the Knights of Columbus Council and opened with The Pledge of Allegiance and a young lady who sang The Star-Spangled Banner beautifully. Being held on the parking lot this year made it easier for cars to park and participants to navigate the event. There was representation of cars from most manufacturers and eras as well as numerous Chevys. Our club brought the VCCA canopy to keep out of the sun even though the day was very pleasant. There were food vendors, crafts, service providers, the CHP and live music on hand throughout the day. Dean & Pam and Teddy won awards for their '33 Rolls Royce and '64 Malibu SS convertible respectively.





Here's a myth buster: The GMC Twin-Six V12 is not two V6 engines welded together, although at first glance that's the immediate reaction. It was only made from 1960 to 1965 with a total production estimated to be 5,000 units.

It weighs in at 1485 lbs. with a once-piece block, oversized bore spacing for improved cooling, and equipped with seven main bearings. It also has a one-piece, hardened forged-steel crankshaft that weighs more than 180 pounds!

The Twin-Six has a 4.560" x 3.580" bore/stroke for 702ci. It was produced in the early to mid '60s for GMC commercial trucks and was often used in industrial applications like irrigation. The design is based off the GMC 60-degree V6 engine, and almost 60 major parts are interchangeable. The oil pan is one part that doesn't swap over as it holds four **gallons** of lubricant.

Some other interesting facts; the wrist pins are a whopping 1.24-inch diameter, and there were four piston rings: three compression and one oil. There were two distributor caps running off a single distributor drive. There are 56 head bolts!

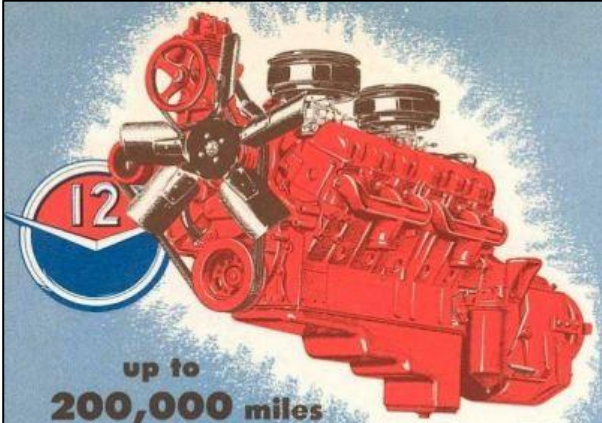
The hydraulic lifters ran in an oil bath, the cooling system utilized three thermostats and the water pump delivered an unheard of 118 gpm with less than a four-degree temperature change across the entire engine.

SAE ratings put this engine at 250 to 275 horsepower @ 2,400 rpm with 585 to 630 lb-ft peak torque @ 1,600 rpm.

This GMC engine has a unique distinction; it makes the most power between 2,000 to 3,000 rpm of any automotive-based naturally aspirated 87 octane fuel engine. It is estimated that probably only half of these engines still exist.

The Twin-Six engine has been used in a few street rods and truck conversions such as the [1964 GMC Rap'em Pappy](#) built as a tribute to the WWII B-24 Liberator of the same name.

The Twin-Six is built around a 1-piece block and crank while carrying nearly 60 major parts from the GMC V6 engines.



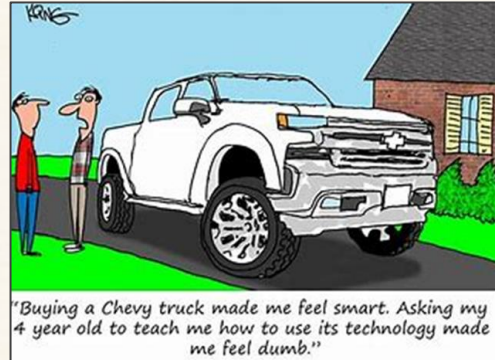
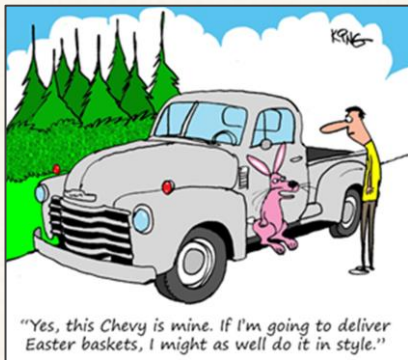
**up to
200,000 miles
without
major overhaul,**

with normal use and proper maintenance—this is the kind of performance built into your GMC Twin-Six.

With power to spare it runs smoothly and without let-up under the toughest possible conditions, day-in and day-out. And in case you need service or replacement parts . . . they are easily and quickly available at your GMC dealer—one of 3000 in the USA—who is always ready to keep your service problems down, your satisfaction right up at the top.



Lighten Up



Vendors our members recommend

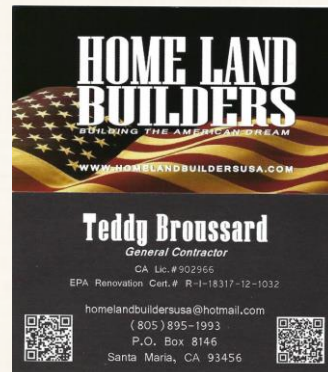
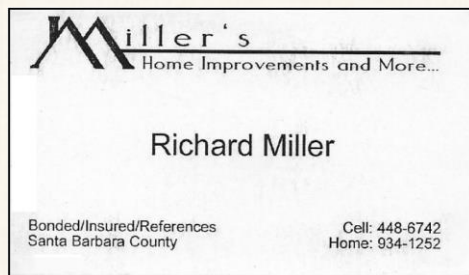
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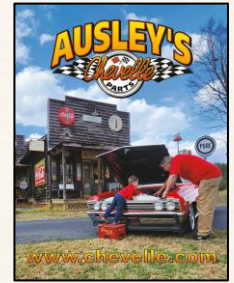
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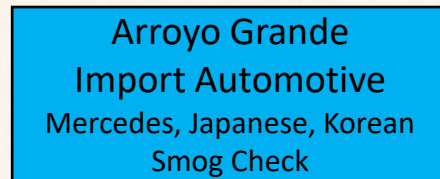
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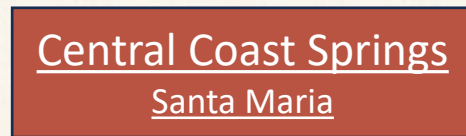
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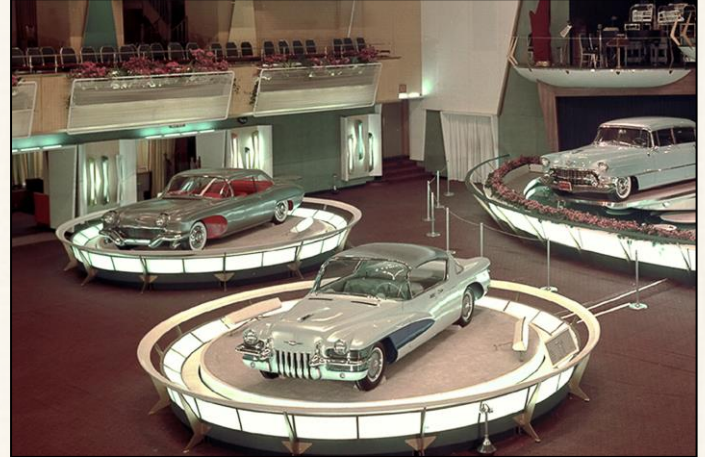


The GM Motorama Display Cars Coming To The Petersen In 2024

If you want to see some of the rarest and most unique vehicles in the world you need to check out The Petersen Automotive Museum. Since 1994, The Petersen Automotive Museum has displayed a variety of car collections for the public to enjoy. The newest exhibit coming to the Peterson will celebrate a group of GM vehicles that most people have never seen.

The Petersen Automotive Museum will celebrate “Dream Cars” from the 1950s with its newest exhibit, “GM’s Marvelous Motorama: Dream Cars From the Joe Bortz Collection,” which will open on March 16. The exhibit will feature six concept cars, together for the first time under one roof, originally displayed at GM Motorama shows in 1953, ‘54, and ‘55.

Located in the Audrey and Martin Gruss Foundation Gallery, the exhibit will explore the history of General Motors’ traveling Motorama shows. Legendary GM stylist Harley Earl used the shows to present experimental non-production cars that featured design and technological concepts some of which found their way to production automobiles. A few models, like the Corvette, even went into production.



Six cars will be featured in the exhibit, including three rescued from near destruction at Warhoops Auto and Truck Parts in Sterling Heights, Michigan. After their time in the spotlight, the majority of “Dream Cars” were sent to scrap yards to be cut apart and crushed. Among those preserved were four cars saved by Warhoops employees and squirreled away among junked car bodies. After hearing rumors about the saved “Dream Cars” in the mid-1980s, collector Joe Bortz purchased the four cars from the scrapyard.

Museum visitors will see the 1955 LaSalle II Roadster and 1955 Chevrolet Biscayne, which Bortz painstakingly restored after both were cut in half in preparation for the crusher, as well as a 1955 LaSalle Sedan in its “junkyard fresh” condition. Additional cars featured in the exhibit are the 1953 Pontiac Parisienne, 1953 Buick Wildcat, and a completely original and unrestored 1954 Pontiac Bonneville Special.

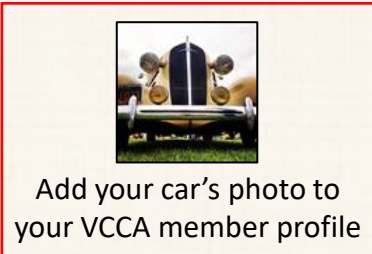


“These cars are the Picassos and Rembrandts of this automotive generation,” said Bortz. “To see six of them together, all from the ‘50s, and all the real deal is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

“Joe Bortz has an incredibly unique collection of historic cars, the likes of which have never been displayed at the museum,” said Petersen Automotive Museum Executive Director Terry L. Karges. “The Motoramas were an important part of automotive history, and we are excited to share these ‘Dream Cars’ with enthusiasts from around the world.”

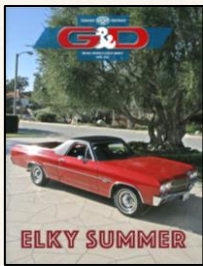
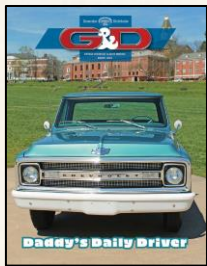
“GM’s Marvelous Motorama: Dream Cars From the Joe Bortz Collection” will be coming soon and on display through March 2026. To purchase tickets or for more information about the Petersen Automotive Museum, please visit [Petersen.org/exhibits](https://www.petersen.org/exhibits).

The VCCA website has just been reformatted with a new look, functionality & features



Chevy trivia
When did Chevy change the firing order on the small block V8?
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March & April 2024 have been published



Most Expensive Chevy Corvette Ever Sold At Auction

Only 20 examples of the L88 Chevy Corvette exist. That said, this very special 1967 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Coupe is the most expensive Chevy Corvette ever sold at auction. It is the only red-on-red L88 Sting Ray, and was the only 1967 L88 to receive prestigious awards like an NCRS 98.2 Regional Top Flight 2001 rating, a 98.4 National Top Flight 2001, and the NCRS Duntov Mark of Excellence Award 2001. Keeping everything in mind, the red 1967 Chevrolet Corvette L88 Coupe sold for \$3.85 million at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale auction in 2014 and remains the most expensive Corvette to this date.



What's in a name?

Like most vehicle manufacturers, Chevrolet/GMC initially used generic terms to identify their different models: i.e. coupe, sedan, roadster, etc. The 50's ushered in a new period of creativity. The classic names that ensued fall into five categories. This list does not address acronyms or number designations. Chevy's & GMC's forte has been naming their vehicles after places. They reportedly intentionally steered clear of animal names; however, the highest number of model units sold was in fact that of an animal. There were 16 million Impalas sold with 1965 being the largest production year until its final demise in 2020.

Places

- Amarillo
- Belair
- Biscayne
- Cheyenne
- Corsica
- Kodiak
- Laguna
- Laredo
- Malibu
- Monte Carlo
- Monza
- Sonoma
- Savana
- Sierra
- Silverado
- Suburban
- Tahoe
- Yukon

Things

- Apache
- Astro
- Beretta
- Caballero
- Celebrity
- Citation
- Corvette
- El Camino
- Greenbrier
- Nomad
- Nova
- Safari
- Townsmen
- Typhoon
- Vega

Behaviors

- Blazer
- Cameo
- Caprice
- Conquista
- Express
- Lumina
- Master*
- Sprint
- Tracker
- Venture
- Yeoman

Contrived

- Beauville
- Camaro
- Chevelle
- Chevette
- Corvair
- Jimmy
- Vandura

Animals

- Eagle
- Impala
- Stingray

* There were many variations of this; Sportmaster, Stylemaster, Fleetmaster



CCR Member Anniversaries

Years since first joining VCCA



1 Year
Steve Hovey
Apr 23

7 Years
Steve Cochran
Apr 1

12 Years
Don Clark
Apr 1

Post-war Trucks Emerge



1945 Chevrolet pickup



1946 Chevrolet pickup

Chevy trivia
What model and year did this instrument cluster appear on?
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Current Number of CCR Members - 38

New Members

Mark Rosenthal – Arroyo Grande
Jeff & Suzanne Symonds – Los Osos

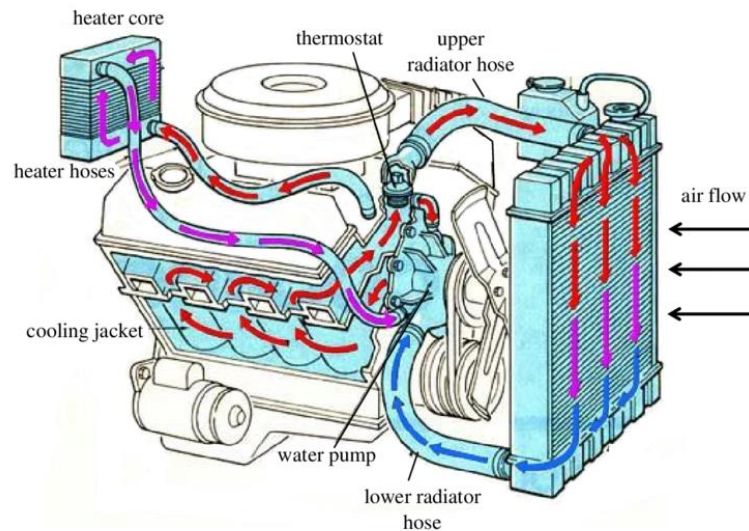
Chevy trivia answer
This tail light lense was used from 1925 to 1930.

Chevy Advanced Design, Task Force & C/K Trucks 1947-1969



Corrections have been made to this article published in last months newsletter. Please disregard the Feb 2024 article and refer to this one in its entirety.

The new car activities of 2024 are upon us so it's time to make sure your cooling system is up to the task. In this article we are speaking about cars with liquid cooling systems only; so Corvair owners need not continue reading. For ease of discussion, we will break this down into the major elements. In general, dozens of things can go wrong with engine cooling as a car ages. It can manifest itself by overheating which may be attributed to leakage, corrosion, broken, worn or incorrect components. If excessive overheating occurs, do not drive the car. Getting your vehicle towed for repair is less of an inconvenience than having to replace a cracked cylinder head. Sometimes the cause may be multiple things and complex, requiring a pressure or electrolysis test, meaning more than just a visual inspection. This is a basic overview or refresher for most of us, and probably nothing new to those who are already automotive technology experts.



Operation

On an internal combustion engine, a considerable amount of the heat is dissipated through the exhaust system, but that which is not must rely on the cooling system and ambient conditions to regulate the temperature of the engine and prevent it from overheating. The system circulates coolant through pipes and passageways in the engine, then on to the radiator (which acts as a heat exchanger) where it loses the heat to the outside environment. The coolant then returns to the engine to repeat the process again.

Engine

The engine's job is to convert fuel energy into mechanical work via combustion. This results in heat and therefore requires a heat control system to assure the engine temperature is maintained at the desired temperature. This system is composed of components which control the engine temperature from the time the engine is fired up and during operation under all possible operating conditions.

Thermostat

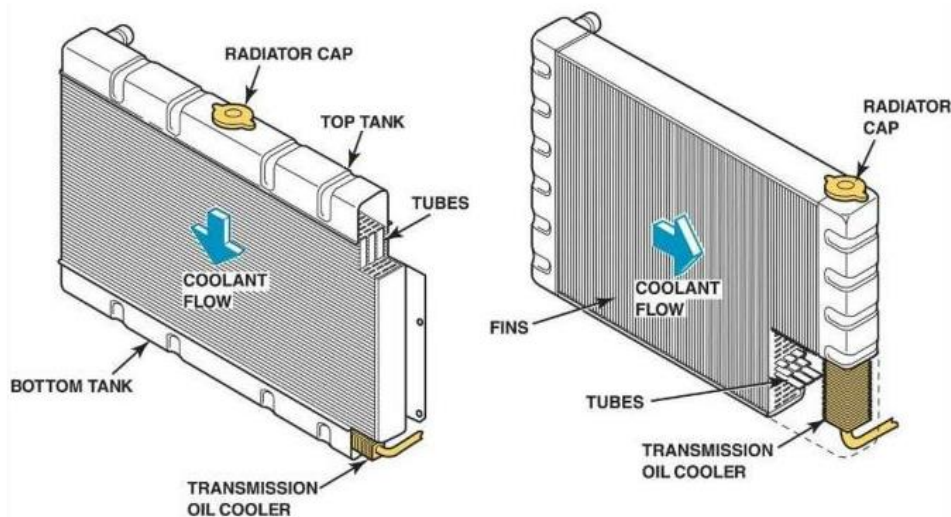
The first component to play a role in the cooling system is the thermostat. It is designed to stay closed and allow the engine to come up to operating temperature quickly. If your car is overheating, it may be a sign that your thermostat is stuck in the closed position preventing coolant from circulating through the radiator. If your car's thermostat is stuck open it will cause your engine to overcool, be inefficient and cause engine wear. If you suspect the thermostat is bad you can check it by suspending it from a string in a pan of water while heating it and using a thermometer to see if the valve opens at the prescribed temperature. If your car is overheating, removing the thermostat altogether, or replacing it with a cooler rated one is not the proper cure.

Water Pump

While removing or replacing hoses, look inside the water pump. If there is extreme corrosion inside, this is a clue that the inside of the radiator core may be the same. Over time, both water and coolant react with steel and aluminum. Both are the necessary evil and blood of the cooling system. Use of an aluminum pump will improve cooling (however the heat sink of the block makes this negligible) and reduce weight. However, cast iron is more rigid and may add greater stability from the sload of belt tension. Iron is also what was originally specified. If you have determined that it is time for replacement, and are so inclined, you can rebuild a water pump, but it requires considerable tools and fixtures. I remember as a kid buying rebuilt water pumps, but I personally would not waste my time doing this now if there is a way it can be avoided. Also mixing cast iron blocks with aluminum parts sets up another problem called "electrolysis". Also mixing cast iron and aluminum with a fluid (coolant) and an electrical system makes the cooling system like a battery which will have material "sluff-off" the aluminum and deposit it into the coolant thus weakening the aluminum part. This basically is "electrolysis".

Radiators

Check the coolant for proper fill level and discoloration which may indicate combustion gases in your cooling system. Look into the filler neck at the core tubes for indication of corrosion. On old Chevys, radiators are made of copper and brass, unlike newer cars which now use aluminum and plastic. Initially radiators were down flow which utilized gravity to process the coolant. This design locates the cap in the center and high-pressure side of the system. In the 1960's they transitioned to cross flow since the wider and lower profile of cars dictated this design to accommodate the flow area requirement. Crossflows have the cap usually on the upper tank side of the system. Instead of gravity, the water pump forces coolant to move through the core. Then in the 1970's the transition to aluminum occurred. Copper vs. aluminum radiators have pros and cons. Copper radiators are slower at conducting away heat and cooling the engine faster with aluminum radiators. Copper w/brass are easier to repair and more recyclable than aluminum radiators. Copper radiators are heavier, more expensive, and more prone to corrosion than aluminum. Aluminum radiators are stronger, and now more common than copper radiators. They also are more resistant to damage than copper radiators but less efficient at transferring heat.



Radiator Cap

Prewar Chevys did not have pressurized cooling systems. Cars in the 1950's had a cap rating of around 5-7 psi. Each lb. of cap pressure raises boiling point 3° F, so a 15 lb. cap raises BP $3 \times 15 = 45$ plus $212^{\circ}\text{F} = 257^{\circ}\text{F}$ BP under pressure. In the 1960's they transitioned to around 15 psi. The higher the cap pressure rating is, the higher the boiling point of the system will be allowed. This means it can cause your car to run hotter and at higher pressure before the cap's relief pressure is attained, and consequentially putting more stress on your engine parts, oil, and entire cooling system. You should not use a cap with a pressure rating greater than the radiator pressure rating, as this can cause damage. Because temperature and pressure rise together, a 7 lb. cap should work just fine to lower engine temperature and pressure thus putting less pressure on freeze plugs, etc. This should also be accompanied with a coolant recovery system to ensure a proper amount of coolant at all times.

Heater Core

Keep in mind that if you have a heater, this system needs to be included in the maintenance and inspection of the overall cooling system.

Hoses

Check them visually and by squeezing them. They should be firm but compliant. If they are soft and pillowy with the hoses ballooning over the clamps, or rock hard with the clamps cutting into them they should be replaced. This includes radiator, heater, overflow, and the bypass hose.

Coolant

Older cars had open cooling systems where the radiator cap doesn't completely seal the system. These typically use propylene glycol as it is less dangerous to animals if it expels onto the ground if it boils over. Around WWII the switch to sealed systems occurred. These cars typically use ethylene glycol. It is important to know specifically what type of gasket materials and the construction materials of your radiator to specify an antifreeze that will not eat away at these components. While water is an acceptable coolant, it is not the best where in cold climates it can freeze and cause damage to the radiator. A mixture of water and at least 50% antifreeze is the better choice. Coolant color will vary depending on the manufacture. Visual inspection is the simplest way to check the effectiveness of your coolant. The color should never change, but it can when coolant gets contaminated with debris, or it has been in your car so long that the additives in it deplete. When coolant color changes or gets cloudy, it needs to be changed. Use of a hydrometer, multimeter or paper test strips may also be used to figure out the fluid's condition. Fluid should be exchanged every 2 years to avoid corrosion and damage to your engine from the inside out. These fluids needs to be recycled. Check for electrolysis with test strips or look for voltage between coolant and Battery (-).



Correct: Ethylene Glycol blend commonly known as green



Incorrect: Yikes

Recovery or surge tanks

Without a relief tank, coolant will be lost to the atmosphere or ground when the cap's pressure rating is exceeded. Adding a relief tank allows the coolant to be stored until the system pressure is lowered after the engine cools, allowing coolant to return to the radiator thus allowing the use of a 7 lb. cap.

Belts

Inspect for cracks, glazing, edge wear, and chunking. If they are loose, tighten to the proper tension. Grab hold of the fan blade and rock it back and forth. If there is substantial movement, it may mean the water pump bearing is worn, which should be rebuilt or replaced. Tension belts to manufacturers specifications. Replace periodically as they wear.

Fin distortion

If there is an area where the fins have been deformed, you should carefully bend them back to the original position to assure maximum cooling potential with air flow.

Classifieds

Gen 1 '56-'62 Red Corvette steering wheel, \$250 Contact Sal Orlando 408/892-1919; orlando1760@gmail.com



'68-'72 Camaro-Nova Rally wheels and early '60's Truck rat rod ready dog dish wheel covers.
Contact Mark Rosenthal 805/440-9557.

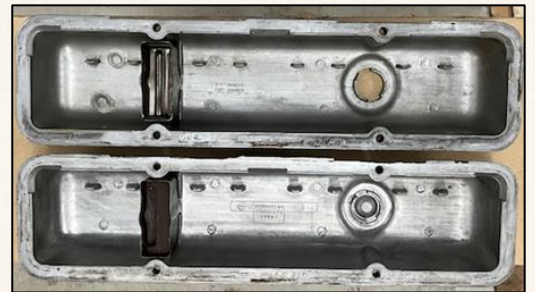
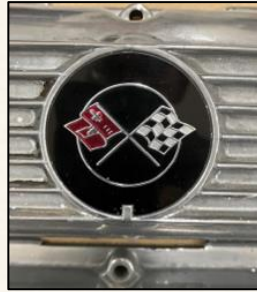


Classifieds

Assorted wheel covers; 3/4 Ton Early '70's, 1/2 Ton '62-'63, '64-'65, '67-'73, '69-'72, & Tri-Five car. C10 3rd generation original fender set; straight & rust free. Contact Mark Rosenthal 805/440-9557.



GM small block valve covers set in original box, \$200 Contact Sal Orlando 408/892-1919; orlando1760@gmail.com



Points of Interest

[Black Sheep Bar & Grill](#) Downtown, San Luis Obispo



Established in 2005, Black Sheep has received multiple awards for its food and service. Voted the "Best Mac & Cheese in SLO County," and also the "Best Bar in SLO County" for eight years. Black Sheep Bar & Grill has become one of the unavoidable landmarks of the central coast where you're always welcome to come in. Guinness on tap. Located at 1117 Chorro St.



Events



The scheduled 3/30 date for Meeting In The Middle & Lions Tri-Five Celebration was cancelled due to a rain-storm. MITM will be rescheduled. The Lions new date is Aug 17, 2024.



 Area 1 Tour hosted by the Southern California Region VCCA

FLIGHT PATH MUSEUM LAX

 Flight Path Museum LAX

April 20, 2024

Join us as we explore the Flight Path Museum LAX. The museum celebrates the glamour, adventure, and excitement of aviation and aerospace. The museum houses an extensive array of historic flight crew uniforms, aviation and space exploration exhibits, as well as flight training simulators and a research library.

General Admission \$5 **Senior (60+) Admission \$3** **Tour Group Size Limited to 25 People**

We will be meeting for breakfast at Mr. Rosewoods restaurant at 9:00 am then caravanning to the museum as a group directly after. The museum opens at 12:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the museum on the day of the event.

Flight Path Museum LAX
6661 West Imperial Hwy
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Mr. Rosewoods Family Restaurant
10640 Rosecrans Ave
Norwalk, CA 90650

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TOUR ELIGIBLE FOR PASSPORT MILES!

RSVP to Sabrina Karras at (714) 287-4757 or sabrinakarras@aol.com

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Chevy trivia answer
 With the introduction of the LS1 motor in 1997 they changed the timing order from 18436572 to 18726543

16th ANNUAL GOLDEN STATE Classics CAR SHOW
May 25, 2024
 Paso Robles, CA
 Presented by Golden State Classics Car Club

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The Classic
 At **PISMO BEACH, CA**
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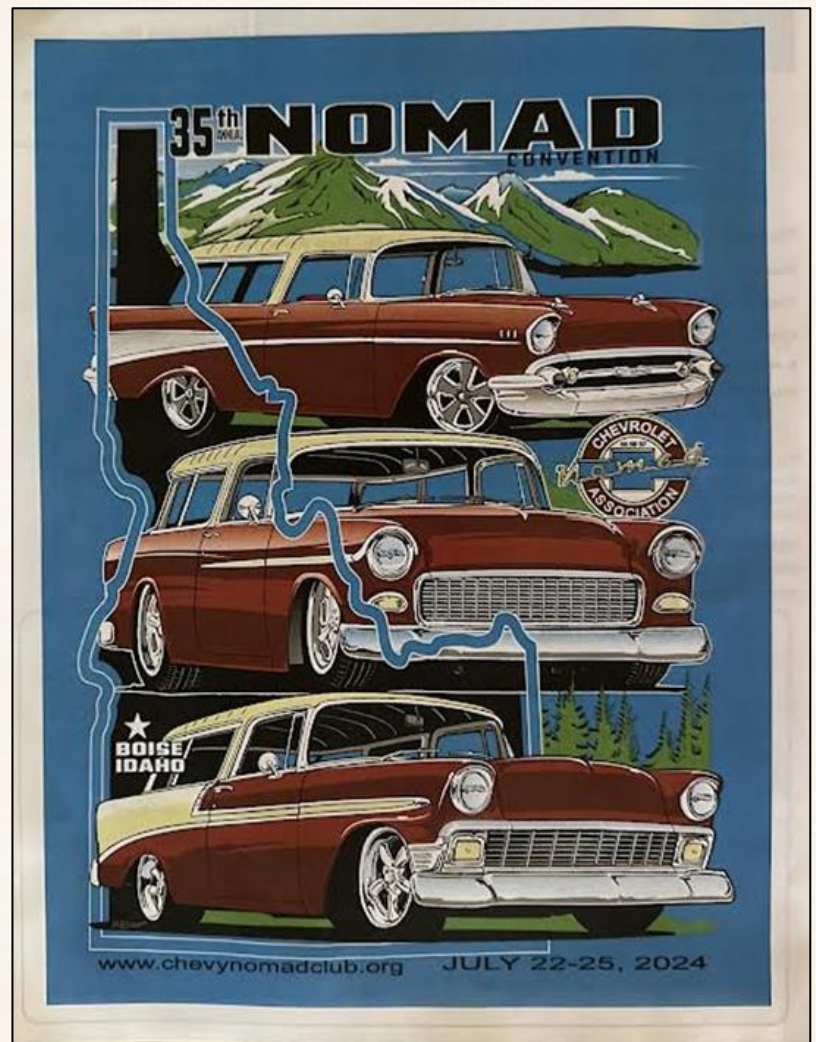
**May 1-4, 2024 / Sacramento, CA
All Cal Meet**

hosted by the Sacramento Valley Region. The four-day event will include sanctioned tours to Galt historical sites, the Sacramento River Delta, and the city of Sacramento. It will end on Saturday with a dinner banquet at the Brewsters Restaurant located in Galt, CA. Most attendees will be driving home on Sunday, but feel free to hang around and attend the 73rd

Sacramento Autorama held at the Cal Expo. There will be more information as it becomes available, but you can start making your hotel reservations at La Quintana Inn or the Days Inn, which are adjacent to each other and share a phone number. Limited rooms are available at the La Quintana Inn for \$150/night and at the Days Inn for \$115/night. Call 209-251-7788 to make reservations at either hotel. For more info, contact Mario Briseno at 916-698-1175 or Brisenom@att.net.



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*Enter to win a '57 Sedan at the Tri Five Nationals.
Must be present Aug 10, 2024 @ 6:00 PM to accept.*



CLASSIC MOTORSPORTS MAGAZINE MONTEREY KICKOFF



Aug 13, 2024 at 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Downtown Pacific Grove
525 Lighthouse Ave.
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Coming to Monterey for auction week? Kick it off in style along with the staff of Classic Motorsports. Our gathering will feature over 60 classic sports cars and vintage vehicles on beautiful Lighthouse Ave in Pacific Grove, California. Bring your cool classic or exotic car and enjoy the evening with good people and award-winning restaurants. Everyone's invited!

Info and registration.

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A one-of-a-kind event for the entire family – held annually at Trilogy® at Monarch Dunes resort on California's beautiful Central Coast in Nipomo.

\$20 million worth of vintage autos will be on display.

Live music, local food selections, wine and beer tasting and a host of retail, arts, and crafts vendors will be available for all to enjoy.

The Kick-off Dinner Dance will be on Saturday, September 21, 2024

Be sure to Save The Date as this is always a standout event of the show.

We're still working on selecting the perfect venue.

Ticket Sale Information will be coming soon.

Automotive Classic
at Trilogy Monarch Dunes



Chevy trivia answer

This instrument cluster with the full machined insert dash trim was used on 1958 full sized cars including the convertible. The Convertible had the roof control switch mounted under dash.





THE NINTH Tri-Five Nationals™ PRESENTED BY CFP

AUGUST 8, 9, 10, 2024
BEECH BEND PARK
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY



Pre-Registration is now open

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CAR SHOW

TRI-FIVE CELEBRATION

POSTPONED TO
SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 2024
 HOSTED BY CALIFORNIA NOMADS

**CAR SHOW REGISTRATION \$35.00
 APPLY ONLINE**

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Enjoy the day at Southern California's newest
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Event Hours 9am to 2pm
Free Admission to Car Show - Museum \$20.00 - Kids Free

- Guest Speakers- Hot Rods John McGann & Lucky Costa with Project X
- Delicious Food
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- Opportunity Drawing







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 Entrance on Santa Fe Ave

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2ND ANNUAL VIKING CHARITIES CLASSIC CAR SHOW

BENEFITING THOSE IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WITH MEDICAL NEEDS




Registration Open Thursday, July 4th

- Open to cars, trucks & motorcycles from 1999 or older.
- Special vehicles consider (see website for more info)
- Sponsorship & vendor opportunities are available.

Friday, October 18th

• 5-9 PM Fundraising dinner at Mendenhall's Museum of Gasoline Pumps & Petroliana, Buellton

Saturday, October 19th

- 10 AM - 5 PM Viking Charities Classic Car Show in downtown Solvang
- Oktober Fest Beer & Wine Garden



For more info. go to www.vikingcharitiesinc.com/carshow

[Info.](#)

O. Winston Link's Hotshot Eastbound

In the late-1950s, photographer O. Winston Link set out on an expedition to photograph the last of the great steam trains. Realizing that most of these trains were located in the coal fields of West Virginia and Virginia, Link began the travels that would later yield over 200 images of steam trains. Oftentimes, these photographs included people to tell a story. Most of the time nothing was staged; every photo was shot with the people going about their daily life. A typical image might portray a steam train behind two people on a park bench, or a steam train outside the window of a young couple's living room. Of all his portraits, however, Link's most famous photograph would be taken at a drive-in theater.

On August 2, 1956, Link positioned his son and his son's girlfriend in the front of a Buick convertible, which was parked at a quiet drive-in. He then arranged a series of flashes, each set to go off on an exact command, along the railroad track. Link's assistant stood behind the screen shouting, "The train is 200 feet from the screen! The train is 100 feet from the screen!" Finally, when the train was in just the right place, the shutter was opened and the flashes were fired. However, when the flashes ignited, they washed out the image on the drive-in screen which was showing *Battle Taxi*. It has been rumored that Link used the frame of an earlier photograph to patch the image, but no one can be sure, as the negative is not available for inspection. The photograph, which is titled *Hotshot Eastbound*, combines the three of the important modes of transportation; planes, trains, and automobiles.



*It was a hot night on August 2, 1956, as O. Winston Link made the exposure for what became his best known photograph. In the small towns of the West Virginia coal country, long trains of coal and mixed freight were commonplace, and the patrons of the Laeger Drive-In hardly even noticed this high-speed freight thundering by as they watched *Battle Taxi*, a story on an air rescue team in the Korean War, starring Sterling Hayden.*

Replacing Truck Bed Wood Floor



Many truck beds were finished with wood flooring. Wood replacement kits are offered for many models. Test-fitting the wooden slats while the bed is in primer allows you to make any adjustments without damaging new paint.

Get The Junk Out of Your Trunk



For high performance, don't use your vintage car or any car as a storage area for all the stuff you're planning to sell some day. The extra weight will wear your brakes and tires out faster and it causes you to use more gas.

Schwaben 8-Piece Fluid Line Stopper Tool Kit



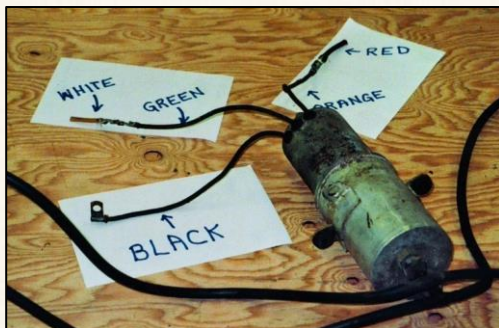
If you're a DIYer who pulls brake lines or lines of a similar type, they can end up leaking all over the place. And if you use hose clamps to solve the problem, they may end up weakening the exterior of a rubber hose. Fluid line stoppers put a plug on the end of the line so your work can be done with as little mess as possible. This 8-Piece Fluid Line Stopper Kit contains 2 of each size Shark type clamps designed to make a temporary seal on the end of an open brake line. The kit includes clamps with 5/16", 3/8" and 1/2" open slot and also contains double seal clamps for banjo style fittings.

Use Tools To Your Advantage



Don't be afraid to use every tool at your disposal. Replacing lengthy sections of sheet metal, such as this outer rocker panel, is easier with a series of clamps. Using this simple strategy, the replacement panels won't slip or warp while welding.

Document Everything



Take pictures of all the details after disassembly. A supply of notecards are your best allies. Labelling wire colors and locations on parts, such as this convertible-top motor, will help guide reconstruction.

Adopt a "Bag and Tag" System



This is one of the best things you can do during a restoration. It's easy to lose track of hardware; placing it in well-labelled resealable bags takes only a few moments and keeps them well organized.



Current Car Culture Collectibles



Specifications

- Scale: 1:8
- Material: Body and chassis made from zamak metal
- Length: 21 1/2" (550 mm)
- Width: 9" (230 mm)
- Height: 6 1/2" (160 mm)
- Weight: 15 lbs. (7kg) appx.
- Number of parts: 500 approx.

Features

- Hand-held RC to operate electrics
- Electronically rotating headlights
- Working indicator lights with sound effect
- Engine sound
- Illuminating stop lights
- Illuminated dashboard
- Steering wheel operates the front wheels
- Opening hood, wrap over doors, windows, and gas-filler tube cover
- Sebring Silver body with red interior
- Two sets of wheels included:
- '63 or '64 knock-offs
- Concealed spare wheel in storage rack



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Planes, trains, and automobiles. See full story on page 22.

Events Calendar 2024

Apr 6, 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting	AG Chevrolet Dealership
Apr 17, 8:00 AM	VCCA Breakfast	CJ's Café, Arroyo Grande
Apr 21, 9:30 AM	Villa Maria Post Acute Rehabilitation Care	Santa Maria
Apr 26, 12:00 PM	VCCA Lunch	Fat Cats Cafe, Avila Beach
Apr 27, 7:00 PM	Mendenhall Museum	Buellton
May 1-4	All Cal Meet 2024	Galt (Sacramento Valley VCCA)
May 4, 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting	AG Chevrolet Dealership
May 11	Warbirds Wings & Wheels 15	Paso Robles
May 15, 8:00 AM	VCCA Breakfast	CJ's Café, Arroyo Grande
May 24, 12:00 PM	VCCA Lunch	Fat Cats Cafe, Avila Beach
May 24, 25 & 26	43rd Annual West Coast Kustoms Crusin' Nationals	Santa Maria
May 25	16th Annual Golden State Classic Car Show	Downtown Paso Robles
May 31 – Jun 2	The Classic at Pismo Beach	Pismo Beach
Jun 8	Cass Winery	Paso Robles
Jun 21-23	VairFest Corvair Car Show	Arroyo Grande
Aug 13	Monterey Kickoff	Pacific Grove, Ca
Aug 17	33rd Annual At The Lake Car Show	Atascadero
Aug 17	Lions Automobilia Tri-Five Celebration	Rancho Dominguez
Sep 1	16th Annual Pinedorado Car Show	Cambria
Sep 14	The Nethercutt Collection	Sylmar
Sep 21-22	Automotive Classic at Trilogy Monarch Dunes	Nipomo
Oct 18 & 19	Gala Dinner & Annual Vikings Charities Classic Car Show	Buellton/Downtown Solvang
Apr 30 – May 3	All Cal Meet 2025	Santa Maria (CCR VCCA)

Planning Stages

Tom Meleo's Collection, Lindsay
 Ojai, Mullin, Murphy
 Petersen Museum overnight
 The Buckhorn Restaurant lunch, New Cuyama
 Gopher Glen Apple Farm, Sea Canyon Rd, SLO (October)

For complete
 calendar details see
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