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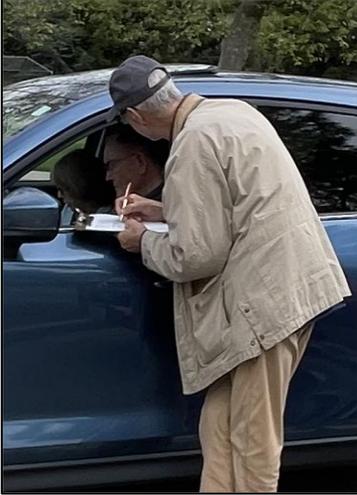


Monthly Meeting – AG Chevrolet Dealership (Apr 5)

Twelve of us met to review what happened in March and contemplate what activities should be ahead for the next few months. We are planning to visit Las Cazuelas again April 24 for lunch. It was suggested we get a table outdoors in case someone wants to bring Bowser. Many of us expressed interest in participating in the Los Alamos Old Days Car Show this year. Vince offered anyone who wants to go on a Road Rally April 13 to let him know. A number of individuals showed interest. Lastly, we discussed the detailed list of action items that remain for our 2025 All-Cal in Pismo Beach. This event has turned out to be overwhelming popular and we are nearing capacity for the banquet and the number of available parking spots for the AG Chevy Car Show. This is a good thing though!

Road Rally – Central Coast (Apr 13)

Vince Petrie organized and administrated a somewhat challenging event as part of his development for the CORSA Road Rally being held at the Embassy Suites Hotel this May. Three vehicles which included a driver and navigator participated in the time and distance course of approximately 2 hours and 60 miles. Specific check points had to be identified and recorded to validate the route was properly adhered to. The drive began at this hotel then ventured from SLO to Edna Valley, to an intermediate check point mid-way through the drive in Arroyo Grande. Continuing on through Nipomo, Oceano, and Pismo Beach before returning to SLO. What a beautiful, lovely drive. Thanks Vince.



Goodie Bag & Name Badge Assembly – AG Chevrolet Dealership (Apr 19)

A plethora of people showed up to lend their hands and minds to one of the final stages of preparation for All-Cal. Our sponsor AG Chevy let us use their facility to gather and skillfully put together the event instructions, activities lists, and swag into tote bags for distribution to attendees on arrival day. Thanks to all for the enormous support.



Hurricane Valley Rotary Easter Car Show – Utah (Apr 19)

While our Central Coast Region members were expertly assembling the All-Cal goodie bags, Robin and I were on route to Zion National Park and stumbled onto this cool little car show. We stopped long enough to walk the event and sample some food items from the local vendors. This annual event northeast of St. George drew over 10,000 visitors and all proceeds went to charity. An enormous number of nice VW's were present as well as many Chevys.



2025 Pismo Beach All-Cal Tour

Day 1 - Oxford Suites – Pismo Beach (Apr 30)

We huddled for a last-minute game plan @ 2:30 before registration began @ 3pm. Our CCR staff took care to make sure guests got proper parking spots for both cars and trailers. After checking in, guests made way to the event registration room to receive their goodie bag and event information. At 4pm we transitioned to an Ice Cream Social event catered by Kathy of [SLO Mama Sweets](#). Her ice cream selection was exceptional, and great period correct tunes played from her truck. Then off to dinner on your own and rest up before the tours begin.



EVENT TICKETS		
Norgrove Railway 	Morro Bay Maritime Museum 	Santa Maria Museum of Flight 
ICE CREAM SOCIAL 	Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum 	Mendenhall Museum 



Day 2 - Vintage Motorcycle Museum - Solvang (May 1)

Anthony and Rod conducted the drivers' meeting @ 7:45am in front of the hotel; motors started @ 8am. This would be the longest day of driving which accounted for 120 total Passport tour miles round trip. The route led us through clear skies of back roads of the central coast highlighting the beautiful scenery, grape fields, and quaint town of Los Olivos before arriving and viewing about 100 vintage bikes currently had on display.



Day 2 - Mendenhall Museum - Buellton (May 1)

Following the Motorcycle Museum visit, we split into 2 groups for lunch at either the River Grill at the Alisal or the Ranch Course Grill. Next stop, a short jaunt 10 miles west. Our photographer Sal arrived early to take photos of the compound before the onslaught of the rest of the tour arrived and arranged their cars inside.





Day 3 – Norgrove Railway – Arroyo Grande (May 2)

This would be the 2nd longest day of driving which accounted for 75 total Passport tour miles round trip. Attendance was slightly higher for this activity perhaps because Norgrove was close by and everyone had a day to recover from the long travel day on Wednesday. One of the trains present was a steam engine, wood & coal burning, 1935 Orenstein & Koppel built in Berlin, Germany which runs on a narrow gauge 600 mm (24”) track. Another was a WWI Davenport Trench Locomotive.



Our group was loaded onto open-air railroad cars and ventured out around the 2-mile track which wraps around the vineyard with views of Norgrove's numerous structures and dwellings. We journeyed through one short tunnel & one bridge overpass. At the east end of the property, you could view Hwy 101. Peter Nott who owns and runs this operation did a nice job of showing us his extensive workshop and letting us enjoy an experience from a time-period nearly a century ago. You can even arrange your own tour of Norgrove if you wish.





Day 3 – Maritime Museum – Morro Bay (May 2)

A car collector group made Morro Bay Maritime Museum a highlight of their Central Coast tour and discovered rich history and events they were never taught in school. Ample free parking adjacent to the museum made certain all prized possessions were in sight. Volunteer docents were ready with stories from great commercial fishing adventures to vital wartime roles played by local sailors. Former submariner Rich Pescatore provided a greeting and set the stage for roaming through the outdoor historic boat collection. Entertainment by the local Sea Shanty Singers added understanding of life and self-entertainment practices from early days of sail. On the more recent history side a former Nuclear Submarine Navy Officer and museum docent provided insights to the deep submersible rescue vehicle AVALON. Curious car enthusiasts clearly found a fascinating way to take a learning and entertaining break from their touring the coast. You can arrange a group museum tour event at [Home - Morro Bay](#).





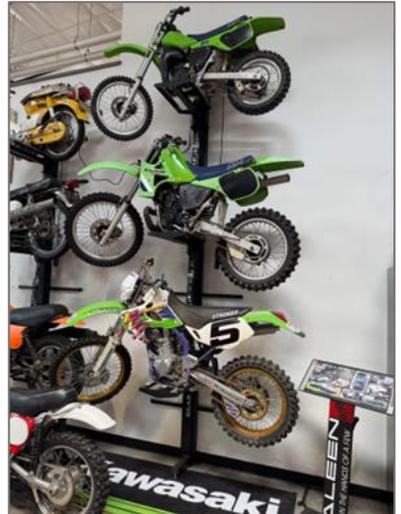
Day 4 – Santa Maria Air Museum – Santa Maria (May 3)

This tour was the shortest day of driving with 49 total Passport tour miles which led us down the coast on Hwy 1 through Guadalupe and past the sand dunes. The museum is located adjacent to the Santa Maria Airport.



Day 4 – Rugged Radios – Arroyo Grande (May 3)

President and founder Greg Cottrell was there to greet us and offer some insight into his operation. RR is a leading provider of communication products for many environments such as off-road, racing, motorcycle and aviation applications. An assortment of vehicles were on display which offered a glimpse into his interests.



Day 4 – Arroyo Grande Chevrolet Dealership – Arroyo Grande (May 3)

Last minute setup of the raffle tables was happening as our guests were experiencing Rugged Radios. Luckily, we were able to complete the task prior to cars arriving for parking at noon. There was ample room for our cars, and we were pleasantly surprised by the arrangement Chevy had made to give us access to the Central Coast Masonic Lodge for having our catered lunch (arranged by Vince Petrie). 9-year-old Dillon Palazzo handled the announcements of the raffle contest winners. During this event, car judging ballots were also tallied to be share later at the banquet dinner.





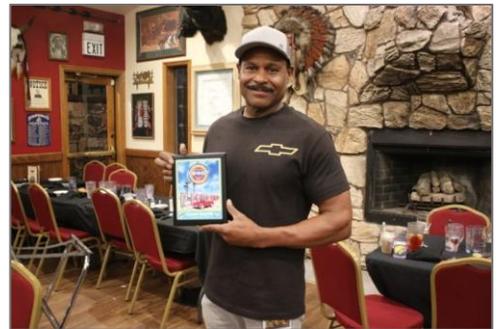
Day 4 – Banquet Dinner at AJ Spurs Saloon & Dining Hall – Grover Beach (May 3)

After a full day of touring and a car show to boot, we met and had dinner with 90 guests in the cowboy western themed dining hall. Anthony gave a toast to the recent passing of Tom Meleo, who strongly suggested to him in his youth to start a VCCA region where we now reside. He also gave thanks to Vince Petrie for arranging this dinner for us and making the event a reality. Also, without doubt, we should all thank Anthony, for the time and effort he invested in this event planning. There were numerous details where something could have gone wrong; but never did. Also, to wife Sasha for providing the support for him to do this. He graciously thanked the team that helped put together the events of the last 4 days, but without him this would have been a much more arduous task. And of course, last-but-not-least, special thanks to everyone who showed up from near and very far with their Chevys from nearly every decade. There were some truly remarkable cars, and owners to match.





Towards the end of the evening the awards were presented for the cars that captured the hearts of those who attended the AG Chevy Car Show. It was announced that the Best Pre War award went to Sal Orlando ('31 Phaeton), the Best Post War award went to Con Oamek ('47 Woody), the Best Paint Job award went to Marc Riehl ('32 Sport Coupe), the Crowd Favorite award went to Teddy Broussard ('49 Bus), and the Best of Show award went to Jose Marquez ('38 Master Convertible). Congratulation gentlemen!

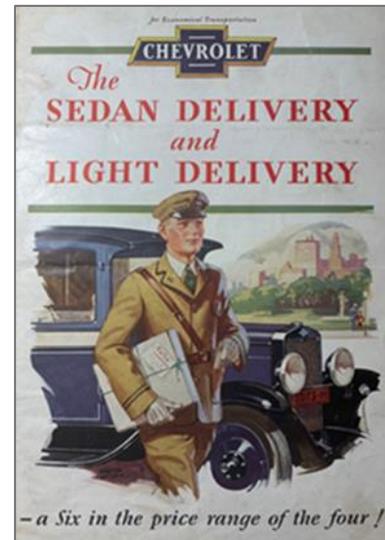
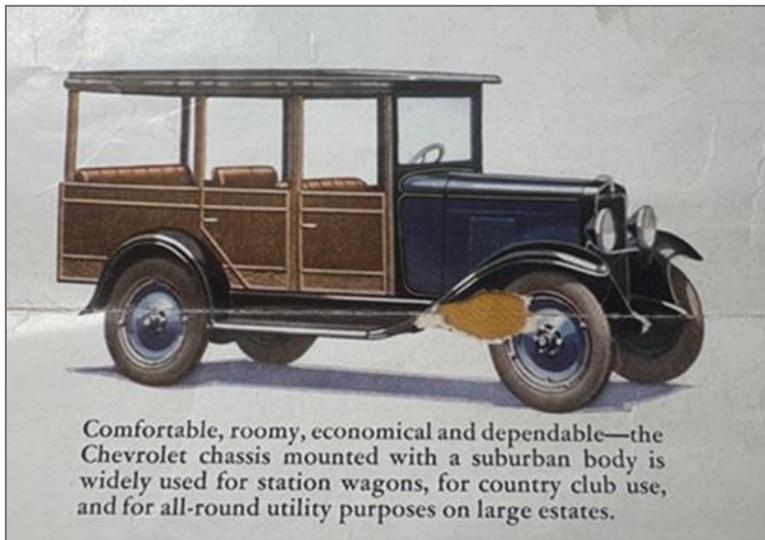




1931 Chevrolet Station Wagon (Depot Hack)

Words by Anthony Palazzo PHOTOGRAPHY BY THE AUTHOR

Some of you that have been around old Chevys and Model Ts long enough have likely heard the term “depot hack” at least once listening to the stories of an old timer. The depot hack was a popular, early type of passenger transport vehicle, essentially an early form of the station wagon, often used to transport people and luggage between train stations and hotels. These vehicles were typically aftermarket conversions of the Model T or another common truck chassis, with custom wooden bodies added by third-party coachbuilders. It wasn't until 1939 that Chevrolet would put a wood body on one of its cars in the factory for moving people around. Up until then it was a semi-custom build for Chevy and could take many forms - produce delivery or sales, people transport, construction services, even the police service used some form of a third-party body to adapt the commercial vehicles for a specific purpose.



As automobiles became more common and taxis became more readily available, the term "depot hack" gradually faded. The term "station wagon" (or "estate wagon" in the UK) eventually replaced it as the common term for vehicles designed to carry multiple passengers and luggage. Depot hacks are now considered a part of automotive history, with some original examples being preserved and displayed in museums.

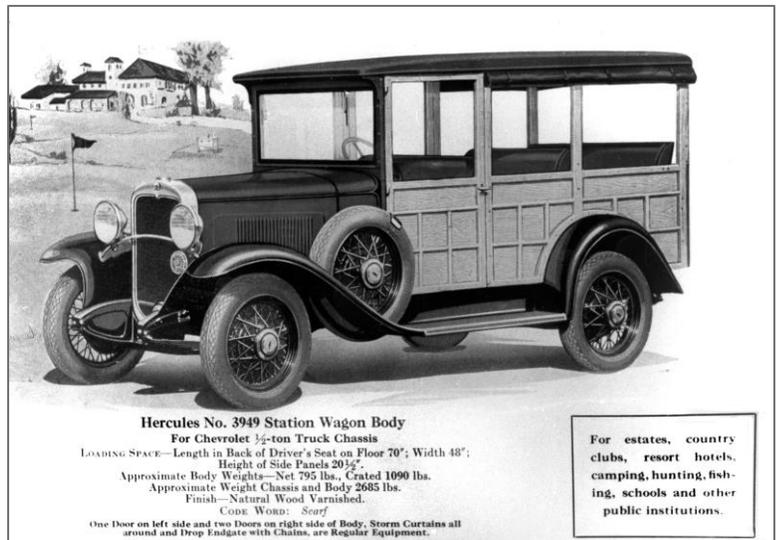
In order to understand the story of this 1931 Chevrolet station wagon, you first have to go back a few years when my dad (a member of our region) and my uncle had finished up restoring my dad's 1931 coach after he graduated from Cal State LA in 1966 and was working at what was then Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach. My uncle having served in the Marine Corps and built numerous hot rods in high school started restoring a 1929 sedan and then finished up a 1932 truck. With those three builds complete, my uncle was looking for his next build, while my dad started on the quest to build a 4-cylinder car starting only with a windshield frame (that is a story for another article). My uncle, only a few blocks from his house in North Hollywood, saw an old hollowed out 1930 something Chevy truck sitting in a neighbor's field. For those of you that know my uncle, know he is an original tinkerer and a Chevrolet aficionado. So much so that he was awarded one of the first Lee Iacocca Awards for contributions to the vintage automobile restoration hobby. Also knowing my uncle, one can only imagine what the wheels turning sounded like as he conjured up the idea of building a station wagon out of this pile of parts.

It turned out to be a 1931 chassis which was the era of expertise between my dad and him having finished 3 cars in 10 years of that same vintage. The main dilemma was that not many station wagons had survived and without the internet, finding folks with one to build patterns from was next to impossible. Being the clever and industrious self-taught engineer that my uncle Carmine is, he set out to find some photos, plans, or anything else

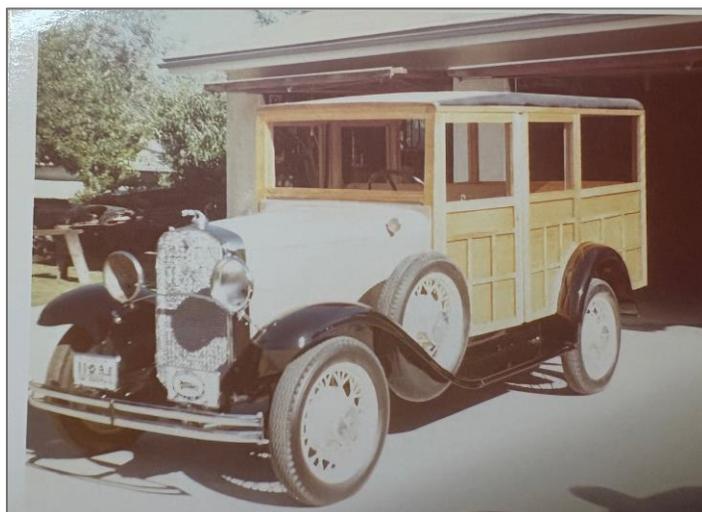


that could give him a clue of what an original station wagon from 1931 would have looked like. He was able to get a hold of a few pictures from some around the country and had some ads from the Mifflinburg and Hercules companies that were the original manufacturers of these bodies for Chevrolets. Additionally, being that the Model A had numerous station wagon survivors from that same time and the same manufacturers made the bodies for Chevy and Ford, he was able to piece together a good vision in his mind. That was all he had.

From there, like any build, he started to tear down the chassis, motor and other components like you would a typical restoration. As he got that going, he began to recreate a station wagon body from those pictures, scaling the photos to create the correct proportions and sizing of the cab, doors, windows and seating configuration. He built the body stick by stick and eventually was able to get the basic shape blocked out. From there he had to recreate the details- tail gate hinge, locks/latches and adapting the 1931 door mechanisms and so on. It truly was a custom build to recreate something that was a manufactured item not more that 50 years prior.



Once the body was complete and functioning, the restoration continued on as one would with mechanicals, body/paint, chrome and final assembly. But unlike a typical restoration, what my uncle had created was truly unique. If you search the web or any VCCA list, you will be hard pressed to find more than 3-5 of these out there, one of them being this one. I actually did run into a gentleman in Hershey who had a beautiful 1932 model (he coincidentally lives next to my wife's cousin in Scranton, PA!!!) but never have a seen another in person. If you do a google search for 1931 Chevy Woodie or station wagon this will be one of three cars that typically shows up as it has been in several publications including Collectible Automobile December 2008, Classic Cars of the 30s written by Frank Peiler. I have seen it in a calendar and several other online publications along the way as well.





My love for this car started the day I first saw it. This car was the earliest memory of my uncle's collection (which was 15 cars at one point) and the only one I truly wanted if I could only pick one. Late in 2023 my aunt and uncle ran into some health issues and made the tough decision to "adopt out" their babies and gave the few of us nephews first crack at them. I wasted no time making a deal and getting this wagon home.

One of the first things I did was do some shake out runs in it, as while my uncle was a master mechanic, he had a lot of cars and was not able to keep them all in perfect order. I was able to sort out some electrical glitches, got some new fluids in it, new tires, new pugs and wires, coil, condenser and even added a cool 1931 dash clock to it. It did get some new hubcaps that I found at the All Cal Tour in 2024 and has a few new gaskets to reduce the leaking. My hope is to continue to refine the mechanics and get it running better which each outing. It recently was on the All Cal Tour in Pismo Beach, and despite a self-inflicted break down, it performed beautifully for nearly 200 miles.

This car gave my aunt and uncle a lot of joy and they took it on tour early on when it was completed (including a tour to Buellton once before the All Call in 2025) and I plan to continue to enjoy this car with my wife and kiddos to keep the spirit of the old Chevrolet alive and to bring some smiles to other motorists faces. 🚗



Technical Specifications

Engine: 194 cu in (3.2 L) OHV 6-cylinder
Horsepower: 50 hp (37 kW)
Transmission: 3-speed manual
Wheelbase: 109 in (2,768.6 mm)
Length: 159 in (4,038.6 mm)
Top Speed: 55 mph
Weight: 2890 lbs.
Brakes: 4-wheel mechanical activated

The Station Wagon Phenomena Explained

The preceding article on the 1931 Chevrolet superbly details the impetus of the Chevy station wagon, first coined the “depot hack” from the word “hackney”, an older term for a hired horse-drawn vehicle. These early custom builds were the result of those that had expertise in this new automotive technology, as well as the mastery of wood working. The woods available back in that day were excellent in quality, strength and beauty; as old growth forest stock was readily available. Information on this type of build is scarce since construction was often done as one-offs or limited production batches with now nearly non-existent documentation.

It was not until 1939 an official all steel offering was produced by Chevrolet called the Master Station Wagon. Still, these models were largely not that popular as they were often associated with the affluent and not everyday families.

Until after WWII, station wagons were generally regarded as commercial vehicles like trucks and only accounted for less than 1% of vehicle sales. Even beginning in the 1950’s station wagon production was still less than 3% of the US car volume, but by the end of that decade sales rose to 17% of the market!



1927 “Depot Hack”

Beginning in 1955, wagon sales exploded by three-fold to 9.4%. Chevy pounced by offering five model levels including a new sport model; i.e. Nomad which could even be ordered with the freshly developed small block V8.

Then in 1961 Chevy took advantage of the newly growing compact market by offering the rear engine Corvair wagon, then subsequently issued a traditional drive train Chevy II/Nova beginning in 1962 which sold dramatically better. Two years later, the mid-size Chevelle wagon debuted, which out paced the Nova into the next decade.



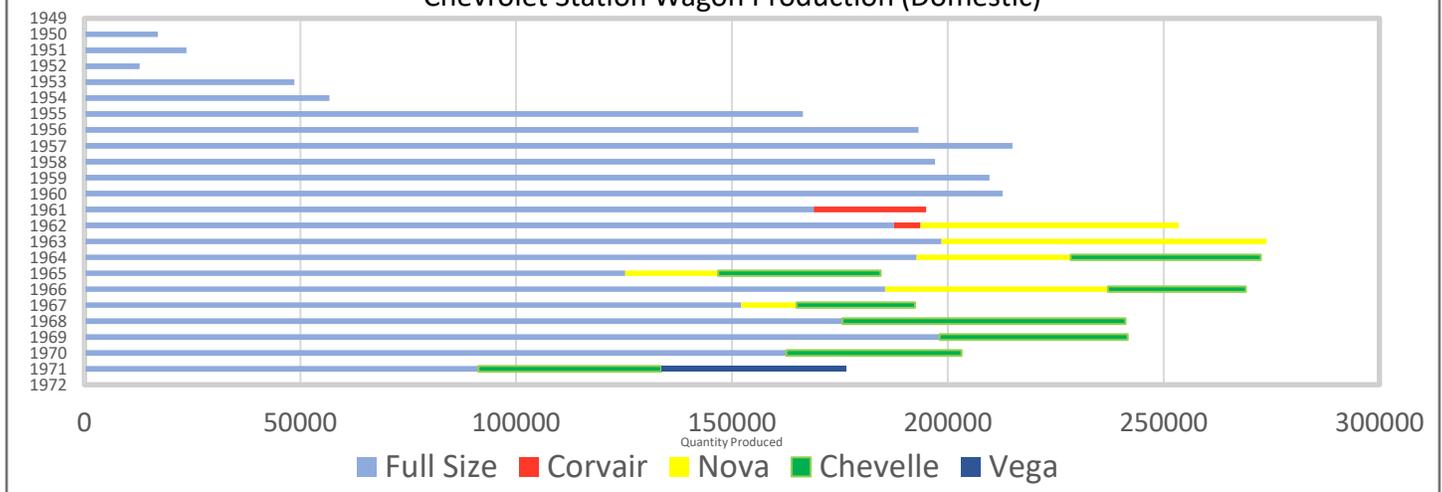
1950

With the addition of these new market segments, the station wagon was quickly gaining popularity and became a desirable form of transportation due to its appeal to families for vacationing, with luxurious interior features, conveniences such as a tailgate and the addition of a 3rd row back seat. Wagons became the cool “it” car that roamed the streets of cities, towns and suburbia. Oldsmobile even offered a roof mounted skylight which was novel and added additional headroom. GM was clever to distinguish features on different brand offerings. Chevy however kept to their tried & true game plan of offering enduring cars designed for the widest group of customers.



1955 Nomad

Chevrolet Station Wagon Production (Domestic)



1961 Corvair



1962 Chevy II



1964 Chevelle



1971 Vega

The heyday for wagon sales peaked in the 1963-64 timeframe but slowly diminished over the next decade until the minivan effectively replaced this market niche almost entirely. The oil embargo also fostered the trend toward smaller cars, but Chevy had already developed the Vega wagon in 1971. This sold well initially, but it was short lived mainly due to rust, engine overheating and leakage issues. The Monza followed but unfortunately suffered from poor build quality, then in 1977 a wagon was offered which was a reconfigured Vega with a Monza front end. In 1982, the Cavalier wagon debuted and continued production until 1994. It however proved to be relatively unsuccessful with marginal sales due to low performance and the increasing improved quality of foreign competitors. In 1984 the Celebrity wagon was introduced and sold well until sales petered out, the last year being 1990. Nowadays, the mighty SUV supports the duties and sales of this once beloved vehicle type.

Year	Full Size	Corvair	Chevy II /Nova	Chevelle	Vega	Total
50	16,995					16,995
51	23,586					23,586
52	12,756					12,756
53	48,654					48,654
54	56,735					56,735
55	166,456					166,456
56	193,194					193,194
57	214,972					214,972
58	187,063					187,063
59	209,343					209,343
60	212,729					212,729
61	168,949	26,042				194,991
62	187,566	6,078	59,866			253,510
63	198,542		75,274			273,816
64	192,800		35,670	44,084		272,554
65	125,300		21,500	37,606		184,406
66	185,500		51,585	31,946		269,031
67	152,100		12,900	27,371		192,371
68	175,600			65,554		241,154
69	198,066			43,592		241,658
70	162,600			40,612		203,212
71	91,300			42,299	42,800	176,399

The last time Chevy produced a station wagon as of the writing of this article was the behemoth 1996 Caprice selling only 485 vehicles, which was less than 2% of all Caprices built that year. I see nothing on the horizon that will reinstate great interest; but believe demand still exists if something exciting ever became available again. Have you seen prices for a clean Nomad lately?



1978 Monza



1982 Cavalier



1984 Celebrity



1996 Caprice

Chevys' Evolution of Station Wagon Tailgates

Tailgates remained largely unchanged for decades; the rear window hinges up and gate hinges down. Designs got increasingly clever in the 1960's. The Corvaire had a simplified design which incorporated the window in a one-piece rear hatch. Soon wagons featured roll down windows within a traditional drop-down tailgate. The 1969 Kingswood then offered a dual action tailgate that allowed it to either drop down or open sideways. Lastly the Clamshell tailgate evolved which sends the rear window into the roof and the lower section below into the body.



Traditional



Hatch



Tailgate with Roll Down Window



Dual Action Tailgate - Down



Clamshell Tailgate



Dual Action Tailgate - Sideways

Points of Interest



Old Santa Rosa School, Cambria CA

This one-room schoolhouse was used as a school until 1952. In 1964, Delfino Molinari saved the 1881 Santa Rosa School House by donating it and having it moved to the west end of Cambria where it underwent restoration. It was later moved to its current 2800 Main Street location. The new site is a 6-acre parcel at the eastern entrance to town, which would return the Santa Rosa to its original rural setting. The Cambria Historical Society was charged with relocating and renovating the School House. The school is currently in the process of being restored into a museum that will depict life as it was during that time.

Corsa International Convention – San Luis Obispo Elk’s Lodge & Embassy Suites (May 21)

Our club was invited by Vince Petrie to view the Concours d'Elegance at the Elks and the Embassy Suites parking lot. This was the most Corvairs I have ever seen in one place. Many outstanding examples were present covering many years and models. The weather was picture perfect. I was impressed to learn about the utility and color varieties of the trucks and vans at this event. Wow, the white/red striped van was even an 8 door, 9 passenger, 3-row seating!



VCCA Lunch @ Old Juan's Cantina – Oceano (May 22)

Sal, Sharon & Rick, Cathy & Mark and I enjoyed some good excellent Mexican food and conversation. This 40+ year establishment is comfortable with a decent noise level. Next month is A-Town Diner in Atascadero.

17th Annual Golden State Classics Car Show - Paso Robles (May 24)

Don, Teddy, Steve C. & Steve H. arrived early to get their parking spots of choice. This is always a great annual event. Located in the center of town there is no shortage of places to grab a bite and sit back and relax. Some of our club members also stopped by to see the cars and enjoy each others company. I recommend this one, as the weather is almost always great when they have this show and there are plenty of shady places under the trees.



VCCA National Event

19th Annual Southwest Fall Tour – Ely NV

September 14 - September 19

Join us on the “Loneliest Road in America” for a week packed full of a passel of Wild West Nevada adventures. Ride the Ghost Train of Old Ely (pulled by the steam engine!), tour the depths of Lehman Caves, visit the official Pony Express Site, gander at the heavens through the Park Ranger’s telescopes and maybe visit a couple ghost towns, and much more! Also, there will be a lot of driving of your vintage Chevrolets and GMCs, limited to 1912-54. Registration deadline is September 1, 2025. For more info, contact Dean Echols at 2049 N. Mohave St., Chino Valley, AZ 86323, 928-710-4325 or deanechols38@gmail.com.



26th Annual American Graffiti Festival, Car Show, & Parade Modesto, Ca

On Friday June 6th, 2025, 1,000 classic cars will parade/cruise downtown and out McHenry Avenue to Briggsmore Ave.

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Tailgate Travelers: Classic Station Wagons, May 3, 2025—Oct 17, 2025
Our Tailgate Travelers exhibit rolls into the Museum as our spring/summer 2025 featured exhibit. Originally dubbed “station wagons” because they were used to carry passengers to and from train stations. They soon gained popularity as family haulers. We spotlight the vehicle’s impact on generations of family road trips and decades of daily motoring.



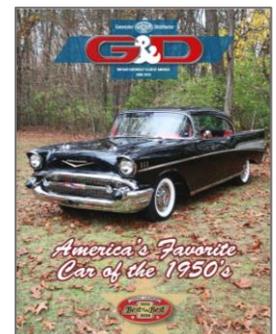
Chevy trivia

Where was the official end point on the west side of Route 66 in 1959?

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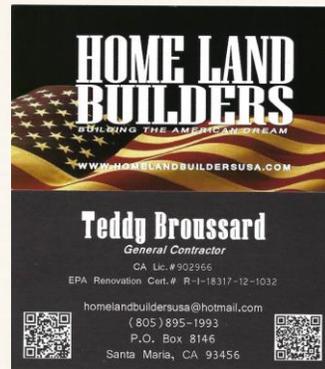
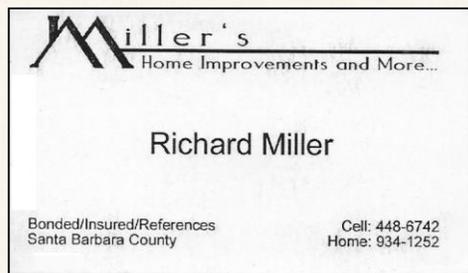
Gary Tyerman is one of the best mechanics for old cars in SLO county.



Chevy Dealerships



Construction



Dining



Fabrication



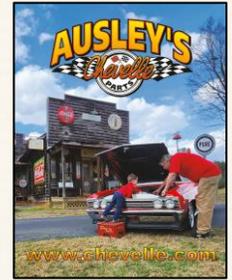
General Repair



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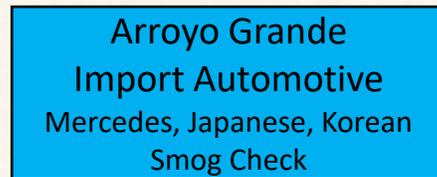
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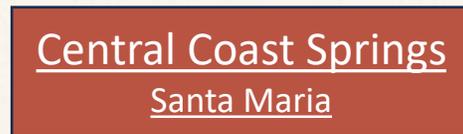
Plating



Smog Certification



Suspension/ Chassis



Tires



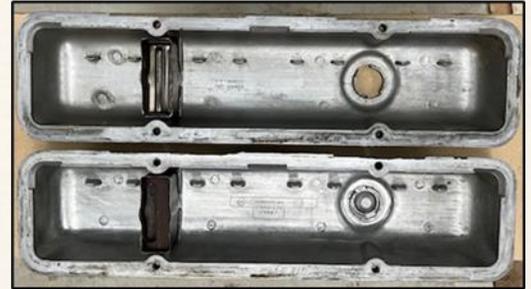
Upholstery



Chevy Trivia Answer
The car is the 1949 model

Classifieds

Gen 1 '56-'62 Red Corvette steering wheel, \$250 GM small block valve covers set in original box, \$200
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. 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; cathyfraser53@hotmail.com



Chevy Trivia Answer
1939 was the first year of the Master Station Wagon.

CCR Member Anniversaries

Years since first joining VCCA



1 Year

Chad Worth – Jul 2

2 Years

Omar Aviles – Jul 23

Pierre Rademaker – Jul 3

Zack Williams – Jul 18

6 Years

Dean Berto – Jul 20

Brent Norris – Jul 24

18 Years

Gene Kruger – Jul 1

30 Years

Sal Orlando – Jul 1

64 Years

Tom Meleo – Jun 1



Current Number of CCR Members - 44

IN MEMORIAM

Tom Meleo – VCCA Member, Joined June 1, 1961 (84 years old)

It is with great sorrow I post that one of our members, Tom Meleo, passed away yesterday. Some of you may know/ remember him as the gentleman who had the amazing collection of Chevrolets out in the middle of an orange orchard. He was one of the folks that strongly encouraged us to start this region and was a long-time mentor and friend to our region. He had one of the last 2-digit VCCA numbers (#34) as he was a founding member of the club. The last time we saw him for a tour of his collection, he just had knee surgery, and I insisted we reschedule; but Tom wanted none of that, he was more insistent we visit him. Needless to say; we had an incredible day seeing him and the collection.

For anyone that met him, he would do anything to help you get your car on the road. I have many parts from his collection in my cars, as I'm sure many of you in Facebookland do as well.

He truly is a special treasure in our club that will be sorely missed.

Anthony Palazzo (4/23/25)





May 30th-June 1st, 2025



Info.

Chevy Trivia

What year did Chevy switch from clear to amber front turn signal lenses?

See answer on page 41

Chevy Trivia

What years was the 2-door Yeoman station wagon produced?

See answer on page 33

Sunday July 20th, 2025

Live Music 10:00AM - 2:00PM

14th Annual

MAD BOMBERZ

Mad Bomberz Car Show

All Years, Makes, Models of Cars, Trucks, and Bikes are Welcome!

Showtime 10am - 4pm // Gates open 7am - 11am
 Pioneer Park - 1150 W Foster Rd - Santa Maria, CA 93455

Trophies, Prizes, 50/50 Raffle & Vendors
 Food will be available for purchase

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Benefits PLAY

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**JULY 26-27
2025**

CIO SLOW DOWN

AVILA BEACH GOLF RESORT AVILA BEACH, CA

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[Registration.](#)

A LOMPOC POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION/
LOMPOC POLICE FOUNDATION EVENT

21st Annual LOMPOC POLICE Car Show



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM • RYON MEMORIAL PARK

CRUISE NIGHT: AUGUST 8TH • 5:00-8:00 PM • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA (ENTER ON 'C' ST.)

OPEN SHOW - ALL MAKES & MODELS: CARS, TRUCKS, MOTORCYCLES, BIKES

**\$35 PRE-ENTRY FEE
\$40 AFTER AUGUST 7**

**FOR CRUISE, CAR SHOW, OR VENDOR INFORMATION, VISIT
LOMPOCPOLICEFOUNDATION.COM**

Trophy Categories

Best in Show Award

Special Trophy Awards - (5)

- Mayor's Choice
- Chief's Choice
- Participant's Choice
- Club Participation (1st, 2nd & 3rd places)
- Long Distance Award

36 Awarded Car Categories

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| Class 01: "Ugliest Ride in the 805" | Class 18: AMC |
| Class 02: Street Rods <27 to 49 | Class 19: Studebaker / Packard |
| Class 03: Antiques | Class 20: Volkswagens |
| Class 04: Corvette (C1 to C4) 53 to 96 | Class 21: Trucks |
| Class 05: Corvette (C5 to C7) 97 to 2019 | Class 22: Asian imports |
| Class 06: Camaro 67 to 69 | Class 23: Euro imports |
| Class 07: Camaro 1970 and newer | Class 24: American Motorcycles |
| Class 08: Chevrolet 55 to 57 | Class 25: Asian & European Motorcycles |
| Class 09: Bowties / GM Cars | Class 26: Bombs |
| Class 10: Ford | Class 27: Low Riders |
| Class 11: Mustang 64 to 73 | Class 28: Ratrods |
| Class 12: Mustang 74 and newer | Class 29: Exotic Sports Cars |
| Class 13: Mercury | Class 30: Woodies |
| Class 14: Mercury Cougar 67-97 | Class 31: Muscle Car |
| Class 15: Ranchero and El Camino | Class 32: Vans / Station Wagon |
| Class 16: Mopar 2000 and Newer | |
| Class 17: Mopar 99 and older | |

Info.



Chevy Trivia Answer

The 2-door Yeoman was only produced in 1958. The 1959 2-door model was named the Brookwood.



Chevy Trivia Answer

Official end of US Route 66 from 1935 until 1964 was at the intersection of Lincoln & Olympic Blvd in Santa Monica. There stood formerly the Penguin Coffee Shop which is now the Mel's Diner location.

**MID-STATE CRUIZERS INVITES YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY TO THE
34th ANNUAL CAR SHOW
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2025**



The Mid-State Cruizers of Atascadero would like to invite you to our 34th Annual Car Show at the lake park in Atascadero. The cars will be parked on the grass, under the trees, near to the lake. You can enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by one of our many food vendors or bring your own picnic lunch and sit back and enjoy the music provided by our local DJ. You can also shop among our many other vendors for jewelry, car products, memorabilia and much more. We encourage children 15 and under to help pick the "Kids Award Car" for this year. This is a Trophy unique to our Car Show. We will also be conducting a Prize Raffle every half hour and a Big Cash Raffle in the afternoon. Please come join us for the BEST family Car Show you have ever attended. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

SHOW CAR PARKING BEGINS AT 7:30 AM. IF YOU WANT TO PARK WITH FRIENDS, PLEASE ARRIVE TOGETHER. VEHICLES MUST BE IN PLACE BY 10 A.M. AND ALL VEHICLES MUST BE OUT OF THE PARK BY 4 P.M. THE SHOW IS LIMITED TO 200 ENTRIES. ONE EVENT T-SHIRT, DASH PLAQUE AND PHOTO WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL PRE-ENTRIES. ONLY NON-CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO JUDGE. ADDITIONAL T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHOW FOR PURCHASE.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

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The 12th Annual
Day of Hope Car Show

\$35
donation to
register a car for
the show!



Saturday August 23rd 11-2 PM

[Info.](#)

Nate's Pinedorado Car Show



Sunday August 31st, 2025

[Info.](#)

RPM NATIONALS



☆ **DRAG RACES** ☆
☆ **SWAP MEET** ☆ **CAR SHOW** ☆

SANTA MARGARITA RANCH
9-20-25

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78th

September 27, 28, 29

LOS ALAMOS OLD DAYS

PAST MEETS PRESENT
Friday Night: Big Buck Contest

Music By Bitterwater Road Band - Chile Verde Dinner

Saturday

Car Show 9am
Vendors 9am
R.C. Car Races
Bounce Houses
Paintball
Cow Pie Bingo
Petting Zoo
Tri-Tip Sandwiches
Dinner/Dance 6pm
Cook Your Own Style
Music by
The Fossils

Sunday

Element
Church Services
in Ferrini Park 9am
5K Run 9am
Parade 11am
Vendors 9am
Bounce Houses
Petting Zoo
Paintball
BBQ Contest
Ballet Folklorico 1pm

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OCTOBER. 11. 2025

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3RD ANNUAL VIKING CHARITIES CLASSIC CAR SHOW

BENEFITING THOSE IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WITH MEDICAL NEEDS



Registration Open
Friday, July 4th

- Open to Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles from 2000 or older.
- Specialty Vehicles Considered (see website for more info.)
- Sponsorship & Vendor opportunities are available



Saturday, October 11th

• 10AM - 5PM Viking Charities Classic Car Show in Downtown Solvang



For more info, go to www.VikingsOfSolvang.org/CarShow

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Saturday, October 25th, 2025

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SALUTE to our HEROES

HONORING VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS

\$10 General Admission

• Veterans Free
• Kids 12 and Under Free

Includes Admission to Estrella Warbirds Museum & Woodland Auto Display



- SHOW N SHINE CAR SHOW
- FIRST RESPONDER DISPLAYS
- MILITARY VEHICLE DISPLAYS
- REENACTMENTS/PARATROOPER DROPS
- KID ZONE
- FOOD, BEER & WINE (Not included in Admission price)



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER & DANCE \$50 per ticket
FEATURING: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Saturday
NOV. 8TH 2025
10 am - 3 pm

4251 DRY CREEK ROAD,
PASO ROBLES, CA, 93446



Proceeds support Estrella Warbirds Museum, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Tax ID# 77-0324714

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Current Car Culture Collectibles



Station Wagons by Byron Olsen

Relive the nostalgia-filled days of afternoon drives in your family's ever-ready station wagon. Follow the history of America's greatest family transport from the 1920s up through today's SUV wagons, with an emphasis on the classic haulers built during the 1950s and '60s. Filled with wonderful woodys from all manufacturers, plus Chevrolet's popular Nomad, Pontiac's Safari sport wagon, rare Packard examples, Studebaker's Wagonaire, and Oldsmobile's Vista Cruiser.

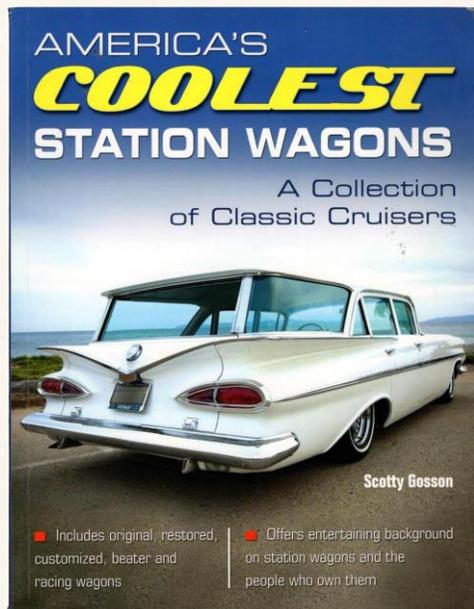
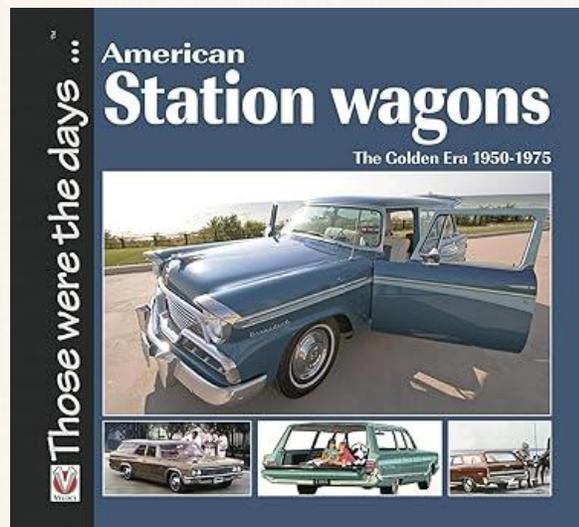
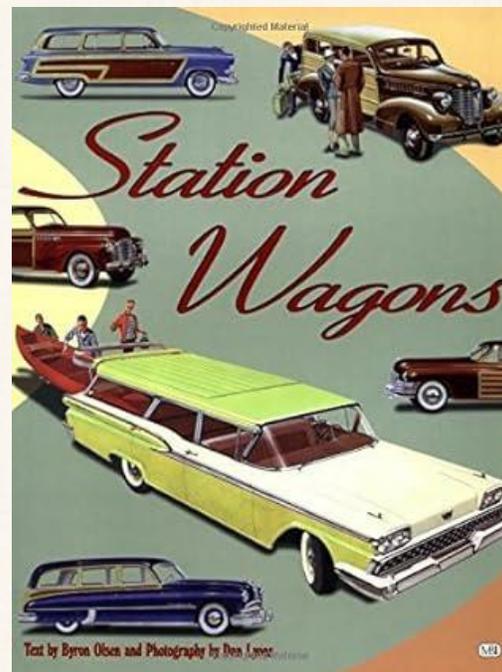
First Published June 19, 2000. Out of print but may be able to find on Ebay or Amazon. Free digital preview available on Google Books [here](#).

American Station Wagons – The Golden Era 1950-1975 (Those were the days)

American Station Wagons – The Golden Era 1950-1975 examines an important quarter century of this versatile vehicle, a time when it evolved into a practical, yet sometimes luxurious family transporter or business vehicle. This volume covers the histories of the major, minor and obscure station wagon manufacturers and models.

While makes such as Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge and Plymouth dominated the US market, important roles were played by Oldsmobile, Buick, Mercury, and Chrysler in making the car more than mere basic transportation or a reliable workhorse. At the same time, makes such as Studebaker, Kaiser, Nash and AMC, etc. competed for a slice of this burgeoning postwar market, and were responsible for novel innovations in design.

Published Nov 15, 2010



America's Coolest Station Wagons: A Collection of Classic Cruisers

For all of us who grew up watching the world pass by from the back of a station wagon, this book touches a special chord. The same cars many would never want to be seen in are now in high demand, and it seems everyone has at least one great story involving a station wagon. Anyone who is a fan of nostalgia can relate to the subject matter, and for the many who like vintage styling and modern performance, there are plenty of great examples of upgraded vintage wagons that can (and are) driven daily. Noted magazine writing veteran Scotty Gosson takes an informative and lighthearted look at the lowly station wagon. Published April 15, 2011



Summer's Just Around The Corner

Events Calendar 2025

May 30-Jun 1	The Classic Car Show	Pismo Beach
Jun 7 Sat	Monthly Meeting	Arroyo Grande Chevrolet
Jun 18 Wed	VCCA Breakfast	CJ's Café, Arroyo Grande
Jun 26 Thu	VCCA Lunch	A-Town Diner, Atascadero
Jul 5 Sat	Monthly Meeting	Arroyo Grande Chevrolet
Jul 12 Sat	VCCA 4th of July Picnic	Arroyo Grande, Biddle Park Bobcat Site
Jul 16 Wed	VCCA Breakfast	CJ's Café, Arroyo Grande
Jul 20 Sun	14th Annual Mad Bomerz Car Show	Santa Maria
Jul 24 Thu	VCCA Lunch	Vix Creek Saloon, Arroyo Grande
Aug 2 Sat	Monthly Meeting	Arroyo Grande Chevrolet
Aug 9 Sat	21st Annual Police Car Show	Lompoc
Aug 16 Sat	34th Annual Lake Park Car Show	Atascadero
Aug 23 Sat	Day of Hope Car Show	Santa Maria
Aug 31 Sun	Pinedorado Car Show	Cambria
Sep 20 Sat	RPM Nationals Drag Races	Santa Margarita Ranch
Sep 27 Sat	78th Annual Old Days - Car Show	Los Alamos
Oct 11 Sat	Cops N Cars	Santa Maria
Oct 11 Sat	3rd Annual Viking Charities Classic Car Show	Solvang
Oct 25 Sat	34th Annual Cayucos Car Show	Cayucos
Nov 2 Sun	53rd Annual Nojoqui Falls Fun Run	Solvang
Nov 8 Sat	Salute to our Heroes Car Show	Paso Robles

Potential Future Outings

- Coldspring Tavern Lunch - San Marcos Pass
- Parkfield Café Lunch - Parkfield
- The Buckhorn Restaurant Lunch - New Cuyama
- Nethercutt Museum - Sylmar

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Chevy Trivia Answer

Front amber turn signal lenses were voluntarily adopted in 1963.