



Yesterdays Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region

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Sept 7th SFV VCCA Meeting
Balboa Park.

Sept 17th All Chevy Car Show
Community Chevrolet
Dealership, Fred Bell Host

October 8th Orange County JUDGED car
show, info to follow

Our Car show is September 17th and we need door prizes, goodie bag items and raffle prizes. Ask people you do business with for "stuff". They have the items they use for advertising and are willing to give them away for that purpose. Please let me or Gloria know of your success. IF you have NOT sent your entry form to Gloria DO SO NOW!

Meeting Minutes from Thursday 8/3/06 – Geoff Williamson, Secretary

Vernon Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:46 P.M. with 10 members in attendance and 1 guest, Mike, who is Vernon's future son-in-law.

Sherwin Silver delivered the Treasurer's report. Various members discussed the details of the report. Motion to approve by Steve Rosenberg, seconded by John Murray.

Correspondence discussed: Nugget news, June & July 2006.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as published in the monthly newsletter

Motion to approve by John Murray seconded by Rich Weisman.

Regionnaire, June, July & August 2006. Classic Clatter, July & August 2006. Foothill Festival of Cars, Saturday September 9th, 10am-3pm, 4441 La Crescenta Ave – La Crescenta. Orange County Show, October 8th in Tustin, 9am-3pm, at the Enderle Center.

Committee Reports: Community Chevrolet Car Show, September 17th, 2006, 8:30am-3:30pm. Steve Rosenberg discussed Fred Bell's sponsorship, the outdoor location, food; In & Out Burger, door prizes, (we need bag stuffers for the show – anything you can offer or can get from your business contacts will help). Steve reminds all this is not a judged show, but awards will still be distributed. Steve also relayed the news **Fred Bell is expanding his business to include selected classic cars.**

Tours and Activities: Cruise/Cruise. Met on August 20th, 12 noon, at the Cerritos Mall and Drove to the Harbor in Long Beach. 1-1/2 hour tour on vintage boats, then drove vintage cars on a tour of Long Beach, and then attended a free barbeque.

"What have you done in the last 30 days to or with your cars or are you having any problems?" Members present discussed their vehicles.

No badge money was collected.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted: G. Williamson
For Sale Call Loren @ 360-9739

1. 41- 48 Chevy windshield rubber Channel Seal (with reveal molding) was \$100 now \$20.

2. Split Exhaust manifold for 235 engine \$20

3. Thirty-four Magazines - Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Etc 1931-1964 (most pre 1950) \$25

4. 37-48 Chevy 16" wheel beauty disc (fits under hubcap) new set \$100

5. Ten 16" wheel trim rings \$25

For Sale 1933 Master 4 door sedan. Very original. Paint an older 20-30 years ago. Asking \$7,100 Matt Kopier 818-888-5586 I have seen this car. It runs and would need a complete restoration.

September 9, 2006, 5pm-10pm, 11th Annual Oldies and Goodies Classic Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, Saugus Speedway, 22500 Soledad Cyn Road, Santa Clarita, Ca 91350, located just 3 1.2 miles east of Six Flags Magic Mountain. Largest show of its kind in Northern Los Angeles County with over 500 vehicles competing! Over 40 trophy categories 1st and 2nd place as well as cash prizes for Classic Car, Classic Truck and Motorcycle (All years) Of The Year. Car Clubs Welcome! Supporting Special Olympics of Santa Clarita. Entry fee is \$25 when pre-registered by 8/28/06 and includes event t-shirt (xl) as well as goodie bag and dash plaque. \$35 day of show (no extras). Directions: I-5 FWY, exit Valencia Blvd and head east for 3 ½ miles. Contact: 661-259-3886 or email info@saugusspeedway.com. Registration forms available at www.saugusspeedway.com/carshow/ or call number above. Live 50's and 60's show bands, rides, games, 50/50 raffle, vendors and more – fun for the whole family!

A few weeks ago Jerry Fisher and his bride Beverly got married. The services and luncheon afterward were held at the Calimigos Ranch in Agoura. It's located near the corner of Mulholland Drive and Kanan Road. MUCH

happiness to the new couple. Beverly, the other members are looking forward to meeting you.

Ok a personal story from your editor. I purchased my '70 El Camino 5½ years ago from the original owner in Northridge. I remember the day as it were yesterday including the phone call to him answering his ad in the Los Angeles Times. I called him & said, "I'm calling about the El Camino you have advertised" his response, "yup it's for sale". To that I kind of stammered & said, "Well tell me a little about it, what color is it?" Too which he responded, "it's red & it's for sale". I said I live in Thousand Oaks & the car is in Northridge I would come by tomorrow Monday & said I'd see him tomorrow. Well after I hung up I thought better. I took the checkbook, got into my car and drove to Northridge. I had looked at MANY El Caminos in the 68'-72' era and MOST were pool cleaner rejects. When I drove up to Norm Simpkins home and saw the car in the driveway I said to myself if it runs as well as it looks it's mine. Well it did & I paid the price he was asking and reassured him that it was being bought by a car guy and would be cared for. I even showed him our car web site. Driving it away from his home I noticed the gas gage was on FULL. I wondered if it was broken so I called him two minutes after I left and asked him if it was broken. He said, "Nope it's a full tank", I said thank you and drove it home.

Ok getting back to Saturday August 5th and the breakfast @ Hill & Fran's. They live in Northridge and so did Norm. Norm was no kid when I bought the car but I remembered where he lived and after leaving the breakfast found his home. Well in the driveway was the same Cadillac with his amateur radio call sign. I drove into the driveway & walked up to the open front door with the shut screen door and knocked, friends knock salesman ring the bell. A moment later he answered the door & and saw the El Camino and me at the same time. His response was Oh My God. He called his daughter to the door to see what was here. He and his daughter came out to the car. I told him that I promised to take care of it and did. His next statement was, "I have been sorry ever

since I sold it, I didn't need the money, do you want to sell it back to me?" To which I responded no, that I love the car as much as he did. I told him and showed him the cosmetic changes I did, chrome, mirrors, hubcaps and bumpers. I also told him the other things not so obvious that were done. While I was with him I referred to the car as things I did to your car. He asked if he could look under the hood. I think he was surprised the labels he made were still attached to the cowl. We spent about 15 minutes together having a good time.

OK, why did I write this story? We all bought our present cars from someone. Some of the time the seller could care less if it went to a hot rodder, a restorer or the junkyard. The wife was happy it's GONE. BUT sometimes the seller sells it for another reason and is sad to see it go. SO my fellow car people decide for yourself and if it's appropriate share the rebirth or continued beauty with the prior owner. I did and I know I made him happy.

Director's Corner: Gloria Palazzo

Well, were back from all the travels, Montrose and Grand Junction, Colorado for the 4&6 Cylinder Tours and the 45th Anniversary Meet, and trip to Maui.

The tour, in Montrose, seventy registrations from all over the United States came to enjoy. The camaraderie amongst fellow CHEVY enthusiasts was evident in the motel parking lot, car gazing, renewing old friendships. We toured and saw a lot of Northwest Colorado landscapes: Black Canyon National Park in Gunnison, Museum of the Mountain West, Ouray, Ridgeway, CO.

We headed Sixty-five miles north of Montrose, to Grand Junction for the 45th Anniversary Meet. A replay of getting together and greeting each other, since some of these folks we hadn't seen in five years. There were three hundred and seventy-two registrations. People from all over the world were there, Australia, Sweden, and Canada. We checked the swap meet every day, in the Hotel parking lot.

Enjoyed the ladies luncheon, the ladies were asked to dress as if going to a tea party, hats and gloves and the guest speaker was Lynnette Jennings. The winner of the most unusual hat was an air cleaner decorated with ribbons, attached to hold it in place.

A long trip 1,800 miles round trip and an additional 500 miles in the 1930 sedan delivery. GLAD TO BE Home.....

I want to thank Hill and Fran for opening their home on Saturday, a lovely lox and bagels with sweet rolls breakfast was served and we got to see Hill's 1930. Fran let us tour her home, which is made of cinder block, quite unusual and she had many lovely LLardo's and artwork.

It will be good to see all of you at the meeting on Thursday, **September 7th**, 7:30 p.m. at the Balboa Park recreation center.

Please mark your calendars for a very important event in 2007.

26th All California Meet, in Palm Springs, hosted by Foothill Region. On March 28,29,30 2007,

We know how much work there is so, let see what we can do to help them, I will discuss possibilities with you at the September 7th meeting

In this months CAR COLLECTOR magazine there is an article written by Jeffery Broadus that goes to the question Antique, Classic, muscle car, and special interest. I will give you the Reader Digest version. Antique, simply a auto built before 1925. Brass era, 1914 & prior. Nickel era, 1915-1928. He goes on to say the CLASSIC is the most abused term in the car hobby. To be a classic the Classic Car Club of America must identify the car as a classic. They also had to be from the model years 1925-1948. The "milestone" is a 1945-1971 car designated by the Milestone Car Society. The 1955-1957 Chevrolets are in this category.

Production car, is a term used by the AACA for cars 25 years or older that don't fall into the

previous categories. Muscle cars are the 60-70's. They are mid size cars with big high horsepower engines.

The catchall category is Special Interest. Those can include but not limited to Buick Reatta, Cadillac Allanti, Dodge Viper, or extremely low mileage or well maintained cars that normally wouldn't be collected (four-door post sedans, economy cars, 15-20 year old cars with marginal appeal or steel station wagons).

He goes on to say that a car that doesn't fit in any of the above mentioned classification but is solid, reliable, transportation does have a category.....USED CAR.

Just wanted to know if you know anyone who is interested in a 1960 Chevy Impala. California Classic. 4-door hardtop, 7,000 miles on rebuilt motor, transmission is a 2 spd power glide, 235 6-cyl engine, power steering, am-FM- cassette stereo, Asking price 7500.00/make offer

Call 209-969-9775 ask for Dion

Trying to sell to make room for a new car in garage.

Dion also sent me pictures of the car, Looks nice.

Cruise – Cruise by Larry Pearson So Cal Region hosted a division 1 tour. Jim Lundal, a member of our club and So. Cal made all the arrangements for the tour. Jim got my interest up at the Solid Axel Corvette Club convention held in Truckee in August and I told him to count me in.

We all met at the Cerritos Mall at 12 noon. John Murray and his new "secretary" and I represented the San Fernando Valley Region. John drove his '52 Belaire and I drove my white '62 Corvette. We took off in about 15 vintage Chevy's for the five-mile drive to the Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club of Long Beach and arrived at about 12:30. The Yacht Club clubhouse is located on prime property in the Alamitos Bay Marina. The tour to the marina

had no written instructions and some cars got separated at signals. Jim was at the rear and gathered up the lost cars. At the marina the yacht club had three boats ready to go for the twenty or so Chevy club members. One was a power boat and the other two were sailboats. I went on one of the sailboats and it was the experience of my life! I had never been on a sailboat before.

Darold owns the 35-foot fiberglass boat that I was on and he had one experienced crewmember, Jim, to assist him. It takes a lot of experience to put up the sails and to constantly keep them trimmed. Once we got beyond the breakwater on the ocean, I got to try my hand at steering the boat for about 30 minutes. One of the other VCCA members used my camera and recorded this on films. YES, Pictures of ME! I took plenty of pictures but you will have to attend the October meeting to see them. Darold told me while I was "captaining" that he took this very boat to Tahiti and back in 1995.

After returning to the marina and tying the boat up, the yacht club treated us to barbecued hamburgers with all the trimmings that included salad, chips, sodas etc. After eating, we took the boat skippers and crews for rides in our vintage Chevy's using Jims maps of Belmont Shores. I gave Darold a ride in my Corvette. We got done and left for home at about 4:00 PM.

Lim and Judy Lundal plan to host this event next year. BE THERE!!!!

LAST meeting before show, please attend.

**Next Meeting
Thursday September 7th, 2006
@ 17015 Burbank Blvd, Encino
7:30 –9:30 PM**