

Fuel Line



April 2019

Newsletter of the Central Arizona Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America www.vintagechevyclubaz.com

April CAR Meeting

The April CAR meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM. Location will be at Sandy and Paul's new condo at 17404 N 99th Ave Unit 105 in Sun City. (Directions elsewhere in this issue)

Be sure to come join us for updates on tours, your input and ideas and the latest news in the CAR world.



Stargazing Party & Potluck

The annual Stargazing party and potluck will be at Ed & Linda Behie's home on Tuesday, April 16th at 6 PM. CAR will be supplying the meat—bring a dish to share. Address is 5035 W North Ln, Glendale. This is always a fun and interesting event as with the telescopes brought in to view the heavens, you get a close up view of different stars and planets. And the food and fellowship are great too! See you there!



CENTRAL ARIZONA REGION: of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America was organized for the purpose of restoring and preserving Vintage Chevrolets. We welcome anyone who has a sincere interest in sharing their knowledge and experience in the history and enjoyment of the automobile.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: An active member in good standing is defined as an individual or family who has paid into both the National VCCA and the Central Arizona Region. This entitles the member to a subscription to the local regional newsletter, the "FUEL LINE". Any paid member may participate in the business meeting and all club events, both regional and national. Membership in the VCCA does not require ownership of a Vintage Chevrolet. For information concerning Central Arizona Region – VCCA please contact one of the following officers or board members. MEMBERSHIP DUES for CENTRAL ARIZONA REGION (any individual or family) \$20.00/year (half of National), NATIONAL VCCA: \$40.00/year. Dues are payable on January 1st and delinquent after February 1st.

Please include your National and Local number on your renewal

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Chapter Application for Membership

Welcome

Renewal

CENTRAL ARIZONA REGION Chapter of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

CHEVROLET

Name:			Birth Mo	onth/Day:	/	Phone:	
Address:						Cell:	
City:			State:		Zip:		
Occupation or l	Business:						
Email address:				Newslette	er Emaile	d Mailed Both	
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Recommended	By:						
	MODEL Styl e Line; Touring)	MODEL# (Deluxe)		BODY STYLE (2-4 DR, Coupe, etc	2)	COLOR (BK)	CONDITION (Showable, etc)

Directors Message from Diane Adams

We had an active month of March. Thank you to Dean, Fred, Ed, Carole, Jay, Sandy, Don and I for covering for the Mecum Auction. It was very interesting watching the people and of course, the cars. The Swap Meet was a success. Not as big as in previous years, but with all the other events going on that weekend, we did OK.

April is the stargazing potluck party at Ed & Linda's on the 16th. Hope to see you there. I am working on a tour to the Clive Cussler's car museum. Will let you know the details. Clive is a very popular fiction mystery writer who incorporates his cars and himself into the stories. Hope to see you at the meeting at Sandy & Paul's new condo on the 3rd. Diane

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 1	April Fools!!				
Apr 3	CAR Meeting - Sandy & Paul's new condo - 6:30 PM				
Apr 12-13	Silver Auction - Peoria				
Apr 13	Historic bank robbery re-enactment and historic home tour - Clarkdale				
Apr 16	Stargazing & Potluck Party - Ed & Linda Behie's home - 6 PM				
Apr 20	Rotary Car Show - Hurricane, Utah				
Apr 21	Happy Easter!!				
Apr 27	34th Annual Chevy Showdown - Sahuarita				
Apr 27	Chrome in the Dome - Eager				
May 1	Happy May Day!!				
May 1	CAR Meeting - Time & location TBD				
May 3-5	32nd Annual Route 66 Fun Run - Seligman				
May 18	Make A Wish Car Show - Glendale				
May 18	Gear Up Car Show - Prescott Valley				
**** Don't forget the ongoing cruisins around the Valley on Friday & Saturday nights!****					

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Moses was technically the first person to download files to his tablet from the cloud					
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Dues are due!! Be sure to mail them to Sandy Bruyn @ 17404 N 99th Ave Unit 105 Sun City, AZ 85373

CAR Meeting Minutes March 6th, 2019

- > Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
- > Officers and board members present were Diane Adams, Sandy Bruyn, Linda Behie, Don Adams, Dean Echols, & Fred Johnson.
- > The treasurers report was given and accepted.
- > Items of business were as follows:
- > Be sure to sign up to work the VCCA booth at the Mecum Auction in Glendale.
- > The Swap Meet pre-registration is good—weather looks to be good also.
- > Dean gave an infomercial on the Southwest Fall Tour in September in Cottonwood. Sounds like it will be a lot of fun.
- > Star gazing party and potluck on the 16th of April at Ed & Linda Behie's home. The club will supply the meat - bring a dish to share.
- > The April Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at Sandy Bruyn's new condo in Sun City. Time and directions forthcoming.
- > Many thanks to Diane for the great food!
- > Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by Linda Behie

Amazing Anagrams

Is it mere coincidence that you can rearrange the letters in the words on the left to get the words on the right?

Dormitory = Dirty room

The Morse Code = Here come the dots

Slot machines = Cash lost in 'em

Snooze alarms = Alas! No more z's

Eleven plus two = Twelve plus one

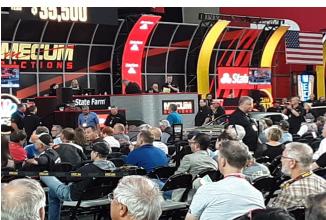
Mecum Auction - 2019

The weekend of March 14th thru 17th, several CAR members worked the VCCA booth at the check in area of the auction. We answered questions, handed out booklets and also got some time to watch the auction in process and look over some of the cars. Lots of drool marks had to be cleaned off of some of the cars, but no harm done.

Many thanks to all that helped and hopefully everyone will get a chance to participate next year.









Directions to Sandy & Paul's Condo

Heritage Condos faces east on 99th between Bell Rd and Union Hills. If you come from Bell, go north on 99th and make a u-turn at Palmeras. If you come from Union Hills, the main entrance is on the right. There is parking in front of the building. If that's full, there is parking at either end.

1948 Chevrolet Cadet: Was Chevy's first compact too much, too soon?

While Chevy's controversial Corvair is well known as their first small car, few are aware that the division came close to introducing a compact ten years earlier. After spending the war years on defense work, postwar automotive engineers were anxious to show what they could do. As one of General Motors' best and brightest, Earle MacPherson was named development chief for Chevy's proposed all-new compact in 1947. Starting with a clean sheet to rethink what a small car could be, MacPherson invented a novel suspension system consisting of a shock absorber centered inside a spring. It was brilliant, inexpensive, effective, and space saving. Now called the MacPherson Strut, his elegantly simple setup eventually became nearly universal in small cars. During the Cadet's development, he proposed an independent rear suspension and innovative transmission as well. GM Engineering Vice President James Crawford thought it was all too much, criticizing the Cadet's as a "little jewel of a car," like that was a bad thing. Those who drove Cadet prototypes said they handled better than any GM car of its day, including the Cadillac. Though tiny-on-the-outside, the Cadet offered interior capacity comparable to a full-sized 1935 Chevrolet. Designed to seat four, it was projected to weigh just a little over one ton. A sixty-five horse power six-cylinder engine with an innovative transmission tucked under the front seat would have provided ample power to scoot the little Cadet around town on its tiny, space saving twelve -inch wheels--a trick later adopted by Austin's legendary Mini. The Cadet was a "blue sky" engineer's dream of a car, designed during America's postwar boom when anything seemed possible. But, this was one dream that came painfully close to being true. Five prototypes were built and exhaustively tested. Chevrolet Division had even constructed two factories to build it, projecting a workforce of 10,000. Unfortunately, the Cadet's innovative engineering made it impossible to keep its price down to a mandated \$1000 target. Eventually, GM management agreed with CEO Alfred Sloan that they'd be able to sell all the full-sized cars they could bolt together, so there was no need to introduce a compact to compete with their own products. Citing a post war "materials shortage," General Motors issued a press release declaring the Cadet a dead duck in 1948. America's auto history might have been significantly altered had the Cadet proven successful. But GM was probably wise to cancel the project. Kaiser's Henry J and Hudson's Jet compacts soon appeared and flopped miserably in the marketplace. Optimistic consumers were busy kicking off the country's biggest economic boom ever. They showed little interest in driving money-saving little biscuit tins. They preferred to roar down the country's new interstate highways in massive, finned road rockets, at least until Germany's humble little Volkswagen showed up to demonstrate the advantages of smaller, simpler cars. General Motors never looked back, destroying the sole remaining Cadet prototype in 1968 and effectively erasing all memory of a little car that was truly too much, too soon.

(Thanks to Jim Cherry of Curbside TV)

Chocolate and Easter

Rules of Chocolate at Easter

If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite, and that way you'll eat less.

If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?

If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.

Money talks. Chocolate sings.

Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.

The problem: How to get two pounds of chocolate eggs home from the store in a hot car. **The solution**: Eat the eggs in the parking lot.

Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? Because no one wants to quit.

A nice box of chocolates can provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy?

Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.





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