



# Fuel Line



**April 2021**

**Newsletter of the Central Arizona Region  
of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America  
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## April CAR Meeting

**The April Meeting of the CAR will be on Saturday, April 10th, at 9:00 AM. Location is Don & Diane Adams backyard and we will be having a combined Pancake Breakfast - Mini Swap Meet and Don's Inventory Reduction Sale. Yes, you read it right - bring you appetite , a few parts to sell or swap and your checkbook in case something in Don's garage strikes your fancy.**

**Drive your Vintage Chevrolet and show it off as there will be preferred parking in their backyard along with the pancakes and parts!**

**Address is 4024 W Topeka and the club will supply the food and drink. Come on out and join us in our first activity in a year! It is rumored that there will be some new members and new prospective members attending, so don't miss out! Be there or be square!**



## New "In The Spotlight" Section Each Month

**I would like to ask all CAR members to send me pictures and a story on your Vintage Chevrolet or another car from your garage. The other members would like to hear about your car(s) and see what they look like, as we have not been able to get out and see them in person. So send in those pictures and stories so I can get them in the upcoming Fuel Lines.**

**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./year (half of National), NATIONAL VCCA: \$40.00/year. Dues are payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> and delinquent after February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please include your National and Local number on your renewal.

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**Chapter Application for Membership**

# Welcome

## CENTRAL ARIZONA REGION Chapter of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Central Arizona Region #  
Must be a member of Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

Vintage Chevrolet Club of America National #  
Thank you for your generous support and participation in this association.

Recommended By:

YEAR (1949)(Style Line; Touring)	MODEL (Deluxe)	MODEL# (Deluxe)	BODY STYLE (2-4 DR, Coupe, etc)	COLOR (BK)	CONDITION (Showable, etc)

## Presidents Message

Looking forward to seeing you for our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday [April 10th](#). Possible a member of the Soldiers Best Friend organization will come and tell us about the organizations. This was the organization we made a donation to in memory of Member Jerry Volk. Also Mickie Johnson is coming and will introduce the new members Art & Deb Sell. We will be outside and try and keep social distancing, also bring your mask. If you have any items you would like to sell or give away bring those too. Don is hoping some of you will need some of his “stash”

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### DUES ARE DUE

**Dues are due January 1st—send to Sandy Bryun @ 18646 N 130th Ave,  
Sun City West, AZ 85375**

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4 — Happy Easter!

**April 10 — CAR Pancake Breakfast, Mini Swap Meet & Don’s Inventory reduction**

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*Unfortunately, there is no lifeguard in the gene pool .....*



**In Memory of Fellow VCCA—CAR Member Fred Johnson**



**Fred D. Johnson, VCCA # 08180, of Buckeye, AZ passed away on March 4, 2021 at the age of 78. He was born in Glendale, CA, graduated from Reseda High School and Chico State College, CA. He served in the US Air Force from 1960-1964. Fred was a Certified Public Accountant and worked for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co, Sacramento City Schools, CA, Lebanon School District, OR, and the City of Silverton, OR. He had a lifelong love of old cars, especially Chevrolets. In high school he drove a 1939 Chevy Coupe and recently found another '39 coupe to add to his collection. Fred joined the VCCA in 1973 and was a member of Sacramento Valley, Willamette Valley, Columbia River & Central Arizona Regions. He served as Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Director in several of these regions. Fred and his wife Mickie could often be seen at west coast car events in their 1928 Chevy Touring. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mickie, two sons, Erik (Amy) and Kevin, one granddaughter Autumn, sister Gwen (Bob) Jensen and brother Dennis (Norma), and many nieces & nephews.**



*(Thanks to Steve Kassis of the Filling Station for writing the obituary.)*

## Points To Ponder

- > Getting older is just one body part after another saying “ Ha Ha. You think that’s bad—watch this”.
- > I don’t always go the extra mile, but when I do it’s because I missed my exit.
- > Most people don’t think I’m as old as I am until they hear me stand up.....
- > I’m taking care of my procrastination issues; just you wait and see.
- > If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock....that’s humerus....
- > How did we survive? Our mothers wiped our faces with spit on a hankey.... not an antibacterial wipe.
- > Apparently we can’t visit our relatives homes, but real estate agents can buy and sell houses. So I’ve put my house on the market and Mum & Dad are coming for a viewing at 3:30.....
- > My wife didn’t order anything from Amazon yesterday, so the UPS guy knocked on our door to see if we were OK.....
- > Who would have thought one day we’d be smoking weed at a family gathering, but the illegal part would be the family gathering.....
- > My wife asked me why I spoke so softly in the house. I said I was afraid Mark Zuckerberg was listening.  
She laughed.  
I laughed.  
Alexa laughed.  
Siri laughed.
- > If you wear both a mask and glasses, you may be entitled to condensation.....
- > You know when you buy a bag of salad & it gets all brown & soggy?  
Cookies don’t....
- > Be careful when you eat at Sam & Ella’s Diner.....



## **Art & Deb ( Rae ) Sell's 1936 Master Town Sedan**

We found this car at Larry Green Chevrolet in Cottonwood, AZ about 4 years ago. On a vacation to visit my aunt who lives up in Oak Creek Village, we needed to get the oil changed in my wife's car. While we were resigning ourselves to hanging out in the waiting room, I struck up a conversation with the service writer. I mentioned we were involved with the VCCA and could I leave a G & D magazine in their waiting area. Of course he had to ask what it stood for and then volunteered that they had a "vintage Chevy" on the showroom floor. Naturally, we just had to go look.

We found what looked to be an exceptionally well restored '36 Master Town Sedan. Asking what their intentions were since it was on the showroom floor. They said it had been for sale for 2-1/2 years. Oh really, how much, figuring it would be some astronomical dream on number. Yes, it was rather high, but not in the stratosphere. We said we needed to do some research and would get back with them.

Our research through NADA suggested a somewhat lower number, even on a car as nice as this one looked. We went back and forth for a couple of weeks and after that, decided that it was just not meant to be since we were still about \$8,000 apart. 2 months later, they called and asked for \$500 over our final offer. After talking it over for a half hour or so, we accepted.

We arranged for payment and transportation (We were back in Vancouver by then). Getting it off the truck proved to be a little problematic. Turns out in the 2-1/2 years of sitting, the brakes had become inoperable ( You know the typical car salesman "ran when parked", and the "driven in local parades"), the battery was dead as well with a non-functioning generator. The truck had one of those platform gates you back onto that is about 3 feet off the ground and then is lowered down. Challenging to get a poorly running car with no service brakes up and over the semi trailer wheel tubs and onto the platform without going off the end and causing serious damage.

It has taken some time to sort out, and the projects continue. The gas tank feed line rusted through inside the tank. (It's a nice looking tank and it ran great with a full tank.). The original cork gas tank float disintegrated—went through the screen, fouled the checks and plugged the carburetor.

This car has no history. They had no spare parts. The story we got was that someone came down from Las Vegas and traded it in on a new car. Our speculation is that it was an inherited car that the family member just didn't know what to do with it or couldn't keep it running. If anyone knows any history, we would love to know about it. If you are familiar with the 1936 Master Series , there are 2 non original features on the outside of this car that may help it stand out and be identified. It possibly was restored some years ago as the brake shoes are the real deal.

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The first photo is of the car. The second photo is obviously of a young woman. She and her photographer came by the Pittock Mansion in Portland, where we were a living history static display with the Horseless Carriage Club. She asked if they could use our car for a backdrop. We said yes, but please be careful. It was a neat shot, so I asked her if I could take her photo as well. THIS IS NOT MY WIFE.

Fast forward—and we are working to retire in AZ. My mother graduated from Central Phoenix Union High School in the late '40s, and several of my relatives lived in the Phoenix area until their passing in the '70s. Last year we closed on an acre near my aunt's house about 20 miles from where we found this car in 2017.

We are looking forward to getting to know the members of our newly adopted region.





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