



# Fuel Line



**March 2022**

**Newsletter of the Central Arizona Region  
of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America  
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## Things To Do In March



**There will be no CAR Meeting in March, so a couple fun things for CAR members to do would be :**

- 1) Grand opening of Mel Martins Museum on Saturday March 5th, complete with a huge car show.**
- 2) CAR Swap Meet and Parts Exchange on Sat/Sun, March 12th & 13th at Glendale Community College. You never know what you may find there - maybe Don Adams will find the elusive wheel for his fire truck. See you out & about.**



### **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

The tour to the Hall of Flame was well attended, and thanks to Larry & Larry Jr. we did have at least one classic Chevy. The picnic lunch at Papago park was very good. I couldn't believe how crowded the Park and the Zoo were.

So this month is the Swap Meet. Also we need to schedule a tour of the new Mel Martin Museum. Just let me know when you guys would like to go. In April we are touring the Cussler Museum on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Hope you can make it. This is actually an event center more than a museum.

The Janet Cussler Car Collection is a timeless auto vault in Scottsdale full of 40 gorgeous pre-war cars. The collection is devoted to the conservancy of astonishing rare and classic automobiles from around the world. The extensive collection was started by renowned bestselling author Clive Cussler and his wife Janet Cussler. Hope to see you there. Diane

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 5 Martins Auto Museum Grand Opening and Car Show - Glendale

Mar 5 Chester's Car Show - Phoenix

**Mar 12-13 CAR Swap Meet & Parts Exchange - Glendale Community College**

**Mar 13 Spring Forward - Daylight Savings Time begins**

**Mar 17 Happy St Patrick's Day!!**

Mar 18 Good Guys 12th Annual Springnationals - Scottsdale

Apr 2 Southwestern Car Show - Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino & Resort

**Apr 9 CAR Meeting and Tour - Cusslers Auto Museum - Scottsdale**

**Apr 17 Happy Easter !!!**

Apr 23 Rodder's Day Car Show \_ Tucson

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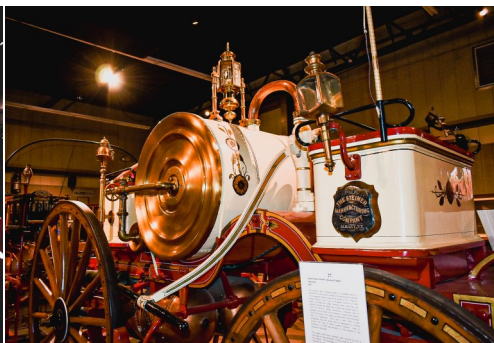
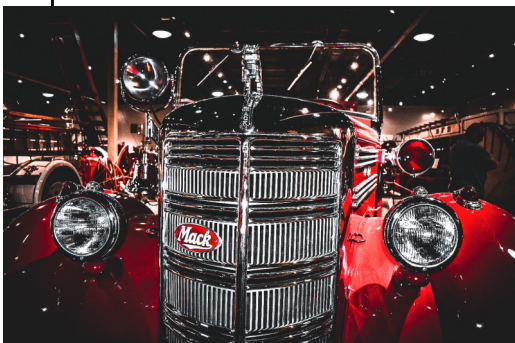
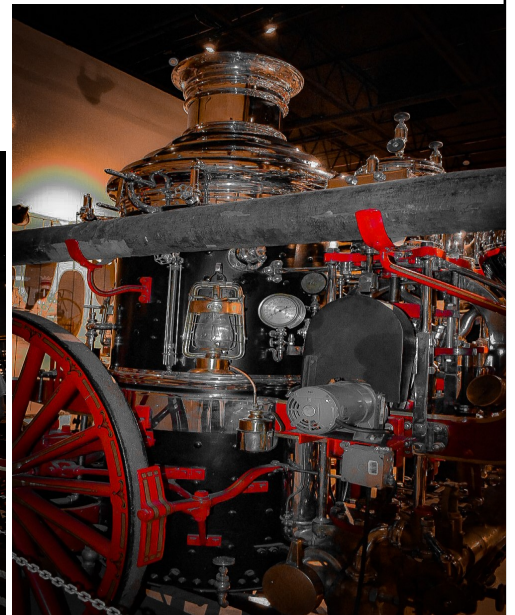
*Why are you in a movie, but you're on TV?.....*



## CAR Hall of Flame Tour

What a great turn out for the Hall of Flame Museum Tour. The tour lasted about 2 hours and the docent was also the curator for the Museum and was very knowledgeable. We had 25+ guests and everyone I talked to really enjoyed the tour. Besides all the fire trucks, there was a display of a command center, a section that showed firefighters who had died in performing their duties, including the 343 New York Fire Department personnel and of course the 19 Granite Mountain Hot-shot Firefighters who died in 2013. Of course Don was probably the most excited about the tour since he found a 1920 Ford Model TT fire truck one year newer than the one acquired from Kevin Johnson.

After the Hall of Flame tour we ventured over to Papago Park and had a delicious BBQ cooked and prepared by Dean Echols. He even provided tin plates and cups to eat and drink lemonade in tin cups. Unfortunately we lost a few members on the way over. A fun day for all!



## ***My third Riviera Boattail***

*By Ed and Linda Behie*



It all started one sunny afternoon; I received a phone call from Evert Ames a great friend and member of our local Buick car club, Valley of the Sun Buicks (VSB). Evert was gushing about how he had just purchased a 1973 Riviera in Wickenburg, AZ and would like my help to bring the Riviera back to Phoenix, AZ where we both call home. Evert wanted me to come with him to check this car out especially since at that time I owned a '64 Riviera, which I had purchased from the original owner in Sun City and had since been sold to a local club member. Also had a '71 Riviera from a collector in Prescott and then sold to car collector in Australia. I also owned at one time a '72 Riviera and a '83 Riviera conv, which both was also sold. Long story short, I was the so call "expert" in Riviera's!?

Growing up my dad always was a Buick man! My dad took us on family vacations in his 1950, 4 door Sedanet gave me my love and appreciation for old cars, especially Buick's! While on a vacation trip from our home in Tacoma Washington to Florida, my father had seen an especially nice 1951 Buick estate wagon for sale. Well that '50, 4 door Sedanet was replaced with a 1951 estate wagon, green in color and lot of ash wood to take of. As a young man, I was surprised when dad was looking for a newer car. After many miles on vacation in this '51 estate wagon, dad's other cars were wagons from then on. After the '51 wagon (boy would I like to have that car today!) there was a '56 Buick wagon.

Then for a short time we had a Dodge wagon, but that one had air conditioning, well that one was really cool in the Arizona heat, but that did not stay around the house too long, then it was a 1964 Chevy ¾ ton truck and with a new Open Road Camper. We had many miles of wonderful summer and camping trips in those estate wagons with my brother and I in the back seat. However, as we got older and married, now it was our time to take our families on those trips to see the USA country.

So much for this short nostalgic trip in time, now it's back to the story of the Boattail. A call from Evert about his new found Boattail that he was going to buy. So, we set out on our journey from his home in Sun City, heading north to the town of Wickenburg, AZ. After a short drive, we found the sellers home sitting on top of a hill overlooking the west side of this beautiful town. There sat this pristine '73 Riviera just casually parked in the driveway. After a thorough inspection of the car, on this half white vinyl roof and burgundy bottom, equipped with AM/FM stereo radio, power seats and power windows, factory A/C, cornering lights, chrome wheels and a beautiful red interior with the original spare and jack are still in the trunk.

After closing the deal, it was time for lunch. Evert and I went to a local restaurant where we ran into another friend of mine and we were babble about Evert's new purchase. This friend told us about his favorite third person title place just down the street and they would make this change easy, so off to the title place we went. With the title exchange process complete, we were on are way home with this outstanding '73 Boattail and for new life on the Buick road.

Then Evert drove this Riviera up to their summer home in Washington State. When he arrived in Kent, he called me with the story of how he had a wonderful trip with no problems with the car; it drove like a new car.

Evert and Sheryl, his wife had an outstanding home in Covington, a community just outside of Kent Washington. They had a 10 acre property, with a large home, and a very large barn with some other very nice Buicks and other makes and model of cars. His pride and joy was a 1932 two door McLaughlin convertible that Evert found in Canada. At the time he bought the car, he was having some concern on getting Arizona plates mailed to him. Evert called me asking for some help on getting this matter salved. So, with the assistance from my favorite third party title business individual, in a short time he had AZ plates in his hands.

Evert called me before we set off on our summer vacation for a couple of months on the road. Our first stop was Battle Creek MI for a visit with the wife's sister and brother. Then we would head west to God's country in Washington State. Evert was checking in with us to see about what time we

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were to stop by for this visit. We always enjoy a stay with Evert and the local Puget Sound Buick members. However, when we arrived at their home, Sheryl gave us the bad news that he had a massive heart attack and we lost a very good Buick member and even bigger loss of a friend.

With this life changing news, Sheryl decided it was time to downsize from this 4000 sq ft house, that Evert built and 10 areas of yard work to care for. Well, it was time to get a smaller home in Kent and also sell off the cars. With the help from family and friends, we all chipped in for a big yard sale. After several days of a yard sale and getting the house ready to sell with the help from family, friends, and Buick members, we were able to clear out many years of collecting stuff.

At this time, Sheryl was talking to us that she would like us to buy the '73. I could not see his Riviera going out of my life, so we made a deal on the '73 and now it was ours. A call to my third party title place, the car was ready to go and live with our other 6 collector cars at our home in Glendale. I also kept the same Arizona license plate (CRUZN 73) in honor of Evert, it was on the car when he bought it and he was fond of it. We informed Sheryl that I would fly back and drive the car home. So, I took some time and flew back to Seattle where Evert's neighbor met me. After a few days with him and his family, and having a wonderful time with them, now it was time to say goodbye and drive back home.

This 1500 mile drive started out great; however as I got few miles down the road the weather started to get colder and wetter, now it was snowing and this was only November!

With an overnight stay in Oregon, that morning I had bad news that I-5 was closed. So, I watched the local news until they reopened the road. I saw my fair share of snow on that trip, but the Riviera come thru with no problems.

Arriving home and with many hours of cleaning, waxing, detailing and most recently receiving a fresh buffing to bring out that amazing color, including a rebuilt AC and turning it into a 134a system. It was ready to join our other show cars; '49 Chevy 2 door Style Line Deluxe; '63 Chevy II Nova SS convertible; '67 2 door Chevy II Nova sport coupe, which I bought new; '70 2 door Chevelle; '75 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow; '83 Rolls Royce Silver Spur and others that have come and gone, now our garage space was getting full again. The '73 is a good car for cruising and displaying at our local Buick-Olds-Pontiac (BOP) car show. I was taking pleasure in this newly required car with friends and had many compliments on it. Evert took it to quite a few car shows around the Kent community and brought back an assortment of first place trophies, which I still have and enjoy the memory of knowing the history this car had.

After retiring from the US Gov and spending almost forty years with the Air Force at Luke, were I meet my wife (Linda) at the officer's club where I had my daily lunch. She thought I was well off and I would be a good catch, well was she surprised, I really needed her support (and mostly her income) for this illness on collecting antique autos. So folks, we have 38 years of enjoying the open road with one of our cars and embrace our lives with family and friends with every moment we have left.

Ed and Linda Behie, Glendale, Arizona



# 48th Annual Automotive Swap Meet **PARTS EXCHANGE**

**"One & Only" Oldest Continuous Running Event**



**Saturday & Sunday  
March 12th & 13th, 2022  
5 am till ?**



**Automotive Swap Meet  
Glendale Community College  
59th Ave North Of Olive Ave**

## Open To All Automotive Related Items

**Vendor Swap Spaces - \$35.00/20'x20' - Car Corral \$10.00/Car  
Funds Provide Financial Assistance Towards Many Local Charitable Organizations**

**RAIN or SHINE**

**Set Up & Registration  
Friday, March 11th  
10am-7pm**

**INFO: Central Arizona Region  
Vintage Chevrolet Club Of America  
Info: Dean Echols (928) 710-4825  
We Reserve The Right To Refuse Service To Anyone!**

**First Come First Served**

**Pre-Registration Starts on December 1st, 2021**

**Please Return Completed Form To Reserve Your Spaces To:**

**VCCA Swap Meet: 2049 Mohave Chino Valley, AZ 86323**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**QTY: \_\_\_\_\_ Spaces @ \$35.00/Space = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Total)**





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