



# Fuel Line



## February 2023

Newsletter of the Central Arizona Region  
of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America  
[www.carvcca.org](http://www.carvcca.org)



### CAR Tour to the Phoenix Trolley Museum



This month, CAR will be touring the Phoenix Trolley Museum. Everyone meet at 1117 Grand Ave, Phoenix, to go in as a group at 10:00 AM. They will have 2 docents available to give us the tour and answer questions. Looks to be some interesting history on trolleys in the Phoenix area.

Following the tour, we will cruise over to the Spaghetti Factory at 1418 N Central Ave, Phoenix, and indulge in lunch and more Chevy talk. PLEASE RSVP head count to Diane so she can make reservations for lunch. See you there!



### 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<br>(1949)(Style Line; Touring) | MODEL | MODEL#<br>(Deluxe) | BODY STYLE<br>(2-4 DR, Coupe, etc) | COLOR<br>(BK) | CONDITION<br>(Showable, etc) |
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## Presidents Message

We had a great turnout at the McCormick Railroad Park. The displays of railroad cars and paraphernalia was very interesting. And the Model railroad building was fascinating! Those guys are crazier than you car buffs. Thank you again to Dean, Art & Rae for making this a great event. I hope we will see you again at the February event. The Trolley Museum and then on to the Spaghetti Factory. Diane.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Feb 11 - CAR Tour & Lunch - Phoenix Trolley Museum - Phoenix**

Feb 11 - ARC 11th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet - Sun City

**Feb 14 - Happy Valentines Day!**

Feb 18 - 17th Annual Veterans Car Show - Westgate - Glendale

Mar 4 - All Ford Show - Don Sanderson Ford - Glendale

Mar 4 - 4th Annual Spring Fling Car Show - Sun City

**Mar 11 - 12 CAR 49th Annual Parts Exchange and Car Show**

**Mar 25 - CAR Tour to Vulture City & Mine Tour - Wickenburg**

**Apr 29 - CAR Tour To Gateway Classics - Scottsdale**

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**\*\*For Sale Flash\*\* Collection of '29-'36 Chevrolet parts for sale.  
Lots of stuff! Call or email for info: Mike Magness - 505-730-0963  
or Mikemagness99@gmail.com**

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 *Happy Valentines Day* 

*You know you're a grown up when you actually pick up the ice cube instead  
of kicking it under the fridge.....*

## CAR Tour to McCormick - Stillman Railroad Park

A good turnout of members and guests for the January tour to the McCormick - Stillman Railroad Park. A great and historical display of railroad history was enjoyed by all. A museum with two original railroad cars to tour through, a steam engine on display & a 10,000 square foot model train building that was awesome! There was even a smaller scale operating engine and cars that you could ride around the large, beautiful park.

The club was able to score a ramada with picnic tables to eat our picnic lunches under and carry on ever important Chevy talk. It was nice to have our new members , Ken Yerama & Bev Tolentino join us as well as guest VCCA members Mark & Cindy Martin from St Charles, MO and John & Gayle Hardy from Battle Ground, WA. Don & Diane Adam's granddaughter in law, Trinity, and their great grandson, Woody, also joined us. A good day was had by all.!



**CAR Meeting Minutes**  
**January 14, 2023**  
**McCormick - Stillman Railroad Park**

- > Meeting called to order at 11:45 by Diane Adams
- > Officers and board members present : Diane Adams, Don Adams, Sandy Bryun, Larry Fulsome, Art Sell & Dean Echols.
- > Great turnout for the tour today! Thank you all for coming! We even had a few Vintage Chevys out today!
- > Those that brought their Touring Passports, be sure to get them stamped.
- > Diane missed the Christmas party and some gifts from the club for her tireless work helping keeping the club on track were brought and given to her today : a license plate that made a statement about the ability to buy just one more car and a wall hanging with definitions of words used by women to describe what they are really thinking when talking to their significant others - a good laugh was had by all as she read them off.
- . Dean talked about the February tour to the Phoenix Trolley Museum on February 11th and the March 25th tour to Vulture City & Mine in Wickenburg.
- > Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Respectfully submitted by Dean Echols



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**For Sale**

1967 Chevrolet Nova 2 Dr Sedan - original owner - complete - needs restoration - some front end damage - \$10,000 OBO

1985 Rolls Royce Silver Spur - Good overall condition, brown w/ black top - \$25,000 OBO

Call Linda Behie @ 602-799-1422

## Life and Cars in the 1920's

As related by Frank Rowsome Jr

Like so much else, the cars too were different in those days. The last of the spidery but agile Model T Fords had scurried off the production line in May 1927, having been overtaken in the national preference by the disc wheeled Chevy. Its replacement, the Model A Ford - a nifty vehicle equipped with such elegances as windshield wings, four wheel brakes, and an authentic gear shift lever sprouting from the floor - was now offered in colors other than black. It was unveiled nationally, in a masterly flurry of exploitation, on December 2, 1927, when thousands waited patiently outside showrooms for their first glimpse of the new wonder.

There were, in those springtime days of America's love affair with its automobiles, many other beloveds. There was the doughty Dodge, as reliable as an Airedale despite its willfully mixed up gearshift pattern; the substantial Reo & Buick; the sprightly Pontiac and Overland; the Willys and Stearns - Knights with their sleeve valves; and the radical, warily regarded, air cooled Franklin. For the owners who disdained the commonplace there were ponderous Lincolns and Cadillacs; long bodied Packards, special favorites with prospering bootleggers; and the lordly, spacious Pierce - Arrow, its wide apart headlights staring with hauteur. For the sportier tastes there were the Kissels and Jordans, Auburns and Dusenbergs, Marmons and Templars, as well as the celebrated Stutz, a potent chariot that Cannonball Baker drove from city to city (making his runs in the after midnight hours when traffic was lightest) at awesome averages of 55 and even 60 mph.

This was not, of course, the way most of us drove. Instead we climbed up into Old Betsy (very possibly a Studebaker or Nash, an Essex or Peerless) and set forth on our family Sunday afternoon drive. We were perhaps headed for Nanasket Beach, or all the way around the lake, or out beyond Fort Loudon to Mr. Welch's roadside stand where, among the brightly painted windmills, there would be the opportunity to buy some freshly picked corn or cucumbers. Because this trip might amount to as much as sixty or sixty five miles, we prudently stopped at Snow's Garage for gasoline, oil, and, if need be, free air and water.

Snow's had by now largely outworn its livery stable origin. The red gasoline pump stood near the door, topped by a glass cylinder into which the gas was pumped, then to descend by gravity into the tank between the half elliptical springs by Betsy's spare tire. If Betsy should need some oil, it was dispensed from a barrel into a quart measure and funneled into her engine.

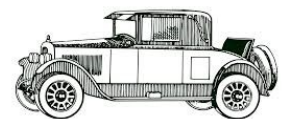
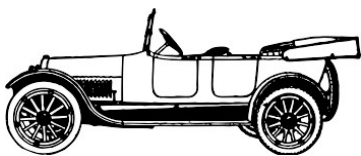
At the end of town, just before the sharp turn and the striped wooden barriers that guarded the railroad crossing, there was a red and green traffic light hung out over the intersection. Everyone in town was very pleased with that traffic light. Not for us the primitive pipe and painted tin semaphores, dutifully swiveled by policemen on duty. The red and green light symbolized the town's growth and importance, and the increasing flow of traffic coming through on State Route 31.

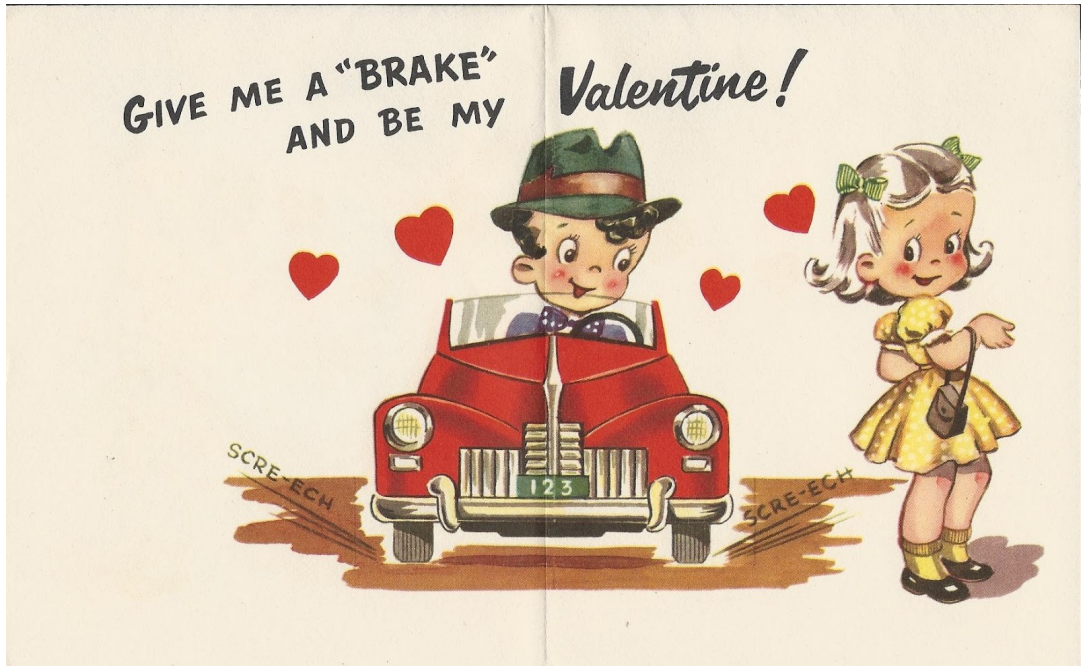
The highways, as well as the cars were different and changing in the Twenties. Once out of town they still narrowed down to two lanes, narrow enough so that you warily surveyed each oncoming car for tendencies for road hogging.

Curves were in abundance in those days. Some rose naturally from pre automobile perambulations of roads. Even in the Midwestern states, where curves were far less common, a sudden T shaped corner (perhaps from property lines) could bring to a driver not paying attention, the humiliation of having to back out of an alfalfa field. And curves occurred abundantly in the vertical planes well, for this was long before earthmovers had developed their ability to cut and fill. Many small tads, perched back in the tonneau of the family touring car, would beg their parent to drive faster on the “roller coaster road”, sometimes called shoot the chutes or bump the bumps.

Often a picnic lunch was taken, with the food packed in advance, according to the customs of the Twenties. There were hard boiled eggs (with a pinch of salt folded in a square of waxed paper); a shoebox of sandwiches, perhaps peanut butter and jam, or slices of corned beef, or ham and cheese. There’d also be soda crackers, a tin of deviled ham (with wonderful forked tail red imps on the wrapper), and a jar of stuffed olives. There’d be a bag of potato chips, some cold roast chicken, a supply of grapes, oranges and tangerines. Cold milk in the Thermos, and bottles of ginger ale or grape juice for those grown up, or almost so. All this would be neatly stowed in a wicker hamper. When opened by the side of the road thirty miles from home, the hamper would be found to lack an opener for the deviled ham or the bottles. This lack would be ultimately remedied by use of the pliers and a screwdriver from Betsy’s toolbox, to the relief of the mother or aunt who had packed the lunch.

Those years of the Twenties were ones of continuous change. The roads grew steadily better, as did the cars. It was no longer necessary to carry elaborate kits for roadside tire repairs. And where the old car had had a natural cruising speed of about 35 mph and became excited at speeds above 45, the new Model A Fords, Chevys or Overlands were perfectly willing to lope along at 50, and had the brakes to suit. As the driving radius extended, it was no longer feasible to brag about a 225 mile day. more and more, we took highway vacation trips. Roadside cabins began to appear—one or two room doll houses arranged in an arc, with whitewashed stones outlining the driveway. They could be rented for two or three dollars a night and were noticeably more convenient than tourist rooms, as well as cheaper than the Hotel Majestic downtown. Social historians should record the effect the cabins on, among other things, sports clothes, the practice of traveling with a pet and the growth of an additional meaning to the word “vacancy”.





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### More Pics From Yesteryear





# 49th Annual Automotive Swap Meet PARTS EXCHANGE

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

**Saturday & Sunday**

**March 11th & 12th, 2023**

**5 am till ?**



**FREE  
PARKING  
& ADMISSION**

**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 10th  
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, 2022**

**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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