



# Fuel Line



## March 2023

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



### **CAR Tour to Vulture City Ghost Town**



On Saturday, March 25th, CAR will be touring the Vulture City Ghost Town in Wickenburg. Address is 36610 335th Ave in Wickenburg. We will all meet there no later than 9:00 AM and go in as a group for our tour of the city. After the tour, the US Marshalls put on a gunfight on Main Street that is said to be very cool. The owners have graciously offered to put up a couple EZ ups and tables and chairs for our group to use for eating our picnic lunches. (Don't forget to pack a picnic lunch!) Please RSVP to Diane for head count for admission. Hope to 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 (1949)(Style Line; Touring)	MODEL	MODEL# (Deluxe)	BODY STYLE (2-4 DR, Coupe, etc)	COLOR (BK)	CONDITION (Showable, etc)

## Presidents Message

What a great turnout for the Trolley Museum and the Spaghetti Factory! There were 22 in attendance. Added two new member families also. This last Saturday, several CAR members were at the Tin Lizzie Ranch in Buckeye. Mickie & Kevin Johnson, Don Peterson, Art & Rae Sell plus us. Don & Kevin were among the top buyers of great stuff.

Hope to see you at the Vulture City Tour in March—be sure to RSVP. Also the swap meet on March 11th & 12th. If you could help out, give Dean a call.

We were very sorry to hear of Tom Wolcott's passing. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family. He was the tech advisor for 1940 Chevy passenger cars with the VCCA for many years. He will be missed. Diane

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 4 - All Ford Show - Don Sanderson Ford - Glendale
- Mar 4 - 4th Annual Spring Fling Car Show - Sun City
- Mar 4 - Chester's Classic Car Show - Phoenix
- Mar 11 - 12 CAR 49th Annual Parts Exchange and Swap Meet**
- Mar 17 - Happy St Patricks Day!!**
- Mar 25 - CAR Tour to Vulture City & Mine Tour - Wickenburg**
  
- Apr 1 - Chevy Showdown - Tucson
- 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](mailto:Mikemagness99@gmail.com)

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*Every time you talk to your wife, your mind should remember that .... " This conversation will be recorded for training and quality purposes"....*



The Central Arizona Region lost one of its long standing members last week when Tom Wolcott passed away. The 1940 Chevy Tech advisor for the National VCCA Club, Tom was a whiz on 1940 Chevys & all auto related items. He leaves behind his significant other, Jan Scott, daughters Katina Wolcott & Michelle Kessler, a son Thomas & 3 grandchildren. Services are pending and the family asked that donations be made to the Diabetes Foundation.



**CAR Meeting Minutes  
February 11th, 2023  
Spaghetti Factory**



- > Meeting called to order by Diane Adams
  - > Officers and Board members present: Diane Adams, Don Adams, Linda Behie, Dean Echols, Larry Fulsome & Art Sell.
  - > Welcome to all of our guests and new members! Thank you to all of you that came out today - great turnout!
  - > Diane informed us that Sandy Bruyn was in the hospital and to keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
  - > Swap meet next month. Call Dean if you can help out!
  - > March 25th - Saturday - Tour to Vulture City in Wickenburg - looks like it will be a lot of fun!
  - > A big thank you to Cricket Peterson for volunteering to help setup a Facebook page for the club and help get us on some more social media sites. Join us on the new Facebook page : Central Arizona Region VCCA
- Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM  
Respectfully submitted by Linda Behie

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**Never be afraid to try something new. Remember...  
Amateurs built the Ark..... Professionals built the Titanic ....**

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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

## **The San Luis Mystery : A Chevrolet Citation Story by VanillaDude**

**The San Luis Valley in Colorado is a strange place. It has a running history of strange occurrences. UFOs, mirages, alien sounds, bizarre natural features and strange beauty are all here. I don't believe in the supernatural, but something happened to me that was unreal. I was driving by myself, at night, alone and behind the wheel of the worst car I ever had – a 1982 Chevrolet Citation. No, I wasn't drinking. Having experienced numerous breakdowns in the Citation by this time, I ensured that I supplied and tanked up in Poncha Springs. I never entered the San Luis without water, beef jerky, a full tank of gas and an empty bladder. Especially in that unreliable Chevy. To get over Poncha Pass in the Citation meant I needed to push the pedal to the floor, grit my teeth, hold my breath and curse as the four cylinder pinged like a circus popcorn wagon at every incline. On a hill, the big four cylinder sounded like a Fisher-Price Corn Popper.**

**As you crest over Poncha Pass, the San Luis Valley seems to have everything. Verdant mountains, clear streams and sweet green pine forests. Yet soon, you leave that classic Colorado scenery and find yourself sprinting across an empty flat basin, waist-deep in sagebrush. You then realize that this is not any valley, but the bottom of a huge pre-historic inland sea, that has become a dry high desert. The San Luis is shaped like a warped satellite dish, tilting south towards Mexico. 14,000 foot high mountain walls cut it off from the rest of Colorado. The air is thin and cold, the sun is bright, there are no trees and the dry winds are strong. As you drive south from the Pass, the more immense and desolate the San Luis appears. It is not a place to be stranded in an infamous GM Deadly Sin, especially at night.**

**For millennia, powerful western winds scoured the old sea floor of sand, stones and pebbles, sweeping everything it could carry into 700 foot high sand dunes in front of the Sangre De Cristo mountains. These are the Great Sand Dunes. The nearest town is miles away where early settlers were able to find trees. I was in town to audit a few properties for a couple days and see the Dunes. It was off season and the middle of the week, so I saw no traffic as I finished up at the Alamosa Best Western and headed east towards the national park. The sun disappeared over the Divide and a full moon rose over the jagged snow-capped granite Crestones in a cloudless sky. There is only one long flat empty road to the Dunes. The only lights within dozens of miles came from the rectangular Citation headlamps. The Dunes and the mountains were magically ablaze in the moonlight. The night skies are unforgettable there, at that altitude and in that darkness you can see billions of stars.**

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**It was too quiet, so I tried the radio. Citations had a vertically mounted monaural AM radio which looked and sounded like it was designed by Mattel. However because of the Valley's altitude and shape – I was able to reach Mexico. I sped an hour towards the empty mountains and dunes listening to tinny Mariachi music. I began to understand how people could believe in the supernatural when surrounded by such magnificent strangeness. After experiencing enough of it I turn the car around.**

**As I was headed back to Alamosa, I heard an odd thump. It sounded like I hit a large tar strip, but the road was smooth. I heard another and once again couldn't see a cause. I slowed down a bit then heard another. A quick series of thumps causing me to think I had a flat. I took a flashlight and walked around the car. No flat. Driving slower didn't stop it. I shifted to the left lane to discover if it was a road imperfection. Nope. The thumping continued and occasionally I heard a quick succession of them. Confounded, I grabbed my flashlight again and did a thorough search under the Citation. Nothing. I hoped I could make it back to Alamosa. The thumping continued. Sometimes I felt it through the steering. In wonderment I saw that the wind would blow loose valley debris and dust across the car. The sagebrush shook in the winds and in the moonlight, looked like waves of water rolling from west to east. I thought I saw things crossing in front of the Citation from the edge of the road immediately before I heard another thump. Was I hitting sagebrush? Tumbleweeds? Was it the wind buffeting against the Citation? Then in utter shock I saw what was happening. I was hitting jackrabbits? No – I couldn't really believe it. They weren't sitting on the road. What were they doing? To my horror I saw that they were charging the car. They were waiting until they could run at my headlights from the sides of the road. I'd catch a flash as their eyes reflected light and then they would come at me and I'd hear the thump as we collided. They were jackrabbits and they kept running and charging the Citation. It took me a while to believe it was really happening. I slowed the car to a near stop. Sure enough, the rabbits came at the car. I swerved in an attempt to avoid some of the attackers. Sometimes, I could see a half dozen rabbits racing towards the Citation from the edge of the road. I couldn't get away. I had a long trip back to town, but I didn't want to take several hours to do it. It was maddening. I sped up hoping I could outrun them. Instead, the thumping noises came faster and louder. It was crazy. Was it mating season? Were the rabbits attracted to the warmth of the road in the chilly night air? What was it about the headlights that caused such a mass reaction? I've never figured out what happened, but we cannot rule out one possible cause – these Citations suck so bad they caused wildlife to commit mass suicide. The San Luis Valley is indeed a mystical place.**



**FREE  
ENTRY**

**SATURDAY  
MARCH 11  
8AM-1PM**

**GILA RIVER**  
RESORTS & CASINOS



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**49th Annual  
Automotive Swap Meet  
PARTS EXCHANGE**

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



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