



Fuel Line



March 2024

**Newsletter of the Central Arizona Region
of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America
www.carvcca.org**



March CAR Tour and Meeting



This month, on Saturday, March 2, we will tour to the Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa (south of Phoenix). (See directions on page 4). Be there by 11:00 to go in together. It is a very interesting working museum as Ernie is always working on & building a new dwarf car. Following we will mosey over to a close by restaurant for lunch. RSVP to Diane by Wednesday 2/28. See you there! Be there or be square!



Spring Break 1954



THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA INC.

Central Arizona Region



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name	_____			Birth Month/Day	_____
Spouse	_____			Birth Month/Day	_____
Children	_____			Birth Month/Day	_____
Address	_____			Unit No.	_____
City	_____	State	_____	Zip Code	_____
Home Phone	_____	Cell (Member)	_____	Cell (Spouse)	_____
Email (Member)	_____		Email (Spouse)	_____	
Occupation or /Business	_____		Anniversary Month/Day	_____	

Are you a member of the National Vintage Chevrolet club? YES NO CAR Member No. _____

If YES: Your membership number: _____. **If NO:** It is a prerequisite to be a member of a local region. Visit vcca.org to join National. Central Arizona Region dues are payable on January 1st and delinquent after February 1st.

CENTRAL ARIZONA REGION DUES \$ 20.00 per year (*Half of National*).

NOTE: FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ALL REGION MEMBERS MUST JOIN NATIONAL IN ORDER TO JOIN THE REGION.

REGION: All members receive a monthly Region email newsletter and information on upcoming events and tours.

NATIONAL: All new members will receive a club badge, decal, membership card and the national magazine, Generator & Distributor. Members are entitled to free classified advertising in the club magazine and participation in Vintage Chevrolet Club activities. Members are entitled to free classified advertising, access to member-only website features, and participation in all VCCA activities. Chevrolet ownership is not a requirement for membership. Dues are non-refundable.

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolets.

If you presently own a Chevrolet, please fill in below.

Year	Model	Body Style	Cyl.	Condition

Recruited by (VCCA member recruiting optional) _____ VCCA # _____

FOR CLUB USE ONLY	Return complete form and mail with dues to:
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Amount paid _____ Check Cash
Date paid _____

**Mail to: Central AZ Region, VCCA
Attn: Mickie Johnson
12880 S 193rd Ave
Buckeye, AZ 85326—4442**

Applicants signature _____

Presidents Message

We had a great turnout at the Alan Travis Museum Saturday. He is a very interesting with lots of stories. I think everyone enjoyed the cars and the talk. Afterward, we had wonderful pizza at Barro's. A new member, Norm Cushing, joined us with a 1929 1 1/2 ton truck. Also, Sandy's son, Michael, joined us.

The March event is March 2nd with a tour to Maricopa to visit the Dwarf Car Museum. The club will pay the \$5 entrance fee. Lunch will be on your own. I would plan on leaving Phoenix between 9:30 & 10:00. Please RSVP by Wednesday, 2-28-24.

Hope to see you at the Swap Meet on the 9th & 10th. If you are willing to help, give Dean a call. He needs help marking the parking lot, setting up on Friday & tear down on Sunday.

Still looking for ideas for April & May. Want to wish Rae good luck on upcoming surgery. Diane

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 2 - 7th Annual Spring Fling Car Show - Sun City

Mar 2 - CAR Tour to Ernie Adams Dwarf Car Museum—Maricopa

Mar 5 -9 Mecum Auction - Glendale

Mar 9 - 13th Annual Clarkdale Show

Mar 10 - Daylight Savings Time starts - Spring forward!

Mar 9 - 10 CAR 50th Annual Swap Meet & Parts Exchange - GCC - Glendale

Mar 17 - Happy St Patrick's Day!!

Mar 31 - Happy Easter!!

Dues are Due - January 1st - Late on March 1st. Send to Mickie Johnson

@ 12880 S 193rd Ave., Buckeye, AZ 85326-4442

Correct phone # - 541-401-3173



Still trying to get my head around the fact that "Take Out" can mean food, dating or murder.....



Dwarf Car Museum
52954 W. Halfmoon Rd
Maricopa, AZ
March 2, 2024 11AM
Directions



I-10: Take I-10 east around Broadway curve then south to exit 164 Queen Creek Rd. Go west on Queen Creek Rd til it becomes hwy 347. Go south on through Maricopa to past Harrah's turn west onto Papago Rd. Turn south on to Warren rd , then turn west on to Half Moon rd.

West 202: Take exit off of I-10 at 59th Ave to the 202. Follow 202 around til it meets the south bound I-10. proceed south on I-10 to exit 164 Queen Creek Rd. Go west on Queen Creek road til it becomes hwy 347. Go south on through Maricopa to past Harrah's turn west onto Papago Rd. Turn south on to Warren rd, then turn west on to Half Moon rd.

51st Ave: Proceed south on 51st Ave past I-10 and pass the 202. It turns East and becomes Belt Line Rd. Follow it around until it meets hwy 347. Turn on to 347 Go south on through Maricopa to past Harrah's turn west onto Papago Rd. Turn south on to Warren rd , then turn west on to Half Moon rd.

Chevy Club will pay entrance fee of \$5.

Restaurants



49237 W Papago Rd Maricopa, AZ 85139
 (520) 568-0808



15406 N Maricopa Rd Maricopa, AZ 85139
 (480) 802-5000



Headquarters Cafe

19640 N Maricopa Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139
 (520) 568-2167
 Open daily 7 AM - 8pm



CAR Tour to Alan Travis's Museum

A small group of CAR members made their way to Scottsdale last weekend to tour Alan Travis's museum and listen to a presentation on the history of his collection. The car collection was quite eclectic and all beautifully restored. From a couple Mitchells to a Bugatti to a huge Renault - all could be driven out of the garage and onto the highway at any time. Several old time motorcycles and bicycles were also present in his collection. His presentation was very interesting and filled with the history of each of his automobiles and some of the engineering that he went to for rebuilding some of the pieces for them.

After this, we all toured over to Barro's Pizza and filled up on delish pizza and the usual Chevy talk. Again, a good time had by all.



Rosengren's Southwest Fall Tour

Williams, AZ September 18-23

(By Merry Anne Rosengren - Viking Region VCCA)

After a wonderful offer by Dean Echols, tour planner, to let us drive his '38 Chevy for this tour, we took him up on it and flew to Phoenix on Monday. The hardest part of this was getting our rental car at the airport in Phoenix. Not a user friendly place, but we figured it out! The car gave us some shame - a Ford - but it got us to Williams and back!

Having some extra time for this trip to Williams, we passed through Sedona and took in the gorgeous mountain scenery there and the Chapel of the Holy Cross. It was crowded, with folks walking up the hill and all of the parked cars. Jim persevered and actually found us a handicap spot at the top! It was a perfect photo day! Lots of blue sky!

Arriving at Williams, we immediately saw Verlyn, Gordy & Laura all arriving too. Jim got us into our room quickly as I was feeling the altitude with shortness of breath and just tiredness due to our 3 a.m. wake up time. While I rested, Jim found a Safeway and purchased milk and some breakfast food as the breakfasts weren't comp'd at the Ramada Inn. We had a little fridge and a microwave, which worked for us. That evening was the ice cream social in a meeting room, as well as the White Elephant sale. This was fun and bidding went pretty fast. David Blair was the Master of Ceremonies, replacing Chip Sweet, who had recent surgery and could not attend. In fact, we called Chip in a group phone call to let him know he was missed. I bid on a foot massager thing, which I had to have Verlyn tote back for us.

Tuesday, we were up early for the 7:15 Drivers Meeting out front. We chorused "Good Morning Teacher", Dean's favorite group greeting and got our plan for the day's tour. This day was a drive to Raptor Ranch and Flintstones Bedrock City, followed by a trip to the Grand Canyon IMAX Theater and Visitor Center. We left at 7:45. Our '38 Chevy was doing fine until we had some drama! It was a chilly morning and the car's heater wasn't working, so I had a small blanket on my lap. About halfway to the Raptor Ranch, the car started filling up with smoke inside in front of me. I thought my blanket was on fire, but it was only choking smoke. Jim pulled over quickly and I struggled to get out of the car, coughing. Luckily, several drivers pulled off as well and right away David Blair got under the dash and found a wire from the unusable heater still attached to the ignition, which was rolled up and touching the dash metal. The wire was cut, the problem was solved and off we went.....with the windows open due to the smoke.

The Bedrock City with buildings from the Flintstones TV show were in restoration but looking pretty good. Remember the big dinosaur Fred used on his job? This was made into a slide down its tail. Various buildings were filled with appropriate props, even the stone wheeled cars were available to sit in. We ate our box lunches in the shade of a covered ramada. We were also treated to demonstrations of various birds of prey, doing free flights and interacting with us. They flew pretty far away, but always came back.

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Following our time there, we drove on up to the Grand Canyon IMAX Theater where we saw the new film “Grand Canyon: Rivers of Time”. It was a very impressive movie, showing a lot of the history of the people who lived near there and the passing of time also geologically. Of course since there was a wonderful ice cream parlor in the Visitor’s center, we enjoyed that as well, sitting outside in the shade eating our sundaes.

Dean took us on some teeth rattling dirt roads on the return trip to Williams. So much, I worried as to whether these old cars could handle the rough road, but we made it. Jim stopped at the local Dollar Store to get us a hand mirror as we really missed our side mirrors to look back! Our dinner that night was at the Pine Country Restaurant right on the corner near our hotel. We found another couple, Phil & Lynette Baker from Utah already there and they invited us to join them. We all had great meals and to top it off there was an enormous menu of pies they are known for. We both had to take some back to our hotel because they were enormous and cheap!! We learned later Phil & Lynette ate several meals there during our time in Williams. We had a lunch of pie ourselves there one day. We had no trouble at all falling asleep each night!

Wednesday was our train trip to the Grand Canyon. Jim had gone on this with our girls in August when he helped drive them home from Arizona. He knew what to expect and made me wish to take this trip as well. It did not disappoint. In the chilly morning, we started at the Depot with a Cowboy Show, where we sat on risers and they performed in an open stage and a sandy yard. The horses, men and costumes looked very authentic and the show was cute and short. Saw some fancy rope twirling and nearly everyone got shot down for whatever reason. The walk to our train car at the Depot was long and very tiring for me with my breathing issues! We sat in the back of the very last car which was actually the one connected to the engine! We were entertained by various folks who came through singing or playing guitar or just telling us what to expect. We ate our box lunches on board during the 3 hour ride up to the Grand Canyon so as not to have to carry them. With lots of stairs and walking to the rim, Jim snagged us a van ride to the place where we had a marvelous, awesome view of the canyon. We’ve been before a few times, but it is still fulfilling to see it again! It was hot in the sun & cool in the shade. We walked to the Visitor’s Center, and visited the Hopi Gift Shop with its authentic Native American jewelry, weavings, pots, etc. I bought myself a jar made of horsehair pottery that was reasonably priced and my usual post cards! Just sitting looking at the view was enough. Jim took a walk on his own and came back and brought us ice cream bars! Perfect!

Our van driver was prompt and on time, picking us up for our trip back to the train. She assured me we would be on time for our 3:00 departure as she too took the train back to Williams! She even drove us right to our railcar so we didn’t have to walk the length, and we gave her a nice tip and settled in for the ride back! More entertainers came through and on this return trip, Jim and I had our own seat! We met with Verlyn, Gordy, Laura and Harry & Barbara Gigous and had dinner together at the Frontier. BBQ food was delicious on metal platters. 8:30 bedtime tonight!

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Thursday was a drive to Bearizona, Grand Canyon Deer Farm, and a western style steak fry with a visit from the Bill Williams Mountain Men. The trip to Bearizona was only 3 miles away, so we had a later start time. Still, we were early in the day so we saw many animals. We were warned not to drive with open windows and open cars with no windows weren't allowed to drive through. For the drive through, all the animals were free roaming within their woodsy area. Black bears had been fed along the road edge and were hunkered down with their food piles evenly spaced like school kids. There were sections of goats, bison, wolves, bears and mountain sheep plus more. When finished with the drive, we parked and entered more of Bearizona, where it was more like an outdoor zoo. Otters, beaver, porcupine and grizzly bears were here. Finding a bathroom was also important! We caught some of the Grizzly Bear training and later there were more raptor birds to entertain us. Lunch was part of our program at the Canyonlands Restaurant, where we all were served burgers and a huge pile of fries and a beverage. The restaurant looked like the bottom of a canyon where the walls went up high with things like a pueblo, eagles nest, rocks, tree roots, and on top, windows looking like open sky.

We drove more teeth chattering dirt roads to the Deer Farm, where about 50 deer welcomed us in hopes of food! The food, of course, was for sale and if you had anything in your hands at all, they thought you had some. We learned how to show open palms! We saw pigs, a camel, peacocks, a reindeer and other animals.

(To be continued next month in the April issue of the Fuel Line)

Some Thoughts.....

- > It's not my age that bothers me - it's the side effects.....
- > As I've gotten older, people think I have become lazy. The truth is I'm just more energy efficient....
- > If you find yourself feeling useless, remember it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban....
- > My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously, there's a new strain out there.....
- > I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one....
- > There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest....
- > I'm responsible for what I say, not what you understand.....

50th Annual!! Automotive Swap Meet PARTS EXCHANGE

"One & Only" Oldest Continuous Running Event

Saturday & Sunday

March 9th & 10th, 2024

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 8th

10am-7pm

**INFO: Central Arizona Region
Vintage Chevrolet Club Of America**

Info: Dean Echols (928) 710-4325

We Reserve The Right To Refuse Service To Anyone!

First Come First Served

Pre-Registration Starts on December 1st, 2023

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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