



Yesterday's Chevrolet San Fernando Valley Region

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2018 dues are **PAST** due. If you can't attend the March get-to-gether, mail your check payable to SFV Region VCCA for \$10 (yup still \$10 for the past 25+ years) to Sil Delgado 20726 Horace St. Chatsworth, Ca. 91311

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Chevrolet Trivia

In what year were the first trucks with GMC logos shown to the public at the New York Auto Show?

February meeting minutes

Called to order by Don Stout, at 7:35

11 members present

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MINUTES: A motion was made by Larry Pearson, seconded by Brett and carried: That the minutes were approved as published.

TREASURER: A motion was made by Steve Rosenberg, seconded by Bill and carried that the approved as presented by Sil Delgado.

COMMITTEE: No reports

TOURS: Dave Valentine, reminded everyone about the Irish Knight Band's pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 4, 2018, 8 am to Noon. Meet at Notre Dame High School, on 13645 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks, CA He will lead us in at 7:45 am, so don't be late. Food, Free Breakfast for all who bring a car. Silent Auction Baskets, Raffles and

jazz band performance.

The Community Dealership Car show will be held on Sunday November 4, 2018 rain date will be November 11, 2019.

REMINDER : THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD Saturday March 10, 2018 Garage Tour and breakfast at Hill Lewinson Home, 17029 Vintage Street, Northridge, CA 91325 at 10:00 am.

The September meeting will be held at Dave Valentines, on Saturday, date TBD..

Sunday, May 6, 36th Annual Car Show, Classic Chevy of So Calif. Rancho San Antonio Boys Town, 2100 Plummer Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311 7:00 to 3:00.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Various stories regarding WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO YOUR CAR LATELY.

PRIZES: Andy Spilkoman, Spring
Bill Katz, Duracell batteries
Gloria Palazzo, Duracell batteries

A motion was made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourn at 8:18 pm.

I received this in the mail today, you know what that means?



I'm %\$#@^%#! OLD

A wonderful time was had by all in attendance at Hill's home for our first club get together not at the park. Hills daughter & Paul's wife (same person) did all the food and coffee preparation. Not only was it great eating the presentation was beautiful. There were a total of 24 members to enjoy the friendship and fare. It was a pass port event but because of the rain, only two of us drove our vintage Chevy's to the event. Paul Bromley and your editor. Paul's '72 Chevelle and my '70 El Camino.



It was even better than it looks

Which car was originally called "panther" in it's prototype days? Answer on last page.

History of the Corvette

The corvette's history begins in 1951. That's when Nash Motors created the Nash-Healey, a small, fast, and expensive two-door sports car. This car was made by Donald Healey, an engineer from Britain, and Pinin Farina, an Italian designer. However, it was simply too expensive for most people. When Harley Earl, a designer at General Motors, saw it, he knew he had to convince GM to make their own small sports car.

In 1951, Earl and his team began working on Project Opel, the corvette prototype. This car, the EX-122, made its debut at the 1953 GM Motorama event. Six months later, the first production model corvettes were rolling off the assembly line. This car can still be seen today by paying a visit to Atlantic City and going to the Kerbeck Corvette museum.

Features of the Corvette

The corvette has become more modern over the years, but it's still the exact same car in some ways. The car is still a two-door, speedy model designed to make people think of money and power. Even the look of the corvette has stayed fairly true to its origins. Some of the changes over the years include creating a convertible model, changing the rear end, and updating the body. Every different model of the corvette has had its own unique features, of course. Here are a few different features of today's modern corvette

Since that first prototype was introduced in 1953, the corvette has continued to evolve and change. Only 300 were made that first year, and they quickly sold out. During the late 50s and early 60s, the C1 generation, as it's now called, saw changes to the engine, the addition of fuel injection, a hydraulic convertible top, and more. The 1958 model even featured quad headlights and a lot of chrome, making it visually very striking.

In 1963, the Sting Ray made its debut. This was the first corvette coupe, and it marks the beginning of the C2 series. Some of the nonfunctional decorative items such as hood vents were removed during the 60s. Meanwhile, the engine size became larger and larger, with the 1967 model featuring a 530 hp engine! Only 20 of these models were made, and they're incredibly sought after today.

The C3 series came along in 1968. This series ran until 1982, and it saw the longest running body style not just in corvette history but in all of automotive history. Government regulations saw the removal of the chrome bumpers, while 1977 saw the end of the Stingray brand. The 25th anniversary model in 1978 soon became highly collectible.

From 1984 to 1996, the C4 generation was produced. There was a production issue that occurred in 1983, and no corvette was produced that year. Another incident led to toymaker Mattel releasing a Hot Wheels version of the 1984 corvette before GM released the actual car. This car was a completely redesigned vehicle and included a rear hatch, aluminum suspension, and more. In 1986, the corvette featured a convertible top once again.

Series C5 was introduced in 1997. Once again, some major changes were made from the previous models. These changes resulted in a new top speed of 168 mph, the fastest a corvette had gone at that time. A number of other changes such as different engines and lighter components were tried out and, in some cases, removed up through 2004.

The C6 generation began in 2005 with the introduction of the C6.R, a racing model. This series brought back some of the classic features such as the exposed headlamps, while it also saw changes to the body. Work was done to improve the car's fuel efficiency. In 2008, the ZR1 was introduced. This car featured a price tag of \$100,000 and the LS9 engine. With a top speed of 205 mph, no other GM sports car could match it.

The newest generation, C7, burst onto the scene in 2014. However, GM engineers had been working on some of the new features since 2007. The car once again saw some major changes to make it appeal more to the younger generation. Despite the major changes made to the car, GM did decide to resurrect the Stingray name.

Popularity of the Corvette

The corvette has proven to be one of the most popular cars over the years. In addition to the many different production models that were purchased by the public, Chevrolet also made a number of pace cars for NASCAR races, including the Indianapolis 500. A corvette has been used as a pace car for 11 different races. In 1986, the pace car was driven by Chuck Yeager, the first pilot to break the sound barrier. Others who have driven the Indianapolis 500 corvette include Morgan Freeman, General Colin Powell, Guy Fieri, and Lance Armstrong. Many of these cars were unique, and no production replicas were made.

Alan Shepard, one of the NASA Mercury Seven astronauts, is a huge corvette fan. In fact, he's actually visited the General Motors plant and driven pre-production models.

The corvette has made a few appearances in the movies, too. In 2009, a Corvette Stingray

Anniversary car appeared in the movie Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. In the movie, the robotic transformer named Sideswipe transforms into the car. A speedster/convertible version of the car appeared in the sequel Transformers: Dark of the Moon in 2011.

Will the corvette's popularity continue? It's been incredibly popular for more than 50 years, and there's nothing to indicate that this will change any time soon.

Which car was originally called "panther" in it's prototype days?

The Camaro If you knew this, reply back to me you did.

April Birthdays

- 4/8 Anthony Palazzo
- 4/8 John Potter
- 4/14 Joyce Noble
- 4/15 Brent Davis
- 4/17 Bob Hughes
- 4/17 Lisa Lewinson
- 4/21 Larry Lewinson
- 4/28 Sue Palazzo
- 4/30 Margarita Platon

Anniversaries

- 4/8 Carrie & Dave Valentine
- 4/12 Alba & Rich Wisman
- 4/18 Carolyn & Bob Ragan
- 4/19 Janet & Fred Bell
- 4/21 Karen & Carl Jappe
- 4/22 Sabina & Jim Karras

WOW! April was a busy month, to all a very special day.

Chevrolet Trivia Answer

1912 - Trucks with GMC logos were first shown to the public at the New York Auto Show. Actually they were Rapid and Reliance trucks with the GMC brand applied. By 1913, all were GMC brand.

Did you know

1913 GMC Electric Drive

From 1912-1917, GMC offered both electric powered and gasoline powered trucks. Just as the problem is today, 105 years ago battery life killed the electric over gasoline power. Many people don't realize that we were on the cusp of full electric vehicles over 100 years ago but couldn't solve the battery problem. This is Gallagher's Furniture Transfer of New Orleans, LA first truck aptly numbered "A-1"



Due to space restraints I am giving you a URL to a fuel pump overhaul from The Filling Station.

<https://www.fillingstation.com/articles/fuelpumpoverhaul.htm>

Next Meeting @ park

Thursday April 5th 2018

Balboa Park

17015 Burbank Blvd., Encino, CA 91316
7:30 – 9:00 PM