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# The Orange Peel June 2022

A monthly letter by the Orange County region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (OCVCCA) by and for its members

Bill & Colleen Ingalls, Editors

You can find pictures of all our cars, car events and more on our web site:

### www.ocrvcca.org

You can now find us on Facebook. Under search, just type in "Orange County Vintage Chevrolet Club of America". There you can add your friends that are interested in Chevy's and write stories about your Chevies.

Business meetings are held second Tuesday of the month which is June 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at;

### Church of Foothill's, 19211 Dodge Ave., Santa Ana

Most of you like Spires Restaurant located at 13451 Newport Ave. Tustin. It is located very close to our meeting location down the street. If you would like to attend, please contact me so I can notify the restaurant of the expect number. -Sabrina Karras, (714) 287-4757

Also, come have breakfast with us June 11<sup>th</sup> (Second Saturday) at 8:30 at the Country Café, 2321 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana. Contact Sabrina when you plan to come so the restaurant can have the tables setup.

Director's Message

June 2022



Dear Chevy friends,

The OCVCCA Picnic in the Park was a huge success. We added six new members because of this effort. Thanks to Gregg, Fred, Colleen, Bill, Gary, and everyone else that rolled up their sleeves to make the picnic a very enjoyable event.

To each of our new members, WELCOME! We hope to see you at the next meeting and at an OCVCCA event soon!

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, June  $14^{th}$  at 7:00 PM at the Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana.

Sabrina is organizing a tour on July 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be an Area 1 Tour to see the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center in Irvine. We will tour the two different car collections at this new venue, and then have lunch nearby.

The deadline to register for the VCCA  $60^{\text{th}}$  Anniversary Meet is June  $25^{\text{th}}$ . If you want to join in the fun, you can still register online at <u>vcca.org</u>.

Until next month, remember; life is a journey not a destination, so relax and enjoy the ride!

Jim Karras, #43031 Director - OCVCCA

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Billie Bowland 07-07 Mark Krogh 07-13 Helen Norman 07-09 Bob Schmahl 07-11



Happy Anniversary Tom & Linda Clark, 58 years happy bliss 06-18 Larry & Jean Boberg 7-19 Doug & Roberta Gillespe 07-12



Vendor that are recommenced by our members		
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		Recommenced by Bill Ingalls
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D & P Classics - Classic Car & Hot Rod Restorations 17395 Mount Herman Fountain Valley, CA 902708-8102 Gary Howard has had a lot of work done there and they are top notch !	Orange County Sand Blasting Media blasting Paul Gravley 415 West Walnut Orange, CA 92867 Recommended by Ray Miller	Orange County Powder Coating Steve Hurwitz 976 N. Parker Street Orange CA 92867 714-532-4610 Recommended by Ray Miller

The 1957 Chevrolet is a car that was introduced by Chevrolet in September 1956 for the 1957 model year. It was available in three series models: the upscale Bel Air, the mid-range Two-Ten, and the One-Fifty. A two-door station wagon called the Nomad was produced as a Bel Air model. An upscale trim option called the Delray was available for Two-Ten 2-door sedans. It is a popular and sought after classic car. These vehicles are often restored to their original condition and sometimes modified. The car's image has been frequently used in toys, graphics, music, movies, and television. The '57 Chevy, as it is often known, is an auto icon. Initially,



1957 - 2 door 210 Station wagon owned by Gary Howard

General Motors executives wanted an entirely new car for 1957, but production delays necessitated the 1955–56 design for one more year. Ed Cole, chief engineer for Chevrolet, dictated a series of changes that significantly increased the cost of the car. These changes included a new dashboard, sealed cowl, and the relocation of air ducts to the headlight pods, which resulted in the distinctive chrome headlight that helped make the '57 Chevrolet a classic.

### The Greg Bunch Camero Story, as told by Greg in 2016 (reprint)

Once upon a time (1978) I had a friend named George that owned a yellow truck. I had just purchased a house built in 1920 on a half-acre parcel in Tustin. This was an old farm house for which I thought I needed a truck to pick up stuff from the lumber yard and the nursery store. Yes, there were lumber yards back then! So I had been asking George to sell me his truck for quite some time and he kept saying no. Then one New Years Eve party he was a bit tipsy, I asked him again and he said ok. So I asked how much, and he said \$500.00. I said ok, and that was it. The next week my dad drove with me to Rancho Dominguez to pick it up. When we got down the street it ran out of gas. To this day George laughs about selling me his truck on empty.

Many months go by and as I drive it everywhere there are always guys stopping to ask me if I'd sell my truck. I'd always say no, but wondering why everyone is so interested in an old yellow truck. Well, come to find out it's a 1957 Chevy Cameo Carrier pick-up, fairly complete and original except for the paint. There were only 10,000 of these made in three years, 1955, 1956 & 1957.

In 1980 I decided to give it another paint job with the help from a friend at work who had previously done body and paint. We worked evenings and weekends on it until I was so tired of sanding I could not stand it. Since I had very little money at the time, having just bought the house and having a 4-year-old baby boy, I was just going to do "a quicky" job. But, if you're going to go that far, you may as well go all the way. So I had chrome work done,

found a few parts that were missing, etc ... Finally my wife said enough with the truck. It took us a little under a year, but it was finally time to put on color. Having to save on money, we decided to paint it in my driveway and use the garage for most of the small parts like doors, etc. We painted the body separate from the bed and doors. The bed was white and the rest was red except for a few areas on the cab and interior. It was quite a challenge painting different pieces each weekend. We found out about moisture levels and mixing paint week after week. Also, as the bed fenders are fiberglass they had to be treated carefully as well as the tailgate cover. We did have to weld in the two corners of the cab as they were rusted out, and do some fiberglass work on the tailgate.

I remember as we were finishing the last spray on the hood the paint gun dripped. This was before dripless spray guns. As I saw the drips, I panicked and took a t-shirt and wiped off the runs. OOPS – I found out that lint from a t-shirt is worse than paint runs. Oh, well.

Another weekend we were painting the doors. We had them hanging on 2 x 4's between two ladders. Just got the paint on and it started to rain. Oh Sxxx.... So we had to put them inside, let them dry, sand them down, and start over another weekend. I tried to restore it to original as best I could in the days of no computers or Internet. Also, there were very few parts houses, of which the best source was the Hemmings Motor News, which meant phone calls and mailing letters and checks for payment.

Anyway, it was finally finished assembled in 1981 and it looked great. As you see it now, it is still that paint job from 1980. It has never been washed, since I sanded every inch of it and I never wanted rust to appear again. About six months ago I saw out my kitchen window a Cameo drive by my house. I chased after it, but couldn't catch up. Three months ago I was driving down a side street and there it was. I met the owner and we talked. It turns out he had restored his truck to original condition on the outside, but the engine and drive train were custom. Also, his interior was power steering, power brakes, AC, etc. As we spoke, I said some day I'd like to find an overdrive unit for my truck. He said he just gave his away and he thought

he could get it back. He called his friend, I went over to his business in Garden Grove that same day and saved it from the scrap metal dumpster!!!! I just had it rebuilt, and it's ready to install.

This Cameo Carrier was painted with the original Chevy Cardinal Red and Bombay Ivory colors. It has a 283 V8 engine with a 4-barrel Rochester Quadtrajet carb. It is a 3 speed-transmission on the column or "three on the tree."

My truck looks pretty good for a 35-year-old home paint job!







### Spring Mountain Race Track Driving Instruction

**By Bob Crane** (Reprint from July, 2020 article. Bob is now working hard recovering from a broken hip. We all hope he can return to normal life soon. Love Ya!)

Several months after I bought my 2014 Corvette, I received an offer from Chevrolet. It was sent to new 2014 Corvette owners. I was to be given two days of driving instruction in 2014 Corvettes for only \$1000. I told my friend Allen Morris that I didn't think they were giving me anything. He said that I would probably use up \$1000 in tires during those two days. So, I took the driving



instruction at the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School at Spring Mountain, which included a onenight stay in their onsite condos.

During my two days of instruction I drove cars exactly like mine: Z51, Performance exhaust, Magnetic shocks, and automatic paddle shift transmission. I learned how to drive quickly around cones, control

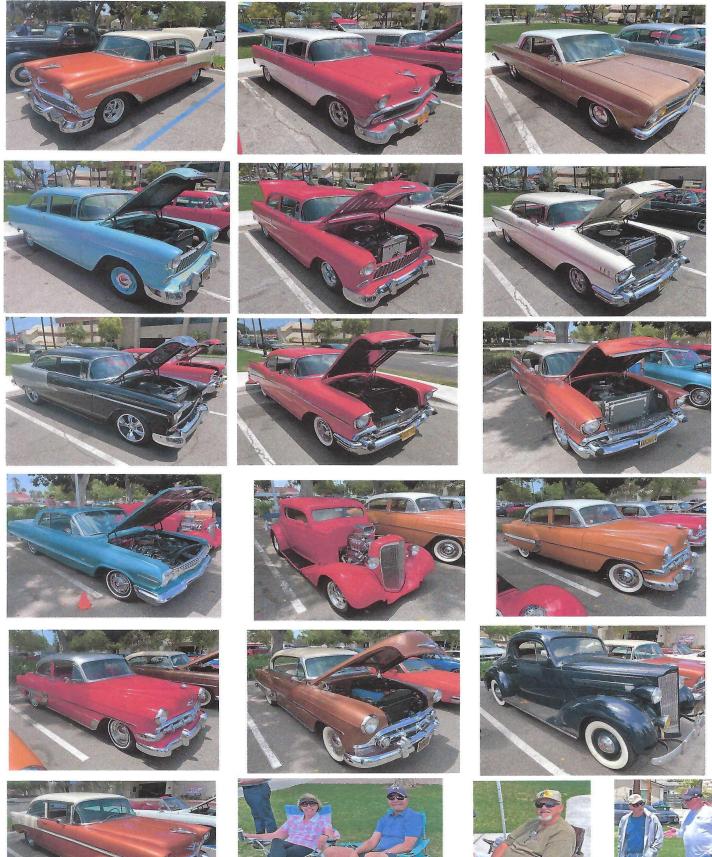


spin outs on wet roads, and bake and downshift going into curves. I spent the second day driving on the track. When approaching a curve, I learned to look where I want to go, not where I'm going. Check out the enclosed picture.

It was a fantastic experience. I'm now more comfortable driving my car. I am going back to Spring Mountain in April as part of a NCCC convention in Las Vegas. I'll get to drive my car on their track. Bob

## The most successful "Picnic in the Park" ever! 6 newmembers were signed up.







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### Tortoise and Lizard Bash Garden Railroad (T&LBRR)

Sunday (Father's Day)

June 19, 2022 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.



#### **10232 Overhill Drive**

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Todd and Linda Brody are pleased to invite you, your family, and your guests to the spring 2022 running of the *T&LB Garden Railroad*. This marks our 24<sup>nd</sup> year of operations. The railroad was the winner of the *Garden Railways* Magazine 2013 competition for garden railways and has been featured in numerous publications and videos. The landscape covers about 1,200 square feet with about 600 feet of track and six bridges, including a 14-foot long trestle. Using simple track power, the railroad can run itself fully automated with up to seven trains that slow and/or wait for each other as necessary to avoid collisions at crossing points. Additionally, the railroad incorporates a high degree of automation and special effects into the multitude of vignettes that adorn the landscape.

The layout is built around two volcanic areas that spew into various lakes through waterfalls. The volcanoes also result in geothermal activity and the Chameleon Caverns hot springs area lets the towns' folk "take the waters" for both health and recreational activities. All vegetation, including topiary works and bonsai trees, is real and the miniature garden is completely to scale. The entire layout is detailed with dozens of structures, over 300 people and animals, cars, motorcycles, etc. all at a scale of ½ inch per foot. If you ever considered a garden railroad, this is the one to bring your wife/significant other to see!

There are always new things to see on the T&LB as well as old favorites to enjoy, much of which includes "tongue in cheek" humor. This year the town received new track-work through the wye to smooth these operations. Recent additions include a new bridge leading to the aerial tram, replacing the old covered bridge that has fallen into disrepair. The new bridge provides a shortcut to the overlook allowing for new vegetation where the old path ran. "Willie the Wonder Horse" just joined us and has been demonstrating his acrobatic/balancing ability to power a rail car "treadmill-style." Also, fairly recent are the fueling platform along *Lizard Lane*, the meteor strike just off *Feather Mountain*, the outdoor amphitheater at *Gila Bend*, and the *Ernest and Julio Gallows*. This latter structure allows/encourages the public to "take the law into their own hands" as they actively try to hang the outlaw by throwing balls at a target. Don't forget to bring your camera!

The following link will take you to our web site showing the railroad and its history.

#### http://tortoiseandlizardbash.com

This included video shows the railroad in operation. <u>https://youtu.be/JhjVtw1poel</u>