

## C.C.S.C. TIMES



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#### CLASSIC CHEVYS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

President's Message By Mike Alfieri



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November 6 **Megan DeFrank Sharon Nixon November 7 Adria Flicek November 14** Tim Benkert **November 18 Mike Novins** November 19 **Nancy Stevens November 25 Chuck Flicek November 26** Jim Ayach **November 27** 

#### **Anniversaries**

**Bill & Linda Gavid** 

November 1

Jerome &Marilyn Ruzicka

November 21

**Bruce & Tracy Papp** 

**November 22** 

#### HI EVERYONE.

IT WAS NICE TO SEE EVERYONE AT OUR CLUB MEETING IN OCTOBER. WE HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE JUNKYARD FOR LUNCH. WE TALKED, LAUGHED, ATE GOOD FOOD AND LAUGHED SOME MORE.

I ATTENDED THE CAR SHOW AT ROUTE 66. I WAS APPROACHED BY THE OWNER AFTER HE SAW MY CLUB SHIRT. HE TOLD ME THE STORY THAT 24 YEARS AGO, HE WAS GOOD FRIENDS WITH GEORGE TUERS, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB AND THE CORVETTE CLUB. HE HAD KICKED OFF THEIR FIRST CAR SHOW. HE SOLD THE RESTAURANT BUT INVITED FIVE OF US UP ON STAGE AND EXPLAINED THAT OUR CLUB WAS ROUTE 66'S FIRST CAR SHOW. IT WAS NICE AND I FELT SO PROUD TO BE AFFILIATED WITH OUR CAR CLUB.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT OUR MEET-ING ON SATURDAY.

**MIKE** 

# NEXT MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH** 

10:00 AM

**RANCHO SAN ANTONIO** 

**PICNIC AREA** 

**LUNCH AT BEEPS CAFÉ SIMI** 



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### **CCSC CLUB MEETING NOTES**

**OCTOBER 7TH** 

**NEW MEMBERS - NONE** 

**GUESTS** 

TREASURER'S REPORT:

**GERRY SAID WE ARE OKAY** 

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

NOVEMBER 5TH - MODEL A CLUB HAS A CAR SHOW AT BOYS TOWN

**NOVEMBER 19th - COMMUNITY CHEVY CAR SHOW, BURBANK** 

**DECEMBER 9TH - XMAS PARTY** 

**SAN ANTOINO BOYS TOWN** 

**OLD BUSINESS:** 

CAR CLUB PLAQUES ONLY \$ 30.00 SEE JIM STEVENS

50/50 WINNER HUGO - \$47.00

**BADGE WINNER** 

**ITEMS FOR SALE:** 

JEROME'S 57 CHEVY DALE HAS 55 CHEVY PARTS

SEE YOU SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>. MEETING AT 10:00 MEETING ADJOURNED TO LUNCH

STAY WELL & KEEP ON CRUISIN'

HAPPY Thanksgiving

RADIATOR MIKE

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 MODEL A FORD CLUB

**RANCHO SAN ANTONIO BOYS HOME** 

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 CHEVY VINTAGE CAR SHOW

**200 W. OLIVE** 

**BURBANK** 

#### **CCSC CLUB DUES**

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN AND YOUR CLUB DUES ARE COMING DUE!

IF YOU WANT AN EARLY START ON THIS, COLLECTION BEGINS NOW.

YOU CAN GIVE OR MAIL YOUR 2024 DUES (\$40) TO TREASURER, GERRY WASSON,

**PAYABLE TO CCSC** 

C/O GERRY WASSON

**12023 GOTHIC AVE** 

**GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344** 

## **CCSC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
SAN ANTONIO BOYS HOME
6:00 APPETIZERS
7:00 DINNER







PLEASE RSVP TO EDIE SULLIVAN AT 818 625 7930 OR

esully202@gmail.com

(NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED)

\*\*\*\*\*\$40.00 dinner for two will apply to your Club Membership dues for 2024. If you pay for dinner and confirm your attendance but do not show at the Dinner, the money will NOT go towards your dues.

## **CCSC CAR SHOW MEETING**

# NO CAR SHOW MEETING THIS MONTH. SEE YOU IN JANUARY

# **ATTENTION ALL:**

I NEED ARTICLES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER.
PLEASE SEND ME AN INTERESTING STORY
WITH PHOTO ABOUT HOW YOU BOUGHT
YOUR FIRST CAR AND WHY. CAN BE
GENERIC OR A CLASSIC CAR.

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# LUNCH AT THE JUNKYARD









# GRANADA HILLS CAR SHOW









MIKE, CHARLIE AND
BOB WON TOP 50
AND DALE WON
BEST CUSTOM
TRUCK AT THE CAR
SHOW AT THE
GRANADA HILLS
STREET FAIR



JIM WON BEST
MUSCLE CAR
AT THE
"STREET RODS
FOREVER"
CAR SHOW IN
MONROVIA



# REQUIEM FOR A NOMAD by Sherwin Silver #273

I can remember back in my early teens, following the World War II searchlights to local car dealerships when September introduced the new models for the coming year. The 1955 model year was a huge change and with it came the most beautiful station wagon I had ever seen. I thought, "One day when I'm old enough to drive, I'm going to get one of those Nomads."

My first Nomad was a 1957 which I bought in 1978. It was turquoise with a white roof and mostly original. I had the interior reupholstered to original in 1979 and that's when I learned she had spent its first eleven years in Wisconsin. It became obvious when the inner fender wells crumbled as the covers were removed. In 1980, it was stolen from the local garage when the treadle-vac master brake cylinder was sent out for rebuilding. Thirty days later the insurance check came and my wife and I set out to find a suitable replacement. By this time, we knew it had to be a Nomad.

We both fell in love with a green and white 1956 Nomad we found at an antique auto swap meet on a Sunday, made a deal, and drove to Bakersfield the following Tuesday to drive it home to the San Fernando Valley. No issues with salted snowy roads this time! It felt great driving that car to the meetings of our local car club, Classic Chevys of Southern California. The members there congratulated me on my purchase and encouraged me to keep her original. One member gave me great advice saying that "If you ever see something you need being reproduced, get it because you don't know how long that guy will be in business."

I decided to do restoration in 1982. I had the car repainted to correct Sherwood Green and India Ivory. I also had the interior redone using reproduction original fabric. Not long after finishing the interior there was an ad in the National Nomad Club newsletter for a reproduced mat for under the rear seat. I got one of the few that were produced before the original GM molds stopped working and got rid of the new carpet it replaced. I remembered to follow that great advice.

#### **REQUIEM** continued

When I took the car in for the paint job, the deal was just repainting would be about \$2,000. Taking it down to bare metal, removing all trim and glass except the rear quarter glass, would be about \$3,500. Don't get excited, we are talking 1982 dollars! I went for the whole works. The shop owner said that in the 25 years he had been in business, the number of cars that age in that condition, he could count on his fingers. There was no body work, no rust, and no bondo. The final bill was \$3,490. It was the definition of a California Car.

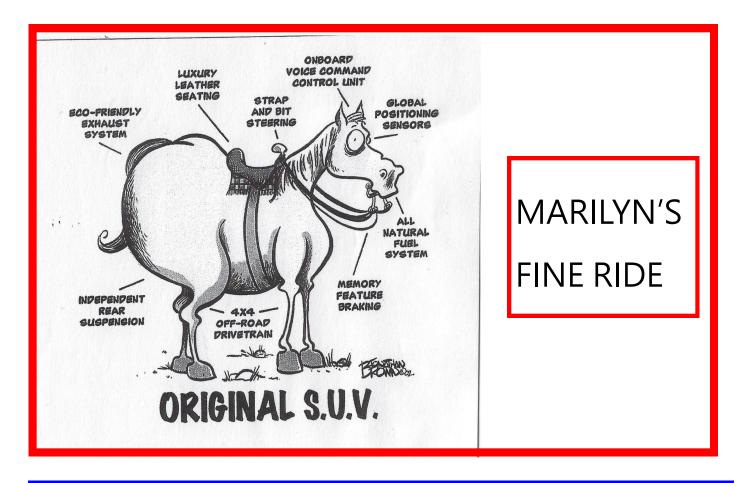
Through the years, including three trips to Frisco, CO for Nomad conventions, I kept that car as close to original as possible. The last engine was rebuilt and installed about 10 years ago. It was a correct 1956 265 cu.in. with 4-barrel Carter WCFB carburetor. A complete new exhaust system was installed about 4 years ago. The cast iron Power Glide was rebuilt a couple years ago just to be resealed. She was also equipped with correct T-3 headlights, fuel filter with stone element, that correct mat under the rear seat, wide whitewall tires (radials for freeway driving, but they looked correct). It was a pleasure to drive. It never overheated, even in parades. On our last trip back from Frisco in 1998, we covered the 1,000 mile trip home in 15 hours. It was just me and my Nomad and we did not want to stop. Having achieved 1,000 miles in one day, I decided to name her Millie, short for *Mille Miglia* = 1,000 miles. We passed the thermometer in Baker when it read 124 degrees (no a/c). We pulled into the local Friday night cruise-in back home at 8 PM and the first guy to see the car suggested I should wash it before bringing it to the cruise. He didn't appreciate that the front end had bugs from five states.

Sadly, there is an end to this story. In August, 2023, our neighbor from across the street pulled his Tesla out of his garage and immediately lost control. He said the accelerator stuck, the brakes wouldn't work, the steering locked, and as he hit my garage door, his airbags did not deploy. Millie was shoved into the house and was crushed from one end to the other. The perfect car was no more. However, in one final act of bravery, Millie cushioned the blow and kept the Tesla from going through the house to the backyard and pool area where the grandchildren were playing. She was beautiful, dependable, award-winning, and irreplaceable in my heart.

# GARAGE WALL by Sherwin Silver



I finished the nostalgic wall in the Moab garage. Thanks for contributions from Jerry Mull, Chip Rood, Bob Barnes, Bob Logan.



#### **FOR SALE:**

1959 CHEVY SEDAN DELIVERY (VERY RARE) 6 CYLINDER, 3 SPEED MANUAL, ORIGINAL CAR, GREAT DRIVER. GARAGE RESTORATION. ALL NEW COILS, NEW A ARMS, FRONT AND REAR SWAY BARS. EVERYTHING WORKS. CURRENT REGISTRATION. ASKING \$50,000.

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