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# RESTORING A 38 CHEVY

#### By Vic Groah

A few years ago I was helping an old friend's family sell his over 50 car Chevrolet collection. It was a daunting task that had to be done in a short period of time. Many of the cars had suffered outside storage and were in less than pristine condition. One of those cars caught my dear wife's attention. A rusting and forlorn 38 sedan delivery sat on flat tires next to the main building out in the weather. Restoration had been started, the car was largely disassembled and had been sand blasted and left outside to rust for 15 or so years with no paint. There it sat, no glass, most of the trim gone. What a mess it was. As I was selling the cars she mentioned our buying it. Years ago we had owned a sedan delivery that was our party wagon. We served out of it at parties we were hosting and had the kind of fun young college couples had. That car had to be sold to pay for college tuition. She had loved it and wanted to have another. My reply was that it would make a rare and neat car but this one was too far gone. The son in law of the family was helping sell cars so when the 38 went out on a trailer one morning I thought nothing of it, he had sold it, another one gone and my job closer to being finished, or so I thought.

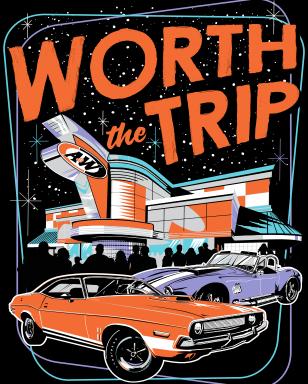


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# The Automotive Classic at Trilogy Monarch Dunes

By Dave Wolin



Now in it's fifth year, The Automotive Classic at Trilogy Monarch Dunes, located at the Monarch Dunes Country Club in Nipomo, has joined the ranks of not to be missed California Concours events with a couple of pluses,

Unlike other events, who's names I won't mention that have huge admission fees, this is free to the public. Parking is free too, another plus.

Of course, the event is held to promote the upscale

housing development at Monarch Dunes; worth looking at if you're in the market for a coastal home. But it's also a fundraiser for the "Nipomo Food Basket", a non profit that provides food for needy families in the Nipomo area and the "South County Youth Coalition" a collabrative of youth serving agencies

Under a coastal overcast with temperatures in the 60's, the weather was car show perfect for the unique assortment of cars scattered throughout the property, some even in the club house, with exotics like Lamborghinis, Ferrari's, Rolls Royces and even a Toyota 2000 GT mixed with sports cars, classics, muscle cars, hot rods and race cars.

Other attractions included arts and crafts vendors, beer and wine tasting and food choices ranging from food trucks to the indoor clubhouse bar and restaurant; my favorite !!

If you missed this year, put this high on your list to attend next September and if possible, display a car.

Dave Wolin is a long time professional racer, historian, journalist and author who has been to more than a few car shows.





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From our friends at Borderline Classics in Downtown Dinuba, this is a regular series featuring the details behind both iconic and unique classics of the collector car world.



Widely regarded as the most successful three styling years in automotive history, Chevrolet built its reputation on

the strengths of the 'Tri-5' models released in 1955, 1956, and 1957, known today as the foundation of today's classic car culture.

Each 'Shoebox' model year is unique in its own way, from the more conservative lines of 1955 to the wildly trimmed & finned 1957 models. Tucked between the two are the 1956 models, a perfect mix of both conservative and wild, and it's this unique blend of extremes that appeals to fans of the 1956 models. You can see just how strong this appeal is at just about any car show, where 1956 'Tri-5' models are always well represented.

The 'speedline' restyling in 1956 incorporated many updates over 1955 models, most notably a full width front grille and brightwork, rectangular front parking lights, reshaped headlight hoods, two-tone body style treatment, and stylized front and rear wheel openings. The single-housing taillights incorporated brake, turn signal, and back-up lights in one. They also included one of the most copied features in custom car building, the hidden gas filler. 1956 model gas



fillers are built into the left taillight housing, an idea originally popularized by Cadillac.

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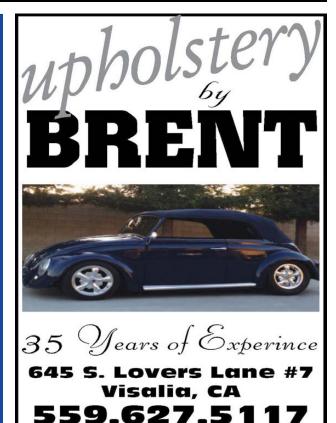
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When arriving home that afternoon there it sat in my back shop. My lovely wife had bought it from the family and gotten some of our local club members to truck it the 50 miles home. My work was just starting.

With permission of the owners we went through the parts buildings and amazingly, with help of my wife and son, found most of the missing pieces, window moldings, a new grill in the original GM box, new trim, new rubber parts etc. the original seats, most of the car was there scattered over three acres and three buildings. Amazing.

The first order was to sand blast the whole car again to derust it, then came making patch panels for the bottom three inches of the body. Fortunately I had owned and managed a restoration shop for 40 years and had the equipment and experience to do the body repair. The amazing part of the restoration was there was virtually no wear in any of the car. It had been bought new by San Francisco Floral Company as a delivery car and had been lightly used in the city only and serviced religiously. It required no new suspension parts at all. We serviced the shocks and did a complete brake job, cleaned the gas tank, replaced the brake lines as a precaution and we were done with that part. The engine was missing so we rebuilt and installed a 1968 Corvette engine with 3 twos that I already had, a 700R transmission and Vintage air.

The sedan delivery cars were sold as trucks so truck colors were appropriate, the original was black, not a favorite with my colorful wife so a correct original swift red was chosen from the 1938 color charts. I hand striped the proper silver stripe myself and our son did the graphics on the side panels of the body. We had the same upholsterer, Brent, that does prominent Chevrolet collector Tom Melleo's cars to do the interior in a 1938 manor with materials ordered from Hampton Coach. We added a folding takeout center seat for our granddaughter to ride in upholstered to match the original front seats.

We took it out for its first run on major Vintage Chevrolet tour. We drove it just under 1000 miles the week of the tour on the tour and going and coming with no problems. It now has an additional 15,000 miles of tour driving. We have won several awards at major events all over California.

Some said the car was so bad it could not be brought back; others said we were crazy to do it but we have a rare item, they made only 3000 sedan deliveries in 1938. Some laughed at us when we started but we think we got the last laugh as we really enjoy driving this wonderful car on tours.



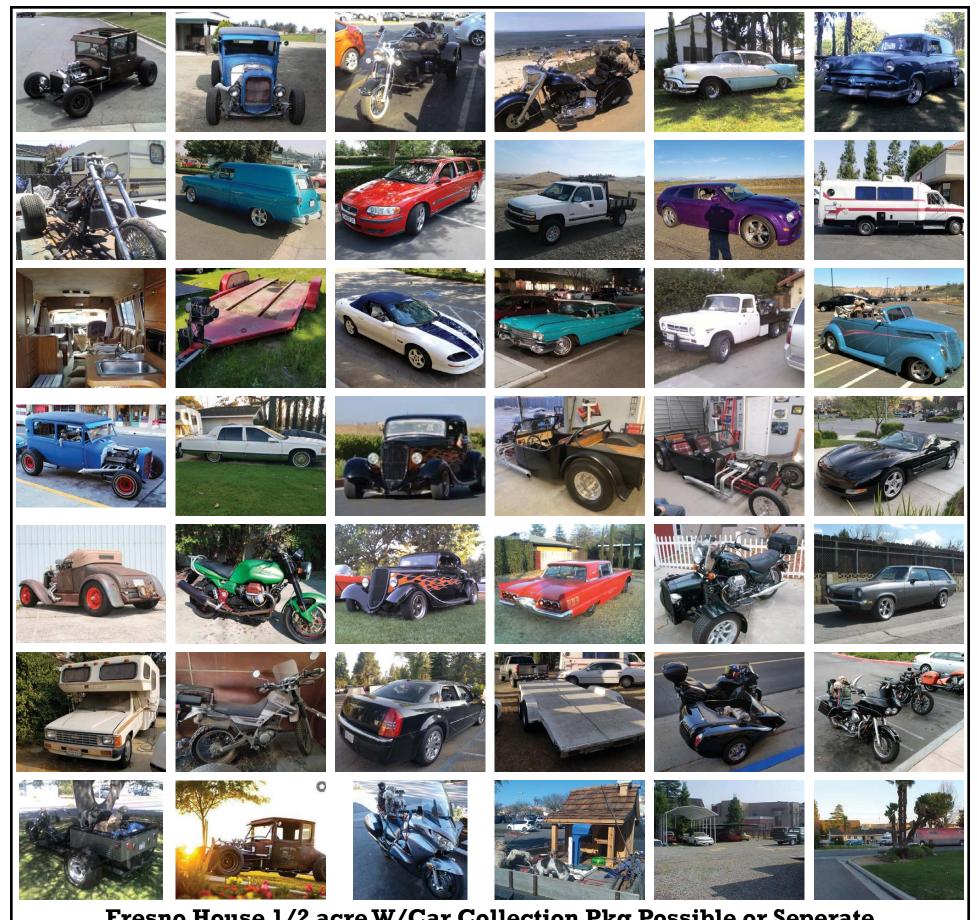




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# 956 CHEVROLET 150 / 210 / BEL-AIR



The 1956 lineup was available in three distinct versions, the 150, 210, and Bel-Air. Each line had its own unique nameplate, and the Bel-Air models also carried emblems on the rear quarter panels. Convertibles and Nomad wagons were exclusive to the Bel-Air line. Also included in the Bel-Air line is the Sport Sedan, a new for 1956 pillarless fourdoor hardtop. Powertrain options featured a 235.5CI inlinesix & 265CI V8, backed by either a standard three-speed manual or an optional Powerglide two-speed automatic transmission.

Available in sedan, two-door and four-door hardtop, plus the aforementioned Nomad wagon & convertible variants, the 1956 models proved to be extremely popular with consumers. In 1956 Chevrolet's market share rose from 16% to 28% on the strength of one model year! Even more amazing, Bel-Air models alone represented approximately 45% of Chevrolet's entire 1956 production!! Four-door sedans were originally the most popular body style, although today twodoor models attract most of the attention, especially with the resto-mod crowd.

Interior features include a standard three-spoke steering wheel and deep-pile carpeting on all models except one! Standard seating capacity was six adults, and the 'Tri-5' interiors all had large amounts of interior space. Additional standard equipment includes electric clocks, plus lighted and lockable glove box compartments. Fun fact: in 1956 only 7.4% of all owners ordered the optional seat belts – yes, those were the days!!

There's many reasons why 1956 'Shoebox' models continue to represent well in today's classic car culture. In a nutshell the subtle updates over 1955 models, along with the more conservative lines as compared to 1957 models, delivered an unexpected but incredibly successful home run for Chevrolet! While 1957 models seem to get all the 'Tri-5' attention, the somewhat "underrated" 1956 model line created a legion of extremely loyal fans that continues to grow to this day! If you're a 1956 'Tri-5' fan, you're in great company!!

The 1956 210 2-door featured here is a custom restomod in every sense, from front to back. It looks stunning in new two-tone paint with polished brightwork! Interior is completely updated, with paint-matched upholstery and custom steering column with tilt-wheel, plus many more

features. Powertrain is a Chevrolet 350CI V8 & three-speed automatic transmission from a '90s model Chevrolet truck, and it stops with the help of a front-wheel disc brake conversion. It looks like a custom classic & drives like a late model – the best of both worlds!!

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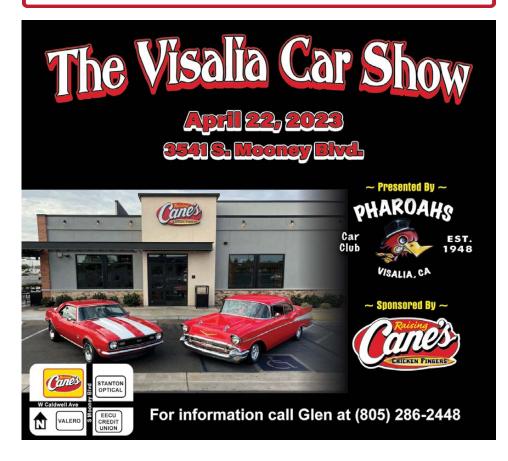
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With a focus on raising money for charities, the Pharoahs are noted for their car shows and other fundraising events. The Pharoahs of Visalia 2022 car show raised money for Redwood high school Auto shop. With over 100 attending that event. The Pharoahs of Visalia will be having a Car show on April 22, 2023 in Visalia.

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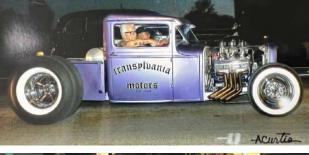
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## EVS ARE COMING

#### By Dave Wolin



Doesn't matter whether you like it or not; electric vehicles are coming, sooner than we'd wish perhaps, but the facts are that most auto manufacturers will be producing mostly electric vehicles in a few years. Here in California, as of now now, gas powered vehicles can't be sold after 2035 – that's likely to change.

There are a number of reasons; some valid, some worthy of discussion. Electric cars are more profitable than gasoline powered vehicles, using approximately 30% fewer parts, including the lack of transmissions and primarily due to lower costs of electric motors. And the government is determined to reduce our use of fossil fuels.

Today, most all electric vehicles have a range of 200-300 miles; less with the AC on or climbing hills. Tesla claims a 405 mile range on the \$80,000 Model S Long range. I've not tested that.

Another consideration if you want to test the waters are hybrids; gas powered with electric motor support. A good example, one of the best selling hybrids is the Toyota Prius; about



\$26,000 and 50 mpg.

There are some pretty cool cars coming along. Top of the line, the \$200,000 or more Rimac Nevera, made in Croatia, will make performance enthusiasts drool; 1900 hp; 258 mph top speed. Porsche owns 10% of the company and Kia and Hyundai have partnered with them for engineering assistance.

At the other end of the spectrum, BYD, China's largest electric car builder has captured the low end of the market,. Their Atto, currently a best seller in China and Australia, is under \$40,000. BYD is currently building electric buses in Lancaster, CA so cars can't be far behind.

The lowest priced EV's available here are the Nissan Leaf, at about \$28,000 with a range of 149 miles (An optional 226 mile battery pack is available) and the Chevy Bolt, at about \$32,000 with a 259 mile range (Note: GM will install a charger plug in your home when you buy a Bolt).

My conclusion; The average price of a new gasoline powered vehicle is now \$48,000; with electrics averaging \$68,000. There are some big rebates for electric vehicles but most current cars are not yet eligible. If you live in city, big or small, and don't drive too much, an EV might work for you. But, in spite of the tempting ads for the Ford Lightning electric pickup (The production run of 125,000 is sold out, and the range towing is rumored to be 100 miles), I haven't seen one towing my 4000 pound trailer up the Grapevine so I'll be using my gasoline powered dually for a while. And on every 250 mile roundtrip to L.A. in my gas powered 30 mpg Hyundai Kona, I think about how I'd do that in an electric. Need to find a changing station near my lunch spot I guess. The Department of Energy says there are 13,964 charging stations in California, 3900 in L.A. Some are free but most cost around \$7 for a full charge, which could take eight hours !! In defense of all this, the government is funding 100,000 charging stations over the next ten years and EV prices will probably come down. You can compare that that to the 15,000 gas stations currently in the state, most with more than one pump. And of course, we've been advised to charge our cars during flex alert power reduction periods. So, don't give up on that dual quad small block yet.

Dave Wolin is a long time hot rodder, racer and automotive journalist / historian who is just finishing a SBC powered 1975 Olds Starfire.





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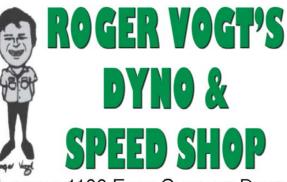
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