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Welcome to the Club

National Chevy Assoc. would like to say "Welcome to the Club" to new members and to the "old-timers" renewing their membership.

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Celebrating 30 years in print!



Hi from Nat'l. Chevy,

Today is April 21, and it is cold here. We're having snow flurries as I write this and the temperature outside is about 36° and windy. Last weekend was 70° and sunny. As we say around here, "If you don't like the weather give it 5 minutes – it will change."

We decided to cancel our plan for Bristol and the NASCAR race as we were trying to get all the parts and cars we bought back here from Nebraska. It is all done now after a couple flat tires and a couple of other small problems. It ended up raining at the race so everything finished late on Sunday so we decided to head to Kansas City for the race there. I already have our tickets, so I hope the weather is nice.

We've been pretty busy here this spring as usual, so there is not much going on except answering

phones, getting orders out and getting more parts in to keep the shelves full. We just received 700 lbs. of sheet metal panels, so that will be a big job to put away.

This year we'll be stopping by the Iola show for a day, but we will not be doing any selling. The only show we will be displaying at will be the Back to the 50s show here at home. If you are attending, stop by. All the guys will be working at some time during the show and if you want us to bring an order to the show for you, let us know ahead of time and we'll bring it along.

Again, if you have a small block Chevy in your car, we now had a Dual Exhaust for it. Call for more information!

'Til next time.....

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May Specials

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\$\$



\$30 Off on any 6-pc. Glass Set
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Includes all models.
Current members only.
Offer good May 1-31, 2015
Only. Limit one offer or coupon per order.



20% Off on any SEDAN Window Channel Kit

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'49-54 Cars



20% Off (on 2 items) 3-Pc Trunk Covered Cardboard Kit & Trunk Carpet

Specify carpet color. Current members only. Offer good May 1-31, 2015.
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Only \$144⁰⁰

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\$\$

June Specials

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FREE SHIPPING
on Dual Exhaust System

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FREE SHIPPING
on Stock Exhaust System

Current members only. Offer good June 1-30, 2015.

Limit one offer or coupon per order.

New Parts

1951-54 Rear Seat Armrests with Ashtray



Excellent reproduction that has chrome plated ashtray and chrome band. Ready to install and mounting screws are included.

Black only. **Order #579-2**

\$130.00 Pair



Door Striker Plate

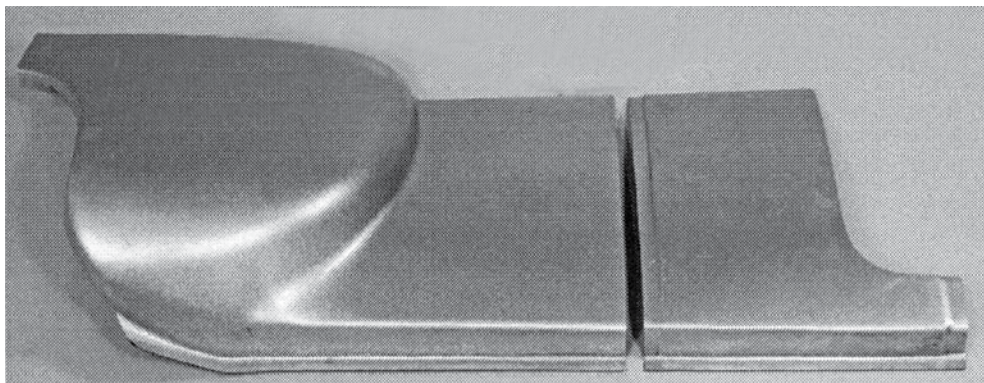


Reproduction that works great.

Dr. Side Order #504A

Pass. Side Order #504B

\$85.00 Each



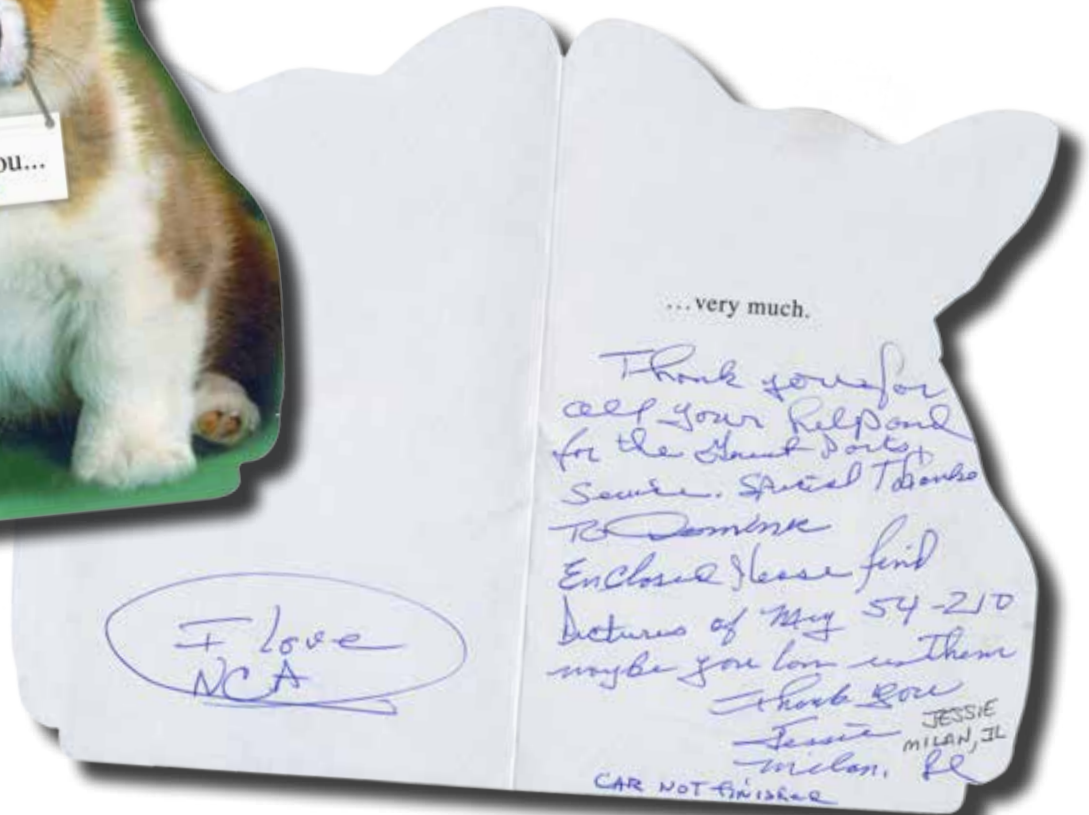
1949-52 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery Lower Front 1/4 Panel

Dr. Side Order #4653L

Pass. Side Order #4653R

\$255.00 Pair

Now Showing



Jessie
Milan, Illinois

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Now Showing



Hi. I'm sending you pictures of my 1953 Chevy BelAir. It was a gift from my fiancé in 2004.

I was going to buy it, but the owner changed his mind. About 10 days later he called to say he changed his mind. I had already bought a 1990 Bronco II, so I had spent the money.

My honey saw the look on my face when I told him this. She called him the next day and bought the car. That was in October. He held the car until our Club Christmas Party. He delivered

it to the party and my honey presented it to me there. What a surprise.

It's been restored since then with a lot of your parts. It's a pleasure to deal with your people.

Thank you,
Randall Scott
Stony Point, New Jersey



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Find each word and circle it.*

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BRAKES
CARBURETOR
CLUTCH
DOOR
GAS TANK
GEARS
GLOVE BOX

HEADLIGHTS
HEATER
HOOD
HUBCAPS
INSPECTION STICKER
JACK
LICENSE PLATE
MILEAGE

OIL
PLUG
POINTS
RADIATOR
RADIO
REARVIEW MIRROR
REGISTRATION
SPARE TIRE

SPEEDOMETER
STEERING WHEEL
TAILLIGHT
TIRES
TRUNK
WINDOWS
WIPERS





Parts Line was looking for photos: I have some.

I purchased a 54 Chevy 210 a few years ago from a family in LA, the grandson wanted the car but he was using drugs so the family told him if he got clean and good grades that they would help him restore his grandfather's car and put him through body shop school. He painted and re-chromed the car and worked on the body and brought it home for his grandfather to see. That is where I was able to purchase the car. Rather than restore the car original he made an attempt at making a low rider. The springs were torched and the mounting pads removed from the frame, he did a hatchet job on the exhaust manifold making dual exhausts and it leaked so bad you could not breathe unless the windows were open. He added lake pipes and no mufflers, put on 14 in wheels. The car was so low I could not place my hands under the lake pipes.

The grandfather saw what he did and took away the keys and sold it to me for \$3,500.

He was asking \$9,000 but the kid had ruined the entire front end because of bump steer which he thought was neat as it hopped. The tie rod and link rods were bent. There was 9" of free play in the steering. He had installed a floor shift using a nice Hurst shifter, but he installed it wrong and it shifted in reverse. When I went to repair it I found that he had welded it to the side plate so I had to toss that shifter, which you no longer can find in good condition. The engine was leaking oil and smoking so I offered them \$3,500 cash and once the grandfather realized how much repair would be needed he sold it for that price.

Now getting it home 55 miles away was fun. The wife followed me in my truck with flashers on as I wandered from lane to lane with the bad steering, but we went in off traffic time of day and made it home. When I tried to get it in the driveway and garage I was unable to drive up the apron as it was too low so we got a bunch of 2x4 boards I had lying around and inch by inch raised the front and the rear so that it did not drag on the driveway. After about a half hour we finally got it

Cover Car

on level ground.

I cleared out the garage and drove it inside where we drove it up on 2x4's to be able to get a low boy jack under it. Once we had it up on jack stands we pulled the whole front end and all 4 springs and ordered all new from Nat'l Chevy. I liked the look with the 14 in wheels and he had installed reverse chrome rims and custom hubcaps that ran around \$150 each and had radial tires that were nearly new. I ordered a drop steering arm and installed the front end and used a 1" lowering block in the rear with the new springs. Took the car down for alignment and to have the steering box adjusted and now it drives like a new car with all new springs shocks. The next project was to

pull the fuel tank as it was leaking. I did not have to replace it but we had it welded up and lined. The fuel gauge was not working and we found he had installed 12v and did not add resister plus he had the wrong alternator which was causing the battery to mess up and blow acid around the inside of the engine compartment. I pulled it all out and put in a proper GM alternator from a Buick, replaced all the wiring in the car and a fuse box under the dash. Had to remove the hood and strip and clean it from all the battery acid and repaint it.

We next pulled the interior as it was rotten tuck and roll from Mexico, we found over an inch of old newspapers under the stuffing. He had used drywall screws to attach the door panels and he



ruined the stainless trim so I had the whole interior redone to match the original. While the seats were out, we cleaned the floor top and bottom and used rust encapsulator and sealed everything and replaced some sheet metal.

It was time to pull the engine and trans. Engine was using and blowing oil and the trans would not stay in gear. I found a low mileage 3 speed at National Chevy and we took it down to check it and other than new seals it was perfect. I installed your floor shifter which took a lot of work to get it right, It was very sloppy so we shimmed it up and it now is tight and shifts great. At first it was so loose that the center arm would pop out and I would have to get under with a screw driver and pop it back in place.

The engine we had to bore 60 over to clean it up. I installed high compressing pistons, ported and polished the head, added larger valves, stronger pushrods and modern valve seals. I added a mild RV cam for more lift and balanced everything. Added the Williams Headers and made a heat riser, keeping stock intake and carburetor. The engine puts out 155 hp on a dyno at under 3,000 rpm. I had a power glide rear end so it has good road speed. My next thing is to get rid of the torque tube as at 74 pulling the rear end to replace the clutch is a pain. Will install a Camaro rear end. We did have an overheating problem so installed an aluminum radiator and had to use an electric 3,500 rpm pusher fan as the stock fan was hitting the radiator.



Cover Car

Car runs like new now and we have toured all over California with the VCCA. Yesterday I just brought it home from the body shop having it repainted and would you know it someone pulled off a gravel road and threw gravel and I now have a few rock chips to fix and buff out. Had the front and rear Chevy emblems airbrushed on and some highlight ghost flames that are nearly impossible to see but pop in the sun. The paint is Porsche metallic blue with blue and some gold pearl added. We have 4 coats of clear and you can see your face 5 feet away in the finish. We are about to have our 50th anniversary and the car will be transporting us to the event.

Adding a couple of images showing a sending unit fix. Had several bad units and got tired of dropping the tank. Cut a hole in trunk and used a large electrical box cover on a hinge. It is now carpeted and only takes a couple minutes to pull a sending unit from inside the trunk. Went through 5 before I found one that would work properly

Chuck Noble
Lebec, California



Power Steering Option

My recently-restored 1954 Bel-Air Convertible looked great, but steered like a tank in spite of having all new steering components, tires and two computer alignments. As I wanted to both drive and show the car, I had to do the best I could with original equipment, so I decided the answer to my steering woes just might be installing a power steering unit. Easier thought of than accomplished. I had no idea how many different parts are needed to make the switch.

Obviously, I had to obtain the power steering box and pump which I found in "Parts-Line." The seller knew more than I did and sent me what parts he had along with a print-out from "Authentic Automotive" that lists most everything needed for such a swap. It also contains interesting engine stamping and plant information. That list and a numbered parts picture pertaining to my particular application, 1954 Powerglide, follows:

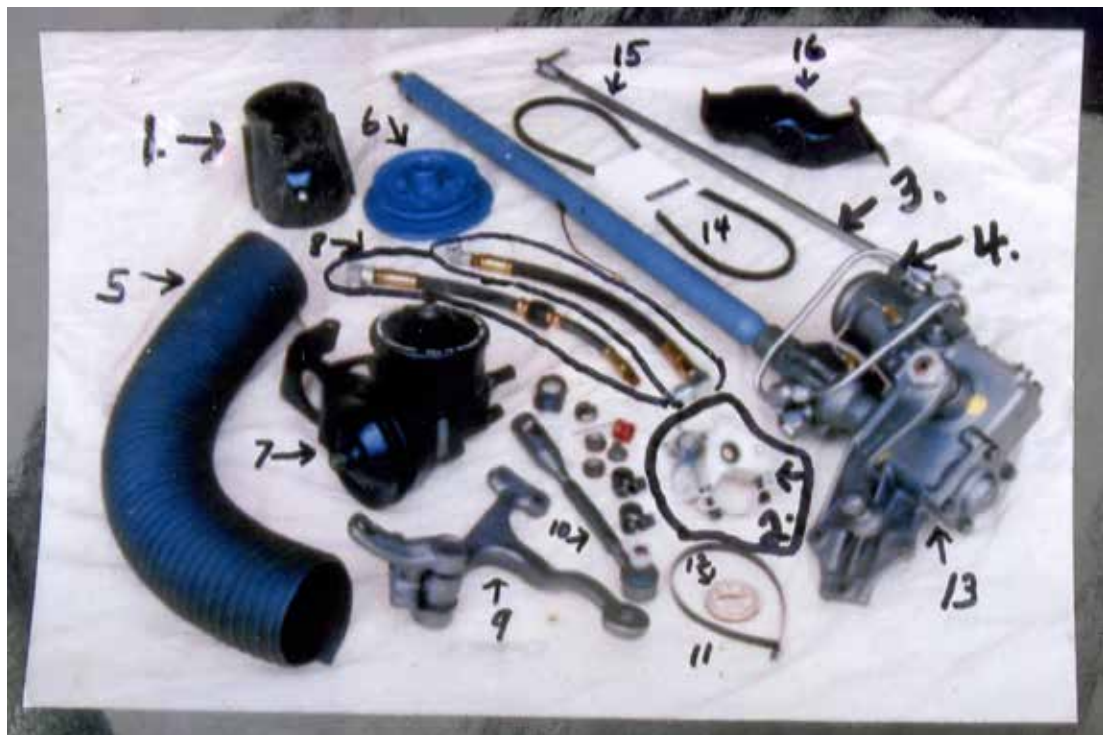


Shows:
Pump & Pulley
Belt
Fresh Air Inlet Duct Adaptor
Driver Side Fresh Air Rubber Duct
W.W. Fluid Jar
Oil Filter

Power Steering Option

1953-54 Chevy Power Steering Parts

- Picture # Parts that are unique to power steering, or are different than standard steering counterparts:
- 13 steering box (with built-in control valve and cylinder)
 - steering box mounting bracket (early 1953 only)
 - pitman arm
 - 6 double crank pulley
 - 7 pump
 - 7 pump pulley
 - 7 pump bracket
 - 14 pump pulley belt
 - 8 PS hoses (2)
 - 15 PG shift shaft on steering column (1 piece)
 - 3 speed shift shaft on steering column (lower shaft only)
 - 2 neutral safety switch (PG only)
 - 2 neutral safety switch bracket (PG only)
 - back-up light switch (3 speed only)
 - back-up light switch bracket (3 speed only)
 - 15 shift rod(s) from column to transmission
 - 16 driver side motor mount tower
 - 9 third arm (idler arm)
 - 10 end unit of relay assembly from idler to pitman arm
 - 5 driver side fresh air inlet duct (rubber duct)
 - 11 driver side fresh air inlet duct attaching strap & hardware
 - 1 driver side fresh air inlet duct adaptor at radiator baffle
 - 12 "power steering" horn button



Power Steering Option

For 1953 only:

Engine stamping prefix designates power steering option. For example, "LAE" prefix denotes a 235 six with 3 speed and power steering built at the Flint engine plant, while the prefix "LAR" denotes a 235 six with 3 speed and power steering built at the Tonawanda engine plant. The prefix "LAS" denotes a 235 six with Powerglide and power steering built at Tonawanda. There were no 235 sixes with Powerglide and power steering built at the Flint plant.

In 1954, the engine stamping system was changed completely, and did not reflect the power steering option.

My first step was to send the steering box and pump unit to a professional rebuilder. I restored the idler arm and made that switch along with exchanging the driver's side motor mount. With all components on hand and the box and pump returned, I removed the standard steering column, levers, brackets, wiring and replaced all with their power steering counterparts. Adjustments to levers affecting proper operation of the neutral safety switch, back-up lights, shift indicator and transmission were completed and with a little fine tuning the car was back on the road.

The results were beyond my fondest expectations and well worth the effort and expense.

Thanks to National Chevy and "Parts-Line" for providing me with all the parts and contacts for this most rewarding project.

George King
Bangor, Pennsylvania

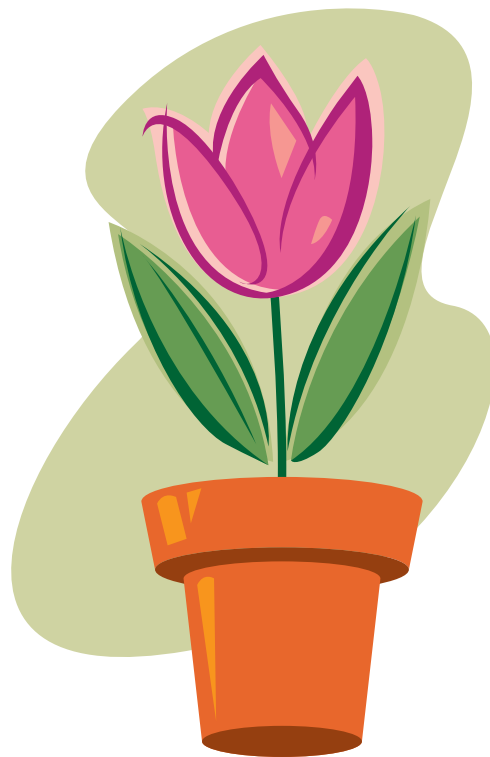


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\$4.00 each.

Call if you'd like one.

Note: If your car is in the newsletter I will mail you one.

Find the Hidden May Flowers



& Win
a \$75.00

Gift Certificate

In this issue you will find five May Flowers hidden in articles or ads. To enter the contest, find the May Flowers, fill in the form below and mail or fax your entry to us by June 15, 2015. On June 18 we will draw the contest winner. Remember - if you don't enter you can't win. Have fun. Contest open to current members only please.

Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

What pages did you find the May Flowers on?

Page _____ Page _____ Page _____ Page _____ Page _____

Mail or Fax to NCA, 947 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106 • Fax 1-800-785-5354 or 651-778-9686

Congratulations to Eric Shaffer of Wisconsin, the winner of the Hidden Heart Contest.

Classified Advertising



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES

Please advertise '49 through '54 Chev parts only. "Parts-Line" is printed once monthly and members receive 3 free 25-word ads per year. Ads over 25 words run 10¢ per word over the 25 word limit. Ad rates for non-members are \$3.00 up to 25 words and 10¢ per word thereafter. All ads will run for 3 consecutive issues unless cancelled by you. Please put prices on items that you advertise. Mail 947 Arcade, St. Paul, MN 55106 or fax 1-800-785-5354 or email info@nationalchevyassoc.com ads before the first of the previous month.

PARTS FOR SALE

FOR SALE — Glove box door '53-'54 Chevy, rechromable, \$25; '53-'54 hubcaps, \$15 ea.; 1953-'54 steering wheel with horn ring and button, \$50; '54 hood bird, \$25. Call (814) 677-4673. Robert. PA

June

FOR SALE — 1950-'52 Chev 2-dr. HT interior garnish moldings & SS trim for top of windows, chrome headliner bows; 2 1950 grills MLS ext. SS trim front bumper, rear bumper gravel pans, MLS sm. parts, door handles, headlight rings, tail light, parking light & backup lens, bezels, accessory front fender, gravel shields, vent window frames. Frank (651) 428-5763. MN. OFFERS!

June

FOR SALE — 1949-'50, Plate, 1950 \$75; Window/Door handles, \$25; Dummy Spot Light, \$20; Peep Mirrors, \$20; Wing Window handles, \$25; seat belt, \$20; Door Handle buttons, \$40; wheel adapters, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4, \$80. Pictures available, contact at gdpally@yahoo.com

June

FOR SALE — 1954 Chevy Parts: 1954 235 block with crank redone & bearing, \$200, you pay shipping; 1953-'54 Chevy bumper, also 1949-'52 bumper, need to be rechromed, \$30 ea., you pay shipping; some 1954 tail light lenses, \$15, you pay shipping; 1949-'52 steering column, some chrome parts for 1954 2-dr. post chrome BelAir, \$15, you pay shipping; 1949-'52 car rims, \$10 ea., you pay shipping. Lavern Augustine, 2320 Timber Dr., Hays, KS 67601. (785) 259-8575

June

FOR SALE — 1954 Chev 4-dr. BelAir rear window glass, \$150; front bumper with guards, \$150; two horns, \$25; starter, \$100; speedometer, \$50; outside mirror, \$25; steering wheel ring, \$30; hood bird, \$50. Clark Warren, 934 Amherst Ave., Hemet, CA 92377. (954) 663-2296 CA

May

FOR SALE — 235 Chevy cylinder head, new exhaust valves, new valve job, 235 crankshaft polished journals. \$250 for both, \$200 for head. Bruce (716) 933-6886 NY

May

FOR SALE — 1949-'54 inside sunvisor with bracket, \$40; 1951-'52 gauge cluster comp., 1949 grill comp with orig. hood lock, nice chrome, 1951-'52 heater switch with knobs and cables, 1949-'50 heater switch with knobs, no cables, 1953-'54 P-glide rod from shifter to tran. and gas linkage, 1949-'54 brake light switch, 1953-'54 license plate light fulton sunvisor for split windshield all brackets, 1952 4-door moldings, 1953-'54 turn signal switch housing with lever, 1949-'52 center hood moulding 1951-'52 speaker radio face plate with ash tray and chrome, 1953-'54 heater switch with knobs and bezel, 1949-'54 emergency brake housing with handles, 1949-'54 hood hinges, \$50 pr.; 1949-'52 Styleline 4-dr. back vent windows, frames, locks, gaskets, 1949-'54 dash chrome, 1951-'52 accessory front bumper guard, \$35; 1953-'54 heater switch housing knobs, bezel, 1949-'54 orig. oil filter canister and brackets, lots more parts. WI (715) 748-4897

May

FOR SALE — Lots of 1951-'52 2DR Hardtop Parts for sale. All moldings and flippers. (928) 850-5617 AZ

July

FOR SALE — Mustang II complete "Chassis - Engineering" front suspension for 1949-'54 Chevys. Incl. power steering rack, disc brakes, cross member, shocks, springs and all related parts and hardware. Also new rear springs, shocks and all related hardware. Also included are front and rear sway bars. Everything is new in orig. boxes and never installed. \$2,985 orig. cost, but will sacrifice for \$2,000 Firm. Come and get it in Florida. (772) 359-9666.

Apr

FOR SALE — 4 front and rear bumper guards, \$275; 15 1951-'52 hub caps, \$50 each, \$700; 7 beauty rings, \$25 ea., \$175; 4 hub caps for 1954 Chevy, excellent, \$300; 1 1951 Chevy grill, very good, no dents, \$500; 1 hood bezel, 1 trunk bezel with power glide, \$140; 2 front fenders, good shape for 1951-'52, \$150 ea., \$300; 1 hood 1951-'52, no dents, good shape, \$250; 1 trunk lid for 2-dr. Sedan, no dents, good shape, \$350; 4 sets fender skirts, \$125 ea. set, \$500; 1 1951 Chevy motor, 85,000 miles act., with rebuilt powerglide, never ran, \$650. N.O.S. Parts for 1952 Chevy: 5 center bar teeth in box, \$450; 1 top bar, \$225; 1 center bar, \$225; 1 lower bar, \$225; 2 parking light housing, \$220; 2 parking lights in box, \$250; 1 tissue dispenser in box, \$90. Total \$6,475, less 20% if you take everything, \$1,295 = \$5,180. Call Ivan (815) 257-1741. IL

Apr

FOR SALE — 1951-'1952 Original Fender Skirts for sale. Please contact Murph for more information. (207) 457-1957 or email murph1957@metrocast.net.

Apr

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Classifieds

PARTS WANTED

WANTED — Outside handle & locking mechanism for the upper tailgate on a 1949-52 tin woody. Jerry (217) 201-2820. jealdridge@comcast.net

June

WANTED — 1953-54 Chev door panel, stainless trim, off 2 dr. cars. Call (807) 274-3767

June

WANTED — 1949-54 visors & wrap-arounds (bumper ends). (928) 580-5617 AZ

Apr

WANTED — Looking for 1954 2DR Headliner Retainers. Dave (740) 635-2876.

Apr

WANTED — 1949-54 Misc Chevy Car Parts. Lots for sale! (928) 580-5617 AZ

Apr

CARS FOR SALE



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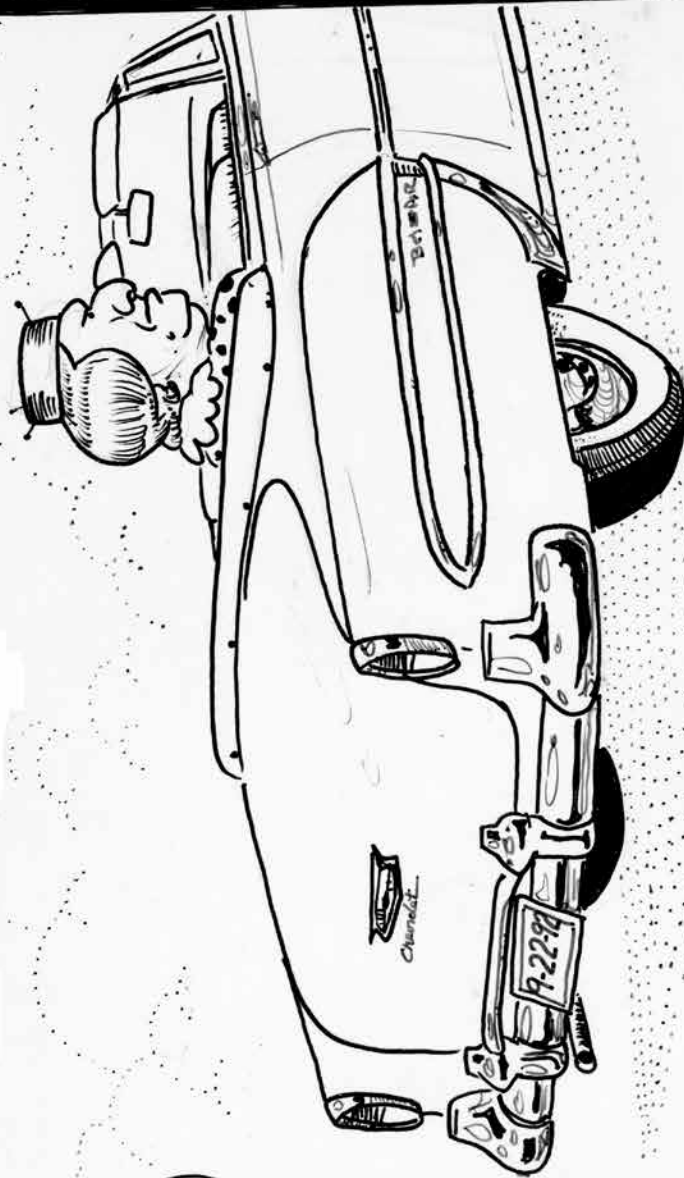
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