

My Way

NEWSLETTER OF THE PERSONALIZED CHEVROLET CHAPTER (PCC)

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PCC DUES & ELECTIONS

We are quickly approaching the end of the year which means a few administrative duties for all regions and chapters. One of them is the appeal for members to submit their dues for 2017. For the Personalized Chevrolet Chapter, that is only \$12. Treasurer Dave Kosche will be sending out a reminder soon. Kindly take the time to send in your check.

Secondly, we recently solicited our membership

for interest in one of our officer positions for 2017, including Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer. Your existing slate of officers except Secretary (see listing to the left) has offered to continue their positions in 2017. However, this does not mean that others cannot nominate themselves if they have an interest in and qualifications for becoming a PCC officer.

All PCC members

should have received a candidate application form via email and a listing of current officer responsibilities. It will be necessary to complete the form and return it by the Nov 30 cutoff date. The responses will be summarized in a special newsletter edition. Postcard "ballots" will be sent to each member for voting. The results will be tabulated by the PCC Board and results announced.

Thanks / Ron

Below (right) Ron Marciano at the Hershey PA VCCA tent displaying the PCC grille badge (attached to a NJ "My Way" license plate).



(Left) At Lead East in NJ displaying the PCC banner. As most East Coast car nuts know, Lead East is a few steps beyond a car show. Sure there are 1400 old cars at the Parsippany Hilton but it's more like a Fifties Festival. As they put it, "it's one weekend a year when we turn back the clock to celebrate the best decade in American history". The cars occupy the Hilton lot and two adjacent lots.



HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PCC JUDGING PROCESS?

Are you familiar with the PCC Judging Process? ...the Judging Forms and requirements for Junior & Senior awards? Do you have any interest in either making suggestions or being part of a team that receives and evaluates suggestions? This is the PCC Judging Committee. The role of the committee is to understand the

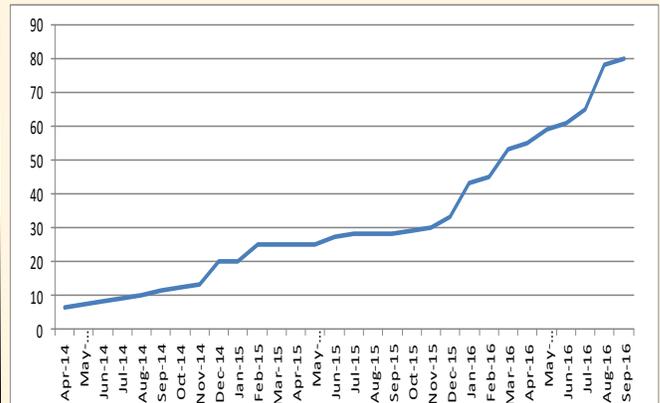
current judging philosophy and evaluate suggestions by PCC members that may advance the goals of the Chapter.

We are looking for one or two PCC members that would like to be more active in the further development of our judging process. Feel free to contact me.

Thanks/Ron

PLEASE NOTE THAT PCC PARTICIPATION AT AN AREA MEET IS BY INVITATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PERSONALIZED CHEVROLET CHAPTER.

PCC MEMBERSHIP STILL GROWING!



The Personalized Chevrolet Chapter continues to grow. Upcoming invitations to VCCA sanctioned events are expected to stimulate further interest. Membership info is on our website <http://pccvcca.org>.

“ONLY PCC MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PCC JUDGING AND PCC AWARDS.”

WHERE IS THE NEXT AREA MEET WHERE PCC VEHICLES ARE INVITED & JUDGED?

As PCC members should know by now, we can only participate in Area Meets by invitation. We already participated in the Area 8 Meet hosted by the Keystone (PA) Region and the Anniversary Meet in Tahoe this year. What could be in store for next year?

First, Erv Steinly, Director of the Keystone Region has once again invited the Personalized Chevrolet Chapter to their 3rd Annual Area 8 Eastern Meet in Gettysburg, PA on August 17–19, 2017. In addition, Kathy Saylor, Director of the First Tennessee Region has invited us

to their yet unscheduled Area 9 Meet in 2017. Furthermore, preliminary discussions are underway for possible participation at the Area 11 Meet in Queens, NY next year.

So as you can see next year may prove to be a busy one for our Chapter. Existing members should make every effort to participate in Area Meets within a drivable range.

PCC members should also encourage their directors to consider inviting the PCC to their upcoming Area Meets.

Thanks / Ron

DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT (SAY WHAT?)

Das Awkscht Fesch is Pennsylvania Dutch/German for “The August Festival” and is mercifully referred to as “Macungie” for its location in PA. More importantly, it is one of the country’s largest Antique & Classic Car Shows, sporting over 1000 vehicles over the 3-day event. In 2017, all VCCA Members’ vehicles will be honored as the “featured car” and will be parked in a prominent location in the park. It will provide an opportunity to enlist new VCCA members and new PCC members as well.

The event is scheduled for August 4–6, 2017. Local PCC members are encouraged to attend with their rides. For a registration form :

http://ontelaunee.aac.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/46/2016/10/2017_Das_Awkscht_Fesch.pdf



MY RIDE H. J. HAMEL

It was voting day in St. Joseph, Kansas and H.J.'s parents drove to the local polling place—a Chevrolet dealership. As H.J.'s mom sat on the running board of a 1937 Pickup (holding her 10-month old son), she suggested that the family could use such a truck. Before long, the black pickup became part of the family. The '37 was put to work for town maintenance projects and farming. By the 1950s, the pickup had a more relaxed life as a "commuter" vehicle.

By that time, a "grown" H.J. decided to give the pickup a make-over with a candy apple red paint job and hood louvers. By the 1960's, the engine was overhauled and the truck was painted dark blue.

H.J. inherited his dad's truck in the early 90s and the '37 would remain in storage until 2003 when

the Hamels moved to Nevada and where H.J. built a shop for enjoying his hobby. Soon after and with the help of his good friend and his son, the '37 experienced a complete rotisserie restoration.

The frame and all sheet metal were media-blasted and damaged parts replaced. A Heidt's Mustang II front suspension was installed as well as a 1962 235 cu. in. engine from a UPS truck, bored .060 over. Add-

ed goodies included a 3/4 race cam, HEI ignition, Offenhauser dual intake with Weber/Carter carbs and Fenton headers. Aluminum trim was used to dress up the engine. The Saginaw 4-speed transmission was tied into an 8 in. Ford rear with 3.55 gears. The pickup includes front disc brakes with master cylinder and power booster under the driver's seat. H.J. finished off his truck with 1992 Corvette Yellow paint.

Extensive interior and exterior trim work and fabrication was done. The bed boards are oak covered with several coats of marine varnish. The wheels were fitted with beauty rings & Chevrolet hubcaps.

In spite of all these modifications, the truck appears largely stock as was H.J.'s objective. The project was completed in 2010 and the pickup has since been driven some 13,000 miles.



WE'RE ON THE WEB!
[HTTP://PCCVCCA.ORG](http://PCCVCCA.ORG)



H.J.'s Pickup as parked at the VCCA 55th Anniversary Meet at Lake Tahoe, NV in August, 2016.

