



My Way

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WHERE IS PCC HEADING?

I would appreciate it if every PCC member (and potential member) took the time to read this. It's an explanation of where we are and how we got here. More importantly, it's an appeal for all of you to think about where YOU want our chapter to go.

Two years ago, I accepted the position of Director of our emerging chapter. There was the general assumption that most if not many VCCA members also owned "modified" Chevys and there would be a large pool of potential members to join our "personalized" chapter. We are currently at 78 members nationally.

My vision early on was to see PCC members proudly display their

"rides" within the setting of national VCCA Area Meets. Such members could choose to have their vehicles judged for PCC certification if they so desired, but the focus would be the comradery of our common interest in personalized Chevys & GMCs.

I also had a vision to develop an award system similar to that of VCCA and AACA "class" judging. These awards provide a "certification" of the vehicle's condition and correctness. A VCCA or AACA oval on the grille designated that vehicle as meeting the high standards of the national organization. But to my knowledge - no such certification existed for "modified" vehicles. That was my objective. Over

time, the PCC has developed standards which determine whether a vehicle is at the "senior" or "junior" award level. The vehicle is judged against the standards on the judging forms and not against other vehicles. Vehicles scoring over 900 points can earn a junior award and those over 950 earn a senior award. Both awards require that the vehicle be well restored and contain a minimum number of visual modifications. But is that enough?

The VCCA has done a great job in finding an award system for nearly every Chevy & GMC. If it's nicely restored & correct - there's class judging. If it's mostly untouched and original - there's HPOCF certification. If it's

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Bob Ripley Jr. (2-dr left) and Sr. (4-dr right) at the Happy Days Tour in the Buffalo area last May. Bob Sr. will be attending Central Meet in July.

CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION

JULY 26 - 30

54th Central Meet hosted by the Finger Lakes Region in Elmira, NY. For information email: chevy2899@aol.com.



AUGUST 4 - 6

Das Awkscht Fescht (The August Festival) hosted by the Keystone Region in Macungie, PA. This is not a VCCA-only event but VCCA vehicles are featured. For a registration form email: keystoneedirector@aol.com.



Register by 7/1/2017 please.



AUGUST 17 - 19

3rd Annual Eastern Area 8 Meet hosted by the Keystone Region at historic Gettysburg, PA. For registration form email: keystoneedirector@aol.com.

AUGUST 17-19

46th Annual Northwest Meet hosted by the North Cascade Region and held in Anacortes, WA. Registration forms can be downloaded from <http://clubs.hemmings.com/northcascadevcca>.



form email Barry at: bmastellone@mac.com.

SEPTEMBER 24

Eastern Area 11 Meet hosted by the Queens County Region at the New York State Veterans Home in Jamaica, NY. For registration

ATTENDING AN AREA MEET? LET ME KNOW. WE CAN USE PICTURES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER AND ARRANGE PCC JUDGING WITH ENOUGH ATTENDANCE.



WHERE IS PCC HEADING?

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“slightly” modified as for improved drivability - there’s CDPC certification. If it’s “too modified” for CDPC, join the Personalized Chevrolet Chapter (PCC). But every “personalized” vehicle will not score over 900 points for certification. Does that mean we need something like a “driver” certification for vehicles under 900 points? Other ideas? Remember, PCC organizers are free to provide more traditional “1st Place,

2nd Place, etc.” trophies as well as “Best Engine”, “Best Sleeper”, etc. awards. We are all too familiar with trophy awards as this is the bread & butter of car shows. But this was not the emphasis for PCC certification. It may be easier to win a trophy when the competition is lighter (like on an overcast day) but with trained judges the PCC judging score should be independent of the competition. However, there is no restriction what-

soever about the awards that the PCC team can also offer. This can provide the opportunity to award trophies for certain vehicles that are not otherwise eligible for the PCC Junior or Senior award.

The bottom line is attracting and keeping members. We don’t have monthly meetings to get together or car shows to bolster our treasury like other regions, and we need

to develop more of a social community. It should not be all about judging and awards. Maybe we need more “PCC” activities at Area meets. Of course, we first need sufficient attendance. So how about some suggestions (not just complaints) to make our Chapter a success? (Complaints are OK if accompanied by a suggestion or two.)

Thanks,
Ron

Q & A S R E G A R D I N G P C C M E E T S A N D P C C J U D G I N G

ARE PCC VEHICLES WELCOME AT ALL AREA MEETS?

Area meet organizers are free to welcome PCC vehicles and provide space on their show field for them. A notice on their registration form would be helpful.



I'M ATTENDING AN AREA MEET. WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT PCC JUDGING?

The PCC members within the region hosting the meet should organize the PCC judging. The PCC Director can help with this.

DOES MY PCC VEHICLE HAVE TO BE JUDGED?

Absolutely not. This is entirely up to you. But it would be great to have some photos of PCC vehicles at the meet.

WILL MY CAR WIN A PCC AWARD?

The PCC Junior & Senior award tabs are targeted for well restored vehicles with sufficient visual modifications to reach the threshold point requirements. Our website contains all the information you need including a slide show of our award process.



WHO JUDGES MY VEHICLE?

The PCC does not have a "national judging team" that attends all meets. The PCC members that attend a meet need to organize themselves much the same as the Area Meet organizers prepare for National judging. The necessary jobs are Judge, Chief Judge & Tabulator. For a small meet, this

can be done by one person.

IS PCC JUDGING ONLY ALLOWED AT SANCTIONED VCCA AREA MEETS?

The National VCCA does not require this. PCC judging may occur at any meet or car show organized by PCC members. However, the event must be approved by the PCC Director and all award processes must be followed. Events must be well organized and advertised, preferably in the G&D.

SO THERE'S NO TROPHIES?

Yes and no. The PCC defines the requirements for Junior and Senior certification only. However, PCC organizers are free to provide more traditional awards such as trophies. However, only the Junior and Senior certifications are retained in the PCC databases.

BUT WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE MANY OF THE PERSONALIZATIONS LISTED ON THE

PCC JUDGING SHEETS?

The PCC judging sheets list many "possible" personalizations a vehicle "may" have - nearly 150 points worth. If your car or truck does not have any deductions for condition, only 51 personalization points can result in a Senior award and only 25 personalization points can result in a Junior award.

DOES ANY PERSONALIZATION COUNT?

Not all. Your rare fuelie heads don't count. Personalization points are based on visual enhancements and fabrication. Check out the slide show on our website.

I HAVE SOME DIFFERENT IDEAS ABOUT PCC JUDGING.

The more involvement and participation, the better product we should have. Please let me know what you think. With enough interest, we can establish a Judging Committee.

In 1986 I purchased two 1956 Chevys. One a B/A 4 door hard top and one a 210 4dr. They sat covered for 13 years before I got started working on them. In 1999 I began working on the 4 dr/HT cutting out floor medal and replacing with new panels and welding them in place. I removed the body from the frame and media blasted the complete body. I stripped down

MY RIDE - D A N P I N I

the frame, diff. and suspension, sandblasted all parts, and powder coated everything except tie rod ends. I was able to blend paint that 90 percent matched the powder coated parts.

I assembled all the parts with new bearings, seals, and necessary new

parts where needed. I assembled the front suspension with new joints and 2" drop spindles, and disc brakes on the front end. The front springs and shocks were replaced with QA1 adjustable coil overs.

I undercoated the bottom of the body and

remounted it on the frame. This was being done over several years. I had to straighten the roof that was damaged by high school girls that liked to sit there and watch the guys cruise by.

It was time to locate an engine and transmission. I found a 2003 LS-6 out of a Corvette and completely rebuilt it. Power rating was plenty, so I kept

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it stock. Trans. is a 2006-4L60E. I had to build the mounts for the engine and trans. I converted manual steering with a GM 605 power unit and installed a Vintage Air HVAC unit, installed aluminum cross flow radiator and AC condenser from Be Cool. I installed the battery, fuse panel and ECM in the trunk area.

The windshield wipers were converted from cable to linkage by the use of a Raingear Wiper Assem-

bly. After-market power windows, door locks and trunk release were installed. Bucket seats were from a 1998 Lincoln.

Dash and instrument clusters are Auto Meter including the clock. Radio is after-market with

original style face and all OEM knobs.

Wheels are Chip Foose, 7X17 front and 9X17, rear with 215/55R17 BS, and 235/55R17 tires. Exhaust is dual 2 1/2 " with Magna Flo mufflers. The finished body work and

paint was done by World Class Hot Rods in White City, and Upholstery done by Boring Upholstery in Medford, Oregon.

On August 7, 2016 at midnight I was finishing up last few things and installing seat belts so we could go to the Lake Tahoe VCCA/PCC National meet. I received a senior award which I was very proud of. It took me 17 years to complete. Hoping to show it off this summer at some local shows.

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

**PCC SENIOR
AWARD WINNER**



Dan Pini's '57 as displayed at the Tahoe Anniversary Meet in 2016.



Interested in having your ride featured in MY WAY? E-mail me at ronmarc@optonline.net and we can get started! I'll need pictures, a list of your personalizations and perhaps anything else you care to share about your ride.