



My Way

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THE NEW PCC JUDGING PROCESS IS COMPLETE AND THE NEW AWARDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

Of course, our judging process is a moving target with changes made to adapt to evolving conditions and new ideas. But our new class-based process is now documented and available to all on our PCC website.

We have a number of announcements contained in this newsletter.

First, we provided a more complete listing of National Meets - opportunities for you to display your ride with other PCC members (pages 2 & 3). If we have enough participation, we can see if we can arrange for PCC judging. Secondly, we provided a listing of the new information that you can find on our website. In ad-

dition, we have some news about how previous PCC award winners might be impacted by the new processes (page 4). It's all good.

Special thanks to Kaydene O'Day of the Greater South Bay region for creating the graphical images of our new awards necessary for their manufacture!

Thanks, Ron

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August 23 - 25

Area 8 Eastern National Meet hosted by the Keystone Region. Come join in the fun at the "INDOOR" Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA. For more info contact Erv Steinly at Keystonedirector@aol.com.



September 29 - 30

Area 11 National Meet hosted by the Long Island Region held at the American Museum of Armor on the grounds of historic Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Please contact Chris Geiger at chevyrod1938@aol.com or call 631-757-5021 by September 1.



Honestly, when I first heard about it, I thought they were joking. But they weren't.

SpaceX CEO Elon Musk unveiled the final photo of his Tesla Roadster and its Starman mannequin leaving Earth in the rear-view mirror after launching on the first Falcon Heavy rocket Tuesday (Feb. 6), and the view is spectacular.

The photo, which Musk shared Wednesday on Instagram, shows Starman in the Roadster with the entire Earth in background.

Starman and Musk's Roadster are in an elliptical orbit around the sun.

After reaching orbit, the Roadster coasted through space for about 6 hours before the Falcon Heavy second stage fired up one last time to send the car out into deep space.

The Tesla's journey certainly demonstrates the Falcon Heavy's capabilities of putting objects into deep space.

So, until we meet again: Godspeed, Starman. Keep on cruising.

VCCA & Mecum Auction Announcement

Your VCCA Board of Directors is excited to inform you about a great offer from Mecum Auctions, an auction company that sells more vintage Chevrolets than any other auction, website or dealer. This special relationship with Mecum Auctions directly benefits you and the club.

What Mecum Auctions provide:

- **Free bidder passes to pre-registered VCCA members.** *Includes two free admissions*
- **Free VCCA booth space for recruiting new members.** *Must be pre-arranged*
- **Free admission for designated VCCA booth staff members**

Paid ads in both the G&D and the VCCA website

This could provide PCC members the opportunity to attend an auction and help recruit members! Interested? Let me know! Here's a listing of Mecum auctions:

Feb 16-17 - Los Angeles	Aug 23-25 - Monterey
Mar 16-17 - Kansas City	Sept 7-8 - Louisville
Apr 5-7 - Houston	Oct 3-6 - Dallas
May 15-19 - Indy	Oct 25-27 - Chicago
June 8-9 - Denver	Nov 15-17 - Las Vegas
June 22-23 - Portland	Dec 6-8 - Kansas City
Aug 2-4 - Harrisburg	

WHY SHOULD I VIEW OUR WEBSITE HTTP://PCCVCCA.ORG?

If you're even thinking about having your ride judged at an Area Meet, you HAVE to visit our website. Simply enter the website and click on PCC JUDGING INFO. There you will find our Judging Process, our Judging Forms and even a narrated slideshow explaining our judging process - a "judging seminar" so to speak. The PCC Judging Process Guidelines and the seminar provide help on understanding how our

judging compares with that of Class judging and CDPC certification. It also explains our class structure (contemporary, modified & custom) and how awards are determined. It further explains which mods are countable (to determine class) and which conditions will make your ride ineligible for being judged. A good read. (If you're planning to watch the seminar, it runs nearly an hour and strong coffee is recommended.)



HOW PREVIOUS PCC AWARD WINNERS ARE IMPACTED BY OUR NEW PROCESS

Our new PCC judging process is significantly different than our previous process. Our new process does not require many modifications to receive a Senior award. However, it does require a minimum set of specific mods to qualify for judging. So what does it all mean to those who have already been awarded Junior & Senior tabs?

Of course, all previous awards are "grandfathered", meaning they remain valid even though the rules have changed. After having reviewed the judging forms of

all prior award winners, we have some interesting results. Of those 22 candidates, 10 would have received the same (Junior or Senior) award under the new rules. Seven of the 22 would no longer qualify for judging and 5 would receive a Senior instead of the Junior they received. Each member who is either eligible for the same or elevated award will be contacted by email. The member will have the option to exchange his award for the new style (including class) for a \$10 fee. Emails will be sent out before the end of March.

This is the second '55 that I owned. The first was a Chevy Bel Air that was painted 1963 Chevy blue that I bought for \$300 in 1967. It served me well, but after 3 years, my job changed & it was a long drive. As reliable as it was I needed a newer one. Raising a family, I couldn't afford to let it sit in the garage, so I sold it for \$300 - the same amount I paid for it 3 years prior. I always said I'd buy another one before I retire. Of all the cars I had owned over the years that was one the best cars I ever had. Fast forward a few years, getting

MY RIDE - CHUCK LIPPMANN

ready to retire, I went looking for my second '55. I had my eye on one that was painted taxi-cab yellow and was in Pearl River NY which was just over the state line from me here in New Jersey. The thing was that he had no title and after waiting a month or so, I told him I just couldn't wait and moved on. Off on my quest for a '55! After another 3 or 4 weeks I went out to Holbrook LI, where I took a '55 out for a

test run with a friend and came back to make a deal. It was a little rough in the paint department but seemed solid enough mechanically. The deal was that my friend would come back with a trailer during the week & tow it home to my daughter's garage for the time being. In the meantime I needed to build a new garage. You see, my garage had a dirt floor & floods in heavy rain- 4 to 5 inches

worth-not good for an old car. The '55 has a 350 engine with 4 on the floor with power disk brakes in the front. Long story short, after tearing down the old garage & building a new one, the '55 came home. I negotiated with a local body shop to paint the car. As much as I wanted to replace my first '55 to the blue, I opted to a Red & White combo since the color of the dashboard was red, with the rest of the car grey prime. He had it for about 7 or 8 weeks and worked on it on & off. I stopped by each night after work with my trusty camera

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to see what progress was accomplished that day. A couple of days I was told that nothing new was done. Over the course of time I added a new steering column with tilt steering and emergency flashers & power steering. New carpeting was installed with insulation underneath. Vintage Air was installed using the old controls, so it looked like it belongs. I added an AM/FM radio with a CD player for those long trips I take with the Touring Region. Leather bucket seats were installed by Dave Cavagnaro with a center console. The console was made for a bench seat, but I fashioned a pedestal to bring it up to a height that

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was comfortable. It fits just right and has two cup holders as well. I just added a smaller steering wheel. The older one, that was the original, was too large in diameter and hit my knees when shifting or applying the brake. That's the story of my second 1955 Chevy - this one a 2 door 210 bought in 2003. I joined the VCCA in 2005, and drove my '55 all up & down the East coast. We've been as far South as Cape Kennedy, Florida and as far North as Binghamton, NY. putting on over 27,000 miles of enjoyable tours.

Chuck qualifies for the Contemporary class with at least one mod in the exterior (custom paint), at least one mod in the interior (bucket seats) and at least one chassis mod (custom wheels).



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.