



My Way

NEWSLETTER OF THE PERSONALIZED CHEVROLET CHAPTER (PCC)

2018 LEADERSHIP

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND THE PCC IS REPRESENTED AT AREA MEETS!

The Area 9 Meet hosted by the Carolina Crossroads Region and supported by the Upstate South Carolina and Heart of Georgia Regions was the first 2018 event listed on our calendar. The meet was held April 26 - 28 and included both national and PCC judging. Congratulations to Jim Dench of Lanoka Harbor, NJ who received a Junior award in the Contemporary class. Thanks goes to VCCA President Jim Gebhardt for PCC judging! In addition to the trek from New Jersey, Jim



Dench participated in the Happy Days tour and logged 1100 miles! Jim's car can be spotted in the March - April issue of Southern Ontario Canada Region's Clutch Chatter.

I'm expecting to include photos of PCC participants from the May 3 - 5 All Cal meet in the next MY

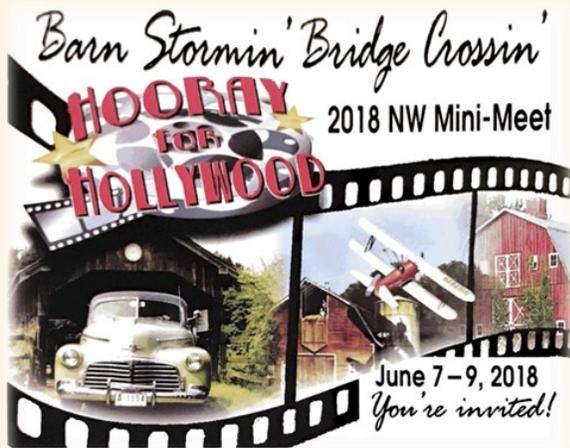
WAY issue.

Remember, only PCC members can be PCC judged and receive PCC awards. Any non-members who find themselves at a meet and would like to be PCC - judged can join on the spot. The dues are only \$12/calendar year (\$6 after June 30th.)

CURRENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION

June 7 - 9

Northwest Meet hosted by the Willamette Valley Region and held at the Holiday Inn Express in Chehalis, WA. Event theme is **"Hooray for Hollywood"** in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. Reg. at www.wvrcca.org or contact Nancy Rice at nancyrice2@comcast.net. Register by May 15.



June 11 - 15

Middle West Meet hosted by the Viking Region and held at the Comfort Suites in Worthington, MN. Contact Louise Falk at mi-louise86@icloud.com by May 1. Plan to attend and see:

- Spomer's Museum (Porcelain/Neon signs, cars & other automotive memorabilia)
- Toby Shine's Man Cave in Okoboji. More...



PCC MEMBERS: YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM NEEDS TO KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING AT ANY OF THESE AREA MEETS. WE HOPE THAT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISPLAYING YOUR RIDE AND PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENTS PLANNED. HOWEVER, IF YOU WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE JUDGED, WE WILL NEED ENOUGH PCC MEMBERS TO HANDLE THE NECESSARY ACTIVITIES. SO PLEASE CONTACT ME OF YOUR INTEREST. THANKS! RON

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](mailto:ErvSteinly@Keystonedirector@aol.com) at Keystonedirector@aol.com.



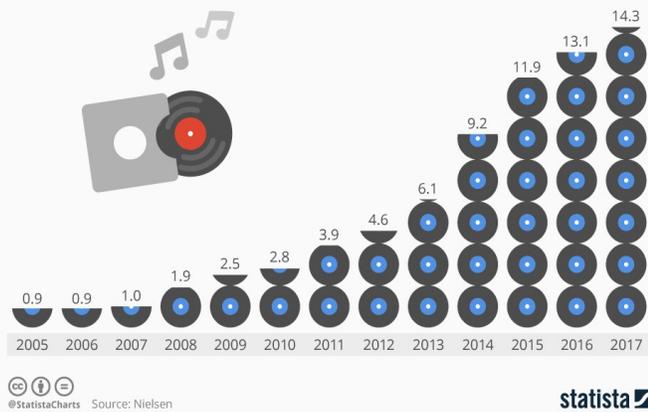
September 29 - 30

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.



The Surprising Comeback of Vinyl Records

Vinyl LP unit sales in the United States from 2005 to 2017 (in million units)



For the 11th time since its conception in 2008, the world will celebrate Record Store Day in honor of independently-owned record stores around the

globe. Time for us to look at a format that is closely tied to record store culture and has made a surprise comeback in the United States and inter-

nationally: the vinyl LP. In 2017, 14 million LPs were sold in the United States, up more than 1,000 percent from 10 years earlier. But how big is vinyl's comeback really? Should we all dust off our old record players to prepare for the future of music?

Not really. According to Nielsen's 2017 year-end music report, LPs accounted for no more (but also no less) than 8.5 percent of album sales in the United States. When ac-

counting for streaming and downloads of single tracks, that number drops to 2.5 percent of total music consumption – not exactly the lion's share.

However small the impact of rising LP sales on the music industry's bottom line may be, it's still interesting to witness a hundred year-old technology coming back from near extinction.

-credit to Felix Richter of Statistica, 4/20/2018

Golden by design and by dilapidation: Golden Sahara breaks cover after decades in hiding

For several years it toured the country claiming a Guinness world record for "world's most expensive automobile," and it very well may have been, given the extensive modifications and futuristic technology that went into building it. But then its owner inexplicably hid it away 50 years ago, leading to an exile that will only be broken this spring when the Golden Sahara heads to the Indianapolis Mecum auction in May. Considered one of George Barris' most iconic customs, the Golden Sahara actually went through three major

iterations. Originally a 1953 Lincoln Capri two-door hardtop, the car underwent a mild nosing and decking when new and served as Barris' daily driver until a foggy rendezvous with a hay truck. Future versions by Jim Street included a lift-off transparent roof, a complete refrigeration unit with cocktail bar, a dash-mounted television and hi-fi stereo, a tape recorder between the front bucket seats, light-up tires and much gold-plated trim. A control system tapped into the brake, throttle, and steering systems, thus al-



lowing the car to be controlled via one of multiple means: by steering wheel, by joystick, by pushbutton, by remote control, autonomously via radar guidance and magnetic tracking, or by voice. The doors could be opened and engine started remotely. Even collision

avoidance was incorporated. A video of the car as seen on I've Got A Secret in 1962 is available by searching "Golden Sahara" on YouTube.

- credit to Daniel Strohl of Hemmings Motor News 3/15/2018

THERE'S A PLACE FOR US...

OK, now that I got you humming that tune from West Side Story let me tell you what I mean. The Personalized Chevy Chapter was sanctioned by the VCCA to offer a place for those vehicles that did not otherwise "fit in" with the established categories - the "correct" vehicles, the HPOCF or the CDPC ones. We were not intended to provide an opportunity for "correct" or CDPC vehicles to win another oval. While the VCCA permits a vehicle to change from HPOCF to class judging for example, that vehicle would no longer be eligible for



HPOCF awards. The PCC similarly strives to develop its own identity so that "correct" or CDPC vehicles would not likely be eligible for PCC judging.

That is why any

judged PCC vehicle requires at least 3 personalizations. This effectively prevents a "correct" vehicle from qualifying for PCC judging and vice versa. However, 3 personalizations would not pre-

vent CDPC vehicles from PCC judging. That's why those personalizations are limited to "visual enhancements", the type that disqualify a vehicle from the CDPC class. So exactly what personalizations are countable for PCC judging? Well, they are listed on pages 3 & 4 of our judging forms. Visit <http://pccvcca.org> and click on PCC Judging Info. It's all there.

It's not a perfect system but the rules and processes are there for a reason. We want to provide a place at the table for as many vehicles as possible while avoiding any "overlapping" of existing VCCA classes.

This is where we feature a PCC member's ride. Unfortunately, there haven't been any volun-

MY RIDE - YOUR NAME HERE

teers for this issue. I'll be beating the bushes for our next issue but in the meantime I hope you enjoy this article.

With the 2018 Detroit Autorama in the books, and all the awards handed out, a 1957 Chevrolet from Colorado took home top honors. For those unfamiliar with the custom car world, Detroit Autorama dishes out one of the biggest accolades in the industry -- the Don Ridler Memorial Award.

2018 DETROIT AUTORAMA RIDLER AWARD



The award celebrates craftsmanship as well as creativity, though all the finalists -- known as the Great 8 -- are incredibly well thought-out and radically executed builds.

Aside from the prestige of getting your name and car in the record books as a Ridler award winner, you also

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get a check for 10 grand, a jacket and a trophy, which isn't exactly going to do much to help the checking account.

This heavily modified Chevy was put together by the team at Johnny's Auto Trim and Rod Shop in Alamosa, Colorado, for Greg Hrehovcsik. Every panel of this Chevy has been heavily massaged. A custom top panel joins the rest of the body, which was channeled over the frame rails and sectioned.

Powering the Chevy is a 515-cubic-inch Chevy big block that's forced-fed by a pair of turbochargers. The combo is apparently good enough for 1,043 hp on regular gas (1800 on fuel), mated to a three-speed automatic transmission -- a TH400, for those counting -- that feeds power to a chromed rear end.

Let's just let the photos tell the story.

- credit to Fuel Curve, 3/5/2018



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.