



NEWSLETTER OF THE PERSONALIZED CHEVROLET CHAPTER (PCC)

ARE WE THERE YET?

2021 LEADERSHIP

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This is the cry I used to hear from my 2 children many years ago when we drove down to one of our favorite Jersey beaches in the summer. It was prompted by their frustration over a seemingly long journey with no end in sight. Sound familiar? I know I've been feeling the same way for what seems like an eternity of event cancellations and personal restrictions due to the pandemic. But just like the smell of salt air assured my children that we were getting close, so does the gradual opening up of our communities comfort us that things will soon be back to something resembling normal.

With the many area meets scheduled for 2021, I wanted to remind our members of our PCC classes and awards in this issue of MY WAY. It appears we will have a candidate for the "sleeper" class at one of our meets as well. We've also had a number of PCC vehicles that were judged more than once resulting in a handsome wall plaque commemorating the achievement.

Of course, most of us will also be attending local shows and cruises. It's always nice to win a trophy for your ride. The competition can certainly be tough but displaying a PCC award oval on your grille announces that you have a nationally recognized award winner from a sanctioned chapter of the VCCA.

The members of the region hosting their area meets spend a lot of their personal time to make their meet as interesting as possible. In addition to the judging and awards banquet, they arrange for tours and other events. PCC members are encouraged to attend and show off their ride to the more traditional

VCCA members who may not have had an opportunity to appreciate how exciting a personalized Chevy can be. It is unlikely we will see a PCC vehicle in the G&D any time soon, so each one of us must be an ambassador for our chapter. I'm sure there are many VCCA members with personalized Chevys that are currently not PCC members. Let's see if we can help change that.



CURRENT 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION



June 17 - 19

Northwest Mini-Meet hosted by the Willamette Valley Region and held at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport, OR. Due to COVID concerns, there will be no judging this year but many other events are planned. Registrar: Nancy Rice 503-472-3075 or nancyrice2@comcast.net.

July 30 - 31

Central Area Mini-Meet hosted by the Western Buckeye and Glass Capitol Regions and held at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, OH. Registrar: Paul Svatik 419-882-0820 or vcca58thcentral@bex.net.

October 10

Orange County Region National Judged Car Show held at Enderle Center. in Tustin, CA. Registration Chair - Judy Howard, 909-227-7476 / jghoward@cox.net.

October 20 - 24

VCCA Area 9 Meet hosted by the Gulf Coast Region and held at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites in Tampa Bay, FL. Registration forms in June.

July 31 - August 5, 2022

60th VCCA Anniversary Meet and held in Bowling Green, KY. Look for updates in the G&D.



I look forward to including articles and photos of PCC vehicles participating at Area Meets in our newsletter, MY WAY. Until then I will continue to provide relevant articles of interest. Thanks for hanging in there!

Although there are limited area meets currently scheduled for this year, we need to celebrate all those PCC members who have participated in prior meets (through 2020) and have had their rides judged. Please join me and our other PCC members in viewing this updated slideshow. Just click [HERE](#).

Tell Me Again About Those PCC Awards

With some new PCC members joining us this year, it can't hurt to review the ins & outs of PCC awards. But first things first. Does my car or truck qualify for PCC judging? Well, right now we have 3 PCC classes depending on the number of modifications to your ride. This includes the Contemporary, the Modified and the Custom classes. If you have the minimum number of mods, you should be able to qualify for the Contemporary class. This class requires that you have at least one mod in 3 of the 4 areas (exterior, interior, engine bay & chassis). So for example if you have a custom paint color (exterior), custom steering wheel (interior) and custom wheels (chassis), you would qualify for the contemporary class and be eligible for PCC judging. Be advised, however, that your Chevy must be representative of its original styling and that certain mods (like radiused wheel wells) will disqualify your ride.

But some would ask if custom floor mats or aftermarket stereo are acceptable interior mods. Well no they are not. The PCC defines a list of "countable" mods that can be found on our judging form. When we came up with this list, we tried to keep our mods separate from the Drivers (CDPC) class. You can qualify for the drivers class with most reliability, safety & comfort mods like upgraded trans, disc brakes & stereo upgrades. The PCC is looking for more "visual" mods that allow your ride to stand out. It was on this basis that we defined the list of "countable" mods. Our judging form can be found on our website: <http://pccvcca.org>

But the exception proves the rule they say and the PCC is "road-testing" a new class: the "sleeper". Vehicles in this class must have documented high performance engines but without exterior mods or custom wheels. In other words, the Chevy must appear stock from the outside. We may be featuring a candidate for the sleeper class in our next issue.



So once your ride is determined to be eligible for judging, what happens next? Well, you can register for an area meet (see page 2) where your ride would be judged FOR CONDITION ONLY. This is no different than the judging for the stock classes except that no points are deducted for incorrect features. We start at 1000 points and go from there. Vehicles that score over 950 points receive a senior tab in their class (like senior/custom). Vehicles that score 901 to 950 points receive a junior award in their class (like junior/ contemporary).

It should be noted that only the tab is awarded. The grille badge is a PCC fundraiser and must be purchased separately. (See the Fundraiser article on page 5.) The tab protrudes above and below the grille badge to specify the award and class. Since the sleeper class is not yet official, no oval tabs have been created or purchased for this class. We first want to see if there is enough interest to justify this purchase. Winners in the sleeper class will be awarded a wall plaque.

We also recognize when a PCC vehicle is judged more than once. In that situation, a wall plaque is awarded to the PCC member.



Shipping a car? Here's how (and why) to make the right choice

Summarized from Craig Fitzgerald of Hagerty News, January 14, 2021

Shipping can be a huge headache for those unfamiliar with the marketplace. There are a lot of choices out there, including different types of companies that offer different means of transporting your vehicle. In general, you have three options for hiring a shipper:

Point-to-point carriers



The concept of point-to-point shipping is simple: contract with a company that is in the business of automotive shipping, hiring them to move your car from Point A to Point B. Examples of point-to-point shippers include companies like Passport Transport or Reliable Carriers. If you've ever been to Barrett-Jackson or the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, or any other major auto show, most of the vehicles that show up at these events were entrusted to point-to-point shippers like this. If cost were no object, and I was hauling a high-value car to an event across the country, I absolutely would have given one of these companies a call.

Online shippers

Hop onto Google indicating you'd like to ship a car, and in an instant you'll find hundreds of vendors willing to help. Many of these outfits will offer you an online quote in seconds. Each of these companies varies in the services they offer, and the nuances between them are important. Essentially, you're posting the vehicle you want to ship, and shippers will then come at you with quotes competing for your business to ship the car. It's up to you to choose the one that best fits your needs. Cost is an object for most of us, and if we can save a couple hundred bucks shipping a \$6200 vehicle, it makes a significant impact on our overall investment.

If you do some digging into reviews on those companies that are doing the actual shipping, you'll begin to understand the truth of the adage "You get what you pay for." Of course, none of this is to say that online shipping vendors are bad. At the very least it's a good idea to get a bunch of quotes from several of them to establish a baseline understanding of what shipping your car is going to cost.

Shipping brokers

With a shipping broker, part of what you pay isn't covering the actual shipping. A portion of your fee goes to a broker who will find you an available shipper at an agreed-upon rate, without you having to research every last detail about the company responsible for hauling your car. Examples of shipping brokers include J&S Transportation and Gartho Logistics.

The principal negative with an auto shipping broker is added cost. A broker is a classic middleman. You're paying them for the service of finding you a shipper, rather than saving that fee and finding the shipper yourself. The positive, though, is that this broker's job is to deal with shipping companies. A broker's job is, ideally speaking, to use their connections and experience to pair you up with a carrier that's reliable and suited to your needs. These folks are also often available 24 hours a day to help when things go sideways. As with any other service provider, some brokers are better than others, so ask around for recommendations (or warnings) from people. Online reviews can also be helpful.

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The cost

There are several key factors that are going to impact the cost of shipping your vehicle, and these variables apply across the board, regardless of which type of shipping service you opt to enlist:

Distance

Shipping 200 miles is, as you'd expect, going to be a lot less expensive than shipping one 2000 miles with all other things being equal. Alternatively, if you're within 100 miles and a good relationship with a roadside assistance provider or local towing company, you can probably figure out a way haul your car home for a lot less money.

Open vs. closed transport

There are a lot of reasons to pay for lower-risk transport. If you're retrieving a high-end or exotic sports car, something of great personal/sentimental value, or you're shipping a vehicle to auction for sale, you're probably going to prefer closed transport. Naturally, closed transport offers better protection from damage in transit, whether it be a hailstorm or road debris. Of course, if you're willing to suffer a bit of road dirt at the very least, shipping on an open trailer is going to save you a significant amount of money.



Running vs. not running

If you've located a one-of-one barn find that won't move under its own power, you can still find a shipper that's willing to pick it up. It's just a matter of additional cost.

Obviously, everyone will have needs and requirements specific to their circumstances, but hopefully this explainer helps clarify how to resolve a variety of shipping concerns. Whether you need to roll out the red carpet of transport or simply require that a car to get from A to B, we all want our vehicles to arrive at their destination well cared-for and with no surprises. Go forth and ship with confidence!

PCC Fundraisers

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\$10 includes shipping

Grille Badge

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Order from: Gene Rogers, 811 Ford Ave., Snohomish, WA 98290

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