



NEWSLETTER OF THE PERSONALIZED CHEVROLET CHAPTER (PCC)

LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW PCC JUDGING SEASON AND NEW JUDGING RULES

2023 LEADERSHIP

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In this issue, we will be recognizing the award winners from the Area 1 All Chevy/GMC Show held in Burbank, CA on November 13, 2022. This was our last PCC event of the year. Our slideshow of PCC Winners has been updated to include all vehicles through 2022. Just [click here!](#)

Our chapter is committed to expanding the number of modified cars & trucks that will be eligible for judging. This not only helps expand our chapter but it also increases the number of vehicles that can participate at VCCA Area and Anniversary Meets.

Our PCC leadership is kicking around several ideas and we'd like to share them with interested members. We already have a listing of members from Bowling Green but we don't want to prevent others from joining in.

I'll be sending out an email soon to advise our membership how we plan to expand our chapter and our judging.

2023 DUES ARE DUE

This will be an exciting new year for the Personalized Chevy Chapter and you don't want to miss out. If you haven't already paid your 2023 dues, let's get going! Please write that check to VCCA/PCC and mail it to:

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CURRENT 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION



- **June 12-15**

45th Middle West Region Meet (Bowties in Packerland) hosted by the Packerland Region. Headquarters is the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center (adjacent to Oneida Casino), 2040 Airport Dr., Green Bay, WI. Features VCCA and PCC judging along with a Passport Tour, welcome social gathering, judging and ladies' luncheon, tour of The Automobile Gallery (housed in a 1950s-era Cadillac dealership), a special Broadway Chevrolet car show, a tour of Lambeau Field (home of the historic NFL Green Bay Packers) and closing evening banquet. For questions or registration info, contact registrar, Ray Geweke at N8188 Big Lake Ln., Sherwood, WI 54169-9666, 920-810-3092 or rgeweke@new.rr.com. or kbwyman@aol.com.

- **July 17-22**

60th Annual Central Meet hosted by the Lower Michigan Region. With two full days at North America's largest auto museum, the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, there will be plenty of time to tour the grounds. Our judged event will be held among some of the finest automobiles in the world. Other events are planned, including a welcome event, guest luncheon and plaque tour, concluding with an awards program and meal at a very special locale in Kalamazoo. The Host Hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton in Kalamazoo. Visit vcca.org and select calendar for registration forms and details. For additional info, contact Co-Chairs Tim Mehl at 734-516-9191 or Pat Mehl at 269- 217-1253 or pat.m.vcca@gmail.com.

- **August 12**

VCCA Eastern National Meet at the Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA, hosted by the New Jersey Region. This is an indoor meet and our event will be held in conjunction with the Professional Car Society Meet at the same location! For registration information please contact Erv and Becky Steinly at 484-269-7836 or keystonedirector@aol.com. For general information contact Chuck Gibson at 609-221-5435 or gibsonorgntnr@aol.com.



Nature doesn't mess around. As humans we like to think we're pretty powerful, but compared to nature we're like ants trying to swim in a blender. Hurricane Ian hit Florida hard in 2022, much harder than was initially expected, and like most hurricanes it was hard to judge how hard and where exactly it was going to hit before it was actually happening. Thankfully, this 1969 Dodge Daytona and 1970 Plymouth Superbird were since fully restored.

All Chevy/GMC Show in Burbank, CA

Congratulations to Al Osterloh and Duane Diez for their wins at the November 13, 2022 All Chevy/GMC Show in Burbank CA. This was Al's third senior win with his 1941 Stake Bed truck and he received a Senior Preservation Board with the 3 wins listed on the attached plates as shown.



Duane Diez achieved his second senior win with his 1951 '3100' Pickup, and he received his Senior Preservation Board with the 2 wins listed on the attached plates.



All PCC winners from 2016 to 2022 can be viewed on our slide show. [Click here.](#)



What is Top Tier Gas and Is It Worth It?

by Josh Noel, Autolist.com, August 5, 2022

Top Tier gas is a brand-name fuel that has been treated with specific additives and detergents to help prevent and even reverse carbon build-up inside of a vehicle's engine. A study conducted by the American Automobile Association (AAA) indicated that the fuel does what it promises and maintains cleaner engines than competing gasoline brands, meaning better operation and longevity of your vehicle's motor. Despite a slightly higher cost per gallon, about three cents per gallon, Top Tier Fuel is probably worth the extra money in the long run. Most drivers are simply trying to stretch their dollars at the pump, and may not see the benefit of exerting the effort to search out a fuel that actually costs more than the competition. This article will explain what Top Tier gas is and how it may benefit your car's long-term health.

What is Top Tier Gasoline?

As previously stated, Top Tier gas is fuel that has been treated to reduce carbon deposits, through the addition of specific detergents. You may not know that gasoline is a commodity that is refined from crude oil and then shipped, trucked, or piped to central fuel terminals, where it is comingled in large containers prior to being purchased by various gas retailers. Though it does contain antioxidants and some detergents when the fuel is in these huge tanks it really is "all the same."

After that fuel is purchased, the fuel resellers supplement the fuel with proprietary detergent additives, and that is what makes it different than competing products. If the fuel is being blended with ethanol, that is also added after it is purchased at the fuel terminal. Top Tier gasoline must be treated with approved additives, cannot have certain organometallic additives, and the retailers must display the Top Tier logo prominently at the station. The Top Tier standards and fuel additives are a special blend that meets strict requirements and can help your car run better and emit less pollution over time.

Does My Car Require Top Tier Gas?

No car requires Top Tier gasoline, but automakers do see the benefit of running engines on high-quality fuel. In 1996 the EPA began to regulate the minimum level of detergents in gasoline for road vehicles. Testing had revealed that car emissions were getting cleaner, but after a few thousand miles, carbon buildup meant that vehicles were polluting well above acceptable limits.

Building off of what the EPA had started, a group of automakers began researching the value of a predictable, quality fuel they could recommend to their customers, and improve the reliability of the car brands. In 2004, Top Tier was launched to certify fuel companies as offering fuel that met these companies' standards. Par-

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icipating manufacturers include Audi, BMW, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Stellantis (formerly Fiat-Chrysler), Toyota, and Volkswagen. These automakers recommend Top Tier detergent gasoline to support the performance and long life of their engines.

Premium, Mid-Grade, and Regular

Top Tier gasoline should not be confused with Premium gas as labeled on the pump. Octane ratings are set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and are the numbers displayed in black and yellow on the fuel pump. While a Premium rating does mean a fuel meets the minimum octane requirement, it does not necessarily indicate the product is a high-quality fuel. Gas stations selling Top Tier fuels are required to meet the same Top Tier standards for additives in Premium, Mid-Grade, and Regular Unleaded, not just meeting minimum requirements for octane. The Top Tier qualifications apply to diesel fuel as well.

Though octane level is not an indication of fuel quality, many vehicles do require a particular grade of gasoline, so be sure to check your owner's manual. A higher octane rating is generally necessary for cars that have high-compression engines or are equipped with turbochargers or superchargers. The octane rating is a measure of the fuel's stability, and the higher heat and pressure of these engines can cause lower octane fuels to combust prematurely, damaging the engine. It is important to run the minimum octane required for your vehicle, regardless of which brand of fuel you use, or gas station you fill up at.

Is Top Tier Gas Worth It?

Yep. No one ever says fuel prices are too low, but paying slightly more for a specific brand of gas can actually save you money in the long run. An independent lab tested Top Tier fuel against other non-Top Tier gasoline and found that after running for 100 hours, simulating 4000 of real-world driving, the Top Tier fuel left significantly less carbon on the intake valves, fuel injectors, and in the combustion chamber. The study also found that when running Top Tier fuels, carbon deposits in dirty engines were actually reduced by up to 72 percent after 5,000 miles. These engine deposits can cause engine trouble like rough idling, engine knocking, lagging acceleration, increased emissions, and can even reduce fuel economy. This reduced engine performance and potential long-term damage likely offset the additional cost of Top Tier fuels, which is generally less than a few cents per gallon compared to other gasoline brands.

These deposits can also cause your car to pollute more, with studies indicating that carbon monoxide emissions can be doubled in a car with carbon buildup and hydrocarbon emissions can be as much as 30% higher. A dirty engine is also less efficient with studies finding that fuel economy can go down as much as 5% due to carbon deposits. For a car that gets 20 miles per gallon that is a reduction of one mpg. That is equivalent to 0.65 gallons per fill-up for a car with a thirteen-gallon tank or \$2.60 when gas costs four dollars per gallon. To fill up that same tank with Top-Tier gasoline would cost about 39 cents more than competing brands. That quick math tells us that keeping your car's engine clean can save you money every time you fill the tank, not to mention the savings on potential repairs down the road.

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The bottom line is that even when gas prices are high, most motorists would benefit from paying a couple of cents more per gallon at the pump to maintain the performance and fuel economy of their vehicle. Carbon deposits that these fuels prevent can help your car run cleaner, smoother, and longer, in addition to maintaining the efficiency of the engine over time.

Where to Get Top Tier Fuel?

There are a large number of well-known gasoline brands and licensed retailers that offer Top Tier fuels. Any of the stations listed below should offer only fuel that meets the Top Tier standard, though each brand uses a unique formula. If in doubt look for the Top Tier signage when you fill up, to be sure you are getting high-quality fuel that is better for your car. For a complete list of retailers, you can check out toptiergas.com.

- 76
- Aloha
- ARCO
- Beacon
- Breakaway
- Cenex
- Chevron
- CITGO
- Conoco
- Costco Wholesale
- CountryMark
- CountryMark Plus
- Diamond Shamrock
- Express Mart
- Exxon
- Fast Fuel
- GetGo
- Holiday
- Harmons Fuel Stop
- Hawaii Fueling Network (HFN)
- Hele
- Kirkland Signature Gasoline
- Kwik Star
- Kwik Trip
- Marathon
- Meijer
- Meijer Express
- Metro Petro
- Mobil
- Ohana Fuels
- Phillips 66
- QT
- Quik Trip
- Ranger
- Ranger Fuel
- Ranger Fuel
- Ranger Mustang
- Ranger Stallion
- Ranger Thoroughbred
- Reeders
- Road Ranger
- Rutter's
- Shamrock
- Shell
- Simonson Station Stores
- Sinclair
- Sunoco
- Texaco
- Tobacco Outlet Plus Grocery
- Valero
- Value America
- WOW
- Win Win

Guys, I know this was a long article but I thought it was worth it. It was news to me! / Ron