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65TH ANNIVERSARY MEET PREPARATIONS



What should you do now to get ready for the 65th Anniversary Meet in Rapid City, SD scheduled for July 12-16, 2026? If you are bringing a vehicle, make plans to check its drivability and safety items, and spruce up it's appearance for a drive

through the Black Hills. As it takes many hands to make an Anniversary Meet a success, please consider volunteering at the event. To date, we still need members to 1) chair the ladies' luncheon, 2) organize children's activities, 3) direct the volunteers, 4) coordinate international members, 5) plan the opening/welcome event and 6) manage the trailer parking. Plus, members are needed for other positions as well. For more information, contact Mary James, 65th Anniversary Meet Chairperson, at 763 682-3111 or anniversary@vcca.org. Thanks for your consideration.



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Director's Message

July 2024



Dear PCC friends,

While Summer is fully underway, soon in many parts of the country, the leaves will begin to show their wonderful shades of color as autumn sets in.

PCC judging is now a benefit of PCC membership with no additional cost charged to members by PCC for their vehicles to participate in PCC judging. So, take advantage of this new member benefit and show your Chevrolet or GMC at a VCCA meet wherever PCC judging is offered this year!

Congratulations to Jim McDonald and his 1959 Bel Air which he registered for PCC judging in the Sleeper Class at the Mid-West Meet in Iowa in June. PCC member Ron Proven (from Auroa, CO) served as the PCC Judge. Thanks to both for making PCC judging a success at the Mid-West Meet this year!

Thanks to Sabrina Karras for arranging the PCC tour in Area 1 to the Peterson Museum, in Los Angeles. Gary Howard (from Irvine, CA) will lead this tour. Thank you, Gary! Look elsewhere in this issue of *MyWay* for all the tour details.

Until next time, remember; life is a journey -- not a destination, so relax and enjoy the ride!

Jim

Jim Karras, #43031
2024 PCC Director

WANTED: CHARTER MEMBERS FOR NEW REGION



Several VCCA members in the Middle Tennessee area are forming the Williamson County Region. They are attempting to contact potential charter members for the new region. If you are interested in becoming a member and enjoy the many benefits of a Region like tours, car shows, social activities and camaraderie, please contact Mark Fliegler, VCCA #43568, at (949) 290-7865 director@wcrvcca.org.

Editors Note: Hope you enjoy the newsletter and I apologize for the delay. Please do not hesitate to send me anything for inclusion in the future. It would be great to hear some details on some of these nice cars our chapter has. My wife finds it hard to believe it takes five years to build a car. :-)

May be



CURRENT 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION

July 8

[All Chevrolet/GMC Summer Cruise Night – Oyster Bay, NY](#)

July 8, 2024 | Oyster Bay, NEW YORK All Chevrolet/GMC Summer Cruise Night hosted by the Long Island Region. 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Rain date: August 12 (same time). Free Admission only for Chevrolet and GMC trucks, stock or modified cars. Don't need to be a Region member to attend. RSVP if possible. Oyster Bay Community Center, 59 Church St. (behind the fire dept.) For more info, contact Chris Geiger at 631-757-5021 (home), 631-988-4005 (mobile) or chevyrod1938@aol.com.

July 24 - July 28

[61st Annual Central Meet – Strongsville, OH](#)

61st Annual Central Meet hosted by the Cuyahoga Valley Region.
Strongsville, OHIO

The longest running VCCA Meet will include national judging, a Plaque Tour through the Cleveland Metroparks, a Ladies Luncheon, fine fellowship and much more. Meet Headquarters is the Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd. Call 855-516-1090 or 440-238-8880 with the discount code of VCCA for the room rate of \$119/night. Deadline for registration is June 15. For registration forms and questions, contact the Registration Chairperson Janice Carter at centralmeet2024@gmail.com or 440-338-3097. For general questions, contact Mike Walters at cuyahogavalleyregion@gmail.com or 216-272-3001.

July 28

[20th Annual All-Vehicle Show – Reisterstown, Maryland](#)

July 28, 2024 | Reisterstown, MARYLAND 20th Annual All-Vehicle Show hosted by the Free State Region celebrating their 50th Anniversary. All makes, models and eras are welcome. Theme: Friendly and Fun. Dash Plaques to first 150 vehicles. Presenting 25 Awards: Reisterstown Park Choice, Judges Top Choice, Best of Era, Best of Best, Best Truck, Best Modified, Most Promising, Longest Distance Driven. Pre-registration \$15 by July 20 receives one FREE hot dog & cold beverage per vehicle. \$15 day of show. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., arrive by noon to be judged. Gates open 8:30 am. Food available at concession stand. Rain or Shine event. To register or for other info, contact Mike Natale at 443-465-7492, mrnatale@verizon.net or visit www.freestateregionvcca.org.

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August 8 - August 11

[Annual Big Sky Tour – Helena Montana](#)

Annual Big Sky Tour.

Helena, MONTANA

All-cylinder vehicles are welcome to participate in this Passport Tour. Hub and spoke tour headquartering in Helena. Tour routes and activities to be determined. Friday and Saturday will be area day trips. The host hotel is the Comfort Suites, 3180 N. Washington, with rooms blocked under VCCA. Make hotel reservations at 406-195-0505, 406-513-1145 or MT075@stayatchoice.com. For more information, contact Joann Hosko at 406-363-1509 or joann. hosko@gmail.com.

August 24

[Driving Tour to Petersen Automotive Museum – LA, CA](#)

August 24 – Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA

Hosted by the Personalized Chevrolet Chapter (PCC). Open to all PCC and VCCA members. The tour starts at 10:00 am. Petersen Museum is located at 6060 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA. Lunch will follow the tour on your own at several local restaurants close to the museum. This tour is eligible for passport miles.

For ticket pricing, more information, and to RSVP contact Tour Master Sabrina Karras at (714) 287-4757 or sabrinakarras@aol.com.

September 8 - September 12

[5th Annual Pacific Early 6 Cylinder Tour – Jackson, CA](#)

5th Annual Pacific Early 6 Cylinder Tour.

Jackson, CALIFORNIA

Come join in with us on a four-day tour of the beautiful Sierras and the gold country of California. We will be touring several historic areas, including the mining towns of Columbia and Sutter Creek and the town of Lone. The tour will be limited to 35 Chevys only from 1929-41. The host hotel will be the Jackson Rancheria Casino resort with the RV park near the casino. For more info, contact Rod McCarthy at 805-588-1539 or r.l.mccarthy@hotmail.com or Bruce DeFord at 360-904-7935 or dechevy32@gmail.com.

September 16 - September 21

[18th Annual Southwest Fall Tour – Colorado Springs, CO](#)

18th Annual Southwest Fall Tour.

Colorado Springs, COLORADO

Come join us for a fun filled tour of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains! Visiting the Garden of the Gods Park, riding the Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway, touring the Glen Eyrie Castle and experiencing a chuck wagon dinner at the Flying W Ranch are just some of the fun activities planned. And of course, we will be enjoying the beauty of the region from the front seat of our vintage vehicles. Limited to 1912-1954 Chevrolets and GMCs. Registration deadline is August 15, 2024. For more info, contact Dean Echols at deanechols38@gmail.com or 928-710-4325.

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October 13

20th Annual All Chevrolet Car Show – Costa Mesa CA

Costa Mesa, CALIFORNIA 20th Annual All Chevrolet Car Show hosted by the Orange County Region. VCCA National and PCC Judging. Connell Chevrolet, 2626 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more info: Registration Chair Susan Hergenreter at 714-814-7938

or registration@ocrvcca.org Meet Chair Denis Hergenreter at 714-746-4200

or carshow@ocrvcca.org Chief Judge Jim Karras at 714-336-0212 or judging@ocrvcca.org.

Visit ocrvcca.org for more details.

October 14 - October 18

20th Annual Southern Fall Tour – Wichita KS

October 14-18, 2024 | Wichita, KANSAS 20th Annual Southern Fall Tour. Visit, touch and learn about one of only two airworthy B-29 Flying Fortresses. Ride a 1949 vintage carousel, walk and dine among the dinosaurs, visit a Wild West cow town re-creation that has been used in several movies, hand feed exotic animals and more. Spend a week touring and experiencing the greater Wichita, KS area in your pre-1955 Chevy or GMC. Tour is limited to 40 vehicles, so register early.

For more info: Chip Sweet at 979-233-1600, chevychip@yahoo.com or PO Box 201, Lake Jackson, TX or Tiny Thomas at vccatiny@outlook.com

November 1 - November 2

2024 Eastern National Meet – Virginia Beach, VA

NOVEMBER 1-2, 2024 Virginia Beach, VIRGINIA
2024 Eastern National Meet

Join us for some casual southern hospitality at the America's Auto Auction facility after the summer heat and crowds have left!

Friday Nov. 1 afternoon and evening:

Show field & trailer parking open, field check and Meet check-in available followed by dinner & VCCA Judging Seminar.

Saturday, Nov. 2:

Show field & trailer parking open, field check and Meet check-in, food available, show with National VCCA and Personalized Chevrolet Chapter judging (or display only) for all 1999 and older Chevrolets and GMCs, followed by the awards presentation. For full information including registration, judging guidelines and lodging, contact Meet Chair: Robert Parrish
1221 Smokey Mountain Trail, Chesapeake, VA 23320-8151.

bowtiebobp@aol.com (preferred) 757-739-1608 (Eastern)

Pre-registration required by October 11, 2024. For missed deadline, contact Meet Chair to check for availability. Early registration appreciated.

There's no excuse

So you are planning a trip....

• by Randy Noeldner

The following checklist is compiled from the article in the last My Way. This list is NOT intended to be all inclusive and certainly not to be carried in the trunk of your car for every road trip. Some items could be dropped and others could be added but this list should be a good starting point and cover all the bases of possible need. Like they say at Homeland Security, "If you see something—say something." Well here we mean if you don't see an item you think would be helpful, send an email and say something. Thanks.

Touring Check List

TOOLS:

Pliers
Needle nose pliers
Vice Grips
Screwdrivers
Crescent wrench
Set of wrenches
Ignition wrenches
Allen Wrenches
Socket set
Spark plug socket
Hammer
Punch/Chisel
Hack saw
Breaker bar
Flash light/Pen light
Flat file
Round file
Jack knife
Lug wrench
Scissors
Infrared Thermometer
Specialty tools that are vehicle specific
Jumper cables
Jump start battery pack
Gas can
Straining funnel
Fix-A-Flat
Drill Bits

ELECTRICAL:

Electrical wire-Variou sizes
Wire connectors
Wire nuts
Alligator clips
6/12 volt electric test light
Volt meter
Max fuse
Buss fuse
Tail light bulbs (6/12 volt)

FASTENERS:

Electrical Tape
Bailing wire
Duct tape
Wire ties/connectors
Bungee cords
Zip ties
Hose clamps
Rope
Assortment of bolts/fasteners

FLUIDS:

Penetrating Oil
Motor oil
Water
Brake fluid
Power steering fluid
Washer Fluid

SAFETY:

First Aid Kit
Fire extinguisher
Reflective vest
Phone charger
Phone HELP list (by MSRA —named Who You Going to Call)
Road flares or triangles
Rain suit
Umbrella
Gloves-Mechanics
Gloves-Rubber
Coveralls
12 volt – 120 volt converter
12-volt air-compressor
Car Jack
Bottle jack
Floor jack
Jack stand
Tow strap

CAR CARE:

Bucket
Sponge
Car soap
Squeegee,
Drying towels, chamois
Car wax/Spray detailer
Bug/Tar Spray
Micro-fiber towels
Whisk broom
Garden Hose,
Hose Nozzle (Sprayer)
Rain-X, glass cleaner
Garbage bags
Hand cleaner
Rags
Paper towels

PARTS: Vehicle Specific

Starter, Bendix
Generator
Water Pump Packing
Ignition Parts
Points, Coil, Conden-
ser, Distributor cap,
Spark Plugs, Plug
Wires
Relays- Fan, Horn
Fuel filter
Fan, Generator belts
Throttle return spring
Spare tire
Inner tubes, patches
Spare radiator

MISCELLANIOUS:

Paper and Pencil/Pen
Maps/Gazetteer/Road Atlas
Garmin/TomTom
Spare Keys
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GO BAGS: Small travel bag or case put together depending on the year of the automobile. For example: a bag for early 6 cylinders, a bag for later 6 cylinders, a bag V-8's. Each bag would contain items appropriate for the vintage automobile of that era.

The idea of the checklist is NOT to take all these items in your vehicle but split it up with those you are traveling with or have in your chase vehicle or trailer, if on a spoke tour. Enjoy and safe travels.

Compiled by Jeff Pettis based on Randy Noeldner's article. Sept 2023.





***The FIRST VCCA–PCC Driving Tour is coming.
August 24–Los Angeles
Area 1 Driving Tour to the Petersen Automotive Museum***



PCC Area 1 Tour to the

**PETERSEN
AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM**



6060 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036

The group will enjoy lunch at a choice of several local eateries near the museum afterwards.

ALL VCCA Members are WELCOME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 | 10:00 AM (RSVP by Monday, August 19th)

Tickets: \$21 - Purchase in advance online at: <https://www.petersen.org/tickets>

Parking Fee: \$21 (Paid On-site) [Enter off 8th and Fairfax Ave.]

After purchasing your tickets, RSVP to PCC at: <https://pccvcca.org/area1tour/>

For information email: director@pccvcca.org

PCC Member Gary Howard will serve as the PCC tour coordinator at the museum.

1954 Pontiac Bonneville Special



1955 Chevrolet Biscayne



1953 Pontiac Parisienne



Deadline for the Sept/Oct Newsletter is August 15, 2024

Annual Northwest Meet June 12-16, 2024

Hosted by the Columbia River Region

The Dalles, OR

CONGRATULATIONS TO 3 Beautiful Cars

John Campbell VCCA #25056

SeaTac, WA

1950 Sport Coupe—SLEEPER AWARD



Bell Fuller VCCA # 15856
Portland, OR
1953 Woodie—SENIOR AWARD



Jerry Yoder VCCA #40614
Lake Tapps, WA
1946 Suburban —SENIOR AWARD



61st Central Meet July 24-27, 2024
Hosted by the Cuyahoga Valley Region
Strongsville, OH

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2 Beautiful Cars

Donald Andersen VCCA #50313

Carmel, IN

70 Chevelle SS—SENIOR SLEEPER AWARD #4



The Cuyahoga Region elected to give Best of Show to the PCC class as well as to the CDPC class. Donald was selected as Best of Show for PCC cars.



James Ritchie VCCA #58105

Indianapolis, IN

1987 El Camino—Junior Contemporary AWARD #1



Planning to set up a tour?

The VCCA encourages members to set up tours to keep the local chapters active and to create excitement that may encourage non members to join. The Resource Center found on the VCCA website has a booklet and the forms (in PDF format) that will assist you in getting started. The information includes the Touring Guidelines Manual, a Touring Registration Form Sample, a Touring Roster Sample, a Touring Supplies List, as well as a Touring Survival Kit (very similar to what is posted in this issue).

The Touring Guidelines Manual is 22 pages of the step by step process as well as good things to consider, such as Alternate Plans, Trouble Trailers, etc.

The tour MUST be approved to make it an official VCCA tour. The requirements and the request form are all included in the booklet.

Begin your planning early and make sure you do a dry run or two to make sure your route is safe and has the necessary stops needed to have an enjoyable ride.

The more outings we can have with our VCCA vehicles, the more fun they are and all of the efforts to keep them running and in good shape are well worth it. I have yet to be on a tour or local ride when it doesn't turn into a car show.

Enjoy and stay safe out there.



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