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Director's Message

November 2024



Dear PCC friends,

Sabrina and I made the move from California to Mount Pleasant, Michigan. We arrived in time to see the leaves turn bringing the vibrant colors of Fall!

Not long after we settled into our new Michigan home, we were boarding a plane to return to Orange County to assist the Orange County Region with the Area 1 Costa Mesa meet at Connell Chevrolet. There were five PCC vehicles judged at the meet! Congratulations to each Area 1 PCC member participating in the Costa Mesa Meet. Look for more details on our members' vehicles at this Meet elsewhere in this issue of MyWay.

If you are in Area 1, there is a second opportunity in November to participate in PCC judging at the Area 1 Burbank meet hosted by the San Fernando Valley Region. Visit sfvrcca.org to learn more.

We will be conducting officer elections starting this month. Nominations will be open shortly and soon thereafter; electronic ballots will be emailed to each member for voting.

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

Jim



Jim Karras, #43031
2024 PCC Director

GMC

It's not toasted



CURRENT 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION



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.

bowtiebob@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.

November 10

Area 1 All Chevrolet/GMC - Burbank, CA

Hosted by the San Fernando Valley Region, National VCCA and Personalized Chevrolet Chapter (PCC) judging. Community Chevrolet, 200 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA.

For more info or to request an application, contact Steve Rosenberg at 805 379-9666 or SFVRegionVCCA@aol.com.

February 22, 2025

7th Annual Car Show hosted by the Gulf Coast Region

February 22, 2025 | Palm Harbor, FLORIDA 7th Annual Car Show hosted by the Gulf Coast Region. East Lake United Methodist Church, 2801 E. Lake Rd. Benefits the ToyMakers of East Lake. Open to all makes and models of cars and trucks. Music and prize giveaways, 50/50 drawing, trophies for 1st and 2nd in each class (car owner must be present to receive trophy). Registration fee \$20 online before 2/20 or US mail in before 2/15, \$25 day of show.

Registration limited to 100 vehicles from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., trophy presentation at 2:30 p.m. Plaques for the first 50 vehicles registered. For more info, visit <http://www.gulfcoastvcca.com/> or call Patrick Kroeger at 727-488-9759.

Deadline for the Jan/Feb Newsletter is Dec 15, 2024

It's not dated



COSTA MESA MEET

Orange County Region, VCCA

Dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of Chevrolet and GMC vehicles.

PCC PARTICIPANTS



Gary Howard's 55



Jim Long's 53



Mark & Deborah Bird's 69



Valarie Miranda Lopez's 55

But look out --

2024 GRAND CHAMPION FOR HOT AUGUST NIGHTS

(The following two articles are NOT PCC cars but they sure fit the requirements. It is always nice to see quality craftsmanship and the fact our hobby is alive and well.)

In the second annual competition, Charlie and Alanna Butts of Loomis, CA claimed the top prize of Grand Champion at the [2024 Hot August Nights Finale](#) held August 11th, 2024, in Reno, NV. Built by the talented team at Roseville Rod & Custom, the 1957 Chevy Bel Air Convertible earned its place at the top.



Charlie and Alanna's '57 received their invite to compete for the HAN Grand Champion at the 2024 Townsman Car Show in Sacramento, CA. For the next 12 months, the Bel Air will be the face of Hot August Nights, being used for marketing, shirts, posters, website, and a several other promotional projects throughout the 2025.

So to back up the statement our hobby is alive and well, my wife and I just completed our third of three VCCA tours this fall, just getting back home from Wichita, Kansas.

On each of the tours our groups were met with quite a bit of enthusiasm including horns honking, thumbs up, yells of 'Nice Cars', and lots of admirers every time we stopped.

But to really put this statement in perspective I have to tell about one of tours, inside the tour. McPherson College, McPherson, KS. They have the one and only four year Bachelors Degree in Automotive Restoration. Currently there are 177 students enrolled from Freshmen to Seniors. The 2025 academic year will include 36 females. We were able to tour the facilities and ask questions as well as talk to the students as much as we wanted. Each student must take each core class, which is a semester long. That means each one does upholstery, paint, body sheet metal, electronics, mechanical, etc. Once they have completed the core subjects, they can dive deeper into any or all of those areas through electives. It is a pretty neat school and all of the students I spoke with were very excited to be there. We are in good hands.

Jeff Pettis-Editor

It's imitated

2024 Ridler Award

Dave Kindig (Kindig-it Design) '53 Corvette Custom



Hot Rod and Motor Trend writers both posted the results of the 2024 Detroit Autorama Ridler Award. The two articles complement each other telling the story of the five year secret build of this amazing concept car.

The Ridler Award started in 1964 and was designed to award the top car builders in the industry. This car is all hand built including the aluminum body and sub-frame.

This build, as are many of the Ridler builds, does not reflect the tools or abilities of many of our personal shops.



Insist on



Speaking about tools....the technology used in designing this car included the use of 3-D scanners, Tri-axis CNC machines, 3-D printers and lots of prototyping before final castings were made and refined.



For more on this fantastic build, read Steven Rupp's Hot Rod article or John McGann's Motor Trend article for more information. This build is worth the read. Photographs courtesy of Andrew Link.



IDEAS FOR THE SHOP—Tips and Tricks

So how many times have you needed to get some paint out of a can and you find the lid stuck to the can? If you can get it pried off, you are left with a bunch of dried paint and a severely bent up lip making certain you will never get that lid back on it ever again.

I have a cheap little trick I use every time I pop a lid off my paint cans. I take a strip of 3/8 solid braded nylon rope (3/16 inch for quart cans) and push it in the lip (Photo 1) before I even start stirring the paint. Once my paint is mixed and poured, I end up with a fairly clean can (Photo 2). I wipe the edge of the can with some thinner, pull the rope and wipe off what little is in the lip. (Photo 3) Once the thinner is wiped off, I put a piece of Saran Wrap over the can (Photo 4) and tap the lid back on (Photo 5). Super simple.



Photo 1—Rope is inserted in the lip



Photo 2—Paint has been poured and side of the can has been wiped clean.



Photo 3— Rope is removed and paint has been wiped from the lip.



Photo 4—Saran Wrap placed on top before sealing the lid.



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