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Director's Message



January 2025

Dear PCC friends,

Winter has arrived here in Central Michigan! We enjoyed a wonderful white Christmas and have settled into our new home with three of the seasons behind us.

Your PCC leadership team is happy to report that each interim officer for 2024 has agreed to stay on for 2025! Therefore, unless any member wants to be nominated for an officer position, the online electronic balloting period for the 2025 PCC officers will commence at 1 PM PT on Sunday, January 5th. Voting will close on Sunday, January 11th, at 8 PM. Each PCC member will receive an email with the link to the ballot and the password.

The PCC had an active 2024 season, with its members involved in VCCA activities in many areas. Meet chairs from around the country have already reached out to invite PCC participation at their events in 2025. We need volunteer PCC judges for every VCCA area. If you are interested in serving as a PCC judge or want to support PCC judging in your area, please get in touch with me at director@pccvcca.org.

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

Jim

Jim Karras, #43031
2024 PCC Director



Stomach ache!



CURRENT 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION

JANUARY 12

[50th Annual Swap Meet, Peotone, IL](#)

Hosted by the Great Lake Region. Car parts for all makes and models at the Will County Fairgrounds, 710 West St. \$7.00 donation at the door. Heated 10x10 indoor spaces, \$30 each. Eight-foot tables, \$5 each. Vendor setup Saturday, January 11 from 12:00 noon—3:00 p.m. Meet hours: Sunday from 7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Food and drinks available. For more info, contact Jim McDonald at 708-485-3633 or oldcarswapmeet@aol.com

FEBRUARY 22

[7th Annual Car Show—Palm Harbor, FL](#)

Hosted by the Gulf Coast Region, East Lake United Methodist Church, 2801 E. Lake road. Benefits the Toy Makers 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 \$20.00 online before 2/20 or US mail in before 2/15, \$25.00 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.

MARCH 8-9

[51st Annual Automotive Swap Meet & Parts Exchange—Glendale, AZ](#)

Hosted by the Central Arizona Region. “One and Only” oldest continuous running swap meet in the Valley of the Sun at Glendale Community College, 59th Ave and Olive. Open to all automotive relate items. Free admission and parking. Vendor swap spaces are still only \$35 for a 20x20 space; car corral spaces are only \$10. Funds provide financial assistance for many local charitable organizations. Vendor set-up and registration starts on Friday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Meet is on Saturday and Sunday, starting each day at 5:00 a.m. For more info, contact Dean Echols at 928-710-4325 or deanchols38@gmail.com

APRIL 7-12

[25th Annual Southern Tour—Stillwater, OK](#)

Hosted by the Heart of Route 66 Region. Join us as we visit Oil & Ranch Country and some Indian Nations, specifically Stillwater, Drumright/Cushing, Ponca City, Guthrie and Pawnee. Limited to VCCA members with 1912 –54 Chevrolets/GMC’s—restricted to 40 automobiles. Host motel is the Wyndham Gardens in Stillwater, OK. Call 405-377-7010 and ask for the Southern Spring Tour rate of \$129.00, includes breakfast. For Tour registration info, contact Errol Russell at 405-206-0002 or ewrussell@cox.net.

APRIL 30- May 03**All Cal 2025 Tour—Pismo Beach, CA**

Hosted by the Central Coast Region. The tour will visit various points of interest throughout the beautiful Central Coast of California, culminating with a community car show at Arroyo Grande Chevrolet. For more info or to request an application, contact Steve Cochran at vccacentralcoast@gmail.com or 805-598-5883.

JUNE 9-13**47th Middle West Meet—Spring Green/Barneveld, WI**

Hosted by members of Areas 4-5. VCCA and Personalized Chevrolet Chapter (PCC) judging, plus two full days of touring. Come early on Sunday, June 8 for added touring of historical landmarks at your convenience. Arrive on Monday, June 9 for prejudging and welcome activities. Hotel checkout is Friday, June 13. Touring sites include; The House on the Rock, The Ring Brothers custom automobiles, New Glarus Brewing Company and the historic Swiss Village of New Glarus, WI. Registration deadline is May 9, 2025. For registration and host hotel info, please contact Fred Schnell at 920-901-6020 or fschnell@isol.net

JULY 15-18**54th Northwest Meet—Bellingham, WA**

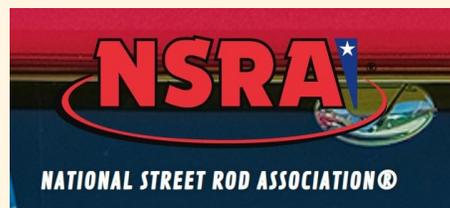
Hosted by the Puget Sound Region. Registration cut-off date and hotel headquarters will be announced next month. All Chevrolets/GMCs are welcome and VCCA Sanctioned Judging will be provided. For more info, watch for the ad in next month's G&D or contact Tom Taricco at tom@taricco.net or 425-503-1360.

JULY 23-26**62nd Central Meet— Findlay, OH**

Hosted by the Western Buckeye Region. "We're not whistlin' Dixie, but you can drive the Dixie Highway!" to participate in fun activities, swap meets, a nearby local car show, VCCA judging, a plaque tour and an awards banquet. Watch for more meet details as the Meet dates get closer. The host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn, but two others are nearby. You can book your room now, using the "VCCA Central Meet" rate at the Hilton Garden Inn (567-250-2525 at \$144/night), Holiday Inn Express (567-271-0330 at \$134/night) or Country Inn & Suites (419-422-4200 at \$119/night). For more info, contact Meet Chairman Dan Groman at 419-231-3710 or jdq4635@yahoo.com.

- NON-VCCA EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST -

MARCH 14-15 SCOTTSDALE, AZ
15th Fitech Fuel Injection Spring Nat.



APRIL 25-27 BAKERSFIELD, CA
Western Street Rod Nationals

Toothache!

JANUARY 7-19

Kissimmee Mecum Auction, Kissimmee, FL

Osceola Heritage Park

JANUARY 12

Hi Performance Swap Meet and Car Show , Long Beach CA

800-762-9785 or www.toppingevents.com

JANUARY 15-18

NCRS Corvette Event, Melbourne, FL

813-359-5000 smallblk67@gmail.com

JANUARY 18-19

47th Annual Autoparts and Swap-n-Sell, West Springfield, MA

860-268-1787 www.apswapsell.com Eastern States Exhibition Complex

JANUARY 18-26

2025 Scottsdale Auction, Scottsdale, AZ

Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction

FEBRUARY 16

33rd Annual BOPC Swap Meet and Car Corral, St. Charles, IL

BOPC = Buick Olds Pont Cadillac Parts, 25 So. Randall Road, St. Charles

FEBRUARY 21-23

78th McCormicks Collector Car Auction, Palm Springs, CA

Palm Springs Convention Center—Palm Springs, CA

FEBRUARY 21

50th Decatur Swap Meet, Decatur, TX

940-389-0054 Wise County Fairgrounds, Decatur, TX

MARCH 21-22

55th Annual Parts Meet, Westminster, MD

Sugarloaf Mountain Region of AACA, Westminster, MD

Holy Red Streak Batman.....did you see that?

Was it a Bird?

A Plane?

Superman?

.....unbelievable.

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Dentist --



The 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 holds the record for the fastest speed of any car ever built by an American automaker, reaching 233 miles per hour (mph).

This record-breaking feat was achieved by General Motors President Mark Reuss at the Automotive Testing Papenburg (ATP) High-Speed Oval Track in Germany.

The ZR1's advanced aerodynamics, carbon fiber aero package, Michelin Pilot Sport 4S tires, and chassis designed for stability contribute to its speed, handling, and control.

The ZR1 is also the fastest production car under \$1 million. It can go from 0 to 60 mph in 2.3 seconds.

The National Corvette Museum also has a highly modified 1984 Corvette that holds the record for "World's Fastest Corvette". This car reached a top speed of 271.04 mph at a Bonneville salt flat speed trial in 1988.



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Whiskers!

IDEAS FOR THE SHOP—Tips and Tricks

Credit to Randy Noeldner

(Not a VCCA Member but an Old Car Enthusiast & Friend)

Sandblasting cabinet ideas:

I enjoy sandblasting parts and am amazed at how one can take a neglected, rusty piece of metal and transform it into a newer looking part. Years ago I was fortunate to work for a company that had a couple of sandblasting cabinets, and part of my job was to blast small parts once or twice a month. I wanted to have a cabinet at home and eventually chose to go with the cheaper Harbor Freight sandblasting cabinet. It has done everything I have expected of it, but there are a couple of simple things one can do to improve it.

The cabinet comes with a couple of clear plastic sheets to protect the glass. It doesn't take long before those become hazy and replacement is needed. If you go to a fabric store, they have clear plastic that you can purchase by the yard. I went to Joanne Fabrics. It can be trimmed to the size of the viewing glass and can be attached with double-sided tape or blue painters tape.

If you have longer parts than your cabinet can hold, you can enlarge the cabinet. I used a hole saw to cut a hole in the end of the cabinet. I then glued a 4 inch PVC cleanout with threaded plug into the cabinet. (See picture 1) On the inside of the cabinet, I attached a piece of an old inner tube with slits cut into it to keep the media in the cabinet when the plug is removed. (See picture 2)

Media falling out of the cabinet and onto the floor when the door is opened can also be annoying. The problem can be solved by attaching a catch can under the door. I used an old fluorescent light fixture housing. I drilled a hole into it and put a plug in the hole so that media can be removed when it gets full. I also attached a rubber flap under the door so the media would fall into the catch can. (See picture 3)



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