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NEXT—PCC ZOOM MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

1:00 pm ET



## Director's Message



### July 2025

Dear PCC friends,

As I write this, it's June 21<sup>st</sup>, the official first day of Summer! Spring came and went quickly, and we are bracing for tornadoes, high winds, temperatures in the 90s, and humidity of 75% or higher, all within one week! Life in the Midwest is interesting!

Congratulations to Ron Proven and his beautiful '53 pickup, and Jim and Laura McDonald and their gorgeous '59 Bel Air. Both vehicles received PCC awards at the Middle West Meet in June. Look for pictures and all the details in this issue!

There continues to be increased interest by VCCA board members and committee members in the PCC and its participation at National and Area Meets. I've been asked to present and participate in discussions on behalf of PCC at the request of several committees seeking more information about PCC. Stay tuned!

We are making headway with identifying local PCC Liasons within each VCCA Area to help assist VCCA members with PCC-related questions and inquiries. However, more help is needed! We are seeking PCC member volunteers in Ohio, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, and Oregon. Please call me to get involved or learn more.

Until next time, remember life is a journey, not a destination. So, relax and enjoy the ride!

*Jim*

Jim Karras, #43031

PCC Director



Several million



# CURRENT 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION

## July 14

### **Chevrolet/GMC Truck Cruise Night – Oyster Bay, NY**

July 14, 2025 | Oyster Bay, New York Chevrolet/GMC Truck Cruise Night hosted by the Long Island Region. All VCCA members and potential new region members are welcome to display their cars for free from 6:30-9:30 pm at a special cruise night featuring only vintage Chevrolets and GMC trucks. Come meet members of your local region and discover the great benefits of membership. Take Rt. 106 north into Oyster Bay, turn right onto Main St. at the Sagamore Hill sign. Then, make the first right at stop sign onto Church St. and the white meeting hall. RSVP if possible to Chris Geiger at [chevyrod1938@aol.com](mailto:chevyrod1938@aol.com), 631 757-5021 (call) or 631 988-4005 (call or text) on evening of display. Rain date is August 11.

## July 15-18

### **54th Northwest Meet — Bellingham, WA**

54th Northwest Meet hosted by the Puget Sound Region. Headquarters and Meet Hotel will be the Holiday Inn and Suites; 4260 Mitchell Way, Bellingham, WA 98266. Call 360 746-6844 **BY MARCH 31, 2025** and mention "Chevrolet Car Club: to get the Meet rate. RVers should get reservations at the Bellingham RV Park, 360 752-1224, as soon as possible due to summertime popularity. Many scenic tours, old Chevy, fun and camaraderie with other VCCA members from the northwest and around the world. All Chevrolets/GMCs are welcome and VCCA and PCC Sanctioned Judging will be provided. For more info, see ad in April G&D page 41. or at [www.psrvcca.weebly.com/54th-nw-meet](http://www.psrvcca.weebly.com/54th-nw-meet) or contact Tom Taricco at [tom@taricco.net](mailto:tom@taricco.net) or 425 503-1360.

## JULY 16

### **Second Annual Car Show and Silent Movie — Atlantic City, NJ**

Wednesday 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Hosted by the New Jersey Region. Indoor car show located on the main arena of Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, the worlds largest pipe organ. The car show begins at 2:00 p.m. and the movie begins at 5:00 p.m. You can sit in your car and watch the movie or sit anywhere in the arena seating. FREE registration for the driver and one passenger. Access to the arena is at the intersection of Pacific and Georgia Avenues. Please pre-register so we know how many to expect. Contact Chuck Gibson 609 221-5435 or [Gibsonorgntnr@aol.com](mailto:Gibsonorgntnr@aol.com) or [boardwalkorgans.org](http://boardwalkorgans.org).

**Modern men**

**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](mailto:jdq4635@yahoo.com).

**JULY 27****21st Annual All-Vehicle Show – Reisterstown, MD**

Show hosted by the Free State Region. Reisterstown Regional Park, 401 Mitchell Dr., Reisterstown, MD. All makes, models, and eras are welcome. Theme: Friendly and Fun. Presenting 26 Awards—Reisterstown Park Choice, Judges Top Choice, Best of Era, Best of Best, Best Truck (2), Best Motorcycle, Best Modified (2), Most Promising and Longest Distance Driven. Registration \$15, Preregistration by July 18 greatly appreciated. Gates open at 8:30 am. Show time 9:00 am-2:00 pm (earlier this year), arrive by 11:00 am to be judged. Food, indoor restrooms and playground area for kids available. Family friendly area with covered pavilion. Rain or Shine event. To register or for other info, contact Mike Natale at 443-465-7492, [mrnatale@verizon.net](mailto:mrnatale@verizon.net) or visit [www.freestateregionvcca.org](http://www.freestateregionvcca.org).

**AUGUST 14-17****Big Sky Annual Tour — Dillon, MT**

All –Cylinder, Chevy and GMC vehicles, 25 years and older, for this hub and spoke Passport tour headquartering in Dillon. Friday and Saturday include area day trips, as well as Beaverhead County Museum and Montana’s First Territorial Capital, Bannack State Park, a very well preserved ghost town. We plan to visit a neon-sign shop, as well as other sights/sites TBD. The host hotel is Fairbridge Inn Express, 406 683-3636. A block of rooms will be held until August 1, under Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. Contact Joann Hosko at 406 363-1509 or [joann.hosko@gmail.com](mailto:joann.hosko@gmail.com) for more details.

**AUGUST 18****Fun Day Monday Annual Antique Car Show — Port Washington, NY**

Held at North Hempstead Beach Park, 175 West Shore Road, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Rain date: Thursday, August 21) Sponsored by the Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jennifer DeSena, Town Board and the Department of Services for the Aging, along with the Queens Chapter of the VCCA. Special Salute to the Armed Forces. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. No fee to enter a vehicle. No preregistration required. Contacts: Howie Fishman 516 662-9379, [hfishman52@aol.com](mailto:hfishman52@aol.com) or Sebastian D’Agostino 917 837-5833, [srdagostino@aol.com](mailto:srdagostino@aol.com)

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## SEPTEMBER 7-11

### 4-6-8 Cylinder Tour - Dover, Ohio

Combining the VCCA Six Cylinder and Happy Days Tours, Cruzin' in Amish Country opens with a banquet on Sunday, September 7 and closes with one on Thursday, September 11. In between, attendees will be driving to various venues including the Age of Steam featuring 23 vintage steam engines and a working round-house, Stan Hywet Hall, the mansion home owned by the founder of Goodyear Tire and Seiberling Tire Companies, possibly two private car collections, shopping in Amish Country and much more. The tour is limited to 50 original Chevrolets, giving preference to those 20 years and older. For hotel reservations, contact Quality Inn in Dover, OH at 330 364-8881 at \$129/night or Comfort Inn (located next door) at 330 365-9388 for \$139/night—use Group Code “VCCA/” After making a room reservation, you must contact Dave Miner at 4806 Darlington Ave NW, Canton, OH 44718, 330 417-1931 or [vc66chevelle@gmail.com](mailto:vc66chevelle@gmail.com) to reserve a spot on the tour. You can also call John Feutz at 330 343-2556. Registration forms with cost details will be available after May 2, 2025.

## SEPTEMBER 10

### Fun Car Show — St. Albans, NY

Hosted by Queens County Region, New York State Veteran's Home, 178-50 Linden Blvd., St. Albans, NY. Open to all makes, models, antiques, classics, trucks and hot rods. Gates open at 8:00 a.m. \$15.00 per car day of show. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided. Three trophy winners will be selected by the residents and employees of the NS Vets Home. No rain date, no pre-registration required. All vehicles must have a fire extinguisher and insurance. For more info, please contact Sebastian D'Agostino at 917 837-5383 or [srd-agostino@aol.com](mailto:srd-agostino@aol.com) or Howie Fishman at 516 662-9379 or [hfishman52@aol.com](mailto:hfishman52@aol.com)

## SEPTEMBER 14-19

### 19th Annual Southwest Fall Tour — Ely, NV

Join us on the “Loneliest Road in America” for a week packed full of a passel of Wild West Nevada adventures. Ride the Ghost Train of Old Ely (pulled by a steam engine), tour the depths of Lehman Caves, visit the official Pony Express Site, gander at the heavens through the Park Ranger's telescopes and maybe visit a couple of ghost towns, and much more. Also there will be a lot of driving of your vintage Chevrolets and GMC's, limited to 1912-54. Registration deadline is September 01, 2025. For more info, contact Dean Echols at 2049 N. Mohave St., Chino Valley, AZ 96323, 928 710-4325 or [deanechols38@gmail.com](mailto:deanechols38@gmail.com).

## SEPTEMBER 27

### PCC ZOOM Meeting — 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Join the ZOOM Meeting and keep up to date with what is going on in our chapter.

**To the brush again**

## SEPTEMBER 21-25

### 6th Annual Pacific Early 6 Cylinder Tour - Minden, NV

We are in the beautiful Carson Valley where the Sierra Nevada Mountains rise dramatically from the desert floor. Four days of touring are planned with a trek to Fort Churchill, Grover Hot Springs, Monitor Pass and Truckee. This tour is limited to 1929-42 Chevrolets and GMC's only. For more info, contact Dan O'Day at 408 268-5293 or noisytappet@gmail.com or Bruce DeFord at 360 904-7935 or decevy32@gmail.com. Join us as we take the road less traveled!

## OCTOBER 7-9

### VCCA Hospitality Tent — Hershey, PA

The VCCA will have spaces RWC 23-26 on the Red Field at the world's largest old-car event. VCCA members and guests are invited to visit, and you'll enjoy the experience of Chevy hospitality more if you get involved by volunteering for a few hours. Contact Coordinator Chuck Gibson at gibsonorgntnr@aol.com or 609 221-5435 by October 1 to sign up.

## OCTOBER 20-25

### Combined Area 6 Joint Tour and Southern Fall Tour - Waco, TX

Pre-1955 Chevrolets & GMC's qualify for the Southern Fall Tour, others welcome to the Joint Tour. Registration and welcome event on Monday, October 20, final dinner on Friday, October 24. Variety of activities and venues to appeal to all ages and persuasions. For more info, contact Chip & Cathy Sweet, Tour Registrars at P.O. Box 201, Lake Jackson, TX 77566, 979 233-1600 or chevychip@yahoo.com

## JULY 12-16, 2026 **SAVE THE DATE**

### VCCA 65th Anniversary Meet — Rapid City, SD

It's official, the VCCA is headed west of the Mississippi for the 2026 Anniversary Meet. It will be held in Rapid City, SD and the Black Hills area, beginning with arrival on Sunday, July 12 through Friday, July 17 checkout. Almost three-fourths of our members are new since our last visit in 1996, giving members, new and old, opportunities for touring some of the most scenic byways in the country, visiting monuments honoring U.S. presidents and Native American chiefs and experiencing sights that will invoke our pioneer spirit. With so much to do and see you will have trouble finding the time to do it all. Two days of the Meet (you may be able to squeeze in more) will be exploring/ touring the area in your old Chevrolet/GMC or modern transportation, plus one day judging at Central States Fairgrounds complete with shaded spots to sit, an air conditioned building and multiple food trucks. Lots of other activities are being planned for arrival day and evenings. With so much to do you may want to come early and/or stay later. Save the date NOW and start setting aside time and resources to attend one of America's most iconic destinations. Mary James is the Anniversary Meet Chairperson, at 763 682-3111 or anniversary@vcca.org

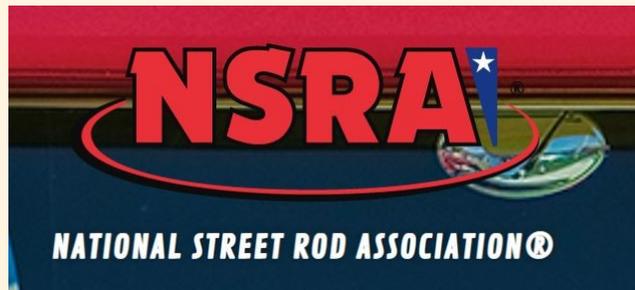




## NON-VCCA EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST



**JULY 18-20 ST. PAUL, MN**  
**Minnesota State Fairgrounds**



**JULY 31-AUG 3 LOUISVILLE, KY 56th Annual STREET ROD NATIONALS**  
**AUG 15-16 DAVENPORT, IA 2nd Annual QUAD CITIES Street Rod Nats**  
**SEPT 12-13 BURLINGTON, VT 31st Annual NORTHEAST Street Rod Nats**  
**SEPT 19-20 KALAMAZOO, MI 45th Annual Street Rod Nationals NORTH**



*Deadline for the September/October Newsletter is August 15, 2025*

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**Lucas Oil Raceway Park**



**AUGUST 18-22**

**2025 National Impala Association Convention, WI Dells, WI**

43rd Anniversary Convention, **registrations are due by July 15, 2025**. Event being held at Chula Vista Resort @ 1-800-388-4782. For more info, contact Sheila Rempel at 204 803-1195, or email [rempel58@mts.net](mailto:rempel58@mts.net)



**JULY 4-5 DES MOINES, IA 34th Speedway Motors Heartland Nationals**

**JULY 11-13 COLUMBUS, OH 27th Summit Racing Nationals by PPG**

**JULY 25-27 PUYALLUP, WA 37th Griot's Garage Pacific Northwest Nats**

**AUGUST 22-24 PLEASANTON, CA 38th West Coast Nationals**

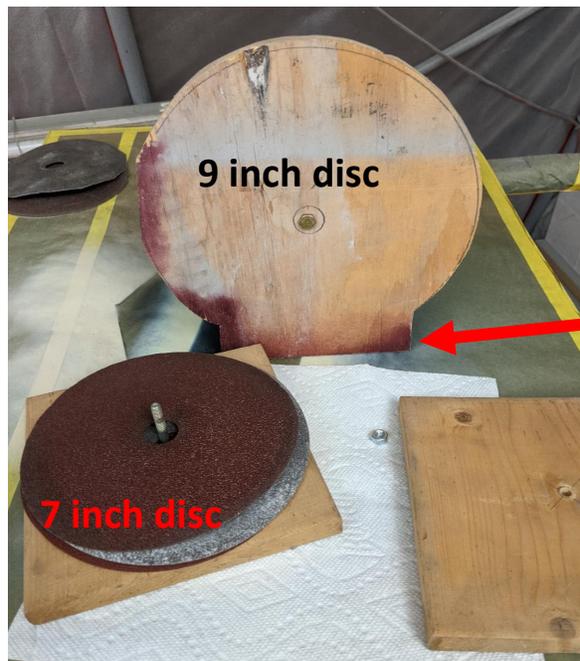
**SEPTEMBER 5-7 LOVELAND, CO 27th Griot's Garage Colorado Nats**

**SEPTEMBER 26-28 FORT WORTH, TX 32nd Summit Racing Lone Star**

# IDEAS FOR THE SHOP—Tips and Tricks

## TIPS AND TRICKS

Have you ever found your grinding discs all warped and starting to curl up? I have and this is my solution. I put the discs between two pieces of wood and squeeze them tight by tightening a bolt in the center of the boards. For the large discs, I make one of the boards slightly larger and flat on one side so I can stand them on edge to save room. (Jeff Pettis)



Bottom cut flat



**Happy  
4th of July  
everyone.**



Congratulations to Ron Proven for receiving his first Junior Award in the Contemporary Class. Ron has a nicely done 1953 Chev 3100. Ron attended the 47th Middle West Meet in Barneveld, WI where he was judged.



Congratulations to Jim & Laura McDonald for receiving their 4th Senior Award in the Sleeper Class. They have a shy looking 59 that fits very well in the Sleeper Class. Jim & Laura also attended the 47th Middle West Meet where they were judged.





MINNESOTA STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

June 20-22 the MSRA held their 51st annual car show at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The event brings in around 10,000 pre-1965 cars and trucks. As you can imagine there were lots of candidates for our PCC class if we could just get them to join. Please help promote the VCCA and our Chapter.





The Hemmings Great Race is an annual timed car race that travels the United States from east to west and north to south. The race started in 1983 and has been running every year since. The race is based on time, not speed, and older cars are given handicaps for their age. The race is usually eight or nine days long and drivers get credits for each stage (days).

The race is not won by minutes, but rather by seconds.

This year the race went from St. Paul, MN to Lake Murray, SC and the winners, Jeff & Eric Fredette, driving a 1933 flathead Ford pickup, won it with a winning time of 49.72 SECONDS. 124 cars started the 2300 mile race but only 112 finished. Chevrolet was well represented with many models and years taking the green flag. Following are some pictures of the Chevys at the race. More information can be obtained at [www.greatrace.com](http://www.greatrace.com).



# Hamburgers & Hot Rods

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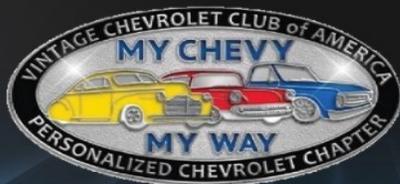
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