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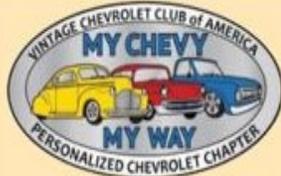
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SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
1:00 pm ET



Director's Message



September 2025

Dear PCC friends,

Summer is almost over and the leaves will soon change color. I hope each of you is enjoying the warm weather and able to devote some time to this fantastic hobby!

Congratulations to Mike Hines and his beautiful 1980 pickup, and John Campbell and his 1950 Chevy Sport Coupe, for receiving PCC awards at the Northwest Meet in July; and to Charles Noble and his 1954 210, which received a PCC award at the Central Meet also in July. Look for pictures and all the details elsewhere in this issue!

We are seeking PCC judges with an interest in serving on a PCC Judging Guidelines Review committee. This is an opportunity to “make a difference” in your chapter! There is potential for exciting changes, and we need your help! If you’re interested in contributing to the improvement of PCC and VCCA, please don't hesitate to contact me now.

At our next meeting, we will be discussing PCC judging fees, membership dues, and other topics, so please plan to join the Zoom Meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 27th, at 10:00 AM PT | 11:00 AM MT | noon CT | 1:00 PM ET.

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

Jim

Jim Karras, #43031
PCC Director

For painting



CURRENT 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION

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 vcca66chevelle@gmail.com to reserve a spot on the tour. You can also call John Feutz at 330 343-2556.

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 srdagostino@aol.com or Howie Fishman at 516 662-9379 or 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.

Cow-shed

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 dechevy32@gmail.com. Join us as we take the road less traveled!

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. Look for the Zoom Link on the website or click : <https://pccvcca.org/meeting-info/>. You will be receiving the meeting information and password in advance of the meeting.

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 8

20th Annual VCCA Hershey Picnic Dinner hosted by the Keystone Region. All VCCA members, their families and friends are invited to attend the picnic at Indian Echo Caverns, 366 Middletown Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036. Come join us for food, conversation and friendship. The location is convenient to the Hershey show field. There is plenty of parking and a pavilion to be seated under in case of rain. Food will be served between 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The dinner includes BBQ pulled pork, pulled chicken, baked beans, mac & cheese, salad, rolls, sodas, and cookies. **Pre-registration is required for Picnic Dinner.** Make your reservation by sending a check payable to "Keystone Region VCCA" for \$20 per attendee to: Larry Rosenberg, 1309 Asper Dr., Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Registration deadline is October 3, 2025. Contact Larry at Larosenberg@comcast.net with any questions.

OCTOBER 12

21st Annual All Chevrolet Car Show - Santa Ana, CA

21st Annual All Chevrolet Car Show hosted by the Orange County Region, Area 1. VCCA National and Personalized Chevrolet Chapter (PCC) judging. Peer judging, food, and music. The event will include a tour of the Jordan Classic Cars & Hot Rod Haven Event Center. Pre-registration after the registration deadline of September 20, 2025, will be accepted based on availability. The show will be held at 2851 Pullman Street, Santa Ana, CA. Meet Chair Denis Hergenreter, 714.746.4200

Barn or fence

OCTOBER 19

Central Arizona Region VCCA Swap Meet - Glendale, AZ

51 ½ Annual Automotive Swap Meet & Parts Exchange:

The Central Arizona Region VCCA will be hosting the “One & Only” oldest continuous running swap meet in the Valley of the Sun at Glendale Community College – 59th Ave and Olive. The swap meet is open to all automotive related items and admission and parking are free. Vendor swap spaces are still only \$35 for a 20 X 20 space & car corral spaces are only \$10. The funds provide financial assistance for many local charitable organizations. Setup and registration starts on Saturday, October 18th from 10 AM to 7 PM. Swap meet is on Sunday, October 19th & starts at 5 AM – ?. For information, contact Dean Echols @ 928-710-4325.

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

NOVEMBER 9

All Chevy/GMC Judged Car Show - Burbank, CA

All Chevy/GMC judged car show. Area 1, hosted by the San Fernando Valley Region. To be held at Community Chevrolet 200 W. Olive, Burbank. All four VCCA judging including PCC is offered. For more information, email SFVRegionVCCA@aol.com

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

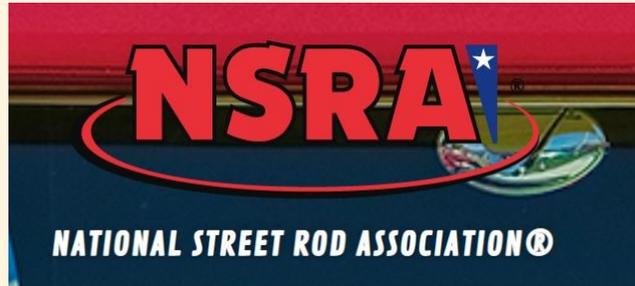
VCCA 65th Anniversary Meet — Rapid City, SD

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

That shaving brush



NON-VCCA EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST



- SEPT 12-13 **BURLINGTON, VT** 31st Annual NORTHEAST Street Rod Nats
- SEPT 19-20 **KALAMAZOO, MI** 45th Annual Street Rod Nationals NORTH

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- SEPT 19-20 **INDIANAPOLIS, IN**
Lucas Oil Raceway Park



- SEPTEMBER 5-7 **LOVELAND, CO** 27th Griot's Garage Colorado Nats
- SEPTEMBER 26-28 **FORT WORTH, TX** 32nd Summit Racing Lone Star
- NOVEMBER 8-9 **PLEASTON, CA** 35TH Fuel Autumn Get-Together
- NOVEMBER 21-23 **SCOTTSDALE, AZ** 23RD Speedway Motors SW Nats

Is just immense

Our Experience with the 62nd Central Meet Findley, Ohio

By Chuck Noble

We made reservations for a U-Haul Car Hauler over a month ago. It was available at 9am on the day we were scheduled to leave, July 22. When I picked up the trailer and came home to load up 'Old Blue'; that was where things went downhill in a hurry.

U-Haul had hooked up the trailer and checked the lights and all looked good until I drove the car up onto the trailer. I had just pulled up on the ramp at the back of trailer when the safety hitch failed. The tongue came off the ball and the trailer lifted off the front and the tongue went into the tailgate on my Silverado.

Now we had a dilemma. We could not back the truck off so we had to get out my floor jack and jack the trailer up level. Then position the truck so we could chain down the trailer tongue to keep it in place. Then I could back the car off. U-Haul had a safety hitch that did not have a safety pin. The hitch failed causing the issue.



The Damage

Now getting a later start and having no trailer available, we switched luggage from the truck to the '54 and took off for Ohio.

Thankfully I had topped off the fuel on 'Old Blue', so we were good. The bad thing was it was 90° and humid so 6 window air was all we had. It was not bad as long as we were moving.

We made good time and had only one delay where we had to wait for HWY 71 to clear near the Ohio border due to a fatal accident. Waiting was hot, but we had water and snacks. About the time the heat was getting to us the road cleared. We made it across the Ohio River and headed North on I-75 to Findley, Ohio where the event was taking place. The 62nd Central VCCA meet.



Lots of 54's there





We had 3 hotels in one block. We chose the one that provided breakfast and it was cheaper as well. We arrived a day early so we could crash and rest. The tours started the next day.

We went on driving tours for two days with over sixty-five old Chevrolets from 1916-1990 (mostly all original cars or restored.) Mine and one other were in the PCC Personalized Chevrolet Chapter. This is for slightly modified cars but still looking original. I won a senior award for my '54 in the Sleeper Category.



That category is for modified original engines. Mine is built to nearly 200 hp and is running S-10 T-5 transmission and S-10 355 rearend for better road gearing. The car will cruise at 75 all day at 1800 rpm. Much better than 3500 rpm at 65 with the original 411 gearing.

We averaged 20mpg driving 70-75 mostly on interstate. It took us 5 hrs. to complete the trip and we traveled a total of 628 miles round trip and had no issues. We got home in time for a quick shower and an afternoon nap.



The group shot on day one tour.



Heading out for day 2 tour

Deadline for the November/December Newsletter is October 15, 2025



Dan Groman's 54 and Chuck Noble's 54



Chuck Noble's 54 on the judging field

Chuck's article was a great segue into the awards some of the PCC members have been receiving.

Thanks Chuck!



Congratulations to Chuck for receiving his Senior Sleeper Award. As told in his story, Chuck attended the 62nd Central Meet in Findlay, Ohio. The meet was hosted by the Western Buckeye Region. Judging was held on Friday, July 25th.





Congratulations to Thomas "Mike" Hines for receiving his Senior Contemporary Award. Mike received his award at the 54th Northwest Meet. The meet was held in Bellingham, WA and hosted by the Puget Sound Region. Mike's vehicle is a 1980 Chevrolet P/U Stepside. Mike is from Frensdale, WA. Nice Truck!





Congratulations to John Campbell for receiving his Senior Sleeper Award. John also received his award at the 54th Northwest Meet. The meet was held from July 15th—18th in Bellingham, WA. It was hosted by the Puget Sound Region. John's vehicle is a 1950 Chevrolet Sports Coupe. John is from Seatac, WA. Nice Car!!!





Don't forget the ZOOM Meeting on SEPTEMBER 27th, 1:00 p.m. EST. You can get the ZOOM Link on the website or click on: <https://pccvcca.org/meeting-info/>. Sabrina will send the meeting information, including the password, to all active members via email in advance of the meeting.

IDEAS FOR THE SHOP—Tips and Tricks

TIPS AND TRICKS

I was working on my 31 Chev and one of the spark plugs did not want to thread cleanly into the head. A friend gave me a plug from his vast inventory and told me to cut a line perpendicular to the threads. I used a cutoff wheel to make the cut and then ran the plug in and it cleaned those threads out cleaner than a whistle. Obviously this works like a tap but I personally think it is safer and less likely to ruin the threads. Besides the average guy doesn't often have a tap that big. Jeff Pettis

**Vertical cut perpendicular
to the thread direction.**



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