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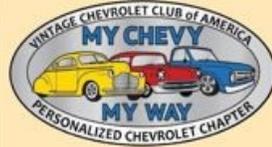
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Director's Message



January 2026

Dear PCC friends,

Happy New Year! What a year 2025 was. Soon, in July, many of us will gather in Rapid City, South Dakota. PCC will be present; we hope to see many of you there.

Thanks to each of you who voted in the PCC 2026 officer elections. For 2026, Jim Gebhardt will serve as assistant director; Sabrina will serve as secretary-treasurer, and I will once again serve as director. Each of us appreciates your continued support. I want to thank Jim Gebhardt, Sabrina, Jeff, Ron, Roger, Gene, and Franklin for their unwavering support of the PCC last year and in 2026 in their respective roles. 2026 brings a slight change: Sabrina has accepted the baton from Jim Gebhardt as Awards Coordinator. This will streamline our process and allow us to send awards out faster in 2026. Jim, thank you for your work on this great program.

PCC judging fees are now \$15.00 per PCC judging event. Additionally, PCC members will no longer need to purchase a PCC Judging oval (or any judging award) as those will now be included in the judging process and covered by the PCC judging fees. A new PCC Member Oval will be created to serve as a general PCC fundraiser.

If you've not paid your 2026 dues, please renew today at pccvcca.org. Thanks!

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

Jim

Jim Karras, #43031

PCC Director

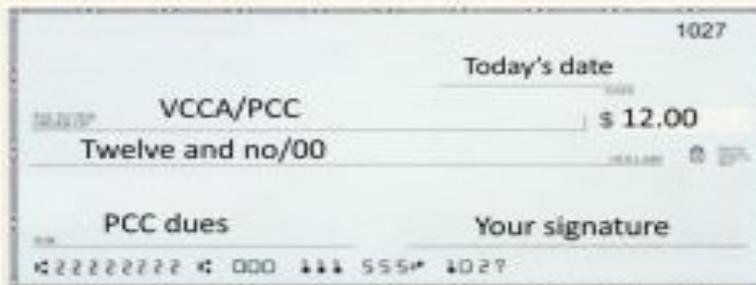
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CURRENT 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION

January 11

51st Annual Swap Meet hosted by the Great Lake Region—Peotone, IL

Car parts for all makes and models at the Will County Fairgrounds, 710 S. West Street.

For more info, contact Jim McDonald at 708 485-3633 or oldcarswapmeet@aol.com

January 24

PCC All Club Zoom Meeting 1:00 p.m. ET

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

Ring in the new

NON-VCCA EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

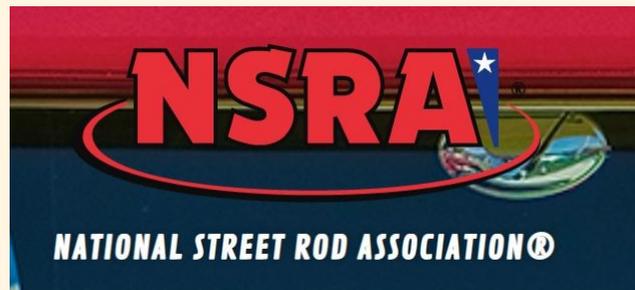
2026 U.S. AUTO SHOWS

JAN 1-4	SAN DIEGO AUTO SHOW, San Diego Convention Center
JAN 3-11	TWIN CITIES AUTO SHOW, Mpls Convention Center
JAN 9-11	SILICON VALLEY AUTO SHOW, Santa Clara Convention Center
JAN 14-25	DETROIT AUTO SHOW, Huntington Place
JAN 16-19	UTAH INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW, Mountain America Expo Center, Sandy, UT
JAN 22-25	ST. LOUIS AUTO SHOW, America's Center & THE DOME
JAN 23-FEB 1	WASHINGTON D.C. AUTO SHOW, Walter E. Washington Convention Center
JAN 28-FEB 1	HOUSTON AUTO SHOW, NRG Center
JAN 29-FEB 1	PENNSYLVANIA AUTO SHOW, P.A. FARM SHOW CENTER, Harrisburg, PA
JAN 31-FEB 8	PHILADELPHIA AUTO SHOW, Pennsylvania Convention Center
FEB 7-16	CHICAGO AUTO SHOW, McCormick Place
FEB 13-16	PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW, David Lawrence Convention Center
FEB 19-22	OREGON INTERNATIONAL AUTO & MOTORCYCLE SHOW, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR
FEB 20-MAR 1	CLEVELAND AUTO SHOW, I-X Center
APRIL 3-12	NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW, Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, NY,NY

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2026 Events

APRIL 24-26	BAKERSFIELD, CA	Western Street Rod Nationals
MAY 8-9	JOHNSON CITY, TN	Street Rod Nationals South
MAY 22-24	SPRINGFIELD, MO	Mid-America Street Rod Nationals
JUNE 5-7	YORK, PA	Street Rod Nationals East
JUNE 26-28	PUEBLO, CO	Rocky Mountain Street Rod Nationals
AUGUST 6-9	LOUISVILLE, KY	Street Rod Nationals
AUGUST 28-29	DAVENPORT, IA	Quad Cities Street Rod
SEPTEMBER 18-19	BURLINGTON, VT	Northeast Street Rod Nationals
SEPTEMBER 25-26	KALAMAZOO, MI	Street Rod Nationals North

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- MARCH 6-7** FORT WORTH, TX 16th LMC Truck Spring Lone Star Nats
- MARCH 13-14** SCOTTSDALE, AZ 16th Fitech Fuel Injection Spring Nats
- MARCH 28-29** PLEASANTON, CA 42nd All American Get-Together
- APRIL 10-12** DEL MAR, CA 25th Meguiars Del Mar Nats
- APRIL 17-18** RALEIGH, NC 11th Griots Garage North Carolina Nats
- MAY 15-16** NASHVILLE, TN 1st BASF Legends of Hot Rodding (Pre '64)
- JUNE 12-13** PERRY, GA 26th Southeastern Nats
- JULY 3-5** DES MOINES, IA 35th Speedway Motors Heartland Nats
- JULY 10-12** COLUMBUS, OH 28th Summit Racing Nats
- JULY 24-26** PUYALLUP, WA 38th Griots Garage Pacific Northwest Nats
- AUGUST 21-23** PLEASANTON, CA 39th West Coast Animals
- SEPTEMBER 11-13** LOVELAND, CO 28th Griots Garage Colorado Nats
- OCTOBER 2-3** FORT WORTH, TX 33rd Summit Racing Lone Star Nats
- NOVEMBER 14-15** PLEASANTON, CA 36th Fuel Curve Autumn Get-Together
- NOVEMBER 20-22** SCOTTSDALE, AZ 29th Speedway Motors Southwest Nat

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Summernats USA is three massive days of cruising, show cars, burnouts, drag racing, roll racing, a concert, fireworks, awards, guaranteed big prize money and more, as we combine the Freedom Factory and Bradenton Motorsports Park in Florida into one giant automotive party March 12th - 14th.



Hot Rod Power Tour 2026

The 2026 HOT ROD Power Tour celebrates Route 66's 100th anniversary, running June 8-12, 2026, from Illinois to Oklahoma, with stops including Joliet, Rantoul, St. Louis, Springfield, and Tulsa for a week of rolling car show action.

Dates & Route:

June 8 (Day 1): Kickoff at Route 66 Raceway. In Joliet, IL.

June 9 (Day 2): Village of Rantoul in Rantoul, IL.

June 10 (Day 3): World Wide Technology Raceway in St. Louis, MO.

June 11 (Day 4): Missouri State University in Springfield, MO.

June 12 (Day 5): Tulsa Raceway Park in Tulsa OK.



IDEAS FOR THE SHOP—Tips and Tricks

Most, if not all of us, are aware of car rotisseries. I found working alone made it difficult to handle the hood by myself so I designed a sweet little “hood” rotisserie. I made it out of two engine stands and made the side pieces adjustable. I was then able to rotate the hood 360 degrees and work on it by myself. To move it around the shop, I put the stands on creepers and secured them with C-clamps.

As you can see for the hood, I had plated stands so it was quite stable. Once I attached it to the creepers, I did install a brace from one side to the other to prevent it from doing the splits. These worked quite well.

I also made a different set for rotating my frame. Same basic plan. I did not have a brace across the bottom as I used stands with a triangular base but when rotating the frame it could get a little herry so I would suggest doing thatand I will in the future. Jeff Pettis

Some of you must have some of your own tricks....let's hear about them.



This is too hard to believe?



I ran across this article recently and at first I thought this is unbelievable. As I looked closer at the car I was going to blow it off as just another AI created story, and didn't believe it. A rusty Corvette! Before I completely gave up on the article, I did some additional research and found the event is true but the picture is not. The car was found in Lloyd Miller's Restoration Shop in Tulsa by Corey Peterson. He, along with John Amgwert and others, confirmed its authenticity through historical documents and engineering notes from the Heritage Center indicating it was used for early testing and modifications. This car has been showcased at events like Carlisle and Bloomington Gold and has been in many Corvette publications. The following two You Tube videos are very good and help tell the story. Jeff Pettis

- Q&A w/Corey Peterson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwJmGaqnYY>

- Settling the Controversy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTtPr8IV8rE>



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