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Director's Message



March 2026

Dear PCC friends,

Spring is just a few weeks away, and soon most of us will be getting our vehicles ready for our first outing of 2026. If you store your car(s) or truck(s) for the winter, don't forget to check all of your fluids and check the air in the tires before you head out on that first road trip. For me, I have a carburetor to adjust, and even with a battery tender, I've swapped out one battery so far!

If you've not paid your 2026 dues, please renew today at pccvcca.org. To those of you who already have, thank you. Also, I want to welcome the several new members who joined since the last issue of our MyWay. We hope to see you at a PCC event in 2026! Look for your PCC new member welcome packet shortly!

The Area 9 Meet is in Cartersville, Georgia, and runs from April 8-12. The Meet includes tours, a car show with judging, car photos, lunch, a swap meet, and more. The registration deadline is March 31st. Contact Dave Collings for more info at (770) 330-8327 or dhcollings@gmail.com. PCC judging will be offered as in past years.

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

Jim

Jim Karras, #43031

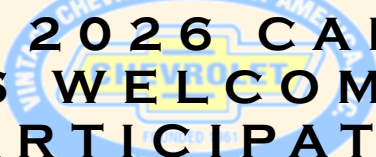
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SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 28 1:00 p.m. ET 10:00 a.m. PT

PCC All Club Zoom Meeting Watch for the Link

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CURRENT 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WELCOMING PCC PARTICIPATION

MARCH 14-15

52nd Annual Automotive Swap Meet & Parts Exchange – Glendale AZ

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 Friday, March 13th, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Swap meet is on Saturday & Sunday, March 14th & 15th (starts at 5 AM – ?.) For information, contact [Dean Echols @ 928-710-4325](mailto:Dean.Echols@VCCA.org).

APRIL 8-12

VCCA Nationally Judged Car Show & Swap Meet – Cartersville GA

Area 9 VCCA Nationally Judged Car Show & Swap Meet. Early bird 4/8, tours 4/9, show 4/10, tours 4/11, depart 4/12. Registration Deadline March 31, 2026. Savoy Automobile Museum 3 Savoy Lane Cartersville, Georgia 30121. Host Hotel: Courtyard Cartersville, 5460 Hwy 20 Cartersville, Georgia 30121, 678 721 1660. VCCA rate. Hosted by Heart of Georgia Region. All model year Chevrolets and GMCs welcome \$85 Registration per person includes entry fee & award dinner. Secured trailer parking, discounted museum admissions are available April 10 Savoy covered swap meet spaces are \$25, pay at set up. Contact Dave Collings 770 330 8327 dhcollings@gmail.com to register.

JUNE 9-12

55th Annual Northwest Mini-Meet – OR

Hosted by: Willamette Valley Region (VCCA) Dates: June 9–12, 2026 Location: Coos Bay, Oregon

Event Schedule & Highlights: Scenic Coastal Drive: Travel along the Coquille River to Bandon for harbor views, brigantine sailing ships, and coastal shopping. Nature & Science: Guided tour of the Marine Biology Center in Charleston, plus visits to Cape Arago and Simpson Gardens. Lighthouses & Beaches: Exploration of the Coquille Lighthouse and local beach walks. Optional Extension (June 12): Visit the Umpqua Lighthouse (featuring its unique red and clear Fresnel lens) and a Myrtlewood factory. Group Dining: Evening meals held at the host hotel. Lodging Information: Host Hotel: Red Lion Coos Bay, Phone: 541-267-4141. Booking Code: Mention WVR-VCCA or Chevrolet Club. Deadline: Book before May 26 for special rates. Rates: Single Queen (\$110) | Double Queen (\$115) | King (\$120). Note: Pet fees are waived for this group. RV Parking: Ko-Kwel Casino Resort. Phone: 800-953-4800. Booking ID: #11730. Deadline: Reservations must be made by May 19. Registration Details. Meet Registration Deadline: May 15, 2026. Forms: Available on the VCCA website events calendar starting in February. Registrar: Nancy Rice Phone: 971-241-9008 Email: nancysuerice22@gmail.com Reminder: Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel or RV park reservations directly.

To dance



JULY 8-12

34th Annual National Four Cylinder / 3 Main Bearing Tour – Spearfish, SD

Host: VCCA .Tour Itinerary & Highlights: Experience the scenic Northern Black Hills and Northeast Wyoming across four days of driving: Black Hills & Rail: Drive through Spearfish Canyon to Hill City for an 1880 Train ride. National Landmarks: A tour to Devil’s Tower National Monument (WY) and Belle Fourche (SD). Historic Mining Towns: Visits to the iconic towns of Deadwood, Lead, and Sturgis, including local museums.

Grand Finale: Breakfast at Spearfish City Park and a tour of the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery & Archives. Eligibility & Limits Vehicle Requirement: Open to any VCCA member with a running, original 3-main-bearing engine (1914–1936) Chevrolet or GMC vehicle. Capacity: Participation is limited to the first 65 vehicles. Registration & Contact Contact: Verlyn Husman Phone: 763-229-8275 Email: vccafourtour@gmail.com

JULY 12-16 REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 01

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](tel:7636823111) or anniversary@vcca.org

July 26

22nd ANNUAL ALL-VEHICLE SHOW-Reisterstown, MD

Years—1900 to present . ALL MAKES, MODIFIED & ORIGINAL REISTERSTOWN REGIONAL PARK – 401 Mitchell Drive – Reisterstown, MD 9 AM until 1:30 PM (awards @ 1 PM) Family-friendly area has a covered pavilion, indoor restrooms & a playground area for kids! Theme: “Friendly and Fun.” 33 Awards: Top 30 Reisterstown Park Choice, Longest Distance Driven, Best of Show, 50/50 Raffle Registration \$20 day of show – portion of the proceeds benefit a local organization assisting homeless Veterans. Arrive by Noon to be judged. Gate opens 8:30AM. Hot dogs, bratwurst, covered pavilion and indoor restrooms. Rain or Shine. Information: Mike Natale 443-465-7492, mrnatale@verizon.net or visit www.freestaterregionvcca.org

Or dine



August 14 - August 15

63rd Central Meet—Flint, MI

Location: Flint Cultural Center, Flint, MI, **Host:** Lower Michigan Region (LMR)

Registration Deadline: August 1, 2026

Schedule & Highlights

Friday, Aug 14: Judged Meet & Awards BBQ at the Sloan Complex.

Saturday, Aug 15: VCCA Chevrolets featured at the **Back to the Bricks** (BttB) Car Show downtown.

Lodging & Logistics

Hotel: Comfort Suites, Grand Blanc, MI, **Phone:** (810) 694-9900

Group Code: *Vintage Chevrolet Club* (Rates: \$144–\$154)

Contact: Bill Anderson (248-881-6510) | lmrchevy@gmail.com

Website: www.lmrcca.org



Lower Michigan Region

63rd Central Meet

**Back to the
BRICKS**

August 14 & 15, 2026

Celebrate your Chevy's
Heritage in Flint, Michigan
Birthplace of General Motors

2 Day Mini Meet
Class Judging
BBQ Banquet

Free:

- Sloan Museum Entry
- Factory One Tours
- Downtown Car Show
- Featuring VCCA Vehicles

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Accompanied by

NON-VCCA EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST

2026 U.S. AUTO SHOWS

APRIL 3-12 **NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW, Jacob K. Javits
Convention Center, NY,NY**



JUNE 05-07 **DU QUOIN, IL** **Du Quoin State Fairgrounds**
JULY 17-19 **ST. PAUL, MN** **Minnesota State Fairgrounds**



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 Nats
AUGUST 6-9	LOUISVILLE, KY	Street Rod Nationals
AUGUST 28-29	DAVENPORT, IA	Quad Cities Street Rod

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2026 Events


- 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



Deadline for the MAY/JUNE Newsletter is APRIL 15, 2026



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.

Have any of you ever been involved in the Power Tour? It would be really interesting to hear from someone who has experienced it to give insight on the process and what to expect during the registration and during the event. I for one have considered going on the tour but have no one to lean on and get an “insider” story on it. Please consider letting us know about your experience. Thanks, the editor.



The Factory V-8 Chevy Vega That Should Have Been! (Summary by Jeff Pettis)

Did you know Chevrolet almost produced a V-8 Vega? I didn't and I worked in a Chevrolet garage in the early 70's.

Chevrolet introduced the Vega 2300 in September of 1970. From that day on those interested in performance took a look at the Vega and began dreaming of slipping in a small-block V-8. It wasn't long and the aftermarket world picked up on the idea and "kits" for the transformation were quickly available.

Don't think the Chevrolet engineers weren't considering the same thing. The issue from General Motors was in the weight distribution issue the V-8 would create - translating into handling. A small-block Chev (production cast-iron block and heads), minus fly-wheel, clutch, and bellhousing, weighed in at about 535 pounds, while the aluminum-block four-cylinder Vega 2300 engine with other similar equipment weighed in at 285 pounds.

The engineers played with a number of prototypes that ran the range of the Cosworth twin-cam four-cylinder head conversion to the Wankel rotary. Where they spent the most attention to was an all aluminum small-block V-8. The aluminum V-8 brought the weight down to 375 pounds when set up with the similar equipment as the heavier cast-iron block. That's running about 165 pounds lighter!



Another surprise to me as I read the article was the Alcoa aluminum block (with cast-iron cylinder liners) and aluminum heads for the small-block Chevy was developed in 1959 by Zora Arkus-Duntov for his Corvette research. A limited number were built and only a few existed at the time of this original article (1972). These were never offered to the public through either the production line or the service package parts program.

In testing the car recorded a stopwatch quarter-mile standing –start time of 13.97 seconds. The car was equipped with a stock 350 Turbohydro transmission, stock Vega rear end, and street tires.

Had everything been acceptable to the Chevrolet executives the package was shooting for the 1974 model year.

This story was summarized from an article written by Johnny Hunkins and came from the original article in the July 1972 issue of HOT ROD. You can read the full article by going to:

<https://www.hotrod.com/features/chevy-vega-small-block-v8-engine-hot-rod-july-1972>



WE HAVE A COUPLE OF NEW MEMBERS.



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Aubrey Gaddy VCCA # 51084 Kempner, TX aubreygaddy@earthlink.net

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Chris has a 1972 Nova

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Stephen has multiple Chevrolets. 37 2dr Sedan, 39 Coupe, 40 Sedan Delivery, and 40 Chev 4 dr Sedan



IDEAS FOR THE SHOP—Tips and Tricks

Tired of having that grinder laying in the bottom of your tool box, the cord all tangled underneath other tools taking up the same space. I made a quick and simple hanging system that I hung in a couple of spots in my shop. I have several grinders with different disc types on them and a couple with the guards.

I took a flat strap of steel, 3/4 inch square tubing cut 2 inches long, and a 6 inch length of 1/4 inch rod and made each hanger. The 3/4 inch tubing gives it enough offset to allow for guards to remain on the tool. The distance you have and the number of tools you intend to hang will make a difference as to how long the flat steel will need to be. I hang one of mine between my two garage doors and one under my parts washer. Jeff Pettis





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Meeting Minutes – General Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2026, 10:00 AM PT | 1:00 PM ET (Via Zoom)

Call to Order: Jim Karras, director, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM ET.

Members Present: Sabrina Karras, Secretary and Treasurer, Jim Karras, Director, Jeff Pettis, Newsletter Editor, Franklin Gage, Advisor, Bill Goff, member, and Jim Dodge, member.

Election results: Jim reported that all officers and chairs were elected and supported by those who voted and will remain in 2026, except for the awards coordinator, who, for 2026, will be Sabrina Karras. Jim also reported that members voted to set the 2026 PCC judging fee at \$15.00 per judging event, consistent with the National VCC judging fee. PCC will collect this fee from each hosting meet, beginning this year.

Status of Awards: Jim reported that the backlog of PCC awards is being addressed, and all awards are being shipped to those awaiting receipt. Everyone should receive an award(s) prior to this year's show season. The awards database has been converted, updated, and is now current. Sabrina will coordinate acceptance of the existing awards inventory from the current awards coordinator in the month of February.

PCC Treasurer's Report: Sabrina reported that we continue to be in a strong financial position and that we remain with approximately 78 members. Dues reminder has gone out in the December and January issues of MYWay, and payments have been received from many members. Sabrina reported she will contact those members who haven't yet paid to encourage them to pay and remain members.

PCC 2026 Activities: Jim reported that we have received communications from several Meet Chairs, and we expect to be once again involved in meetings in a majority of the Areas conducting Meets with National Judging events this year. We are confirmed to be participating in the 65th National Meet in July.

PCC Area 9 (Florida) Event: Bill Goff reported on a Club VIP Parking event at the Daytona Speedway over the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. He inquired if PCC would like to participate in this event. It was agreed that he would serve as the PCC liaison and site host, and that we would coordinate with the Area 9 director to make this a VCCA-sanctioned PCC event and to invite PCC and all VCCA members. Look for information in future PCC MyWay and the G&D issues.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Saturday, March 28, 2026 – 10:00 AM PT | 1:00 PM ET (Via Zoom)

Adjournment: With no additional business before the group, Jim thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting to the next meeting.

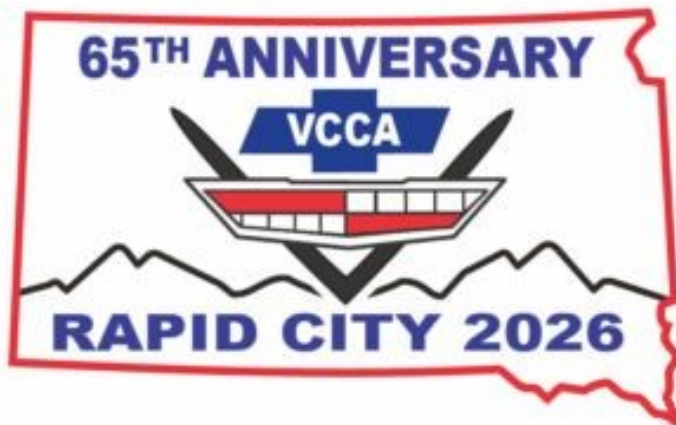
Respectfully submitted,

Sabrina Karras

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Secretary/Treasurer

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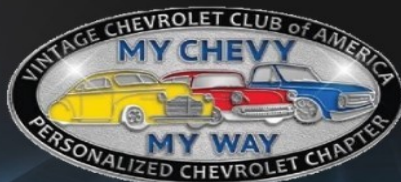
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