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The Orange Peel

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A monthly letter by the Orange County region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (OCVCCA) by and for its members

Bill & Colleen Ingalls, Editors

You can find pictures of all our cars, car events and more on our web site www.ocvcca.org. Mike Sherman, our website designer, updates and maintains it.

Thank you Mike.

You can now find us on Facebook. Under search, just type in "Orange County Vintage Chevrolet Club of America". There you can add your friends that are interested in Chevy's and write stories about your Chevies.

Business meetings are temporarily postponed.

Fellow Members,

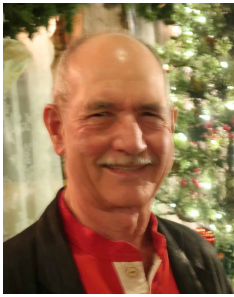
As we look out and look at the beautiful fall leaves it is hard to believe we are now toward the end of 2020. My mom always told me to "count your blessings" -Well, most of us are healthy and staying active even if that means staying at home. We look back and thank God for the good things that happened this year and with sadness for all who have had declining health or been lost.

Judy and I figured taking the motorhome out and staying away from outside events where conditions are unpredictable was fairly safe. So, we went on a 14-day trip to Morrow Bay, Placerville, Lake Tahoe and ending up at Bishop. Spending time at the campground in Lake Tahoe brought back many fond memories of the All Cal we enjoyed so much in that area. When I think back to that event, I always think about all the great times we had with our Chevy buddies. I have always said it is not about the cars but the great people. Once we returned home from our trip, I am reminded of all those unfinished projects. I am back to work on the 55 finished the air conditioning install, steering column, pedal assembly- still lots of plumbing to do.

Judy has been wondering what to do with all those pictures from the past while working on various picture albums and some early Christmas present projects. So—to all our fellow members please tell us what you have been up to. We would like to know as it inspires us and it helps make our monthly newsletter more interesting.

We are not yet sure when we will restart our in-person meetings for next year. We will wait and watch for a safe time to start and location to have the meeting. Until the Covid is significantly improved we cannot have in person meeting. Some have suggested a zoom meeting but since there is really no business to discuss and many do not have adequate computer equipment or technical knowledge, it does not seem appropriate. We look forward to seeing you all in person and look forward to that time when most all returns to in-person meetings. Meanwhile, we will look at some planned cruises for early next year.

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I talked to Lee Tully and he is doing OK. Bob Crane is at home doing fine. Also Jim Miller has good days and bad days. Rose is there for him.

***I hope all you out there are in good health and spirits.
Happy Thanksgiving!***



Happy Birthday
Ray Miller 11-05
Lucy Moyer 11-17
Natalie Pollard 11-17
Daniel Winstead 11-06

James Bailey 12-08
Diane Bailey 12-01
Philip Capuano 12-30
Melba Capuano 12-22
Mark Fliegler 12-31
Linda Hiltunen 12-12
Howard Neff 12-25
John Shattuck 12-11
Angie Wilson 12-289
Dave Wilson 12-28
Gitte Olsen 12-28
Judy Yocky 12-28



Happy Anniversary
Bill & Colleen Ingalls 11-02
Gitte Olse & Len Yerkes 11-13
Len Yerkes & Gitte Olsen 11-13
John & Tweety Shattuck 12-02
Johanna & Howard Wallach 12-26
Janet & David Walsh 12-15

well---Gary

Howard Neff has the following items for sale: A heavy duty cherry picker; 8 each - jacks; 2 each - front wheel ramps; and An engine stand. All for \$200. You can call him at 714-743-5135 or email him at [jinanda@verizon.net](mailto:jinandav@verizon.net) for more information. Also, Howard is looking for a wood lathe in good condition. Do you know of one?



Gary Howard's message continued from page 1.

Most of you have received the sad news that the 60th Anniversary VCCA Meet in 2021 planned in Bowling Green, Kentucky has been rescheduled to August 5th 2022. There were quite a few of us planning to attend and will need to change our plans but maybe we can get more of you to attend in 2022, it should be a fun event.

Our Picnic in the Park previously scheduled in September has been rescheduled by the City of Tustin to May 16, 2021. We will be closely monitoring this date and hope that we will be able to all attend and have fun. If it is still not safe, we may just have a cruise.

Yes, dues that was paid for 2020 will be applied for 2021. This applies only to our region. We do not have any authority over national dues. As it stands now national dues will remain the and are controlled by national VCCA.

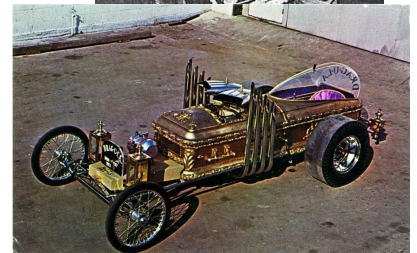
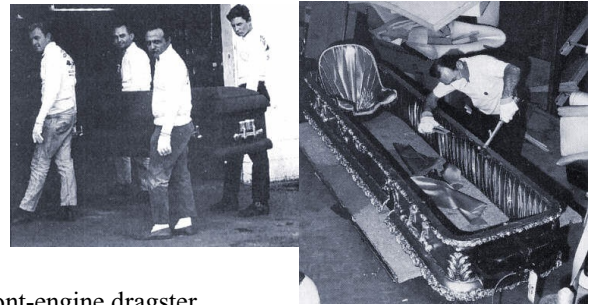
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday season. Looking forward with renewed hope for happy and healthy 2021. Best wishes and please stay safe and well---Gary

Hemmings article on the Munsters drag racer and cars, By Dan Stoner on Oct 31st, 2019

One of dozens, if not hundreds, of prop vehicles that emerged from George Barris's North Hollywood shop, the Dragula - built specifically for a May 1965 episode of the Munsters that tried to glom onto the rising popularity of drag racing - originated with a Tom Daniel design and an actual coffin. As the story goes, Richard "Korky" Korke, then working for Barris, convinced a North Hollywood funeral home director to sell the fiberglass coffin to him - paid in cash and left outside of the funeral home's back door at night - even though it was illegal to sell a coffin without a death certificate. Korke, Dick Dean, and other Barris employees then proceeded to place the coffin atop a tube-steel front-engine dragster chassis powered by a Ford 289-cu.in. V-8 topped by a Mickey Thompson dual-quad intake. Over the cutout in the lid of the coffin the Barris crew then fitted a plexiglass bubbletop and added a number of ghoulish touches, from the headstone and the spider-topped carriage lamps to the zoomies reminiscent of a pipe organ. After that episode aired, the Dragula then returned to Barris's shop, where it was modified for the 1966 movie "Munsters, Go Home!" Specifically, the Barris crew removed the bubbletop and installed a rollbar so Herman Munster actor Fred Gwynne could fit into it. The Dragula eventually made its way to Jerome Bornstein's Chicago Historical Antique Automobile Museum, which went defunct in the mid- to late Eighties, and after that to the Planet Hollywood in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where it hung from the ceiling, engineless, collecting dust for a decade or so.

Yeah, yeah, yeah... we know. We know you've seen that one episode of "The Munsters" with the drag race. WE. KNOW. But look, it's the Halloween edition of the Muscle Machines weekly and do you really think we'd let this day pass without revisiting the "Hot Rod Herman" episode that featured some of the greatest front-engine dragsters, gassers and early altereds ever to grace prime-time television? That's a rhetorical question, btw. So, we dug up a highlights reel of that episode, because INTERNET.

And that one episode, with bespoke cars built by Barris Kustom City, turned us all into one giant, soul-searching, very non-rhetorical question: Are you Munsters Koach or are you Drag-U-La? The answer says a lot about you. Like, are you Elvis or Beatles? Ford or Chevy? Whiskey or beer? We've been fortunate enough to have parked our carcass in the driver's seat of the Koach years ago, in the back shop at Barris Kustom City, with George and his son, Brett, making sure we didn't leave with the keys in our pocket. But that doesn't necessarily mean we don't love the Drag-U-La more. So, what say ye? What kind of gearhead are you?

**Americana is alive and well in China:**

Be it my buddy getting paid ¥600 an hour in his ex-pat days to teach the son of a government official's mistress how to speak English with an American accent (meeting at the local Starbucks, 'natch) or Songsan Motors' latest creation. The latter is, ahem, heavily influenced by Chevrolet's first-generation flagship sports car. Your eyes do not deceive you—the SS Dolphin is indeed Songsan's turbo-charged, plug-in-hybrid-powered take on the 1958 Corvette.

Maybe we aren't so very different after all?

Yes, the car looks like a 1958 Corvette staring at itself in a funhouse mirror. Judging by the tall cowl and bizarrely short dash-to-axle ratio, the SS Dolphin is based on a front-wheel-drive passenger car, not a bespoke chassis that truly honors copies America's sports car.

It's hard to imagine this project doesn't involve some cut corners, as it'd get mighty expensive to

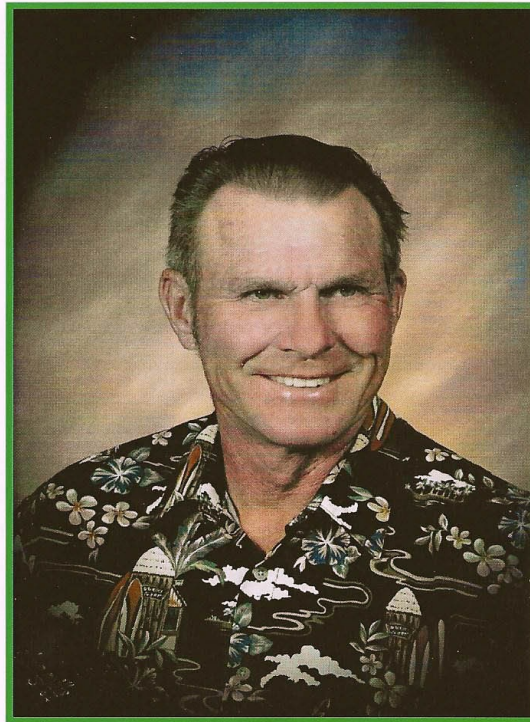


cram a 1.5-liter turbocharged engine, electric motor, all the necessary batteries, and a six-speed dual-clutch gearbox into something as tiny as the original Corvette. Noted industry analyst Tycho de Feijter of Car News China goes further, suggesting BYD Auto's powertrain and interior bits (buttons, big center screen) were used in the SS Dolphin's creation. That all seems very likely, as Songsan is a boutique brand better known for Harley-like motorcycles while big-dog BYD partners with Toyota and even sells a small number of fleet vehicles in the U.S.

The SS Dolphin's powertrain puts out 315 hp and a muscle-car-worthy 395 lb-ft of torque for a claimed sprint to 62 mph in 5.9 seconds. You won't have any luck picking on Teslas, but the SS Dolphin theoretically gets you to the sock hop with the performance of a four-speed C1 Corvette fuelie. Use the 62-mile electric-only range instead and there's zero chance of smelling like hydrocarbons upon arrival. Like, awesome.

Our Orange County Chapter of the VCCA misses Jim's ready smile and his willingness to help others.

Celebration of Life



Jim Schroeder

September 2, 1943 - December 9, 2017

Jim loved fixing and driving Sandi around in her 1942 Chevy.

After collectors (and speculators) scramble to purchase the next hot vehicle, they leave a pocket of affordability in the market behind them—a segment in which cars are bought to be driven, and buyers aren't in it for the money. As prices seem to creep ever upward, car collectors often find themselves reflecting, "I could have bought one of those years ago for half what they sell for now." Leaving aside the regrets of established collectors, such cars exist as a bright spot for those who've saved for that dream nostalgic ride and aren't buying it as an investment.

Collectibles such as the homegrown ones we'll discuss here typically haven't received a body or frame transplant. They wear their original chrome, roll on stock wire wheels, and display the same trunk and hood ornaments as they did 20 or 50 years ago. We dug into our data and found four models, spanning six generations of style, whose prices have dropped in the past two years. The same amount of red, white, and blue cool—for less.



The Impala is another world-renowned model name whose prices have been slowly falling into the attainable range. Big-name collectors may be paying attention to heavyweight Impala trims like the Z11 Lightweight and keeping their values unobtainable; but more common Impalas have recently become far more accessible. The cars seeing the biggest corrections are the iconic big-block 409s, whose values have decreased 11 percent in the last two years. Impalas carrying the 283- and 327-cu-in engines, on the other hand, have only slipped 6 percent. Buyers can get into a well-recognized model that epitomizes '60s swagger for less than they could a few years ago.



Too bad Chevy never made a 57 fastback!

2019 Christmas party at the Orange County Mining Company.

Those were the days. We took them for granite.

Members who receive recognition for their role in our club:

From left to right

Bill & Colleen Ingalls, Newsletter Editors

Gregg Bunch, Membership picnic chef

Tom Clark CPA, Treasurer

Judy and Gary Howard, Director

Sabrina Karras, Secretary 2019

Sandi Schroeder, Miss Sun Shine

Jim Karras, Show chairman – plus





Merry Christmas 2020 to everyone from all of us at the 2019 Christmas party! Let all hope for a 2021 Christmas party!

