

A newsletter of the Orange County Region of the  
Vintage Chevrolet Club of America by and for its members



# MARCH 2024



## The Orange Peel



### Director's Message March 2024

As Saint Patrick's Day nears, did you know many Irish families eat something instead of corned beef for their holiday meal? Learn what at the meeting!

Please join me in giving a big thanks to Sabrina and the SoCal Region for hosting the wonderful tour of the Browning collection. What a great day!

On Saturday, March 9th, hosted by the Foothill Region, Sabrina has an Area 1 tour planned to see the NHRA Motorsports Museum in Pomona with breakfast at nearby Norm's Hangar at Brackett Field Airport in La Verne. This tour is BEFORE our next meeting, so RSVP with Sabrina to attend.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12th at 7 PM at the Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana. The Supper Club dinner at Spires in Tustin is at 5:30 PM before the meeting. RSVP with Sabrina.

Don't forget, the next Breakfast Club is set for 8:30 AM on Saturday, April 13th at Hof's Hut, at 12489 Seal Beach Blvd. Please RSVP with Sabrina.

Until next month, remember; life is a journey -- not a destination, so relax and enjoy the ride!

**Jim Karras, #43031 - Director - OCVCCA**

"The Worlds Best Chevrolet Club!" "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of all Chevrolets and GMC's."

# OCVCCA Business Meetings

The OCVCCA meets on a monthly basis on the second Tuesday of every month except December. Guests are welcome to join.

The meetings are held at:  
Church of the Foothills  
19211 Dodge Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705



**Next Meeting:**

**March 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm**



**For more information on the OCVCCA such as upcoming events, vendor & service provider referrals, online membership application & renewal, club gear, event & member vehicle photos, Orange Peel archive, and more go to our website at [www.ocrvcca.org](http://www.ocrvcca.org)**



**Be sure to check out our Facebook page! Search for OCVCCA and click follow to keep up to date on all the happenings in the club!**



## Breakfast Club Gathering



The OCVCCA breakfast club meets on the second Saturday of every month at Hof's Hut in Seal Beach at 8:30 am.  
Hof's Hut is located at 12489 Seal Beach Blvd, Seal Beach, CA 90740  
Members and guests are welcome to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

**Next Gathering:**  
**April 13, 2024 at 8:30 am**



## Supper Club Gathering

The OCVCCA supper club meets on the second Tuesday of every month before the business meeting at Spires Restaurant in Tustin at 5:30 pm.  
Spires is located at 13451 Newport Ave, Tustin, CA 92780  
Members and guests are welcome to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

**Next Gathering:**  
**March 12, 2024 at 5:30 pm**





# MY TEENAGE LOVE FOR CHEVYS

When I was a teenager in the '60's, growing up in Pasadena, Ca. I saw a lot of cool cars. Our family car was a '49 Cadillac! How embarrassing! My sister, who was a year older than I was, called it "The Tank" and many other things I shouldn't mention. I don't know if it had power steering, but it weighed a few tons and was hard to drive. This was true, especially parallel parking it, with the instructor from the DMV sitting next to you.

When my sister turned sixteen, my aunt had her '49 Chevy convertible up for sale, so she bought it. That car was a cutie and we had lots of fun adventures in it. One of our favorite things to do (besides cruising Bob's Big Boy), was to drive down Rosemead Blvd., ( which turned into Lakewood Blvd. in Long Beach), and pick up surfers, who were hitch hiking with their surf boards. We would tell them, we would give them a ride to the beach, if they would let us use their boards for a few sets.

Later on, when my sister went off to college, she left her cute little Chevy behind. The problem was, it was a stick shift, I really never learned how to drive a stick shift, or how to surf! I was saved, when my Father traded in our '49 Caddy for a cream colored '63 Chevy Impala. My Mom and I were stoked!

I graduated from high school, got a job, and bought my first car. It was a metallic light green '64 Chevy Malibu. I named him Malcolm and loved him with all of my soul! How many people always say:"I wish I still had my first car"! I most definitely do!

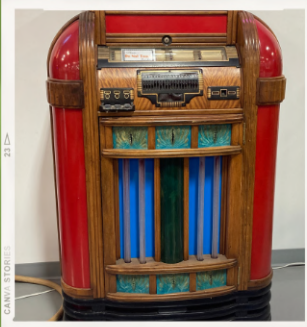


By Jean Burns, VCCA # 58905



**February 24th tour to the Kent Browning Collection in Cerritos with the So Cal Region**

**We had 50 members attend the tour and we had lunch afterwards at Wood Ranch**









## Area 1 Tour Hosted by the Foothill Region VCCA

# NHRA MotorSports Museum

**MARCH 9, 2024**



### BREAKFAST BEFORE THE TOUR!

We'll meet at 9:00 am Norm's Hangar Coffee Shop for breakfast to start our day. Norm's is located at Brackett Field Airport at the end of Pomona Fairplex at 1615 McKinley Ave, La Verne, CA 91750.



### NHRA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM TOUR BEGINS AT 10:30 AM

We'll tour the Museum's collection of dragsters, land speed vehicles, race cars, customs, hot rods and a changing array of one-of-a-kind vehicles that tell the story of American hot rodding.

Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased at the museum on that day.

Museum is located at 1101 McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768

A caravan for those traveling from Orange County will meet at 8:00 am in Tustin at Enderle Center.



**TOUR ELIGIBLE FOR  
PASSPORT MILES!**



RSVP to Sabrina Karras at: ☎ (714) 287-4757 ✉ [sabrinakarras@aol.com](mailto:sabrinakarras@aol.com)





## OCVCCA Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Karras, Director, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Gary & Judy Howard, Bill & Colleen Ingalls, Jeanne Krogh, Carl Slaney, Dave Potter, Dorothy & Art Scully, Fred & Sue Fossek, Jean Burns, Jim Long, Sue & Denis Hergenreter, Valarie Miranda-Lopez, Salvador Lopez, Matt & Amanda Medina, Jim & Sabrina Karras

FLAG SALUTE: Denis Hergenreter led the flag salute.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Minutes from the January meeting were distributed and discussed. Judy Howard made a motion to accept the minutes. Colleen Ingalls seconded. Motion was voted on and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Karras gave the report in Tom Clark's absence. Treasury is in the positive. Judy Howard made a motion to accept the report as presented. Valarie Miranda-Lopez seconded. Motion was voted on and approved. Badge fines were collected from Art & Dorothy Scully and Matt & Amanda Medina.

### COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

TOURS: Sabrina Karras reported that the next tour is scheduled to the Kent Browning Collection in Cerritos on Saturday, February 24th hosted by the So Cal Region. The caravan will meet at 8:30 am in Tustin. A secondary caravan point in north OC was discussed. Members will meet at the collection at 9:30 am for a self-guided tour of the private car collection. Lunch will follow at Wood Ranch Cerritos Towne Center. There is also a tour hosted by the Foothill Region to the NHRA Motorsports Museum in Pomona scheduled for Saturday, March 9th. We will meet for breakfast beforehand at 9:00 am, then tour the museum afterwards. Flyers have gone out. RSVP soon. Another tour is set to be hosted by the So Cal Region for Saturday, April 20th to the Flight Path Museum in Los Angeles. This will also have us meeting for breakfast prior to the museum tour. Look for more details and a flyer via email soon.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Sabrina Karras reported that our next breakfast club gathering at Hof's Hut Seal Beach will be on Saturday, April 13th at 8:30 am. No March gathering due to the tour to the NHRA Museum.

CAR SHOW: Denis Hergenreter reported that the date and venue have been nailed down and secured. The artwork has been finalized. A committee meeting will be held in April to kick off planning.

MEMBERSHIP: Colleen Ingalls reported that 46 members are current and up to date with dues payments and 31 are outstanding. She will follow up with those outstanding. Unpaid members.

ORANGE PEEL: Sabrina Karras reported that the February edition went out as planned. She is looking for submissions from members for future editions.

WEBMASTER: Jim Karras reported that more updates and revisions to the region website are coming.

EVENTS CALENDAR: Judy Howard shared upcoming events for the Region and in the local classic car community.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Colleen Ingalls reported that the "Night to Shine" event that the region donated to occurred and was a great success with 196 participants and they were grateful for our donation.

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# OCVCCA Meeting Minutes (Con't.) - February 13, 2024

## NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Karras reported that the National VCCA website and chat forum are undergoing a transformation soon with a new contract for the database. Look for changes to come.

Jim Karras also reported that the Personalized Chevrolet Chapter (PCC) is going through some leadership changes and is looking for volunteers to step up and fill leadership roles to bridge the chapter through the next phase. There will be a chapter wide Zoom meeting held in March to discuss the future of the chapter. If you are interested in joining the meeting contact Jim for information.

Jim Karras introduced information about a relatively new non-geographic chapter to the VCCA the 1949-54 Chevrolet Chapter. This chapter formed about a year ago and has just over under 100 members nationwide. They are beginning to have events and gatherings throughout the country and are looking for members to join that have a 1949 to 1954 Chevy. If you are interested contact Jim for information.

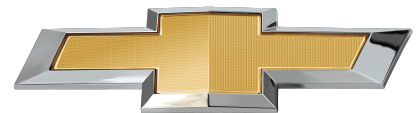
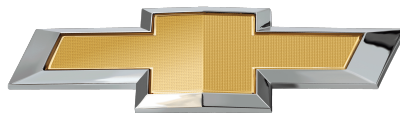
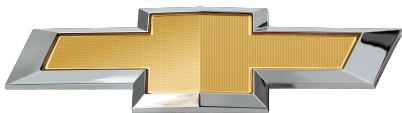
## MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Jean Burns shared some exciting news that her brother hot rod craftsman Pete Eastwood was inducted into the NHRA Hall of Fame Museum at the 75th Annual Grand National Roadster Show February 2nd at the Pomona Fairplex. That's wonderful and such an amazing accomplishment!

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 12th at the Church of the Foothills, Santa Ana at 7:00 pm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Salvador Lopez moved to adjourn. Jim Long made the second. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sabrina Karras, Secretary.



Let's Celebrate  
*Bill Ingall's 89th Birthday!*

You're invited to Bill's taco bar open house on:  
**Saturday, March 16th**  
serving 11:45 am - 1:45 pm

Held at the home of Bill and Colleen Ingalls  
8801 Vestavia Circle, Buena Park, CA 90621

Please RSVP by Monday, March 11th to  
Colleen Ingalls at:  
**(323) 816-0305 or co.ingalls@gmail.com**

*No presents needed. Just you and yours!*



# March 2024 Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3  Daylight Savings Time Begins	4	5	6	7	8	9  NHRA Motorsports Museum Tour 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
10  Long Beach Swap Meet 6 am - 1 pm	11	12  Supper Club at Spires Tustin - 5:30 pm OCVCCA Business Meeting - 7:00 pm	13	14	15	16  Bill Ingalls' Birthday Open House 11:45 am - 1:45 pm
17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21  NHRA Drag Racing Winter Nationals Pomona - 7:30 am	22  NHRA Drag Racing Winter Nationals Pomona - 7:30 am	23  NHRA Drag Racing Winter Nationals Pomona - 7:30 am
24  31 	25	26	27	28	29	30  Lions Automobilia Tri-Five Celebration 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Weekly Car Shows & Cruises

**Tuesday: Laguna Hills - Hot Rods Unlimited In-N-Out Cruise In - 5 PM - 7 PM - 24001 Avenida de la Carlota**

**Wednesday: Placentia - Big Wednesday Car Show - 5 PM - 7:30 PM - 2001 E. Orangethorpe**

**Friday: Garden Grove - Main Street Friday Night Car Show - 4 PM - 8 PM - 12891 Historic Main Street**

**Saturday: Huntington Beach - Donut Derelicts - 6 AM - 9 AM - Magnolia & Adams**

**Sunday: Seal Beach - Hot Rods at the Beach - 8 AM - 11 AM - Glory Days Seaside Grill, 620 Pacific Coast Hwy**

**Sunday: Newport Beach - Car Meet Up - 9 AM - Chihuahua Cerveza, 3107 Newport Blvd.**

## Happy Birthday

*Sue Hergenreter - March 4th | Bill Ingalls - March 9th | Mark Wilk - March 13th  
Eileen Cochran - March 13th | Annette Bartolomucci - March 15th | John Kelly - March 15th  
Janet Potter - March 17th | Amanda Medina - March 17th | Blake Montero - March 20th  
Gerry Eldred - March 20th | Sabrina Karras - March 29th*

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*Stacey McCoy - April 8th | Gloria Jaramillo - April 8th | James Bartolomucci - April 13th  
Sue Fossek - April 16th | Linda Trousdale - April 18th | Gary Eldred - April 20th  
Linda Clark - April 21st | Sue Palazzo - April 28th | Stephanie Redmann - April 29th  
Rose Wolf - April 29th*

## Happy Anniversary

*Gary & Judy Howard - March 20th | Art & Linda Wesselman - March 27th  
Bill & Karlene Fuller - April 15th | Fred & Sue Fossek - April 17th | Robert & Marsha Devot - April 21st  
Jim & Sabrina Karras - April 22 | Matt & Amanda Medina - April 26th*



# OCVCCA Leadership



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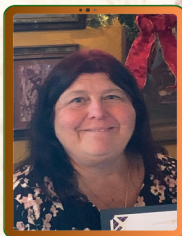
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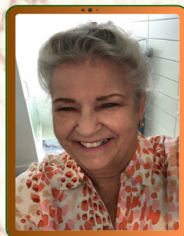
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## Other VCCA Resources

**Orange County Region Web Site**

[www.ocrvcca.org](http://www.ocrvcca.org)

**National VCCA Web Site**

[www.vcca.org](http://www.vcca.org)

**Area 1 VCCA Web Site**

[www.area1vcca.org](http://www.area1vcca.org)

**VCCA Area #1 Board Member**

Dean Echols - (928) 710-4325 - [deanechols38@gmail.com](mailto:deanechols38@gmail.com)

**VCCA Member Services**

(708) 455-VCCA (8222) - [memberservices@vcca.org](mailto:memberservices@vcca.org)

**VCCA Internet Chat Forum**

[www.vcca.org/forum/](http://www.vcca.org/forum/)





## Purpose

The Orange County Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (“VCCA”) was organized to promote the restoration and preservation of Chevrolets and GMCs and welcomes everyone with an interest in the history of Chevrolet and sharing knowledge and experiences about these wonderful automobiles.

Our club has an extensive technical expertise knowledge base to draw from. If you are still building your dream project, or need assistance with your Chevrolet and GMC vehicle, someone in our club is always willing to offer technical assistance.

We welcome guests at our meetings and many of our events. If you are looking to join a car club with members who appreciate Chevrolet and GMC vehicles, please contact us or come or visit us at one of our monthly meetings!

Our region is comprised of many members who join together at many fun events including; tours, picnics, car shows, banquets and other interesting outings.



## Membership and Dues

An active member is defined as an individual who has paid dues to both the National VCCA and the Orange County Region. Ownership of a Chevrolet is not a requirement of membership.

*National Dues:* Dues for the National VCCA are \$40.00 per year for a regular membership or \$25.00 per year for an online membership. National Dues include membership card, badge, club decal, and monthly publication – the *Generator and Distributor*. To join, go online to <https://vcca.org/>

*Orange County Region Dues:* Dues for the Orange County Region are \$15.00 per year. Dues are payable on or before January 31st. An active member receives a monthly newsletter – the *Orange Peel* and notification of all club activities. An active member may participate in the business meetings and all club events, both regional and national. To join, go online to <https://ocrvcca.org/>



## Orange Peel Publication Information

The Orange Peel is published every month. Ads and other contributions from members are welcome for publication in the Orange Peel. The deadline for all contributions is the last Tuesday of every month. To submit material send via email to [orangepeel@ocrvcca.org](mailto:orangepeel@ocrvcca.org). Newsletter Editor is Sabrina Karras.







THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA INC.

# Orange County Region



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversar \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (Member) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (Member) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the National Vintage Chevrolet club?  YES  NO

**If YES:** Your membership number: \_\_\_\_\_ **If NO:** It is a prerequisite for becoming a member of a local region. Yearly dues for National Membership are listed below and are forwarded to the National Organization. Dues for Orange County Region membership is \$15.00 per year.

**ORANGE COUNTY REGION DUES**.....\$ 15.00 per year

**NATIONAL DUES**  RENEWAL  NEW

Digital Membership (Member, Spouse & Children), two votes ..... \$ 25.00 per year

Periodical Membership (Member, Spouse & Children), two votes ..... \$ 40.00 per year

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ALL REGION MEMBERS MUST JOIN NATIONAL IN ORDER TO JOIN THE REGION. If you send the Orange County Region your national dues, we will send them on to National.**

**REGION:** All members receive a monthly Region newsletter and information on upcoming events and tours.

**NATIONAL:** All new members will receive a club badge, decal, membership card and the national magazine, Generator & Distributor. Members are entitled to free classified advertising in the club magazine and participation in Vintage Chevrolet Club activities. Members are entitled to free classified advertising, access to member-only website features, and participation in all VCCA activities. Chevrolet ownership is not a requirement for membership. Dues are non-refundable.

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolets.

If you presently own a Chevrolet, please fill in below.

Year	Model	Body Style	Cyl.	Condition
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Recruited by (VCCA member recruiting optional) \_\_\_\_\_ VCCA # \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR CLUB USE ONLY

Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check/Cash  
 Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Region Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Return complete form and mail with dues to:  
**ORANGE COUNTY REGION VCCA – Attn: Tom Clark**  
 5351 Huntley Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845-1925

X \_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature*