

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



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# The Orange Peel



## Director's Message April 2024

Dear Chevy friends,

Spring has sprung and the Easter Bunny has come and gone, but I hope you saved a few jelly beans to last until summer!

For those of you that attended the March tour to the NHRA Motorsports Museum hosted by the Foothill Region, I have no doubt you will agree Sabrina did another fine job arranging this tour. What a great day!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 7 PM at the Church of the Foothills in Santa Ana. The Supper Club will meet for dinner at Spires in Tustin before the meeting at 5:30 PM. RSVP with Sabrina for dinner.

Mark your calendar to join the Breakfast Club at 8:30 AM on Saturday, April 13th at Hof's Hut, at 12489 Seal Beach Blvd. Please RSVP with Sabrina. There will be a car show committee meeting afterward.

The So Cal Region has the Area 1 Flight Path LAX Museum Tour set for Saturday, April 20th. RSVP to Sabrina for this unique tour experience.

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:**  
**April 9, 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 9:00 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 9:00 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:**  
**April 9, 2024 at 5:30 pm**





# March 9h tour to the NHRA Motorsports Museum in Pomona hosted by the Foothill Region

WE HAD BREAKFAST AT NORM'S HANGAR AT BRACKETT FIELD BEFORE WE HEADED OVER TO CHECK OUT THE HOT RODS, DRAGSTERS, AND CUSTOMS!



START



FINISH









**W**ith times changing and Valarie growing up, her mother passed the car onto Valarie in 1985 and she used it as her wedding limo in 1989 and then as her daily driver until 1991. During that period of time, she and the ole '55 had many adventures, including two different

harrowing experiences when the single master cylinder brake system failed, and the brake pedal went to the floor! One of those times, Valarie literally jumped out of the car and held onto the door post for two and half blocks to stop the car. Fortunately, her quick thinking helped save the car from a collision.

When asked what the most “unique” feature of the car is Valarie answered. “The car has been in our family for 45 years, I took my drivers test in it, went to senior prom and used it as our wedding limo in 1989”. Talking about this '55 like a family member. It's a rolling tribute to family memories spanning four generations.

Once Valarie and her husband Salvador raised their boys, they decided to uncover the old '55 and get her back on the road. Over the next five years, the couple, with some help from some friends, got the 4-door updated, safe and ready to make more memories.

**T**he original plan was to pull out the tired 6-cylinder and replace it with a small block 350, but a friend came up with a 5.3 LS3 instead, and the decision was made that if they were going to update the car why not really update it. A FITech Fuel Injection Management

controller was used as well as adding a Vintage Air Gen IV unit to keep the cabin cool for memory making! The engine is backed by a GM 4L60E transmission, and the exhaust breathes freely through ceramic coated headers and 2.5' exhaust system installed by Anchor Muffler.

Tuning was left to Lenny at Geared for Speed where they also installed the trailer hitch and the trans cooler to pull their recently purchased 1955 Shasta Trailer. Bud Lakeman and son at Lakeman Chassis helped with the wiring and the chassis set up. John at J&S Gear cut down a 1978 Z-28 rear end and installed new 373 gears to get the power down and not kill the gas mileage. CPP tubular spindles, QA1 shocks and 4-link rear suspension upgrade gave the old ride a new feel. CPP 10' power front disks assure the brakes will do their job when called upon. The Lopez's took the family sedan to Irwindale to do some test and tune and ran a 9.99 in the 1/8th which is a solid time for such a heavy car on 7' Coker American Classic tires and sporting True Spoke 72 Series wires!



**T**he cabin of the Lopez's '55 was updated with a completely new stereo system installed by Fernando Garcia, while Dave at LS Upholstery redid the entire interior and trunk using coral vinyl and grey tweed.

A set of Dakota Digital VHX gauges were installed to update the look from stock while also operating fully electronically. Tri-5 Classics' Roy and Bob replaced and tinted all the glass and Frank at Decked Out Restoration cleaned up some issues in the body and then coated them with some classic red-oxide primer for an old school looking repair job before clear coating the entire car to preserve the 45-year-old paint that Valarie's mother had sacrificed for in 1979.



**F**or Valarie's '55 this story is long from over, she and Salvador have already been to Tri-Five Nationals in Bowling Green KY the last two years and are going to be part of the Tri-Five Nationals or BUST Road Trip from Dallas to Bowling Green 2024. The Lopez's plan is to make more memories with the other 29 couples who will be on the trip.

Keep making memories in your Timeless Machine!!!





Area 1 Tour hosted by the Southern California Region VCCA

# FLIGHT PATH MUSEUM LAX



## April 20, 2024

Join us as we explore the Flight Path Museum LAX. The museum celebrates the glamour, adventure, and excitement of aviation and aerospace. The museum houses an extensive array of historic flight crew uniforms, aviation and space exploration exhibits, as well as flight training simulators and a research library.

**TOUR ELIGIBLE FOR PASSPORT MILES!**

General Admission  
**\$5**

Senior (60+) Admission  
**\$3**

Tour Group Size Limited to 25 People

We will be meeting for breakfast at Mr. Rosewoods restaurant at 9:00 am then caravanning to the museum as a group directly after. The museum opens at 12:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the museum on the day of the event.

### Flight Path Museum LAX

6661 West Imperial Hwy  
Los Angeles, CA 90045



### Mr. Rosewoods Family Restaurant

10640 Rosecrans Ave  
Norwalk, CA 90650

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







Vintage Chevrolet Club of America  
**Orange County Region**  
 "The World's Best Chevrolet Club"

# 20TH ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**  
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Peppertree Park**

230 W. 1st St., Tustin, CA 92780

## Come on Down!

The Orange County Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America is hosting another Picnic in the Park. You are invited to come join the fun!

- Meet potential new members.
- Show off your old Chevy.
- Enjoy each other's company.



**LIMITED  
 OFFER**

IF YOU JOIN THE OCVCCA AT THE PICNIC, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INTRODUCTORY 18-MONTH MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PRICE OF A 12-MONTH MEMBERSHIP. JUST ATTEND THIS EVENT AND COMPLETE A SIMPLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

REMEMBER, YOU DON'T NEED TO OWN AN OLD CHEVROLET TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB!



**Family members and guests are welcome. Bring the kids!**

BRING YOUR OLD CHEVROLET, A LAWN CHAIR, AND A BIG APPETITE AND WE'LL SUPPLY THE:

- ✓ Hot Dogs
- ✓ Hamburgers
- ✓ Chili
- ✓ Soft Drinks

## For More Info and to RSVP

Contact Picnic Volunteer  
 Sabrina Karras

Phone: (714) 287-4757

Email: [picnic@ocrvcca.org](mailto:picnic@ocrvcca.org)

Visit Our Website

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

A non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Chevrolet and GMC vehicles



## OCVCCA Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jim Karras, Director, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Colleen & Bill Ingalls, Judy & Gary Howard, Jim Long & Jean Burns, Dave Potter, Jeanne Krogh, Carl Slaney, Sal Lopez, Valarie Miranda-Lopez, Luke Redmann, Brittany Peyatt, Denis & Sue Hergenreter, Fred & Sue Fossek, Tom Clark, Jim & Sabrina Karras

**FLAG SALUTE:** Denis Hergenreter led the flag salute.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:**

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:** Minutes from the February 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. Jean Burns seconded. Motion was voted on and approved. Badge fines were collected.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

**TOURS:** Sabrina Karras reported that the next tour to the Browning Collection on February 24th was a great success. There were 50 members from 4 Regions attending. Mr. Browning and the collection curator, Tony Martinez, hosted our group and made us feel incredibly welcome. The tour to the NHRA Motorsports Museum on March 9th was also a great tour with over 20 members from 3 Regions. The next tour is set to be hosted by the So Cal Region for Saturday, April 20th to the Flight Path Museum in Los Angeles. This tour is limited to 25 spots. The flyer went out via email. Make sure to RSVP early.

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Sabrina Karras reported that our next breakfast club gathering at Hof's Hut Seal Beach will be on Saturday, April 13th at 9:00 am.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK:** Gary Howard reported that plans are secured for our membership recruiting picnic on Sunday, May 19th at Peppertree Park in Tustin. The committee is working hard to make this a fun event for members and guests. Flyers have gone out via email and hard copies are available for distribution.

**CAR SHOW:** Denis Hergenreter reported that a committee meeting will be held immediately after the April 13th breakfast club gathering to kick off planning. Jim Karras reported that the car show flyer will be going to print within the next week so it will be ready for distribution.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Colleen Ingalls reported that she is trying to make sure that the new members receive their badges. If you do not have your badge let her know. She is also working on members with outstanding dues.

**ORANGE PEEL:** Sabrina Karras reported that the March edition went out as planned. Thank you to Jean Burns for the article submission. 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:**

No unfinished business at this time.

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## OCVCCA Meeting Minutes (Con't.) - March 12, 2024

### NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Karras reported that the Personalized Chevrolet Chapter (PCC) held a Zoom meeting on March 3rd to discuss the future of the chapter. New officers volunteered and a vote will be held.

Sabrina Karras brought up a request for a non-budget expenditure related to the recent tour to the Browning Collection in February. As part of a thank you gift the participating Regions are collaborating in, the So Cal Region is purchasing a VCCA logo license plate, license plate frame, and license plate tab. The So Cal Region will be paying for the frame, the Foothill Region will be paying for the plate and Sabrina requested that Orange County pay for the tab at a cost of \$7.00. Dave Potter made a motion to approve the purchase of the tab at a cost of \$7.00. Jim Long seconded. Motion was voted on and approved.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:

Gary & Judy Howard announced that in a few days they will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Gary shared that on the day of Judy's graduation from high school he proposed to her in his 1955 Chevy Bel Air!

Denis & Sue Hergenreter shared that on President's Day they spent the day in Palm Springs taking part in a Modernism Week walking house tour and got to see some very beautiful houses. They even managed to squeeze in a car show at the end of the day!

Valarie & Sal Lopez participated in cruise down PCH in Huntington Beach with over 42 cars from their Tri-Five Crew that was part of their club's membership drive, and they had a large gathering of nomads join them and it ended up getting filmed and popping up on You Tube!

Dave Potter shared that he will be participating in the annual Long Beach K9 Officer's Association Benefit Car Show hosted by the Sultans Car Club in Long Beach on Saturday, May 11th. It is always a fun day.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 9th at the Church of the Foothills, Santa Ana at 7:00 pm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Gary Howard moved to adjourn. Jim Long made the second. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sabrina Karras, Secretary.

## Bill Ingall's 89th Birthday!












*Saturday, March 16th*

Friends from the Orange County Region came together to celebrate Bill's birthday at his open house on a beautiful Saturday afternoon! Thank you for inviting us to share the day with you, Colleen, and your family!





# April 2024 Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>  APRIL FOOL'S DAY April Fools Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Goodguys Meguiars Del Mar Nationals 8am - 5 pm	<b>6</b>  Goodguys Meguiars Del Mar Nationals 8am - 5 pm
<b>7</b>  Goodguys Meguiars Del Mar Nationals 8am - 5 pm Long Beach Swap Meet 6 am - 1 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <i>Reminder</i> Supper Club at Spires Tustin - 5:30 pm OCVCCA Business Meeting - 7:00 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <i>Reminder</i> Breakfast Club at Hof's Hut - 9:00 am
<b>14</b>  Pomona Swap Meet 5 am - 2 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Flight Path LAX Museum Tour 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
<b>21</b>  Orange Plaza Rotary Car Show 8 am - 3 pm Buena Park Elks Lodge Swap Meet 6 - 10 am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Throwback Thursday Car Show Hwy 39 Event Ctr Anaheim 5 - 8 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Seal Beach Classic Car Show 9 am - 3 pm
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

## 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

Stacey McCoy - April 8th | Gloria Jaramillo - April 8th | James Bartollemucci - April 13th  
Sue Fessek - 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

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Jean Evans - May 1 | Bette Richardson - May 6 | Denis Hergenreter - May 7  
Deborah Bird - May 11 | Bill Fuller - May 12 | Chris Teeley - May 13 | Dave Wise - May 15  
Michael Grassi - May 20 | Team Daugs May 21 | John Patterson - May 26 | Art Scully - May 26  
Bill Norman - May 28 | Pat Welch - May 28 | Arlene Fliegler - May 30

## Happy Anniversary

Bill & Karlene Fuller - April 15 | Fred & Sue Fessek - April 17 | Robert & Marsha Devet - April 21  
Jim & Sabrina Karras - April 22 | Bob & Jan Brown - April 25 | Matt & Amanda Medina - April 26  
Dave & Janise Wise - May 11 | Kevin & Terri Spangler - May 25  
Ren & Marilyn Cheroske - May 28 | David & Janet Potter - May 28



# OCVCCA Leadership



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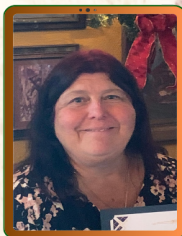
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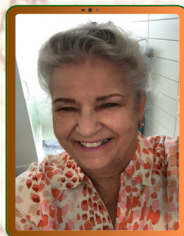
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## Other VCCA Resources

**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)

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**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/)





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*