

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



September 2024



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The Orange Peel

Interim Director's Message September 2024



Dear Chevy Friends,

Summer 2024 is in our rear view mirror and fall is right around the corner. Our members continued to enjoy tours like the PCC Area 1 Tour to the legendary Petersen Automotive Museum. Thank you to Gary Howard who served as the tour coordinator at the museum.

Our Region is hosting the LA County Fire Museum Tour on September 14, RSVP to Dave Potter. I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope that everyone is excited for our own ALL CHEVROLET SHOW on October 13 at Connell Chevrolet in Costa Mesa. Volunteers will be needed to help with setup, take down and tasks on the day of the show. We will have sign ups at the monthly meeting and if you cannot make the meeting please call me, there is lots to do. Flyers are available at all meetings for members to hand out at car shows and cruises that they're attending.

CAR SHOW REGISTRATION- I really encourage our own OCVCCA member's to participate by registering and showing off their Chevrolet/ GMC for all of us to enjoy. I promise you will have a great time!

Denis Hergenreter, #51641—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: September 10, 2024



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



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. (exception 9/14/24)

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 Gatherings:

September 14, 2024 8:30am & November 9, 2024 9am
(no Breakfast Gatherings in October and December)



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

NEXT GATHERING: Tuesday, September 10

RSVP by 9/9 to Sue at 714.814.7938

Have You Registered?



Vintage Chevrolet Club of America
Orange County Region
presents the



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COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

Sunday, October 13, 2024

2828 Harbor Blvd. at Adams Avenue

9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Gates open at 7:00 am)

- Pre-registration: \$40 | On-site: \$50
- VCCA National Judging available (see reverse)
- 40 awards including 35 Best in Class selections.
- A portion of the proceeds go to the Vintage Chevrolet Heritage Foundation

Scan the QR Code to



register online at: ocrvcca.org

All Pre-2000 Chevrolet and GMC vehicles are welcome!

Spread the Word



AREA 1 Tour hosted by the Orange County Region

LA COUNTY FIRE MUSEUM TOUR

September 14, 2024

Join us as we visit and explore the Los Angeles County Fire Museum. It is on the ground floor of The Mayne Events Center, which is located in downtown Bellflower, California. They have display space full of fire apparatus and artifacts. You will also find the World Famous EMERGENCY television show apparatus Squad 51 and both Engine 51s from the 1970's TV show. The large collection of rigs include apparatus from the hand drawn, horse drawn, and from the early 20th Century to the modern era. Displays are exchanged often and various rigs are brought out for public viewing from their shop and storage warehouse in South Gate.

The display cases are full of fascinating fire related artifacts. There is even an Engine Company 51 Store that has shirts, hats, and more (including items not sold on the internet) that you will want to take home with you.

We will be meeting for breakfast at Hof's Hut, Seal Beach at **8:30am** then caravanning to the museum as a group directly after. Tickets can be purchased at the museum on the day of the event for **\$5.00**.

TOUR ELIGIBLE FOR PASSPORT MILES

Hof's Hut Seal Beach
Breakfast 8:30am
12489 Seal Beach Blvd
Seal Beach, CA

LA County Fire Dept Museum
Tour Begins 11:00am
16400 Bellflower Blvd
Bellflower, CA
(Approx 10.5 miles from Hof's)

If you are not joining us for breakfast, you can join the caravan at 10:15am in the Hof's Hut parking lot OR you can drive directly to the museum

**Thank you to Dave Potter
for coordinating this tour!**

RSVP to Dave Potter at (714) 310-4891 by August 30,



PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM



1955 Chevrolet Biscayne
GM Motorama



1955 LaSalle II Roadster
GM Motorama



1965 Peel P50



1953 Bel Air
OCVCCA Members
Jim Long and Jean Burns

The Petersen Museum Tour August 24, 2024:

Five members of the Orange County Vintage Chevrolet Region left Enderle Center in Tustin for the drive to the museum. Jim Long and Jean Burns in their beautiful 53 Bel Air, Wayne Mc Kennin, Tom Clark, and I driving my 2006 Chevy Truck. Traffic was light and it took only about an hour to reach the museum. We were joined there by other VCCA Region members.

We drove into the parking structure next to custom 50 Era Chevys, the chrome and the paint of these cars was amazing! What a way to start the tour.

The museum has 3 floors, with every kind of vehicle you can imagine, cars, trucks, race cars and even the Batmobile. All and all a great day. If you have never been to the Petersen, I would highly recommend it. My understanding is that they trade out the vehicles so that each visit is a different experience.

Only negative comment, there is only one place to have lunch near there on Wilshire Blvd. and the line was over a block long. We ended up driving back to Enderle Center for lunch.

My navigator Tom, helped me back to the freeway to Orange County. It took over 3 hours to get back. Yes, I would do it again but next time pack a lunch. - Gary Howard

GARAGE



TALK

September 2024

Submitted by Gary Howard...

My first car was a 55 Chevy. I bought it when I was just old enough to get my license. All my car buddies had 55 Chevys. Mine I bought after reading an ad in the Santa Ana Register. The car was located in Santa Ana around the corner of 17th Street and Bristol. It was a Bel Air Hardtop with the original 265 V-8. It had come from the factory with a Powerglide and Power-Pack engine. The engine had lots of upgrades, Corvette solid lifter cam, three two barrel carbs and modified exhaust system.

The interior had lots of changes, white leather diamond tufted seats with turquoise buttons, chrome window frames and glove compartment door. The weakest thing on the car was the paint. It was metallic Silver Gray and was very faded and cracked.

I drove it back home the next morning. I was looking forward to driving it to Westminster High School, and it wouldn't start. Thus begins my education in car repair.

Over the next five years I installed a very updated 1963- 340 Horsepower 327 with mechanical Rochester fuel injection. The stock manual 3-speed transmission just would not hold up with all that extra horsepower.

So I installed a Borg-Warner T-10 4 speed out of a 1960 big block El Camino. I also installed a 3200 pound Hays clutch.

In the early sixties I met the love of my life Judy. I had her car painted 1960 Buick Mahogany Brown. Later, I detuned the engine and put a softer clutch in the car. So with an L79 hydraulic lifter cam and softer clutch, Mrs. Howard was able to drive the car.

More about the 55 and transition to a 1956 coming up in the next chapter.

Any 55 Chevrolet questions you can always call me.

-Gary Howard

September 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  RSVP for OCVCCA FIRE MUSEUM TOUR September 14  | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8  Kiwanisland Show Garden Grove Long Beach Swap Meet | 9 | 10  Supper Club at Spires Tustin - 5:30 pm OCVCCA Business Meeting - 7:00 pm | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14  Hof's Hut— Breakfast Seal Beach— 8:30am  Tour Fire Museum |
| 15  CLASSIC SWAP MEET BIENA PARK ELKS Lodge 6am—10am | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28  Cruisin' For a Cure Costa Mesa |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

Weekly Car Shows & Cruises

Monday: Placentia - Monday Madness Car Show- 5 PM - 7 PM - Mr. D's Diner - 126 Yorba Linda Blvd.

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

Thursday: Brea - Thursday Night Car Show - 5 PM - 7 PM - Coco's - 1250 E. Imperial Hwy.

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 / CARS- Carlsbad 7-9am

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.

Third Sunday ---Classic Swap Meet, Classic Vintage Parts, BP Elks Lodge 7212 Melrose St. Buena Park 6AM-10AM

Last Thursday - Throw Back Thursday Car Show.

First Friday - Buena Park Elks Lodge Car Show- 4-8PM 7212 Melrose St. Buena Park.

Happy Birthday

Gary Howard- Sept 4 | Judith Anderson - Sept 4 | Daniel Perley - Sept 6
Kevin Spangler - Sept 9 | Marla Woodward - Sept 13 | Jean Burns - Sept 14
Karlene Fuller - Sept 14 | Howard Wallach - Sept 16 | Roberta Gillespe —Sept 18
Nancy LoBue - Sept 19 | Gregg Bunch - Sept 20 | Kelly Milia - Sept 22
Rick Larriva - Sept 25 | Colleen Ingalls—Sept 26

Happy Anniversary

Chuck Gray & Donna Wood - Sept 2 | Bill & Helen Norman - Sept 3
Art & Dorothy Scully - Sept 4 | Steve & Eileen Cochran - Sept 9

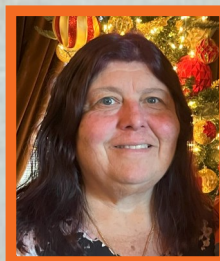
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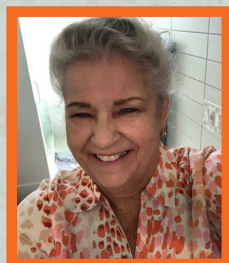
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Other VCCA Resources

[Orange County Region Web Site](http://www.ocrvcca.org)
www.ocrvcca.org

[National VCCA Web Site](http://www.vcca.org)
www.vcca.org

[Area 1 VCCA Web Site](http://www.arealvcca.org)
www.arealvcca.org

[VCCA Area #1 Board Member](#)
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[VCCA Member Services](#)
(708) 455-VCCA (8222) - memberservices@vcca.org

[VCCA Internet Chat Forum](http://www.vcca.org/forum/)
www.vcca.org/forum/



Purpose

The Orange County Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (“OCVCCA”) 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. In 2024 we are celebrating our 60th anniversary of our formation as a Region within the VCCA.

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 events including; tours, picnics, car shows, banquets and other interesting outings. We welcome and encourage all Chevrolet and GMC enthusiasts to join us for fun and fellowship.



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 \$50.00 per year for a regular membership or \$25.00 per year for an online membership. National Dues include a membership card, badge, club decal, and a monthly publication – the Generator and Distributor. To join, go online to <https://vcca.org/> or see the application on the last page of this newsletter.

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/> or see the application on the last page of this newsletter.



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. Newsletter Editor is Susan Hergenreter.





THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA INC.

Orange County Region



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Spouse _____ Spouse Birthdate _____
 Address _____ Anniversary _____
 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 # _____

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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