

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



Aug/Sept 2025



The Orange Peel



Director's Message



Dear Chevy Friends,

Our Orange County VCCA All Chevrolet Show on October 12, 2025 is coming up very quick.

If there is one show you are going to participate in this year, this is the show! We would like to see a large Orange County Region member turn out at this event. Come and meet the 80 plus members from our club and put names to faces and share the passion they have for their Chevrolet/GMC classics.

To deliver a successful and enjoyable show it takes many hands and volunteers. I would appreciate everyone's participation. Please refer to the car show page in this newsletter for car show information and volunteer opportunities.

See you at the show!

Denis Hergenreter, #51641—Director - OCVCCA



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

REGISTER NOW

Vintage Chevrolet Club of America
Orange County Region
presents the

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21ST ANNUAL
All Chevrolet
CAR SHOW

ORANGE COUNTY REGION
CHEVROLET
V.C.C.A.

VINTAGE CHEVROLET HERITAGE FOUNDATION

VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA
CHEVROLET
FOUNDED 1981
VCCA.ORG

OCTOBER 12, 2025

CARS INC **AT** **CONNELL CHEVROLET**

JORDAN *Family Classic Cars*
& *Hot Rods, Hobbies*
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

**New
Location**

Sunday, October 12, 2025

2851 Pullman Street, Santa Ana

9:00 am to 2:00 pm (*Gates open at 7:00 am*)

- Pre-registration: \$40 | On-site: \$50
- VCCA National Judging available (see reverse)
- A portion of the proceeds go to the Vintage Chevrolet Heritage Foundation

Scan the QR Code to



register online at: ocrvcca.org

All Pre-2001 Chevrolet and GMC vehicles are welcome!



- ◆ VOLUNTEERS
- ◆ DONATIONS - FOR RAFFLE
- ◆ REGISTER - FOR THE SHOW
- ◆ HANDOUT FLYERS

Our All Chevrolet Car Show is an annual event and our only source of income for our OC Region club.

Participation by club members is so necessary to have a successful show that people will want to come to year after year. If you can help in any way, please contact Sue Hergenreter at 714.814.7938





OCRVCCA Visit to Lions Automobilia and Drag Strip Museum

July 19, 2025 the Orange County Region of the VCCA visited the Lions Automobilia and Drag Strip Museum located in Rancho Dominguez, CA (formally known as Wilmington, CA)

The museum is located in a large commercial area on the Southeast side of Los Angeles, CA and adjacent to Long Beach and has been open since 2019. Where the old raceway existed is now used as storage for overseas cargo containers.

Lions Drag Strip operated from October 09, 1955 thru December 02, 1972 and was sponsored by the Lions Club International featuring races that were sanctioned by the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA established in 1951). Proceeds from the Drag Strip activity help fund different Lions Club International activities. The drag strip closed due to NOISE complaints (imagine that!!).

Lions Drag Strip also has appeared in various movie and television productions over the years, such as:

- The Munsters TV Show "Hot Rod Herman"
- Adam-12 TV Show "Who Won"
- Sam Peckinpah's movie "The Killer Elite"
- 1967 movie "It's a Bikini World"

The museum houses a large collection of various types of racing dragsters including Top Fuel dragsters, Funny Cars, Gassers, along with exhibits of historical racing personalities, photos, trophies, and safety equipment. (I'm impressed by just how far Driver Racing Suits have developed over the past 60 years or so). One of the latest additions is a Top Fuel Funny Car donated by John Force.





The highlight of the museum is the recreation of the Lions Drag Strip Staging and Starting Line. With the collection of dragsters available, this display changes quite often. I have been to this museum 3 time now and this display has not stayed the same.

Along with the large collection of drag racing cars and equipment, there are restored vintage cars and trucks ranging from the early 1900's through the 1970's. This includes a large assortment of Willys Automobiles from the 1940's through the 1950's.

Next to the Lions Drag Strip display is a 1:1 scale diorama of Indy Race Cars displayed as if you were standing on the track during the Grand Prix of Long Beach. (don't get run over....LOL)

Also found in the collection are 'Tribute' cars:

- 1977 Pontiac Trans Am Special Edition from the movie "Smokey and the Bandit"
- 1972 Ford Gran Torino from the movie "Gran Torino"
- 1958 Plymouth Belvedere from the movie "Christine"
- 1967 Ford Mustang from the movie "Bullitt" (yes, I know the actual Mustang in the movie was a '68)
- 1981 DeLorean DMC-12 from the movie "Back to the Future"





The museum had a number of Docents available to answer questions about the cars and helped with allowing our members the opportunity to get their photos taken in some of the cars.

Lions Automobilia is 'More Than a Museum'. They host and sponsor Car Shows, Automotive Seminars, and Workshops for all ages (kids can challenge siblings and parents with a Spark Plug removal and replacement contest), Student Career Pathways Programs, and a Venue Rental for 60-500 people!

In closing, it was a wonderful way to spend a few hours and to walk through automotive and drag racing history. If you are ever in the Southern California area you might just want to put the Lions Automobilia and Drag Strip Museum on your 'things to do and see' List.

NOTE: Historical facts obtained from the Lions Automobilia and Drag Strip Museum's website and Wikipedia.





OCEVCCA Member BBQ

Thank you to Jim Long and Jean Burns for hosting a wonderful California BBQ on July 27 at their beautiful home. Members of the Orange County Region VCCA. were in attendance. Everyone had a relaxing afternoon with perfect weather. The Palazzo's even brought a Chevrolet decorated watermelon to share with the group. Everyone enjoyed time together!





Jim Long
1000 Mile Award



Gary Howard
500 Mile Award



Leanne Krough
500 Mile Award



If you don't have a passport for each one of your vehicles, please reach out to Dave, our Tour Master and he will arrange one for you. It is a great way to track your trips and mileage. VCCA awards vehicles for miles at sanctioned events. It is a FUN AND FREE BENEFIT as part of being a member of VCCA

 **CHEVROLET**

MEMBERS' CORNER



Dave & Janet Potter brought a quilt to the July meeting to share with all the members that was made by Dave's 90 Aunt. The quilt was made using his old car show themed shirts. Beautiful quilt and such a great idea. Thank you for bringing in this family heirloom to share with our members.

If you have a story to share or something to sell or donate, please send the info to hergifamily@sbcglobal.net and we will include it in the next edition of the Orange Peel.

***** CLASSIFIED AD*****

FOR SALE: 1964 Chevrolet Belair 2Door Post



Stock except assed power front disc, dash clock converted to quartz and Chevrolet sport wheels. Painted in 2024 factory color Almond Fawn, repro upholstery from Hubbards.

Very nice car \$23,888 or best offer.

Contact Member:

Marc Marcoulides

714.920.2878



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



Have you seen it???
NEW!! INSTAGRAM
Search OCVCCA

Be sure to check our Facebook page!



Search for OCVCCA and click and follow to keep up to date on all the happenings in our club.

For more information on the OCVCCA Club such as upcoming events, vendors & service provider referrals, online membership application & renewal, club gear photos and more, go to our website at WWW.OCRVCCA.org.



Our Tour Master, Dave Potter submitted an article about our Poker Rally in April to the National VCCA publication G&D. The article with pictures and details of the tour was published in the JULY G&D. Dave autographed a copy for the club at the July meeting. Thank you to Dave & Janet Potter for all they do to organize fun and informative tours for our Orange County members.



Car show is in 40 DAYS!!!

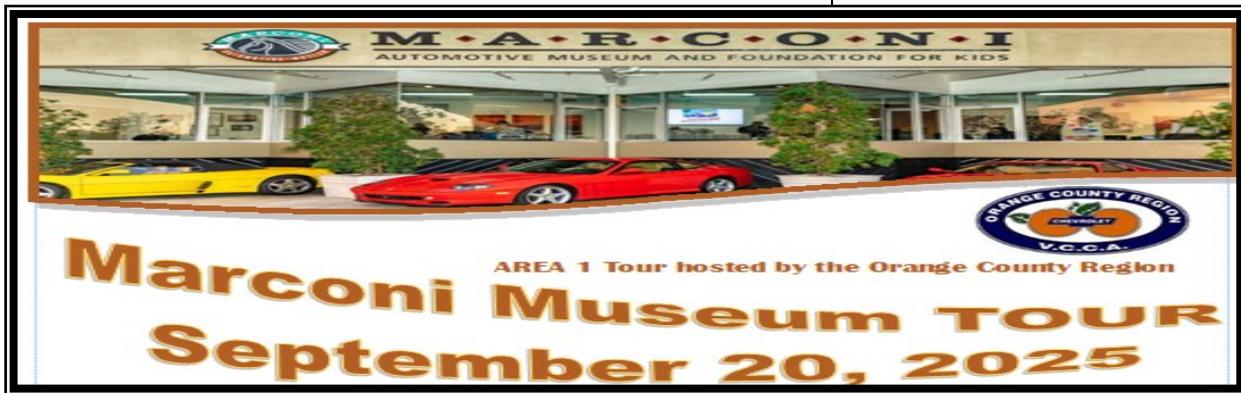
Have you registered?

There will be lots to see and do and classic cars galore. This is our clubs premier annual event on October 12.

I will see you there!



	9th—Super Club & Business Meeting
Sept	20th—Breakfast iHop Irvine & Marconi Museum
	20th—VCCA Judging Training Session
October	12th—OCVCCA ALL CHEVROLET CAR SHOW
	14th—Super Club & Business Meeting
	18th—Breakfast Club –Hofs Hut Seal Beach
November	11th—Super Club & Business Meeting
	15th—Breakfast Club Hofs Hut Seal Beach
December	6th—Holiday Luncheon
	No business meeting or breakfast club in December





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 AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM AND FOUNDATION FOR KIDS



AREA 1 Tour hosted by the Orange County Region

Marconi Museum TOUR

September 20, 2025

The Marconi Automotive Museum and Foundation for Kids is an auto museum, event venue, and a nonprofit for children.

Their mission is to help raise awareness for at-risk youth in our community. The Marconi Foundation for Kids is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that donates a portion of net proceeds from hosted events and museum visitors to children's charities and organizations. They host fundraisers, toy drives, car events, educational tours and more, all to benefit charities throughout Orange County. Thanks for helping them help kids!

We will be meeting for breakfast

Saturday, September 20 @ **8:30am**

IHOP, 1740 Edinger Avenue Santa Ana

then caravanning to the museum as a group directly after breakfast for this self guided tour.

Tickets can be purchased at the museum for \$15.00

TOUR ELIGIBLE FOR PASSPORT MILES

IHop, Santa Ana
1740 Edinger Ave
 Santa Ana

Breakfast 8:30am

Caravan leaves at 9:45am

Marconi Museum
Tour Begins 10:00am
1302 Industrial Drive, Tustin
 (Approx 1.5 miles from IHop)

****If you are not joining us for breakfast, you can join the caravan at 9:45am in the iHop parking lot OR you can drive directly to the museum****

Thank you to Dave Potter for arranging another great tour for our members!

RSVP to Dave Potter at (714) 310-4891 by September 15



New Location



The OCVCCA supper club meets on the second Tuesday of every month before the business meeting at El Torito Restaurant

in Tustin at 5:30 pm.
is located at:

17420 17th Street, Tustin

RSVP @ 714.814.7938

hergifamily@sbcglobal.net

Next Gathering:
Tuesday, Sept 9
Tuesday, Oct 14
Tuesday, Nov 11

**No Super Club
in December**



The OCVCCA meets on a monthly basis on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm except December. Guests are welcome to join.

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

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Sept 9
Tuesday, Oct 14
Tuesday, Nov 11

**No Meeting
in December**



The OCVCCA breakfast club meets on the THIRD Saturday of every month at Hof's Hut in Seal Beach at **9:00am.**

Hof's Hut is located at 12489 Seal Beach Blvd, Seal Beach. Members and guests are welcome to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

Next Gathering:
September 20, iHop in Irvine as part of the Marconi Tour.

October 18
November 15

No Breakfast Club in December

**Best Wishes to everyone celebrating a
Birthday or Anniversary in
August and September!**



Support Your Local Cruise-In

Monday: Check socalcarrculture.com

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 - 126 E Yorba Linda Blvd Mr D's Diner

Thursday: Whittier - Original Roadhouse - 15156 Whittier Blvd. - 5PM - 7PM

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

Saturday: South OC Cars & Coffee - Outlets at San Clemente SW Corner - 9AM - 11AM

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.

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

Looking for a car event?
 Check out these sites:
ocrvcca.org
vcca.org
socalcarrculture.com

Support Your Local Swap Meet



**1101 W McKinley Avenue,
 Pomona, CA 91768**

Event Hours: 5 a.m. to 2 p.m
 (You are busy on Oct 12..LOL)

~~October 12~~
 December 17



**LONG BEACH
 HI PERFORMANCE
 Show & Swap Meet**

Long Beach Auto Swap Meet
 Veterans Stadium 2025
 Event Hours: 6am—1pm

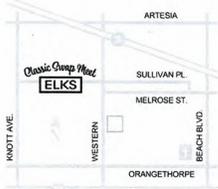
September 14, 2025
 October 5, 2025
 November 9, 2025



Antique - Classic - Vintage Parts

Buena Park Elks Lodge
 7212 Melrose St.
 Buena Park, CA 90621
 Open 6:00am - 10:00am

January	26	Sellers Space	\$20
February	16	Pickers	\$1
March	16		
April	20		
May	18		
June	15		
July	20		
August	17		
September	21		
October	19		
November	16		
December	21		



Contact:
 Dave Leadford
 714-402-4377 Call or text

"Make Pickers Swapmeet Great Again!"



Member Vendor Recommendations

Listed below are businesses that have provided services to our members who were satisfied with the service they received. These are only being shared as a contact if you are looking for a certain type of work. These are not paid advertisements and there is no guaranty the service level you will receive.

They are only being shared as a referral.

If you have a business that you would like to have included on this page please send a copy of a business card to Sue Hergenreter email: hergifamily@sbcglobal.net.



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Intro
Building hot rods and customs. Wiring, paint, suspension, power train swaps, upgrades. You name it. Custom bike painting and more

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10422 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, CA, United States, California

(714) 614-3555



CARS INC
Your Classic Chevy Parts Source Since 1976

CARS Inc.(Cal)
1000 B South Melrose St
Placentia, CA 92870
Tel: 714-666-8860
Fax: 714-666-8870
Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 5:00pm PST
Sat: 10:00am - 2:00pm PST 2nd and 4th
Sat of the month



ROLLINGS
Automotive

(714) 870-6900
info@rollingsautomotive.com
M-F: 7am - 6pm
Sat: 7am - 4pm
Sun: Closed



Member Help Needed

Posted below are areas where we can use member assistance. Please take a moment and see where you can help us help you and others.



We all have a story to telland we are looking for members to share their stories for the newsletter.

Contact Sue Hergenreter Editor at hergifamily@sbcglobal.net



SUNSHINE NOTES

Do you know a member who is sick or on the mend? Have you or a member recently hit a life milestone, special anniversary, birth or event?

Please email Judy Howard our Sunshine Coordinator at jghoward@cox.net and let her know about it.

Donations of cards and stamps would be appreciated.

Los Amigos High School - Garden Grove School District

Needs Our Help

James McAdam is in charge of Shop Programs at the school.

He is need of donations of complete 350 engines and/or parts for the shop classes.

Contact Denis Hergenreter at 714.746.4200 if you have donations.

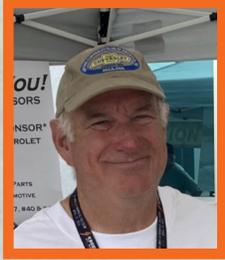


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OCVCCA Leadership



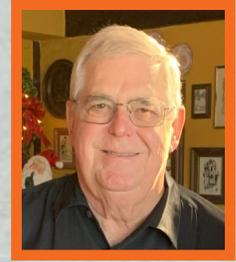
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VCCA Lead Judge & PCC
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Tour Master
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(714)310-4891



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.area1vcca.org)
www.area1vcca.org

[VCCA Area #1 Board Member](#)
Dean Echols - (928) 710-4325 - deanechols38@gmail.com

[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	_____	Anniversar	_____
Address	_____	Unit No.	_____
City	_____	State	_____
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 \$ 50.00 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