



The Touring  
Chronicle  
A publication of the  
Vintage Motor Car  
Club of America

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As this year draws to a close, the Vintage Motor Car Club of America's

Board of Governors, wish our members and their families a Holiday Season filled with warmth, peace, health, and happiness.

May you find meaningful connections with family and friends and time to reflect on the blessings you share.

With hopes for an even better 2024!

Sincerely, the VMCCA Board of Governors.

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**VMCCA Membership Dues Increase for  
2024**



## Dues Increase for 2024



### VMCCA Annual Dues will increase to \$48

As in most areas since COVID, costs of business for our club are going up. It has become necessary to raise annual dues to \$48 for Active Members. Student Memberships will remain \$12 and Junior Memberships will remain \$5 a year. Life Memberships are still \$600.

VMCCA President Duane Copley said, "As some of you may now be aware, the annual dues for our club have been raised from \$40 annually to \$48. As some of you may not be aware, our club has been running a deficit budget for the last several years. This was discussed at some length during the first quarter 2023 meeting held in Reno where the increase in dues was approved."

(For further details, see our President's Message in the May/June [Bulb Horn](#).)

Full-year dues collected after September 1 of each year cover the rest of the current calendar year and all of the coming year. In other words, if you pay \$48 dues any time after September 1, 2023, you are considered fully paid as an Active Member through all of 2024.

Thank you for understanding the need to improve revenues, to keep our club and publications going strong. When you send in your 2024 membership renewal, please be sure to send the new amount, \$48.

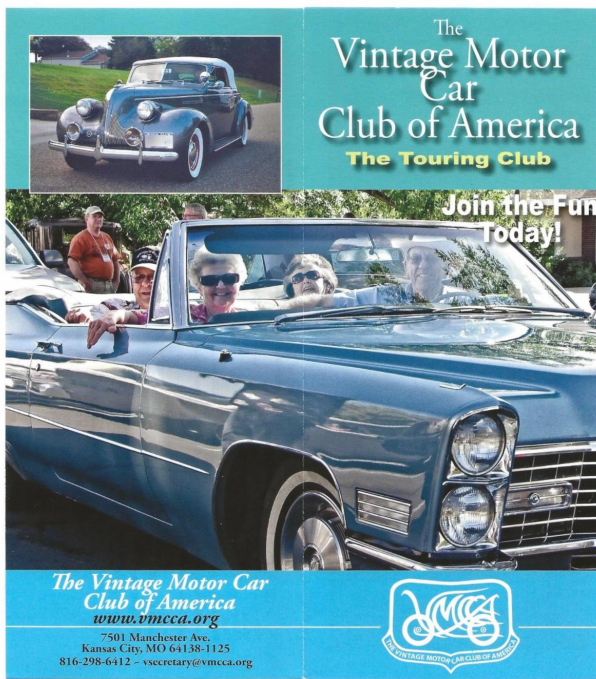
***Thank You!***



## Membership Flyers are available

**UPDATED** membership flyers are available for anyone who would like to distribute them at shows and events.

VMCCA President Duane Copley



has hand-corrected a supply of flyers to reflect 2024 dues updates. More will be amended as needed.

Contact President Duane Copley to request these updated flyers.

[vpresident@vmcca.org](mailto:vpresident@vmcca.org)

## *VMCCA 2024 and 2025 Calendar of Events*

**Registration Forms for 2024 tours will be posted on the VMCCA website, in the Bulb Horn Magazine, and in The Touring Chronicle as they become available. Please check frequently!**

**February 8 -12, 2024, VMCCA Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet.** Caribbean Cruise, Duane Copley, [dgcopley46@yahoo.com](mailto:dgcopley46@yahoo.com)

**April 8-12, 2024, VMCCA Orphan Car Tour,** Decatur, TX. Bill and Betty Shores, 817-688-7022 [b.shores@sbcglobal.net](mailto:b.shores@sbcglobal.net)

**April 28 - May 3, 2024, 42nd Chrome Glidden Tour,** Clarksville, AR. Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill, 501-352-0047 [raymond.harrill@att.net](mailto:raymond.harrill@att.net)

**June 23-28, 2024, VMCCA 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour,** Medina, OH. Dave and Debbie Vassel. Debbie 330-

416-5341 and Dave 330-350-0371,  
[dvasel1576@gmail.com](mailto:dvasel1576@gmail.com)

**May 12-17, 2024, Part II Old Spanish Trail**  
Regional Tour, Grand Junction, CO to St. George,  
UT, Steve  
Fitzgerald, [studebakersteve@bresnan.net](mailto:studebakersteve@bresnan.net)

**June 3-7, 2024, Great Lakes Region Tour,**  
Cadillac, MI, Bill Sturgeon, 248-396-9136  
[wsturgeo@live.com](mailto:wsturgeo@live.com)

**June 9-14, 2024, Lewis & Clark Regional Tour,**  
Carl Edem, [carldedem.52@gmail.com](mailto:carldedem.52@gmail.com)

**June 23-28, 2024, VMCCA 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour,**  
Medina, OH, Dave & Debbie Vasel,  
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**October 8-11, 2024, Hershey (PA) Swap Meet**

**September 22- 24, 2024, Revival AAA Glidden**  
**Tour®**, Northern Maryland/Adams County PA,  
hosted by Sugar Loaf Mountain Region AACA, tour  
chairperson Rob Buchill, 240-344-2922,  
[hattiesgarage@comcast.net](mailto:hattiesgarage@comcast.net), tour registrar Ann  
Russell, 919-622-2515.

**November 3-8, 2024, Western National Tour,**  
Tucson, AZ, Steve Partman,  
[smpartman@outlook.com](mailto:smpartman@outlook.com)

**November 17-22, 2024, Part III Old Spanish Trail**  
Regional Tour, St. George, UT to Santa Fe, NM,  
Steve Fitzgerald, [studebakersteve@bresnan.net](mailto:studebakersteve@bresnan.net)

**\*\*\* 2025 Tours \*\*\***

**June 23-27, 2025**, VMCCA Orphan Car  
Progressive Tour, starts in Ypsilanti, MI,  
John Zimmerman, Tour Director,  
[jzimmerman1666@gmail.com](mailto:jzimmerman1666@gmail.com), 419-350-3666.

**September 7-12, 2025**, Revival AAA Glidden Tour,  
Owensboro, KY, Jeff Stumb, Tour Director,  
[mistergreatrace@gmail.com](mailto:mistergreatrace@gmail.com), 423-385-4414.

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## 2024 Events and Tour Fliers and Registration Form Links

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### **The 2024 VMCCA Annual Meeting February 8- 12, 2024**

The 2024 VMCCA Annual Meeting will be held aboard the Radiance of the Seas as our members enjoy a 3-day, 4-night cruise to Cozumel Mexico.

Cruise departure date is Feb 8, 2024 leaving from the Port of Tampa returning to Tampa on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

For those who are still pondering over attending the 2024 Annual Membership and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting on Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas, there's still time to sign up with our group. The 3/22/2023 deadline has passed,

### **HOW DO I GET STARTED?**

Any VMCCA member who plans to attend this event will need to send an email to [dgcopley46@yahoo.com](mailto:dgcopley46@yahoo.com)

**Your email will be acknowledged and your name will be placed on the contact list and by return email receive the code and cruise line contact information which is required for the above noted cabin rates. Additional information will be included which we encourage you to read.**

**THESE RATES ONLY  
APPLIED UNTIL  
3/22/2023. AFTER THAT  
DATE YOUR PER PERSON  
RATE WILL BE DETERMINED**



our cabin rates are no longer guaranteed. For those who would prefer cabins other than those we have reserved, you are welcome to book them and use our group code to be sure you are seated with the VMCCA group for dinner.

If you prefer to book through your favorite travel agent, we cannot guarantee you will be seated with our group but you might try asking them to transfer your reservation to our group.

You are booking this cruise after 3/22/2023, however you may still use the group code and contact information which we will provide, and will keep you with our group.

**The Registration form for the meeting will be available by mid-summer.**

To receive the group code and contact information for the Annual Meeting and a fun cruise, please send you request to:

dgcopley46@yahoo.com

**BY THE BOOKING AGENT  
AND IS NO LONGER  
GUARANTEED**

**COME JOIN THE  
FUN!**

**View and  
Download the  
Royal Caribbean  
Cruise  
Agreement HERE**

**85th ANNUAL VMCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET**  
February 8-12, 2024 - Radiance of the Seas

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of travel companions \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE:** (DEADLINE IS JANUARY 8th, 2024)

\$50 PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ PEOPLE = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form and check made payable to: Duane Copley, 11911 66th St. N, Unit 719, Largo, FL 33773. PLEASE MAIL NO LATER THAN JANUARY 5, 2024

**OVERVIEW:**

Thursday, Feb. 8 Board ship between 10:30 am through 2:30 pm. Dinner in main dining room at 6:30 pm - everyone should be seated together.  
Friday, Feb. 9 Membership meeting 9 am through 12 pm in the Adriatic/Baltic conference  
Saturday, Feb. 10 A day in Cozumel or a day relaxing on the ship. The choice is yours. Royal Caribbean offers many excursions at different prices for you to choose from. Book early to be sure you get what you want.  
Sunday, Feb. 11 First Quarter meeting 9 am through 12 pm followed immediately by our Awards Luncheon at 12 pm in the main dining room. The area will be roped off and you must wear the tags specially made to be seated with the group.  
Monday, Feb 12 Disembarkment - time and directions to be supplied by the ship.

Reservations should have been made already through Royal Caribbean Cruise lines as previously posted and emailed to everyone. IF YOU STILL WISH TO JOIN US AT PREVAILING RATES, PLEASE CONTACT ROYAL CARIBBEAN AND BOOK UNDER THE GROUP #5613917  
For parking information of the port, visit <https://www.porttb.com/>

**Look HERE for the printable Cruise/Tour  
Registration Form**



## VMCCA Orphan 2024 North Texas Tour

Preference given to Orphan vehicles 25 years or older  
(Cars, trucks, and motorcycles 25 years of age or older from brands that are no longer manufactured.)

Limited to 40 cars

**April 8-12, 2024, Decatur, TX**

Hosted by the VMCCA North Texas Chapter  
Registration must be postmarked after January 1, 2024

**Tour Check In:** Monday, April 8, 2024, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., Fairfield by Marriott at Decatur Conference Center, 1910 W US 380, Decatur, TX 76234.

**Opening Banquet Monday:** 6:00 p.m. at Decatur Conference Center

#### Day Trips:

- Back roads drive to Mineral Wells, TX, home of Crazy Water. First stop, National Vietnam War Museum. Next, a visit to the historic Crazy Water Hotel for lunch. Our host will present history of the area.
- Urban drive to Fort Worth, Texas to visit the Bureau of Engraving, followed by a drive to Fort Worth Stockyards and lunch.
- Visit to a unique event center, including a coffee stop when we arrive, then lunch before we leave. Afternoon plans include a stop at a high school tech center.
- Urban drive to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) headquarters for a tour of their museum and control center. A list of attendees will be provide to BNSF prior to our visit. Tour are very limited.

**Closing Banquet Friday:** 6:00 pm at Decatur Conference Center

#### Host Hotel:

Fairfield by Marriott at Decatur Conference Center  
1910 W US 380, Decatur, TX 76234, Phone: 940-627-0645  
Cost: \$90.00 + taxes per night. 40 rooms reserved for Vintage Motor Car Club of America.  
Trailer parking behind the conference center.

[Link to book group rate for Vintage Motor Car Club of America](#)

**Tour directors:** Bill & Betty Shores - [b.shores@sbcglobal.net](mailto:b.shores@sbcglobal.net) – 817-232-1426

**Registrar:** Don Knight - [dwknight3040@gmail.com](mailto:dwknight3040@gmail.com) - 972-641-4517

Look HERE for printable Registration Form





# Enjoy VMCCA TOURING to the Fullest!

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Chrome Glidden Tour

### Northwest Arkansas – The Natural State

#### April 28 – May 3, 2024



The Vintage Motor Car Club of America has not held a National tour in the state of Arkansas since 1963. While change has happened everywhere across America, Arkansas's natural beauty, small towns, and scenic country roads are abundant and uncrowded. You are invited to join your friends and meet new friends on a tour where you will always be close to something special.

**Clarksville** has been chosen as our host city, Holiday Inn and Suites, our host hotel. Daily tours will take us into the Northwest section of the state. This area of Arkansas has scenic routes in every direction. We limited our planning to a few routes within reasonable daily tour distances. Taking distance into consideration, it is fair to say that this is truly a driving tour. Most routes are loops, so we won't travel or back track on roads we have already travelled. There are planned destinations with many enjoyable views and stops along the way.

**FORT SMITH – VANBUREN** - Interstate 40 is designated as a scenic route. The drive is along parallel backroads that are more scenic and less crowded with tourists. Venues include the U. S. Marshall's Museum Immersive Exhibit and Fort Smith Historical Site.

**MT. MAGAZINE SCENIC BYWAY AND STATE PARK** – Spectacular views of Mt. Magazine in the distance and panoramic vistas of the surrounding hills and valleys. A visit to Wiederkehr Winery and Wine Cellar ends the drive.

**HARRISON** - The route to Harrison goes through the Ozark National Forest and the Boston and Ozark Mountains on a designated scenic route. It is a long drive with many scenic stop opportunities and quaint towns. The return route to Clarksville goes further into the National Forests on less traveled roads

**PIG TRAIL HIGHWAY – FAYETTEVILLE** - We'll travel a scenic route through the western side of the Boston and Ozark Mountains to Fayetteville. The venues include Botanical Gardens of the Ozarks, Drake Airfield and Prairie Grove Battlefield.

**PETIT JEAN STATE PARK** - A shorter drive, this route takes us along the scenic Dardanelle Lake (part of the Arkansas River Navigation system) to the State Park and the Museum of Automobiles.

Most days will include a light lunch. Opening and Closing Banquets will be held at a banquet facility in Clarksville.

*Join us for a week of history, beauty and friendly gathering in*

#### THE NATURAL STATE – ARKANSAS

Tour Hosts and Directors

Raymond and Sammie Sue Harrill 501-223-3158

Co-Hosts and Registrars

Ray and Carol Maxfield 970-667-7182

**Look HERE for printable registration form**

The Old Spanish Trail Part II  
May 12 through May 18, 2024  
Grand Junction, Colorado to  
St. George, Utah.



This tour will be limited to twenty five (25) vehicles and the registration form will be on the VMCCA website later or by contacting the director - Steve Fitzgerald by email at: [studebakersteve@bresnan.net](mailto:studebakersteve@bresnan.net) or calling (970) 209 7814 with your questions.

We will leave from Grand Junction where Part I ended. By a vote of the participants in Part I, we shall travel over the same route taken in 1776 by padres Francisco Dominguez and Silvestre Velez de Escalante. We shall go over the beautiful Douglas pass and then through Canyon Pintado with its many ancient petroglyphs and pictographs. We will then stop for a catered lunch at the Bud Striegel car collection museum in Rangely on our way to Dinosaur National Monument before stopping for the night in Vernal, Utah. We then proceed on through Utah on back roads and near Utah Lake where the fathers finally found the bearded Spaniards as part of their mission. With many hardships but with the help of Ute natives, they continued south where weather and a lack of supplies caused them to give up their quest to get to the new mission at Monterrey among the Californios. We will travel through Parowan Gap with its hundreds of historical petroglyphs from several generations. We will also see dinosaur tracks before we arrive in Cedar City and then on to St. George by way of Kolob Canyon, a part of Zion National Park.

There will be many amazing sites and sights as well as some great lunch stops along the way. As I drove this route in July, I saw many pronghorns, deer and wild horses - mustangs of the non Ford variety. We end this segment in St. George with its many options of things to see and do before and after our closing banquet. For those who left trailers in Grand Junction, there will be an escorted trip back to Grand Junction with our trouble truck and trailer taking a different beautiful route on one of the eight Old Spanish Trails.

Part III will go from St. George to Santa Fe November 17 - 23, 2024 following the padres' route. There will be a special Part IV tour from Cedar City, Utah to Monterrey, California from May 4 -10 in 2025. It will follow back roads that I had not been on since my days on a Vespa in the sixties. It will cross Death Valley at a better time of year than July 19 when it hit 131 degrees after I crossed in the morning. The fathers had no way to determine longitude and the natives told them they could get to the big water in a week. That would not have happened. I was asked "What if?" so....here it is. To Monterrey and back with no freeways.

**Printable  
Registration Form**

**Old Spanish Trail  
Notes and Motel List**

# 2024 Great Lakes Region Tour

## "Water, Trees & Cherries - Pure Michigan Bliss"



*The  
Touring  
Club*



Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Hosted by Ron Kovacs & Bill Sturgeon of the Brighton Chapter

### 2024 Great Lakes Tour Highlights:

- Beautiful Traverse City, Michigan
- Hale Auto Museum
- Cotton Creek Alpaca Farm
- Nickel's Auto Woodworking Shop
- Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
- Cone-Drive Operations
- Mission Point Lighthouse
- The Music House

The Registration Form is available in the GLR Newsletter and on these websites:

[tinyurl.com/2024-GLR-Tour](https://tinyurl.com/2024-GLR-Tour) [tinyurl.com/GLRVMCCA](https://tinyurl.com/GLRVMCCA)

Make your Hotel Reservations now. Registration opens Oct 15, 2023. Limited to 60 cars.

### Comfort Inn (Host Hotel)

1650 South Mitchell St.

Cadillac, MI 49601

\$149 per night + tax (ask for the "Vintage Car Club" rate)

Phone: (231) 779-2900

Booking Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2024-GLR-Comfort-Inn>

### 2024 GLR Tour Chairs:

Ron Kovacs - Tour Director

Phone/Text: (231) 649-4438

email: [rek231@aol.com](mailto:rek231@aol.com)

Bill Sturgeon - Registrar

Phone/Text: (248) 396-9136

email: [wsturgeo@live.com](mailto:wsturgeo@live.com)

### Nearby Campgrounds

- Camp Cadillac Campground

10621 34 Rd, Cadillac, MI 49601 (231) 775-9724

Website: <https://roadville.com/camp-cadillac/>

- Mitchell State Park

6093 M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601 (231) 775-7911

- Birchwood Resort & Campground

6545 East M-115 Cadillac MI 49601

(248) 881-3517 email: [soonerbeeb2@gmail.com](mailto:soonerbeeb2@gmail.com)

Website: <https://www.thebirchwood.us/>



Learn more at our 2024 GLR Tour website: [tinyurl.com/2024-GLR-Tour](https://tinyurl.com/2024-GLR-Tour)

**Printable Registration  
form**

## The Ocean in View

## Lewis and Clark in Washington & Oregon



## “The Ocean in View”

### Lewis and Clark in Washington & Oregon

Tour Dates: **June 9, 2024 – June 14, 2024**

Tour starts Sunday, June 9, 2024: Richland, WA – Registration and opening banquet

Optional for those arriving on Saturday June 8, 2024 - an on your own tour on Sunday June 9 to Palouse Falls State Park up the Snake River or Lewis and Clark Trail State Park near Dayton, WA.

Tour Day #1, Monday, June 10, 2024 – Travel to Sacajawea Historical State Park, Interpretive Center, lunch on your own in Pendleton, OR and then to the Tama’stslikt Cultural Center. Dinner on your own in Richland.

Tour Day #2, Tuesday, June 11, 2024 – Travel to Maryhill Stonehenge Memorial, Maryhill Museum, Maryhill Winery and lunch, Columbia Hills Historical Park and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum. Dinner on your own in The Dalles, OR.

Tour Day #3, Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – Travel to Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, lunch on your own, Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, Bonneville Dam (Washington side) and Beacon Rock State Park. Dinner on your own in Vancouver, WA.

Tour Day #4, Thursday, June 13, 2024 – Travel to Fort Vancouver; Visitor Center, Marshall House, Fort Vancouver, Pierson Air Museum, lunch at the fort. Afternoon travel to Astoria, OR and dinner on your own.

Tour Day #5, Friday, June 14, 2024 – Travel to Dismal Nitch, Cape Disappointment State Park – Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Fort Clatsop – Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Columbia River Maritime Museum, closing banquet.

[Look HERE for 2024 Lewis & Clark Tour Printable Outline](#)

# 2024 WESTERN NATIONAL TOUR



**NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**Host Hotel:** Desert Diamond Casino–Tucson, Arizona

**Registrar:** Steve Partman 2170 E. Lynx Pl., Chandler Az. 85249

630-470-3749

[smpartman@outlook.com](mailto:smpartman@outlook.com)



**SPACE IS LIMITED TO 35 VEHICLES !**

Join us for a fun filled week in the warmth of the Arizona sun! The Tucson area has some wonderful scenery and a variety of events to enjoy. These include the Franklin Car Museum, Pima Air Museum, Tombstone, Kartchner Caverns, the last Titan Missile Base, Mini Time Machine Museum, Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson Auto Museum, Saguaro Natl. Parks (east & west), San Xavier Mission and **LOTS OF BACK ROADS TO EXPLORE.**

*No resort fees, Free breakfast, Free Wifi, Segregated parking.*

**A 3 MINUTE PREVIEW VIDEO OF THINGS WE WILL SEE AND DO!**

➡ <https://youtu.be/LoYO24bKGVA> ⬅



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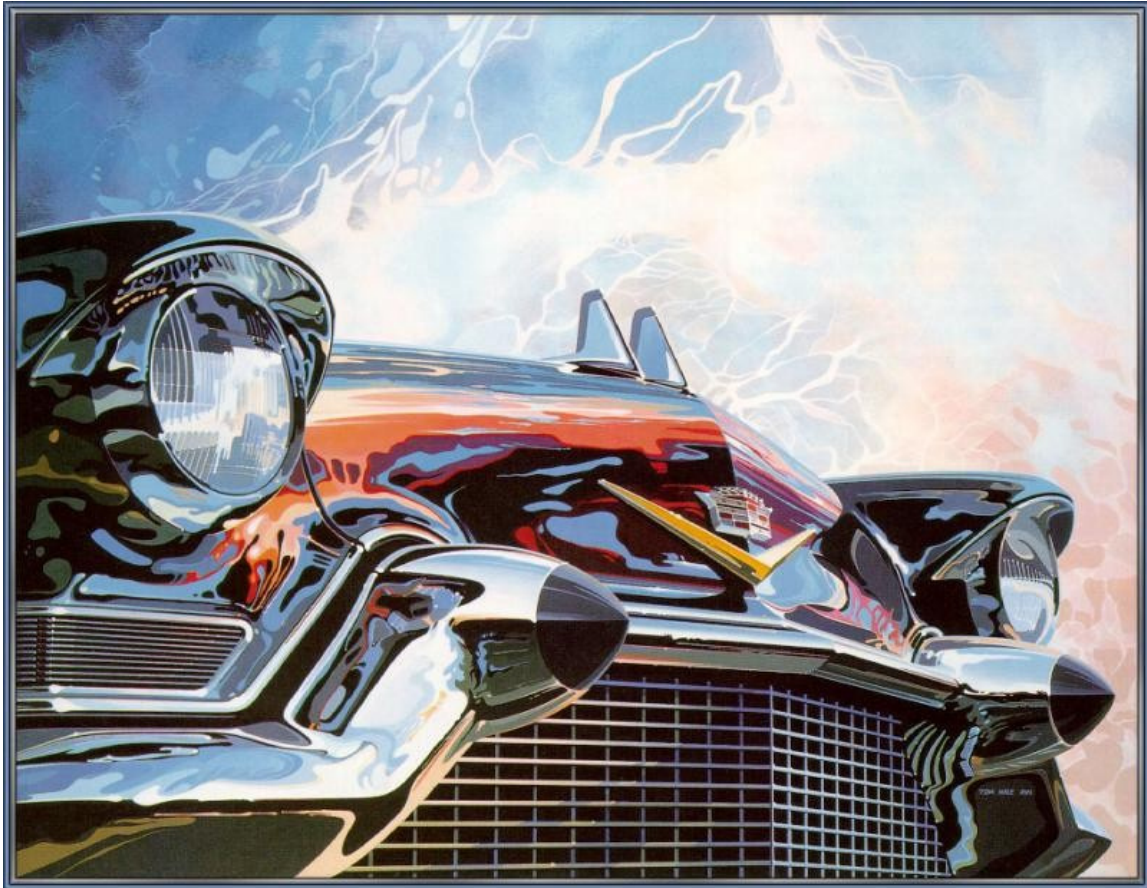
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## Tom Hale: A Gifted and Talented Automotive Artist

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher

Images courtesy of Tom Hale/Automotive Illustrations

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A 1957 Cadillac illustration by Tom Hale

I had the pleasure of meeting Tom Hale when I worked at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum many years ago. I was very impressed with his automotive illustrations that highlighted the history of the automobile with great colors and a beautiful contrast of tints. Tom's illustrations are recognized by many automotive enthusiasts from all over the world. Tom is not just a gifted automotive illustrator and a fantastic artist; he is also a perfect gentleman with a great personality, which many people have come to admire.

Hale's journey began at the age of seven when he started drawing futuristic automobile designs. When he entered high school, his passion for drawing automobiles continued. Hale graduated from high school in 1958, and he started his career in the U. S. Navy serving aboard a destroyer for two years.



After completing his naval service in 1963, Hale enrolled at the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles to further explore his education. His time at Art Center College of Design created a path to becoming a talented automotive designer. He has said that his enthusiasm for art and automobiles carried him through his college days. In 1966, Hale graduated with a degree in transportation design.

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## **Mid-Atlantic Region**



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# THE TOURING TIMES

## KENTUCKY REGION

### VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA



December, 2023



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#### -----Annual Dues-----

The New Year is nearly here, so it's time to pay your 2024 Kentucky Region dues. Please send your check for \$10 to "Kentucky Region VMCCA," c/o Jane Johnson, 3456 Belvoir Dr. Lexington, KY 40502. Also, be sure to send in your 2024 dues (now \$48) to National VMCCA by January 1. Remember, you must be a member of National VMCCA to be a member of any of its Regions or Chapters.

## Polar Bear/Hot Chocolate Run

### January 1, 2024



The Bluegrass Chapter's first event for the new year will be the annual New Year's Day adventure. Nothing like starting the year out right!

Joe Bryson and Cliff Tibbitts are planning a drive from Lexington north to Erlanger, Kentucky, to the Greyhound Tavern for lunch. The Greyhound has just completed a remodeling and expansion, so there will be plenty of room to gather and celebrate the holiday.



Plan to meet on January 1, 2024 at the familiar spot in the parking lot of the Marriott Griffin Gate, 1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington KY 40511.

Departure time is 9:30 AM. The route will follow back roads to the restaurant. Lunch reservations are for 11:45 AM.

Please contact Cliff (859)312-9511, [cliff@tubweb.com](mailto:cliff@tubweb.com) to say you'll be joining in. Hope to see you there!

## Autumn Adventures in Northern Kentucky

The Northern Kentucky Vintage Car Club took their cars out several times in October, for the last warm days of the season. After several September tours and shows, president Jeff Niceley hosted a cruise-in at his shop on October 1. A group braved the cold on Oct. 8 to attend Spring Grove Cemetery's car show.



On Oct.

21, ten folks drove from Walton to Glencoe, then to General Butler State Park for lunch. Then on October 28, they endured torrents of rain to go to the 50's-style Four Speed Diner in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. (Look up reports by Joanne Flanagan &

Tom Howard, aka Dan Rather-Knott, on Facebook – they're hilarious!)



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# RUMBLESEAT CHATTER

FREDERICKSBURG VINTAGE CAR CLUB



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DECEMBER 2023

## Joe and Cindy Brown Sponsored Their First Tour On November 17th

Thanks Joe and Cindy for a great tour!



It all started with my husband, Joe, talking to Greg Rising at the Rhinory Tour about Morris Ranch, a "ghost town" that's not too far from our house. It ended with us planning our first tour for the car club.

For those who don't know, Morris Ranch originated in 1856 when a man from New York named Francis Morris bought 23,000 acres southwest of Fredericksburg for just 25 cents per acre. His son later turned the property into a center for breeding thoroughbred racehorses, spending over \$500,000 on

barns, a hotel, houses, warehouses, a school, a cotton gin, a general store, a flour mill, and a racetrack. In 1902, the horses were sold and the property was subdivided into tenant cotton farms. The general store and school are still standing, both now privately owned.

Joe and Greg decided that we would meet at Backwoods BBQ before the tour and end up back there for lunch after the tour. But it was the in-between we had fun figuring out. We knew we wanted to take the tour by the still-standing buildings off Morris Ranch Road, but where to from there? Over the course of a few days, we explored backroads we had not been on yet. Along the way, we saw cows, goats, sheep, horses . . . even camels and gazelles. We crossed over the Pedernales, several running creeks, and (sadly) several dry creek beds. We ended up having the tour go to Harper and then taking a backroad to get back to FM 2093 to get to Backwoods. Keeping track of the incremental mileage and creating the printed itinerary was my job.

If you haven't planned a tour yet, I would encourage you to do so. Our initial planning was done in our truck, but we drove the day of the tour in Joe's Sunbeam Tiger with the top down. It gave us a whole different perspective of the roads.

**Cindy Brown**

Top Photo: The Morris Ranch School

Bottom Photo: Morris Ranch General Store

Photos provided by Cindy



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# Touring Talk

Newsletter of the Sequim Valley Car Club



Charter Club of Vintage  
Motor Car Club of  
America (VMCCA),  
Sequim Valley  
Car Club (SVCC) PO Box  
683 Sequim, WA 98382

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**Meetings:** **General potluck dinner meetings** are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the Elks Lodge, 143 Port Williams Road, 6 pm, 360-683-2763. July (Club picnic) excluded & December (Christmas meeting) requires advance signup. **Board meetings** are held at 6:30 pm the Thursday before the monthly general meeting at locations to be announced.

**Wednesday breakfast, a club sponsored tradition:** All SVCC members are invited.

See newsletter for details.

Car Club Dues are due by Dec 31, \$78 (total for SVCC and VMCCA, just write one check to SVCC)

If you receive your Newsletter by mail your dues are \$93

Advertiser Fee is also due by Dec 31, and it remains at \$48

Make Check payable to SVCC, PO Box 683, Sequim, WA, 98382

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**Memories of Bob Edelman**

Bob Edelman was a constant fixture at our club tours. It was not difficult to find pictures with Bob and Eileen on our local tours, as evident below. Unfortunately for us, Bob passed away on December 4th, 2023. He had been the VMCCA National Treasurer for many years and achieved the VMCCA Lifetime Membership Award in 2019. Bob also completed digitizing 60 years of the *Bulb Horn*, the VMCC national magazine, in 2019. He will always be remembered as an engaging conversationalist and one to nickname his unique cars. We will miss you Bob!

**The Old Crank**

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# The NEWSLEAK



**Gold Dust Chapter** *Est 1984*

Vintage Motor Car Club of America

Mountain & Plains Region—Western South Dakota

**Dec 2023**

## ABOUT OUR CLUB



"The mission of the **Vintage Motor Car Club of America** (established in 1938) is to promote touring and enjoyment of vintage vehicles through the acquisition, preservation, restoration and exhibition of all vintage and historically significant vehicles and associated materials." [www.vmcca.org](http://www.vmcca.org)

Interested in becoming a member of the **Gold Dust Chapter** of the VMCCA? Please feel free to contact one of the Club Officers (see bottom of pg 2) for more information or complete the New Member Application and Proof of Insurance found at the back of this newsletter and return to the Club Secretary. We would love to have you join!

## FROM THE **DECEMBER** MEETING



Our Hosts: Pat Snook & Al Perry



**2024**  
**Gold Dust Chapter**  
**40TH Anniversary!**

## UPCOMING **JANUARY** MEETING

**Day:** Saturday

**Date:** **January 13, 2024**

**Time:** **11:30am**

**Hosts:** George & Shari Twitero

**Place:** **Westhills Village, 255 Texas St, Rapid City**

**Rimrock Room**—this room is off the lower level commons—stairs and an elevator are available for access. Go left after you pass the main desk. Parking is available in the main lot or down the street in the lot at The Courtyard.

**Lunch:** We will serve a soup and salad bar.  
Please RSVP so we have a count for set-up and serving.

**RSVP:** By January 8th to Shari Twitero:  
[shari49@outlook.com](mailto:shari49@outlook.com) or 605-381-3896



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### Black Swamp/Toledo Joint Color Tour

Text and photos Judy Wright - Toledo Chapter

Toledo & Black Swamp Chapters on Saturday October 21 visited Lloyd Ganton's Auto Collection, Spring Arbor, Michigan, and what a collection it is! Lloyd Ganton's museum includes but not limited to all cars made in Jackson Michigan which is 8.9 miles from Spring Arbor. At one time Jackson Michigan was the largest manufacturer of automobiles in the Midwest. There were 24 companies that built cars in Jackson. At one time, this industry was the largest employer in Jackson. Ye Ole Carriage Shop houses 18 Jackson-made autos. There are six autos that it does not have; three of those are extinct and three cannot be purchased. Lloyd has been collecting them for 45 years and will continue! His oldest car is the 1902 Jaxson Steam Car, Tiller driven.

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### CALENDAR

#### November

Saturday, Nov 4th  
4th Qtr VMCCA Zoom Meeting  
4:00 pm Mountain Time

Sunday, Nov 19th  
Monthly Meeting  
Defiance Chapter

#### December

Sunday, Dec 3rd  
Christmas Party  
Defiance Chapter

Sunday December 10th  
Christmas Party  
Summit City Chapter



**Continue reading Great Lakes Region, November -  
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## Just for fun

Submitted by Duane Copley

## THE BARRACUDA

Me and Stew Long and Bobby Miers were making our way up through Alphano going to rescue a wayward 1967 Barracuda convertible from the scourge of the Great Meadows badlands.

That area is mostly muck lands and the few roads in that area have large drainage ditches on either side.

As we motored along, Bob asked Stew if he could see this chicken running up the ditch alongside the car.

Stew responded with "it that what that is? And said "I wasn't sure because it looks like it has three legs"

Of course Bobby says yea I noticed that and asked me to speed up a bit so we could get a better look.

I sped up to 50MPH but that chicken was pulling away from us as we arrived at the farm with the car.

As I pulled in the lane I notice a sign that read "Bill and Linda Guiles Chicken Farm"....."Chickens of Distinction"

We asked about the car and Mr. Guiles took us back to an old chicken house where the car rested under about an inch of dust, chicken litter and feathers.....

While Bobby and Stew checked out the car I asked Mr. Guiles about the three legged chicken.

Guiles explained that he had raised chickens for years and both he, his wife and their daughter liked the drumstick. He said he reasoned that others had dealt with the same dilemma in that chickens only had 2 legs and decided to develop a 3 legged chicken.

He looked off into the distance as he explained that it took him 10 years but was finally successful.

I thought it was pretty awesome and congratulated him on his success. Curiosity crept into my grey matter and I decided to ask him how the chicken with 3 drumsticks tasted.

**He said "I don't know, we haven't caught one yet"!!!!**

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**Stay Healthy and keep  
on driving your vintage  
cars.**

**Regardless of what road  
you are on or what  
vintage car you are  
driving, enjoy every  
minute.**

**See Ya Down the Road !**



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### **The VMCCA Page on Facebook!**

**Facebook has become an extremely popular social networking site, reportedly having more than 10.0 billion users. That is something like 45% of people on the planet! There is no doubt that it is a great tool for keeping in touch with people and organizations in a way that was undreamed of and impossible just a few years ago.**

**Our Facebook page is becoming more and more popular. It really is becoming a forum with many active contributors.**

**So join! Contribute! Make it a forum for all things VMCCA.**

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