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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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 2025!

Sincerely, the VMCCA Board of Governors.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Membership Meeting

Why Have an Annual Membership Meeting?

President Duane Copley

I get this question from time to time and have oft considered answering, "Why not".

The Annual Membership Meeting is an open meeting and all Club members are invited to become part of the discussion. If you have an issue that you would like to discuss with the BOG, I suggest you contact your Region Director with the details and tell them that you wish to address the issue at the meeting. When your Region Director contacts me, I will provide a place in the agenda for this discussion. If you attend the Annual Membership Meeting in person, you may join in the discussion by being recognized by the presiding officer. It is my intent to prepare an agenda for this coming meeting in Newport News, Virginia that will focus on what the membership thinks is important and not on the "business" of VMCCA. The "town hall" meeting held by then President Ray Maxfield at the Chrome Glidden Tour, held in Tennessee, was a great success and well worth replicating for our "Annual Membership Meeting. Unfortunately, neither the By-laws or the Officers Handbook speak to the issue of the purpose of this meeting. We can assume that the title of the meeting, Annual Membership Meeting, provides us with enough information to properly assume it is a meeting held for the primary benefit of the membership. It is a meeting held for, and to discuss, issues important or relative to the membership. By contrast that would imply the other 4 meetings described in the By-laws would be labeled as "business" meetings where the actual business of the organization is attended to by the Board of Governors.

Logically, every member cannot attend these meetings if for no other reason than to point out we've encountered no hotel or other like facility to handle all of us at once. Pre "Covid" the only option for members to determine what may have occurred at the Annual Membership Meeting was to read the minutes published in the Bulb Horn magazine. Due to publishing timing constraints, and the need for BOG approval, these minutes might not have been available for 5 months or more.

Technology now allows this club the ability to "zoom" all our meetings and provide those interested to a "right now" viewing opportunity. Additionally, once minutes of the meetings are approved, a copy is sent to all members via an email. Members wishing to join a zoom meeting, must seek the connection information from the Club Secretary (preferred) or by contacting your Region Director who will also have the connection info. Connecting to a zoom meeting doesn't mean you can join into the discussion. All meetings of the Board of Governors are open to the membership for viewing and listening, however, the 4 quarterly meetings are for the BOG to attend to the business of VMCCA.

Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet February 18-21, 2025 Arrive on the 18th, Depart on the 21st In historic Newport News, Virginia

Meet with friends! See what your Board is up to! Come and let your voice be heard! Lose those winter blahs! Visit a private car collection! Cheer this year's Awards winners!

Reservations are due December 15, 2024. <u>Forms</u> <u>are available here!</u>

> LINK to Registration Form on our Website

A NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVEL FOR 2025



NEW ELECTRONIC MEMBERSHIP LEVEL



The new type of VMCCA membership is here for 2025! You can now receive your <u>Bulb Horn</u> magazine by email.

Sign up to receive the <u>Bulb Horn</u> electronically, and your annual dues drop to \$40 for 2025.



Dues for 2025 are due by January 1st. The electronic option is up and running in renewal notices on our website and VMCCA publications.

*If you select the electronic tier after December 1, 2024, please allow two months for mailing list updates. Thanks!

LINK TO ONLINE JOIN/RENEW APPLICATION

Images from the Old Spanish Trail III Tour

Participants and their cars





View more OST III photos on the VMCCA website

VMCCA 2025 Calendar of Events

Registration Forms for 2025 tours will be posted on the <u>VMCCA website</u>, in the Bulb Horn Magazine, and in The Touring Chronicle as they become available. Please check frequently!

*** 2025 Tours ***

Febuary 18-21, 2025, 86th Membership Meeting,

Newport News, Virginia, Becky Woodall Director, 757-641-1021

June 8-12, 2025, Lewis & Clark Regional Hub Tour, Three Forks, Montana. Co- directors Jim & Judy Johnson 605-390-4410

June 23-27, 2025, VMCCA Orphan Car Progressive Tour, starts in Ypsilanti, MI, John Zimmerman, Tour Director, jzimmerman1666@gmail.com, 419-350-3666

August 4 - 7 2025, Grand Indiana Auto Tour,

Centered around Horse Cave, Kentucky. Host: Roger & Cherryl Goodman 270-473-0722 The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express Horse Cave, KY (accepting reservations starting 1/1/2025) Hotel phone: 270-786-5000 Tour Registation Form will be available in Mid-January 2025

September 7-12, 2025, Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Owensboro, KY, Jeff Stumb, Tour Director, <u>mistergreatrace@gmail.com</u>, 423-385-4414

2025 Events and Tour Fliers

2025 Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet 2025 Annual Membership Meeting, Awards Dinner, and Ist Quarter Board of Governors Meeting February 18 - 21, 2025 Newport News, VA





Arrive: Tuesday, February 18th Depart: Friday, February 21st Annual Meeting: Wednesday, February 19th Afternoon visit to a private car collection 1st Quarter Meeting and Dinner Thursday, February 20th Hotel: Holiday Inn 980 Omni Blvd. Newport News, VA 23606 757-223-2110 Ask for: VMCCA Annual Meeting Block \$119.00+taxes/night included two daily breakfast tickets per room (Block ends 1/18/2025; cancellation deadline 72 hrs before arrival) Rates also good Monday and Friday nights Airports: Newport News/Williamsburg - closest; others - Richmond or Norfolk If you fly into Newport News/Williamsburg and contact the hotel ahead of your arrival with your arrival time, a shuttle from the hotel will pick you up. Registration information needed: Name: Phone number: Cost per person is \$104.00 # of people X \$104.00 Total amount enclosed \$_____ Will you accept email notification? (circle one) Y or N If yes, please provide email address: Make check payable to Becky Woodall and mail to Becky (before 12/15/2024) at: 536 Saddlehorn Dr., Chesapeake, VA, 23322 Questions call 757-641-1021

Look HERE for the Printable Registration Form

Lewis and Clark Regional Hub Tour Three Forks, Montana

June 8-12, 2025







Gateway of the Mountains



Sacajawea Hotel

Tour Summary:

- Day 1: Arrive at Host Hotel Sacajawea, Welcome Dinner,
- Lewis & Clark Speaker Day 2: (175 miles) Gates of the Mountains, Canyon Boat Ride
- Day 3: (185 miles) Montana Historic Prison, Montana
- Auto Museum Day 4: (150 miles) State Capitol with Lewis and Clark Mural,
- Train Trolley Tour Historic Helena, Meriwether Lewis Masonic Apron
- Day 5: (80 miles) Renown Museum of the Rockies Regional History & Paleontology, Headwaters State Park, Talc Manufacturing, Closing Banquet, and Rod Frazier Sing-a-long

See Registration Form on next page.

Montana Historic Prison

Helena



Missouri River Headwaters

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Driver must be current VMCCA member. This Regional tour will be limited to 40 vehicles. Register by May 1, 2025. Trailer parking available in Three Forks beside Sacajawea Hotel whose 36 rooms are reserved for VMCCA.

SACAJAWEA HOTEL, 5 N Main St, Three Forks, MT 406-285-6515. RESERVE BY APRIL 23, 2025

VMCCA HAS BOOKED THE ENTIRE BOUTIQUE HOTEL. ADD ABOUT 9% TAX. CONTINNENTAL BREAKFAST INCLUDED. NOTICE 6 DIFFERENT ROOM TYPES: Shoshone (Quaint) \$183

John Colter (Spacious) \$232

Sacajawea (Moderate)\$199 Charbonneau (Suite) \$260

Lewis & Clark (Double) \$215 Cottage \$304.

WE HOPE ALL CAN STAY AT THIS SPECIAL HOTEL WHICH HOSTS OUR REGISTRATION & BANQUETS.

Note: Bozeman motels cost over \$400.

Overflow hotel, 5 miles away is the Travelodge at Three Forks, 406-285-3233 with group rates \$144-154 plus tax. Reserve by May 24.

RV camping available at Three Forks Market & RV Park 406-285-3010

Registration Information (please PRINT)					
Vehicle:	Year	_Make	Model	Body Type	Body Color
Driver				Cell Phone	VMCCA Region
Mailing /	Address:			Email	
				Owner Name (if different from	driver)
Passenge	rs			City & State	
Registration Fees					
Registration Fee Includes: 2 banquets, 3 lunches, boat ride, Helena historical tour, and museum fees.					
Entry Fee—(Driver & Guests) = \$350 each, times # of participants (including driver)= \$					
Extra Tour Books = \$30 each (1 included with car registration) = \$					= \$
TOTAL D	UE				= \$
Mail Registration by May 1, 2025 to:					
Please send this completed, signed application and your check payable to VMCCA—Lewis & Clark 2025 Tour					
Mail to: Holly Crawley, 7325 S. 5th West, Idaho Falls, ID 83405. Email holly.h.crawley@gmail.com					
Cell 208-521-0203. Confirmation will be <i>emailed</i> upon registration acceptance.					

Additional contact Jim Johnson, 605-390-4410, Judy Johnson 605-939-6335 email jim.judy.johnson@rap.midco.net

OWNER/DRIVER RELEASE STATEMENT: I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described for this event. In consideration of the right to enter this event and for other valuable considerations, i(we) do hereby agree to indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harnless the Virtage Motor Car Club of America, inc. and its Obapters, Regions, Officers, and Representatives from and against any and al claims, osts, liabilities, and attorneys? Tese and storneys? Tese and storneys? The Tese Assist from Units of the Tese Forks, Art Leves & Clark 2025 Tour. The owner/driver has proof of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on the entered vehicle in the amount of at least \$100,000 per perion or \$300,000 combined. Insurance Co:

Policy No. be held responsible for the "safety certification" of any participating vehicle.

Date:

Owner/Driversignature:

Look HERE for printable Registration Form





VMCCA, GLR Region Tour Director John Zimmerman (419-350-3666) · jzimmerman1666@gmail.com

"Too Many to Name" Highlights:

- · Opening banquet at the Firehouse Museum, Ypsilanti, MI Sunday evening
- The Bomber Restaurant, Automotive Heritage Museum, and Michigan Flight Museum (FKA Yankee Air Museum) .. all near Ypsilanti, MI
- Ye Ole Carriage Shop, VMCCA member Lloyd Ganton's museum of Jackson, MI made vehicles and lots of other diverse memorabilia and autos. Spring Arbor, MI . Studebaker National Museum,
- · In Marshall, MI area, Cornwell's Turkeyville, U.S. Postal Museum, Walter's Gasoline Museum, and Honolulu House Museum

- · Air Zoo Aerospace and Science Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- · Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI New exhibits and Number 1 car museum in the world
- Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Automobile Museum, National Auto and Truck Museum, Early Ford V8 Museum in Auburn, IN
- Oliver House, South Bend Museum of Art and evening closing banquet

Download the Registration Form: Go to www.vmcca.org, select the TOUR tab, and choose **REGISTRATION FORM next to VMCCA Orphan Car Progressive Tour**

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Look HERE for Printable Registration form

Region and Chapter Newsletters Articles of Interest















The History of the Shell Oil Company

By Robert Tate, Award-Wiing Automotive Historian and Researcher Images Courtesy of the Shell Oil Company Published 12.10.2024



An Early Shell gas station (Shell Oil Archives)





The Shell Oil Company has been around for more than 100 years. It has its origins in the Shell Transport and Trading Company, which was started by the Samuel brothers in 1893. In 1896, their kerosene trade was earning more than all the other oil businesses in America.

The name "Shell" can be traced back to the seashell that Marcus Samuel, one of the founders, imported from the east during the late 19th century. In the beginning, the company was called the Royal Dutch Shell Group, but later the name was changed to just plain Shell Oil.



Continue reading the Pikes Peak Chapter, Nov - Dec 2024

Looking at the Great History of Hood Ornaments

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher Posted: 12.19.2016



Looking back on some the highly detailed and creative automotive hood ornaments perched on early 20th-century cars, it serves as a great reminder of this very stylish feature prominently displayed during the early days of automotive design.

While many cars had "mascots," or hood ornaments, installed at the factory, most often a small charge was added to the customer's price at the time of purchasing. Automotive mascots were defined as those ornaments supplied by the manufacturer of the vehicles either as standard equipment or sometimes as deluxe accessories. Mascot designs in the past would be affixed onto radiator caps, but that would later change to the front of the hood with more innovative design work. The Mascot designs were very stylish with figures such as winged goddesses and graceful birds along with human and animal figures which became the most popular subjects that most consumers had admired and thoroughly enjoyed.

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Gold Dust Chapter Est 1984

Vintage Motor Car Club of America

Mountain & Plains Region—Western South Dakota

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

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: Ron & Bev Blessing



Door Prize Winners: Rod Fuhrer, Jane Holstein, Janice Rowett, Bill Kuhl, Thomasetta Kuhl



Continue reading the Gold Dust Chapter, December 2024



47th Hill Country Swap Meet

The rescheduled Hill Country Swap Meet will be held at Lady Bird Municipal Park (432 Lady Bird Drive, Fredericksburg) Friday through Sunday, December 6-8. Times are Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m.-noon. Come check out the vehicles, parts, tools, auto accessories, and flea market items available for purchase. Concessions will be available; admission is free.

Light the Night Parade

Fredericksburg's Light the Night Parade on Friday, December 6, is a fun and festive time to share the joy of the season with our community, and our car club is once again participating this year. If you'd like to be a part of the parade, decorate your vintage car with lights (battery-operated strings or nets of lights work well), bows, wreaths, garland — the more glitter, the better! We line up on San Antonio Street around 4:30 p.m. and enjoy snacks and drinks beforehand, so bring some goodies to share. For more information, contact Larry Buchhorn at (512)788-6534. Even if you don't want to participate in the parade, you can still come cheer on your fellow car club members as they drive by!

Annual FVCC Christmas Party

If you signed up for the FVCC Christmas Party scheduled for Sunday, December 8, remember that a cash bar cocktail hour will begin at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. After dinner, you can dance the evening away from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to the music of Lonnie Lett. This year the party will be held at Riverhill Country Club, 100 Riverhill Club Lane in Kerrville. Dress is smart casual or holiday attire.

UPCOMING EVENTS DECEMBER **Hill Country Swap Meet** h-H Lady Bird Johnson Park DECEMBER **Light the Night Parade** h 6:30 p.m. Fredericksburg DECEMBER **Christmas Party** ł 5:00 p.m. Kerrville **Riverhill Country Club** JANUARY **Monthly Meeting** I 7:00 p.m. Golden Hub 2025 Texoma Tour 9-12 Sign up in January.

2025 Texoma Tour is April 9-12

A three-night tour to visit the Painted Churches of Texas is being planned, leaving on Wednesday, April 9, and returning on Saturday, April 12. These churches, featuring elegant exteriors and colorful murals and symbols on the interior, were built by 19thcentury immigrants who wanted to preserve their culture and values. Participants will stay in Schulenburg. Sign-ups begin in January.



Continue reading the FVCC's Newsletter, December 2024



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Seasons Greetings everyone!

I'm Sherry Poitra, wife of Dale and proud co-owner of a sweet, red '57 Chevy 210. This is my first car club newsletter and, let me tell you, it's been quite a challenge! I had issues with my computer so ended up using a newer one that I'm not used to, and I've been having problems with my eyesight, so please bear with me.

A little background: I was born in Spokane and raised as a Navy "brat." I graduated from high school in Japan after attending 13 schools from first through 12th grades, starting in Florida and ending in Japan. I was not finished with Navy life and married a Navy man. I retired from working as a Civilian with the Navy at Subbase Bangor as an executive assistant to the Commanding Officer. I worked there for six years until I retired in 2016 to take care of my late husband who passed away in 2019. Before that, I worked at other commands at PSNS Bremerton, NAS Whidbey Island, Thurso, Scotland, Naples, Italy, and Adak, AK. I had other jobs as well, but my total time in Federal Service was 34 years. Dale and I met in 2021, married in 2022, and moved to Sequim in August of last year. We absolutely love it here! I enjoy doing crafts (still looking for all of my crafting gear since moving here...) photography, cooking, novice gardening, and playing with our three dogs. I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you. Please feel free to submit car club related information, news articles and photos to me at sherrac94@outlook.com or text me at (360) 919-6455.

Continue reading Sequim Valley Car Club Chapter, December 2024

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KENTUCKY REGION VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA



November, 2024



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-----Annual Dues-----

The New Year is almost here, and it's time to pay Kentucky Region dues for 2025. Please send your \$10 to KY Region Treasurer Jane Johnson, 3456 Belvoir Dr., Lexington, KY 40502. Be sure to renew your National VMCCA dues for 2025 now, too! Thanks!



Northern KY Vintage Motor Car Club Christmas Party Dec.8



This year's party will be held at the Oriental Wok on Buttermilk Pike at 11:00 AM on Sunday, December 8. (Please note the new time!) Club members are encouraged to bring a gift valued at less than \$10 for the gift exchange or "white elephant." Come celebrate the holiday season!

Chapter dues for 2025 are due by January 1st. You can pay your \$5 in person at a meeting, or mail a check for \$5 payable to the Northern Kentucky Vintage Motor Car Club to: Anna Williams, 1740 Braeburn Court, Florence, KY 41042. Thank you!



Bluegrass Chapter Polar Bear Run Jan.1, 2025

Cliff Tibbitts is planning a New Year's Day run to Natural Bridge Lodge. It will include an optional tour of Red River Gorge and the Nada Tunnel after lunch. We'll leave from the Marriott Griffin lot, 1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511, at 9:30 AM.

Start your New Year right, touring in old cars through some of Kentucky's prettiest scenery. Let Cliff know by December 27 that you'll be along – (859)312-9511 or cliff@tibweb.com.

Why did Santa Claus get a parking ticket on Christmas Eve? He left his sleigh in a snow parking zone.



What kind of music do elves like? Wrap.



What kind of motorcycle does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson..

What is an elf's favorite car? A Toy-ota.

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The Detroit Auto Show Returns in January 2025

By Robert Tate, Award-Winning Automotive Historian and Researcher

Images Courtesy of the Henry Ford Media Center Archives, Scott Leazenby, the Robert Tate Collection, and the Ford Heritage Vault Published 12.18.2024



50th Anniversary Detroit Auto Show program, 1965 (Robert Tate Collection)

The popular Detroit Auto-Show at Huntington Place returns to the month of January for 2025 to highlight the Motor City and introduce the latest and best the industry has to offer to the public. After dealing with the pandemic and experimenting with moving the event to September, this was a great idea to bring the show back to the month of January. This story features a series of great images from past Detroit Auto Shows at Cobo Hall. For many years, the show featured some of the best automotive designers and engineers in the world with displays of their innovative products, making the Detroit Auto Show one of the world's best. Every winter in Detroit, tens of thousands of auto enthusiasts, automotive journalists and spectators descended on Cobo, which became known as the TCF Center in 2019 and later Huntington Place (the current name) in 2021.

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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 !

The VMCCA Page on Facebook!

Facebook has become an extremely popular social networking site, reportedly having more than <u>10.0 billion</u> 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.

Visit our Facebook Page



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