

January 2026



The Touring Chronicle

A publication of the
Vintage Motor Car
Club of America



Happy Holidays

As the holidays pass, it is a great time to remember those who are close to us, helping to bring love and happiness into our lives. Wishing you a happy holiday season.

In this Issue of The Touring Chronicle

- Announcements:
- **2026 DUES**
- Approved Boundaries Maps and Documents
- 2026 VMCCA Tour Schedule and available registration forms
- The Journeys That Lie Ahead
- Volunteers needed to host National Tour
- Region and Chapter newsletters
- Remembering Eugene "Bob" Gregorie
- Remembering the Ford Times
- The VMCCA Foundation Needs You, Please Donate!
- 2025 National Awards and Sponsors list

[Visit the VMCCA website HERE](#)

The VMCCA Facebook page is packed with photographs from our tours and other vintage car related information.

[Visit the VMCCA Facebook page HERE](#)

Announcements

Remember, National VMCCA dues are due by **JANUARY 1st**. Let's celebrate the New Year with all our memberships paid up.

Happy Touring in 2026! 🕒🎉👤

Membership VP Clare Oestreicher

PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE ON YOUR RENEWAL FORM THE NAME(S) OF ANY REGION(S) AND CHAPTER(S) YOU HAVE JOINED.

[LINK to Membership Renewal Form on the VMCCA Website](#)

[Link to PRINTABLE Renewal Form](#)

[Announcing New VMCCA Region Boundaries](#)

Announcing New VMCCA Region Boundaries

At the November 12, 2025, Board of Governors meeting, the Board approved a new design for our Regions map. I first proposed this change to the Board in July 2024.

Region boundaries have been re-drawn several times over VMCCA's history, as patterns of membership grew and changed. Do you remember the Ohio Valley Region? (Dissolved around 2000.) Do you remember when we added the Upper Mississippi Region? (2023)

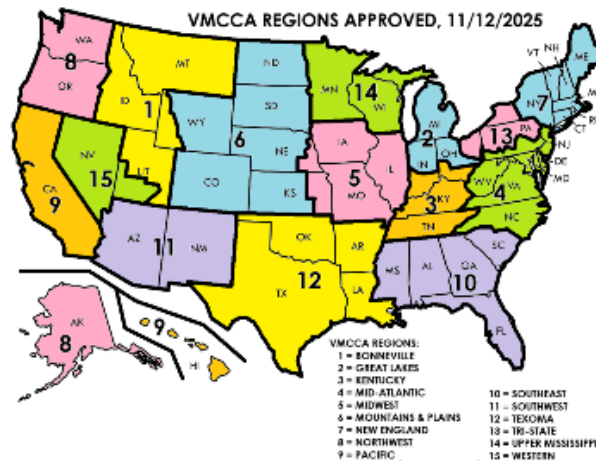


The Board formed a committee to study options.

Region Directors were consulted, and the proposal was published in our *Touring Chronicle*. After a year of review and inclusion of members' comments, the map below was drawn and the list by ZIP Codes was revised. Note, the Independent Region is in the list though not on the map. My special thanks to Dion Starns for the graphics and the zone verifications.

Current Region Map from Officers' Handbook

The goal of this revision is to bring better communications and more voice with the national club to local members. Regions with no contact persons or representatives to National were blended into Regions with active and energetic representation. Our aim is to give all local members a better connection with National officers and fellow members around the country. Our hope now is that you use these relationships to gain an even better connection with our outstanding Touring Club!



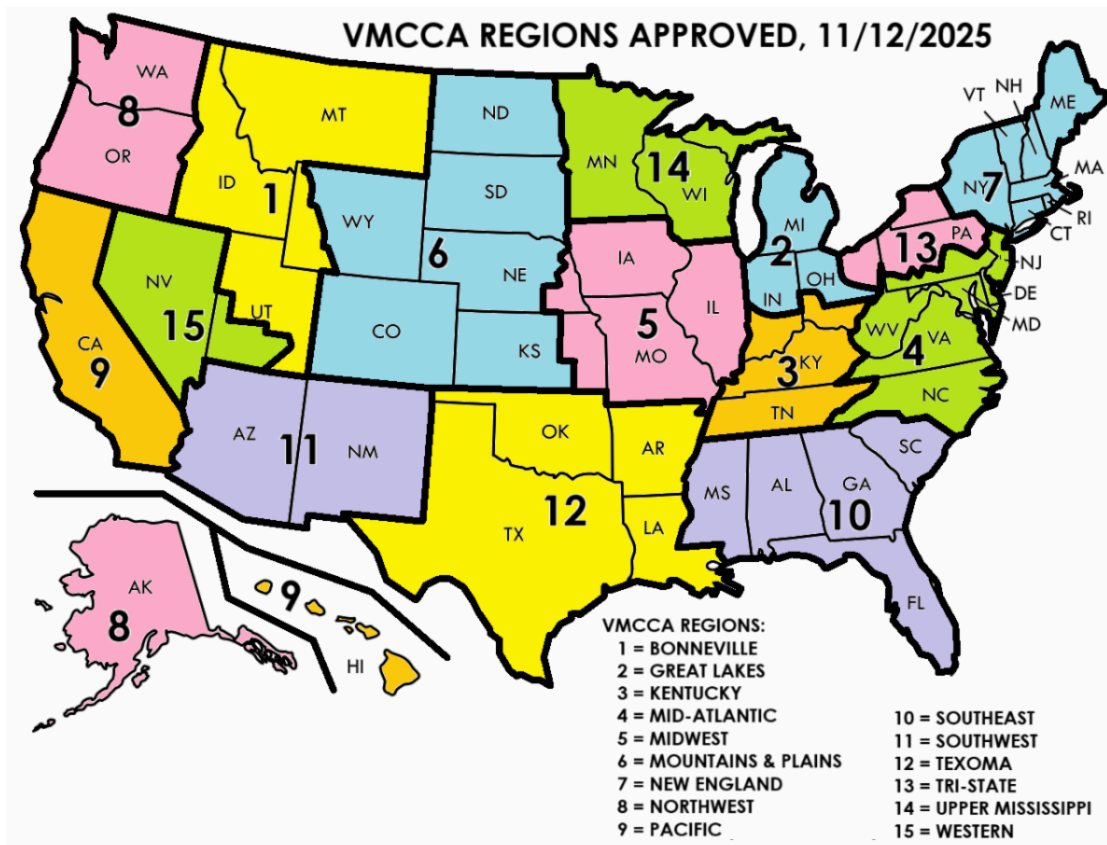
[Link to Print Boundaries Message](#)

VMCCA REGION BOUNDARIES

Region boundaries within states (except Michigan) are based on the first three digits of ZIP Codes.

1. **BONNEVILLE (BN)** - Includes all of Idaho and Montana; Wyoming ZIP Codes beginning 821, 829-831; all of Utah except ZIP Codes beginning 847.
2. **GREAT LAKES (GL)** - Includes the Lower Peninsula of Michigan; all of Indiana except ZIP Codes beginning 470-472, 474-478; all of Ohio except ZIP Codes beginning 439-447, 450-457.
3. **KENTUCKY (KY)** - Includes all of Kentucky and Tennessee; Indiana ZIP Codes beginning 470-472, 474-478; Ohio ZIP Codes beginning 450-457.
4. **MID-ATLANTIC (MA)** - Includes all of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia; Pennsylvania ZIP Codes beginning 153-155, 170-176, 189-194.
5. **MIDWEST (MW)** - Includes all of Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri; Kansas ZIP Codes beginning 660-662, 664-668, 673; Nebraska ZIP Codes beginning 680-681, 683-685.
6. **MOUNTAINS & PLAINS (MP)** - Includes all of Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota; all of Kansas except ZIP Codes beginning 660-662, 664-668, 673; all of Nebraska except ZIP Codes beginning 680-681, 683-685; all of Wyoming except ZIP Codes beginning 821, 829-831.
7. **NEW ENGLAND (NE)** - Includes all of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont; all of New York except ZIP Codes beginning 140-149.
8. **NORTHWEST (NW)** - Includes all of Alaska, Oregon, and Washington.
9. **PACIFIC (PC)** - Includes all of California and Hawaii.
10. **SOUTHEAST (SE)** - Includes all of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina.
11. **SOUTHWEST (SW)** - Includes all of Arizona and New Mexico.
12. **TEXOMA (TO)** - Includes all of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.
13. **TRI-STATE (TS)** - Includes New York ZIP Codes beginning 140-149; Ohio ZIP Codes beginning 439-447; all of Pennsylvania except ZIP Codes beginning 153-155, 170-176, 189-194.
14. **UPPER MISSISSIPPI (UP)** - Includes all of Minnesota and Wisconsin; Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
15. **WESTERN (WS)** - Includes all of Nevada; Utah ZIP Codes beginning 847.
16. **INDEPENDENT (IN)** - The Back Road Cruisers Chapter and all foreign or unaffiliated Chapters.

[LINK TO PRINTABLE BOUNDARIES LIST BY ZIP CODE](#)



Look [HERE](#) for Printable Maps Color and/or Black and White

Registration Forms for the 2026 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!

VMCCA 2026 Calendar of Events

March 16 - 20, 2026, Annual Membership

Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, Information contact,
Myron Smith 402-429-0118

myronsmith@windstream.net

June 14 - 19 2026, 43rd Chrome Glidden Tour,
Amarillo, Texas. Information contact, Chrystene
Speed 806-679-6418,

cspeed@speedpainting.com

Notice this tour has a name change

July 8 - 12 2026, Mountain and Plains Regional Tour, Buffalo Wyoming. Information contact, Hosts: Myron & Barb Smith and Mountain and Plains Region. Tour Director: Myron Smith 402-429-0118, myronsmith@windstream.net

August 3 - 6 2026, Grand Indiana Auto Tour, Greensburg, Indiana. Information contact, Larry and Carol Pumphrey 812-593-2701 larry@agpro.net

October 11-16 2026, Western National Tour, Salina, Kansas. Information contact, Hosts: Northern Colorado Chapter. Tour Directors: Randy and Sandy Carlson.

2027 Tours and Events

August 15 - 20 2027 Chrome Glidden Tour, Appleton, Wisconsin. Information contact, Hosts: Wisconsin Shoreline Chapter. Tour Director: David Neuhaus.

The Journeys That Lie Ahead

Have you ever had the opportunity to stay in an area that prompts you to think “this would be a good place to visit on a VMCCA tour”. As vintage car enthusiasts, we probably view our travel experiences with that additional element of thought.

As traffic seems to become more of an issue, finding areas that allow for slower paced driving, less busy roads, scenic drives and unusual venues, it requires the vision of our member to consider planning and hosting a tour in an area of interest which isn't, necessarily, in their own back yard. It may only take



a day or two of exploration in a prospective location to see the potential for a tour.

Keep your eyes open, as you travel, for a spot that just might be “the next VMCCA National Tour”. Share your find with your club.

May this holiday season be joyful and the hopes you hold for the coming year bring you

peace.

Carol Maxfield, VP of Activities
vactivities@vmcca.org

Points to Ponder

2026 marks the 100th Anniversary of Historic Route 66, established November 11, 1926, with year-long events and major kickoff celebrations planned, notably in Springfield, Missouri (April 30-May 2, 2026) and a “Great Route 66 Centennial Convergence” ending at the Santa Monica Pier on April 30, 2026, featuring national and local festivities, preservation efforts, and special trips across the eight states.

Be part of the celebration, join us at the Chrome Glidden in Amarillo, TX, June 14 – 19, 2026. See details in the upcoming tour section.

The following is a list of tours available on a National level:

- Annual Membership & 1st Quarter Meet (Feb or Mar)
- Chrome Glidden Tour (Mar thru Oct)
- 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour (Jun thru Aug)
- Eastern Nickel Tour (May, Jun or early Sep)
- Western Nickel Tour (May, Jun or early Sep)
- Heritage Tour (May thru Oct)
- Western National Tour (May thru Sep)
- Muscle/Convertible/Orphan (any time)
- Revival AAA Glidden Tour (rotate VMCCA – AACA – Sep)

Contact Carol Maxfield, VP Activities, for details
vactivities@vmcca.org

2026 Events and Tour Fliers



LINCOLN NEBRASKA

MARCH 16-20 2026

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

SCHEDULE

Monday March 16 Registration Opens
Tuesday March 17 Bus Tour to State Capitol, Quilt Museum etc.
Wednesday March 18 Annual Meeting.
Tour Museum of American Speed and Lunch
Thursday March 19. 1st Quarter Meeting and Awards Banquet

Registration includes Awards banquet, Admission to Museum of American Speed and Wednesday lunch at the museum.
Registration Deadline 01/10/2026



**SPEEDWAY MOTORS
MUSEUM
OF AMERICAN SPEED**

Tuesday Tour. An optional bus tour is being offered to visit Nebraska's capitol, the International Quilt Museum, and Larsen Tractor Museum. Additional stops may be added.

Museum of American Speed is on the Speedway Motors campus. It now houses over 180,000 square feet of automotive history. Collections include: the Unser racing collection, Darryl Starbird custom car collection, large pedal car collection, motorcycles, bicycles and more. Photos show examples of what will be seen.



Above: Tucker
Left: Early Dodge Bros and 1959 Plymouth convertible.
Right: 5 and 10 Millionth Model T Fords



HOST HOTEL: Country Inn & Suites,
5353 North 27th St. Lincoln NE
Phone 402-476-5353. VMCCA rate is \$89.00
plus tax and fees. Includes hot breakfast

Questions contact:
Myron Smith (402)429-0118

myronsmith@windstream.net

Look HERE for printable flier

LINCOLN NEBRASKA

**2026 ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 16-20 2026**



Registration deadline 01/10/2026

Arrive: Monday, March 16 **Depart:** Friday, March 20

March 17: (Tuesday) optional tour to state capitol, Quilt Museum and more

March 18: (Wednesday) VMCCA Annual Meeting and Museum of American Speed

March 19: (Thursday) VMCCA 1st Quarter Meeting and evening banquet

Host Hotel Information: Country Inn & Suites,
5353 North 27th St., Lincoln, NE
Phone 402-476-5353.

VMCCA rate is \$89.00 plus tax and fees. Includes hot breakfast

Airport Information: Lincoln Airport is 7 miles, (10 min) away. Host hotel has airport shuttle available to and from Lincoln airport from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

Omaha Eppley Airfield is 58 miles away, 57 minutes drive time.

Registration:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Registration fee per person _____ X \$ 130.00

Tuesday Optional Tour _____ X \$ 70.00

total \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **VMCCA TOUR** Mail to: John Nikodym, 655 Cherry St., Grand Island, NE 68801



Look HERE for a printable registration form

43RD CHROME GLIDDEN TOUR
IN AMARILLO, TEXAS
HOSTED BY THE FREDERCKSBURG VINTAGE CAR CLUB

***Celebrating
Route 66
in the
Golden Spread!***

*Limited to 80 Cars
Years 1935 - 2001*

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

TOUR CHAIR: CHRYSTENE SPEED CHRYSTENE.SPEED@GMAIL.COM

TOUR REGISTRAR: LIZ LINDIG ELINDIG70@GMAIL.COM

HOST HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN AMARILLO WEST MEDICAL CENTER

CALL AND ASK FOR VINTAGE CAR TOUR:

(806) 322-4777

ROOM COST: \$129/NIGHT (+ TAXES)

RV'S - CALL FT. AMARILLO RV PARK

(806) 331-1700 - CONTACT BOBBY



*Cruise past
wide-open plains,
historic towns,
scenic sites &
celebrate a century of
America's most legendary highway.*

JUNE 14 - 19, 2026

There is a small glitch with the hotel booking. It seems that when you call the hotel, they do not make room reservations there. The best way to make a reservation is to use the booking link to the right."

**Please use this link to
make hotel
reservations at the
Holiday Inn Amarillo
West Medical Center**

Look HERE for printable flier

VMCCA 2026 CHROME GLIDDEN TOUR
CELEBRATING ROUTE 66 IN THE GOLDEN SPREAD

June 14-19, 2026, Amarillo, TX
Preference given to 1935-2001 vehicles
Limited to 80 cars or 160 people
Tour Director: Chrystene Speed,
chrystene.speed@gmail.com
806-679-6418

Please Print

Owner _____ Driver (if different) _____

Address of Driver _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone (C) _____ (H) _____ Email Address _____

Yes ___ No ___ to put cellphone # in tour book

VMCCA Region _____ Chapter (if any) _____

Print Names for Name Tags (If children, please indicate ages as of June 1, 2026) _____ Previous Chrome Glidden Tours _____

Driver _____ City & State _____ # _____

Passenger 1 _____ City & State _____ # _____

Write additional passenger information on reverse side

Registration confirmations will be sent via email

Registration Fee includes Hospitality Room, 2 Banquet Dinners,
3 Refreshment Stops, 3 lunches, Wednesday evening meal & TX
Musical event, admissions to scheduled stops, Tour Book.

One Vehicle & Driver _____ \$310.00

Passenger _____ X \$310.00 ea \$ _____

Passenger (age 6-12) _____ X \$310.00 ea \$ _____

Extra Tour Book _____ X \$10.00 ea \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Do Not Mail before January 2, 2026

Make check payable to: 2026 Chrome
Glidden Tour

Registrations postmarked Jan 2 - May 15,
2026, or until filled.

**Mail to: Liz Lindig, Registrar, PO Box 276,
Johnson City, TX 78636**

elindig70@gmail.com, 830-285-4071

Registration, cancellation, and refund
deadline is May 15, 2026.

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Amarillo West Medical Center, 8231 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, TX 79124, \$129.00 + taxes, king or
2 queen rooms, includes 2 breakfasts per room, pet friendly. Trailer parking will be here. Use this **Booking link**:

<https://www.ihg.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=amars&checkInDate=14&checkInMonthYear=052026&checkOutDate=20&checkOutMonthYear=052026&PMID=99801505&GPC=VCS&cn=no&adjustMonth=false&showApp=true&monthIndex=00>. If you don't use a computer, call 806-322-4777 and ask for Kris.

RV Park: Fort Amarillo RV Resort, 10101 Business IH 40, Amarillo, TX .806-331-1700.

Vehicle 19 _____ Make _____ Body Type _____ Body Color(s) _____

Tow/Trailer Vehicle State & License Plate No. _____ If Driving – Miles one way _____

Owner/Driver Commitment/Release Statement: I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described in the Vintage Motor Car Club of America 2026 Chrome Glidden Tour. In consideration of the right to enter this event and other valuable considerations, I/we do hereby agree to indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless VMCCA and its Chapters, Regions, Officers, and Representatives from and against any claims, costs, liabilities, and attorneys' fees arising from damage or injury, actual or claimed, of any kind of nature, to property or persons, resulting from my tour participation in the 2026 Chrome Glidden 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 person, \$300,000 per accident bodily injury liability and \$100,000 property damage liability or \$300,000 combined single limit liability insurance.

Name of Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____ Policy Term _____ to _____

The owner/driver certifies that the described vehicle entered in this event has passed the requirements of the motor vehicle authorities of the state in which the vehicle is registered, and the vehicle is legally registered and/or licensed. The VMCCA and its representative will not, and cannot, be held responsible for the "safety certification" of any participating vehicle.

Signed _____

Owner

Date

Driver (if different)

Date

Look HERE for a printable registration form



#30 • Greensburg, Indiana

GRAND INDIANA AUTO TOUR • August 3-6, 2026

Greensburg Hampton Inn • 2015 N Michigan Ave. • Greensburg, Indiana 47240 • Ph 812-663-5000
Room Rate \$144.48 per night (Grand Indiana Auto Tour) plus taxes • Deadline for hotel/registration 6/19/26.
Hosts: Carol and Larry Pumphrey • Ph 812-593-1325

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Driver Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

of Previous Grand Indiana Auto Tours? _____

All Participants Must Be Listed – Adults & Children

Passenger 1 _____

City _____ State _____ # Prev GIATs _____

Passenger 2 _____

City _____ State _____ # Prev GIATs _____

Passenger 3 _____

City _____ State _____ # Prev GIATs _____

Passenger 4 _____

City _____ State _____ # Prev GIATs _____

Are any of the above handicapped or require assistance? _____

Any dietary restrictions, vegetarian, gluten, etc? _____

Driver must be a member of VMCCA national club. Online application forms may be found at www.vmcca.org. Tour will be limited to vehicles 2001 and older. No modern replicas of old vehicles, modified or hot rods will be accepted. The vehicle may not display any advertising of a current nature. Registration closes June 19, 2026. No refunds for cancellation received after July 3, 2026.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year _____ Make _____

Body Style _____ Body Color _____

FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

Entry Fee (One Car and Driver) \$140.00

Passengers @ \$140.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

OWNER/DRIVER COMMITMENT/RELEASE STATEMENT

Owner _____

Address _____

Vehicle: Year _____ Make _____

State Registered in (domicile state) _____

License number _____

I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described in the Vintage Motor Car Club of America, KYR, 2026 Grand Indiana Auto Tour. 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 harmless The Vintage Motor Car Club of America and its Chapters and/or Regions, Officers and Representatives from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities and attorneys' fees arising from damage or injury, actual or claimed, of any kind or nature, to property or persons, resulting from my (our) participation in the 2026 Grand Indiana Auto 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 person, \$300,000 per accident bodily injury liability and \$100,000 property damage liability, or \$300,000 combined single limit liability insurance.

Insurance Co. Name _____

Policy Number _____

Policy Term (Dates) _____ to _____

The owner/driver certifies that the described vehicle entered in this event has duly passed the requirements of the motor vehicle authorities, or other governing bodies of the state in which the vehicle is registered, and the vehicle shall be legally registered and/or licensed. The Vintage Motor Car Club of America and its representatives will not, and cannot, be held responsible for the "safety certification" of any participating vehicle.

Signed (Owner) _____

Driver (If Different) _____

Date _____

Make sure to make a copy of this form for your records.

Then, please return this form with your check, made payable to Grand Indiana Auto Tour and mail to:

Lou Ann Bowman
4323 Wyandotte Cave Road
Milltown, Indiana 47145
502-777-3498 • dalebowman@gmail.com

THE TOURING CLUB



WWW.VMCCA.ORG

Look HERE for a printable registration form

Region and Chapter Newsletters
Articles of Interest



Summit City Fall Color Tour September 24 – September 26, 2025 Text & Photos by Steve Blakey

The theme of Summit City's 2025 Fall Tour was The Lincoln Highway through Indiana. The initial idea, courtesy of Lucy Blakey, was brought to fruition by Frank Guzik, Mike Stitt, and Hank Kiess (with Lucy's help, too). Our starting point was the New Haven Indiana City Hall and, although the skies threatened a bit of rain, our group snaked through Fort Wayne Indiana's Lincoln Highway 1913 route without incident.

Once out of the city we began our leisurely pace from one small town to another—Churubusco to Ligonier to Goshen to our first destination in Elkart, the Elcar & Pedal Power Museum. Dave & Denise Sanders warmly

continued on following page >



CALENDAR

November

Tuesday, November 4th
GLR Meeting
Faton's Lyons Don

Sunday, November 16
Meeting & Potluck Lunch
Defiance Chapter

Saturday, November 22nd
Christmas Party
Brighton Chapter

December

Sunday, December 7th
Christmas Party
Defiance Chapter

Sunday, December 14th
Christmas Party
Summit City Chapter



Continue Reading Great Lakes Region, Nov - Dec 2025



THE E-CRANK

Volume 60 Issue 12
December 2025

Albuquerque Chapter - The Vintage Motor Car Club of America

The Original Touring Car Club
of New Mexico

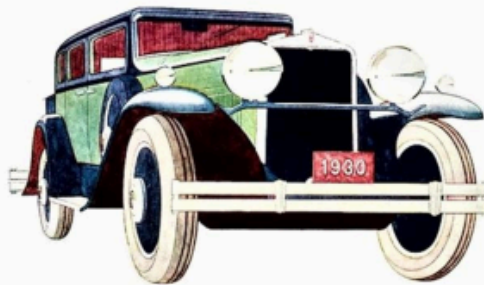


www.vmcca.org

Christmas/Holiday Luncheon — Saturday — December 20 — 11:30am

Black Angus Steak House — 2290 Wyoming Blvd NE

Albuquerque 87112 — 505.292.1911



THE · 1930 · HUPMOBILE · SIX
PRICED WITHIN THE THOUSAND DOLLAR FIELD

The E-CRANK is a publication **by and for the members** of the Albuquerque Chapter of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America, a not-for-profit organization (**Membership in the national VMCCA is a prerequisite to membership in the local club**). The deadline for publication is the **next to the last day of the current month**. All contributions for publication must be in to the editor by that date. Lyle Schultz-editor
lrschultz44@gmail.com Be a E-CRANK reporter! We always need clear images and a few words to fill this newsletter.



Issue Content

2 - National & Regional
2026 VMCCA Events Calendar, Officers info

3 - Proposed Club Events
& Programs for 2025

4 - Prez Sez

5 - Historic Route 66 Centennial

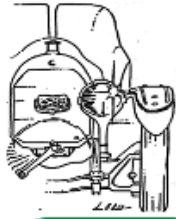
6 - Historic Route 66 Centennial continued

7 - Gas Stations without
Ethanol - Burma Shave
signs

8 - Nola's Corner sayings,
The Lighter Side

Continue reading Albuquerque Chapter's E-Crank, December 2025

Friendsgiving



The Old Crank



Inside this issue:

President's Message	P. 2
Tour Committee, Holiday Party	P. 3
Meeting Minutes	P. 4
Minutes Continued, Membership	P. 5
Treasurers Report	P. 6



Wheels A Rolling



Mid-Atlantic Region

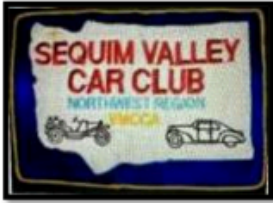
Oct, Nov, Dec, 2025

Volume 26 No 4

Continue reading Wheels A Rolling, O, N, and D, 2025

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

Officers of the SVCC:

President Bill Barrett

Vice President Chuck Livingston

Secretary Lynne Garvin

Treasurer Bill Brigden

Member-at-Large Randy Leach

Sergeant-at-Arms Jay Cameron

Editor Sherry Poitra

Membership Randy Leach

Merchandise David Ladiges

Raffle David Ladiges

Sunshine Katherine Brigden

Scholarship TBA

NW Regional Director Carl Edem

NW Regional Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Flint



DECEMBER 2025

In this issue:

List of Officials.....	Front Page
Announcements/Meetings.....	2
November Meeting Minutes.....	2-3
List of Advertisers.....	4

MEETINGS: General potluck dinner meetings are regularly held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Sequim Elks Lodge starting at 6 pm. Bring your own plates and eating utensils.

Board meetings are held at 6:00 pm the Thursday before the monthly general meeting at The Mariner Cafe in Sequim. All members are welcome to attend to keep abreast of what your officers are up to!

July (Club Picnic) excluded & December (Christmas meeting) requires advance signup.

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

See following page for current schedule.

Continue reading the SVCC, December 2025

The NEWSLEAK



Gold Dust Chapter *Est 1984*

Vintage Motor Car Club of America

Mountain & Plains Region—Western South Dakota

Dec 2025

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!

Christmas greetings to all!

Weather interfered twice with our plans for the December get-together.

Chuck & Karen Swenson had graciously offered to hold the event at their place in the beautiful Black Hills on December 13th. Everything was ready to go until snow and bad roads set in.

It was then rescheduled to December 20th. But 101mph winds knocked out Swenson's electricity so the meeting was once again cancelled.

As of press time for the Newsleak, Swensons were still without power. We are thankful that we have a warm week ahead, but we pray for the folks impacted to get their electricity restored soon!

Merry Christmas to everyone! See you next year!

Patsy Schmidt, Newsleak

Does Anyone Else Remember
the Days when there were Less
Fears and More Fun?



♪ Dashing through the snow
in my rusty Chevrolet.
Down the road I go,
sliding all the way.
I need new piston rings.
I need some new snow tires.
My car is held together by a
piece of chicken wire.
Oh, rust and smoke, the
heater's broke, the door
just blew away.
I light a match to see the
dash and then I start
to pra-ay.
The frame is bent, the
muffler went,
the radio's okay.
Oh what fun it is to drive
this rusty Chevrolet! ♪

UPCOMING JANUARY MEETING

Day: Saturday

Date:

Time:

Hosts:

Meet:

RSVP:

*Need host/date/time/place
for January meeting!*

Inside this Issue...

From The Dashboard 2

President's Message

Club Business

Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Officers & Other Contacts

In the Headlights 3

In Memoriam, Roger Spitzer

Member Celebrations

Riding on the Running Board 4

Meetings & Tours

Chauffeurs & Back Seat Drivers .. 5

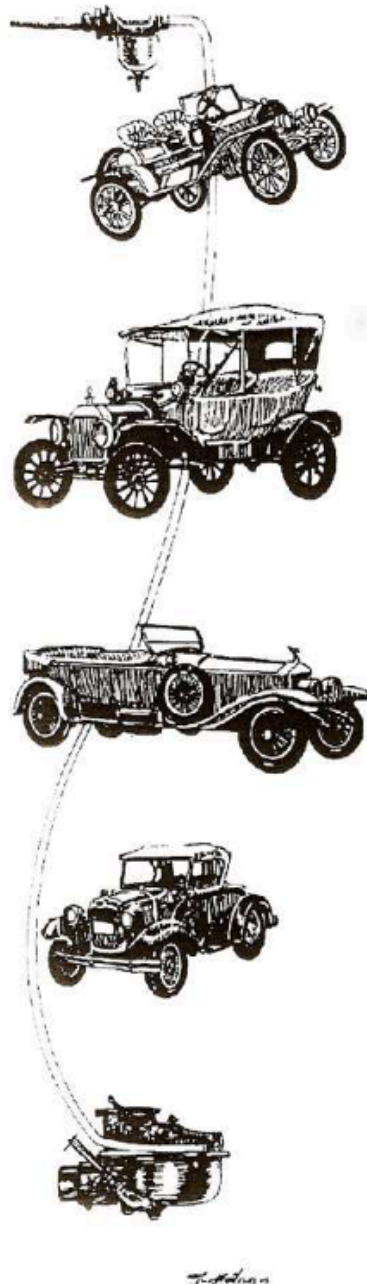
Club Members

Attachments:

Member App/Proof of Ins (1 pg)

Hosting Guidelines (1 pg)

Continue reading the Gold Dust Chapter's, December 2025



*November and
December
2025*

The GAS LINE

A PUBLICATION OF
PIKES PEAK CHAPTER
VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

PIE NIGHT November 14th
Bring your favorite pie
to share.



**Have a
Happy
Thanksgiving
and
A Merry
Christmas**



VISIT your web site at
<ppvmcca.com> for the latest info and [with a
password] a membership list.

**Continue reading Pikes Peak Chapter, November -
December 2025**



RUMBLESEAT CHATTER



Official Newsletter of the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club

December 2025

Light the Night Parade, December 5

Fredericksburg's Light the Night Parade on Friday, December 5, is a fun, festive time to share the joy of the season with our community, and our car club is once again participating. If you'd like to be a part of the parade, decorate your vintage car with lights (nets of lights or battery-operated strings 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 goodies to share. For details, contact [Larry Buchhorn](#). Even if you don't participate, you can still come cheer on your fellow club members as they drive by!

Christmas Party, Sunday, December 7

Our FVCC Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, at Riverhill Country Club (100 Riverhill Club Lane) in Kerrville. A cash bar cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m., and dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. Lonnie Lett will provide music again this year. Dress is smart casual or holiday attire. If you haven't signed up yet and you would like to attend, contact Greg Rising at (760)532-9877.

Save the Date for January Tour

We are tentatively looking at doing our January tour on Saturday, January 17, from Kerrville to Center Point. Details are still being worked out. Stay tuned!

2026 FVCC Tours

Won't you consider planning a tour for 2026? Is there a favorite site, restaurant, activity, or backroad you would like to share with your fellow car club members? Contact our new Vice President/Tour Director, Henry Blechl, at h.blechl@gmail.com. He will be happy to work with you to put together our next adventure!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

5

Light the Night Parade

4:30 p.m., Fredericksburg

DECEMBER

7

Christmas Party

5:00 p.m., Riverhill CC

JANUARY

17

Tentative January Tour

Kerrville to Center Point



Christmas Classic Car Trivia

Can you match these vehicles with the Christmas movies they were featured in?

1. 1950 Plymouth Special Deluxe station wagon
 2. 1969 Chevrolet Impala
 3. 1986 Dodge Ram Van
 4. 1970 Pontiac GTO
-
- a. *Home for the Holidays* (1995)
 - b. *Bad Santa* (2003)
 - c. *White Christmas* (1954)
 - d. *Home Alone* (1990)

Answers: 1c, 2b, 3d, 4a



Continue reading FVCC Rumbleseat Chatter, December 2025

Remembering Eugene "Bob" Gregorie: His Most Significant Designs At Ford Motor Co.

by A. Wayne Ferens
Published 11.5.2025



Eugene T. "Bob" Gregorie (1908-2002) was born in New York and began his career as a teenager in yacht design. Although he was a high school drop out his design talents propelled him to the head of Ford's automobile design

department.

After the market crash in 1929 Gregorie came to Detroit hoping to find work as an automotive designer. He was hired by General Motors at the age of 21 in the design department, but as the economy worsened he was let go the following year. In 1931 Gregorie was hired into Ford Motor Company by Edsel Ford and was asked to design a car for the Ford market in Europe. Gregorie designed the Model 'Y' which was well received by consumers in Germany, France and England. The Model Y was powered by a 933cc (56.9 cu in) Ford sidevalve engine and was available in two-door and four-door respectively.

[Continue Reading Article](#)

Remembering the Ford Times

by A. Wayne Ferens

Images Courtesy of Ford Motor Company Archives

Published 4.5.2023

The first monthly publication of the Ford Motor Company was the Ford Times Magazine. The first edition was published and provided to Ford dealers and customers on April, 15, 1908. Initially, the publication was 4 x 6 inches in size, but later increased to 5 X 7 inches. It was mainly focused on Ford's automotive products and expanding model line. In the 1910s, it featured color printed covers from graphic artists on Ford's dealer organization, Ford owners and their travel experiences, Ford overseas business and pleas for better roads. These small Ford Magazines ceased publications in April 1917 with America's entry into World War I. It would not be published again until 1943.



2025 VMCCA National Awards

2025 VMCCA National Awards

1. BEST OWNER RESTORED OR MAINTAINED CHRYSLER PRODUCT AWARD

Best Chrysler Product 25 years or older.

Sponsor: Toledo chapter, Great Lakes Region

2. BUCK SHAVER AWARD FOR THE BEST OWNER RESTORED TRUCK

Sponsor: Pikes Peak Chapter, Mtns. and Plains Region

3. BEST PRESERVED ORIGINAL CAR AT LEAST 60 YEARS

Original running gear, body, paint, upholstery and top are required. Minor repairs and touchup are allowed. Cars with the least score higher. Required mechanical and structural repairs plus tire replacement to permit safe driving on touring events accepted.

Sponsors: Jim and Marilyn Talbot in memory of Past President Dorothy Houdek

4. BEST OWNER RESTORED OR MAINTAINED ORPHAN MAKE AWARD

For restored cars of parent corporations no longer in the automobile business or those "abandoned" cars that are no longer being made by a manufacturer (such as Plymouth, Oldsmobile) produced from 1934 to 1964. Car must have been driven on a regional or national tour in the previous two years. Sponsor: Fredericksburg Chapter, Texoma Region

5. FOUNDER'S TROPHY

Best pre-1928 car driven the longest distance to a National Tour Sponsor: Kentucky Region

6. THE JIM SPENCER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best Antique Car, 1960 through 25 years old.

Sponsor: Bob and Sally Murray

7. LARRY AMES MEMORIAL AWARD

Best owner restored car 1913 through 1937.

Sponsor: The Ames Family in memory of Larry Ames

8. THE NIFTY FIFTIES AWARD

Best Restored Chevrolet 1950 through 1959.

Sponsor: B.D. Berryhill in memory of Catherine Berryhill

9. PIKES PEAK CHAPTER MEMORIAL AWARD

Best restored foreign car, 25 years old or older.

Sponsor: Pikes Peak Chapter, Mountains and Plains Region

10. RALPH BUCKLEY AWARDS

Best professionally restored car through 1913.

Sponsor: New York Region

11. SOUTHWEST REGION AWARD

Best VMCCA recognized car driven on a regular basis.

Sponsor: Southwest Region

12. BEST MUSCLE CAR AWARD

Best 1964 through 1974 muscle car with an engine of 300 H.P. or greater. Sponsor: Southwest Florida Region

13. FORREST G. DOWNING MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best owner restored car built between 1920 to 1929 (excluding the Model A Ford). Car must have been driven on a VMCCA Regional or National Tour during the year.

Sponsors: Shirley Downing Doherty and Barbara Downing Fox

14. THE MIKE DERBIDGE MEMORIAL AWARD

This award acknowledges the long trip that some members make to create a running vehicle from nothing. The owner of the vehicle is to be the primary restorer. Documentation via photos and/or written story will be used in judging.

Sponsor: Eastern Idaho Chapter, Bonneville Region

15. BEST OWNER RESTORED OR MAINTAINED STATION WAGON ON A REGIONAL OR NATIONAL TOUR

Driven on a Regional or National Tour this year.

Sponsor: Northern Colo. Chapter, Mt. and Plains Region

16. BEST 40'S BUICK

Best 1940 to 1949 Buick on a Regional or National Tour.

Sponsor: Michael Stemen in memory of Karen Lynn Stemen

17. THE BOB ERAUSQUIN AWARD

Best Packard on a Tour.

Sponsor: Great Lakes Region

18. CARL DAWES MEMORIAL AWARD

Member (excluding members of the Board of Governors) doing the most for the club.

Sponsor: Great Lakes Region

19. OUTSTANDING REGIONAL DIRECTOR AWARD

Regional Director who did the most for the VMCCA and his/her Region during the year.

Sponsor: Mountains and Plains Region

20. PAST PRESIDENT'S MEMORIAL TROPHY

Person or Couple who best symbolize(s) the spirit of the VMCCA while on a Regional or National Tour.

Sponsor: The Werckle Family in Memory of Dr. Mike Werckle

21. YOUNG ENTHUSIAST AWARD

Youngest owner/driver to participate in a VMCCA Regional or National Tour

Sponsors: Mike and Joan Huffman

22. MASTER MECHANIX EXTRAORDINAIRE

Plays a starring role in the repair team that accompanies all regional and national tours. This person makes sense of it all and makes them run again-or not. These starring roles are typically demonstrated in two or more tours. Pictures are demonstrating these heroic acts are encouraged.

Sponsor: Judith Derbidge

23. THE BILL PRESTON MEMORIAL AWARD

For outstanding National Tour Director as voted upon by the National Board.

Sponsors: Jim and Ginger Cohen

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Outstanding contributions to the VMCCA as selected by the President. Sponsor: Board

NOTICE: Award number 16, Best 40's Buick, does not have a sponsor at this time.

[Look Here for a PRINTABLE copy of Awards List](#)

[Look HERE for a PRINTABLE copy of the Nomination form](#)



THE VMCCA FOUNDATION

The VMCCA Foundation scholarships are rolling in. If approved, each applicant is awarded \$1500.00.

Here are four ways you can help:

1. Sell or donate an old car you're not driving.
2. Plan a chapter or regional fundraiser.
3. Don't forget we accept old fashion CASH!
4. Attend the Foundation Tour Oct 31– Nov 4th in Navasota, Texas.

Any questions can be answered by visiting the VMCCA Foundation website. Please mail your donations to:

The VMCCA Foundation

P. O. Box 161

Hempstead, TX 77445

Learn more about the VMCCA Foundation at
www.vmccafoundation.org

**Please consider making a donation the
VMCCA Scholarship Foundation using the
link below.**

Visit the VMCCA Foundation website to make a donation [HERE](http://www.vmccafoundation.org)

**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!

Our VMCC 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.

Vintage Motor Car Club of America | 7501 Manchester Ave. | Kansas City, MO 64138 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!