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The Touring Chronicle

A publication of the
Vintage Motor Car
Club of America



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[Visit the VMCCA website HERE](#)

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

[Visit the VMCCA Facebook page HERE](#)

Announcements

Registration Forms for the 2026 and 2027 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 7 - 10, 2026, Farm Boys Tour. Defiance

Chapter, Bellefontaine, OH

Hosts John Zimmerman and Dave Plassman

Phone John at 419-350-3666

jzimmerman1666@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENT: The 43rd Chrome Glidden® is NOT FULL!! Please Register soon!!

June 14 - 19 2026, 43rd Chrome Glidden Tour®,

Amarillo, Texas. Information contact, Chrystene

Speed 806-679-6418,

cspeed@speedpainting.com

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, GrandIndiana 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

**February 21 - 24 2027 Annual Meeting and
Awards Banquet,**
French Lick, Indiana Hosts: Black Swamp Chapter.
Tour Director: Gary Miron.

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

The Journeys That Lie Ahead



This was around 1982. we were
returning from our Chapter's
annual trip to Saratoga,
Wyoming. Encountered a little
snow storm over Cameron Pass.

Nature teases us with a few warm days as
we head into March. Our thoughts turn to
the familiar activities we repeat every year
in our vintage cars, but also spark
enthusiasm to add some new adventures.

Communication about our upcoming
activities is shared within our Chapters
and Regions and, in some cases, among
friends not belong to a Chapter. How do
you publish your upcoming events, by
newsletter, email? Think about ways you
might broaden your advertising. Do you
have a website, club Facebook
account? Do you want a broader
distribution of your tour calendar? The
Touring Chronicle, or the VMCCA



Saratoga Inn Parking lot, Saratoga, Wyoming around 1983-4. The '48 Ford's paint had been touched up.



Buena Vista, Colorado in the early '90s. This was a two night stay for a weekend car show.

Facebook page could also be utilized as a means of getting your tours noticed more widely. It is also a great way to share ideas for tours and activities between our Chapters and regions.

If you would like to have your 2026 tour calendar published in The Touring Chronicle, simply send a MS Word document to vpublishations@vmcca.org. Be sure to put your Chapter/Region name and location in the heading.

Carol Maxfield
Vice President Activities

I am reminded that the photos to the Left were taken when most of our chapter's members had families with children under 15. Somehow, we made our budgets allow for fun touring.

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



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

2026 Defiance Chapter Farm Boys Tour

June 7-10, 2026 · Bellefontaine, Ohio



Tour Highlights:

- Airstream Factory & Museum
- Armstrong Air & Space Museum
- Bicycle Museum of America
- Marmon Valley Farm Breakfast
- Honda Heritage Center
- Hardin County Historical Museum
- Kenton Friendship Gardens
- Tom Brims Motorcycle Collection
- Champaign Aviation Museum
- Gaslight Auto Parts Indy Car Collection
- Marie's Candies & West Liberty stops

Sunday evening opening banquet through Wednesday evening closing banquet

Tour is open to all VMCCA members driving VMCCA eligible cars (2001 or older).

You must be a current VMCCA member to attend. Limited to 50 vehicles.

This is a hub tour using some 2 lane state routes.

Registration deadline is May 4, 2026. No refunds after May 4, 2026.

The Registration Form is available here: tinyurl.com/2026FarmBoyTour

Comfort Inn (Host Hotel)

260 Northview
Bellefontaine, OH 43311
Phone: (937) 595-0631
40 rooms reserved until May 4, 2026
Trailer parking at the Comfort Inn

Tour Contact

John Zimmerman
764 Fairway Dr.
Wauseon, OH 43567
Questions?
Call John at (419) 350-3666



Look **HERE** for a Printable Registration form

Look **HERE** for a Printable Flier

The 43rd Chrome Glidden Tour is NOT Full!!

If you are planning to attend, please complete the registration form found at this [LINK](#).

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
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Look HERE for a printable registration form



August 3–6, 2026 • Greensburg, Indiana

Greensburg Hampton Inn • 2075 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

There is more than Corn in and around Greensburg, Indiana and that will be very evident on our GIAT Tour. This is farm country where folks will welcome you with genuine midwestern hospitality and good food. Decatur County is on both the pie and fried chicken trails.

- Driving past farm fields we will visit the Hulsbosch Family Dairy. Maybe they will put you to work milking the cows. [just kidding] We are so proud this Belgian family chose Decatur County for their thriving innovative business.
- Oldenburg, Village of Spires, is a beautiful little town based on their German founder's birthplace-more good food.
- Greensburg's historic town square also has some great local restaurants and shops and of course the Tower Tree.
- The group will tour several museums in the area which will help us understand the history of this county.
- We'll begin and end our tour at the beautiful High Point Event Center. This is a lovely 15-acre orchard with a restored 1830s home and barn overlooking the Greensburg Upland Reservoir and is very close to our hotel .

**Looking forward to having
you and your family and friends on the Tour.**

THE TOURING CLUB



WWW.VMCCA.ORG

[Look HERE for a printable Flier](#)



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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:

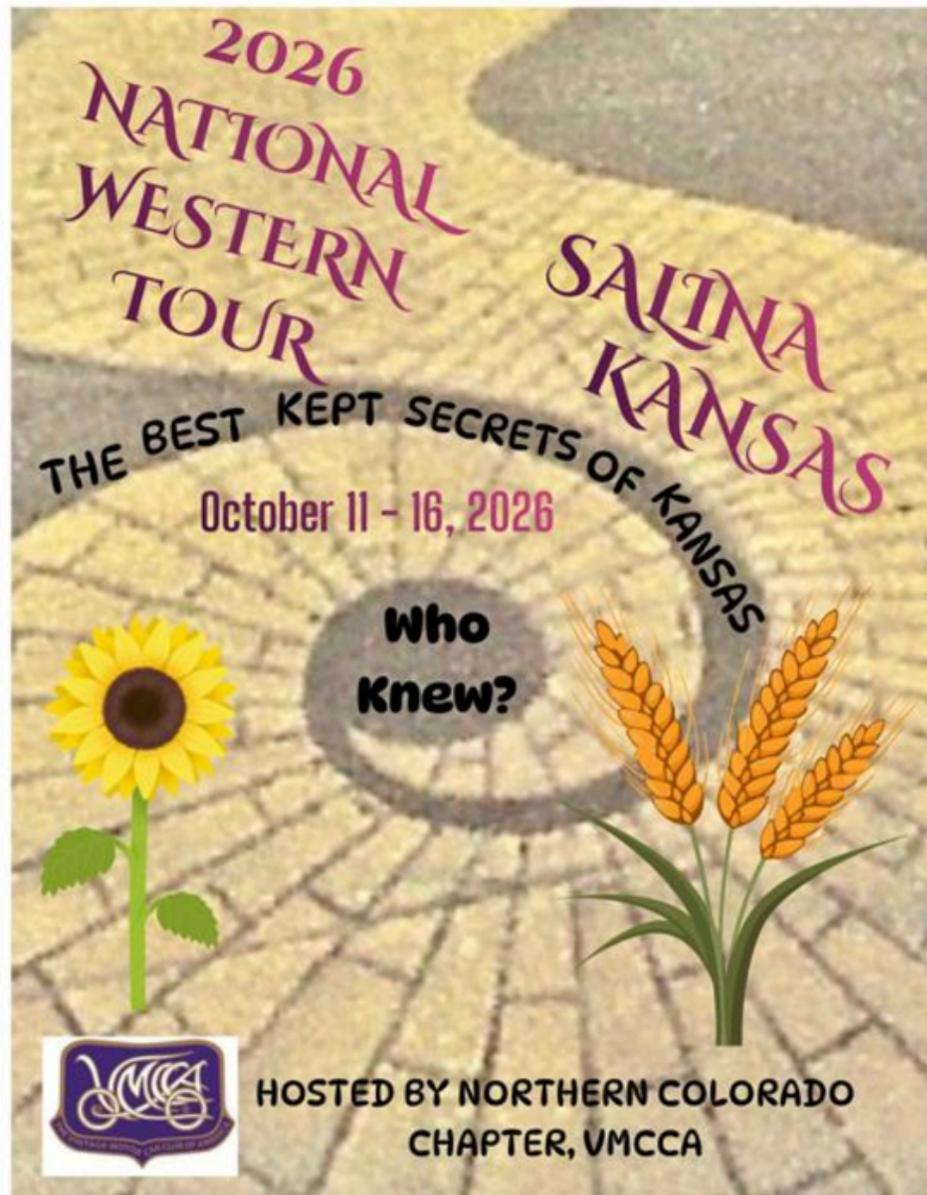
Lou Ann Bowman
4323 Wyandotte Cave Road
Milltown, Indiana 47145
502-777-3498 • dalabowman@gmail.com

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Region and Chapter Newsletters
Articles of Interest

Wheels A Rolling Mid-Atlantic Region



January, February,
March, 2026
Volume 27 No 1



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Tecumseh Train Ride

Text by Dave Plassman. Photos by Dave Plassman & Judy Wright

Saturday, October 25, 2025, the Toledo Chapter reserved a train ride at Tecumseh, MI for the GLR Members. There were 39 members and friends on board. Some of us met at Ted & Judy Wright's home (coffee & cookies) then traveled together as a group to Tecumseh, MI. We arrived early and had plenty of time to find our choice of the fine restaurants near the train. We boarded at 12:40 and the train started heading north at 1:00. When we reached Clinton, MI, the train stopped and we got out of the passenger car for cold or hot apple cider and a gift shop. Very good break! The train took us through woods, colorful with fall leaves. Thank you to Toledo Chapter member, Andrew Shepherd, for planning this colorful fall afternoon train ride.



- 1 Judy Wright, Jeff & Susan Stang, Ralph Emery, Bill Rogers
- 2 Gary & Michelle Miron
- 3 Bill & Kathryn Shepherd
- 4 Bob & Jackie Peinert
- 5 Dave & Diane Treuhaft



CALENDAR



Sunday, January 18th
Meeting & Potluck Lunch
Defiance Chapter



Tuesday, February 10th
Chapter Meeting
Brighton Chapter

Wednesday, February 11th
Allen County Public Library Tour
Summit City Chapter

Sunday, February 15th
Meeting & Potluck Lunch
Defiance Chapter



Continue Reading Great Lakes Region, Jan - Feb 2026

SWAP MEET

SAT. MAY 2ND 2026 ONE DAY ONLY
 FOWLerville, MICH. FAIRGROUNDS

CARS & PARTS · AUTO LITERATURE · TOOLS · ARTS & CRAFTS · ANTIQUES



- \$30** **EARLY REGISTRATION THROUGH APRIL 18TH**
OUTSIDE SPACES 15 X 30 FT.
 WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED
- \$40** **April 19th thru MAY 2nd**
- \$20** **CAR CORRAL PER CAR**

Vendor Admission - Friday May 1st 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

OVER 300 SPACES AVAILABLE. NO INSIDE SPACES!!

VENDOR SET-UP SATURDAY 7:00 TO 9:00 AM
SATURDAY GATES OPEN 8:00 AM TO 5 PM

DONATIONS: \$5.00 PER ADULT
 CHILDREN UNDER 12 **FREE**,
 WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
 * No Dogs Allowed *

☞ BREAKFAST & LUNCH AVAILABLE ON GROUNDS ☞

Vendor Information & Registration:

Doug Kennedy (419) 769-1890 Wilma Kennedy (419) 212-2195
 John Zimmerman (419) 350-3666

Email & Website

email: glrmcca@gmail.com
 website: tinyurl.com/GLRFowlerville

REGISTRATION FORM 2026

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____
 E-Mail _____ NUMBER OF SPACES _____ TOTAL \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GREAT LAKES REGION, VMCCA
SEND TO: Doug & Wilma Kennedy
 18311 Switzer Road
 Defiance, OH 43512

Note: All Vendors responsible for any damage to grounds



tinyurl.com/GLRFowlerville

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Auto Parts Literature
 Tools Arts & Crafts
 Antiques
 Specialty _____

Link to Register as a Vendor at the GLR Swap Meet

The Old Crank



VMCCA
The Touring Club
February 2026

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"The Old Crank" is the official publication of the Northern Colorado Chapter of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America. It is published monthly for the benefit of its members. Three consecutive copies will be sent to prospective members by submission of their names to the editor.

Continue reading Northern Colorado Chapter, February 2026

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 Dale Poitra

Treasurer Lynne Garvin

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 Debbie Flint

NW Regional Director Carl Edem

NW Regional Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Flint



*Don't forget
Valentine's Day
Saturday, February 14th!*

FEBRUARY 2026

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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.

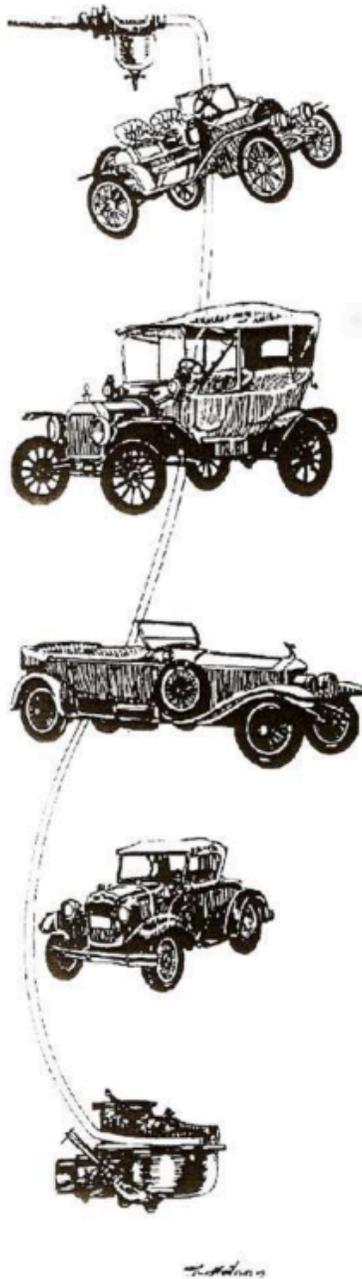
Board meetings are held at 6:00 pm the Thursday before the monthly general meeting at The Mariner Cafe in Sequim. All members are welcome to attend to keep abreast of what your officers are up to!

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, February 2026



January February

The 2026

GAS LINE

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Our kick off
program presenter is to be
Mel McFarland
who will be talking on
"Historic Colorado Springs"

Friday January 9, 7 pm
at the Gold Hill Police Station
955 West Moreno St.

VISIT your web site at

<ppvmcca.com> for the latest info and [with a
password] a membership list.

**Continue reading Pikes Peak Chapter, January - February
2026**



Presidents' Day Tour to LBJ National Park

Meet at the Sutherland's parking lot in Fredericksburg on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 16, at 9:00 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure, going to the LBJ National Historical Park where we will take a self-guided driving tour. Following our time at the park, we will head to Blanco for lunch at Old 300 BBQ. Questions? Contact [Henry Blechl](#).

March 19 Tour to Wimberley Glassworks

Join us for a tour to Wimberley Glassworks on Thursday, March 19. Meet behind the Stagecoach Convenience Store at the intersection of US Hwy. 290 E and FM 1376 (the road that goes to Luckenbach) by 8:30 a.m. Our drivers' meeting will be at 8:45 a.m. before we head out. Once we arrive at Wimberley Glassworks, we will see a demonstration of premier glass production performed by onsite artisans at a scheduled time. This is a first-class operation with a beautiful display gallery where you can peruse their selection of exclusive vases, sculptures, plates, glassware, gifts, and lighting. From there, we will travel to Driftwood for lunch at the famous Salt Lick BBQ. A sign-up sheet will be at the February and March meetings. Contact Randy or Irene Pullen at (830)669-2019 for details.

Save the Dates!

Save the dates for other upcoming tours and car shows:

- April (date TBD) Heritage Place
- May (date TBD) Pecan Creek School
- May 16 Evolution Car Show in Kerrville
- June 6 Fredericksburg CarFest
- July 4 Fredericksburg July 4th Parade
- July (date TBD) Gillespie Airport Car Display
- August (date TBD) Fredericksburg Cemetery Tour

UPCOMING EVENTS

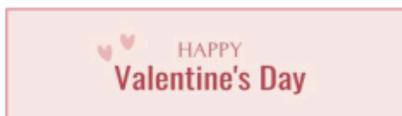
FEBRUARY 3	Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m., Golden Hub
FEBRUARY 16	LBJ National Park Tour Meet at 9:00 a.m.
MARCH 19	Tour to Wimberley 8:45 a.m. Driver's Meeting
JUNE 14-19	Chrome Glidden Tour Amarillo

MEMBERSHIP

We hate to see you go!

if you have not paid your VMCCA or FVCC dues, this will be your last newsletter and membership news email.

WELCOME back members John and Sandy Lang (1956 Chevrolet 4 Door Hardtop) and new member Glenn Wallick (1931 Chevrolet Pickup Truck, 1973 Pontiac Grand Am).



Continue reading FVCC Rumbleseat Chatter, February 2026

Remembering the Great Designer, Larry Shinoda

By Robert Tate, Award-Winning Automotive Historian/Researcher
Images Courtesy of General Motors Heritage Archives / Henry Ford Media Center Archives
Published 2.18.2026



Larry Shinoda (1930–1997), born in Los Angeles, California, was one of the most influential automotive designers of the 20th century. During World War II, he and his family were among the many Japanese Americans interned by the U.S. government. Despite these early hardships, Shinoda developed a passion for cars, building hot rods and racing on the streets of Los Angeles. In 1955, he became one of the first winners of the inaugural NHRA Nationals in Great Bend, Kansas.

Shinoda studied art at Pasadena City College before enrolling at the Art Center College of Design. His professional career began with Studebaker-Packard, and in 1955 he joined Ford Motor Company. A year later, he moved to General Motors, where he served as a senior designer under Harley Earl.

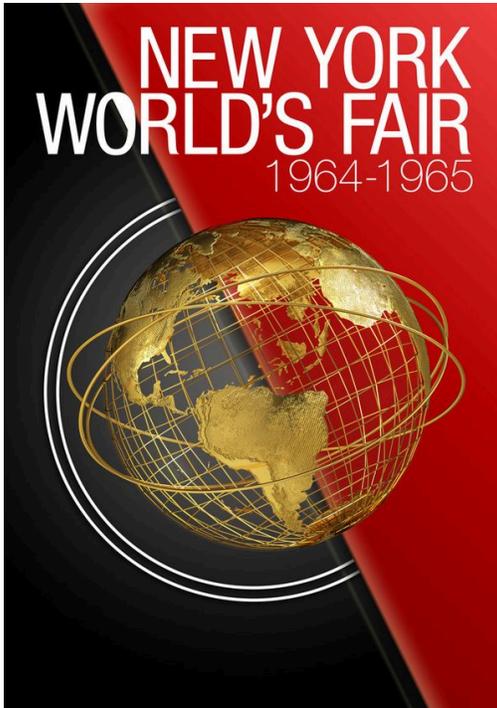
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The 1964 New York World's Fair Highlighted New Ford Products

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher

Images Courtesy of New York World's Fair, State of New York, and the Ford Motor Company Archives

Published 12.14.2022



In 1964, the state of New York opened its World's Fair, which was attended by millions from all over the world. The Fair offered many great exhibits and the latest in technology and innovation was on display as well.

The idea for the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair came from by Robert Kopple, a lawyer who had great experiences as a kid attending the 1939-40 New York World's Fair held at Flushing Meadows' Corona Park in Queens. Kopple felt that the show was a great historical event and educational opportunity for many Americans to attend.

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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.

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