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The Western Regional Tour in Buffalo Wyoming had a error in the dates. The tour is scheduled for July 8 - 12, 2026.

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

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Announcements





VMCCA Dues to Increase



VMCCA Dues to Become \$58 (\$50, digital *Bulb Horn*) for 2026

Despite the 2024 dues increase, VMCCA operating expenses required a deficit budget in 2025, and another for 2026. Inflation continues. As with so many organizations in this electronic age, membership is shrinking so dues income is down. Tour income year to year is undependable.

Club officers and the Board of Governors have been working hard to cut costs without sacrificing the quality of publications or tours. To keep the VMCCA operating, it has become necessary to generate reliable income that keeps pace with inflation. The Treasurer will cover more on the new dues plan in future columns. Main points for the coming year, 2026:

- *Dues for regular membership will increase to \$58.*
- *Digital Bulb Horn membership will increase to \$50.*
- *Mid-year NEW Member and Swap Meet Special dues will be \$30.*



"We all must surely realize that using our "rainy day" funds to pay our operating expenses is a surefire way to go bankrupt." – VMCCA President Duane Copley, "The Elephant in the Room," *Touring Chronicle*, July 2025

Annual dues collected after September 1 of each year cover the rest of the calendar year plus all of the coming year. Collection of 2026 dues runs from September 1, 2025, to January 1, 2026.

When sending in your 2026 membership renewal, please enclose the new amount, **\$58 (\$50 digital).**

Thank you for your understanding!



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

VMCCA Board of Governors Meetings Invitation

Quarterly and Special Meetings of the Board of Governors are for the purpose of conducting the business of VMCCA. Non-Board members may speak at these meetings if given permission or are requested to do so in advance by the President. All others visiting zoom meetings will be muted by the zoom administrator.

The next Board of Governors Meeting is scheduled for **November 12th, 2025** 9PM EST.

For meeting invitation and ZOOM logon link.

Contact Mike Welsh
vsecretary@vmcca.org

Phone 816-298-6412



Proposal to Create New VMCCA Region Boundaries

VMCCA Regions have changed over the decades, being created and disbanded when patterns of club membership shifted. Your officers are considering a new division of Region boundaries to improve connections between National and local members.

Communication with the National organization energizes local participation. It lets members see the benefits their membership provides. People all over the country share plans and ideas.

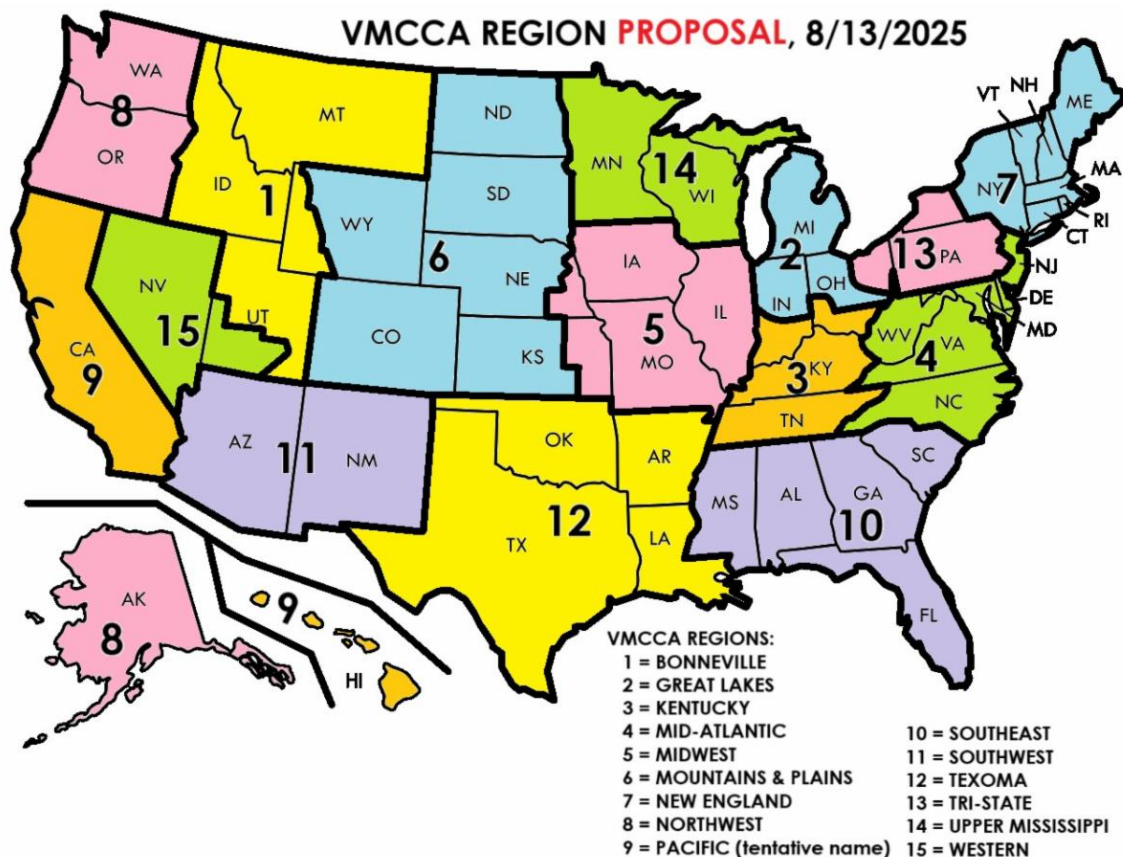
Active contact with the National club is important for maintaining connection. Region and Chapter members learn about the club through their representatives. Many current Regions have strong leadership and enthusiastic participation, but some are struggling to remain active.

This proposal results from a year of study and discussion with Region officers. It would merge Regions that lack current contact persons with Regions that keep regular representation with the Board of Governors.

Please review the proposed map below, and the linked list of specifications. [LINK TO SPECIFICATIONS](#) Let your Region officers know what you think, so they can represent your opinions at the November 12th Board of Governors meeting. Thank you!

---Clare Oestreicher, VMCCA Membership VP

**ADDITIONAL LINK TO
SPECIFICATIONS**



**Look HERE for Printable
Map**

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

(Volunteers to plan and host these tour are always needed.)

- Annual Membership & 1st Qtr 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 Trisha Copley, VP Activities, for details
vactivities@vmcca.org

Registration Forms for 2025 and 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!

***** 2025 Tours *****

October 18-23, 2025, MID-ATLANTIC VMCCA REGIONAL FALL TOUR SCENIC VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA Woodstock, VA. Limit 40 cars
Chester and Nancy Bradfield 540-435-2001
nansgram@aol.com

October 31 - November 4, 2025, VMCCA Foundation Tour, **Has been Canceled**
Donations are accepted on the Foundation Website, [Please use this link or the Link Below](#)

VMCCA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION WEBSITE

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

July 8 - 12 2026, Western Regional Tour, Buffalo Wyoming. Information contact, Hosts: Myron & Barb Smith. 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

Revival AAA Glidden Tour® Photographs

The tour photographs posted on our VMCCA Facebook page are great! Along with them are photographs of other tours and car related events.

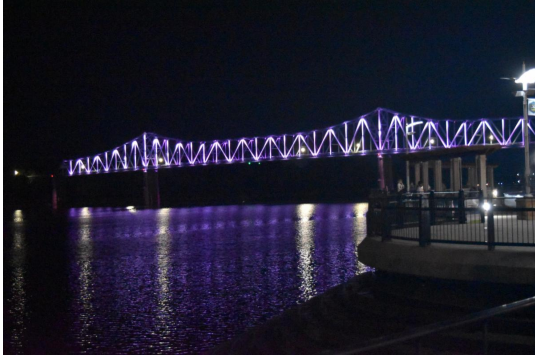
[Look Here for our Facebook Page](#)



Barbeque and Bourbon



Bluegrass



The video below is a slide show with many photographs from the Revival AAA Glidden Tour.®

Created by: Carol Maxfield



2025 Events and Tour Fliers



**MID-ATLANTIC VMCCA REGIONAL
FALL TOUR
SCENIC VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA
October 18-23, 2025
Woodstock, VA
Limit 40 cars**

Tentative Schedule:

- Sunday – Registration from 10-1 pm
About 1:30 we will leave Woodstock motel to visit a Carriage Museum in Bridgewater at 3 pm. Our Welcome dinner will be in New Market on our way back about 6 pm.
- Monday -- Planned by Mike Murphy and Sandy Tierney
Visiting scenic West Virginia, H & T Market, Teet's Cattle Company, and lunch. Return to Strasburg Emporium.
- Tuesday -- Planned by Larry and Linda Zirkle
Virginia Museum of the Civil War, lunch in New Market, scenic drives along the mountains, Cooter's Place and Duke's of Hazzard Museum.
- Wednesday – Planned by Terry and Peggy Spitzer
Tour Shrine Mount hotel, Plains District Memorial Museum, lunch at church, car collection, and closing banquet in Woodstock.
- Thursday -- Checkout.

Hotel Information:

Hampton Inn, 1150 Motel Drive, Woodstock, VA
Phone: 540-459-7111 Code: Mid-Atlantic

Standard Rooms: \$109 Rates are good before and after dates.
Suites: \$129 Cut off date: September 18, 2025

Fee for Pets: \$50 for event

Chester and Nancy Bradfield
540-435-2001
nansgram@aol.com

**Look HERE for printable
Tour Flier**

**Look HERE for printable
Registration form**

**Look HERE for M-A Region Annual Meeting
Registration 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

**The VMCCA Scholarship Foundation's
Tour has been CANCELED.
Please consider a donation using the
link below.**

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

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



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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

Region and Chapter Newsletters

Articles of Interest

Chrysler Had Great Success with Their Muscle Car Advertising

By Robert Tate, Award-Winning Automotive Historian and Researcher
Images Courtesy of Stellantis Chrysler Archives
Published 9.10.2025



"BEEP-BEEP!"

BEEP-BEEP!

BEEP-BEEP!

©1967 Warner Bros. -Seven Arts, Inc.

**There's only one way to catch the Road Runner.
And that's at your Plymouth Dealer.**

This is the Plymouth Road Runner, a new low-cost, high-performance car inspired by the cartoon character of the same name.
And the beat goes on. ❤️

Standard equipment includes a special 383 cu. in. Road Runner V-8, heavy duty suspension and brakes and a 4-speed transmission.
And the beat goes on. ❤️

It also has a horn that goes "Beep-Beep!" and a price well below what you'd pay for a Supercar.
And the beat goes on. ❤️

1968

Plymouth

CHRYSLER
MOTORS CORPORATION

...the Plymouth win-you-over beat goes on ❤️

A 1968 Plymouth Road Runner ad (Stellantis North America Archives)

One of the most influential automotive advertising campaigns from the 1960s and 1970s was introduced by the Chrysler Corporation. For many years, auto enthusiasts have spoken about or collected Chrysler muscle car advertising material. 1960s and 1970s culture had a great influence on the young people of that era. There was both wonderful music along and great-looking automotive designs. The cars were fast and offered psychedelic colors.

In addition, the early 1960s was the dawn of the muscle car craze. The Plymouth Road-Runner, taken from the Warner Brothers fast cartoon bird with a “Beep-Beep” voice, became an American muscle car icon. The famous cartoon bird that inspired the car’s horn became a great success among younger drivers. The two men who spearheaded the relationship between Plymouth and the Road-Runner cartoon bird were Gordon Cherry, who came up with the idea of using the Warner Brothers character for the car, and Jack Smith, who secured the rights to use the character from Warner Brothers for \$50,000. Another \$10,000 was invested to create the iconic car horn that goes “Beep Beep.”

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GLR NEWS

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1 Left to Right: Mike & Thelma Stitt with their 1964 1/2 Mustang Convertible, Mark & Beverly Kosin and their 2005 Mustang.

74th Annual Great Lakes Region Tour

July 27 – August 1, 2025

Text & Photos by Dave Plassman

Our 74th Annual Great Lakes Region Tour started Sunday afternoon, based in the Country Inn & Suites in Rossford, OH. There were 32 cars, 62 members and 4 children on our tour. We headed out for our opening banquet in Zion Lutheran Church. A very delicious meal!

Monday morning our travels took us to the Wolcott House in Maumee, OH. We met in their historic church for a docent tour. They have many buildings, each with docents to explain the history of their building. The next destination was the National Museum of the Great Lakes, along the Maumee River in Toledo. A very beautiful maritime museum! We were also able to tour the restored SS Col James M Schoonmaker Great Lakes boat and Ohio tug. They provided a room for lunch. A scenic drive in the country to the Maumee Bay State Park Nature Center. They have many aquariums with turtles and fish. The children on tour really enjoyed this stop. On the return to the hotel, we made a stop at the Dairy Depot. Great ending for our Monday tour.

Tuesday morning we traveled to Fremont, OH, to the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museum. A beautiful home, nearly all furniture original when President Hayes lived there. Fantastic! We were served coffee and donuts in the museum meeting room by the Toledo Chapter. We then drove country roads to the Schedel Gardens in Elmore, OH.

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CALENDAR

September

Thursday, September 18
Fairlawn Haven Car Show
Defiance Chapter

Wed, Sept 24 - Fri, Sept 26
Annual Fall Tour
Summit City Chapter

Friday, September 26th
GLR Put-In-Bay Tour
Hosted by Black Swamp

October

Hershey Swap Meet
Wed, Oct 8 - Fri, Oct 10
Hershey, PA

Sunday, October 19
Fall Color Tour,
Defiance Chapter

Saturday, October 25
Take the Train Tour
GLR Region



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Saturday, 9:00am, August 16 — Get Together

Mimi's Café

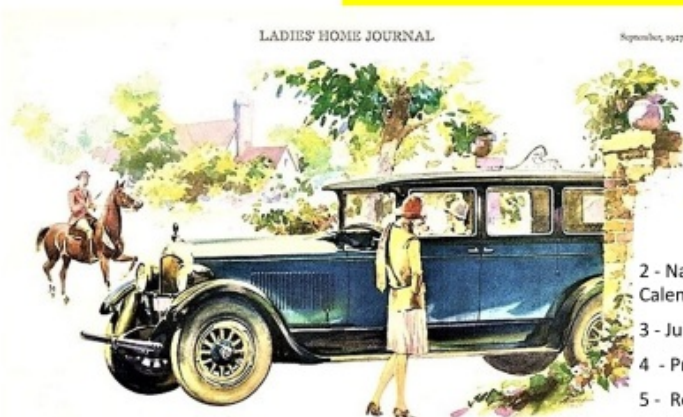
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Albuquerque, NM 87109

505.341.0300

LADIES' HOME JOURNAL

September, 1927



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EVERY WOMAN



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Lyle Schultz-editor lrschultz44@gmail.com

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Business Meeting & Get Together— September 20 - 9:00am—Mimi's Café—4316 The 25
Way NE. Albuquerque, NM 87109 - 505.341.0300



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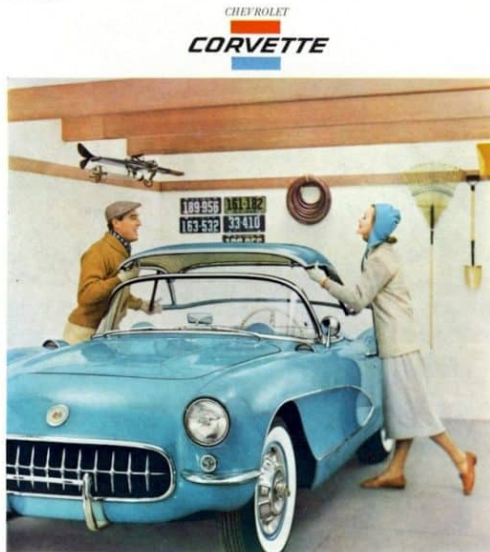
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Remembering the General Motors Class of 1956

By Robert Tate, Award-Winning Automotive Historian and Researcher
Images Courtesy of the General Motors Heritage Archives
Published 9.24.2025

NEW CORVETTE'S A QUICK-CHANGE ARTIST!

There's a new "lift" to the new Corvette, and the new lift-off hardtop pictured here is only part of the story. Just for example—there's a brand-new Corvette V8 engine. There are new roll-up windows, a new competition racing steering wheel, a choice of removable hardtop, manual or power-operated snug-fitting fabric top,* plus Powerglide or new Synchron-Mesh transmission. All this—plus full panel instrumentation, the snug, safe comfort of side-by-side bucket seats, new exterior styling, and a beautiful new weather-tight interior that make this the newest, truest sports car made in America—not a re-styled, cut-down convertible. See it—sit in it—drive it! You'll know in a few minutes and miles why the new Corvette's so ready to talk back—to any car—on any track.... Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.

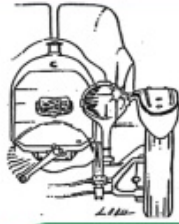


The year was 1956 and, if you were a teenager at the time or a young adult, you were probably listening to Elvis Presley or perhaps watching "Father Knows Best" on your black and white television. In 1956, General Motors was riding high with strong sales, maintaining its status as the largest automaker in the world.

1956 was also a good year for GM employees with more people working and making a great living. A stock purchase program was made available to salaried employees in the United States to enable them to increase their stake in GM's progress. Alfred P. Sloan Jr., was Chairman of the Board, and Harlow H. Curtice

was the President of GM in 1956.

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Thank you Fred and Penny for the garage tour. Fun was had by all.



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Wheels A Rolling

Mid-Atlantic Region



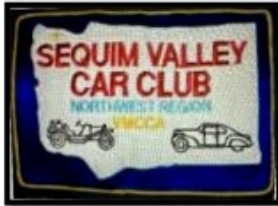
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Touring Talk

Newsletter of the Sequim Valley Car Club



Charter Club of Vintage Motor Car
Club of America (VMCCA)

Sequim Valley Car Club (SVCC)
PO Box 683 Sequim, WA 98382

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 Poltra

Membership Randy Leach

Merchandise David Ladiges

Raffle David Ladiges

Sunshine Terri Leach (Temp)

Scholarship TBA

NW Regional Director Carl Edem

NW Regional Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Flint



Joe Flint and his '41 Chevy Special Deluxe Cabriolet were judged
Best Chevrolet at the 2025 Sequim Prairie Nights Car Show.
Congratulations Joe!

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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, September
2025**

The NEWSLEAK



Gold Dust Chapter *Est 1984*

Vintage Motor Car Club of America

Mountain & Plains Region—Western South Dakota

Sept 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!

FROM THE SEPTEMBER TOUR



Our hosts: Gary, Kresta, Gail & Allen



UPCOMING OCTOBER TOUR

Day: Saturday **Date:** **October 4, 2025**

Time: 9:00am breakfast **Hosts:** Randy & Patsy Schmidt

Meet: **Sugar Shack, Hwy 385**
(NOTE: Sugar Shack does not take reservations. They serve breakfast 7-10:30am)

Tour: Spearfish Canyon | Vanocker Canyon | Nemo Road

NOTE: We will do a poker run on this tour—please bring a dollar bill to participate!

RSVP: randyandpatsyschmidt@gmail.com
605-391-0937



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The **GAS LINE**

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

Program

Tim Scanlon, a local historian, will give a powerpoint presentation on the Parkside District in the Historic Uptown neighborhood. The Parkside is a residential area of about 30 buildings that displays 70 years of the City's development. City Council recently designated 17 of these buildings as historic.

VISIT your web site at

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

Continue reading Pikes Peak Chapter, September 2025



RUMBLESEAT CHATTER



Official Newsletter of the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club

September 2025

September 2 Meeting at Mamacita's

Join us on Tuesday, September 2, at Mamacita's Restaurant in Kerrville (215 Junction Highway) for our monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. The cost is \$20 per person (cash only please). RSVP to Greg Rising at (760)532-9877 or cathyrising@gmail.com. (The Board will meet in the upstairs room at Mamacita's prior to dinner at 4:30 p.m.)

September 27 Tour

The Risings are leading a surprise tour on Saturday, September 27. Everyone will meet at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel (2033 Sidney Baker St, Kerrville) at 9:30 a.m., and then we will head south at 10:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead to 2026

Tours and plans are in the works for 2026. Look for more information coming soon.

- **June 14-19, 2026 Chrome Glidden Tour to Amarillo** — More details to come as they are confirmed. Our club has been asked to help with this tour.
- **100th Anniversary of Route 66** — This tour will take participants to the quirky town of Groom, Texas.
- **Kerrville Car Show** — Kerrville will host a car show on Saturday, May 16, from 7:00-11:00 a.m., followed by a parade. Organizers are hoping to have at least 250 cars participate.

Upcoming Car Shows

- **The 36th Annual Blanco Classic Car Show, Saturday, September 20, Blanco State Park** — Registration for the car show is the day of the event. Cost is \$25 per entry. Go to www.blancoclassiccarshow.com for details. Gates open at 8:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
2

Monthly Meeting

Mamacita's Kerrville
4:30 p.m. Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Dinner

SEPTEMBER
27

Surprise Tour

9:30 a.m., Y.O. Hotel

- **Marble Falls Main Street Car Show, Saturday, October 4** — Presented by Highland Lakes Kiwanis, the show is open to all cars, trucks, and motorcycles. A \$25 donation is required to register a vehicle for the show that begins at 9:00 a.m. For more information or to register, go to www.highlandlakeskiwanis.org/car-show.
- **FIN FEST, Saturday, October 4, Salado** — Legacy CTX, a non-profit that supports the improvement of public spaces in Central Texas and works to improve the services and care for at-risk children, youth, and families, has invited our car club to participate in FIN FEST, a new, family-friendly festival on Saturday, October 4, at Pace Park in Salado. The car show starts at 10:30 a.m., and the cost is \$25 per vehicle. The show is open to all years, makes, and models. For details, or to register, go to [the FIN FEST website](#).

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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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Gilmore Garage Works: Training the Next Generation

by Brian Yopp, MotorCities' Deputy Director
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A recent group shot of the students and mentors participating in the Gilmore Garage Works program.

From some people's perspectives, cars provide pure utility. They can get you from Point A to Point B. For others, classic cars provide entertainment or recreation as a nice weekend hobby. In the case of Gilmore Garage Works, cars can provide invaluable life lessons.

In 2012, MotorCities supported a grant to the Gilmore Car Museum to connect at-risk, Kalamazoo-area high school students with local mentors as they worked together on classic automobiles. The incentive was that you needed to remain enrolled in school in order to continue in the after-school vehicle restoration program. What the students learned about body repair and internal combustion engines paled in comparison to what they learned from auto engineers and other professionals serving as mentors from their community who showed them a world of possibilities

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