

# September 2025



## The Touring Chronicle

A publication of the  
Vintage Motor Car  
Club of America



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The VMCCA Facebook page is packed with photographs from our

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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!



**Look [HERE](#) for a printable copy of the dues**

## 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](mailto:vsecretary@vmcca.org)

Phone 816-298-6412

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](mailto: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 \*\*\*

**September 7-12, 2025**, Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, Owensboro, KY, **REGISTRATION IS CLOSED**  
Jeff Stumb, Tour Director,  
[misterglass@trace@gmail.com](mailto:misterglass@trace@gmail.com),  
[2025gliddentourky@gmail.com](mailto:2025gliddentourky@gmail.com) 423-385-4414

**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](mailto:nansgram@aol.com)

**October 31 - November 4, 2025**, VMCCA Foundation Tour, Navasota, Texas, Information contact B.D. Berryhill [BandD@brhlegacy.com](mailto:BandD@brhlegacy.com)  
phone 432-889-2522  
Registrar: Pat Crandall [jamieandpat@gmail.com](mailto:jamieandpat@gmail.com)

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## *VMCCA 2026 Calendar of Events*

**March 16 - 20, 2026**, Annual Membership Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, Information contact, Myron Smith 402-429-0118  
[myronsmith@windstream.net](mailto:myronsmith@windstream.net)

**June 14 - 19 2026**, 43rd Chrome Glidden Tour, Amarillo, Texas. Information contact, Chrystene Speed 806-679-6418 [cspeed@speedpainting.com](mailto:cspeed@speedpainting.com)

**August 3 - 6 2026**, Grand Indiana Auto Tour,

## Remembering the Rare Ruxton Automobiles

By Robert Tate, Award-Winning Automotive Historian and Researcher  
Images Courtesy of the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Black Hawk Museum and Ruxton Automotive Archives  
Published 8.13.2025



Most people probably have never heard about the Ruxton line of automobiles or the history behind these rare vehicles. Ruxton was introduced to the public the same year as the Stock Market Crash of 1929.

The Ruxton automobiles were manufactured by the Moon Motor Car Company of St. Louis, Missouri and produced between June and November of 1930. The name Ruxton comes from William V.C. Ruxton, a major figure on the New York Stock Exchange during the era. The financial backing for the company came from Archie Andrews, who would later take over the Moon Motor Car Co. They featured very colorful designs that just came out at the wrong time.

In June 1930, Ruxton automobiles were being manufactured on assembly lines in St. Louis alongside the Windsor, as well as on the Kissel assembly line in Hartford, Wisconsin. Andrews had negotiated deals to assemble Ruxtons, along with building transmissions and drive lines.

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# 2025 Events and Tour Fliers

**ALL ROADS  
LEAD TO**

*Owensboro*  
**KENTUCKY**

Revival AAA  
**GLIDDEN  
TOUR®  
2025**

*Save the Date*  
**SEPT. 7-12**


The Touring Club  
[www.VMCCA.org](http://www.VMCCA.org)

**Questions? Contact Jeff Stumb**  
☎ (423) 385-4414    ✉ 2025gliddentourky@gmail.com

Distance from these cities...

Chicago ~ 6 hours	Nashville ~ 2 hours
Atlanta ~ 6 hours	Indianapolis ~ 3 hours
St. Louis ~ 3 hours	Columbus ~ 5 hours

**The Revival AAA Glidden Tour Registration  
IS CLOSED**

## Owensboro, Ky., hotels — 2025 Glidden Tour



The Home2 Suites is brand new and will open in the Spring of 2025. The rate for the Glidden Tour is \$129 a night and includes breakfast each morning. Reservations can be made by calling 270-570-9797 or my emailing Nate Taylor at [ntaylor@superhosthospitality.com](mailto:ntaylor@superhosthospitality.com).

**Look HERE for  
printable UPDATED  
HOTEL map**

**Look HERE for  
TRAILER PARKING  
map**



**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**





Don't miss the bus!!!

Coming this Fall to Navasota, Texas the VMCCA Foundation will be hosting a tour to help raise funds for scholarship applicants.

**Oct. 31st—  
Nov. 4th**

**\*TOUR HIGHLIGHTS\***

- ANTIQUE CAROUSEL
- BUSH LIBRARY
- COTTON GIN TOUR
- TX PRISON MUSEUM

Host Hotel— Candlewood Suites Navasota  
(936) 510-8700

Overflow Hotel— Comfort Inn  
(936) 825-9461



**Foundation  
Tour 2025**

For more information contact:  
BD Berryhill at (432)889-2522 or  
email: [BandD@brhlegacy.com](mailto:BandD@brhlegacy.com)

Tour Registrar: Pat Crandall  
[jamieandpat@gmail.com](mailto:jamieandpat@gmail.com)

**ALL CARS WELCOME!**

**Tour Limit: 60 Cars**

\$ \$ \$ Bring your wallet \$ \$ \$

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**VMCCA Foundation Tour**  
**Oct 31 - Nov 4, 2025, Navasota, Texas**  
**Hosted by VMCCA Foundation**  
*ALL CARS WELCOME -- Limited to 60 vehicles*  
(Please Print)



Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Driver(if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Driver \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
VMCCA Region \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**Print names for name tags**

Driver \_\_\_\_\_ City&State \_\_\_\_\_  
Passenger 1 \_\_\_\_\_ City&State \_\_\_\_\_  
Passenger 2 \_\_\_\_\_ City&State \_\_\_\_\_  
Passenger 3 \_\_\_\_\_ City&State \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Body Type \_\_\_\_\_ Body Color(s) \_\_\_\_\_

State & License Plate No. \_\_\_\_\_ Need trailer parking? Yes ☐ No ☐

**REGISTRATION FEES** include Hospitality Room, 4 meals, 4 coffee stops, admissions to attractions, Tour Book.

One vehicle & driver	1	x \$395	\$395.00
Non-VMCCA driver add annual dues \$48	_____	x \$48	_____
Passengers	_____	x \$395	_____
Passengers (ages 4 thru 11)	_____	x \$200	_____
Extra Tour Book	_____	x \$15	_____

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Make check payable to:  
**VMCCA Foundation**

- Mail to: Pat Crandall, Registrar  
P. O. Box 161  
Hempstead, TX 77445
- **Deadline is OCTOBER 15, 2025**
- Chair: BD Berryhill (432)889-2522
- <mailto:bdberryhill@procominc.net>
- [jamiendpat@gmail.com](mailto:jamiendpat@gmail.com)

**Hotel and RV Park Information**

**Candlewood Suites**  
9313 State HWY 6  
Navasota, TX 77868  
Phone (936) 510-8700  
VMCCA Block \$110 plus tax

**Comfort Inn & Suites (Overflow)**  
9345 State HWY 6  
Navasota, TX 77868  
Phone (936) 825-9461  
VMCCA Block \$110 plus tax

**Western RV Park**  
9524 HWY Loop S  
Navasota, TX 77868  
Phone: (936) 306-3821  
[www.thewesternrvpark.com](http://www.thewesternrvpark.com)

**Owner/Driver Commitment/Release Statement:** I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described in the Vintage Motor Car Club of America event. 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 or nature, to property or persons, resulting from my (our) participation in the VMCCA Foundation 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 is \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 representatives will not, and cannot, be held responsible for the "safety certification" of any participating vehicle.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Driver (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Date Driver (if different) Date

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**Look HERE for a printable 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](http://www.vmccafoundation.org)

**Visit the VMCCA Foundation website  
HERE**

## 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

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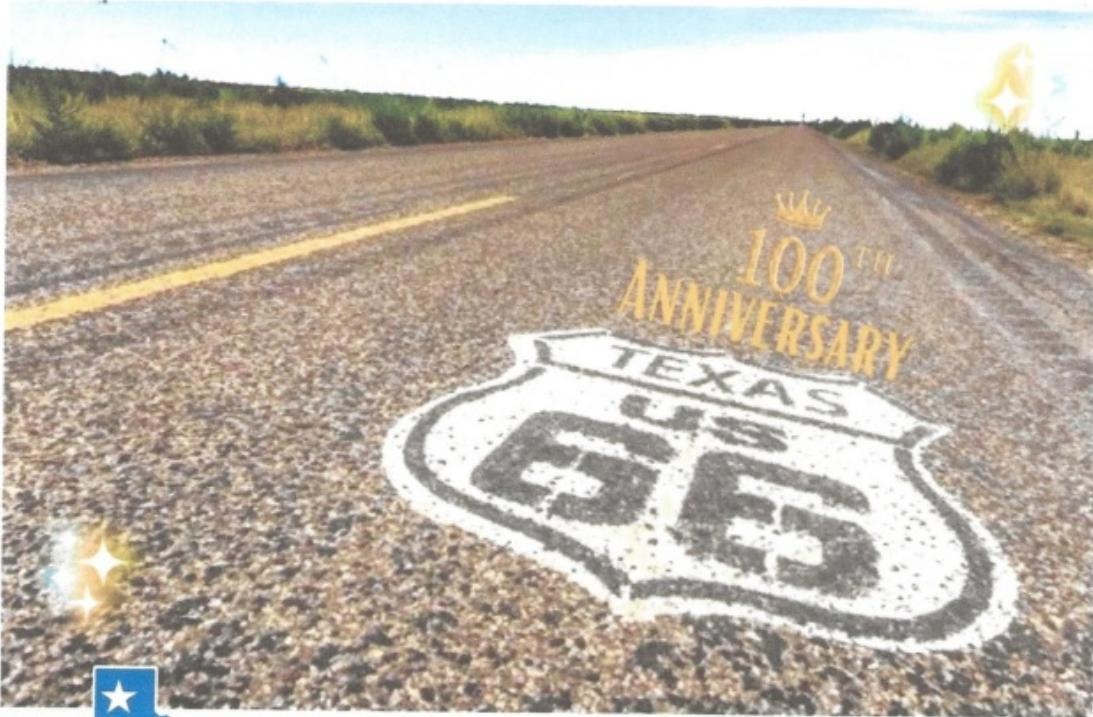
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
for the

# **43rd CHROME GLIDDEN TOUR**

**JUNE 14-19, 2026  
AMARILLO, TEXAS**



HOSTED BY THE FREDERICKSBURG VINTAGE CAR CLUB  
( MORE INFO COMING SOON... )



CRUISE PAST WIDE-OPEN PLAINS, HISTORIC TOWNS,  
SCENIC SITES & CELEBRATE A CENTURY OF  
AMERICA'S MOST LEGENDARY HIGHWAY.

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Region and Chapter Newsletters  
Articles of Interest

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**Mid-Century American Vehicles Named After Fish**



By Jeffrey D. Brasie

Images Courtesy of the Corvette Club, Marlin Auto Club and the Cuda Brothers

Published 5.28.2025



The 1965 Barracuda

Trekking through salvage yards, you will find American vehicles with animal names resting in layers of steel, plastic, cloth, and rubber. Notables are the Ford Mustang and Pinto, Mercury Cougar, Buick Wildcat, Chevrolet Impala, Volkswagen Rabbit, and Dodge Ram.

Joining the animals are the birds, insects, and reptiles. The Pontiac Firebird, Studebaker Golden Hawk, Ford Falcon, Buick Skylark, Hudson Hornet, Dodge Super Bee, Plymouth Cricket, Volkswagen Beetle, Dodge Viper, and Ford Cobra.

Nearby in a pool of oil and water are three American born fish: the Plymouth Barracuda, AMC Marlin, and Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.

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# GLR NEWS

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## GLR Swap Meet Rolls On

Text by Rick Thomas – Photos by Rick Thomas & Dave Plassman

Where did it begin? Well, the first GLR Swap Meet was May 4, 1975, at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg MI. In 1980 the event moved to the (much more) spacious Fowlerville Fairgrounds in Livingston County, Michigan, and a tradition was born. Despite passing time, changing cultural attitudes and even a global pandemic, the annual GLR Fowlerville Swap Meet appears to be as strong as ever.

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## CALENDAR

### July

Friday, July 4th  
Independence Day

Saturday, July 26th  
Rolling into Roanoke

July 27–August 1  
74th GLR Tour  
"Down by the Bay"

### August

August 1st–3rd Grizz Garage Tour  
Grizz Garage Tour

Friday, August 1st  
GLR Picnic

August 4th–7th  
Grand Indiana Auto Tour

August 24th–28th  
Farm Boys Tour  
Defiance Chapter



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# THE E-CRANK

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Albuquerque Chapter - The Vintage Motor Car Club of America

The Original Touring Car Club  
of New Mexico



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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 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](mailto:lrschultz44@gmail.com)

Be a E-CRANK reporter! We always need clear images and a few words to fill this journal.



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## Business Meeting

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Get Together

Saturday - May 18

9:00am

Mimi's Café

4316 The 25 Way NE.

Albuquerque, NM

87109

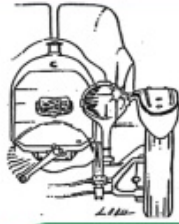
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Thank you Fred and Penny for the garage tour. Fun was had by all.



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# Wheels A Rolling

## Mid-Atlantic Region



July, August, September  
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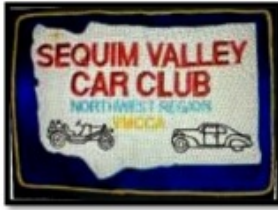
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# Touring Talk

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 Coordinator Terri Leach (temporarily)

Scholarship TBA

NW Regional Director Carl Edem

NW Regional Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Flint



SVCC Annual Summer Picnic at Sandy Keys' Barn

## AUGUST 2025

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**MEETINGS:** General potluck dinner meetings are regularly held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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, August  
2025**

# The NEWSLEAK



**Gold Dust Chapter** *Est 1984*

Vintage Motor Car Club of America

Mountain & Plains Region—Western South Dakota

**Aug 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](http://www.vmcca.org)

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

## FROM THE **AUGUST** TOUR



Our hosts:  
Karen & Paul Larson



Our Fort Laramie Tour Guide:  
Park Ranger Casey



## UPCOMING **SEPTEMBER** TOUR

**No Tour scheduled yet!**

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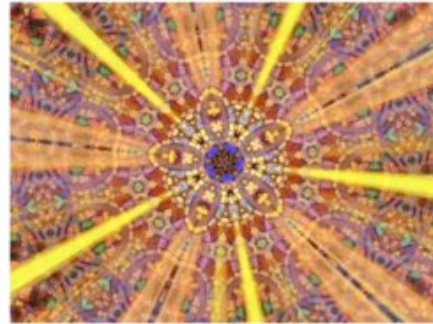


# *August 2025*

## *The* **GAS LINE**

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

Program will be on a  
spectacular kaleidoscope of  
events by Lindenmiers.



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

Continue reading Pikes Peak Chapter, August 2025





## Street Dreams on August 2

Head to Street Dreams, 7914 S State Highway 16, on Saturday, August 2, at 9:00 a.m. for *Cars and Coffee*. Remember, don't rush the cook!

## 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) and then head south. More details coming soon.

## October and November Tours

Plans are in the works for our October and November tours . . . stay tuned!

## VMCCA Foundation Tour

You can still sign up for the VMCCA Foundation Tour, October 31-November 4, 2025, to Navasota, Texas. Tour highlights include the Bush Museum and a Cotton Gin Tour. Go to the VMCCA.org website for more information.

## Welcome New Members!

Welcome to our newest members Jack and Missi Pratt. They have a 1929 Ford Model A Sports Coupe and a 1929 Ford Model A Roadster.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

2

### Cars and Coffee

9:00 a.m., Street Dreams

AUGUST

5

### Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m., Golden Hub

SEPTEMBER

2

### Monthly Meeting

6:00 p.m., Mamacita's

SEPTEMBER

27

### Surprise Tour

More details to come.

## Looking Ahead to 2026

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

- **2026 National Tour to Amarillo** — Our club has been asked to help with this.
- **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.

Continue reading FVCC AUGUST 2025 Rumbleseat  
Chatter

## 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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# Remembering the Great-Looking 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle

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## Chevelle SS 396

(and friends)

Top: Malibu Sport Coupe      Bottom: 300 Deluxe 4-Door Sedan      SS 396 Sport Coupe with Street-Striping

The '69 Chevelle wishes its rivals a lot of luck. They'll need it. A powerful lot when you add SS 396 equipment. Performance enough with either the 325- or 350-hp Turbo-Jet 396 V8 to give almost anybody a run for his money. Speaking of money, Chevelle is a deliberate appeal to the value-conscious. We've packed as much room, comfort, riding quality, good looks and performance into our Chevelle as some people can manage for their full-size cars. Could these be the reasons Chevelle is America's most popular mid-size car? Could be. There are 7 models to choose from. So browse a little at your Chevrolet dealer's before your resistance crumbles.

you may want a slightly trimmer car or America's only rear-engine sporty car. Here they are:

General Motors introduced the popular Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu in 1964. GM sought to bridge the gap between the Impala and the Chevy II/Nova design platforms. The Chevelle models were introduced by GM to compete with the Ford Fairlane.

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