



REGIONNAIRE

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A newsletter of the Southern California Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America by and for its members



Director's Message

Hello Chevy Friends,

Spring is in the air. The weather is still a little unpredictable, but there are more sunny days to get out on the road with our classic Chevy's. Jim and I have been taking the Impala on some tours about town and it feels good to get behind the wheel. We will be working on some fun local tours to drive our cars in the coming months. The All Cal is in Sacramento in April this year and I am looking forward to going to see fellow VCCA members and all their beautiful cars. One of the other tasks for the region is to try and gain some new members. If you have anyone you know that is interested in Chevy's, please invite them to join us at a meeting or other upcoming event.

Our next meeting is at Mr. Rosewood's Restaurant in Norwalk on March 21st at 9:00 am. Until then, safe driving and I hope to see some of you there.

Sabrina Karras, 2020 Director, So. Cal Region VCCA

“The Worlds Best Chevrolet Club!”
“Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of all Chevrolets.”

CHEVROLET SUBURBAN FIRST VEHICLE TO RECEIVE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE STAR AT HOLLYWOOD & HIGHLAND

Iconic vehicle starred in more than 1,750 films and television series since 1952

LOS ANGELES — Today, the Chevrolet Suburban became the first vehicle ever awarded an Award of Excellence star at Hollywood & Highland. Presented by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and unveiled at a ceremony on Hollywood Boulevard, the award recognizes Suburban for its 67-year career in Hollywood film and television.

“For six decades the Chevrolet Suburban has been Hollywood’s longest-working actor,” said Rana Ghadban, president and CEO of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. “Appearing in classic feature films and on must-see television shows, the Suburban is a well-established industry mainstay. With the Chevrolet Tahoe also making an impact in movies and on television, it’s impressive to have both vehicles now join an illustrious group of actors and characters that are forever known as Hollywood legends.”



During its acting career the Suburban evolved to become the ultimate character actor, able to play the hero, the villain, or the family alike.

“There’s really nothing else like the Chevrolet Suburban in this business, for two reasons,” said Dennis McCarthy, Hollywood picture car coordinator. “First, it’s one of the most versatile vehicles in the business, able to fit with any type of character. Second, it can help instantly give a scene added importance. When a convoy of black Suburbans appears on screen, you know that’s not the time to leave your seat to buy popcorn.”

The relationship between the Chevy Suburban and Hollywood began in 1952, when it first appeared on the silver screen. Since then, Suburban has starred in more than 1,750 films and television series. It has appeared in at least one television series every year since 1956, and at least one film every year since 1960. Suburban has also appeared in more than 30 award-nominated films.

The filmography is even more impressive when combined with the Chevy Tahoe. Together, Tahoe and Suburban have appeared in more than 2,500 films and television shows. Since the Tahoe was introduced in 1995, it has appeared in at least one film and television show every year.



According to Tim Kozub, design manager for Chevrolet Suburban and Tahoe, their on-screen persona also influenced the all-new Suburban and Tahoe, which will be unveiled later this month: “This is a great example of how life and art influence each other. The popularity of Suburban and Tahoe in film was first inspired by the real-life roles they played in the military, in law enforcement and family trips around the world. Today, their role in Hollywood inspired the design of the all-new models, as we integrated the sense of capability, action, and importance associated with Suburban and Tahoe on screen.”

For more information on the Tahoe and Suburban, please visit [Chevrolet.com](https://www.chevrolet.com).

Article posted 12/04/2019 at <https://media.chevrolet.com/media/us/en/chevrolet/home.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2019/dec/1205-suburban-aoe.html>

The Chevrolet Kingswood

The Chevrolet Kingswood was a 4-door station wagon produced by Chevrolet in 1959 and 1960, and again from 1969 to 1972 built on the GM B Body platform.



The new Kingswood was offered as a mid range full size 4-door 9-passenger model, with rear-facing 3rd row jump-seat standard. It was positioned between the Parkwood 6-passenger and the Nomad 6-passenger. Wagons were still classed by themselves, but had model numbers matching the car series. The new Parkwood 6-passenger and new Kingswood 9-passenger wagons had Bel Air's model number, and as such were the middle range wagons. Although a variety of speed options, such as fuel injection, special cams and lowered compression, gave horsepower ratings up to 315, the Nomad was still the top Chevy wagon at the time.

From the front or rear the 1959 Chevrolets resembled nothing else on the road. From the low headlights, to the cats-eye tail lights, the 1959 Chevrolet was a brand new car with all new sheet metal. The most visual new change was the flat, wing shaped tailfins. The car was built on a 119 inch wheelbase and was 211 inches long, which was 11 inches longer than the 1957 model. This made Chevrolet the longest car in the low-priced range, whereas two years before it had been the shortest. In addition, the car was 3 inches wider outside and had 5 inches more width inside than it did in 1958, through the reduction of door thickness.

Few alterations were made for 1960. The new models were refinements of the 1959 style with a much more restrained front end, the return of the double cone tail lights of 1958 rather than the startling cat's eyes of 1959. Under the hood, things remained constant. Fuel injection was no longer available, but with the 348 cubic inch engine, a horsepower rating of 335 at 5800 rpm was now achieved. This involved the use of three double-barrel carburetors, a special cam and an 11.25:1 compression ratio, all sold as a package.



Buyers could order any engine and transmission, including the 235 cu in (3.9 L) Blue Flame straight six, or the 283 cu in (4.6 L) 195 bhp (145 kW; 198 PS) to 290 bhp (216 kW; 294 PS) Turbo Fire small block V8, or the 348 cu in (5.7 L) 250 bhp (186 kW; 253 PS) to 350 bhp (261 kW; 355 PS) W-series Turbo Thrust big block V8

Chevrolet's 1959 and 1960 Kingswoods still featured Chevrolet's "Safety-Girder" cruciform frame introduced in 1958. It featured box-section side rails and a boxed front cross member that bowed under the engine. These "X-frames" were used on other 1958 to 1964 Chevs. The rear was tied together by a channel-section cross member. This design was later criticized as providing less protection in the event of a side impact collision, but would persevere until 1965.



General Motors discontinued the Chevrolet Kingswood wagon nameplate after only two years. For 1961 they offered a third row nine-passenger option on Brookwood to fill the void. The wagon only nameplates Brookwood, Parkwood, and Nomad were gone for 1962, instead naming their station wagons after their series names: Biscayne (replacing Brookwood directly), Bel Air and Impala. The 1962-'64 Biscayne, Bel Air, and Impala wagons were very similar to Chevy's 1961 wagon models.

The Kingswood name returned for the 1969 model year, based on the Impala, and was only available with a V8. It slotted above the Chevrolet Townsman. A Caprice-based Kingswood Estate model was added at the top of the range with exterior woodgrain paneling. Throughout this period, the Kingswood was available in both two- and three-seat models. A power rear window was initially standard equipment for the latter and optional for the former. For 1971, the power rear window became standard for both models.

Midway through the 1971 model year, the Turbo-Hydramatic transmission became standard, and the three-speed manual transmission was eliminated. A Turbo-Hydramatic had been ordered on nearly all Kingswoods built during the late 1960s and early 1970s.

For 1973, Chevrolet eliminated the Kingswood Estate/Kingswood, along with their Townsman and Brookwood sister nameplates, for its full-sized station wagons; and they utilized the Bel Air, Impala, and Caprice nameplates from their sedan counterparts.



References from Wikipedia at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chevrolet_Kingswood

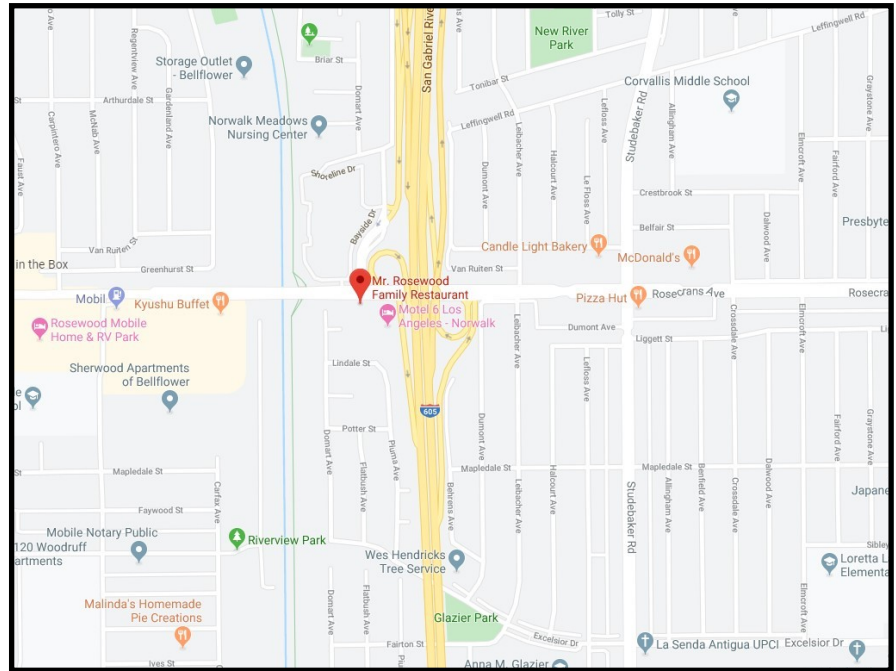
Next meeting:
Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 9:00 am
Meetings are held on the third Saturday of every other month

Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant
10640 Rosecrans Ave, Norwalk, CA 90650

Driving Directions:

I-605 N: Exit 9A towards Rosecrans Ave. Turn left off freeway. Continue straight, restaurant will be on the left.

I-605 S: Exit 9A towards Rosecrans Ave. Use right lane to continue on Flatbush Ave. Continue straight, restaurant will be on the right.



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Purpose

The Southern California Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (“VCCA”) was organized to promote the restoration and preservation of Chevrolets and welcomes everyone with an interest in the history of Chevrolet and sharing knowledge and experiences about these wonderful automobiles.

Our region is comprised of both single and married members who join together at many fun events including; tours, picnics, car shows, banquets and other interesting outings.

Membership and Dues

An active member is defined as an individual who has paid dues to both the National VCCA and the Southern California Region. Ownership of a Chevrolet is not a requirement of membership.

National Dues: Dues for the National VCCA are \$40.00 per year in the U.S. National Dues include membership card, badge, club decal, and monthly publication – the *Generator and Distributor*.

Southern California Region Dues: Dues for the Southern California Region are \$15.00 per year. Dues are payable on or before January 31st. An active member receives a monthly newsletter – the *Regionnaire* and notification of all club activities. An active member may participate in the business meetings and all club events, both regional and national.

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The Regionnaire is published every other month. Ads and other contributions from members are welcome for publication in the Regionnaire. The deadline for all contributions is the first Tuesday of every other month.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Spouse _____ Birthdate _____ Anniversary _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____

Are you a member of the National Vintage Chevrolet club? YES NO

If YES: Your membership number: _____ **If NO:** It is a prerequisite for becoming a member of a local region. Yearly dues for National Membership are listed below and are forwarded to the National Organization. Dues for region membership are \$10.00 per year.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION DUES..... \$ 15.00 per year
NATIONAL DUES RENEWAL NEW
 Membership (Member, Spouse & Children), two votes \$ 40.00 per year
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

NOTE: FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ALL REGION MEMBERS MUST JOIN NATIONAL IN ORDER TO JOIN THE REGION. If you send the Region, your National dues, we will send them on to National.

REGION: All members receive a monthly region newsletter and information on upcoming events and tours.

NATIONAL: All new members will receive a club badge, decal, membership card and the national magazine, Generator & Distributor. Members are entitled to free classified advertising in the club magazine and participation in Vintage Chevrolet Club activities. Members are entitled to free classified advertising, access to member-only website features, and participation in all VCCA activities. Chevrolet ownership is not a requirement for membership. Dues are non-refundable.

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolets.

If you presently own a Chevrolet, please fill in below.

Year	Model	Body Style	Cyl.	Condition
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Recruited by (VCCA member recruiting optional) _____ VCCA # _____

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