



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,

What strange and uncertain times we have been living in the last few months. I hope everyone is staying well and safe. The global pandemic we have been experiencing has left no opportunities to be on the road with our classic Chevy's. I pray that we will be able to enjoy fellowship with one another soon. Jim and I have been keeping our cars charged and can't wait until we can get out on the road and cruise down the boulevard!

Due to current events we will not be having our membership meeting on May 16th. Hopefully we will be able to come together for our next scheduled meeting in July. I will keep you posted.

Until we can meet again, I wish everyone good health and a happy Memorial Day.

Sabrina Karras, 2020 Director, So. Cal Region VCCA

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

2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE SUITS UP FOR DUTY

All-new Police Pursuit Vehicles and Special Service Vehicles debut late this year

DETROIT — The 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe continues its tradition of providing law enforcement with capable and dependable vehicles. The next-generation Tahoe is available in two law enforcement packages: the Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle is designed for high speeds and dynamic capability with the added comfort needed from an everyday patrol vehicle; the Special Service Vehicle is more focused on off-road and towing needs where high-speed operations are not required.

“Tahoe is the most aspirational vehicle in the law enforcement industry,” said Ed Peper, U.S. vice president, GM Fleet. “By listening to the needs of officers from around the country, we have built the best Tahoe ever.”

Pursuit-rated enhancements

Both the PPV and SSV models are powered by the Tahoe’s 5.3L V-8 engine paired with a 10-speed automatic transmission. To meet the most demanding needs of law enforcement, the PPV engine borrows high-performance rocker covers from the Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 LT4 engine. These rocker covers improve crankcase ventilation, allowing the 2021 Tahoe to handle high lateral conditions better than its predecessor. Engine oil and transmission fluid are cooled by dedicated, heavy-duty cooling systems specific for law enforcement applications.



To handle the dynamic load of police pursuits, Chevrolet worked with Bridgestone to develop a pursuit-rated all-season tire. The Firestone Firehawk Pursuit tires, mounted to 20-inch steel wheels, were tested by Chevrolet at multiple race tracks and play a large role in the PPV’s improved stopping distance, which has been reduced by 11 feet from 62 to 0 mph on dry surfaces compared to the 2020 model.

Additional performance enhancements of the PPV include:

- Specific suspension tuning with unique monotube dampers, coil springs and stabilizer bars for less body roll and more driver confidence when executing police-type maneuvers.
- Lower ride height compared to civilian Tahoes for better high-speed aerodynamics and improved vehicle stability.
- Heavy-duty braking system with large front Brembo six-piston aluminum monoblock calipers on 16-inch rotors.
- Heavy-duty, clutch-type limited slip rear differential.
- Speedometer certified at 140 mph.

New model brings major benefits

Both PPV and SSV packages benefit from the SUV’s completely new design, which offers class-leading interior space. The new Tahoe police-specific front seats provide additional hip room, allowing officers’ utility belts to fit more comfortably. 2021 Tahoe police vehicles offer 70.3 cubic feet of cargo volume behind the second-row seat, which is 18.3 cubic feet more than the next largest pursuit-rated SUV competitor. Rear door openings are now 13 percent (3.5 inches) wider than the previous generation to ease the loading of handcuffed passengers.



The all-new independent rear suspension and longer wheelbase dramatically improve handling and ride smoothness for both civilian and law enforcement applications, particularly on uneven pavement and unpaved surfaces. The exterior design is based on the new Tahoe Z71 trim, which features a rugged front grille, higher approach angle and front skidplate.

Technology is more important than ever as officers can get work done while parked using an available 4G LTE Wi-Fi® Hotspot. Standard HD Rear Vision Camera* and Rear Park Assist* can help officers prevent collisions when backing up, while standard Hitch Guidance* helps officers attach a trailer. Unlike pursuit-rated SUV competitors, Tahoe offers an available Rear Camera Mirror* to provide

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VCCA Touring and Passport Programs

Mission Statement

The Touring Program is dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of owning and driving Chevrolets and GMCs, social interaction and fellowship among the members, and increasing awareness of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America in the general public.

Introduction

The popularity of driving our Chevrolets and GMCs continues to increase in the VCCA. In an effort to support and enhance the experience the VCCA Touring program was developed, and consists of three segments:

1. Tours
2. Vehicle Passport
3. Touring Awards



Tours

Driven vehicle tours have been a part of the VCCA since the club was founded in 1961. In 2003, a Touring Committee was established to develop a program for the recognition of these driven Chevrolets. In 2014, GMCs were added to the program. The first and most important aspect of the program was to offer tours of various types across the country. A number of vehicle or era specific tours had been conducted for many years. This has rapidly expanded offering numerous types of tours. A key factor of the program permits any VCCA member to be the Tour Master and to plan and conduct a tour.

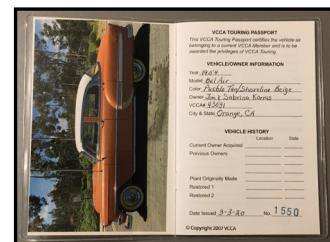
Vehicle Passport



The concept of using a document to record a vehicles driven VCCA tour miles was developed in 2004. The document was designed to mirror a U.S. Passport. Each vehicle participating in the Touring Program is issued a Passport. It includes a photo of the vehicle, owner information and entry areas to record tour title, date and official tour mileage as indicated by the Tour Master. Unique to the VCCA, all Chevrolets and GMCs to current production are welcome to participate in the program.

A member may obtain a Touring Passport by submitting a request to the Touring Committee via Dave Cavagnaro 11 Heller Hill Road, Blairstown NJ, 07825-2320 The request must include the following:

1. A copy of current G&D mailing label information
2. Phone number and email address [if available]
3. A 4"X6" color photo of the vehicle
4. Year, Make, Model, color/s of vehicle

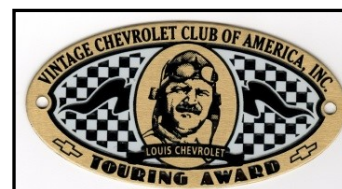


Please allow a minimum of 30 days to process a Passport request. A new passport using the same number will be issued once the original passport is filled.

Touring Awards

Recognition of the tour driven mileage was the final portion of the program development. Vehicle Awards, similar to the VCCA Class Judging Program were developed in 2007. The design consists of an oval with the likeness of Louis Chevrolet and stacking mileage tabs. A member upon reaching the following milestones may request award recognition:

- 500 miles – Oval with Louis Chevrolet
- 1,000 – 2,000 – 5,000 and 10,000 mile stacking tabs



Also unique to this program, Touring Awards may be displayed on the vehicle in addition to Class Judging Awards.

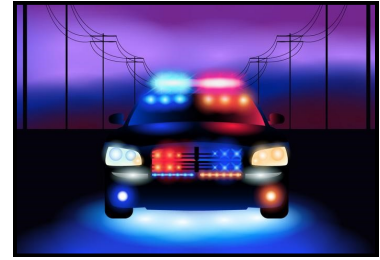
For complete information on how to plan a tour, obtain a passport, and obtain tour awards, see the Touring Guidelines Manual on the VCCA website at <https://vcca.org/page/touring>

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a wide, less obstructed view behind the vehicle compared to a traditional rearview mirror. It is especially helpful with police cabin obstructions like cargo partitions, passengers and K9 kennels common in police vehicles. New to 2021 Tahoe police vehicles is standard keyless entry and push-to-start ignition, which allow police officers to leave their keys on their belts for simpler and quicker use.

Officers are tasked with constantly scanning their surroundings and are often in high-stress situations behind the wheel. An available suite of active safety features is designed to help them stay in control and avoid collisions, including Forward Collision Alert*, Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning*, Automatic Emergency Braking*, Front Pedestrian Braking* and Following Distance Indicator*.



Tahoe's police vehicle electrical architecture has been greatly improved to reduce time and complexity of upfitting. A new standard blunt-cut wire harness has 31 wire circuits to the cockpit, 56 wire circuits to the cargo area and 25 shared circuits to connect aftermarket equipment without removing major panels or components. Upfitters can repurpose the steering wheel-mounted buttons using the blunt-cut wires to perform tasks like initiating a Code 3 with lights and sirens or keying a department radio microphone. The electrical system is powered by an upgraded dual battery system with emergency equipment isolation to meet the unique needs of police. To avoid excessive engine idling, a 760-amp auxiliary battery will allow video systems, department radios, mobile data terminals, emergency lighting and more to operate without running the engine. A new high-output alternator is 47 percent more powerful than the 2020 model to support the continuous running of electrical equipment.

The powerful 5.3L V-8 engine features Dynamic Fuel Management. DFM enables the engine to operate in up to 18 different cylinder patterns – with as few as two cylinders – to optimize power delivery and efficiency. The DFM controller calculates 80 times per second how many cylinders are required to meet the driver's requested torque.

While the Tahoe PPV is offered in two-wheel drive and four-wheel drive configurations, the SSV is exclusively 4WD. For added off-road capability, 4WD models offer a Terrain Mode, which provides performance similar to 4WD Low without the need of a two-speed transfer case. Special Service Vehicles also offer an available Max Trailering Package with a max-tow rating of 8,200 pounds. This package includes an active, two-speed electronic Autotrac transfer case with push-button controls and an integrated trailer brake controller.

A legacy of service

Tahoes have been serving law enforcement since 1997 when the first Pursuit-Rated Package was introduced. Over the years, Chevrolet has continued to listen to officers and add new features and options with their needs in mind. General Motors organized an official Law Enforcement Product Council 20 years ago to learn directly from officers how they can effectively perform their duties behind the wheel. The council is comprised of ranking law enforcement officers and civilian fleet managers, who have been instrumental in Chevrolet's police-vehicle programs over the years.

The 2021 Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle and the Special Service Vehicle will be assembled at General Motors' Arlington Assembly in Texas with globally-sourced parts in late 2020 with availability beginning early 2021.

*Safety or driver assistance features are no substitute for the driver's responsibility to operate the vehicle in a safe manner. The driver should remain attentive to traffic, surroundings and road conditions at all times. Visibility, weather, and road conditions may affect feature performance. Read the vehicle's owner's manual for more important feature limitations and information.

Article posted 05/12/2020 at <https://media.chevrolet.com/media/us/en/chevrolet/home.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2020/may/0512-tahoe.html>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION FUND RAISER NEW BASBALL CAP with Embroidered VCCA LOGO

Cap includes:

High Quality Tan Cotton
Comfortable and Adjustable Size
Custom embroidery on front and back

\$19.95 includes postage

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So. Cal Region

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1911



1914



1934



1942



1985



1978



2000



2004



2011

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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Other VCCA Resources

Southern California Region Web Site

www.scrvcca.org

National VCCA Web Site

www.vcca.org

VCCA Internet Chat Forum

www.vcca.org/forum/

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Regionnaire Publication Information

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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Paid \$ _____ Check/Cash
 Date Paid _____
 Regional Membership Number _____

Return complete form and mail with dues to:
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION
 829 E. Van Bibber Ave., Orange, CA 92866

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 Applicant's Signature