



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,

We're in the middle of summer and it has been great weather with just a few days being a little too hot. To combat cabin fever over the last few months I hope you all have had a chance to take a cruise or two on the open road. Jim and I have been taking the Impala out for a spin as often as possible to keep the old gal tuned up and road ready. For those of us with air conditioning in our classic Chevy's it hasn't been too bad! Hopefully we can plan an outing or tour before the end of the year hits. I miss seeing everyone.

Unfortunately, due to continuing safety concerns, and in an abundance of caution, we will not be having our membership meeting on July 18th. Hopefully we will be able to come together for our next scheduled meeting in September. I will keep you posted.

Until we can meet again, I wish everyone good health and a happy Fourth of July.

Sabrina Karras, 2020 Director, So. Cal Region VCCA

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

“Mr. Chevy” picks up his second “last” Impala at Classic Chevrolet

World War II and Korean War veteran is known for his vast collection of Chevrolets

By Mardi Suhs Cadillac News
Jun 5, 2020

LAKE CITY - At 92, M.G. "Pinky" Randall is not a celebrity. But when he arrived at Classic Chevrolet in Lake City Thursday afternoon, he was welcomed by dealers Terry and Michelle Corrigan, Chevrolet representatives and the media. Randall, a World War II and Korean War era veteran from Houghton Lake is known to many as "Mr. Chevy," a private collector whose amazing tales of collecting and restoring Chevrolets have been circulating for decades. He arrived in Lake City to pick up a special order, the last Chevrolet Impala produced at the Detroit



M.G. Pinky Randall waves from his special order Chevrolet Impala, the last one produced. He worked with Classic Chevrolet in La City and owners Terry and Michelle Corrigan.
Photo: Mardi Suhs



Those who helped Pinky and Joyce Randall acquire the last made Chevrolet Impala are pictured from left: Jerry Auger, Chevrolet district manager; Trey Wulf, Chevrolet zone manager; Pinky and Joyce; and dealers Michelle and Terry Corrigan.
Photo: Mardi Suhs

Hamtramck Assembly Plant. The Cajun red 2020 was the last car off the line for their Impala production. But this was Randall's second "last" Impala. In 1996 headlines read, "Mr. Chevy Bags Last Impala for his Collection." His first, last Impala SS had a dark cherry metallic finish. Randall and his wife Joyce flew to Texas where he drove the car off the line at the Arlington plant. Although the 2020 Impala was produced in February, the Corrigan's waited until the stay-at-home lifted to invite the Randalls to the dealership for a small celebration.

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Pinky and Joyce Randall are all smiles as they prepare to take ownership of their special order 2020 Chevrolet Impala.
Photo: Mardi Suhs

"Any time we have the means to make an event out of a last vehicle, we do our best to make it happen," said Trey Wulf, Chevrolet zone manager. "When I heard about Pinky's passion for Chevrolet, it seemed like a perfect fit." Since 1936 Randall has collected hundreds of Chevrolet vehicles plus vintage beauties like a 1936 Packard convertible. He also collects Chevrolet signs and memorabilia. "Car clubs around the country rely on his knowledge,"

Wulf said. "They rely on his expertise and he's a historian." "They have 131 of my Chevrolet signs," Randall said of those on display at the GM Heritage Center. "They also bought seven cars from us." Randall fell in love with a Chevrolet when he was 5-years-old. He walked past it everyday on the way to school - a 1932 Chevrolet coupe with yellow wheels and flash fenders. He kept his eye on that car for years, waiting for a chance to buy it. He tried when he came home from World War II but the owner wouldn't sell. When he returned from Korea he made the deal. "I've had that car since 1951 or 1952," he said. He has also restored many Chevrolets. His last project was to restore the coupe for his grandson. "We finished that car last December, me and a friend," he said. "I told my grandson that if he didn't drink or smoke by 21 I would buy him a car. I bought him this car, the one I fell in love with when I was 4 or 5-years old."



Chevrolet dealer Terry Corrigan of Classic Chevrolet in Lake City is having a special World War II veteran license plate made for Pinky Randall that reads, FINAL1, for the last Impala produced.
Photo: Mardi Suhs

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CHEVROLET PERFORMANCE INTRODUCES NEW LS427/570 CRATE ENGINE

More powerful version of the racing-bred LS7 offers 570 horsepower and wet-sump oiling

DETROIT — Chevrolet Performance today announced the all-new LS427/570 crate engine* — an enhanced version of the production-based LS7 7.0L engine that offers more horsepower, more torque and, thanks to a simpler wet-sump oiling system, easier installation.

A new, high-lift camshaft developed specifically for this engine helps produce a GM-estimated 570 horsepower and 540 lb-ft of torque — increases of 65 horsepower and 70 lb-ft over the regular-production engine — while the new wet-sump oiling system eliminates the need for the installer to incorporate a separate oil tank, oil lines and other ancillary components to support the production LS7's dry-sump system.



“The all-new LS427/570 builds on the legendary, racing-bred performance of the LS7 to create the most powerful naturally-aspirated LS crate engine in our portfolio,” said Jessica Earl, GM specialist marketing group manager.

Compared to the production LS7 crate engine assembly, the LS427/570 features an F-body aluminum oil pan and a specific wet-sump oil pump. Additional engine highlights include:

- Unique high-lift hydraulic roller camshaft with 0.591-inch intake/0.590-inch exhaust lift; 227-degree intake/242-degree exhaust duration; and a lobe separation angle of 116 degrees
- Unique high-rate valve springs
- Camaro fifth-generation Z/28 exhaust manifolds
- Low-profile LS7 EFI intake manifold with fuel rails, injectors and throttle body installed
- Robust LS7 rotating assembly featuring a forged steel crankshaft and titanium connecting rods
- CNC-ported cylinder heads featuring 2.20-inch titanium intake valves and 1.61-inch sodium-filled exhaust valves
- Fourteen-inch Camaro Z/28 168-tooth manual transmission flywheel
- Must be used with LS427/570 Engine Controller P/N 19420000 (sold separately)
- Chevrolet Performance recommends Mobil 1 15W50 fully synthetic motor oil to be used with the engine

The new LS427/570 is available for immediate ordering through Chevrolet Performance dealers and retailers. Go to www.chevrolet.com/performance to locate a dealer.

Article posted on the Chevrolet Pressroom website on June 12, 2020 - <https://media.chevrolet.com/media/us/en/chevrolet/home.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2020/jun/0612-crate.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

Questions - e-mail to: JimKarras@aol.com

Make checks payable to:

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Order from: JIM KARRAS

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The Southern California Region is proud to present a podcast created and produced by Jim and Sabrina Karras. This show will highlight all the exciting things the VCCA has to offer.

Check it out at
scrvcva.org/vcca-spotlight/



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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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