



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,

Summer is coming and it's time to hit the road! Sunny skies and warm days are perfect for cruising in our Chevys. Jim and I plan on taking our Bel Air and Impala on day trips on alternating weekends to blow the dust off of the cars and have some much needed fun. Our truck is in the repair shop getting a tune up and some clutch work done. Once we have her back we're going to add it into the rotation.

Since there are still limited restrictions in place due to the coronavirus, we will cancel our scheduled May meeting. With the state due to open up in June, we will be able to meet in person for our July 17th meeting. I will keep you updated via email and newsletter. Once things are back to normal, we have some tours in the works that we can't wait to share with you all. I'm itching to see all of you and have some fun with our Chevys.

I hope you all have a great Mother's Day and happy Memorial Day. Until we can meet again, happy driving, stay safe, and be well.

Sabrina Karras, 2021 Director, So. Cal Region VCCA

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

National Corvette Museum Announces 30,000-Square-Foot Expansion

The National Corvette Museum has announced a campaign to add a new two-story, 30,000-square-foot expansion to the existing museum facility.

For those readers who may be unaware, the National Corvette Museum is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, only a quarter mile from the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, the exclusive producer of the Chevrolet Corvette since 1981.



Now, the National Corvette Museum has announced that it is gearing up to build a new campus addition that will include fresh specialty exhibit spaces with rotating displays, a Lifetime

Members Lounge, an open theater space, a sensory calming room, a Kids Zone Education Center, and a rooftop member's lounge.

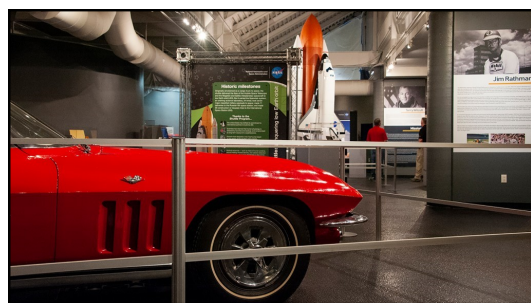


"This expansion will give the museum the opportunity to tell more of Corvette's stories than ever before," said Director of Collections and Curator, Derek E. Moore. "When the museum opened, we were only in the fourth generation of corvette and since then we have seen another four generations of America's

Sports Car. This is our opportunity to ensure that the Museum stays on pace with such a beloved automobile that makes history every day."

The National Corvette Museum opened in September of 1994, first expanding in 2009 to nearly double in size. The museum is the destination for Chevrolet Corvette customers

who opt for the R8C package option, which includes vehicle pickup in Bowling Green fresh off the production line, as well as a VIP tour of the museum and assembly plant.



For now, there is no official completion date for the upcoming museum expansion. However, the National Corvette Museum did post a video with the expansion announcement, providing a quick look at what it might look like, as well as some of the history behind the museum and comments from consulting curator of exhibits, Tom Peters.

"Now, we will inspire a whole new generation in defining their place in Corvette history," Peters says in the video. (video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERT_FfLITrs)

Michigan's Gilmore Car Museum Now Showing Special 'Greatest Generation' Corvette Exhibit

By: Mitch Talley - April 28, 2021

If you're like me, you've probably never heard of Hickory Corners, Michigan nor know anything about the Gilmore Car Museum in that town.

But a little research has us itching to make a trip north to see what all the fuss is about, especially since the Museum is hosting a special exhibit called "The Greatest Generation – a dramatic presentation of Chevrolet Corvettes from each generation of GM's legendary American sports car."

The Gilmore Car Museum started in the early 1960s when Donald S. Gilmore began collecting vintage automobiles, including a 1927 Ford Model T, a 1913 Rolls Royce, and a 1920 Pierce Arrow, the restoration of which ignited a passion for Donald that led to the purchase of 90 acres in Hickory Corners to accommodate his growing assortment of cars. His wife Genevieve soon suggested turning his collection into a museum, so they officially opened to the public with 35 cars on July 31, 1966. Over the past 55 years, it's grown into North America's largest auto museum with more than 400 cars on display – the oldest being an 1899 Locomobile Steam Car – and more than 190,000 square feet of exhibit



space. The Museum's Historic Campus also features numerous vintage structures, including a restored and fully functioning 1941 Silk City Diner, a recreated 1930s Shell Station, and six onsite Partner Museums. More than 100 vintage pedal cars are displayed, as well as one of the largest displays of automotive mascots and name badges in North America, with more than 1,500 items shown.

"The Greatest Generation" special exhibit was curated with help from Corvette expert Werner Meier, owner of Masterworks Automotive Services in Madison Heights, Michigan, and widely regarded as one of the best restorers in the world. Several of his own award-winning Corvettes are on display in the exhibit, along with nearly two dozen of the rarest and most significant Corvettes in existence.

The exhibit includes a 1953 Corvette with VIN 26, as well as the GM Motorama presentation of two 1954 Corvette concept cars – the Nomad Station Wagon and Corvair "dream cars." Also on display are a 1969 L88 coupe with the super rare high-performance 427 V8, an "airborne" Joie Chitwood Auto Thrill Show 1958 Corvette, the top secret Alpha Build C5 Corvette test car, in unrestored "as-tested" condition, and six concept, styling, and development cars never previously displayed together.

The Museum is open year-round, while the Historic Campus and outer buildings are open from April 1 to Nov. 30. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$11 for youth ages 11-17, and free for kids under 10 and active military with ID.

Article Sourced: https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2021/04/28/michigans-gilmore-car-museum-now-showing-special-greatest-generation-corvette-exhibit?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=corvette_sales_news_lifestyle_daily_recap&utm_term=2021-04-28&fbclid=IwAR1P3J4VoMzjTuZxw_4ytmOITaZLPKYs1Z25V64pjYb-qKsEkvstQGICg

**happy
birthday**

Sandy Cromer - June 19th

Sharon Lehner - June 28th

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 vccaspotlight.org



*No meeting in May
Next meeting on July 17, 2021
Location to be determined*

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NEW VCCA LOGO

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

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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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