



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,

It's coming on to the start of the holiday season and another year end is approaching fast! It's been an interesting year and I am ready to start fresh in January. Jim and I took our '54 Bel Air to the Orange County Region All Chevy Show and we went through the HPOCF judging process. We were lucky enough to receive our oval, and can't wait to display it on our Chevy! We will also be bringing it to the San Fernando Valley Region Car Show on November 14th. We hope to see you all there!

We have a couple of administrative items coming up for the Region to handle before year-end. Our next meeting will be November 20th via Zoom. Link information is in this newsletter and will be sent via email. We will be discussing all the business items that have occurred over the last year and it is also time to nominate and vote on the Region officers for 2022. Please plan on joining us if you can. Also the membership Region dues are due by December 1st and this year we will have the option of members being able to renew online! Notice and information are in this newsletter and will be sent out via email.

So we look forward to seeing you at our November meeting. We hope you all have a warm and peaceful holiday season and, 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."

Corvair Two-Seater: The 1961 Sebring Spyder Concept

More than once, General Motors played with the idea of transforming the sporty Corvair sedan into a real two-place sports car. Here's the first official effort, the 1961 Sebring Spyder.

Among other things, GM styling boss Bill Mitchell was a for-real sports car enthusiast. And like any sports car guy, he could see that Chevrolet's Corvair sedan provided all the necessary components to create a real two-place sports car: air-cooled flat six, a rear transaxle, a light and compact chassis. Eliminate the

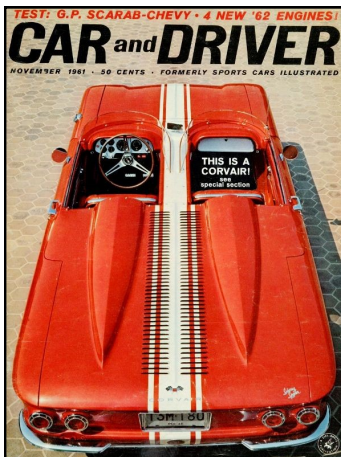


back seat, add some authentic sports car styling elements, and there you have it—the Corvair Sebring Spyder, a proper sporting two-seater.



Carrying the internal GM designation XP-737, the Sebring Spyder was created by shortening a production 1961 Corvair floor pan some 15 inches, eliminating the rear seat region and shortening the wheelbase from 108

to 93 inches. (This same shortening technique was used on another GM two-seat concept around that time, the Pontiac Tempest Monte Carlo we featured.) Racy split windscreens and a fiberglass tonneau section with a center divider and twin headrests closed out the upper bodywork.



Racing car accoutrements included a custom dash with full instruments, wire wheels, rear brake ducts, and petite split bumperettes front and rear. Initially, a Paxton centrifugal supercharger was installed, but when the turbocharged Monza Spyder engine became available for '62, a substitute powerplant was swapped in. Wearing a bright coat of candy apple red paint with white racing stripes, the Sebring Spyder made the rounds of the auto shows and appeared at the annual June Sprints at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. In November of 1961, the Corvair two-seater appeared on the cover of *Car and Driver* magazine.

The Sebring Sprint was scrapped in 1966, the official story goes, but it launched a string of similar Corvair-based sports car and GT concepts starting with the Sebring Super Spyder of 1962. The Super Spyder still exists and can be

found at the GM Heritage Collection.

Meanwhile, the Sebring Spyder's split bumperettes found immortality of their own. Cal Custom, the famed Los Angeles hot rod parts purveyors, offered knockoffs of the attractive design, which were sold nationwide through countless mail-order magazine ads. The handsome pieces are still highly prized by Corvair enthusiasts today.

NEW CUSTOM BUMPER
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Article posted on October 3, 2018 at <https://www.macsmotorcitygarage.com/corvair-two-seater-the-1961-sebring-spyder-concept/?fbclid=IwAR3bD0APxV9nWJJPC6l1rwWFDQqbm9GKCYHl7gquO4O3HD07vzffY4TEXw>



Meeting this month!

Saturday, November 20th at 9:00 am
online via Zoom meetings

Online link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88919475942?pwd=dkRPTTg2cnZsOFhjRVYyUHISY0JCUT09>

Meeting ID: 889 1947 5942

Passcode: 042444

A phone in option is available if you do not have access to a computer with a microphone and camera.

Dial in phone number: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) or
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Link and instructions will also be sent via email



Dues are Due!



Region dues for 2022 are due by December 1st! Dues are still only \$15.00 annually.

We now have the option of renewing dues with a credit card online on our Region website!

Simply go to scrcca.org on the Membership page and click on the Renew link to complete the process!
(<https://scrcca.org/membership/renew/>)

If you prefer to mail in your renewal, send a check, made payable to "So Cal Region VCCA", to Sabrina Karras at 829 E. Van Bibber Ave, Orange, CA 92866.

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November 6, 2021 - [Kimmie's Coffee Cup Cruise In - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm](#)
Kimmie's Cypress - 9935 Walker Ave., Cypress, CA

November 11, 2021 - [Huntington Beach Veterans Day Car Show - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm](#)
Beach Parking Lot at 21351 Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach, CA

November 14, 2021 - [San Fernando Valley VCCA All Chevy Show - 8:00 am to 3:30 pm](#)
Community Chevrolet - 200 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA

December 5, 2021 - [Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show - 5:00 am to 2:00 pm](#)
Pomona Fairplex - 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA

December 12, 2021 - [Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm](#)
Veterans Stadium - 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, CA



Welcome to our newest members

Dianne and Milton Lawrence!



Thank you for joining our club and we can't wait to meet you!



Happy Birthday

Kate Mihalco - October 30th

Dianne Lawrence - November 11th

Johnnie Adkisson - December 14th

Roy Queen - December 16th

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



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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 for a regular membership or \$25.00 per year for an online membership. 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 December 1st. An active member receives a bi-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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Dean Echols (928) 710-4325

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memberservices@vcca.org

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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Southern California Region
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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 # _____

FOR CLUB USE ONLY

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

X _____
 Applicant's Signature