



# 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 coming to a close. The car show season is in full swing and there are plenty to keep us Chevy lovers busy. The Orange County Region is having their Picnic in the Park on May 22nd at Peppertree Park in Tustin from 11 am to 2 pm and all of our members are invited. You can RSVP online at [ocrvcca.org](http://ocrvcca.org). I want to wish all of the mother's in our club a very happy and blessed Mother's Day! I'm looking forward to kicking off the official start of summer with Memorial Day at the end of the month. We will have a May meeting via Zoom online as there are topics to discuss regarding the 60th Anniversary Meet. Meeting info is in this edition and will be sent via email. We will aim to have an in-person meeting for July. We are still looking for a place to accommodate our group. Keep an eye out for that at a later date. Until we can meet again, happy driving, stay safe, and be well.

*Sabrina Karras, 2022 Director, So. Cal Region VCCA*

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

# Chevrolet Performance And MotorTrend Join Forces To Electrify The 'Project X' 1957 Chevrolet

*The pioneering project car gets plugged into the EV era with a 340-horsepower, 400-volt battery-electric powertrain*

**LAS VEGAS** – The iconic 1957 Chevy known as Project X drives into the future today as the car makes its debut, powered by an electric motor that delivers an estimated 340 horsepower. The latest reinvention of the famous HOT ROD project car is the result of a collaboration between Chevrolet Performance, MotorTrend and Cagnazzi Racing. Unveiled at the SEMA show, Project X proves that the electric future of driving doesn't require leaving the past behind.

Originally purchased for \$250 in 1965, Project X has served as a testbed for more than five decades as editors of MotorTrend's HOT ROD brand have evaluated new products, technologies and trends. Over the years, it has been powered by inline-six and V-8 engines, and has at times used carburetors, fuel injection and supercharging. The classic '57 has been reimagined so often and so extensively that it has been called the million-dollar Chevy.



“Project X has always served the car community by pushing the envelope with groundbreaking technologies,” said Douglas Glad, group content director, MotorTrend Group. “As the auto industry shifts rapidly toward electric vehicles, this Project X build is just the latest in its celebrated legacy of adapting hot rodding to the powerful technology of tomorrow.”

For the latest incarnation, builder Cagnazzi Racing replaced Project X's supercharged LSX V-8 with an electric motor that delivers an estimated 340 horsepower and 330 lb-ft of torque. The battery, which is being evaluated for potential use as a next-generation Chevrolet Performance product, has been

developed around a modular concept that could allow customers to scale the pack capacity based on range, cost, packaging and weight considerations. In Project X, the 400-volt proof-of-concept lithium-ion battery stores 30 kilowatt-hours of electricity, providing enough range for weekend cruising. A quick-change differential allows the final-drive ratio to be adjusted based on how the car is being used. Fitting the differential with a shorter final-drive ratio provides quicker acceleration while using a taller gear relaxes performance and extends the range.

“The reinvention of Project X is a reminder that our vision for a world with zero emissions includes classics like the Tri-Five Chevys,” said Prashant Ahire, eCrate regional chief engineer. “As General Motors rolls out its trailblazing EV technology, Chevrolet Performance plans to offer EV propulsion solutions for enthusiasts looking to modernize their project cars.”



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Cagnazzi Racing performed the motor swap in its Mooresville, North Carolina, shop. The EV conversion also necessitated a switch to an electric brake booster and electrohydraulic power steering pump. Project X still rides on the sixth-generation Corvete front suspension that was installed in 2007, although there have been some changes. The removal of the exhaust system allowed the team to lower the car by roughly 2 inches. Project X has also been fitted with softer front springs and stiffer rear springs since the electrified car carries less weight under the hood and more weight over the rear axle compared with the previous build.

“We are racers and hot rodders, with deep roots in internal-combustion racing engines,” said Vic Cagnazzi, owner of Cagnazzi Racing. “But we see this next leap into EV performance propulsion as a natural evolution for hot rodding. Our goal with this conversion was to maintain the look and integrity of the classic hot rod, while modernizing the propulsion technology.”

To that end, Project X still has the same classic look that it’s worn for decades. The biggest aesthetic change is found inside the car: Project X now uses the same push-button gear selector as the 2021 Chevrolet Corvete. It’s a subtle clue that this timeless project car is once again doing things differently.



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## ◆◆◆ ◆◆◆ Upcoming Events ◆◆◆ ◆◆◆

May 6, 2022 - [Classics Under the Antlers Friday Night Car Show - 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm](#)  
Buena Park Elks Lodge#2046, 7212 Melrose St., Buena Park, CA

May 7, 2022 - [Sultans Long Beach K9 Officers Show - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm](#)  
Long Beach Police Officers Assoc. Park - 7290 E. Carson St., Long Beach, CA

May 8, 2022 - [Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm](#)  
Veterans Stadium - 5000 Lew Davis St., Long Beach, CA

May 22, 2022 - [OCVCCA Picnic in the Park - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm](#)  
Peppertree Park - 230 West First St., Tustin, CA

June 4, 2022 - [Kimmie's Cruise In - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm](#)  
Kimmie's Coffee Cup - 9935 Walker Ave., Cypress, CA

October 9, 2022 - [OCVCCA All Chevy Show - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm](#)  
Connell Chevrolet - 2828 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA



## Meeting this month!

Saturday, May 21st at 9:00 am  
online via Zoom meetings



### Online link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82421125310?pwd=VG9KY2lQUE9tUUV2eEJleCt6alFYUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 824 2112 5310

**Passcode:** 494002

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

Link and instructions will also be sent via email

## Happy Birthday!

Sandy Cromer - June 19th  
Sharon Lehner - June 28th

## Happy Anniversary!

Roy and Carolyn Queen - May 4th



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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.

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## 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](http://www.scrvcca.org)

### National VCCA Web Site

[www.vcca.org](http://www.vcca.org)

### VCCA Internet Chat Forum

[www.vcca.org/forum/](http://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.



THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA INC.  
*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
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 Applicant's Signature