



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 up to the holiday season and I can't believe it's already here. The year went far to fast! But it's been filled with fun events; tours, car shows, gatherings, meetings, and much more. Our region is hosting a tour to the Nethercutt Collection on Saturday, November 5th with lunch to follow. I hope to see you there! We also have the San Fernando Valley Region All Chevy Car Show in Burbank on November 13th. Jim and I are bringing the '54 Bel Air for judging. We also have our virtual Zoom meeting on November 19th. This one is important as we will be voting in our officers for 2023. Please be sure to join us. Then we get to celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends. Our region has also been invited to join the Foothill Region for their holiday luncheon on December 3rd. As you can see we have a couple of busy months ahead! What fun times to look forward to! See you all soon. Until then, 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.”

The '55 Chevy Returns: 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle

The Chevelle was an all-new car when it was introduced in 1964, but there were some interesting similarities to another Chevrolet from several years earlier.



When the 1964 Chevelle was formally introduced to the motoring press in August of 1963, writers were immediately reminded of another Chevrolet of the not-too-distant past: the beloved '55 Chevy from nine years earlier. Indeed, the similarities were striking.

The two cars share an identical 115-in wheelbase, and they are within but an inch or two in overall length, too. Both cars used similar body-on-frame construction, weighed in at around 3000-3200 lbs, and were

powered by the familiar assortment of Chevy 6 and small-block V8 engines. And so on. The two Chevys are enough alike, in fact, that it was suggested that the '55 Chevy must have served as a model or benchmark in the development of the Chevelle, and that notion has persisted to the present day.



It's not quite true, of course. The Chevelle was based on a General Motors corporate platform that was designed for the use of four GM car divisions. This intermediate-sized A-body package, which began development early in 1962, gave Buick, Olds, and Pontiac a replacement for their '61-

63 senior compacts and it gave Chevy a product to fill a significant gap between the compact Chevy II and the full-size Biscayne, Bel Air, and Impala.



As the full-size Chevrolet grew in size and price in the '60s, beyond its original base, some traditional bow-tie customers were being left behind. The new Chevelle, with its '55 Chevy-esque proportions and prices starting in the \$2300 range, was sized just right for these

buyers, and it was priced right too. Sales took off, sending the production volume past 338,000 cars the first year.

The well-equipped Malibu was the best-selling model at nearly 150,000 units, while the sporty Malibu SS with bucket seats, floor shifter, and special trim sold another 76,000 copies. Chevrolet division had another winner on its hands, and this same basic package with annual sheet-metal changes would be offered through 1972, when GM's A-body Colonnade series arrived.



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General Meeting Minutes– Saturday, September 17, 2022

Call to Order – Sabrina Karras called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

Members Present – Those members present were Jim and Sabrina Karras, Jim and Judy Lunda, and Bill and Colleen Ingalls.

Administrative Actions

Treasurer's Report – Sabrina gave the treasurer's report. Sabrina reported that the region continues to be in a good financial position. Colleen moved, Judy offered the second, motion carried.

Approval of the July 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Sabrina asked Jim to present the minutes of the July meeting. Sabrina called for a motion. Bill moved; Judy offered the second, and the motion carried.

Hat Sales Report – Jim gave the hat sales report. Since our last meeting we have sold 5 hats.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Jim reported since the July meeting the region gained one member and received a renewal. Judy Lunda suggested that we post a message in the Region's Facebook Group welcoming new members. Jim agreed this was a good idea and will start these posts right away.

Tour Director – Sabrina reported that the Nethercutt Tour is planned for Saturday, November 5th with Lunch after at the Bear Pit Restaurant. This will be an Area 1 Passport Tour. Sabrina also reported that she has arranged another Area 1 Passport Tour to Back in the Day Classics in Orange on behalf of the Orange County Region and encouraged SoCal Region member to attend. Both tours are open to all Area 1 VCCA members and all Area 1 regions. Judy also suggested that we post tours on the SCRCCA Facebook Page. Jim will post these as suggested.

Unfinished Business

60th Anniversary Meet Final Report. Sabrina asked Jim to offer a report on the Anniversary Meet. Jim reported that the Region was well represented by the Cromer's and the Karras'. Sandy, Judy Howard (from the Orange County Region) and Sabrina worked collaboratively to assemble baskets for the SoCal, Central Coast, and Orange County regions. In all, 39 baskets were presented for the raffle.

New Business

2023 Officer Nominations – Sabrina called for nominations of officers for 2023. Jim nominated Sabrina for the offices of Director and Treasurer. Judy offered a second to the nomination. Sabrina nominated Jim for the offices of Assistant Director and Secretary. Colleen offered a second to the motion. Sabrina reported that nominations for additional nominees will be open until the November meeting, when formal voting of officers will occur.

Membership Comments – Colleen volunteered to assist with various tasks such as helping with membership.

Bill commented that they enjoyed hosting the May meeting and are inviting us to their home for another meeting in the future.

Next Meeting(s): Saturday, November 19, 2022 – via Zoom, link to be emailed before the meeting.

Adjournment – Sabrina called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Colleen moved and Judy offered the second, the motion carried. Sabrina adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by, Jim Karras, Secretary

◆◆◆ ◆◆◆ **Upcoming Events** ◆◆◆ ◆◆◆

November 5, 2022 - [So Cal Region Hosted Tour to Nethercutt Collection + Lunch](#)
Nethercutt Collection & Museum - 15151 Bledsoe St, Sylmar, CA

November 13, 2022 - [San Fernando Valley VCCA Car Show- 8:00 am to 3:30 pm](#)
Community Chevrolet - 200 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA

December 3, 2022 - [Holiday Luncheon with Foothill Region—11:00 am to 3:00 pm](#)
Home of Ray & Rosie Garcia - 16368 Marvene Dr, Hacienda Heights, CA

Meeting this month!

Saturday, November 21st at 9:00 am

Online Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84325027998?pwd=N0pRb0ZxSU5QYW5QUHRma0IEbmkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 843 2502 7998 Passcode: 622636

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!

Dianne Milton
November 11th

Johnnie Adkisson
December 14th

Roy Queen
December 16th

Nethercutt Collection & Museum
SO CAL VCCA AREA 1 TOUR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
Tour Starts at 10 am

- Tickets must be purchased at the Nethercutt Museum Counter before you check-in for your tour. Tickets are \$10. They have gone "Cashless" and accept Credit/Debit Cards only.
- Check-in is at 9:30 am and will be across the street from the museum at the Nethercutt Collection.
- The doors will open 15 minutes before the start of your tour. It is important to arrive at check-in time, otherwise you will miss out on the first floor of the tour.
- Tour length is approximately 2 hours.
- After the guided tour of the collection we will have a half hour to tour the Museum before the 12:30 pm tour of the locomotive and rail car.
- Address is 15151 Bledsoe St, Sylmar CA 91342

Important Information

- Please bring a mask.
- Children must be 10-years or older to attend the tour.
- The Nethercutt Museum & Collection are both Handicapped Accessible.
- Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. The tour will walk you through 4 floors. We do have an elevator and seating throughout the tour if needed.
- No food or beverages—Water is OK
- No Tripods, Monopods, or Selfie-Sticks
- Parking is at the Nethercutt Museum Building and is Free. The entrance is on Bradley St.

Lunch to Follow
Bear Pit Bar-B-Q Restaurant
Located 4.2 miles from the Nethercutt at
10825 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345

RSVP TO: Sabrina Karras (714) 287-4757
By October 29th sabrinakarrasaol.com

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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.

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

Recruited by (VCCA member recruiting optional) _____ VCCA # _____

<p align="center">FOR CLUB USE ONLY</p> <p>Paid \$ _____ Check/Cash</p> <p>Date Paid _____</p> <p>Regional Membership Number _____</p>	<p>Return complete form and mail with dues to:</p> <p align="center">SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION 829 E. Van Bibber Ave., Orange, CA 92866</p> <p>X _____</p> <p align="center">Applicant's Signature</p>
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