



# 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 and it's time to get out on the road and enjoy some touring in our old Chevy's. I've got some tours in the works - some are places we've been before and some are new places to explore. Jim and I are excited for the All Cal in May that the San Fernando Valley Region is hosting in Oxnard. We're not sure which Chevy we're going to bring, but we'll be there with bells on! If you can join us, mark your calendars for May 4th through the 7th for a fun time. We will be having an in-person meeting this month. Look for info in this newsletter. I would love to feature an article about, and pictures of, our members cars in this newsletter to share with everyone. Send me material and I will include it in a future edition of the Regionnaire! I look forward to seeing you all soon. Until then, happy driving, stay safe and be well.

**Sabrina Karras, 2023 Director, So. Cal Region VCCA**

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

# A Corvette Sting Ray Four-Seater?

Corvette prototypes have taken countless forms over the years. Here's a furtive attempt at a 1963 Sting Ray four-seater from GM Styling.



The Chevrolet Corvette story, which now spans eight decades, features a number of fascinating twists and turns along the way. Here's one that, fortunately for the Corvette legacy—in our opinion, anyway—never got the green light for production: a four-seat version of the 1963 Corvette Sting Ray.

In Corvette lore, the executive responsible for the 2+2 Sting Ray (internal code name XP-796) was GM's powerful car and truck boss, Ed Cole, who looked on in envy as the four-place Ford Thunderbird continued to rack up impressive sales figures year after year. Of course, the notion of a Corvette with a rear seat was not entirely original (read our feature on the 1956 Corvette Impala here) and in the Motor City, the traditional rule of thumb is that a two-seater is a niche product by definition, while a four-seat package has real volume potential. The '63 Sting Ray redesign was an expensive and ambitious undertaking for Chevrolet, so we can understand Cole's instinct for covering his bets.



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While the GM styling crew led by Bill Mitchell reportedly hated the four-seat Sting Ray variant, they did an admirable job trying to make the proportions work out. In the photo at the top of this page, a careful camera angle nearly conceals the awkward stretch job, but a normal side view gives away the game: The chassis and the graceful Sting Ray profile have been stretched a good six inches to create a rear passenger area. And even so, the folding 2+2 seating (above) is probably even less comfortable than it looks.



The one-off prototype was shown to the company brass in around January of 1962 in the GM styling studios, parked next to a new Thunderbird to provide the obvious competitive benchmark. It was there, as the story goes, that GM president John F. Gordon was trying out the rear seat when a front seat latch jammed, trapping him inside. And although he was quickly rescued, that, they say, was pretty much the end of the four-seat Sting Ray project.

## General Meeting Minutes – Saturday, January 14, 2023 – 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Rosewood's Family Restaurant – 10769 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

**Call to Order** – Sabrina Karras Sabrina called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm.

**Members Present** – Those members present were Mike and Sandy Cromer, Jim and Judy Lundal, Jim and Sabrina Karras, and guest Robert Zaricor, VCCA # 3764.

### Administrative Actions

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

**Hat Sales Report** – Jim reported we haven't sold any hats in 2023, but we have plenty in inventory.

**Approval of the November 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes** – Sabrina asked Jim to present the minutes of the July meeting. Sabrina moved approval, Jim offered the second, the motion carried.

### Committee Reports

**Membership Committee** – Jim reported he will be sending out invitations to new Area 1 National members in the next week or two.

**Tour Director** – Sabrina reported plans for tours to the Lyon Air Museum in Santa Ana, and a private wax figure collection tour in Tustin. Judy suggested a tour to Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum in Compton. Jim Lundal and Jim Karras spoke about returning to the Adamson House Museum in Malibu and the Flight Path Museum and Learning Center at LAX.

### Unfinished Business

Sabrina reported there were no outstanding business items for this meeting.

### New Business

**2023 All Cal** – Sabrina reported on the All Cal which is scheduled for May 4-7, 2023, in Oxnard. SCR/VCCA members planning to attend the All Cal include, Mike and Sandy Cromer, Bill and Colleen Ingalls, and Jim and Sabrina Karras.

**Upcoming Events** – Sabrina asked Jim to review the upcoming events list. Jim reported on the upcoming Pomona Swap Meet, Grand National Roadster Show, both to be held in Pomona, and the Early-Time Mid-Winter Rod Run and Poker Hand being held in Long Beach.

**Membership Comments** – There were no additional comments offered from members in attendance.

**Next Meeting(s):** Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Rosewood's Family Restaurant – Cerritos.

**Adjournment** – Sabrina called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy moved and Judy offered the second, the motion carried. Sabrina adjourned the meeting at 1:41 pm.

*Respectfully prepared and submitted by, Jim Karras, Secretary*



## UPCOMING EVENTS



April 9, 2023 - [Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm](#)  
Veteran's Stadium - 5000 Lew Davis St, Long Beach, CA

April 16, 2023 - [Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show - 5:00 am to 2:00 pm](#)  
Pomona Fairplex - 1101 W. McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA

May 4-7, 2023 - [VCCA All Cal - Hosted by the San Fernando Valley Region](#)  
Hilton Garden Inn - 2000 Solar Drive, Oxnard, CA

May 13, 2023 - [Long Beach K-9 Officer Association Benefit Show - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm](#)  
Long Beach Police Officers Assoc. Park - 7290 E. Carson St, Long Beach, CA



# Meeting This Month!



Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 12:30 pm

## ROSEWOOD FAMILY RESTAURANT

10769 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703 off the 605 Fwy at South Street

### DIRECTIONS:

605 Fwy North – exit South St. Turn left at the end of the off ramp. Pass Studebaker Rd and over the San Gabriel River. Rosewood Restaurant is on the right side of the street in the same center as SkyZone Trampoline Park and across from the CVS.

605 Fwy South – exit South St. Turn right at the end of the off ramp. Pass Studebaker Rd and over the San Gabriel River. Rosewood Restaurant is on the right side of the street in the same center as SkyZone Trampoline Park and across from the CVS.

Please RSVP to Sabrina Karras at (714) 287-4757 or [sabrinakarras@aol.com](mailto:sabrinakarras@aol.com)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bill Ingalls - March 9th  
Eileen Cochran - March 13th  
Bud Lehner - March 25th  
Sabrina Karras - March 29th

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jim & Sabrina Karras - April 22nd  
Johnnie & Linda Adkisson - April 26th  
Roy & Carolyn Queen - May 4th

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION FUND RAISER

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829 East Van Bibber Avenue  
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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.

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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/)

**VCCA Area #1 Board Member**

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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*  
 829 E. Van Bibber Ave, Orange, CA 92866 (714) 633-8210  
**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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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