



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 to a close and it has been action packed! Jim and I had a blast at the 60th VCCA Central Meet in July. It was fun and exciting seeing all the Chevy's, the fellow VCCA members, and the great sights that Michigan had to offer. We got lucky and the weather was beautiful. Jim judged some great cars on the show field and was part of a very skilled tabulating team on show day. The Gilmore Museum, where most of the event was held, was a wonderful venue with a great collection of some fabulous cars. All in all an event not to be missed. The Lower Michigan Region (the hosting region) certainly outdid themselves with this meet. We will be having an in person lunch meeting this month on Saturday, September 16th. Details are in this edition of the newsletter. I can't wait to see everyone and catch up on how everyone has been spending their time in their Chevy's. 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."

Aerodynamic Dreams: The 1968 Chevrolet Astrovette

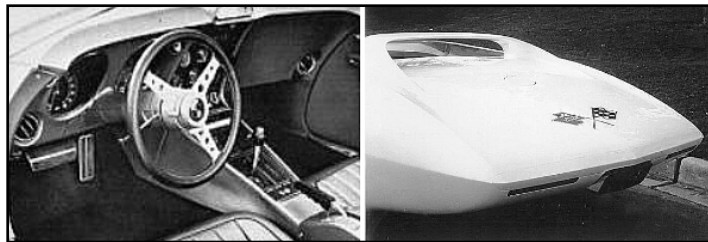
Based on a production 1968 Corvette, the Astrovette was restyled by GM's design studios to cheat the wind.

When it was introduced to the public in 1968, the Chevrolet Astrovette was described by some as an aerodynamic study, but that might not be totally precise. In his landmark 1973 book *Corvette: America's Star-Spangled Sports Car*, the preeminent automotive writer Karl Ludvigsen called it a pseudo-aerodynamic study. Put another way, the Astrovette was a styling study with an aerodynamic theme. There's no indication that the machine was ever tested in a wind tunnel or driven at high speed.



Under the direction of GM styling vice president Bill Mitchell, the designers started with a production 1968

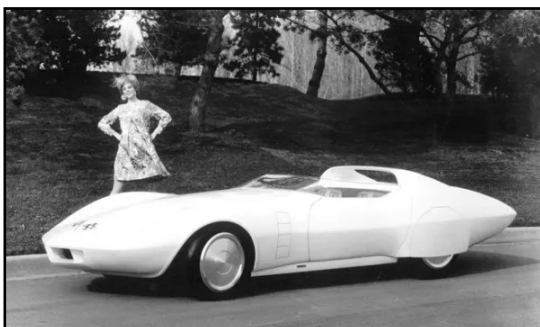
equipped with a 427 with 3 2 carburetion Turbo-Hydramatic. The nose and tail



fender skirts and a racing-style windscreen were reckoned to reduce drag even further.

Corvette convertible CID big-block V8 (the L68 and 400 hp) coupled to an automatic transmission. The nose and tail were radically extended razor's edge, while rear

With flush-fitting wheel covers and narrow Firestone tires, the Astrovette looked the part of a Bonneville record breaker, and under the fiberglass targa hoop was a functional roll bar. However, the cockpit was stock Corvette except for an Italian steering wheel. Paint was a Pearl White with Corvette crossed flags on the hood and deck, though at one point in its show-car career it wore Competition Orange. Later the Astrovette was returned to its original white, the color that won it the nickname Moby Dick in the GM studios, after Melville's great white whale.



While the Astrovette's aerodynamic credentials are open to question, there's no disputing the show car's dramatic look. MPC produced a plastic model kit in 1:25 scale, and Matrix offered a 1:43 diecast. Now in the possession of the GM Heritage Collection, the Astrovette is still around in fine condition, and it has been displayed at the National Corvette Museum and elsewhere.



VCCA 60th Central Meet
 Kalamazoo, MI
 July 19th - 22nd



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 9, 2023 - 24th Annual Cruisin' for a Cure - 6:00 am to 3:30 pm
 OC Fair and Event Center - 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA
- September 10, 2023 - Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Veteran's Stadium - 5000 Lew Davis Street, Long Beach, CA
- September 17, 2023 - Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 25th Annual
 Summer Stampede Car Show 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Mayfair Park - 5720 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA
- October 15, 2023 - Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show - 5:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Pomona Fairplex - 1101 W. McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA



Meeting This Month!



Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 11:00 am

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Judy Lundal - September 4th
 Mike Cromer - September 25th
 Colleen Ingalls - September 26th

Steve Cochran - October 20th
 Jim Karras - October 23rd
 Matt Mihalco - October 30th




Steve & Eileen Cochran - September 9th

Mike & Sandy Cromer - September 16th

Jim & Judy Lundal - September 25th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



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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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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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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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

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 Applicant's Signature