



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,

The holidays are fast approaching and I'm wondering where the year went! We will once again be joining the Foothill Region for our annual holiday luncheon on Saturday, December 9th. There is a tour to the Nixon Library hosted by the Orange County Region scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. And the San Fernando Region will be hosting their All Chevy Show on Sunday, November 19th. So much to do in the upcoming months! It would be great to see our Region members represented at some, if not all, of these fun events. We will be having an in person lunch meeting this month on Saturday, November 18th. Details are in this edition of the newsletter. This meeting is important to attend as we will be nominating and voting on our upcoming 2024 officers for our region. 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."

Unicorn: The 1970 Chevrolet Monte Carlo Convertible

Chevrolet never produced a Monte Carlo convertible in 1970, but somehow we can still find a number of them around.

From the moment of its introduction on September 18, 1969, the Monte Carlo was a solid hit for the Chevrolet division. Despite a labor strike at General Motors that halted production for 67 days, the new personal-luxury four-seater racked up sales of more than 130,000 in the first year. Much of that success was no doubt due to the generous variety of choices available to Monte Carlo buyers: several different exterior looks; a range of small-block and big-block V8s; even an SS model. But oddly, perhaps, there was just one body style, a formal-roofed coupe. No convertible.



Still, you can find a surprising number of Monte Carlo convertibles around the collector car scene. Now where did those come from? They've been constructed after the fact by enterprising shops and skilled DIY-ers, aided by the friendly interchangeability in GM vehicle platforms. The Monte Carlo, technically designated a G-body, is actually a variant of the A-body—Chevelle, Olds Cutlass, Pontiac Tempest, Buick Skylark—all of which were available as convertibles. And they share the same black metal, windshield, and other critical points. A talented body technician can gather up a Monte Carlo coupe and an A-body donor car and put together a Monte convertible that looks for all the world like a factory production job. And who knows how many of these hybrids have been constructed.



There's one more wrinkle to this story. While there was never a production Monte ragtop (as in never, from 1970 to 2007) somehow a rendering of one appeared in an official GM publication: the 1970 Chevelle, Monte Carlo, and Nova dealer accessory catalog (lead image and illustration below) There was some talk in the press at the time about the possibility of a convertible at some later date, but never an official announcement. Did the production plans proceed far enough for this painting to be ordered up? Or was this simply a flight of fancy by an agency artist that somehow escaped into the catalog? We don't know. It's one more minor yet intriguing mystery of the Motor City.



Photo courtesy of Mecum Auctions 2010

Please join us for our Annual Foothill Region & So Cal Region

Holiday Luncheon

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH AT 1:00 PM

Catered by  \$20 per person

Hosted by Ray & Rosie Garcia' at their home
16368 Marvene Drive, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

RSVP to Rosie Garcia by November 30th
at muchosgarcias@yahoo.com or (626) 602-6701-Cell or (626) 333-2086-Home

VCCA Area 1 Tour to the Richard Nixon Library

Saturday, November 4, 2023

ALL VCCA
AREA 1
REGIONS
WELCOME



Join us for a two-hour docent led tour of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, CA. The presidential museum features 22 unique spaces that incorporate multimedia and interactive technologies. Travel through President Nixon's presidency and resignation and return to his origins in the "Back to the Beginning" gallery. From there, travel through Nixon's life and his extraordinary accomplishments prior to becoming the 37th President of the United States. The journey ends with Richard Nixon's post-presidency period and his contributions as elder statesman, his impact on American culture, a solemn remembrance of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon's memorial services, and the short "Epilogue" film at the conclusion of the exhibit.

Lunch to Follow

After the tour, the group will depart the museum at approximately 12:30pm to caravan to Mr. D's Diner for lunch, 126 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870

Museum Tickets

- Adults \$30
- Seniors \$26
- Ret. Military/Vets \$24
- Students \$24
- Child (5-11) \$20

Ticket price is for a 2-hour docent led tour. Please pay in advance, or on the day of the tour, to Tom Clark or Sabrina Karras via check (OCVCCA) or cash.

Tour Information

The Nixon Library is located at: 18001 Yorba Linda Blvd, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. We will meet at the Library at 10am. Premier parking for classic cars will be provided at the Library.

RSVP to Sabrina Karras

(714) 287-4757 - Cell

sabrinakarras@aol.com - Email

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12, 2023 - **Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm**
Veteran's Stadium - 5000 Lew Davis Street, Long Beach, CA

November 19, 2023 - **San Fernando Valley Region VCCA All Chevrolet/GMC Car Show - -8:00 am to 3:30 pm**
Community Chevrolet - 200 W. Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA

December 2, 2023 - **Kimmie's Cruise In - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**
Kimmie's Coffee Cup - 9935 Walker Ave, Cypress, CA

December 3, 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, November 18, 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



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NEW VCCA LOGO



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General Meeting – Saturday, September 16, 2023 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Rosewood's Family Restaurant – 10769 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – Sabrina Karras Sabrina called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.
A) **Members Present** – Those members present were Jim and Sabrina Karras.
2. **Administrative Actions**
A) **Treasurer's Report** – Sabrina gave the treasurer's report. Sabrina reported that the region continues to be in a good financial position. Jim moved, Sabrina the second, motion carried.
B) **Hat Sales Report** – Jim reported we have sold 8 hats to date in 2023, and only have 7 left in inventory.
C) **Approval of the January 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes** – Sabrina asked Jim to present the minutes of the January meeting. Sabrina moved approval of the minutes, Jim offered the second, the motion carried.
3. **Committee Reports**
A) **Membership Committee** – Jim reported he will email invitations to new Area 1 National members.
B) **Tour Director** – Sabrina reported plans for an Area 1 tour to the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda hosted by the Orange County Region. The tour will be held on Saturday, November 4th and folks can meet at the library at 9:45 for the 10:00 am tour start time. Lunch will follow at Mr. D's Diner a few blocks west of the library. Send RSVPs to Sabrina at sabrinakarras@aol.com or give her a call at (714) 287-4757.
3. **Unfinished Business**
A) Sabrina reported there were no outstanding business items for this meeting.
4. **New Business**
A) **Hat Reorder** – Jim reported its time to reorder hats. He received a quote for new hats from the same vendor we've used. Jim moved for approval to place an order for 72 hats for a cost of around \$1,200.00. Sabrina offered the second, motion carried.
B) **Hat Sale Price Increase** – Based on the pricing of the new hats and the prices of similar hats offered the Speedster Chapter (with their chapter logo), Jim moved for approval to increase our hat price from \$20.00 (*includes domestic shipping*) to \$25.00 (*also to include domestic shipping*) beginning with the January G&D issue. Sabrina offered the second, motion carried.
C) **Joint Foothill Region/SoCal Region Holiday Party** – Sabrina reported that the Foothill Region has once again extended an offer to have both regions celebrate together with a joint holiday party. The Garcia's will host the party at their home in Hacienda Heights and the event will be catered. Sabrina moved to approve contributing up to \$300 from the SoCal Region to the Foothill Region, based on final attendance counts and costs, to be provided by Rosie Garcia. Jim offered a second and the motion carried.
5. **Upcoming Events** – Sabrina asked Jim to review the upcoming events list. Jim reported on several events including the Orange County Region All Chevy Car Show, on October 8th at Connell Chevrolet, in Costa Mesa, and the San Fernando Valley Region All Chevy Show, on November 19th at Community Chevrolet, in Burbank.
6. **Membership Comments** – There were no additional comments offered from members in attendance.
7. **Next Meeting(s)**: Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Rosewood's Family Restaurant – Cerritos, and via Zoom.
8. **Adjournment** – Sabrina called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim moved, Sabrina offered the second, the motion carried. Sabrina adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by, Jim Karras, Secretary

Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Chevrolets 

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.

SCRVCCA Leadership Contact Information

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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/

VCCA Area #1 Board Member

Dean Echols (928) 710-4325

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VCCA Member Services

(708) 455-VCCA (8222)

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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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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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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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