



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,

We're in the middle of spring and it has been a whirlwind of activity for our club the last few months! We have joined the Foothill Region for their tour to the NHRA Museum in March. Then our Region hosted a tour to the Flight Path Museum in April that included a surprise stop to the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum. We have two more events coming up in May. The Foothill Region is hosting a tour to the Rowland Home & Dibble Museum on May 18th and the Orange County Region is having their annual Picnic in the Park on May 19th. Details are in this newsletter. We will not be having our quarterly meeting in May due to the scheduled tour, but we will meet again in July. It's so nice to be able to get out and enjoy our cars and each other's company on these outings. We do have some more fun things planned in the next few months, so keep an eye out for details coming soon! I hope everyone enjoys their Memorial Day weekend where we kick off summer. Until then, happy driving, stay safe and be well.

Sabrina Karras, 2024 Director, So. Cal Region VCCA

"The Worlds Best Chevrolet Club!" "Dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of all Chevrolets and GMC's."

Chevrolet's New Kind of American Car: The 1976 Chevette

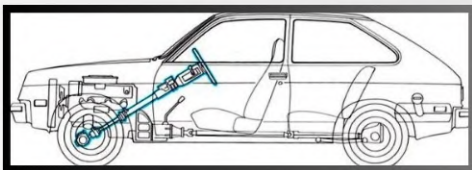
Meet the 1976 Chevette, a basic rear-drive subcompact that would somehow remain in the Chevrolet lineup through 1987.



It's not hard to identify the purpose behind the 1976 Chevrolet Chevette: First, to meet the steadily growing demand for small cars in the American market. Second, and more importantly for General Motors, it would help the automaker meet the U.S. government's new CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) requirements. Just as the new federal standards were coming into view, engineers were at work adapting GM's global T-car platform for domestic car buyers. But when they were done, the new Chevy shared surprisingly little with the other T-cars, especially in the exterior sheet metal and styling.



While the ad people called it "Chevrolet's New Kind of American Car," the Chevette was remarkably conventional in design with a unit construction platform on a 94.3-in wheelbase. There was an Isuzu-designed 1.4-liter overhead-cam inline four in the front, driving the rear wheels via an Opel-style hybrid torque-tube arrangement. (A 1.6 liter four was optional). With 52 SAE net hp, the smaller four was EPA-rated at 40 mpg highway, 28 city with a four-speed manual transmission.



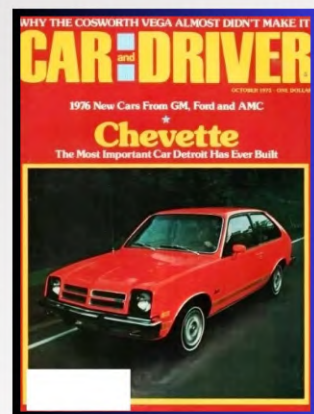
With an overall width of just 61.8 inches and a fat driveline tunnel running down the middle, the Chevette wasn't exceptionally roomy on the inside, but it was comfortable enough for two occupants.

Nicely styled but nothing fancy, the cabin featured a fold-down rear seat to provide 26 cubic feet of cargo volume, according to Chevrolet. While the rack-and-pinion steering's turning circle was a mere 30.2 feet, the steering column and wheel were installed at funny angles due to packaging constraints, which could take some getting used to.



For the 1976 introduction, there was a single body style, a two-door hatchback, but it could be purchased in multiple trim levels, including Coupe, Sport Coupe, Rally Coupe, and the deluxe Woody with woodgrain-vinyl exterior panels. The bare-bones Scooter offered painted bumpers, no rear seat or glovebox door, a cheap black interior with cardboard door panels, and a price of \$2,899. The more conventional Chevette models started at \$3,098. In 1978 a four-door hatchback was introduced, and soon it would account for half the sales.

On the cover of its October 1975 issue, Car and Driver magazine (right) declared the Chevette "the most important car Detroit has ever produced." Well, no, it was never that. But the Chevy subcompact did prove to be a surprisingly durable (if unrefined) little product and it would remain in the Chevrolet lineup through 1987, despite competition from more advanced front-drive subcompacts from Japan and the USA. When production finally ended on December 23, 1986, nearly 2.8 million Chevettas had been sold.



MARCH 9th TOUR TO THE NHRA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM IN POMONA HOSTED BY OUR REGION

WE HAD BREAKFAST AT NORM'S HANGAR AT BRACKETT FIELD AIRPORT BEFORE WE HEADED OVER TO CHECK OUT THE MANY COOL HOT RODS, DRAGSTERS, AND CUSTOMS THEY HAD ON DISPLAY



The Southern California Region hosted a tour to the Flight Path Museum in Los Angeles on Saturday, April 20th.

We started with breakfast at Mr. Rosewoods Restaurant in Norwalk. We then made a surprise stop at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo before we headed over to the Flight Path Museum. We had three Regions represented for a fun day.



Flight Path Museum LAX

The Zimmerman





60th ANNIVERSARY

Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Orange County Region "The World's Best Chevrolet Club"

LIMITED OFFER

IF YOU JOIN THE OCVCCA AT THE PICNIC, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INTRODUCTORY 18-MONTH MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PRICE OF A 12-MONTH MEMBERSHIP. JUST ATTEND THIS EVENT AND COMPLETE A SIMPLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

REMEMBER, YOU DON'T NEED TO OWN AN OLD CHEVROLET TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB!

20TH ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday, May 19, 2024
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Peppertree Park
230 W. 1st St., Tustin, CA 92780

Come on Down!

The Orange County Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America is hosting another Picnic in the Park. You are invited to come join the fun!

- Meet potential new members.
- Show off your old Chevy.
- Enjoy each other's company.

Family members and guests are welcome. Bring the kids!

BRING YOUR OLD CHEVROLET, A LAWN CHAIR, AND A BIG APPETITE AND WE'LL SUPPLY THE:

- ✓ Hot Dogs
- ✓ Hamburgers
- ✓ Chili
- ✓ Soft Drinks



A non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of Chevrolet and GMC vehicles

For More Info and to RSVP
Contact Picnic Volunteer
Sabrina Karras

Phone: (714) 287-4757
Email: picnic@ocrvcca.org

Visit Our Website ocrvcca.org



Featuring Pre-2000 Chevrolet and GMC Vehicles



National VCCA Judging
PCC Judging
Participant Choice Judging
Committee Choice Judging
Food Truck 40 Awards
Vendors Great Music

20TH ANNUAL ALL CHEVROLET SHOW
CONNELL CHEVROLET | COSTA MESA, CA
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024 | 9 AM - 3 PM

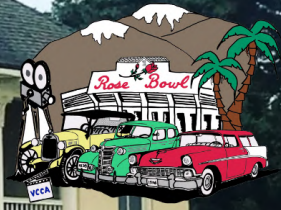


Register online at ocrvcca.org

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Foothill Region VCCA Area 1 Tour

May, 18 2024



ROWLAND HOME & DIBBLE MUSEUM

Come join the Foothill Region as they host an Area 1 tour to the historic Rowland Home and Dibble Museum.

The John A. Rowland Home, built in 1855, was the first two-story brick house in southern California, and is the oldest brick house now standing in this area. In 1950, Lilian Dibble, granddaughter of J. A. Rowland, turned the water tank located south of the home into a museum especially for the school children. The Round House, as it is now called, contains ranch equipment and Native American artifacts.

We will meet for an early lunch at nearby Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant at 10:00 am then caravan to the Rowland Home by 11:30 am for our docent-led tour that starts at 12:00 pm. The tour is free of charge.

Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant:

15922 Gale Avenue
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Meet at the restaurant at 10:00 am

Rowland-Dibble Museum:

16021 Gale Avenue
City of Industry, CA 91745

Caravan to the museum at 11:30 am



TOUR ELIGIBLE FOR PASSPORT MILES

RSVP to Sabrina Karras (714) 287-4757 or sabrinakarras@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11, 2024 - Long Beach K9 Officers Car Show - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Long Beach Police Officers Park - 7290 E. Carson, Long Beach, CA

May 12, 2024 - Hi-Performance Swap Meet & Car Show - 6:00 am to 1:00 pm
Veteran's Stadium - 5000 Lew Davis Street, Long Beach, CA

May 26, 2024 - Shore Shifters Cars & Coffee - 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Junipero Beach - 2100 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA

June 14-15, 2024 - LA Roadster Car Show & Swap - 11 am -7pm Fri & 7am-5pm Sat
Pomona Fairplex - 1101 W. McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA

No Meeting This Month!

Next meeting will be July 20, 2024 at 11:00 am



at
ROSEWOOD FAMILY RESTAURANT
10769 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703



Happy Birthday

Benjamin Johnson - May 28th | Sandy Cromer - June 19th

Happy Anniversary

Roy & Carolyn Queen - May 4th

WELCOME

New So Cal Region member

Benjamin Johnson

Benjamin joined in February and has a 1955 Del Rey Club Coupe and a 1986 Suburban 2500. Join us in welcoming him to the Region and we hope to see him out at one of our events in the future.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION FUNDRAISER

Baseball Cap with Embroidered VCCA Logo

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General Meeting – Saturday, March 23, 2024 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Rosewood's Family Restaurant – 10769 South Street, Cerritos, CA 90703

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – *Sabrina Karras* called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.
 - A) **Members Present** – Those members present were Jim & Judy Lundal, and Jim & 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. Judy moved, Jim Karras the second, motion carried.
 - B) **Hat Sales Report** – Jim Karras reported we have sold one hat since the last meeting.
 - C) **Approval of January 20, 2024, Meeting Minutes** – Jim Karras presented the minutes of the January meeting. Judy moved approval of the minutes, Jim Karras offered the second, the motion carried.
3. **Committee Reports**
 - A) **Membership Committee** – Jim Karras reported one new member since the last meeting. Only 4 members left to renew. Dues reminders and phone calls will be made.
 - B) **Tour Director** – Sabrina reported plans for our Region to host a tour to the Flight Path Museum in Los Angeles on April 20th with breakfast beforehand. So far there are 12 RSVPs to date. Foothill Region will be hosting a tour to Rowland Home on May 18th. Orange County Region will be hosting its Picnic in the Park on May 19th. The Personalized Chevrolet Chapter will be hosting a tour to the Petersen Museum on August 24th.
3. **Unfinished Business**
 - A) **Possible Merger of Regions** – Further discussion was had regarding the continuing issue of possibly combining our region with the Foothill Region. It was decided by both regions to be tabled at this time.
 - B) **Joint Car Show** – Further discussion was had regarding a possible car show with the Foothill Region. It will be explored further at future meetings.
4. **New Business**
 - A) **Non-Budget Expenditure** – Sabrina asked if the Region would be supportive of purchasing a VCCA logo branded license plate as part of a joint thank you gift in conjunction with the Orange County and Foothill Regions for the Browning Collection for hosting our tour in February. The membership agreed. Judy made a motion to purchase the license plate for \$8.50 from the Northern Illinois Region. Jim Karras seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Upcoming Events** – Sabrina asked Jim Karras to present the upcoming events list.
6. **Membership Comments** – None at this time.
7. **Next Meeting(s)**: Saturday, July 20, 2024, at Rosewood's Family Restaurant – Cerritos.
8. **Adjournment** – Jim Karras called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sabrina moved, Judy offered the second, the motion carried. Sabrina adjourned the meeting at 11:40 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.

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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



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Spouse _____ Anniversar _____
 Address _____ Unit No. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell (Member) _____ Cell (Spouse) _____
 Email (Member) _____ Email (Spouse) _____

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 Southern California Region membership is \$15.00 per year.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION DUES\$ 15.00 per year

NATIONAL DUES RENEWAL NEW

Digital Membership (Member, Spouse & Children), two votes \$ 25.00 per year

Periodical 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 Southern California 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 # _____

FOR CLUB USE ONLY

Paid \$ _____ Check/Cash
 Date Paid _____
 Region Membership Number _____

Return complete form and mail with dues to:
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION VCCA – Attn: Sabrina Karras
 829 E Van Bibber Ave., Orange, CA 92866-2063

X _____
Applicant's Signature