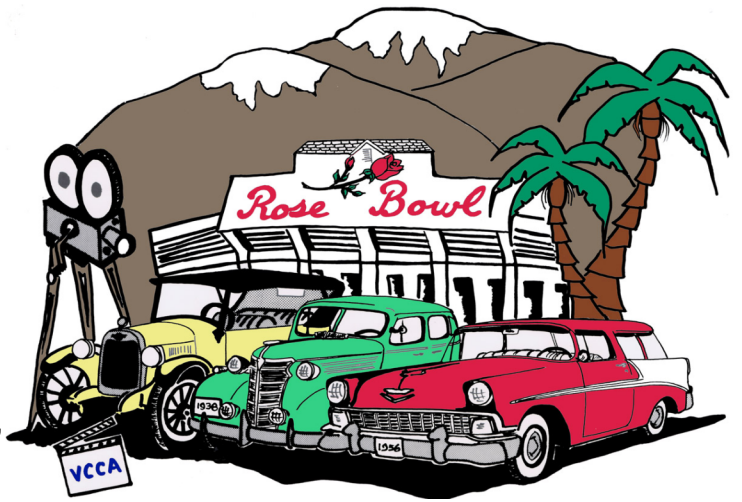


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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

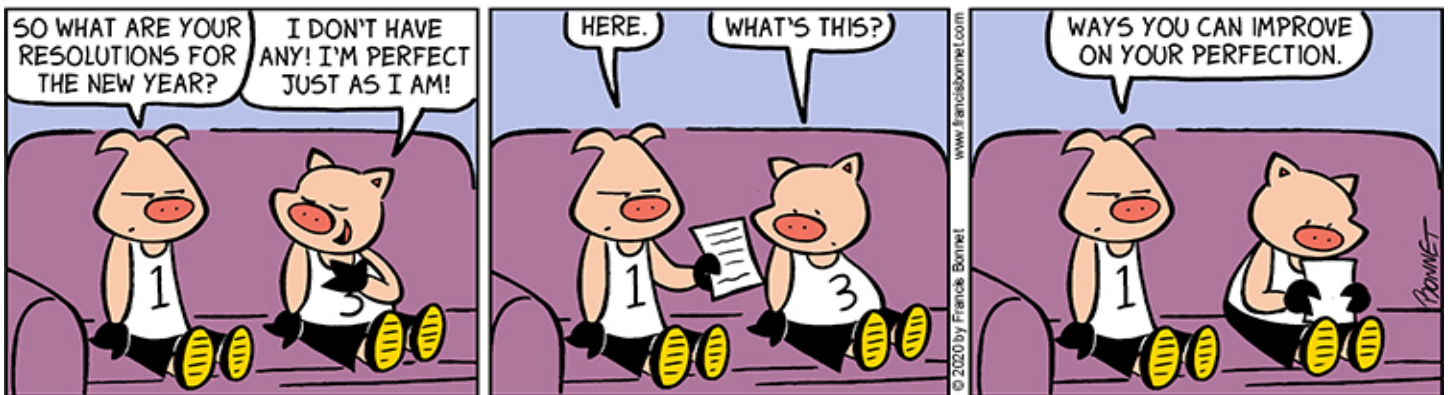
GEORGE T. EDWARDS, Foothill Region Director 2023

**HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!**

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting of the New Year!! It will be held January 7th at: **MARIE CALLENDER'S RESTAURANT, 1175 Alostia Ave, Azusa, CA.** The meeting will be held at 8:30 am.

We start this month of with a big bang. Pomona Swap Meet is on January 15th. Petersen's Automotive Museum also has a Shelby Cruise-In on January 15th. On February 3rd -5th is the Grand National Roadster Show at Pomona. Yes, you can get your yearly exercise all in one day early this year. 2023 promises to be a good year. I can't wait for all of the events planned for our Region in the upcoming months. Take care and see you soon!!

George Edwards, Director



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# Middle Child Syndrome: Inside the 1956 Chevrolet

In 1955, the Chevrolet division of General Motors reinvented itself. For 1956 the Chevy was even better, and here's how.

In popular psychology, the offspring in a family follow a regular pattern, allegedly. The oldest child is a sober striver while the youngest is a pampered pet, leaving the middle sibling without a fixed identity. Personally, we don't put a whole lot of stock in the theory, but the stereotypes of the Middle Child Syndrome do remind us a tiny bit of the Tri-Five Chevrolets of 1955 through 1957.

The '55 introduced the small-block V8 to the world and reestablished Chevrolet as a youthful, sporty brand. Meanwhile, the famously finned '57 Chevy is a genuine star of pop culture, an avatar for America in the Fifties. That leaves the '56 sort of lost in the middle, or so it might seem. But among the Tri-Five Chevrolet collector crowd, the '56 has its own faction of loyal enthusiasts, and rightly so.

The Chevrolet chassis, all new in '55, was carried forward for '56 with minor refinements. A bit more anti-dive geometry was dialed into the front suspension, and the rear spring mountings were beefed up to reduce sway. There were more significant changes under the hood. Advertised as "the hot one" in 1955, at Chevy for '56 the tagline was, "This one's even hotter!"



The 265 cubic-inch V8 featured a redesigned block for '56 with improved cam oiling and a full-flow oil filter. Oddly enough, the '55 didn't have one. The base two-barrel V8 was bumped from 162 hp to 170 hp (with automatic transmission) with a higher-lift cam, which also boosted the four-barrel version from 180 to 195 hp. For the hot Power Pack V8, the compression ratio was raised from 8.0:1 to 9.25:1, increasing the output from 195 hp to 205 hp.





Just before Daytona Speed Week in February '56, conveniently, Chevrolet released the RPO 411 package, formally known as the Turbo-Fire Special. Borrowed directly from the Corvette, this V8 sported a pair of Carter WCFB four-barrel carbs on an aluminum manifold. Rated at 225 hp at a screaming 5200 rpm, the dual-quad mill listed at \$242.10 and was available on all models and body styles except the Sedan Delivery. Chevy's

small-block V8 was now in the high-performance game in a serious way, the rising star of the hot rodding world.

The basic '55 body shell was continued for '56 with restyled front and rear ends, while the fuel filler was moved from a door in the left-rear quarter panel to a concealed location behind the left-rear tail lamp. There was a brand new body style as well: the Sport Sedan (above). Buick and Olds had introduced four-door pillarless hardtops the year before, and now Chevrolet had one too, using a distinctive roof stamping, C-pillar, and greenhouse shared with Pontiac.

As in '55 and before, there were three trim levels: the base One-Fifty, mid-level Two-Ten, and deluxe Bel Air, all available in a range of body styles. Prices ranged from \$1,734 for the One-Fifty Utility Sedan, which featured a parcel shelf instead of a rear seat, to the fancy Nomad wagon, the most expensive Bel Air model at \$2,608. Splitting the difference, perhaps, the Two-Ten was the popular choice among consumers, accounting for more than half of the GM division's 1.56 million passenger car sales for the year. In its massive advertising campaign that season, Chevrolet used a multitude of angles to pitch the '56 models, but this one might be our favorite: For sooner and safer arrivals.

Article posted November 19, 2022 at <https://macsmotorcitygarage.com/middle-child-syndrome-inside-the-1956-chevrolet/>

*The '56 Chevrolet*

*It looks high priced—but it's the new Chevrolet "Two-Ten" 4-Door Sedan.*

**For sooner and safer arrivals!**

*It's so nimble and quick on the road...*

Of course, you don't have to have an urgent errand and a motorcycle escort to make use of Chevrolet's quick and nimble ways. Wherever you go, the going's sweeter and safer in a Chevy.

Power's part of the reason. Chevrolet's horsepower ranges up to 205. And these numbers add up to *action*—second-saving acceleration for safer passing . . . rapid-fire reflexes that help you avoid trouble before it happens!

True, lots of cars are high powered today, but the difference is in the way Chevrolet *handles* its power. It's rock-steady on the road . . . clings to curves like part of the pavement. That's *stability*—and it helps make Chevrolet one of the few great road cars!

Highway-test one, soon. Your Chevrolet dealer will be happy to arrange it. . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Mich.

**THE HOT ONE'S EVEN HOTTER**

**CHEVROLET**

*Traffic-out it— it's a beautiful thing to handle!*

## Foothill Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2022

The November meeting was begun at 9:12 a.m. by George Edwards, Foothill Director. George welcomed, and greeted everyone present.

Motion to approve October minutes was made, and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Jean Fink, membership secretary, in Judy Mulé's absence, who has resigned her position. Jean Fink is resigning as membership secretary, as well, and Sabrina Karras has accepted both the positions of membership secretary, and as the club's treasurer.

Membership Report Jean Fink reported 12 paid families.

Past Tour none for Foothill, but George Edwards commented on how much he enjoyed the tours to "Back in the Day," and the Nethercutt Museum.

Discussed having a possible car show at a local dealership, around May or June 2023 – Rosie Garcia to contact Chevrolet of Puente Hills, after the holidays.

Old Business none

New Business Jim Karras informed the membership that the National Board can provide money to pay for space at the local swap meet in Pomona, if Foothill Region would like to have a recruitment campaign.

Christmas Brunch is on December 3, at Ray and Rosie Garcia's home, at 1:00 pm. There will be no December meeting.

First meeting of 2023 will be on January 7, 2023; location to be decided.

Election of Officers for 2023: George Edwards, Director, Roger Felix, Assistant Director, Sabrina Karras, Treasurer/Membership Secretary, Rosie Garcia, Secretary, and Ray Garcia, Tour Director.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rosie Garcia, 2022 Secretary

## Meeting This Month!

Saturday, January 7th at 8:30 am

Marie Callender's Restaurant

1175 E. Alostia Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702

Off the 210 Fwy - Grand Ave. exit on the corner of Historic  
Route 66/Alostia & Barranca Ave. on the north side of the street



# in four-door fashion...

No doubt about it, in the four-door hardtop General Motors stylists have created a refreshing new motorcar fashion that is sweeping America—and you can have it in GM cars of every price class.

But the dashing beauty of these roomy hardtops, free of cluttering center posts, is only one reason for their soaring popularity. All GM cars for '56 are powered by new, more efficient

high-compression engines—with still smoother, more responsive automatic drives—to set a new high in flashing performance.

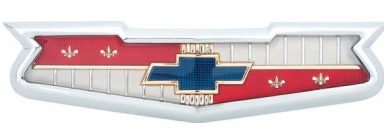
Add their many new safety engineering features like double locking door latches, precision-aimed head lamps, Power Brakes, Power Steering and seat belts (optional) and you can come to only one decision: Your key to greater value in 1956 is the key to a General Motors car.

CHEVROLET • PONTIAC • OLDSMOBILE • BUICK • CADILLAC • All with Body by Fisher • GMC TRUCK & COACH



1956 Chevrolet Bel Air 4-Door Sport Sedan

## GENERAL MOTORS *leads the way*



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# FOOTHILL REGION HISTORY

*First meeting was in 1977 and it was held at Jack Wall Chevrolet  
Jack Wall Chevrolet became Team Chevrolet and now is a lumber yard.  
In 1977 the region had 18 families.*

DIRECTOR	ASST, DIRECTOR	SECRETARY	TREASURER	TOUR DIRECTOR	NEWSLETTER
1977 Ray Waldbum	Norm Lefmann	Betty Kirkwood	Mike Norton	_____	_____
1978 Marvin Imm	Norm Lefmann	Betty Kirkwood	Ester Imm	_____	How-Bett Kirkwood
1979 Bob Hassinger	Howard Kirkwood	Betty Kirkwood	Rita Jones	_____	How-Bett Kirkwood
1980 Bob Hassinger	Howard Kirkwood	Betty Kirkwood	Ester Imm	How-Bett Kirkwood	How-Bett Kirkwood
1981 Dennis Fink	Tom Stimson	Jean Fink	Steve Michaelson	How-Bett Kirkwood	Jean Fink
1982 Dennis Fink	Jim Holt	Jean Fink	Sue Robertson	Helen Holt	Helen Holt/Jean Fink
1983 Jim Holt	Jim Ferrier	Ina Brookshire	Sue Robertson	Dennis Fink	Helen Holt/Jean Fink
1984 George Reeley	George Aust	Jean Fink	Sue Robertson	Dave Johnson	George Aust/Jean Fink
1985 Jean Fink	Roy Brookshire	Dennis Murray	Sue Robertson	Lita Murray	Brookshire/Fink
1986 Dick Dennis	Glenn Ritter	Dennis Murray	Ernie Moffatt	George Aust	Glenn Ritter/Fink
1987 Dennis Murray	Al Bafford	Jean Fink	Ernie Moffatt	Lita Murray	Jean Fink
1988 Roger Felix	Curt Potter	Dennis Murray	Lita Murray	George Aust	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1989 Ernie Moffatt	Bob Hughes	Ken Kaufmann	Curt Potter	Don Gardner	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1990 George Aust	Dick Dennis	Ken Kaufmann	Curt Potter	Don Gardner	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1991 Dennis Murray	Don Gardner	Ken Kaufmann	Art Label	Lita Murray	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1992 Jean Fink	Ernie Moffatt	Ken Kaufmann	Art Label	Denise Zappen	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1993 Jean Fink	Tracy Gage	Ken Kaufmann	Art Label	Don Gardner	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1994 Don Gardner	Tracy Gage	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	Joe Zappen	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1995 Jean Fink	Tracy Gage	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	George Aust	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1996 Don Gardner	Ray Sorenson	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	Joe Zappen	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1997 Jean Fink	Tracy Gage	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	_____	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1998 Joe Zappen	Tracy Gage	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	Robert Jackson	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
1999 Bill Zappen	Tracy Gage	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	Don Gardner	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
2000 Don Gardner	Tracy Gage	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	Victor Bracamontes	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
2001 George Edwards	Tracy Gage	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	Michael McCormack	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
2002 Tracy Gage	_____	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	Bill Zappen	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
2003 Roger Bolton	Tracy Gage	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	George Edwards	Ken Kaufmann/Fink
2004 Paul Porner	Roger Bolton	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	_____	Dennis & Jean Fink
2005 Bill Reese	Paul Porner	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	Mike McNeill	Dennis & Jean Fink
2006 Bill Reese	Porner/Felix	Ken Kaufmann	Roger Felix	Mike McNeill	Dennis & Jean Fink
2007 Bill Reese	Roger Felix	Ken Kaufmann	Sue Robertson	Mike McNeill	Dennis & Jean Fink
2008 Bill Reese	Roger Felix	Ken Kaufmann	Sue Robertson	Steve Knickelbein	Dennis & Jean Fink
2009 Bill Reese	Roger Felix	Ken Kaufmann	Sue Robertson	Alonso Guerrero	Dennis & Jean Fink
2010 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Mandy Emerson	Sue Robertson	_____	Dennis & Jean Fink
2011 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Jean Fink	Sue Robertson	_____	Dennis & Jean Fink
2012 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Jean Fink	Sue Robertson	_____	Dennis & Jean Fink
2013 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Sue Robertson	_____	Jean Fink
2014 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Sue Robertson	_____	Jean Fink
2015 Jean Fink	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Sue Robertson	Ray Garcia	Jean Fink
2016 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Judy Mulé	Ray Garcia	Jean Fink
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2018 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Judy Mulé	Ray Garcia	Jean Fink
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2020 George Edwards	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Judy Mulé	Ray Garcia	Jean Fink
2021 George Edwards	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Judy Mulé	Ray Garcia	Jean Fink
2022 George Edwards	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Judy Mulé	Ray Garcia	Sabrina Karras
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If your name is in **BOLD** than your dues are paid for 2023

**2023 Dues  
are Due!**

**It's a New Year! That means it's  
time to pay dues for 2023!**

**DUES STILL ONLY \$15**

**Checks made payable to:  
FOOTHILL REGION VCCA**

**Mail check to: Foothill Region  
829 E. Van Bibber Ave, Orange, CA 92866**



# JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3 Celine Zarza Birthday	4	5	6	7 
8	9 Thomas Shubin Birthday	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 	17	18	19	20	21 Robert Ysais Birthday
22 	23 Tom Meleo Birthday Ray & Rosie Garcia Anniversary	24	25	26 Pat & Deb McGowan Anniversary Alonso & Carmen Guerrero Anniversary	27	28
29	30	31				

# FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 	3	4  Gloria Palazzo Birthday
5	6	7 Judy Mule' Birthday	8	9	10	11
12	13 Hazel Zaricor Birthday	14  Lela Oaks Birthday	15 Jill Shubin Birthday	16	17	18 Luis Zarza Birthday
19	20 	21 Ray Garcia Birthday	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				



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# Foothill Region

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (Member) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (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.

**FOOTHILL REGION DUES**.....\$15 per calendar year

**NATIONAL DUES**  RENEWAL  NEW

Membership (Member, Spouse & Children) one vote.....\$40 per year

*When paying both dues to the Foothill Region, please write 2 checks:  
1 for \$15 to Foothill Region and 1 for \$40 to VCCA National. Thank You.*

**NOTE: FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ALL REGION MEMBERS MUST JOIN NATIONAL IN ORDER TO JOIN THE REGION.**

**REGION:** All members receive a monthly region newsletter and participation in all our meetings, tours and events.

**NATIONAL:** All new members receive a club badge, decal, membership card and the national magazine "Generator & Distributor." Members will be entitled to advertising in the club magazine and participation in all VCCA activities. Commercial advertising rates available. For more information or application visit: [www.vcca.org](http://www.vcca.org)

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation of vintage Chevrolets. Ownership of a Chevrolet IS NOT a prerequisite for active membership. If you presently own a Chevrolet please fill in below.

YEAR	MODEL	BODY STYLE	CLY.	CONDITION
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Recruited by (VCCA member recruiting Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ VCCA# \_\_\_\_\_

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Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check/Cash

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Region Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Return complete form and mail with dues to:

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Applicant's Signature