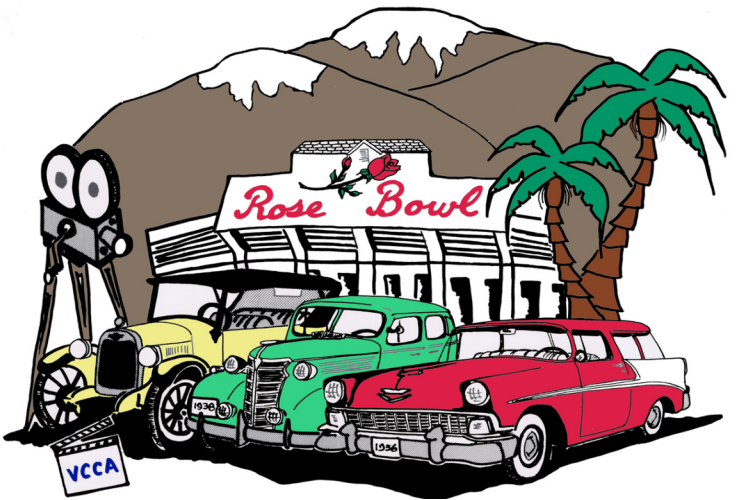


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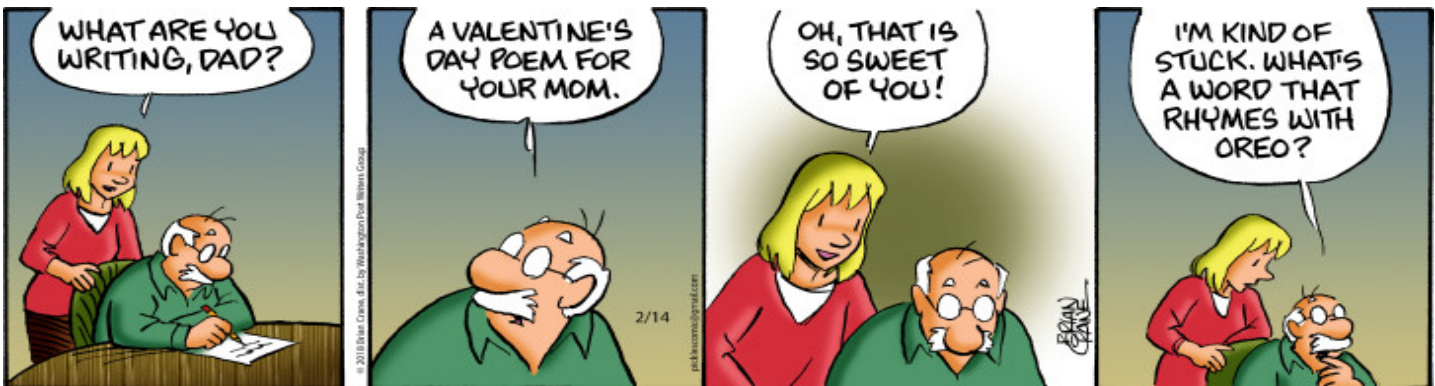
# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

GEORGE T. EDWARDS, Foothill Region Director 2023

## "HAPPY VALENTINES DAY"

We had our first of meeting of the year at Marie Callender's in Azusa. Marie Callender's is a very nice place to hold our meetings. We had a great time visiting about car shows, club business, and other items. This weekend is the Grand National Roadster Show and it will be at the Pomona Fairplex. There are many events going on this month so, pick one (or a few) and enjoy yourselves! I will be leaving this morning after our meeting to go to the Fairplex and spend the day. Next month I will be over at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway watching NASCAR go around. I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying all So Cal has to offer for all the car buffs. Take Care!

George Edwards, Director



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# CHEVY'S TRIPLE-JOINTED ROCK CRAWLER: THE 1964 SIDEWINDER

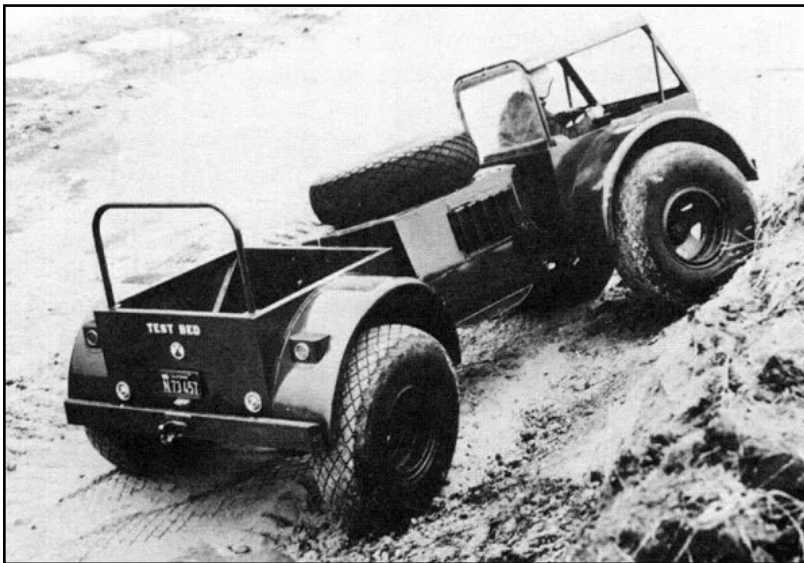


General Motors has produced some far-out prototypes over the years, but few as wild as this one: the triple-jointed 1964 Chevrolet Sidewinder.

As we've seen, an articulated chassis can add a lot to a vehicle's off-road capabilities. (See our recent feature on the Willock Swivel Frame trucks here.) This 1964 Chevrolet experiment, developed in collaboration with General Motors Defense Research Laboratories, took the concept one step further: It was double-articulated, or triple-jointed if you will. The chassis was constructed in three segments that could move independently through 15 degrees of roll and 25 degrees of yaw, which also provided the articulating motion for the vehicle's power-hydraulic steering. Hence the name Sidewinder: Its steering reminded the engineers of a snake.



While the Sidewinder was radical in design, it was engineered to use a number of off-the-shelf components. An aluminum Buick V8 engine (read about the lightweight 215 here) nestled in the center module, coupled to a two-speed automatic transmission and torque converter combination and a Spicer transfer case. The front and rear axles were standard one-ton Chevy truck pieces, and the disc brakes were from the GM parts catalog as well. Among the more exotic items were the 48-inch tall 1400 x 20 low-pressure tires, which were normally inflated to only 5-7 psi. Wheelbase was 132 inches, and each of the three chassis sections could be replaced in 20 minutes or less.



With its wide range of articulation, 15 inches of ground clearance, and no overhang to speak of, the Sidewinder could reportedly climb most anything and go most anywhere. And thanks to

the 48-inch tall tires, it could walk right over a 24-inch wall and could even swim, with the tires providing the flotation, steering, and propulsion. Speed was 2.5 mph in the water and 60 mph on dry land. The Sidewinder was successful enough to inspire a somewhat larger, Chevy V8-powered version named the TASC, or Tactical Articulated Swimmable Carrier. The TASC was invited to Fort Knox, Kentucky for military trials, but from there it doesn't appear the program went any further.



# Did You Know?

## FOOTHILL REGION FACTS

The Foothill Region had its **first meeting** on Saturday, April 30, 1977

### Meetings have been held at

1977-1980	Jack Wall Chevrolet, Pasadena
1981-1983	Pasadena Federal Savings, Pasadena (corner of Lake & Walnut)
1984-1986	Century Federal Savings, Pasadena (corner of Lake & Walnut)
1987-2000	Altadena Library, Altadena
2001	American Red Cross, Arcadia
2002-2011	Altadena Library, Altadena
2012-2014	Haddick Boats, Irwindale
2015-2022	Peppertree Café, Glendora
2022	Flappy Jacks, Glendora

### Multiple Year Directors

2 years	Bob Hassinger
2 Years	Dennis Fink
2 Years	Dennis Murray
3 Years	Don Gardner
5 Years	Bill Reese
5 Years	George Edwards
6 Years	Jean Fink
9 Years	Alonso Guerrero

### The Foothill Region hosted All Cal Meets

1985	Monrovia
1998	Bakersfield
2007	Palm Springs

### Foothill Region Parts Exchange/Swap Meet

Oct. 1979	Parts Exchange, PCC
Oct. 1980	Parts Exchange, PCC
Oct. 1981	Parts Exchange, PCC
April 1982	Swap Meet, PCC
April 1983	Swap Meet, PCC
April 1984	Swap Meet, PCC
Mar. 1985	Swap Meet, PCC
Mar. 1986	Swap Meet, PCC
Mar. 1987	Swap Meet, PCC
July 1988	Swap Meet, PCC
July 1989	Swap Meet, PCC
July 1990	Swap Meet, PCC
Aug. 1991	Swap Meet, PCC
July 1992	Swap Meet, PCC

### Foothill Region Car Shows

1995	Team Chevrolet
1997	Team Chevrolet
1999	Sierra Chevrolet
2000	Sierra Chevrolet
2002	Team Chevrolet
2004	Team Chevrolet
2005	Team Chevrolet
2007	Team Chevrolet
2008	Team Chevrolet
2009	Team Chevrolet
2011	Felix Chevrolet
2014	Glendora Chevrolet

*Dennis & Jean Fink produced the monthly Foothill newsletter for 41 years.*



## Foothill Meeting Minutes - January 7, 2023

The January meeting was begun at 8:43 a.m. by Director George Edwards. George welcomed and greeted everyone present, to the first meeting of 2023.

Motion to approve November minutes was made, and approved.

No correspondence to share, but Jim and Sabrina Karras announced their new spices & rubs company: "Apache Farms." We wish them much success!

Treasurer's Report was given by Sabrina Karras, treasurer. Motion to accept report was made, and approved.

Membership Report Sabrina Karras, membership secretary, reported 12 paid families.

Past Tour none.

Upcoming Tour San Fernando Valley Region hosting All Cal in Oxnard, May 4-7, 2023. Registration now open online.

Pomona Swap meet: January 15, 2023.

Grand National Roadster Show on February 3-5, Pomona Raceway.

Other future tour options to be explored.

Old Business none

New Business Sabrina reported that Bank of America was not able to add her as a signer on Foothill's account, as they required much documentation, in order to delete the previous treasurer's signature. Chase Bank is an option, to open the new account as soon as possible, with Sabrina Karras, and Rosie Garcia, as signers. Motion to approve was made and approved.

Jim Karras suggested offering electronic payment for membership dues, which could be set up through Chase Bank, and credited directly to the account. Motion to approve was made and approved.

No parts/cars for sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rosie Garcia, 2023 Secretary



**Meeting This Month!**

**Saturday, February 4th 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**



# VCCA Touring and Passport Programs

## Mission Statement

The Touring Program is dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of owning and driving Chevrolets and GMCs, social interaction and fellowship among the members, and increasing awareness of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America in the general public.

## Introduction

The popularity of driving our Chevrolets and GMCs continues to increase in the VCCA. In an effort to support and enhance the experience the VCCA Touring program was developed, and consists of three segments:

1. Tours
2. Vehicle Passport
3. Touring Awards



## Tours

Driven vehicle tours have been a part of the VCCA since the club was founded in 1961. In 2003, a Touring Committee was established to develop a program for the recognition of these driven Chevrolets. In 2014, GMCs were added to the program. The first and most important aspect of the program was to offer tours of various types across the country. A number of vehicle or era specific tours had been conducted for many years. This has rapidly expanded offering numerous types of tours. A key factor of the program permits any VCCA member to be the Tour Master and to plan and conduct a tour.

## Vehicle Passport

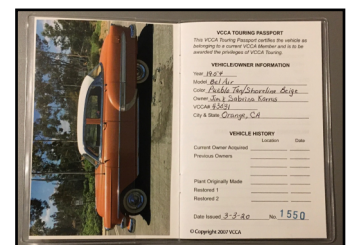
The concept of using a document to record a vehicles driven VCCA tour miles was developed in 2004. The document was designed to mirror a U.S. Passport. Each vehicle participating in the Touring Program is issued a Passport. It includes a photo of the vehicle, owner information and entry areas to record tour title, date and official tour mileage as indicated by the Tour Master. Unique to the VCCA, all Chevrolets and GMCs to current production are welcome to participate in the program.

A member may obtain a Touring Passport by submitting a request to the Touring Committee via Chair Dean Echols - 2049 Mohave Street, Chino Valley, AZ 86323-8213. The request must include the following:

1. A copy of your current G&D mailing label information
2. Phone number and email address [if available]
3. A 4"X6" color photo of the vehicle
4. Year, Make, Model, Color/s of vehicle



Please allow a minimum of 30 days to process a Passport request. A new passport using the same number will be issued once the original passport is filled.



## Touring Awards

Recognition of the tour driven mileage was the final portion of the program development. Vehicle Awards, similar to the VCCA Class Judging Program were developed in 2007. The design consists of an oval with the likeness of Louis Chevrolet and stacking mileage tabs. A member upon reaching the following milestones may request award recognition:

- 500 miles – Oval with Louis Chevrolet
- 1,000 – 2,000 – 5,000 and 10,000 mile stacking tabs

Also unique to this program, Touring Awards may be displayed on the vehicle in addition to Class Judging Awards.



For complete information on how to plan a tour, obtain a passport, and obtain tour awards, see the Touring Guidelines Manual on the VCCA website at <https://vcca.org/page/touring>



# 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
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2019 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Judy Mulé	Ray Garcia	Jean Fink
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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**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**



# 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  Letty Dominguez Birthday	21 Ray Garcia Birthday	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

# MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13 Pat McGowen Birthday	14	15	16	17 	18
19	20 Chris Oaks Birthday	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Sabrina Karras Birthday	30	31	



THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA INC.

# 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# \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR CLUB USE ONLY

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

Return complete form and mail with dues to:  
 Foothill Region- Sabrina Karras  
 829 E Van Bibber Avenue, Orange, CA 92866  
 x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant's Signature