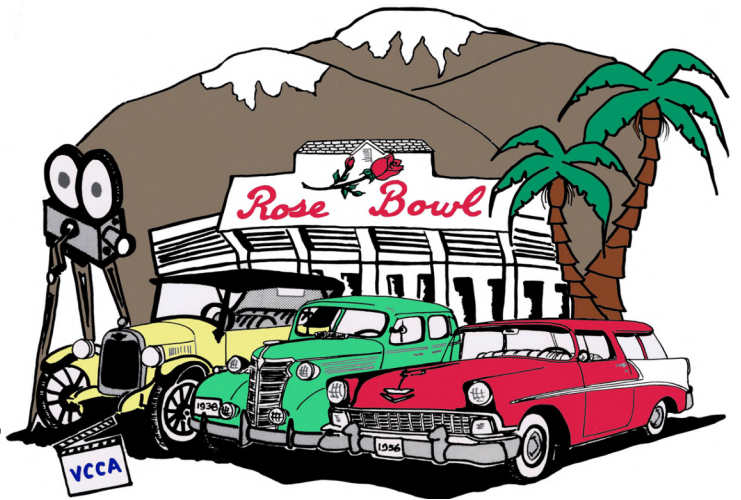


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**APRIL 2023**

A monthly newsletter for the FOOTHILL REGION of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America





# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

GEORGE T. EDWARDS, Foothill Region Director 2023

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!! YES, THIS YEAR IS FLYING BY!! San Fernando Valley Region is putting on ALL-CAL Meet in Oxnard, Ca. May 4-7 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Register on line at VCCAallcal.org. After all of the rain that we had people are bringing out their cars to show. The car shows are full with some nice looking cars. The NASCAR races were cold and windy out in Las Vegas last month, but I would not have missed them. So Cal Region is hosting a tour to the Lions Drag Strip Museum on Saturday, April 22 at 10 am with lunch to follow. You don't want to miss it! I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Saturday at Marie Callender's.

Regards,

George Edwards, Director



## Welcome New Members to the Foothill Region!

### Dale & Lilia Wallace

with their 1935 Standard 4-door Sedan

*and*

### Gilbert & Letty Dominguez

with their 1931 Independence & 1938 Master Deluxe 4-door



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## Bargain-Baseament Bow-Ties: A History of the 1958-1975 Chevy Biscayne

There's a lot to be said for clean and simple. Let's take a quick look back at the Biscayne, the unadorned base model of the Chevrolet full-sized line.

Here's an interesting little secret of the Motor City's styling studios: Car designers tend to prefer the base models of their creations over the fancier deluxe versions. In their view, the relative lack of ornamentation allows a more unobstructed look at their work. Hmm, we see where they're coming from. Plain and simple works. Yards of chrome trim won't make a car run any faster or handle any better. Maybe that's one key to the gearhead community's fascination with the Biscayne, the plainest and cheapest full-size car in the Chevy lineup for more than a decade.



The Biscayne name was first applied to the 1955 Motorama show car left. A four-door, four-passenger hardtop with a luxurious cabin and European proportions, the Biscayne dream car (internal designation XP-37) was billed as “an exploration in elegance” and didn't foreshadow the eventual production Biscayne in any serious way. The name was possibly inspired by the Key Biscayne Hotel in Florida, a favorite haunt of Harley Earl and other General Motors executives.

The first use of the Biscayne name on a production car came in 1958, but oddly enough, not at the bottom of the Chevrolet model line that year. That honor, as it were, went to the Delray, not shown, which featured less chrome trim, a plainer interior, and a \$2155 base price, \$135 less than the Biscayne. Two body styles were offered on the Biscayne: a two-door sedan and a four-door sedan. There were station wagons at the Biscayne trim level in '58, but they wore a Brookwood emblem.



In 1959, the Delray was dropped and Chevrolet arrived at the familiar Biscayne formula: Little or no bright-metal side trim, rubber floor mats in lieu of carpets, dog-dish hubcaps,



inexpensive plastic upholstery fabrics, and minimal standard equipment overall. The leaner content allowed Chevrolet to list the '59 Biscayne at \$2301, more than 10 percent less than a comparable Impala. Dealers, in turn, trumpeted the low pricing in their newspaper ads to lure customers to their showrooms—and, they hoped, upsell them to the more profitable deluxe models. The Biscayne was a boon to the Chevrolet marketing strategy at multiple levels.

With its low cost and spartan equipment, the Biscayne was a natural favorite with fleet operators, including cab companies and law enforcement agencies—for example, this '61 two-door operated by the Ohio Highway Patrol. In volume, fleet buyers could order vehicles with a nearly unlimited variety of powertrain combinations and heavy-duty hardware. Available body styles were often limited to two-door and four-door sedans, but in some model years wagons were produced with the Biscayne emblem. For a few selling seasons, Chevy also offered a Utility Sedan, a two-door with a package shelf instead of a rear seat, and the Fleetmaster, an unbadged variant of the Biscayne that was stripped down even further, lacking even arm rests and a cigarette lighter.



**SS-427 CHEVY STREET RACER'S SPECIAL**  
*The ultimate performance full-size sedan for serious street/strip use.*

SS-427 STREET RACER'S SPECIAL..... \$2,998.00

SPECIFICATIONS	
Wheelbase	119 inches
Overall length	214.2 inches
Engine	427 cubic inches
Compression	11.0:1
Carburetion	single 785 CFM Holley
Camshaft	solid lifter
Horsepower	425
Exhaust	dual
Ignition	stock

Standard Equipment: Biscayne two-door sedan body, 425-hp 427 engine, 4-speed manual transmission, Muncie four-speed gear ratio, Posi-trac rear, 60-inch wheelbase, 140 suspension & radiator & rear wiper bar.

Just like the fleet operators, hot rodders and racers were quick to recognize the Biscayne's virtues. Cheaper, and best of all lighter, than the deluxe models but available with all the same performance options, Biscaynes were drag strip favorites in the '60s. Baldwin-Motion Performance of New York, above, seized on the trend, offering its SS-427 Street Racer's Special, which in 1968 featured a 425-horsepower L72 V8, a Muncie four-speed gearbox, and heavy-duty equipment for only \$2998. What a deal.

By 1970, as buying habits changed and GM product platforms proliferated, it became difficult to find the Biscayne in the Chevrolet division's marketing materials. For '71 and '72, the Biscayne was officially available only to fleet operators, and now the Bel Air was holding down the bottom of the Chevrolet full-size line. (1971 Biscayne taxi shown below.) There was a Chevrolet Biscayne in '73 through '75, but it was available only as a four-door sedan or wagon and only in Canada.



Article published July 7, 2021 at <https://macsmotorcitygarage.com/bargain-basement-bow-ties-a-history-of-the-1958-1975-chevy-biscayne/>

## 2023 All Cal - May 4th - 7th in Oxnard, CA

### Host hotel:

Hilton Garden Inn

### Driving Tours to:

Stage Coach Inn  
 Malumet Private Car Collection  
 Camarillo Air Museum

NOAA Facility  
 Channel Islands Visitor Center  
 Sea Bee Museum

**Friday night  
 Ice Cream Bar Get Together**

**Driving Tours Eligible for Passport Miles**

**VCCA Judging**

**Saturday Evening Banquet**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER ONLINE GO TO [VCCAALLCAL.ORG](http://VCCAALLCAL.ORG)**

## Foothill Meeting Minutes - March 4, 2023

The March meeting was brought to order at 8:57 a.m. by Assistant Director, Roger Felix, in Director George Edwards' absence. Roger welcomed and greeted everyone present.

Motion to accept February minutes was made, and approved.

No correspondence to share.

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

Membership Report Sabrina Karras, membership secretary, who informed the members present, that there are 16 paid families. Bill Zappen is among the latest renewed membership. Renewal notices will be sent out to former Foothill members, and to National members residing in our area, for recruitment purposes.

Past Tour none.

Upcoming Tour possibly to Lion's Air Museum (Area 1 tour), on a Saturday at the end of March or April; date to be determined. The tour will include a lunch stop at Dick Church's.

Old Business Reminder to register and book hotel, for the All Cal in Ventura County, in Oxnard on May 4-7, 2023. You can register online at: [vccaallcal.org](http://vccaallcal.org)

New Business All Cal, OC Region, is not confirmed yet, but might be held in October.

No parts/cars for sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rosie Garcia, 2023 Secretary



**Meeting This Month!**  
**Saturday, April 1st 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



*Area 1 Lets go on Tour!*

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

2790 Del Amo Blvd, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221

**WE WILL BE THE FEATURED CAR CLUB  
AT THE MUSEUM FOR THE DAY!**

Bring your classic car - we will have premium parking in front of the museum! See the Speed Shop, the Texaco Station, the Main Street Vehicles, Rick's Diner, all of the Featured Vehicles, and the Spirit of the Lions Drag Strip Exhibit, and so much more!

Tickets are \$14 - Group tickets were prepaid in advance. To reserve your spot, buy online from the hosting Region at [scracca.org](http://scracca.org) or pay Sabrina Karras with cash or by credit card at the event.

**LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT SPIRES**

We will caravan over as a group to Spires Restaurant at 1:00 pm to have lunch together.

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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
2017 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Judy Mulé	Ray Garcia	Jean Fink
2018 Alonso Guerrero	Roger Felix	Rosie Garcia	Judy Mulé	Ray Garcia	Jean Fink
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!**

**Friendly Reminder! 2023 dues  
payments are past due!**

**DUES STILL ONLY \$15**

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





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



# APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1  April Fool's Day
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5 	6	7 Good Friday	8
9 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Orthodox Easter	17	18 	19	20	21	22  Jim & Sabrina Karras Anniversary
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Luis & Celine Zarza Anniversary						

# MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 All Cal Meet	5  All Cal Meet	6  All Cal Meet
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Deb McGowan Birthday	27
28	29 	30	31			



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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# \_\_\_\_\_

### 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