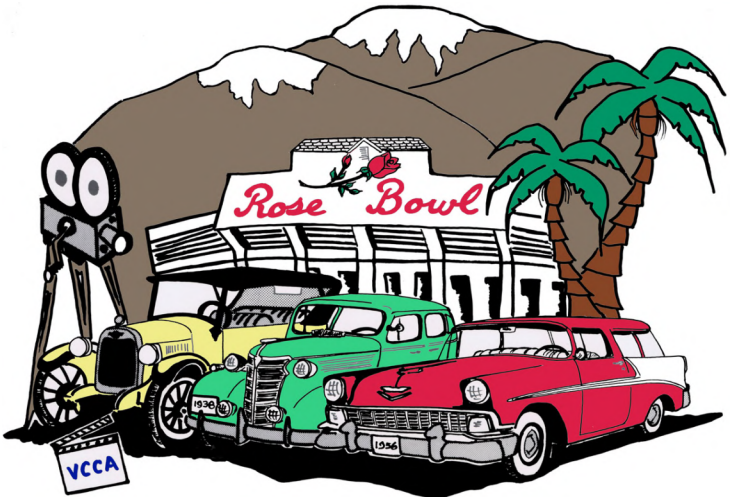


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# MEMORIAL DAY

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

GEORGE T. EDWARDS, Foothill Region Director 2023

Happy May everyone!! Yes, it is May already!! We had a great time at the Lions Museum. It has a lot of the history of drag racing in Long Beach. Yes, I took a lot of pictures. I have to thank everyone that supported our tour. Today was a wonderful day to be out and about. This is old business. The new business is the All-Cal Meet in Oxnard, CA from May 4-7. Maybe next year I can go to All-Cal. All of the car shows are coming back on track. You can see a lot of them on SoCalCarCulture.com. Now people are going out to support them again. We have our meeting Saturday, May 6th. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Regards,

George Edwards, Director



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## Downsizing the Bow Tie: 1977 Chevrolet Impala and Caprice

For 1977, big changes came to Chevrolet in the form of a much smaller car. When the 1977 Chevrolet and Caprice were introduced in September of 1976, General Motors was the largest carmaker in the world, and Chevrolet was its largest division. GM was an aircraft carrier of a company, where changes were usually cautious and incremental. But for '77, Chevrolet made arguably the biggest change to its full-size cars since 1955. Mainly, they were now a lot smaller.

As part of GM's B-body family, which included Buick LeSabre, Olds 88, and Pontiac Catalina, the Impala/Caprice was given a dramatic downsizing, largely in response to tighter fuel economy standards. A reported \$600 million was invested in Project 77, a four-year GM program to shrink all the full-size passenger cars down to a more efficient size.

The '77 package was nearly a foot shorter and a full 700 lbs lighter than the '76 full-sized Chevys. In fact, the new B-car shared the same wheelbase as the intermediate-size Chevelle at 116 inches, and it was actually a bit shorter overall than the Monte Carlo. The Chevelle and Monte Carlo would get their own downsizing the following year.

The new package was actually slightly taller to maximize interior room, but the exterior design was clean and crisp with a minimum of ornamentation. There were no more pillarless hardtops; the body styles were limited to a two-door post coupe, a four-door sedan, and a wagon. All three were available in Impala or Caprice Classic trim levels, with the latter offering an upgraded interior, a little more trim, and a fancier front end treatment. One winning feature on the coupes (above) was a distinctive backlite with folded glass using the PPG Hot Bent Wire process, which was also employed on the Olds Toronado XS.

While the '77 Impala/Caprice retained GM's traditional body-on-frame construction and conventional coil-spring suspension on all four corners, the chassis tuning was remarkably improved, and the critics raved about the ride and handling. (The major weight reduction no doubt helped, too.) Car and Driver gave special praise to the optional F41 handling package, while Motor Trend named the Caprice Classic its Car of the Year.

As if to seal the deal for car buyers, Chevrolet offered its familiar range of trusty sixes and V8s, topped by a 350 CID small-block V8 with 170 hp. The Chevy division surely got something right, as full-sized sales for '77 increased 38 percent over the previous year. And the same basic platform and package were successfully continued through 1990, and with new exterior sheet metal, all the way through 1996.







The So Cal Region hosted a great tour to the Lions Museum with 25 people from the Foothill, Orange County and So Cal Regions attending. Many brought their classic Chevy's and after we perused the vast collection at the museum, we caravanned to lunch at Spires Restaurant in Carson to share a meal together. A fun time was had by all and I can't wait to get together again soon!



**Lions Museum Tour Saturday, April 22, 2023**





## Foothill Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2023

The April meeting was brought to order at 9:35 a.m. by Director, George Edwards. George welcomed Rivers Jacque, guest and prospective new member, and Dale Wallace, new member, to the Foothill meeting. Assistant Director, Roger Felix, was absent due to illness, as were Jim and Sabrina Karras.

Motion to accept March minutes was made, and approved.

No correspondence to share.

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

Membership Report Rosie Garcia reported, in Sabrina's absence: 18 current families, with 14 paid, and reminders for membership dues sent out.

Past Tour none.

Upcoming Tour Area 1 Lions Automobilia Foundation Museum, hosted by Southern California Region VCCA, on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please contact Sabrina Karras for ticket purchase and information. Members will caravan, as a group, to Spires Restaurant for lunch, after the tour. All VCCA members are encouraged to support this tour.

Old Business none.

New Business reminder to register for the All Cal in Oxnard, Ventura County, on May 4-7, 2023.

Car parts wanted: right side tail light assembly for 1935 4-door, Standard Sedan, that connects/mounts to bumper bracket. Please contact Dale Wallace: (909) 987-6171

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Rosie Garcia, 2023 Secretary



**Meeting This Month!**

**Saturday, May 6th 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**





# 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
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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
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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
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If your name is in **BOLD** than your dues are paid for 2023

**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



# MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 All Cal Meet	5 <b>CINCO DE MAYO</b> All Cal Meet	6  All Cal Meet
7 All Cal Meet	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Deb McGowan Birthday	27
28	29 	30	31			

# JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 	15	16	17
18 <b>Happy Father's Day</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Dale & Lilia Wallace Anniversary	29	30	



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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:

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Applicant's Signature