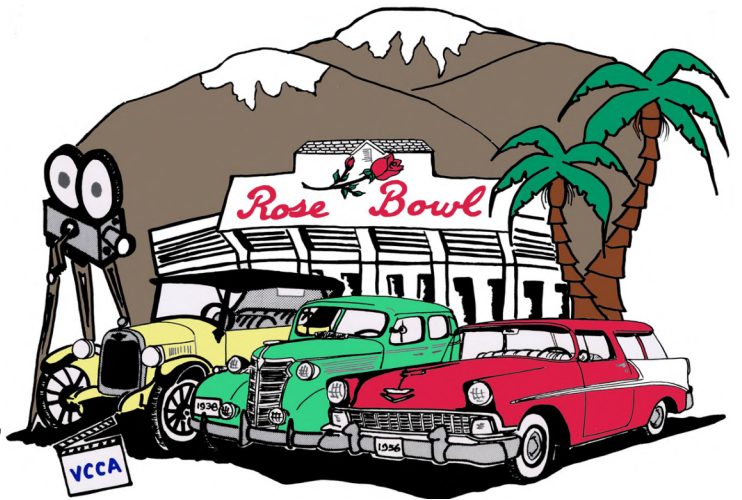


# Classic Clatter



**SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

**HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY**





# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

GEORGE T. EDWARDS, Foothill Region Director 2023

"HAPPY LABOR DAY!" We had a great August meeting. Jim and Sabrina Karras reported on the VCCA Central meet that they attended and told us about how they traveled around the town to see a lot of the different types of car collections and museums. For our November meeting we will be having an outing to the "Dogz and Carz" car show at the Diamond Bar "Wienerschnitzel" on Sunset Crossing Road from 11 to 1. Look for that information in a future edition of the Classic Clatter. Until then I look forward to seeing you all at Marie Callender's in Azusa for our monthly meeting on Saturday, September 2nd. I hope everyone is doing well.

Take care and be safe,  
George Edwards, Director



## Local Car Shows and Cruise-Ins in the San Gabriel Valley

**September 1, 2023** *City of Fontana* - 5:00 - 9:00 pm  
8353 Sierra Ave, Civic Center Campus, Fontana, CA

**September 3, 2023** *Legends Diner* - 4:00 - 7:00 pm  
1155 Route 66, Glendora, CA

**September 9, 2023** *Rotolo Chevrolet* - 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
16666 South Highland Ave, Fontana, CA

**September 30, 2023** *Detail Garage Supplies* - 8:00 - 11:00 am  
1230 E. Washington, Ste. P12, Colton, CA



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# Secrets of the '55-'57 Chevrolet Nomad

The Chevy Nomad shares remarkably little with the rest of the 1955-57 Chevy passenger-car line. Here's what makes it special.



The story of the Chevrolet Nomad rightly begins with a show car that made its debut at the General Motors Motorama at the Waldorf Astoria on January 26, 1954. The Motorama Nomad borrowed its front and rear styling from the Corvette two-seat sports car introduced the year before. But despite its tidy proportions, in truth the two-door station wagon was Chevy passenger-car sized with a 115-inch wheelbase.



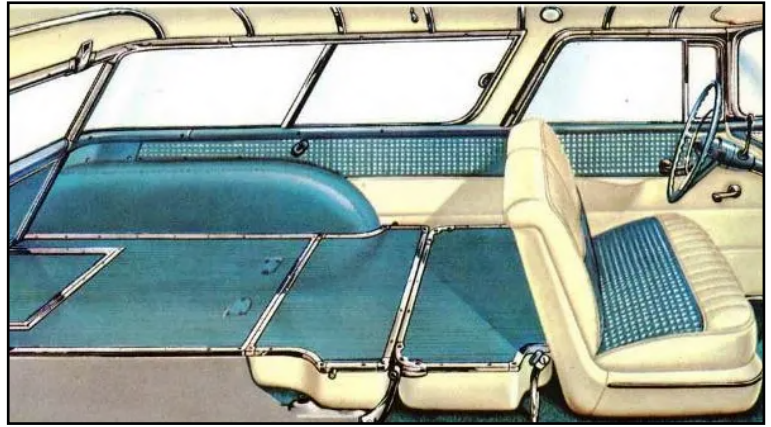
While strictly a show car, a fiberglass-bodied glider with no engine or running gear, the Nomad was a sensation with the crowds at the Waldorf. Based on the enthusiastic response, a decision was quickly made to send the Nomad into production. To increase the sales potential and ease production issues, the sport wagon would be based on the standard Chevy full-size platform, despite one important obstacle. The official dealer introduction of the all-new 1955 Chevrolets was just nine months away in November of '54.

Due to the tight schedule, the Bel Air Nomad made it to the showrooms as a mid-year model with its official introduction on February 1, 1955, four months after the rest of the Chevrolet models. Above, three GM executives admire one of the first Nomads off the production line at the Atlanta, Georgia assembly plant.



Nomad bodies were constructed, trimmed, and painted at GM's Fisher Body Euclid Avenue plant just northeast of Cleveland, then shipped to various Chevrolet plants for final assembly. From the cowl back, the Nomad shared remarkably little sheet metal, glass, or trim with the rest of the '55 Chevy line, and the Euclid plant specialized in low-production jobs. Euclid also supplied the bodies for the Nomad's A-body Pontiac cousin, the Safari.

Along with the exclusive, Nomad-only sheet metal, the luxury station wagon was fitted out with more chrome and stainless steel than had ever been seen on a Chevrolet production car. Bright metal adorned the unique front fender brow moldings, inner glass surrounds, headliner bows, folding rear seat and cargo floor, and tailgate rub rails.



The two-tone interior fabrics were unique to the Nomad as well, in pleated vinyl with a waffle-pattern insert material, and the sliding rear side glass was exclusive, too. The '54 Nomad show car had wowed the Motorama crowds as a sporty and luxurious station wagon, and the production '55 Nomad was built to fit the part.

So: While the Nomad was built on a standard Chevrolet passenger car chassis and equipped with Chevy's regular lineup of six-cylinder and V8 powertrains, with all this added finery it was a more costly car to build—and to buy. The list price for a V8 Nomad was \$2,571, which made it the priciest model in the Chevy lineup, considerably more expensive than even a Bel Air Convertible or a 9-passenger wagon.



Despite its late introduction, the Nomad put up reasonably good numbers in its first year with 8,386 produced. That proved to be the peak year. In 1956 (above) the volume slipped to 7,886 cars, and in 1957 (below) the total dropped again to 6,103. That was the end of the original three-year production run, but the Nomad name lived on at Chevrolet for decades as a trim designation on premium four-door wagons, passenger vans, and even a subcompact Vega wagon for a single year in 1976.



Article by MCG posted January 13, 2023 on <https://www.macsmotorcitygarage.com/secrets-of-the-55-57-chevrolet-nomad/>



In June of 1942, a worker at the Vega Aircraft Corporation plant inspects his already balding tires. He lives 10 miles from the factory. Courtesy Library of Congress.



In July 1942, drivers jockey into position to await a fill-up in Washington DC. The line-up of cars began to develop hours before the station opened. Courtesy Library of Congress.



A collection of mileage ration stamps and stickers for L.H. Williams' 1938 Chevrolet. The National WWII Museum, Gift of Paula Ussery, 2000.047.



A road sign near Manheim, Pennsylvania posts the new "Victory Speed"—35 miles per hour in November of 1942. Courtesy Library of Congress.

**During WWII all efforts were made to ration and conserve resources and Chevrolet was at the forefront encouraging Americans to service and prolong the wear of their Chevy's as long as possible. Especially since production of new vehicles had halted during wartime. Gas rationing, reducing vehicle speeds, and regular vehicle service were seen as patriotic acts and valued by all responsible American car owners at the time.**

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## Foothill Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2023

The August meeting was brought to order at 8:45 a.m. by Director, George Edwards. George welcomed everyone. Members present included Jim and Sabrina Karras, Steve Knickelbein, Dale Wallace, and Rosie Garcia; Ray Garcia was absent.

No correspondence to share.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Sabrina Karras, treasurer. No income or expenses during the month of July. Motion to accept report was made, and approved.

**Membership Report** was given by Sabrina Karras. 16 current families for 2023.

**Past Tours:** Legends Cruise and Diner, July 2, from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Upcoming Tours:** Orange County Region Car Show, Sunday, October 8, 2023.

Orange County Region tour to Nixon Library in mid-November 2023.

San Fernando Region Car Show in November.

Foothill and SoCal Regions joint Christmas Luncheon at Ray and Rosie Garcia's home on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

The **November 4th** meeting will be at "Dogz & Carz" meet held at the Weinerschnitzel in Diamond Bar, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring your Chevy and join all brands of cars in attendance! Address: 23300 Sunset Crossing Road, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

**Old Business:** none.

**New Business:** Possible All-Cal 2027 locations: Mission Inn, Riverside, or Perris area.  
VCCA National will be in late July 2026 (week before Sturgis), in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rosie Garcia, 2023 Secretary



### Meeting This Month!

**Saturday, September 2nd 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
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
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  
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**DUES STILL ONLY \$15**

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

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



# SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1  City of Fontana Car Show 5-9 pm	2  REMINDER FOOTHILL MEETING
3  Legends Diner Car Show 4-7 pm	4  LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 4TH	5	6	7	8	9  Rotolo Chevrolet Car Show 5-8 pm
10	11	12	13 Jeanette Aust Birthday	14	15	16
17 Carmine Palazzo Birthday	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Ana Garcia Birthday	30  Detail Garage Supplies Car Show 8-11am Jean Fink Birthday

# OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7  REMINDER FOOTHILL MEETING
8	9  INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY	10 Julie Knickelbein Birthday	11	12	13	14  Rotolo Chevrolet Car Show 5-8 pm Ray & Ana Garcia Anniversary
15	16 Bill Zappen Birthday	17 George & Jeanette Aust Anniversary	18	19	20	21
22	23 Jim Karras Birthday	24	25	26	27	28  Detail Garage Supplies Car Show 8-11 am
29	30	31  Halloween				



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# Foothill Region

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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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.

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