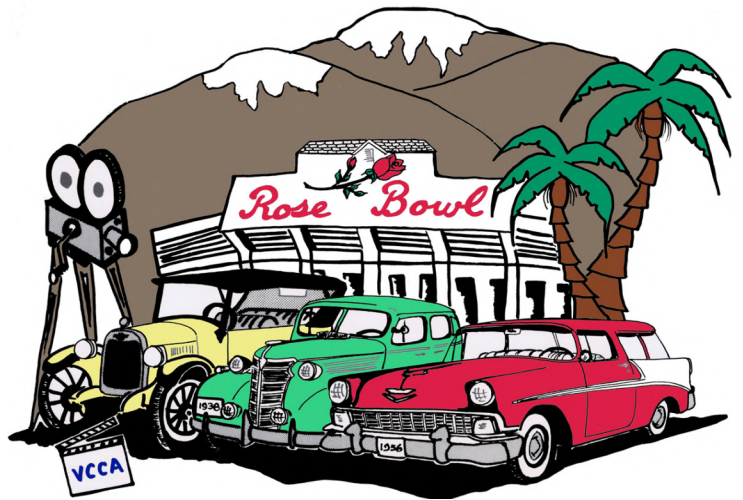


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A monthly newsletter for the FOOTHILL REGION of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

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St. Patrick's
☘ DAY ☘



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

GEORGE T. EDWARDS, Foothill Region Director 2024

The So Cal Region VCCA hosted a tour of the "Kent Browning Collection" in February that we joined. I hope that everyone enjoyed the tour. The collection showcases Corvettes from 1957 to 1977. What a very interesting collection. I did take a few pictures. Look for them in this edition of the Classic Clatter. Yes, we are having another tour that our region is hosting on March 9th to the NHRA museum in Pomona. Yes, we are starting out this year going on tours! Plus the All Cal. Meeting in May. I will be out of town for our upcoming meeting at Marie Callender's on March 2nd, but Jim Karras will lead it in my absence. We hope to see you there.

Take care and be safe,
George Edwards, Director



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

March 3, 2024

Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show - 5:00 am - 2:00 pm
Pomona Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave, Pomona, CA

March 3, 2024

So Cal Variety Cars & Coffee - 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Bert's Mega Mall, 1151 N. Azusa Ave, Covina, CA

March 16, 2024

Cal-Rods Saturday Morning Car Corral - 7:30 am - 9:30 am
O'Reilly Auto Parts, 501 N. Azusa Ave, Covina, CA

March 20, 2024

8th Annual Vintage Rides Cruise-In At The Boat - 5:00 pm - Dark
Clearman's Galley, 7215 Rosemead Blvd, San Gabriel, CA



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Chevrolet Answers the Ford LTD: The 1965 Impala Caprice

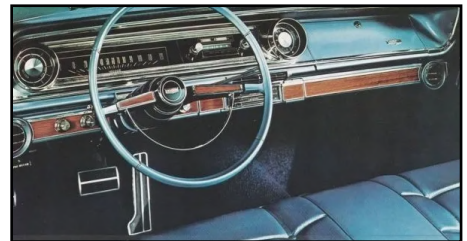
In February of 1965, Chevrolet clapped back at the new Ford LTD with its own value-priced luxury car, the Impala Caprice Custom Sedan.

In the mid-1960s, the Chevrolet division of General Motors could be seen as downright greedy. In these years, the Chevy brand alone accounted for one-quarter of all the new cars sold in the United States. The mission at Chevrolet, it seemed, was that every man and woman in America should be driving one. No stones were left unturned.



So when Ford rolled out its Galaxie LTD for the beginning of the '65 model year, division general manager Semon "Bunkie" Knudsen quickly decided that Chevrolet should have a piece of this new value-luxury category as well. Chevrolet's answer to the LTD, the Impala Caprice Custom Sedan, made its debut in February of 1965 at the Chicago Auto Show.

The Caprice model would later become a mainstay at Chevrolet, but for the mid-1965 introduction it was strictly an option package, and available only on the Impala V8 Sport Sedan, a four-door pillarless hardtop. On top of the \$2,850 Impala base price, The \$210 option (RPO Z18) provided an extensive list of upgrades. They included a heavier-gauge, reinforced perimeter frame, stiffer springs and dampers, and SS-style wheel covers. For the interior and exterior, there were emblems that declared "Caprice by Chevrolet" and featured the three lilies of the fleur-de-lys.



The focus of the Caprice, however, was on the cabin, created by GM's talented designer Blaine Jenkins, whose credits included the 1963 Sting Ray and the Corvair Monza interiors. Available in three colors (Light Fawn, Medium Blue, and Black), the ensemble included real wood veneer for the doors and instrument panel, premium upholstery with a button-tufted rectangle theme, and a fold-down center armrest in the rear seat.

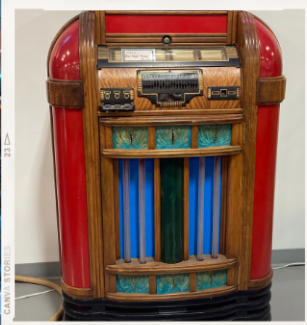
Both Motor Trend (June '65) and Car Life (July '65) tested the Caprice, and while the Motor Trend editors seemed most interested in the optional 396 cubic-inch V8, also new for mid-'65, the Car Life staffers were impressed with the sedan's road manners. They declared the luxury cruiser superior in handling to the Impala Super Sport they tested in March, with less chassis flex and noise and improved pitch and squat management.



The Caprice was a solid seller from the start at around 40,000 units in '65—not bad for a mid-year introduction (though Ford sold 105,000 LTDs in its full year). A coupe with an exclusive formal roof was added in '66, as the Caprice became a stand-alone model and the flagship of the division's full-sized line. With a few interruptions, and some excursions to Australia, South Africa, and the Middle East markets, there was a Caprice in the Chevrolet lineup through 2017.

***February 24th tour to the Kent Browning
Collection in Cerritos with the So Cal Region***

**We had 50 members attend the tour and we had
lunch afterwards at Wood Ranch Cerritos**





Area 1 Tour Hosted by the Foothill Region VCCA

NHRA MotorSports Museum

MARCH 9, 2024



BREAKFAST BEFORE THE TOUR!

We'll meet at 9:00 am Norm's Hangar Coffee Shop for breakfast to start our day. Norm's is located at Brackett Field Airport at the end of Pomona Fairplex at 1615 McKinley Ave, La Verne, CA 91750.



NHRA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM TOUR BEGINS AT 10:30 AM

We'll tour the Museum's collection of dragsters, land speed vehicles, race cars, customs, hot rods and a changing array of one-of-a-kind vehicles that tell the story of American hot rodding.

Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased at the museum on that day.

Museum is located at 1101 McKinley Ave., Pomona, CA 91768

A caravan for those traveling from Orange County will meet at 8:00 am in Tustin at Enderle Center.



**TOUR ELIGIBLE FOR
PASSPORT MILES!**



RSVP to Sabrina Karras at: ☎ (714) 287-4757 ✉ sabrinakarras@aol.com

Foothill Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2024

The February meeting was brought to order at 8:37 a.m. by Director George Edwards. Members in attendance were: Sabrina Karras, Ray Garcia, Rosie Garcia, and Dale Wallace.

No correspondence to share.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Sabrina Karras, with \$240 income from membership dues, and expenses of \$70 to So Cal Region for Christmas Party, and \$344.58 for charter renewal. Motion to accept report was made and approved.

Membership Report: Given by Sabrina Karras, with 10 paid families in 2024. Motion to accept report was made, and approved.

Past Tours: None

Upcoming Tours: Tour the Kent Browning Collection on Saturday, February 24, 2024, hosted by So Cal Region VCCA. Members are encouraged to attend this private collection of amazing cars!

Area 1 tour to the NHRA MotorSports Museum, on Saturday, March 9, 2024 hosted by Foothill Region VCCA. We will have a short Region meeting at breakfast prior to the tour, at Norm's Hangar Coffee Shop at 9:00 a.m. The Museum is located at 1101 McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768.

So Cal sponsored tour to the Flight Path Museum in Los Angeles, by LAX, on Saturday, March 20.

Possible future tour to the Petersen Museum, date to be determined.

Reminder to register for the All Cal on May 1-3, 2024 in Galt, California, near Sacramento.

Old Business: none at this time.

New Business: none at this time.

Car parts wanted: none

Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rosie Garcia, 2024 Secretary



Meeting This Month!

Saturday, March 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





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If your name is in **BOLD** than your dues are paid for 2024



Friendly Reminder!
2024 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

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2  Marie Callenders Azusa 8:30 am
3  Daylight Savings Time Begins	4	5	6	7	8	9  NHRA Motorsports Museum Tour 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
10	11	12	13  Pat McGowan Birthday	14	15	16  Cal-Rods Saturday Morning Car Corral 7:30 - 9:30 am
17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20  Chris Oaks Birthday	21	22  Dale Wallace Birthday	23
24  Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29  Sabrina Karras Birthday	30
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APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2	3	4	5	6  Marie Callenders Azusa 8:30 am
7  So Cal Variety Cars & Coffee Covina 8:00 - 11:00 am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Pomona Swap Meet 5:00 am - 2:00 pm	15  TAX DAY	16	17	18	19	20  Flight Path Museum Tour - Los Angeles 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
21	22  Jim & Sabrina Karras Anniversary	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30  Celine & Luis Zarza Anniversary				



THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA INC.

Foothill Region



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Birthdate _____
Spouse _____ Anniversar _____
Address _____ Unit No. _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Cell (Member) _____ Cell (Spouse) _____
Email (Member) _____ Email (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. Dues for Foothill Region membership is \$15.00 per year.

FOOTHILL REGION DUES\$ 15.00 per year

NATIONAL DUES ☐ RENEWAL ☐ NEW

☐ Digital Membership (Member, Spouse & Children), two votes \$ 25.00 per year

☐ Periodical Membership (Member, Spouse & Children), two votes \$ 40.00 per year

TOTAL ENCLOSED\$ _____

NOTE: FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ALL REGION MEMBERS MUST JOIN NATIONAL IN ORDER TO JOIN THE REGION. If you send the Foothill Region your national dues, we will send them on to National.

REGION: All members receive a monthly Foothill Region newsletter and information on upcoming events and tours.

NATIONAL: All new members will receive a club badge, decal, membership card and the national magazine, Generator & Distributor. Members are entitled to free classified advertising in the club magazine and participation in Vintage Chevrolet Club activities. Members are entitled to free classified advertising, access to member-only website features, and participation in all VCCA activities. Chevrolet ownership is not a requirement for membership. Dues are non-refundable.

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolets.

If you presently own a Chevrolet, please fill in below.

Year	Model	Body Style	Cyl.	Condition
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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 VCCA – Attn: Sabrina Karras
829 E Van Bibber Ave., Orange, CA 92866-2063

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Applicant's Signature