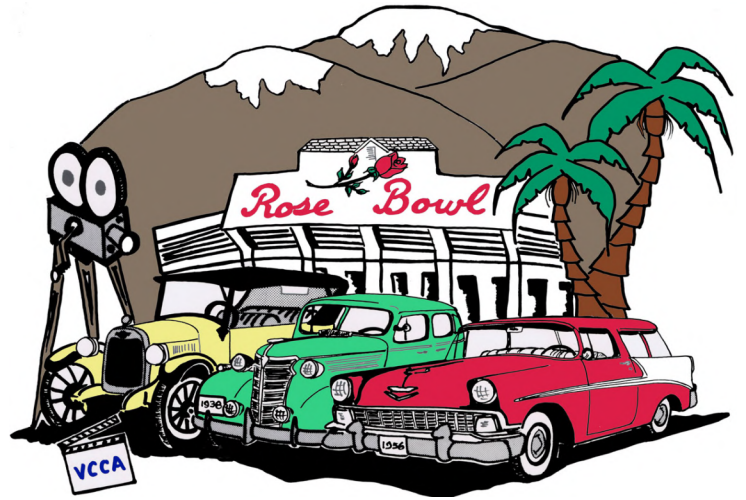


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## APRIL 2024

The Worlds Best Chevrolet Club!

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





# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

**GEORGE T. EDWARDS**, Foothill Region Director 2024

Welcome to APRIL! We had a great March with a tour going over to Norm's Hanger Coffee Shop for breakfast. Then over to the NHRA Motorsports Museum to see some of the old dragsters. The museum was very interesting and educational. If you missed this tour you missed a great time. Now we look forward to the tour on April 20th. First breakfast then to the Flight Path LAX Museum. Yes, we are going to fly this time! We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting at Marie Callender's on April 6th.

Take care everyone,  
George Edwards, Director



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

April 7, 2024

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

April 14, 2024

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

April 20, 2024

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

April 20, 2024

*3rd Annual Walnut Valley Rotary Club Car Show* - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Diamond Bar High School, 21400 Pathfinder Rd, Diamond Bar, CA



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# 1950: The Birth of the Chevrolet Bel Air



The 1950 Chevy Bel Air brought an exciting new body style and a model name that would stay with the brand for decades.

Under the skin, the 1950 Bel Air was the tried and true: the same ladder-frame chassis, torque-tube drive, and overhead-valve six trusted by all. But the new pillarless hardtop body style brought a new world of glamor to the trusty Stovebolt.

Officially, the new model was called the Styleline Deluxe Bel Air Coupe, with the Bel Air name borrowed from the upscale Los Angeles suburb, while Deluxe emblems on the front fenders signified the Bel Air's status in the Chevy model line. But if we simply say "Bel Air," everyone will know what we mean.



With somewhat different styling, General Motors had introduced the pillarless body style on the Buick Riviera in mid-1949, so it's clear that the automaker already had hardtop plans in place at the other car divisions for 1950. The Bel Air shared its roof stamping and other hardware with its A-body siblings, the Pontiac Catalina and Oldsmobile 76 and 88 Holiday hardtops, also introduced in '50.



With its shorter top and longer deck lid, the Bel Air sported the same general body/roof proportions as Chevrolet's convertible, Sport Coupe, and Special Business Coupe, and this same hardtop configuration, including the distinctive C-pillar, was used through 1952. The trigonal C-post, a nifty design solution, then briefly reappeared on the '56-'57 four-door Sport Sedans.

Adding to the original Bel Air's glamor was its exclusive interior with seats of genuine leather—available in red, blue, green, or black—trimmed in "Fine Pile Cord" wool fabric. Bright metal glass-surround trim and headliner bows were also standard Bel Air fare, and one more classy touch was the pair of small courtesy lights built into the interior C-pillars. All this finery came at a price, of course. At \$1,741 the Bel Air was by far the most expensive coupe in the Chevy line-up for 1950, and almost as much as a convertible.



The "hardtop convertible," as the new body style was known to an eager public, outsold the ragtop convertible by a two-to-one margin, with 76,662 Bel Airs produced in the first year alone. For 1953, the Bel Air line was expanded to include two-door and four-door sedans and a station wagon as Chevrolet broadened its price and model range. As things turned out, the Bel Air name would remain in the Chevrolet lineup, ultimately winding up as an economy base model, all the way through 1981.

# MARCH 9th TOUR TO THE NHRA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM IN POMONA HOSTED BY OUR REGION

WE HAD BREAKFAST AT NORM'S HANGAR AT BRACKETT FIELD AIRPORT BEFORE WE HEADED OVER TO CHECK OUT THE MANY COOL HOT RODS, DRAGSTERS, AND CUSTOMS THEY HAD ON DISPLAY





Area 1 Tour hosted by the Southern California Region VCCA

# FLIGHT PATH MUSEUM LAX



## April 20, 2024

Join us as we explore the Flight Path Museum LAX. The museum celebrates the glamour, adventure, and excitement of aviation and aerospace. The museum houses an extensive array of historic flight crew uniforms, aviation and space exploration exhibits, as well as flight training simulators and a research library.

**TOUR ELIGIBLE FOR PASSPORT MILES!**

General Admission  
**\$5**

Senior (60+) Admission  
**\$3**

Tour Group Size Limited to 25 People

We will be meeting for breakfast at Mr. Rosewoods restaurant at 9:00 am then caravanning to the museum as a group directly after. The museum opens at 12:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the museum on the day of the event.

### Flight Path Museum LAX

6661 West Imperial Hwy  
Los Angeles, CA 90045



### Mr. Rosewoods Family Restaurant

10640 Rosecrans Ave  
Norwalk, CA 90650

RSVP to Sabrina Karras at (714) 287-4757 or [sabrinakarras@aol.com](mailto:sabrinakarras@aol.com)





Vintage Chevrolet Club of America  
**Orange County Region**  
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# 20TH ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**  
 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Peppertree Park**

230 W. 1st St., Tustin, CA 92780

## Come on Down!

The Orange County Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America is hosting another Picnic in the Park. You are invited to come join the fun!

- Meet potential new members.
- Show off your old Chevy.
- Enjoy each other's company.



**LIMITED OFFER**

IF YOU JOIN THE OCVCCA AT THE PICNIC, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INTRODUCTORY 18-MONTH MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PRICE OF A 12-MONTH MEMBERSHIP. JUST ATTEND THIS EVENT AND COMPLETE A SIMPLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

REMEMBER, YOU DON'T NEED TO OWN AN OLD CHEVROLET TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB!



**Family members and guests are welcome. Bring the kids!**

BRING YOUR OLD CHEVROLET, A LAWN CHAIR, AND A BIG APPETITE AND WE'LL SUPPLY THE:

- ✓ Hot Dogs
- ✓ Hamburgers
- ✓ Chili
- ✓ Soft Drinks

## For More Info and to RSVP

Contact Picnic Volunteer  
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## Foothill Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2024

The March meeting was brought to order at 8:49 a.m. by Assistant Director Jim Karras. Members in attendance were: Sabrina Karras, Ray Garcia, Rosie Garcia, and Dale Wallace.

Correspondence was passed around.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Sabrina Karras, with \$30 income from membership dues, and no expenses. Motion to accept report was made and approved.

**Membership Report:** Given by Sabrina Karras, with 12 paid families in 2024. Motion to accept report was made, and approved.

**Past Tours:** The tour to the Kent Browning Collection was fantastic, and the turnout was great, with 20 classic Chevys, and 50 members attending!

**Upcoming Tours:** Area I Tour hosted by Southern California Region VCCA to the Flight Path Museum LAX, on Saturday, April 20. Museum opens at 12:00 pm. Breakfast at Mr. Rosewoods Family Restaurant in Norwalk, at 9:00 am.

Tour to the John A. Rowland House in City of Industry, built in 1855, and the Rowland-Dibble Museum. The tour will be conducted by the La Puente Valley Historical Society, Inc., of which Amy Rowland is President. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at 11:30 am; details will follow.

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:** motion to reimburse So Cal Region \$40 for donut expenses at the Kent Browning tour. Motion made and approved.

Motion made for Foothill Region to purchase "VCCA" license plate for \$8.50, to present to Kent Browning for sharing his car collection with us. Motion made and approved.

New website and member data is now on VCCA National site.

Car parts wanted: none

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted by  
Rosie Garcia, 2024 Secretary



## Meeting This Month! Saturday, April 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

RSVP to Rosie Garcia (626) 333-2086 or [muchosgarcias@yahoo.com](mailto:muchosgarcias@yahoo.com)





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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**



# APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6  REMINDER FOOTHILL MEETING 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  happy anniversary Jim & Sabrina Karras Anniversary	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30  happy anniversary Celine & Luis Zarza Anniversary				

# MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4  REMINDER FOOTHILL MEETING Marie Callenders Azusa 8:30 am
5  Cinco de Mayo Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
12  Mother's Day Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18  Rowland House Museum Tour 10:00 - 2:00 pm
19  OCVCCA Picnic in the Park Tustin 11:00 am - 2:00 pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
26  HAPPY BIRTHDAY Deb McGowan Birthday	27  MEMORIAL DAY Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	



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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

X \_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's Signature*