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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

THE FLOWERS IN MAY! Yes, we are looking for the flowers to bloom in May. We had a great month of April. We toured the Zimmerman Automotive Museum before going over to the Flight Path Museum in Los Angeles. The Automotive Museum was a very interesting place. It had mostly the older big cars like the Cadillacs, big station wagons, and touring cars, but they had a couple of hot rods too. We then headed over to the Flight Path Museum. This museum has the history of LAX from the bean fields to today's flights. They also had different areas with uniforms to show how people dressed from the 50's and the 60's, up to even today. We now look forward to the All Cal meet May 1st - 4th and the Orange County Region's Picnic in the Park May 19th. Our Foothill Region is hosting a tour to the Rowland Home and the Rowland-Dibble Museum on May 18th, so you don't want to miss that! There is a lot going on in May. I look forward to seeing you out on the tours and at our Region's monthly meeting at Marie Callender's in Azusa on May 4th.

Take care everyone,

George Edwards, Director



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

May 5, 2024 So Cal Variety Cars & Coffee - 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Bert's Mega Mall, 1151 N. Azusa Ave, Covina, CA

May 5, 2024 Pomona Catholic School Classic Car Show - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Pomona Catholic School, 533 W. Holt Ave., Pomona, CA

May 11, 2024 8th Annual San Dimas High School PTSA Car Show - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

San Dimas High School, 800 W. Covina Blvd, San Dimas, CA

May 18, 2024 Cal-Rods Saturday Morning Car Corral - 7:30 am - 9:30 am

O'Reilly Auto Parts, 501 N. Azusa Ave, Covina, CA



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TRIM NEW SIZE, CLEAN NEW STYLE: CHEVROLET for 1961

Chevrolet adopted more conservative styling for 1961, but with a dramatic new hardtop body style that became known as the Bubble Top.



In both the product and the messaging at Chevrolet in 1961, there was a tacit admission that maybe the 1959 and 1960 cars had gone too far. Under the direction of GM styling boss Bill Mitchell and studio chief Clare MacKichan, in '59 the stylists had created the wildest Chevy in history. Now the designers were pulling back to a cleaner, more traditional look—a trend that developed across the General Motors car brands in 1961.

In Chevrolet's '61 television campaign, spokesman Joel Aldred reported that this new, "sensible" Chevy was "made the way you want a car made—with classic simplicity," Over on the print side the copywriters proclaimed, "Trim new size, clean new style." In truth, at 209.3 inches the '61 Chevy was only 1.6 inches shorter than the '59-'60 version, but it was 2.4 inches narrower and 100 lbs lighter. Here, at least, was the reversal of a years-long Motor City trend in which cars always grew bigger and more bloated with each new selling season.



Under the new sheet metal the '61 Chevy was much the same car as before, retaining the controversial X-frame chassis with 119-in wheelbase. The six-cylinder and V8 powertrain choices continued as well, but with the addition of the 409 cubic-inch V8 at mid-year.



The familiar Biscayne, Bel Air, and Impala trim levels were offered in the usual body styles, with a restyled two-door Sport Coupe available in the Bel Air and Impala. With its long, sweeping rear glass, in a few years the distinctive '61-'62 hardtop would become known to Chevy enthusiasts as the Bubble Top. The Super Sport also made its debut in '61, originally as a dealer package for the Impala.

In a down season for the industry, the Chevrolet division enjoyed a solid year in '61 with around 1.3 million cars sold. However, Ford had also adopted more formal and conservative styling that year and managed to edge out Chevy by around 20,000 units. Chevrolet came roaring back in '62, delivering more than two million cars, and with annual styling updates the basic '61 package would remain in production through 1964.



The Southern California Region hosted a tour to the Flight Path Museum in Los Angeles on Saturday, April 20th.

We started with breakfast at Mr. Rosewoods Restaurant in

Norwalk. We then made a surprise stop at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo before we headed over to the Flight Path Museum. We had three Regions represented for a fun day.



























Foothill Region VCCA Area 1 Tour May, 18 2024

ROWLAND HOME & DIBBLE MUSEUM

Come join the Foothill Region as they host an Area 1 tour to the historic Rowland Home and Dibble Museum.

The John A. Rowland Home, built in 1855, was the first two-story brick house in southern California, and is the oldest brick house now standing in this area. In 1950, Lilian Dibble, granddaughter of J. A. Rowland, turned the water tank located south of the home into a museum especially for the school children. The Round House, as it is now called, contains ranch equipment and Native American artifacts.

We will meet for an early lunch at nearby Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant at 10:00 am then caravan to the Rowland Home by 11:30 am for our docent-led tour that starts at 12:00 pm. The tour is free of charge.

Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant: 15922 Gale Avenue

Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Meet at the restaurant at 10:00 am

Rowland-Dibble Museum:

16021 Gale Avenue City of Industry, CA 91745

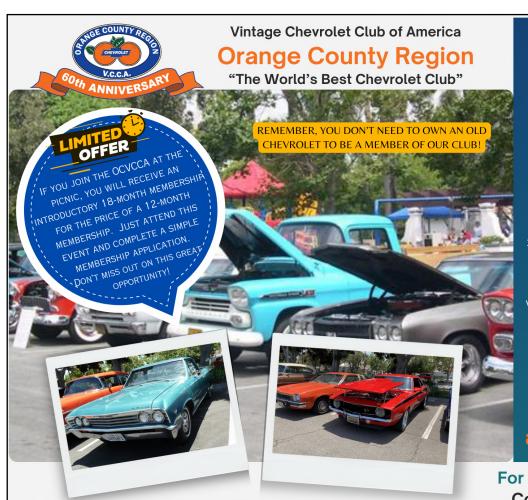
Caravan to the museum at 11:30 am



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20TH ANNUAL

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.

Family members and guests are welcome. Bring the kids!

For More Info and to RSVP

Contact Picnic Volunteer Sabrina Karras

> Phone: (714) 287-4757 Email: picnic@ocrvcca.org

Visit Our Website ocrvcca.org

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> Chili Soft Drinks

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20TH ANNUAL ALL CHEVROLET SHOW CONNELL CHEVROLET | COSTA MESA, CA **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024 | 9 AM - 3 PM**



Meet Contact Information:

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Foothill Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2024

The April meeting was brought to order at 9:30 a.m. by Director George Edwards. Members in attendance were: Sabrina & Jim Karras, Ray & Rosie Garcia, Dale Wallace, and Steve Knickelbein.

No correspondence shared.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Sabrina Karras. \$15 income from membership dues, and \$48.50 in expenses to purchase a VCCA license plate to present to the Browning Collection, and for refreshments for same tour. Motion to accept report was made and approved.

Membership Report: Given by Sabrina Karras, with 13 paid families in 2024. Dues reminders went out by email to 4 families from 2023, who have not yet renewed. Motion to accept report was made, and approved.

Past Tours: The tour to the NHRA Motorsports Museum in Pomona, was fantastic! Many members met at Norm's Hangar at Brackett Field Airport, before starting the tour of the NHRA Museum. The food was good, and the attendance by VCCA members was great!

Upcoming Tours: Tour on Saturday, May 18, to the John A. Rowland House in City of Industry, which was 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. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. for breakfast/early lunch at Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant located in Hacienda Heights, CA and then caravan across the street to the Museum.

Tour to Pacific Railroad Society Museum on Saturday, July 6, located in San Dimas. Museum is open at 10:00 a.m., and lunch at local restaurant (TBA).

Future PCC Area 1 tour to the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, on Saturday, August 24th at 10:00 a.m.; this will be the first tour by PCC in 10 years.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: Jim Karras shared that VCCA National moved website, which went well, and that it has a new database, and chat site. Old site is still available, but cannot post on it.

Car Parts Wanted: None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. Respectfully submitted by Rosie Garcia, 2024 Secretary



Meeting This Month!

Saturday, May 4th at 8:30 am

Marie Callender's Restaurant

1175 E. Alosta Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702

Off the 210 Fwy - Grand Ave. exit on the corner of Historic Route 66/Alosta & Barranca Ave. on the north side of the street RSVP to Rosie Garcia (626) 333-2086 or muchosgarcias@yahoo.com





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Friendly Reminder! 2024 dues payments are past due!

DUES STILL ONLY \$15 Checks made payable to:

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

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

JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						REMINDER FOOTHILL MEETING Marie Callenders Azusa 8:30 am
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
So Cal Variety Cars & Coffee Covina 8:00 - 11:00 am			NHRA Museum Twilight Cruise Night 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					LA Roadster Show Pomona Fairplex 11:00 am - 7:00 pm	LA Roadster Show Pomona Fairplex 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 JUNE TEENTH Juneteenth	20	21	22
23 Pomona Swap Meet 5:00 am - 2:00 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29



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