
THE BLUE FLAME



Williamson County Region VCCA Newsletter September/October 2025

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



I decided to change my mugshot as I'm killing two birds with one stone. Supporting our home town PREDS and keeping my bald head warm!

Moving on. What a terrific time of year to get our cars out for tours and events. We toured the the first floor and gardens of the Tennessee Residence followed by lunch at the Farmstead restaurant. Our tour guide, who could have been Dolly Parton's sister, was extremely informative and shared interesting tidbits about the history of the Residence. We even got to see the Conservation Hall, a subterranean meeting and banquet facility that was constructed during the 2010 restoration. They repurposed a lot of the rubble and made some interesting items including an American flag (see pics below).

The Rodger McCalmon collection tour in Leiper's Fork was next up. It was absolutely amazing and Rodger was very accommodating in sharing the how's and the why's of his collection. This really was a diamond in the rough.

We have lots of fun tours/activities scheduled for the remainder of the year, some of which the Battleground Region of the AACA and Mid-Ten Tri-Five Group will join us. Please see the "Upcoming Events" section of the newsletter.

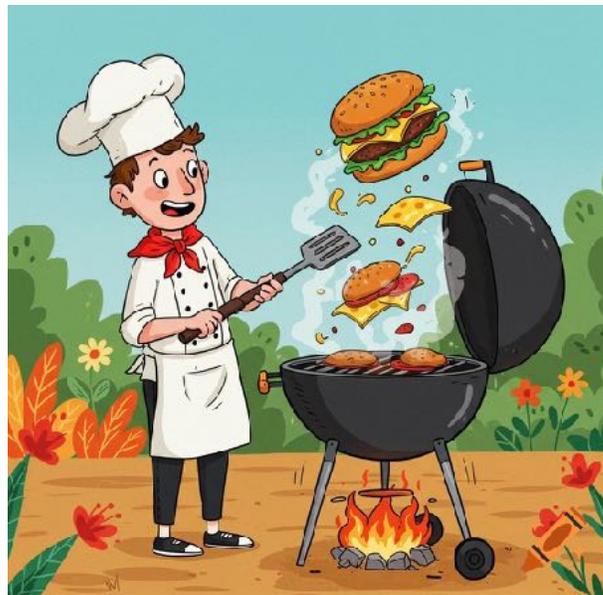
On another note, the bias-plys on my '49 are 16 years old and although they look like new - it's time to make a change. So do I stick with new bias-plys or go with radials?



After two sleepless nights, I decided to forego the bias-ply and order five new Auburn Deluxe Radials from Diamondback that have the appearance of the bias-ply with the "pie-crust " edge but with the technology of a 21st century radial. As soon as they come in I'm going to have a recommended shop in Fairview put them on and do an alignment. Also, I have some small chips around my car and was in need of a small amount of touch-up paint. I took one of the fender skirts up to Byrd's Automotive in Nashville and they shot it and provided ½ pint of touch-up paint. I was out of there in 15 minutes and set me back \$15. Not bad.

Alright, time to get the grill going and TV warmed up - it's football season!

Look forward to seeing you at our next event.



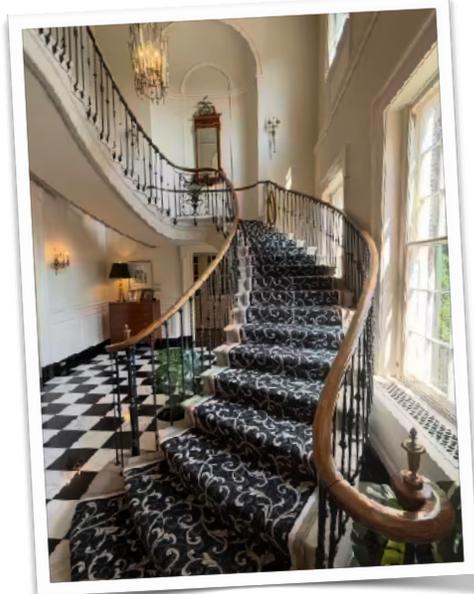
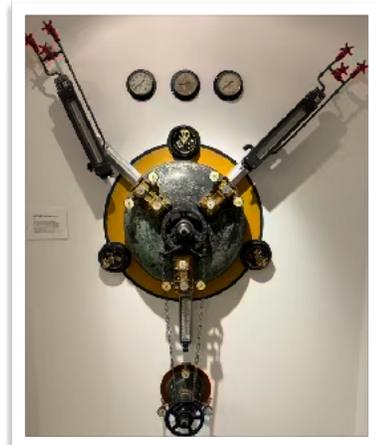
Remember; life is a journey -- not a destination, so relax and enjoy the ride!

Mark Fliegler - VCCA #43568

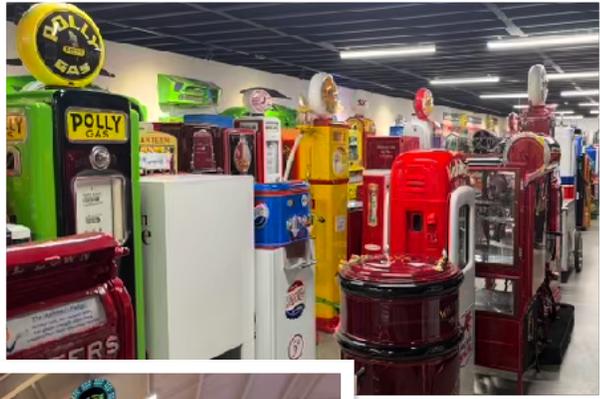
Director - Williamson County Region Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

P.S. Many thanks to Richard Greer for recruiting members at Cars and Coffee and to Susie Hill for coming up with tour ideas for our club. Much appreciated!

The Tennessee Residence Tour



The Rodger McCalmon Collection



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BIRTHDAYS

September/October

9/7 Nancy Marsh
9/22 Richard Greer
10/5 Syble Garrett
10/23 Jim Karras
10/26 Cynthia Van Ryen



SUNSHINE



Do you know a member who is sick or on the mend?
Have you or a member recently hit a life milestone,
special anniversary, birth or event?

Please email Arlene at wcrvcca@gmail.com and let her know about it.

TOURS



Scenic Drive followed by Nash Family Creamery Tour and Lunch!



When: Saturday, September 13th @ 10:15 AM
Where: White Bison Coffee
(4404 Peytonsville Road, Franklin)

Reserve your spot directly at
nashfamilycreamery.com

RSVP to Mark @ (949) 290-7865 or
wervcca@gmail.com

OFFICERS



Director
Mark Fliegler



Assistant Director
Richard Greer



Secretary/Treasurer
Arlene Fliegler

PURPOSE

Provide activities and events for Chevrolet/GMC enthusiasts that promote the enjoyment of preservation and restoration of all Chevrolet/GMC vehicles.

Provide information and assistance to members regarding the restoration of Chevrolet/GMC vehicles.

Provide tours, car shows and social activities that will encourage the participation of all family members.

Provide activities that will promote fellowship among local members.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!

20 Years of VCCA Membership, Started With One Phone Call.

Early on a cool, brisk Saturday morning in January of 2004, I received a phone call from my father, and after that call, our lives would change forever. I purchased my first Chevrolet in 1976 at the age of 15 while I was in high school. I was the third owner, having bought it from my buddy, whose father gave it to him after he used it in his plumbing business for 17 years. It was a 1959 Apache 32 (long-bed) Stepside pickup. We still have that truck today.

After driving it very hard as a teenager during high school, it developed a rod knock at the upper wrist pin (it still has its original rebuilt 235 in it), so I parked it at my father's place in one of the back stalls of his horse corral in 1979, just before I graduated high school. "Jimmy, what are you planning on doing with the old truck?"

"I don't know, why?" I asked him. "We're gonna sell the place, and we need to clear out all this stuff!" "Wait, What? . . . Okay, Dad! Sabrina and I will come over today and check things out. We will see you guys in a bit," I answered. And just like that, I knew life for us was about to change, Big Time!

After recovering from the bomb shell, Sabrina right away turned to me and said, "You've been talking about that old truck since our first date, what do you want to do?" I said, "It's time to restore it." With her support, a lot of money, and 18 months, the truck was back on the road.

I posted our restoration story on Stovebolt.com on August 9, 2004, during the time the truck was being restored. Dennis McGillis, a long-time VCCA member and director of the Orange County Region in Southern California, sent me an email after seeing my post on Stovebolt.com and invited me to join the VCCA. We joined in September 2005 when the truck was completed and entered the car in Class judging at the Orange County Region's annual All Chevy show the very next month, in October, and never looked back!

Four years later, Sabrina decided we needed a "Tour" car. I suggested she start her search. She soon found a nice 1964 Impala SS online at Hemmings.com. We purchased it out of San Diego, and our little "collection" began. In May of 2019, we made our most recent classic car purchase, a 1954 Bel Air that belonged to our good friend, the late Jim Martoza. Because it was a four-door, Sabrina "had to have it!"

Jim & Sabrina Karras



One night, after reading an email from a VCCA friend in New Jersey advising about Jim's car being for sale, she woke me up out of a dead sleep and said, "Tomorrow, go get me my car!"

I am the director of the Personalized Chevrolet Chapter. Previously, over the years, I've served in many region-level leadership roles, including serving as director of the Orange County Region. I also served as area director for Area 1 for nine years on the national board and served as national vice president for two years.

Sabrina is the director of the Technology Chapter and was previously the director of the Southern California Region. She also served in many region/chapter leadership roles, including newsletter editor, secretary, treasurer, and assistant director. For a while, she served simultaneously as the newsletter editor for the Orange County, Foothill, and Southern California regions.

Our friendship with Mark and Arlene began in April of 2006 at the Orange Plaza Show, a large car show in Orange, California. I invited Mark to join the Orange County Region, which they did in June of that year, and we all soon became great friends.

Sabrina and I relocated from Orange, California, to Mount Pleasant, Michigan, in August 2024, to be near family. We continue to enjoy the hobby here and have become active in the Lower Michigan Region. We are also proud to be charter members of the Williamson County Region.

We look forward to heading south very soon to join you all at a few WCR events now that we are settling into our new home!

More Reading About Our Cars:

- Jim's 1959 Apache Aug 2004 Stovebolt.com Post - https://www.stovebolt.com/gallery/karras_jim_1959.htm
- Jim's 1959 Apache G&D Aug 2015 Cover Story - https://gd.vcca.club/r3d_category/2010/
- Sabrina's 1964 Impala SS G&D Aug 2019 Story - https://gd.vcca.club/r3d_category/2014/



New Members



We welcome T. Mark Buford and Aaron Brown.

100 years ago ... the first Chevy...



Membership and Dues

An active member is defined as an individual who has paid dues to both the National VCCA and the Williamson County Region. Ownership of a Chevrolet is not a requirement of membership.

National Dues: Dues for the National VCCA are \$50.00 per year for a regular membership or \$35.00 per year for an online membership. National Dues include membership card, badge, club decal, and monthly publication – the Generator and Distributor. To join, go online to vcca.org

Williamson County Region Dues: Dues for the Williamson County Region are \$20.00 per year. Dues are payable on or before January 31st. An active member may participate in the business meetings and all club events, both regional and national. To join, go online to wcrvcca.org



September 13, 2025

Nash Family Creamery Tour (10:15AM - 1:15PM)

October 18, 2025

Bell Buckle Cruise and Arts/Crafts Festival (mid morning to mid afternoon)

October 25, 2025

Morning Point Senior Living Cruise-in (9AM - 11AM)

November, 8, 2025

Willis Johnson Collection Tour (10AM - 12PM)

December 13, 2025

Holiday Party (5PM - 8PM)

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/769233741780307>

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THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Williamson County Region



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Spouse _____ Anniversary _____
 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 VCCA No.: _____

IF NO, BEING A NATIONAL VCCA MEMBER IS A CONDITION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGION.

Annual dues for both National and Region Membership are listed below.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGION DUES\$ 20.00 per year

Select a term option: 1-year \$20.00 | 2-year \$40.00 | 3-year \$60.00

NATIONAL DUES RENEWAL | NEW | I WILL PAY MY NATIONAL DUES DIRECTLY.

Digital Membership [Electronic] (Member, Spouse & Children), two votes .. \$ 35.00 per year

Periodical Membership (Member, Spouse & Children), two votes \$ 50.00 per year

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

If you send your national dues to our region, we will forward them to the National VCCA.

REGION: All members receive a periodic Region electronic newsletter and email information on events and tours.

NATIONAL: All new members will receive a club badge (*upon request*), 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. Dues are non-refundable.

If you own one or more Chevrolet or GMC vehicles, please complete the information about your vehicle(s) below.

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

Ownership of a Chevrolet or GMC is not a requirement for membership.

Recruited by: (*VCCA member recruiting optional*) _____ VCCA # _____

<p align="center">FOR CLUB USE ONLY</p> <p>Paid \$ _____ Check/Cash</p> <p>Date Paid: _____</p> <p>Region Membership No.: _____</p>	<p>Return this completed form and mail it with your dues check payable to:</p> <p align="center">WCRVCCA – Attn: Arlene Fliegler 2617 Link Dr., Franklin, TN 37064-4942</p> <p align="center">X _____ <i>Applicant's Signature</i></p>
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The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in preserving, restoring, and enjoying vintage Chevrolet and GMC vehicles.