
THE BLUE FLAME



Williamson County Region VCCA Newsletter January/February 2026

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year! Hope everyone is relaxed and rested because our intention is to keep all you Chevy aficionados very busy this coming year.

However, before we get rolling, I'd like to thank the current membership for pretty darn good participation last year. Could it be better? Sure, but all-in-all I believe we done good!

I must say, our last event, the "Bowtie Bash" was a blast, especially the White Elephant gift exchange. Arlene has enough post-it notes to last a lifetime!

OK, back on track. On Saturday, January 17th we have the Lane Motor Museum tour which includes their special vault collection followed by lunch at McNamara's Irish Pub. Then on February 21st we have a Barry Walker lead tour of Marathon Motor Works. Lunch at Nelson's Greenbrier to follow.

The General Jackson Showboat, a midday lunch cruise and show will be on Saturday, March 21st. Reservations need to be made directly with Gaylord Opyland (see attached flyer).

I'm working on setting up a Saturday cruise in April to Historic Granville - Tennessee's Maybury RFD. Details to come soon.

Hopefully we'll see you at the next event!

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

Mark Fliegler - VCCA #43568



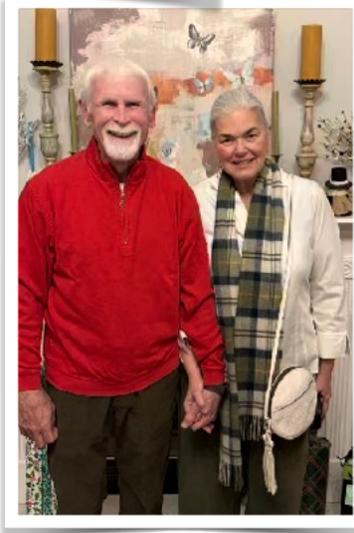
Peg-Leg Pedro

This 9-minute film features your classic eye-patched, tri-corner-hat wearing, ear ring-sporting pirate, his crew, a parrot, cannon balls and various other sea-faring tropes...and another ship weirdly piloted in part by two small children armed with a treasure map. (Spoiler alert: turns out the treasure is inside a cave, which has a big "Treasure Cave" sign outside.) The kids eventually find the loot and sail off in what appears to be a 1938 Chevrolet Master Deluxe, but with a paddle wheel - a non-standard accessory. Note that Nicky Nome gets the start treatment on this one, with his name above the title.



<https://news.gm.com/home.detail.html/Pages/topic/us/en/2025/oct/1007-GM-TheaterChevrolets-take-Cinderella-1930s-cartoons.html>

The Bowtie Bash





VCCA 6th Annual Pacific Early Six Tour, Minden, Nevada

Submitted by WCRVCCA member Brad Holve

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September 21 to 25 Jane, I, and our '35 Master attended the sixth annual VCCA Pacific Early Six Tour in Minden, Nevada. The tour included prewar Chevy sixes, 1929 to 1940. We ended up with about 28 cars and most toured the 400 miles of outings. Minden is just south of the capital of Nevada, Carson City, and about an hour south of Reno.

Day 1 we toured about 80 miles including the Museum at Markleeville, a beautiful state park in California and climbed the 8,300 foot Monitor Pass. Here is a video of us heading off from the park on our way to Monitor Pass. <https://www.holve.com/brad/trips/2025EarlySixMinden/EarlySixMinden.mp4> Everybody made it over the pass but many, many gallons of water appeared to be used. I was too busy nursing my '35 over the top and didn't take any pics, but many pics of the entire tour can be found here. <https://kaydeneoday.smugmug.com/The-6-Cylinder-Tours/Minden-NV>

On Day 2 we toured about a 140 mile loop to the east of Minden including Yerrington and Silver Springs with a very interesting stop to tour Fort Churchill. Fort Churchill Nevada State Historic Park preserves the remains of a United States Army fort circa 1860 and a way station on the Pony Express.

On Day 3 most of the group toured about a 140 mile loop around beautiful Lake Tahoe and through Truckee CA.

On day 4 we had a short tour to the Dangberg Ranch Historic Park then to Lester's huge and amazing collection of old car parts in Minden. Hundreds of 7 foot high shelves with well over 100,000, mostly EOM, parts. For years many of us had heard tales of Lester's renowned collection in Minden but had never actually seen it. Later on, Dan O'Day and Bruce DeFord addressed the faithful at the Banquet.

All went well with no breakdowns. However, we were reminded that everybody should be carrying 100 mile an hour tape and a first aid kit when something fell off a passing truck, smashed the headlight of a '32, bounced off the headlight and smashed the drivers windwing, spraying shards of glass over the faces of the driver and passenger. Fortunately, the two of them were wearing glasses and shards were removed without too much damage. We patched up the car and passengers and the continued the remaining 80 miles.

Brad Holve

At the museum at Markleeville



My '35 Master at the CA State Park



Most of the crew.



At the Dangberg Ranch Historic Park



Banquet



One of the dozens of rows at Lester's



BIRTHDAYS

January/February

1/20 Linda Kelley
1/25 Kent Cleaver



Our wishes go out to **Richard Greer** to heal soon from Heart Surgery.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Lane Motor Museum Tour Followed by Lunch



When: Saturday, January 17 @ 9:50AM

Where: Lane Motor Museum
702 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37210

Lunch to follow at McNamara's Irish Pub
2740 Old Lebanon Road, Nashville, TN 37214

Museum: \$15 (18-64), \$10 (65+) Vault Tour: \$10

FEB
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**MARATHON MOTOR WORKS
GUIDED TOUR W/BARRY WALKER
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH
AT THE GREENBRIER**

Where: 1305 Clinton Street, Nashville

When: Saturday, February 21 @ 10:50AM

**Lunch after @ The Nelson's Greenbrier Distillery, 1414
Clinton Street**

The tour and parking will be free

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

Vintage automobiles encouraged

MARCH
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GENERAL JACKSON SHOWBOAT LUNCH CRUISE “NASHVILLE LIVE”

Where: 577 Opry Mills Drive, Nashville, TN 37214

When: Saturday, March 21 @ 11:15AM (Board)

Enjoy a relaxing boat ride along the Cumberland River, a mouth-watering Southern meal, and an incredible musical performance!

Please make reservations and payments directly (\$73.64/person)

[https://tickets.gaylordopryland.com/
ordertickets.asp?p=99757](https://tickets.gaylordopryland.com/ordertickets.asp?p=99757)

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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!

If you look up the definition of "Car Guy" in the dictionary you'll see a picture of Jerry Pitt. From a very young age, you could find Jerry hanging around his dad's body shop in Van Nuys. If he wasn't there then he could be found a few doors down at the Biker's Hot Rod Shop or doing errands for Claudio Zampolli - founder of Automobile Cizeta, an Italian-American car manufacturer. During the 12-years he hung out there he met just about every So-cal car aficionado around.

Jerry got his first car when he was 15, a Beige '66 Ford Ranchero with an inline 6 featuring Mercedes hubcaps! He wasn't very excited about the color or the engine so he repainted it bright Yellow and outfitted it with a 302. His ride through High School!

His first new car was a 1984 Mustang GT. \$14,000 out the door, 29% interest rate with a \$500/month payment. Remember those days?

Jerry graduated from Cal State Northridge with a Journalism degree and landed his first job as an editorial assistant at Car Craft Magazine. From there he became editor of Mustang Monthly, Mopar Muscle, Muscle Car Review, and Corvette Fever. Jerry made the move from "editor" to "publisher" as he got the job as publisher of Hot Rod Magazine where he was heavily involved with the growth of "Power Tour" which was a rolling 7-day show involving over 4000 cars. Jerry then became Senior Director of Sales and Marketing for the Motor Trend Group followed by his current gig as the editor of Hemmings Motor News.

Not only am I thrilled to have the PITTCRU as the newest members of our club but they are also neighbors! Make sure to introduce yourself when you see them at an upcoming event!

Jerry & Andrea Pitt

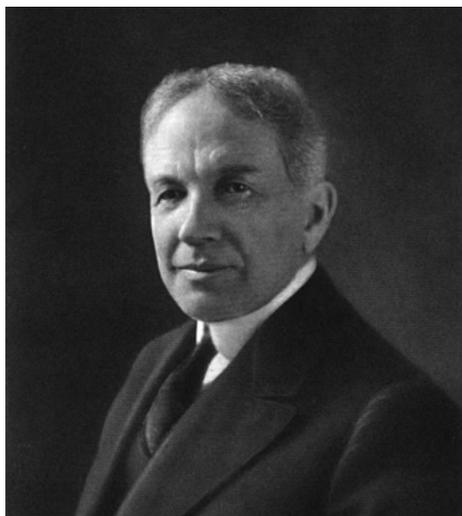


Chevrolet's Founder Didn't Know How To Give Up

An automotive Steve Jobs in many senses, in 1910, William C. Durant was ousted from General Motors, the company he had founded, due to mounting debts and internal conflicts. Around this time, he almost set up a deal for GM to purchase Ford, but he was denied a loan from the banks and the board soon lost faith in him. Unwilling to give up so easily, he soon set about starting another automotive company.

In 1911, he joined forces with Buick race car driver Louis Chevrolet, soon forming the Chevrolet Motor Company. Where Louis was interested in upper-class luxury models, Durant knew money was in mass production, and within a couple of years, Louis left the company to focus once again on his racing.

Durant proved to be exceptionally talented at running a motor car company, and after the success of models like the Chevrolet Four-Ninety, found himself in a place to start buying stock in the company that had previously ousted him. By September of 1915, Durant, along with the help of others, started buying up immense amounts of GM stock until Chevrolet soon owned General Motors (you read that right), and his comeback was complete.



New Members



Jerry & Andrea Pitt

The Chevrolet Biscayne Concept debuted in 1955 at the General Motors Motorama, showcasing a revolutionary design for its time. With its sleek, futuristic lines and fiberglass body, the Biscayne was a true reflection of mid-century modern automotive design.

Though it never went into production, the Biscayne Concept remains a fascinating glimpse into the design philosophies of the 1950s. It featured a low, wide stance and a panoramic windshield, elements that would influence future car designs. One of the few existing models can be found in automotive museums, cherished by collectors.



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



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"Please Follow us on Facebook"

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

wcrvcca.org

(949) 290-7865

Name: _____

WCRVCCA Members!

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden →, ↓, and ↘.

SCHLICHTEMIER
HUTCHINSON
STEAGALL
FLIEGLER
BROWNELL
VANRYEN
CLEAVER
GARRETT

HERBERT
KELLEY
DUDLEY
BUFORD
POTTER
KARRAS
NEWTON
MORRIS

MARSH
HOLVE
GREER
BROWN
HILL
HUNT
PITT
FOX



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.