
THE BLUE FLAME



Williamson County Region VCCA Newsletter May/June/July 2026

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



I remember the New Jersey day like it was yesterday. It was snowing like no tomorrow and I had just picked up my buddies on the way to Westfield High School in my dad's 1966 Blue Rambler Classic.

All of a sudden, my feet went through the floorboard (I felt like Fred Flintstone). I guess the salt finally had it's effect on 'Ole Blue! I arrived at my 7AM first period English class soaked from the knees down. Everybody was like what the heck happened to you! I cut out some plywood, threw it on the floor and it was as good as new.

The old AM radio was on the fritz so for tunes I had a BOOM BOX with a cassette player riding right next to me. The bench seat was now only going to fit two people! Believe it or not 'Ole Blue lasted through my senior year. I gave it back to my dad before going off to college and all he could do was shake his head. As you can imagine, it wasn't in the same shape as he gave me.

We took that car just about everywhere: New York City, Upstate, The Jersey Shore, Pocono Mountains, Coney Island, Brooklyn - you name it. All we needed were the simple basics and we made do. No need for back-up cameras, lane change warnings, cruise control and all the other creature comforts. Those were the days!

OK enough reminiscing. We've got a busy summer planned. Have a look at the rest of the newsletter for the events and dates. Come out and join us for some guaranteed fun.

I'm also looking for memorable member car stories to publish in the newsletter. I know you have them. Please email them to wcrvcca@gmail.com

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

Mark Fliegler - VCCA #43568

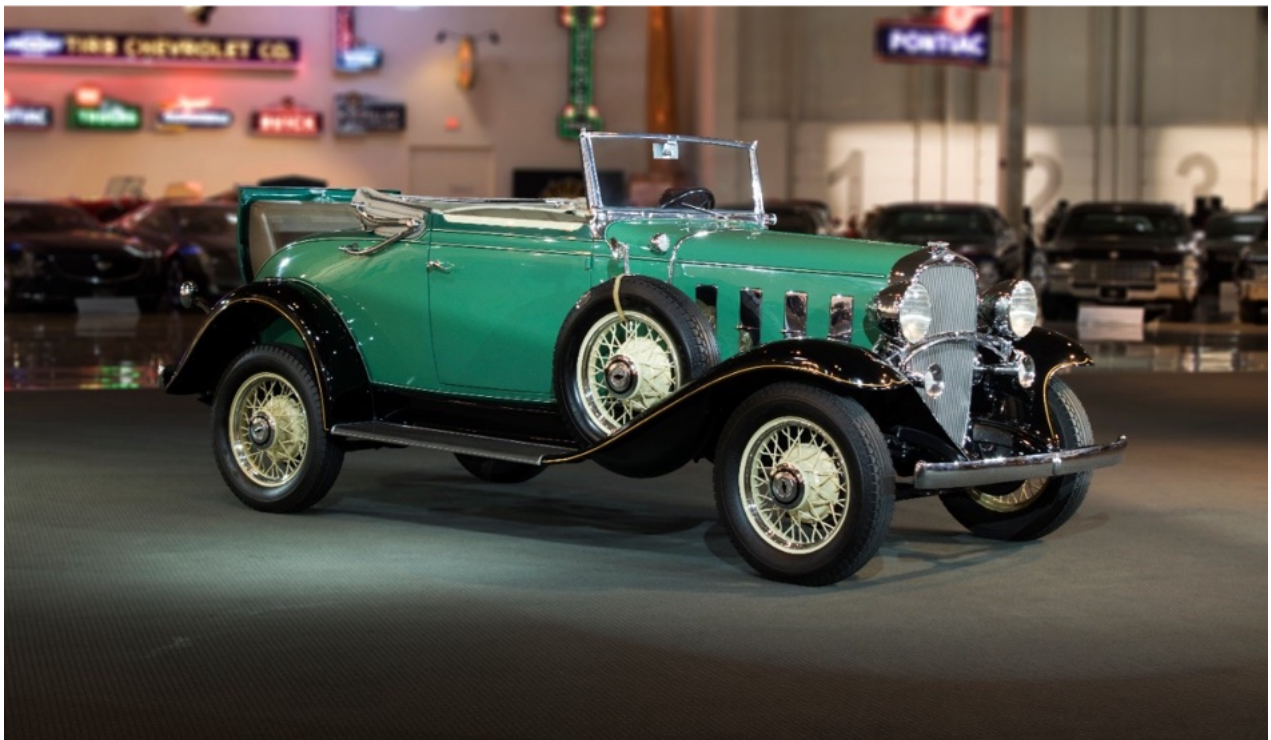
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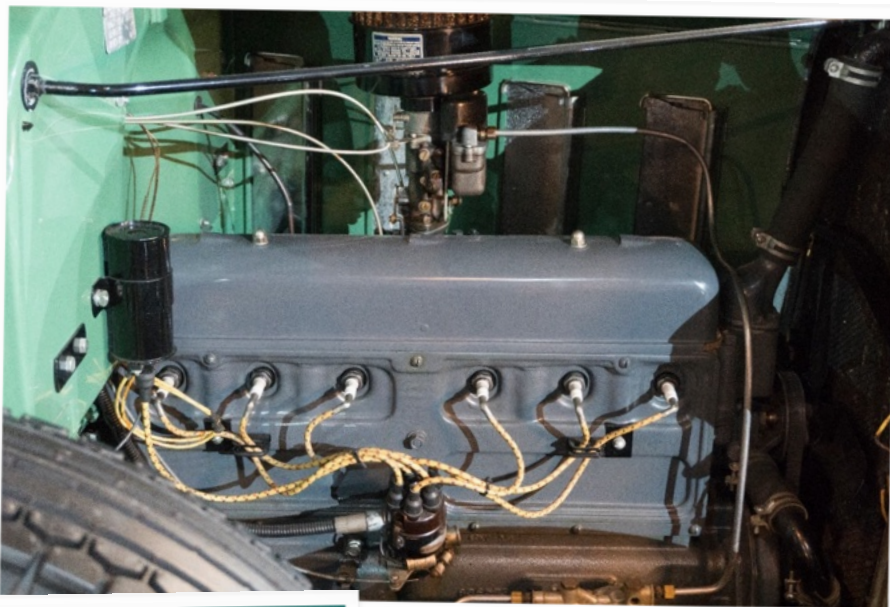


THE 1932 CHEVROLET DELUXE

When Chevrolet introduced its 1932 models, they were called "The Great American Value". Their road worthiness and durability are as impressive today as it was back when the cars were new. Early 1930s Chevrolets used both a descriptive name and alpha-numeric model identification. The 1932 cars were identified as Confederate or Series BA. However, Chevrolet's focus was not nomenclature but its recognition that the six-cylinder engine was highly desirable for its flexible power and minimized the need to shift gears. Chevrolet completed the picture by adding synchromesh transmission, four-wheel mechanical brakes, free-wheeling, a counter-balanced crankshaft to dampen vibration, a downdraft carburetor for better engine, and frame braced with five cross-members to increase chassis strength - all features associated with more expensive automobiles.

Despite a bleak year, Chevrolet produced what is often considered among the most outstanding Chevrolets ever, the Confederate Roadster. Rather than undertake massive redesign of their 1931 model, Chevy focused on engine and styling improvements, and came up with 117. Among the most important improvements was the Synchromesh transmission, which allowed easier gear changes effected by matching the speed of the gears before bringing them into mesh. Marketing of these new cars reflected the state of the times, offering free inspection and adjustment at 500 miles, free inspection every 1,000 miles and replacement with no charge for parts. This particular specimen qualifies as an early production model due to its dual "side-mounts". It's also "loaded" with quite a few popular options.





CHEVROLET ADVERTISEMENTS



The striking new Old Air 2-Door Sedan, one of 16 beautiful models in 3 great new series.

Why so many owners of higher-priced cars are changing to Chevrolet this year...

Discerning men and women have *always* welcomed the opportunity to secure premium quality without paying premium prices.

And this is truer today than ever before judging by the *thousands of higher-priced cars* now being turned in on new 1953 Chevrolets.

You'll understand why when you see how Chevrolet offers you the beauty and elegance of America's *costliest* cars in its 16 magnificent models in 3 superb new series—widest choice in its field.

You'll understand even more fully when you *drive* a Chevrolet and discover how closely it matches the performance of higher-priced cars with its sensational new engine, improved Powerglide* and new Power Steering.*

And you'll want to act fast when you realize *how much money you will save* with the new Chevrolet for 1953 in both purchase price and operating costs.

Stop in at your Chevrolet dealer's and learn how completely Chevrolet gives *luxury-car* quality at lowest prices with all these new features:

Entirely new Fashion-First Bodies by Fisher bring you the outstanding beauty, comfort and safety of much costlier cars. New, richer, roomier interiors, color-matched with the exteriors in "Two-Ten" and Bel Air models, remind you of America's most expensive automobiles. All appointments are of finest quality.

Entirely new fine-car performance is yours—with a 115-h.p. high-compression "Blue-Flame"

engine in Powerglide models,* and a 108-h.p. high-compression "Thrifty-King" engine in gear-shift models.

Velet-Pressure Jumbo-Drum Brakes (largest in Chevrolet's field) combine maximum ease of application with maximum stopping power. And yet, with all these exclusive luxury-car features, Chevrolet for 1953 is America's *lowest-priced* full-size car.

See this wonderful new Chevrolet at your Chevrolet dealer's now. . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.

*Optional at extra cost. Combination of Powerglide automatic transmission and 115-h.p. "Blue-Flame" engine available in "Two-Ten" and Bel Air models. Power Steering available in all models. (Continuation of standard equipment and trim also listed is dependent on availability of material.)

MORE PEOPLE BUY CHEVROLETS THAN ANY OTHER CAR!



May 53.



Good looks never carried so much weight!

Meet Chevrolet's all-new El Camino—sporting the trim Slimline design of the '59 passenger car along with the payload capacity of a pickup. Here's a hard-working hand that takes you to town in style!

How about those lines . . . and that load space! El Camino stands out as the best-dressed worker that ever took to the road. Rides and handles like a passenger car. Has a new finish that needs no wax or polish for up to three years. Yet it hauls and hustles like the workingest thing on wheels.

You can have V8 power, or a new Hi-Thrift 6

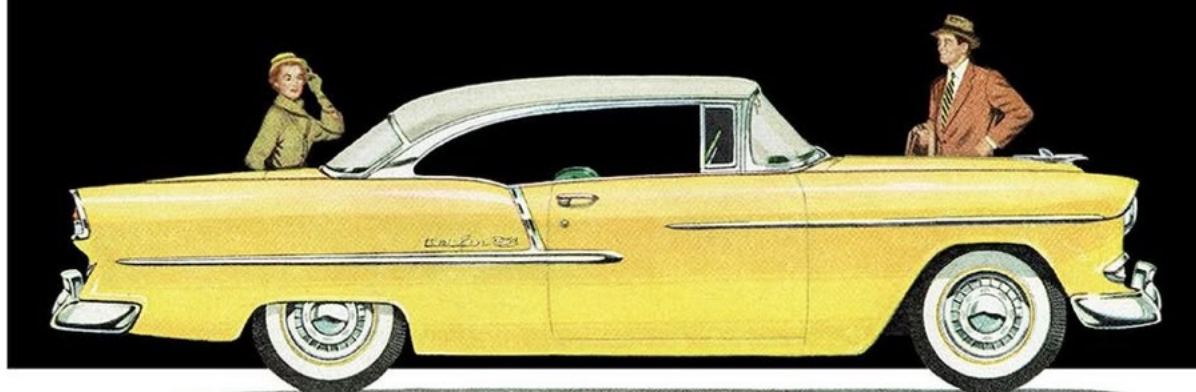
that cuts gas costs as much as 10%. There's a choice of four transmissions to fit your needs including smoother-than-ever Turboglide*. On the business end of El Camino you've got a sturdy, spacious pickup box and solid ribbed-steel load platform. With its dual personality, El Camino is ready for just about anything! At your Chevrolet dealer's now. . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan. **Extra cost option.*

BEST YET
OF THE BEST
SELLERS!



CAR 0011

*This is what
a new idea looks like!*



the motoramic Chevrolet for 1955

SHOW-CAR STYLING with that long, low, "let's go" look of the highest-priced cars! More room inside for hats, hips and shoulders.

A GREAT NEW V8—TWO NEW 6's. Take your choice. There's the new "Turbo-Fire V8," delivering 162 h.p. with an ultra-high compression ratio of 8 to 1. Or the two new 6's—the "Blue-Flame 136" with Powerglide (optional at extra cost) and the "Blue-Flame 123."

THREE DRIVES, INCLUDING OVERDRIVE. You can have new Overdrive (optional at extra cost) with either the "Turbo-Fire V8" or the "Blue-Flame 123." Powerglide (also an extra-cost option) is available with the new V8 or the "Blue-Flame 136." And there's a new and finer standard transmission.

NEW SWEEP-SIGHT WINDSHIELD with four-fender visibility. More glass area all around!

NEW GLIDE-RIDE FRONT SUSPENSION cushions all road shocks. New Anti-Dive Braking Control assures "heads up" stops. You'll find easier steering and handling, too.

NEW OUTRIGGER REAR SPRINGS give greater stability in cornering.

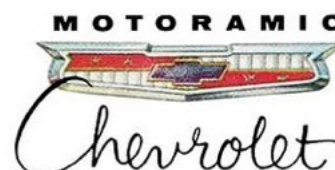
NEW HIGH-LEVEL VENTILATION SYSTEM takes in air at hood-high level. Better ventilation rain or shine.

EVEN AIR CONDITIONING, if you wish. Only one of Chevrolet's many wonderful extra-cost options. All the latest power helps are also available.

TUBELESS TIRES as standard equipment—giving you greater protection against blowouts!

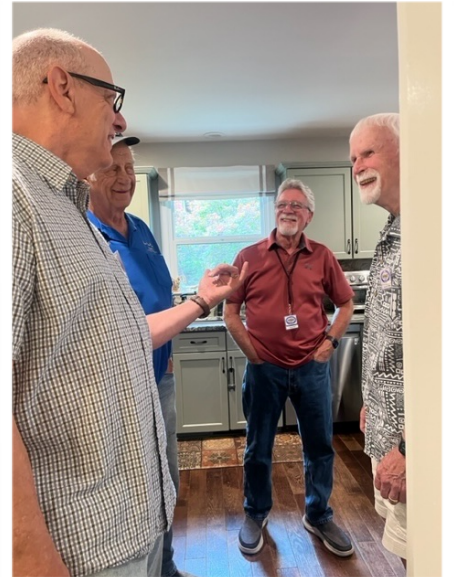
● Chevrolet and General Motors introduce a whole new age of low-cost motoring with a low-priced car that looks, rides and performs like the finest on the road! It's a new idea that could be carried out only by the greater resources and facilities of the world's leading car builders. See the Motoramic Chevrolet at your Chevrolet dealer's and see how it changes everything—including all your own ideas about cars and car value! . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.

More than a new car . . .
a new concept of low-cost motoring!



CAR 0012

POT LUCK LUNCH & TRIVIA



WCRVCCA PICNIC



BIRTHDAYS

March/April

5/9	Alan Marsh
5/25	Vernon Morris
5/30	Arlene Fliegler
5/31	Debbie Brownell
6/9	Andrea Pitt
6/13	Jerry Pitt
6/18	Joe Kelley
6/23	Stephanie Fox
7/5	Carol Steagall



SUNSHINE



Our wishes go out to **Carol Hutchinson** for a speedy recovery with her broken leg.

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

JULY
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY VINTAGE CHEVY CLUB CARAVAN TO GRANVILLE: "TENNESSEE'S MAYBERRY TOWN"

Where: J.B. Sutton General Store, 169 Clover Street, Granville, TN 38564 (Caravan location TBD)

When: Saturday, July 18th @ 11AM, Caravan meeting time 9AM

What: Tour 12 Museums, including The Sutton Homestead, Pioneer Village & Car Museum, Table Ag Museum, Whistle Stop Saloon & Ice Cream Museum, etc. Lunch to follow at J.B. Sutton General Store

Cost: \$7/person (lunch is additional)

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

AUG
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY VINTAGE CHEVY CLUB

POPS SANTA FE DINER BREAKFAST CRUISE

When: Saturday, August 15th @ 9AM

Where: Meet at the Target parking lot at 3064 Columbia Ave.

What: Cruise for about 45 minutes (25 miles) to the Pops Santa Fe Diner for breakfast

Who: All club members of course

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

SEPT
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WILLIAMSON COUNTY VINTAGE CHEVY CLUB NISSAN PLANT TOUR

Where: Nissan Plant in Smyrna (meet there)

When: Tuesday, September 8th @ 10AM.

Cost: Free

Lunch: Location TBD

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

Please note there are only a total of 60 spots available for everyone on this earth. If you would like to join us, please register at the link below. You will then receive an email with all of the pertinent details including specific directions.

<https://usa.nissannews.com/en-US/releases/nissan-us-manufacturing-plant-tours>

**SEPT.
19/20**



WILLIAMSON COUNTY VINTAGE CHEVY CLUB

CHATTANOOGA SLEEPOVER!

Caravan departs from Franklin on Saturday, 9/19 at 8AM

- 1.) Tour The Coker Museum**
- 2.) Lunch @ Feed Tavern & Table Co.**
- 3.) Explore the Bluff View Art District**
- 4.) Check in at the Read House Hotel**
- 5.) Dinner @ Tony's Pasta Shop & Trattoria**
- 6.) After Dinner Drinks, Relax @ Hotel, Hit the Hay**
- 7.) Wake up and Enjoy Breakfast @ City Cafe Diner**
- 8.) Lookout Mountain Incline Railway**

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!

Don Potter hails from the Motor City and his love for cars started when he was around 12 years old. There was always a Hot Rod Magazine nearby and after saving some \$\$ he purchased an AMT original 3-in-1, 1:25 scale plastic '58 Pontiac Bonneville custom model kit. It featured a highly detailed V8 engine, chrome accessories, and custom parts. Of course Don hot-rodded it out!

At the ripe old age of 16, Don bought his first car for \$100 - a 1950 Plymouth from a used-car dealer on Livernois Avenue. It had a Flathead 6 and 3-speed on the tree. The floorboards had enough of the Detroit salt and he ended up putting a marine plywood floor with indoor-outdoor carpeting. A '57 Ford followed where Don rebuilt the top half of the engine and rebuilt the transmission.

Don's first new car was a '65 Barracuda with a 273CI and a 4-speed. Believe it or not, he put on 65,000 miles in one year. Next was a '68 Roadrunner with a 383. The insurance ended up to be a bit much so he traded that in for a used '69 Ford LTD Brougham.

Cars aren't Don's only passion. He built a '57 Triumph Chopper from scratch that he eventually sold in 1982 for the '57 Chevy he has today. In 2010, Don drove his '34 Ford Vicky from Detroit all the way out to the Bonneville Salt Flats. Everything was going merrily until he got gas from some podunk town in Nebraska. He left the gas cap on the rear tire while filling up. He forgot about it, drove off and ran it over with no way for it to be contorted back to useable shape. So he's thinking "what the heck am I going to do now?" Well, he ran into a local parts store and lo and behold the guy goes in the back and comes out with a gas cap from a tractor. Perfect fit!

Being a member of the Cowtown Cruisers, a classic and vintage car club based in South Lyon, MI inspired Don to build his 33 Ford Roadster. It was a seven year build and has been on the road for about three. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0vTOZQAQ--M&list=PLZ_iGE4Pk3yjoUVLdQhwiAwELXynm9Qug

Don served for two years in Vietnam and worked as a product development engineer and VP of engineering for the majority of his career. It really wasn't work because he enjoyed it so much. Currently, Don has an automotive repair shop in Spring Hill where he works primarily on classic cars and hot rods. He's meticulous and really a diamond in the rough.

Not to be left out of the fun, Lori has a '41 Ford Pickup which she plans on selling. She has her sites on a 1955 Chevy Truck with lots of custom features!

We are thrilled to have Don and Lori as part of our club!

Don & Lori Potter





NEW MEMBERS



**Danny & Kellie Farrar
'67 Camaro Convertible**

MEMBERSHIP & 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



July 18, 2026
CARAVAN TO GRANVILLE
Depart @ 9AM (Location TBD)

August 15, 2026
THE POPS SANTA FE DINER
Depart @ 9AM

September 8, 2026
NISSAN PLANT TOUR
Meet @ 10AM

September 19/20
CHATTANOOGA SLEEPOVER
Depart @ 8AM (Location TBD)

September 23-26
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Please see enclosed newsletters for details

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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 # _____

FOR CLUB USE ONLY	Return this completed form and mail it with your dues check payable to:
Paid \$ _____ Check/Cash	WCRVCCA – Attn: Arlene Fliegler
Date Paid: _____	2617 Link Dr., Franklin, TN 37064-4942
Region Membership No.: _____	X _____ Applicant's Signature

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in preserving, restoring, and enjoying vintage Chevrolet and GMC vehicles.