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The Touring Chronicle

**A publication of the
Vintage Motor Car
Club of America**



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[Visit the VMCCA website HERE](#)

The VMCCA Facebook page is packed with photographs from our tours, fliers announcing upcoming tours, and other vintage car related information.

[Visit the VMCCA Facebook page HERE](#)

Announcements

Registration Forms for the 2026 and 2027 tours will be posted on the VMCCA website, in the Bulb Horn Magazine, and in The Touring Chronicle as they become available. Please check frequently!

VMCCA 2026 Calendar of Events

June 7 - 10, 2026, Farm Boys Tour. Defiance Chapter, Bellefontaine, OH
Hosts John Zimmerman and Dave Plassman
Phone John at 419-350-3666
jzimmerman1666@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENT: The 43rd Chrome Glidden® is NOT FULL!! Please Register soon!!

June 14 - 19 2026, 43rd Chrome Glidden Tour®, Amarillo, Texas. Information contact, Chrystene Speed 806-679-6418,
cspeed@speedpainting.com

July 8 - 12 2026, Mountain and Plains Regional Tour, Buffalo Wyoming. Information contact, Hosts: Myron & Barb Smith and Mountain and Plains Region. Tour Director: Myron Smith 402-429-0118,
myronsmith@windstream.net

August 3 - 6 2026, Grand Indiana Auto Tour, Greensburg, Indiana. Information contact, Larry and Carol Pumphrey 812-593-2701 larry@agpro.net

September 20 - 26 2026, Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, Dover, Delaware. Hosted by AACCA.
Tour Director: Dave Anspach.

October 11-16 2026, Western National Tour, Salina, Kansas. Information contact, Hosts: Northern Colorado Chapter. Tour Directors: Randy and Sandy Carlson.

2027 Tours and Events

February 21 - 24 2027 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, French Lick, Indiana Hosts: Black Swamp Chapter.
Tour Director: Gary Miron.

August 15 - 20 2027 Chrome Glidden Tour®, Appleton, Wisconsin. Information contact, Hosts: Wisconsin Shoreline Chapter. Tour Director: David Neuhaus.

The Journeys That Lie Ahead



What a great time we had in Lincoln, Nebraska for the VMCCA Annual Meeting. We toured some amazing places in Lincoln, thanks to Barb and Myron Smith and the meetings were charged with energy for the organization, touring and growing our membership.

As the list of tours starts growing, it appears that one could be on the road every month from May to October participating in a National or Regional tour. Choosing which one to attend can be a difficult decision based on which tours fit your calendar the best or the location of

President Mark Hamlin presents Past President Duane Copley with a plaque thanking him for his leadership as the VMCCA President from 2023 - 2025 .



The backs of the back of the line as we order ice cream from the University of Nebraska Dairy Store.

the tour is a place we really want to visit. Of course, it's about the friendships we have as VMCCA members that make any of the tours special.

Our tours support the National organization as a means to grow membership by being visible and sharing our love for vintage car touring. National tours also support the financial health of VMCCA and help our organization to provide the structure needed to make us successful at what we do.

Which tours will you choose in 2026?

Carol Maxfield
Vice President Activities

The following is a list of tours available on a National level:

- Annual Membership & 1st Quarter Meet (Feb or Mar)
- Chrome Glidden Tour (Mar thru Oct)
- 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour (Jun thru Aug)
- Eastern Nickel Tour (May, Jun or early Sep)
- Western Nickel Tour (May, Jun or early Sep)
- Heritage Tour (May thru Oct)
- Western National Tour (May thru Sep)
- Muscle/Convertible/Orphan (any time)
- Revival AAA Glidden Tour (rotate VMCCA – AACA – Sep)

Contact Carol Maxfield, VP Activities, for details
vactivities@vmcca.org

2026 Events and Tour Fliers

2026 Defiance Chapter Farm Boys Tour

June 7-10, 2026 · Bellefontaine, Ohio



Tour Highlights:

- Airstream Factory & Museum
- Armstrong Air & Space Museum
- Bicycle Museum of America
- Marmon Valley Farm Breakfast
- Honda Heritage Center
- Hardin County Historical Museum
- Kenton Friendship Gardens
- Tom Brims Motorcycle Collection
- Champaign Aviation Museum
- Gaslight Auto Parts Indy Car Collection
- Marie's Candies & West Liberty stops

Sunday evening opening banquet through Wednesday evening closing banquet

Tour is open to all VMCCA members driving VMCCA eligible cars (2001 or older).

You must be a current VMCCA member to attend. Limited to 50 vehicles.

This is a hub tour using some 2 lane state routes.

Registration deadline is May 4, 2026. No refunds after May 4, 2026.

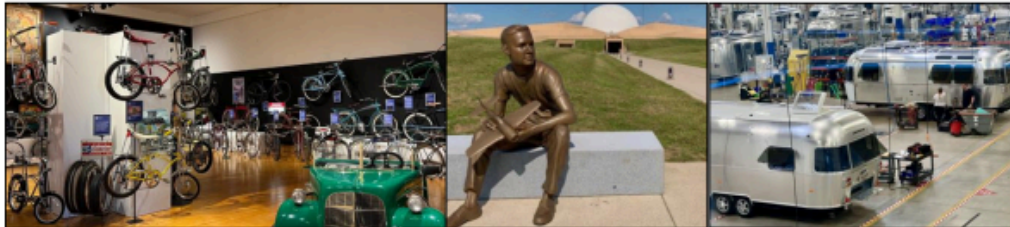
The Registration Form is available here: tinyurl.com/2026FarmBoyTour

Comfort Inn (Host Hotel)

260 Northview
Bellefontaine, OH 43311
Phone: (937) 595-0631
40 rooms reserved until May 4, 2026
Trailer parking at the Comfort Inn

Tour Contact

John Zimmerman
764 Fairway Dr.
Wauseon, OH 43567
Questions?
Call John at (419) 350-3666



Look **HERE** for a Printable Registration form

Look **HERE** for a Printable Flier

The 43rd Chrome Glidden Tour is NOT Full!!

If you are planning to attend, please complete the registration form found at this [LINK](#).

43RD CHROME GLIDDEN TOUR
IN AMARILLO, TEXAS
HOSTED BY THE FREDERCKSBURG VINTAGE CAR CLUB

Celebrating
Route 66
in the
Golden Spread!

Limited to 80 Cars
Years 1935 - 2001

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

TOUR CHAIR: CHRYSTENE SPEED CHRYSTENE.SPEED@GMAIL.COM

TOUR REGISTRAR: LIZ LINDIG ELINDIG70@GMAIL.COM

HOST HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN AMARILLO WEST MEDICAL CENTER

CALL AND ASK FOR VINTAGE CAR TOUR:

(806) 322-4777

ROOM COST: \$129/NIGHT (+ TAXES)

RV'S - CALL FT. AMARILLO RV PARK

(806) 331-1700 - CONTACT BOBBY



Cruise past
wide-open plains,
historic towns,
scenic sites &
celebrate a century of
America's most legendary highway.

JUNE 14 - 19, 2026

There is a small glitch with the hotel booking. It seems that when you call the hotel, they do not make room reservations there. The best way to make a reservation is to use the booking link to the right."

**Please use this link to
make hotel
reservations at the
Holiday Inn Amarillo
West Medical Center**

Look HERE for printable flier

VMCCA 2026 CHROME GLIDDEN TOUR
CELEBRATING ROUTE 66 IN THE GOLDEN SPREAD

June 14-19, 2026, Amarillo, TX
 Preference given to 1935-2001 vehicles
 Limited to 80 cars or 160 people
 Tour Director: Chrystene Speed,
 chrystene.speed@gmail.com
 806-679-6418

Please Print

Owner _____ Driver (if different) _____

Address of Driver _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone (C) _____ (H) _____ Email Address _____
 Yes ___ No ___ to put cellphone # in tour book

VMCCA Region _____ Chapter (if any) _____

Print Names for Name Tags (If children, please indicate ages as of June 1, 2026) _____ Previous Chrome Glidden Tours _____

Driver _____ City & State _____ # _____

Passenger 1 _____ City & State _____ # _____

Write additional passenger information on reverse side

Registration confirmations will be sent via email

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|--|---------------------|----------|-------|
| Registration Fee includes Hospitality Room, 2 Banquet Dinners, 3 Refreshment Stops, 3 lunches, Wednesday evening meal & TX Musical event, admissions to scheduled stops, Tour Book. | | | |
| One Vehicle & Driver | | \$310.00 | |
| Passenger | _____ X \$310.00 ea | \$ | _____ |
| Passenger (age 6-12) | _____ X \$310.00 ea | \$ | _____ |
| Extra Tour Book | _____ X \$10.00 ea | \$ | _____ |
| Total Enclosed | | \$ | _____ |

Do Not Mail before January 2, 2026
 Make check payable to: 2026 Chrome Glidden Tour
 Registrations postmarked Jan 2 - May 15, 2026, or until filled.
Mail to: Liz Lindig, Registrar, PO Box 276, Johnson City, TX 78636
elindig70@gmail.com, 830-285-4071
 Registration, cancellation, and refund deadline is May 15, 2026.

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Amarillo West Medical Center, 8231 Amarillo Boulevard West, Amarillo, TX 79124, \$129.00 + taxes, king or 2 queen rooms, includes 2 breakfasts per room, pet friendly. Trailer parking will be here. Use this **Booking link:** <https://www.ihg.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=amars&checkInDate=14&checkInMonthYear=052026&checkOutDate=20&checkOutMonthYear=052026&PMID=99801505&GPC=VCS&cn=no&adjustMonth=false&showApp=true&monthIndex=00>. If you don't use a computer, call 806-322-4777 and ask for Kris.
RV Park: Fort Amarillo RV Resort, 10101 Business IH 40, Amarillo, TX .806-331-1700.

Vehicle 19 _____ Make _____ Body Type _____ Body Color(s) _____

Tow/Trailer Vehicle State & License Plate No. _____ If Driving – Miles one way _____

Owner/Driver Commitment/Release Statement: I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described in the Vintage Motor Car Club of America 2026 Chrome Glidden Tour. In consideration of the right to enter this event and other valuable considerations, I/we do hereby agree to indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless VMCCA and its Chapters, Regions, Officers, and Representatives from and against any claims, costs, liabilities, and attorneys' fees arising from damage or injury, actual or claimed, of any kind of nature, to property or persons, resulting from my tour participation in the 2026 Chrome Glidden Tour. The owner/driver has proof of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on the entered vehicle in the amount of at least \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident bodily injury liability and \$100,000 property damage liability or \$300,000 combined single limit liability insurance.

Name of Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____ Policy Term _____ to _____
 The owner/driver certifies that the described vehicle entered in this event has passed the requirements of the motor vehicle authorities of the state in which the vehicle is registered, and the vehicle is legally registered and/or licensed. The VMCCA and its representative will not, and cannot, be held responsible for the "safety certification" of any participating vehicle.

Signed _____

| | | | |
|-------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Owner | Date | Driver (if different) | Date |
|-------|------|-----------------------|------|

Look HERE for a printable registration form

MOUNTAIN & PLAINS REGION TOUR



BUFFALO, WYOMING



JULY 8-11, 2026



Buffalo, Wyoming (pop. 4,415) is a quaint mountain town at the foothills to the Bighorn Mountain Range. At an elevation of 4,708 feet, Buffalo is located almost equal distance from the South Dakota Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park. This area is also the home and setting for books by novelists C. J. Box and Craig Johnson. Johnson's books were also the basis for the *Longmire* television series.

Day 1 will be a relatively flat drive to Gillette, Wyoming. This area is known for its open pit coal mines. We will take a bus trip from Gillette to the Eagle Butte Coal mine. We will also take in the Frontier Auto Museum.

Day 2 we will tour from Buffalo over the rugged "Bighorn" mountains to Worland and the Washakie Museum and Cultural Center. The Center features history from ancient mammoth hunters through early settlers. We will have lunch in Worland. Then we will go on to Thermopolis where there are thermal hot springs swimming pools(2) and a Hot Springs Bath House. Bring your swimsuit! The park has attractions of buffalo and walking trails around hot water springs. Also in Thermopolis is a dinosaur museum. The elevation at Buffalo is almost 5,000' above sea level and we will travel to nearly 10,000' enroute to Worland. Our return to Buffalo will be by the route we came.

Day 3 Saturday's first stop will be at Yoders Amish Country Market. We will then progress to Kaycee, Wyoming, and the Hoofprints of the Past Museum. Johnson County was the scene in 1892 of a cattle war between the large cattle barons and small ranchers trying to make a start. Kaycee was the home of country singer Chris LeDoux where a park is named in his honor.



Other points of interest and side trip possibilities include: Custer Little Bighorn Battlefield, 104 miles away; Mountain Meadows Wool Mill in Buffalo, Wyoming; Fort Phil Kearny Historic Site, 16 miles; Occidental Hotel/Bar in Buffalo; Bombshell Cantina Brewery In Buffalo; Range War Rodeo (Thursday)at the fairgrounds— free admission.



Lodging: Z Bar Motel & Cabins
626 Fort St., Buffalo, Wyoming 82834
Email: info@zbarcabinsandmotel.com, Phone: 307-684-5535 or 307-620-2452
There are a limited number of rooms reserved for "VMCCA TOUR"
Rate ranges from \$100-\$130 per night.



Registration: Nathan Buss
1717 Plainview Ave., Seward, Nebraska, 68434
Email: 89.nathan.buss@gmail.com Phone: 402-641-8905

Tour Chairperson: Myron Smith
1505 SW 112th St., Lincoln, Nebraska 68532
Email: myronsmith@windstream.net Phone: 402-429-0118

Assistant Tour Chairperson: Juli Aubrey,
24 Johnson Creek Road, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834
Email: aubrey@collinscom.net Phone: 307-620-0161

The Z Bar in Buffalo is fully booked

The Z Bar is taking waiting list reservations for cancellations

Alternative accommodations at:

Hampton Inn and Suites, 307-684-8899

Holiday Inn Express, 307-684-9900

Surestay 307-684-9564

Look HERE for a Printable Registration form

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August 3–6, 2026 • Greensburg, Indiana

Greensburg Hampton Inn • 2075 N Michigan Ave. • Greensburg, Indiana 47240 • Ph 812-663-5000
 Room Rate \$144.48 per night (Grand Indiana Auto Tour) plus taxes
 Deadline for hotel/registration 6/19/26.
 Hosts: Carol and Larry Pumphrey • Ph 812-593-1325

There is more than Corn in and around Greensburg, Indiana and that will be very evident on our GIAT Tour. This is farm country where folks will welcome you with genuine midwestern hospitality and good food. Decatur County is on both the pie and fried chicken trails.

- Driving past farm fields we will visit the Hulsbosch Family Dairy. Maybe they will put you to work milking the cows. [just kidding] We are so proud this Belgian family chose Decatur County for their thriving innovative business.
- Oldenburg, Village of Spires, is a beautiful little town based on their German founder's birthplace-more good food.
- Greensburg's historic town square also has some great local restaurants and shops and of course the Tower Tree.
- The group will tour several museums in the area which will help us understand the history of this county.
- We'll begin and end our tour at the beautiful High Point Event Center. This is a lovely 15-acre orchard with a restored 1830s home and barn overlooking the Greensburg Upland Reservoir and is very close to our hotel .

**Looking forward to having
 you and your family and friends on the Tour.**



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30 • Greensburg, Indiana

GRAND INDIANA AUTO TOUR • August 3-6, 2026
Greensburg Hampton Inn • 207 1/2 N Michigan Ave. • Greensburg, Indiana 47240 • Ph 812-663-5000
Room Rate \$144.48 per night (Grand Indiana Auto Tour) plus taxes • Deadline for hotel/registration 6/19/26.
Hosts: Carol and Larry Pumphyrey • Ph 812-593-1325

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Driver Name
Address
City State Zip
Phone
E-Mail
of Previous Grand Indiana Auto Tours?
All Participants Must Be Listed - Adults & Children
Passenger 1
City State # Prev GIATs
Passenger 2
City State # Prev GIATs
Passenger 3
City State # Prev GIATs
Passenger 4
City State # Prev GIATs
Are any of the above handicapped or require assistance?
Any dietary restrictions, vegetarian, gluten, etc?

Driver must be a member of VMCCA national club. Online application forms may be found at www.vmcca.org. Tour will be limited to vehicles 2001 and older. No modern replicas of old vehicles, modified or hot rods will be accepted. The vehicle may not display any advertising of a current nature. Registration closes June 19, 2026. No refunds for cancellation received after July 3, 2026.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year Make
Body Style Body Color

FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

Entry Fee (One Car and Driver) \$140.00
Passengers @ \$140.00 = \$
TOTAL \$

OWNER/DRIVER COMMITMENT/RELEASE STATEMENT

Owner
Address
Vehicle: Year Make
State Registered in (domicile state)
License number

I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described in the Vintage Motor Car Club of America, KYR, 2026 Grand Indiana Auto Tour. In consideration of the right to enter this event and for other valuable considerations, I (we) do hereby agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless The Vintage Motor Car Club of America and its Chapters and/or Regions, Officers and Representatives from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities and attorneys' fees arising from damage or injury, actual or claimed, of any kind or nature, to property or persons, resulting from my (our) participation in the 2026 Grand Indiana Auto Tour.

The owner/driver has proof of bodily injury and property damage liability insurance on the entered vehicle in the amount of at least \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident bodily injury liability and \$100,000 property damage liability, or \$300,000 combined single limit liability insurance.

Insurance Co. Name
Policy Number
Policy Term (Dates) to

The owner/driver certifies that the described vehicle entered in this event has duly passed the requirements of the motor vehicle authorities, or other governing bodies of the state in which the vehicle is registered, and the vehicle shall be legally registered and/or licensed. The Vintage Motor Car Club of America and its representatives will not, and cannot, be held responsible for the "safety certification" of any participating vehicle.

Signed (Owner)
Driver (If Different)
Date

Make sure to make a copy of this form for your records. Then, please return this form with your check, made payable to Grand Indiana Auto Tour and mail to:

Lou Ann Bowman
4323 Wyandotte Cave Road
Milltown, Indiana 47145
502-777-3498 • dalabowman@gmail.com

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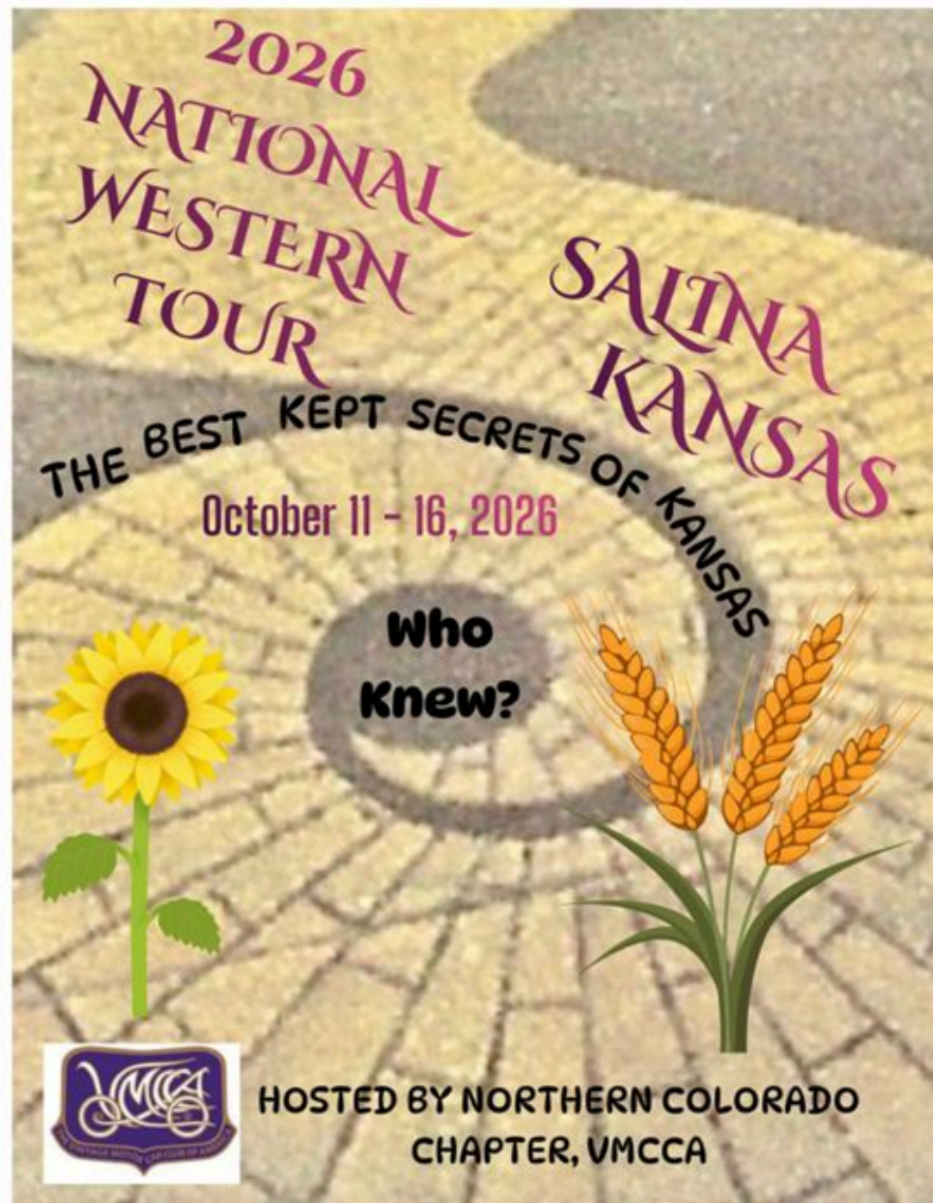
Have you heard, for the 80th Glidden Tour we are heading to Dover, DE, for the adventure worth an anniversary year! Prepare for 500+ miles of spectacular driving, including an unforgettable crossing on the Cape May Ferry. They've packed the itinerary with incredible stops like the du Pont Hagley Museum, a scenic boat ride with lunch at the Chesapeake Maritime Museum, and a visit to the Air Mobility Command Museum. But the real showstopper? We're taking the cars for laps on the legendary Dover Motor Speedway! You do not want to miss this!



Attention: AACA & VMCCA Members
Mark your calendars...
September 20-25, 2026
More information coming soon!



**Registration Forms Will Be Available Soon
On VMCCA and AACA Websites**



Region and Chapter Newsletters
Articles of Interest

Wheels A Rolling Mid-Atlantic Region



January, February,
March, 2026
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Tecumseh Train Ride

Text by Dave Plassman. Photos by Dave Plassman & Judy Wright

Saturday, October 25, 2025, the Toledo Chapter reserved a train ride at Tecumseh, MI for the GLR Members. There were 39 members and friends on board. Some of us met at Ted & Judy Wright's home (coffee & cookies) then traveled together as a group to Tecumseh, MI. We arrived early and had plenty of time to find our choice of the fine restaurants near the train. We boarded at 12:40 and the train started heading north at 1:00. When we reached Clinton, MI, the train stopped and we got out of the passenger car for cold or hot apple cider and a gift shop. Very good break! The train took us through woods, colorful with fall leaves. Thank you to Toledo Chapter member, Andrew Shepherd, for planning this colorful fall afternoon train ride.



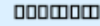
- 1 Judy Wright, Jeff & Susan Stang, Ralph Emery, Bill Rogers
- 2 Gary & Michelle Miron
- 3 Bill & Kathryn Shepherd
- 4 Bob & Jackie Peinert
- 5 Dave & Diane Treuhaft



CALENDAR



Sunday, January 18th
Meeting & Potluck Lunch
Defiance Chapter



Tuesday, February 10th
Chapter Meeting
Brighton Chapter

Wednesday, February 11th
Allen County Public Library Tour
Summit City Chapter

Sunday, February 15th
Meeting & Potluck Lunch
Defiance Chapter



Continue Reading Great Lakes Region, Jan - Feb 2026

SWAP MEET

SAT. MAY 2ND 2026 ONE DAY ONLY
 FOWLerville, MICH. FAIRGROUNDS

CARS & PARTS · AUTO LITERATURE · TOOLS · ARTS & CRAFTS · ANTIQUES



- \$30** **EARLY REGISTRATION THROUGH APRIL 18TH**
OUTSIDE SPACES 15 X 30 FT.
 WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED
- \$40** **April 19th thru MAY 2nd**
- \$20** **CAR CORRAL PER CAR**

Vendor Admission - Friday May 1st 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

OVER 300 SPACES AVAILABLE. NO INSIDE SPACES!!

VENDOR SET-UP SATURDAY 7:00 TO 9:00 AM
SATURDAY GATES OPEN 8:00 AM TO 5 PM

DONATIONS: \$5.00 PER ADULT
 CHILDREN UNDER 12 **FREE**,
 WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
 * No Dogs Allowed *

☞ BREAKFAST & LUNCH AVAILABLE ON GROUNDS ☞

Vendor Information & Registration:

Doug Kennedy (419) 769-1890 Wilma Kennedy (419) 212-2195
 John Zimmerman (419) 350-3666

Email & Website

email: glrmcca@gmail.com
 website: tinyurl.com/GLRFowlerville

REGISTRATION FORM 2026

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____
 E-Mail _____ NUMBER OF SPACES _____ TOTAL \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GREAT LAKES REGION, VMCCA
SEND TO: Doug & Wilma Kennedy
 18311 Switzer Road
 Defiance, OH 43512

Note: All Vendors responsible for any damage to grounds



tinyurl.com/GLRFowlerville

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Parts | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tools | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antiques | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty _____ | |

Link to Register as a Vendor at the GLR Swap Meet

The Old Crank



VMCCA

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"The Old Crank" is the official publication of the Northern Colorado Chapter of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America. It is published monthly for the benefit of its members. Three consecutive copies will be sent to prospective members by submission of their names to the editor.

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Touring Talk

Newsletter of the Sequim Valley Car Club

Charter Club of Vintage Motor Car
Club of America (VMCCA)

Sequim Valley Car Club (SVCC)
PO Box 683 Sequim, WA 98382

Officers of the SVCC:

President Bill Barrett

Vice President Chuck Livingston

Secretary Dale Poitra

Treasurer Lynne Garvin

Member-at-Large Randy Leach

Sergeant-at-Arms Jay Cameron

Editor Sherry Poitra

Membership Randy Leach

Merchandise David Ladiges

Raffle David Ladiges

Sunshine Katherine Brigden

Scholarship Debbie Flint

NW Regional Director Carl Edem

NW Regional Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Flint



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MEETINGS: General potluck dinner meetings are regularly held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Sequim Elks Lodge starting at 6 pm. Bring your own plates and eating utensils.

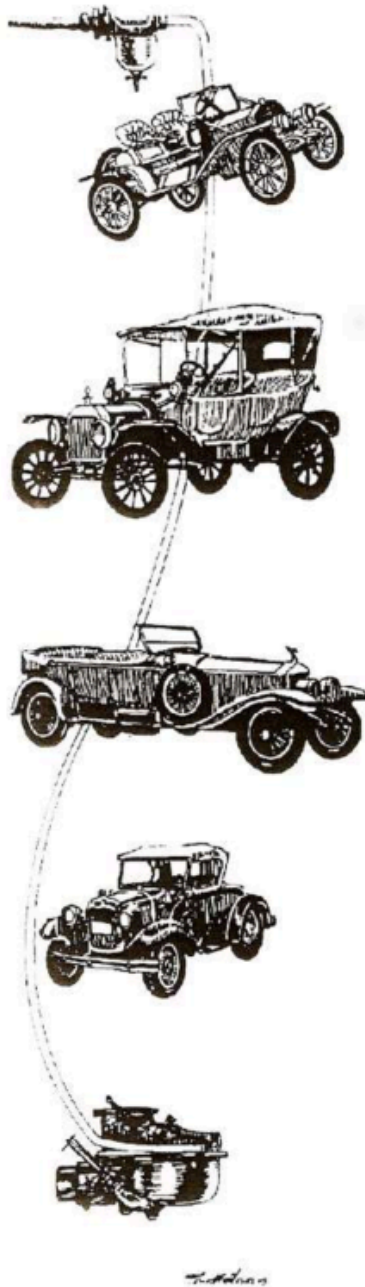
Board meetings are held at 6:00 pm the Thursday before the monthly general meeting at The Mariner Cafe in Sequim. All members are welcome to attend to keep abreast of what your officers are up to!

July (Club Picnic) excluded & December (Christmas meeting) requires advance signup.

Weekly Wednesday breakfast, a club sponsored tradition: All SVCC members are invited.

See following page for current schedule.

Continue reading the SVCC, March 2026



March

The **2026**

GAS LINE

A PUBLICATION OF
PIKES PEAK CHAPTER
VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!



Hope to see you on March 14!!



**Downtown Parade
starts at
noon.**

VISIT your web site at

<ppvmcca.com> for the latest info and [with a password] a membership list. Call an officer for the password.

Continue reading Pikes Peak Chapter, March 2026



March 19 Tour to Wimberley Glassworks

Join us for a tour to Wimberley Glassworks on Thursday, March 19. Meet behind the Stagecoach Convenience Store at the intersection of US Hwy. 290 E and FM 1376 (the road that goes to Luckenbach) by 8:30 a.m. Our drivers' meeting will be at 8:50 a.m. before we head out. The route to Wimberley is 55 miles, so there will be a short rest stop outside of Blanco. Once we arrive at Wimberley Glassworks, we will see a glass blowing demonstration at 10:30 a.m. The demonstration will last 30 minutes, then you can visit their display gallery where you can peruse their selection of exclusive vases, sculptures, plates, glassware, gifts, and lighting. From there, we will travel to Driftwood for lunch at the famous Salt Lick BBQ. A sign-up sheet will be at the March meeting, or RSVP by March 12 to Randy or Irene Pullen at (830)669-2019.

MHDD Hope on Wheels Car Show

Support the work that the Hill Country Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Center is doing in our community by being a part of their *Hope on Wheels* Car Show on Saturday, March 21, at River Star Event Park (4000 Riverside Drive) in Kerrville. There is no fee to enter your car. Just show up around 9:00 a.m.; the show begins at 10:00 a.m. Awards will be given out at 2:00 p.m. There will also be food trucks, a silent auction, a kids corner, and car smash. All proceeds benefit mental health services in the Hill Country.

April 22 Tour to Heritage Place

Join us on Wednesday, April 22, as we once again have the opportunity to show off our cars to the residents at Heritage Place. Meet in the Methodist Church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to start the drive to Heritage Place at 9:50 a.m. for the first of two circuits through their portico by

UPCOMING EVENTS

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|----------------------|---|
| MARCH 3 | Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m., Golden Hub |
| MARCH 19 | Wimberley Glassworks Meet at 8:30 a.m. |
| MARCH 21 | MHDD Car Show 9:00 a.m. in Kerrville |
| APRIL 22 | Heritage Place Tour 9:30 a.m. in Fredericksburg |
| JUNE 14-19 | Chrome Glidden Tour Amarillo |

10:00 a.m. We will park through the portico and the parking lot and remain there until 11:30 a.m. It's also a great opportunity to interact with the residents and let them ask questions about our cars. We will then drive to Ladybird Park Pavillion 5 for our picnic lunch. There will be fried chicken from Chicken Express, along with iced tea and water. Please RSVP to Lorin Buchhorn at (512)778-6396 to let her know what side or dessert you would like to bring to share. We should be finished by 2:30 p.m.

[Continue reading FVCC Rumbleseat Chatter, March 2026](#)

When Convertibles Thrilled Daytona

by A. Wayne Ferens
Images Courtesy of the Ferens Collection
Published 8-30-2023



Lee Petty in the #42 Oldsmobile and Joe Weatherly battle in the tight sand turns of the Daytona Beach & Road course. Petty went on to finish 2nd in the 1958 (and last) convertible beach race. (Photo: Ferens Collection)

From the earliest days of the automobile, all cars were open, evolving from the horse drawn buggy or carriage. The earliest forms of automobile competition were mostly done in open type cars. Weather was not a primary concern, but durability was. As early as 1903, automobiles were competing on the Ormond and Daytona Beaches, and by the 1920s and 30s, the hard sands of Daytona became the preferred location for land speed records.

The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, Inc. (NASCAR), a formal sanctioning organization was founded on February 21, 1948 by Bill France with the help of several other drivers and organizers to establish a unified series of racing competitors with original plans that included Modified, Roadster and Strictly Stock Divisions. It soon became apparent the fans were not interested in competing roadsters, and that division was abandoned. As the car market changed during the 1950s with the growing popularity of small 'drop top' imports and the introduction of new stylish convertible cars from Detroit, NASCAR decided to establish a competition strictly for convertibles. Ford dominated convertible sales in the 50s as it had in the 30s, and by 1957, convertible sales in the United States reached 5 percent of the total car market.

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The Miller-Ford V8 Indy Cars

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Driver Ted Horn at right behind the wheel with racing mechanic Bo Huckman in the #43 car, which dropped out of the 1935 Indy 500 in lap 145 but still finished 16th. (Ferens Collection)

In the 1920s, Harry A. Miller gained a reputation as a builder of race cars that dominated American motor racing, winning 72 of the 92 major U.S. races including the Indianapolis 500. During the Great Depression, Miller's business in Los Angeles, California fell on hard times and declared bankruptcy in 1933. Harry Miller then teamed up with Indianapolis 500 enthusiast Preston Tucker (who later created his own 1948 Tucker automobile), and in 1935, they formed Miller and Tucker, Inc., whose first contract job was to build ten modified stock block V8 racers for Ford Motor Company. The streamlined 150 horsepower, front wheel drive Miller-Fords were designed and built to race in the 1935 Indy 500. When completed, they were arguably the most beautiful and advanced racing cars of the day -- built at a cost of \$7,500 each. However, the deal with Henry and Edsel Ford wasn't finalized until February of 1935, just three months before the race.

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