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The Touring Chronicle

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[Visit the VMCCA website HERE](#)

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

[Visit the VMCCA Facebook page HERE](#)

Meet Your New VMCCA Secretary

By Andrew Shepherd

I am Andrew Shepherd, your new VMCCA National Secretary. I am honored and excited to have been chosen for this position beginning in early 2026.

I have been around the car hobby my entire life. My father started collecting when I was very young, and that passion has stayed with me. I currently own six classic cars. I have been married to my wonderful wife, Barbie, for almost 24 years. We have two children: Lucy, who is 19 and already involved in the car hobby, and our son Evan, who is 14.

In 2017, I became a stay-at-home parent. Prior to that, I spent 22 rewarding and successful years in managerial and executive positions with RadioShack and Sears.

Over the past few years, I have truly enjoyed being part of the VMCCA and have been as active as possible. I am very excited to serve the club as its Secretary. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

Mike and Beth have been outstanding in their roles for the past 20 years and I have big shoes to fill. I am confident they will guide me throughout this transition, which I hope will result in very few errors during my first few months.

I would like to thank everyone in my local chapter and region who has supported me since I became a member. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

(Photos courtesy of Andrew Shepherd)

Left to right: My family, Barbie my wife of almost 24 years, Evan (14), and Lucy (19). Barbie and me.



Registration Forms for the 2026 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

ANNOUNCEMENT: The registration deadline for the Annual Membership meeting has been extended to February 23, 2026.

March 16 - 20, 2026, Annual Membership Meeting, Lincoln, Nebraska, Information contact, Myron Smith 402-429-0118
myronsmith@windstream.net

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

Notice this tour has a name change

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

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



In the past week, I have had 3 opportunities to share with people the amazing adventures of "The Lewis and Clark Trail" Region Tour. Although Ray and I didn't make the entire journey, the segments we did join were over the top interesting, fun and educational.

The Santa Fe Trail Tour organized by Steve Fitzgerald was also a bonus for our members who joined his progressive journey.

Where could our next progressive tour take us? Could we consider a 3 to 6 year journey following an historical route or a themed tour connecting historical events, structures or travels.

A side benefit is connecting Regions and club members in the fun of planning this next adventure.

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

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LINCOLN NEBRASKA

MARCH 16-20 2026

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

SCHEDULE

Monday March 16 Registration Opens
Tuesday March 17 Bus Tour to State Capitol, Quilt Museum etc.
Wednesday March 18 Annual Meeting.
Tour Museum of American Speed and Lunch
Thursday March 19. 1st Quarter Meeting and Awards Banquet

Registration includes Awards banquet, Admission to Museum of American Speed and Wednesday lunch at the museum.
Registration Deadline 01/10/2026



**SPEEDWAY MOTORS
MUSEUM
OF AMERICAN SPEED**

Tuesday Tour. An optional bus tour is being offered to visit Nebraska's capitol, the International Quilt Museum, and Larsen Tractor Museum. Additional stops may be added.

Museum of American Speed is on the Speedway Motors campus. It now houses over 180,000 square feet of automotive history. Collections include: the Unser racing collection, Darryl Starbird custom car collection, large pedal car collection, motorcycles, bicycles and more. Photos show examples of what will be seen.



Above: Tucker
Left: Early Dodge Bros and 1959 Plymouth convertible.
Right: 5 and 10 Millionth Model T Fords



HOST HOTEL: Country Inn & Suites,
5353 North 27th St. Lincoln NE
Phone 402-476-5353. VMCCA rate is \$89.00
plus tax and fees. Includes hot breakfast

Questions contact:
Myron Smith (402)429-0118
myronsmith@windstream.net

Look HERE for printable flier

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**2026 ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 16-20 2026**



Registration deadline 01/10/2026

Arrive: Monday, March 16 **Depart:** Friday, March 20

March 17: (Tuesday) optional tour to state capitol, Quilt Museum and more

March 18: (Wednesday) VMCCA Annual Meeting and Museum of American Speed

March 19: (Thursday) VMCCA 1st Quarter Meeting and evening banquet

Host Hotel Information: Country Inn & Suites,
5353 North 27th St., Lincoln, NE
Phone 402-476-5353.

VMCCA rate is \$89.00 plus tax and fees. Includes hot breakfast

Airport Information: Lincoln Airport is 7 miles, (10 min) away. Host hotel has airport shuttle available to and from Lincoln airport from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

Omaha Eppley Airfield is 58 miles away, 57 minutes drive time.

Registration:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Registration fee per person _____ X \$ 130.00

Tuesday Optional Tour _____ X \$ 70.00

total \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **VMCCA TOUR** Mail to: John Nikodym, 655 Cherry St., Grand Island, NE 68801



Look HERE for a printable registration form

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

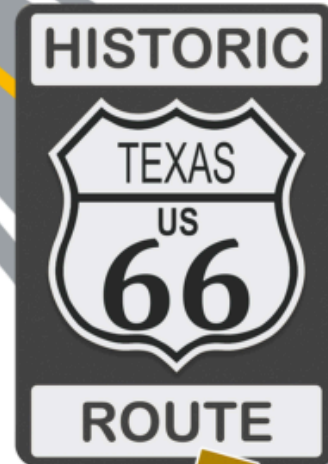
CALL AND ASK FOR VINTAGE CAR TOUR:

(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

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



#30 • Greensburg, Indiana

GRAND INDIANA AUTO TOUR • August 3-6, 2026

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

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 _____

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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:

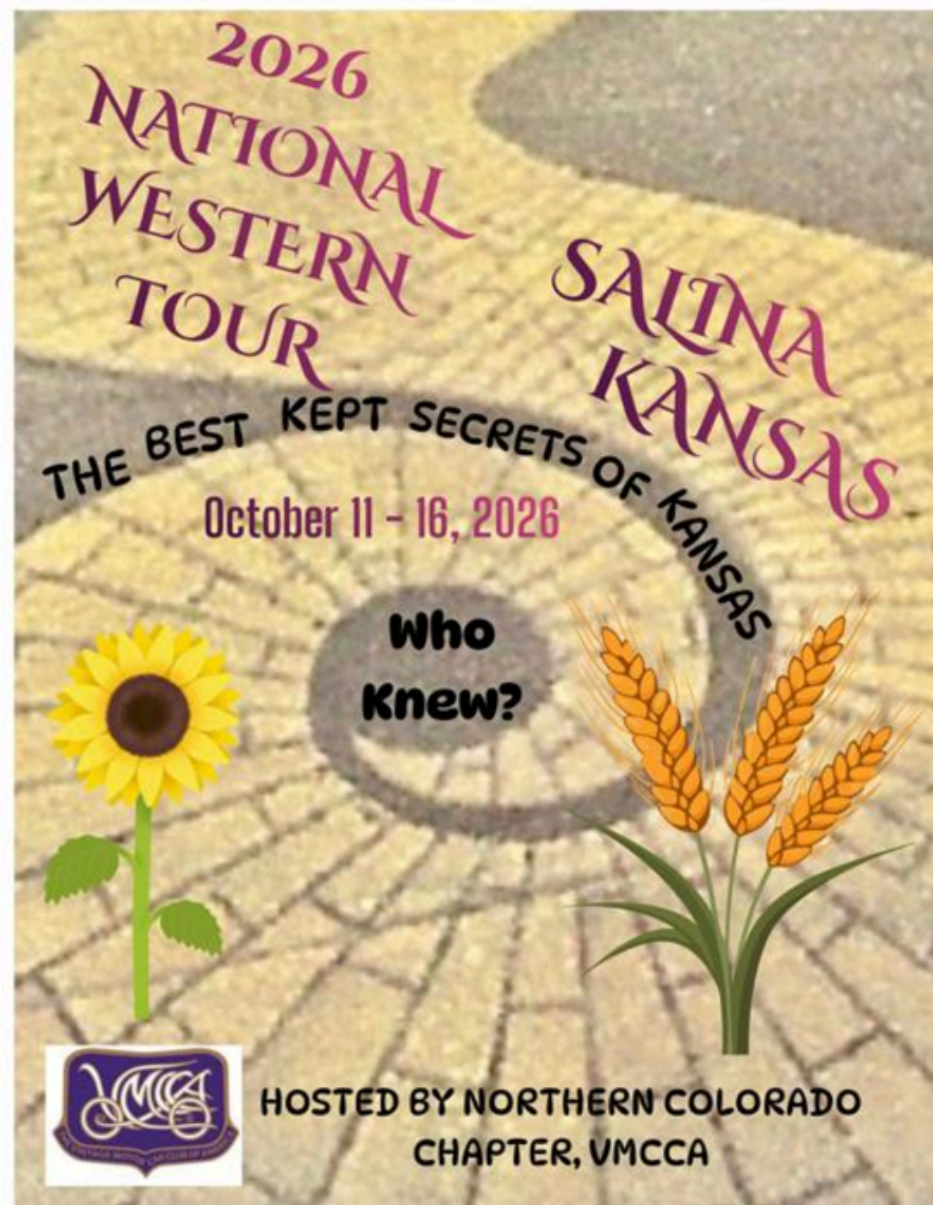
Lou Ann Bowman
4323 Wyandotte Cave Road
Milltown, Indiana 47145
502-777-3498 • daleabowman@gmail.com

THE TOURING CLUB



WWW.VMCCA.ORG

Look HERE for a printable registration form



Region and Chapter Newsletters
Articles of Interest



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

2026 JANUARY FEBRUARY



CALENDAR

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Sunday, January 18th
Meeting & Potluck Lunch
Defiance Chapter

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Tuesday, February 10th
Chapter Meeting
Brighton Chapter

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

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Sunday, February 15th
Meeting & Potluck Lunch
Defiance Chapter

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The Old Crank



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The Touring Club

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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.

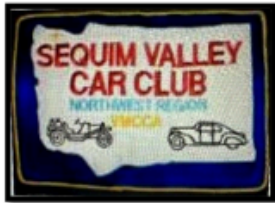
The deadline for submitting material for publication is the 15th of the month. Publication will occur on or shortly after the 20th of the month.

Club meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Black Bear. Call an officer for information about the next meeting.

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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, January 2026

The NEWSLEAK



Gold Dust Chapter *Est 1984*

Vintage Motor Car Club of America

Mountain & Plains Region—Western South Dakota

Jan 2026

ABOUT OUR CLUB



"The mission of the **Vintage Motor Car Club of America** (established in 1938) is to promote touring and enjoyment of vintage vehicles through the acquisition, preservation, restoration and exhibition of all vintage and historically significant vehicles and associated materials." www.vmcca.org

Interested in becoming a member of the **Gold Dust Chapter** of the VMCCA? Please feel free to contact one of the Club Officers (see bottom of pg 2) for more information or complete the New Member Application and Proof of Insurance found at the back of this newsletter and return to the Club Secretary. We would love to have you join!

FROM THE JANUARY MEETING



Our hosts:
Shari & George Twitero



Door Prize Winners:
Al Perry & Gail Trask

Only
4
Months

until.... (see page 3)

UPCOMING FEBRUARY MEETING

Day: Saturday

Date: February 7, 2026

Time: 11:30am (Board meeting)
12:00noon (Order lunch)

Hosts: Keith & Debs Mueske

Meet: Minerva's, Rapid City
2111 N LaCrosse St
Rapid City

RSVP: By Mon, Feb 2, 2026 to:
Debs Mueske 605-484-9098
(text or voicemail)
-or- gmadebs@hotmail.com



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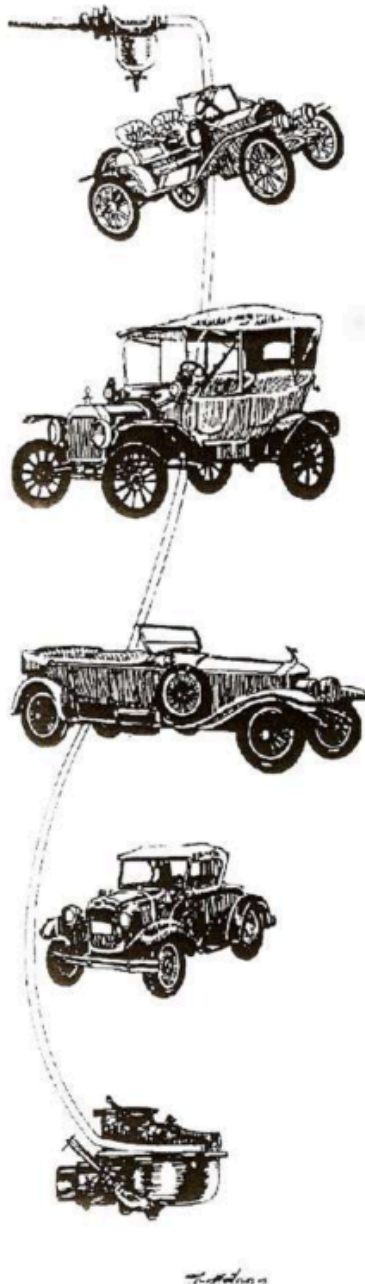
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January February

The 2026

GAS LINE

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Our kick off
program presenter is to be
Mel McFarland
who will be talking on
“**Historic Colorado Springs**”

Friday January 9, 7 pm
at the Gold Hill Police Station
955 West Moreno St.

VISIT your web site at

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

Continue reading Pikes Peak Chapter, January - February
2026



RUMBLESEAT CHATTER



Official Newsletter of the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club

January 2026

January 17 Tour to Center Point

Meet at the Y.O. Ranch Hotel in Kerrville at 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. departure on Saturday, January 17. We will drive roads we haven't been on for a while to Center Point. There is a small auto collection that we will visit. Afterward, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (to be determined).

2026 Chrome Glidden Tour, June 14-19

The 2026 Chrome Glidden Tour to Amarillo is June 14-19. Join us in the Golden Spread of the Texas Panhandle as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66, the 250th anniversary (semiquincentennial) of the USA, and the 60th year of the Texas Outdoor Musical. Registrations to attend this tour hosted by our car club will be accepted beginning January 2, 2026. You can bring your registration, with a check made out to FVCC, to the January monthly meeting. The tour is limited to 80 cars or 160 people. The routes for the daily tour drives are being developed. If you would like to volunteer to help check the tour routes for accuracy, please contact Liz Lindig. Other volunteer help will be needed from FVCC members during the tour, and we will update the needs as we finalize the plans. Chrystene Speed is the Tour Chairperson, and Liz Lindig is the Registrar.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

6

Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m., Golden Hub

JANUARY

17

January Tour

9:30 a.m. in Kerrville

JUNE

14-19

Chrome Glidden Tour

Amarillo

Santa Fly-In Fun at the Airport

The annual Santa Fly-In at Gillespie County Airport was Saturday, December 20. Santa arrived in a 1943 WACO biplane, and several of our car club members, along with their vintage vehicles to show off to attendees, were there to greet him (see photos below).



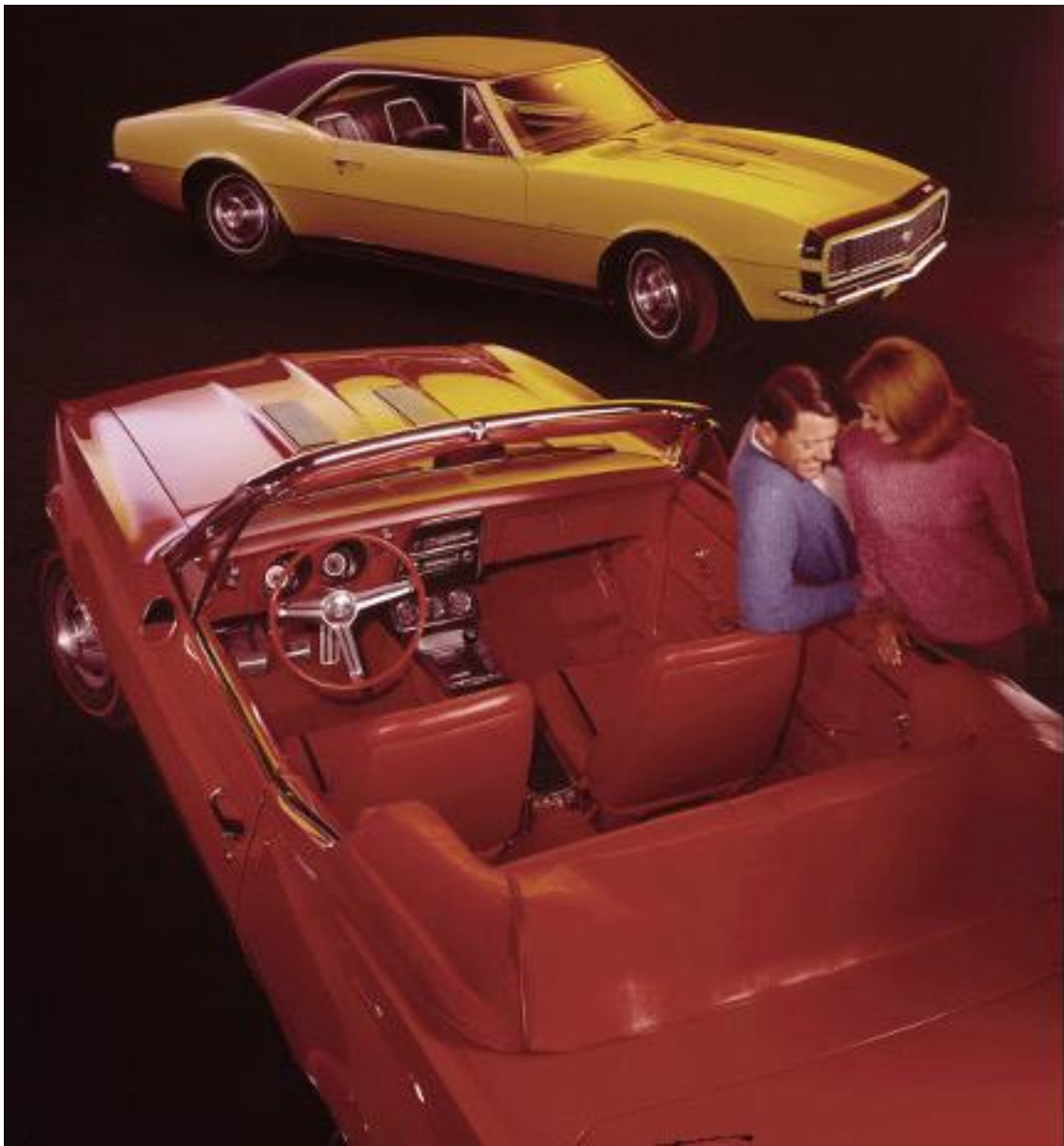
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Remembering the First Generation 1967 Chevrolet Camaro

By Award Winning Automotive Historian/Researcher Robert Tate

Courtesy of General Motors Heritage Archives



The 1967 Chevrolet Camaro, introduced on September 29, 1966, quickly captured the public's attention with its sharp styling and spirited performance. Designed under Bill Mitchell to challenge Ford's Mustang, in the beginning GM called it the F Car styling project. Henry C. Haga, chief designer, led the early design work, reporting to Dave Holls, with contributions from talented designers including Charles M. Jordan and Irvin Rybicki.

The Camaro's debut was an immediate success, generating strong sales. GM produced 220,900 units for Chevrolet dealers, offering two series with multiple engine choices. The 2 door hardtop sold for \$2,572, while the convertible started at \$2,809.

Interior design was another highlight, shaped by Suzanne Vanderbilt and Cathy Kascur of the Chevrolet studio. The all vinyl cabin came in four color choices and featured Strato Bucket seats and vertically stitched vinyl door panels.

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The 1934 REO Automobiles Offered No Gears to Shift

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher

Images Courtesy of the Robert Tate Collection

Published 10.17.2018



1934 REO Flying Cloud brochure cover (Robert Tate Collection)

When you take a look back at the REO Motor Car Company, you'll find that it was a company with a rich history in Lansing, Michigan. The REO company got its name from its founder, Ransom E. Olds, who launched the venture after retiring from his original Olds Motor Works (Oldsmobile) in 1904.

The first REO automobile was manufactured on October 15th 1904. This story is about the stylish REO automobiles offered to the public in 1934, the company's 31st year of production. The 1934 REO models were manufactured with 14 different body styles ranging from \$795 for the 65 Coupe four-passenger model to the Royal Custom Coupe for five passengers at \$2,445.

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2025 VMCCA National Awards

2025 VMCCA National Awards

1. BEST OWNER RESTORED OR MAINTAINED CHRYSLER PRODUCT AWARD

Best Chrysler Product 25 years or older.

Sponsor: Toledo chapter, Great Lakes Region

2. BUCK SHAVER AWARD FOR THE BEST OWNER RESTORED TRUCK

Sponsor: Pikes Peak Chapter, Mtns. and Plains Region

3. BEST PRESERVED ORIGINAL CAR AT LEAST 60 YEARS

Original running gear, body, paint, upholstery and top are required. Minor repairs and touchup are allowed. Cars with the least score higher. Required mechanical and structural repairs plus tire replacement to permit safe driving on touring events accepted.

Sponsors: Jim and Marilyn Talbot in memory of Past President Dorothy Houdek

4. BEST OWNER RESTORED OR MAINTAINED ORPHAN MAKE AWARD

For restored cars of parent corporations no longer in the automobile business or those "abandoned" cars that are no longer being made by a manufacturer (such as Plymouth, Oldsmobile) produced from 1934 to 1964. Car must have been driven on a regional or national tour in the previous two years. Sponsor: Fredericksburg Chapter, Texoma Region

5. FOUNDER'S TROPHY

Best pre-1928 car driven the longest distance to a National Tour Sponsor: Kentucky Region

6. THE JIM SPENCER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best Antique Car, 1960 through 25 years old.

Sponsor: Bob and Sally Murray

7. LARRY AMES MEMORIAL AWARD

Best owner restored car 1913 through 1937.

Sponsor: The Ames Family in memory of Larry Ames

8. THE NIFTY FIFTIES AWARD

Best Restored Chevrolet 1950 through 1959.

Sponsor: B.D. Berryhill in memory of Catherine Berryhill

9. PIKES PEAK CHAPTER MEMORIAL AWARD

Best restored foreign car, 25 years old or older.

Sponsor: Pikes Peak Chapter, Mountains and Plains Region

10. RALPH BUCKLEY AWARDS

Best professionally restored car through 1913.

Sponsor: New York Region

11. SOUTHWEST REGION AWARD

Best VMCCA recognized car driven on a regular basis.

Sponsor: Southwest Region

12. BEST MUSCLE CAR AWARD

Best 1964 through 1974 muscle car with an engine of 300 H.P. or greater. Sponsor: Southwest Florida Region

13. FORREST G. DOWNING MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best owner restored car built between 1920 to 1929 (excluding the Model A Ford). Car must have been driven on a VMCCA Regional or National Tour during the year.

Sponsors: Shirley Downing Doherty and Barbara Downing Fox

14. THE MIKE DERBIDGE MEMORIAL AWARD

This award acknowledges the long trip that some members make to create a running vehicle from nothing. The owner of the vehicle is to be the primary restorer. Documentation via photos and/or written story will be used in judging.

Sponsor: Eastern Idaho Chapter, Bonneville Region

15. BEST OWNER RESTORED OR MAINTAINED STATION WAGON ON A REGIONAL OR NATIONAL TOUR

Driven on a Regional or National Tour this year.

Sponsor: Northern Colo. Chapter, Mt. and Plains Region

16. BEST 40'S BUICK

Best 1940 to 1949 Buick on a Regional or National Tour.

Sponsor: Michael Stemen in memory of Karen Lynn Stemen

17. THE BOB ERAUSQUIN AWARD

Best Packard on a Tour.

Sponsor: Great Lakes Region

18. CARL DAWES MEMORIAL AWARD

Member (excluding members of the Board of Governors) doing the most for the club.

Sponsor: Great Lakes Region

19. OUTSTANDING REGIONAL DIRECTOR AWARD

Regional Director who did the most for the VMCCA and his/her Region during the year.

Sponsor: Mountains and Plains Region

20. PAST PRESIDENT'S MEMORIAL TROPHY

Person or Couple who best symbolize(s) the spirit of the VMCCA while on a Regional or National Tour.

Sponsor: The Werckle Family in Memory of Dr. Mike Werckle

21. YOUNG ENTHUSIAST AWARD

Youngest owner/driver to participate in a VMCCA Regional or National Tour

Sponsors: Mike and Joan Huffman

22. MASTER MECHANIX EXTRAORDINAIRE

Plays a starring role in the repair team that accompanies all regional and national tours. This person makes sense of it all and makes them run again-or not. These starring roles are typically demonstrated in two or more tours. Pictures are demonstrating these heroic acts are encouraged.

Sponsor: Judith Derbidge

23. THE BILL PRESTON MEMORIAL AWARD

For outstanding National Tour Director as voted upon by the National Board.

Sponsors: Jim and Ginger Cohen

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Outstanding contributions to the VMCCA as selected by the President. Sponsor: Board

NOTICE: Award number 16, Best 40's Buick, does not have a sponsor at this time.

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