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The Touring Chronicle

A publication of the

Vintage Motor Car Club of America

**There are back roads and unique towns all across America.
The Vintage Motor Car Club of America knows where they are
and will take you there.**

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The View From My Side Of The Road

The VMCCA's membership growth is not growth in numbers. We do get new members while losing members. The net result is not a gain in total membership. I'm thinking about that almost constantly. We are doing some things to recruit and retain members. There is a possibility that we are also doing some things that cause members to not re-new their membership. I am not thinking about losing members because of age, that is just going to happen. I see that in my own aging process. I don't enjoy pulling a trailer all across the country nearly as much as I used to. Like other members I talk with, we prefer to drive a more comfortable car to tours and leave the trailer at home.

I have been encouraged in the last couple of weeks by two members. One is a new member from California. The other is from our longest continuous member from New York, Warren Kraft. Not just New York, but Long Island which is even further east. Two members as far apart geographically, with VMCCA history, and likely age as they could possibly be. However, they are fairly close philosophically in their ideas about our hobby.

The new member is Robert Guzzetta. Rob contacted John Munoz about information on his 1910 Oakland Roadster. Rob was looking for ownership history of the car in 1950. The car has a dash medallion from a VMCCA event held in Toledo, Ohio in 1950 and participated in the 1964 Glidden Tour held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. While searching for more information on Rob's car in the USB Bulb Horn drive, I found an interesting *Letter to the Editor* written by Warren Kraft.

Emails back and forth with Rob proved to be encouraging, as I mentioned. In one of the email exchanges Rob wrote:

"I am one who likes to drive my cars. I think it is sad that people have great cars and they sit in the garage. I have found that driving is the best way to sort out your car and the more you drive them the more reliable they become. I have had only one breakdown that required being towed (broken weld on driveshaft on my '32) in thousands of miles of driving."

That quote warmed my heart! Driving our cars is mostly what is mostly what the VMCCA is all about. Our Logo and Motto proclaim us as "The Touring Club." Touring with our friends and making new friends is another statement of what the VMCCA is all about. Our touring season is just beginning, look at the tour schedule below and register for as many as you can.

As mentioned, in my attempt to find out more about Rob's Oakland I found a letter to the editor from Warren Kraft. Warren joined the VMCCA

June 6, 1946. Carol and I traveled to Long Island in 2018 to interview Warren. Meeting Warren impacted me in many ways. The Bulb Horn interview article link is [HERE](#). One strong belief and frequently said by Warren is "Any car manufactured after 1920 is just a used car." In the letter to the editor posted in the January 1952 Bulb Horn, Warren wrote about his concerns regarding the 1951 Glidden Tour. One quote relates to many heard today, mine is in the first paragraph.

"Why drive your 1908 car and subject yourself to the possiblity of rain, cold, wind, early arising and late arriving, when you can drive your 1928 luxury liner with radio and heater - and electric lights and starter?"

Can't argue with that today, but would have to add AC and cruise control, among other luxury liner features. Warren recognized that the car hobby was in its infancy back in the 1950s. He also recognized that as the hobby continued to grow it would be faced with additional problems. He understood that committees would be formed to meet these problems. He encouraged the committees to try to meet these problems with the primary view, *"Preservation and use of the older cars should be encouraged."*

From our newest member to our longest member that philosophical idea has never changed. Help us never let it change.

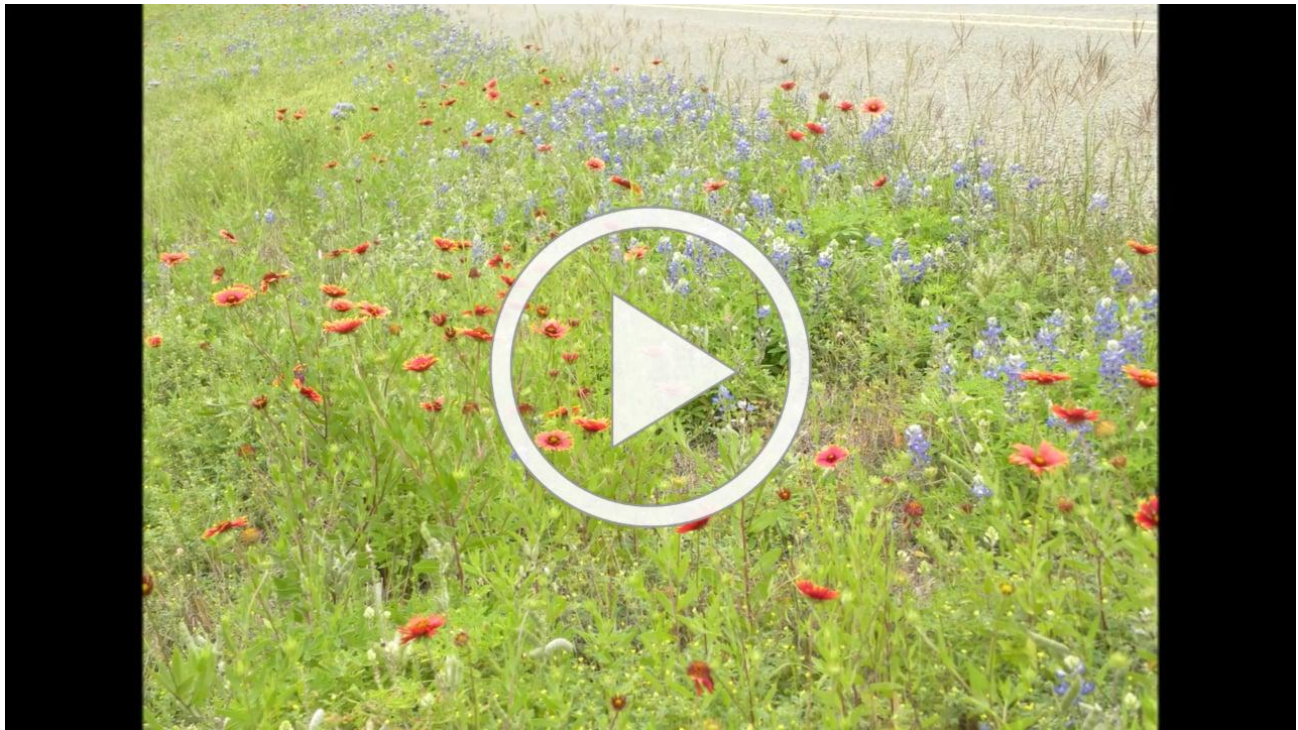
Ray



The photographs above are of Rob's 1910 Oakland M "40" Roadster and the medallion on the dash of this car. Rob understands that Tom Lester may have owned this car at the time of the 1950 VMCCA meet in Toledo, Ohio. It is believed this car was in a museum in 1955. In 1964 it participated in the Revival AAA Glidden Tour in Colorado Springs, Colorado. At that time it was owned by another individual whom Rob has been in contact with. If any of our readers has information about this car from the 1950 meet or Tom Lester's possible ownership, Rob would appreciate being contacted. splithead6fan@gmail.com

For Additional Information Regarding The Search For A Like Car's
Ownership Look [HERE](#)

41st Chrome Glidden Tour Fredericksburg, Texas April - 2023



VMCCA 2023 and 2024 Calendar of Events

Registration Forms for 2023 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!

**June 4 - 10, 2023, The Old Spanish Trail - Part 1
Santa Fe, NM to Grand Junction, CO.
studebakersteve@bresnan.net**

**June 12-16, 2023, Kentucky Region Central Nickel
Aged Tour, Hamilton, OH, Dave Grenier,
triu4@yahoo.com**

**June 26-30, 2023, 72nd Great Lakes Region Tour,
Flint MI, Bill Sturgeon, wsturgeon@live.com**

**July 9-14, 2023, 1& 2 Cylinder Tour, Richmond, IN,
Dave & Kelly Copeland,
grizzsgarage2019@gmail.com**

**July 17-20, 2023, Grand Indiana Tour, Richmond,
IN, Mike Rowda lead, rowda@sbcglobal.net**

**August 20-26, 2023, Lewis and Clark Regional Tour,
Dillon, MT to Lewiston, ID, Holly & Bob Crawley,
holly.h.crawley@gmail.com**

**September 10-16, 2023, Heritage Tour, Newport
News, VA, James Woodall, jbmwoodall@cox.net**

**October 22-27, 2023, 77th Revival AAA Glidden
Tour®, Thomasville, GA, Steve, David, and Blanche
Gordon, gliddentour2023@gmail.com**

**February 8 -12, 2024, VMCCA Annual Membership
Meeting and Awards Banquet. Caribbean Cruise,
Duane Copley, dgcopley46@yahoo.com**

**April 7-11, 2024, VMCCA Orphan Car Tour, Decatur,
TX. Bill and Betty Shores, 817-688-7022
b.shores@sbcglobal.net**

**April 28 - May 3, 2024, 42nd Chrome Glidden Tour,
Clarksville, AR. Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill,
501-352-0047 raymond.harrill@att.net**

**June 23-28, 2024, VMCCA 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour,
Medina, OH. Dave and Debbie Vassel. Debbie 330-416-
5341 and Dave 330-350-0371, dvasel1576@gmail.com**

**May 12-17, 2024 Part II Old Santa Fe Trail Regional
Tour, Grand Junction, CO to St. George, UT, Steve
Fitzgerald, studebakersteve@bresnan.net**

June 9-14, 2024 Lewis & Clark Regional Tour, Carl Edem, carldedem.52@gmail.com

June 23-28, 2024 VMCCA 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour, Medina, OH, Dave & Debbie Vasel, dvasel1576@gmail.com

October 8-11, 2024 Hershey (PA) Swap Meet

November 3-8, 2024 Western National Tour, Tucson, AZ, Steve Partman, smpartman@outlook.com

November 17-22, 2024 Part III Old Santa Fe Trail Regional Tour, St. George, UT to Santa Fe, NM, Steve Fitzgerald, studebakersteve@bresnan.net

About The Importance Of Registration Forms

A week ago I received an email from a Tour Director and Registrar about the timing of Tour Registration forms availability in the Bulb Horn, on the website, and in The Touring Chronicle. The comments and concerns center around having the forms readily available with ample time for submitting a registration prior to the registration deadline. My personal experience is that I wait as long as possible before I send in my registration. I mentioned in prior comments that one of my most highly developed skills is "procrastination." Tour Directors and Registrars depend on timely registrations to help them better manage the tour. If a tour fills up quickly, that is good news for the most part. If a tour is slow to fill or registrations are coming in slowly, that is not usually good news. We have methods to help us communicate either case effectively and have used them when needed.

The most effective way to make a Registrar's job easier is to submit registration forms in a timely manner, well in advance of registration deadlines. Generally, tour fliers and registration forms are submitted to our media publications at the same time. However, not all are published or updated at the same time. Depending on the publishing cycle, the Bulb Horn may be the last place a member will see a registration form. The website potentially could be the first. Here in the Chronicle could be anywhere in between. If you know about a tour, but can't find the registration form in the Bulb Horn, I recommend looking at the website first. If there is a flier, there should be a registration form near by. A point is, we want to make it easy for members to get signed up. A result

of timely registrations is that Tour Directors can make better plans for the tour.

The original email got me thinking about how the process can be improved here. It also started some thoughts about how the VMCCA "markets" a tour. Clearly, making registration forms more visible here, can be done with a little extra work on my part. Immediately below there are links to printable copies of the registration form for 2023 tours. Registration forms are also linked with each tour flier further down .

The Heritage Tour is formatted a little different in the flier further down. The block is filled with a color (red) and there is a link to the host hotel website. This is just a trial. Hopefully, it will make it easier to make a hotel reservations. Review the tour registration block below and give it a try.

Your ideas about how to make registration for tours are welcome.

Ray

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Tour Fliers and Registration Form Links

Below are links to PRINTABLE Registration Forms for the 2023 VMCCA Tours

The Old Spanish Trail Registration Form

The Great Lakes Region 2023 Tour Registration Form

National 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour Registration Form

Grand Indiana Auto Tour Registration Form

Lewis & Clark Tour Registration Form

The Old Spanish Trail - Part 1 June 4 through June 10, 2023 Santa Fe NM to Grand Junction, CO

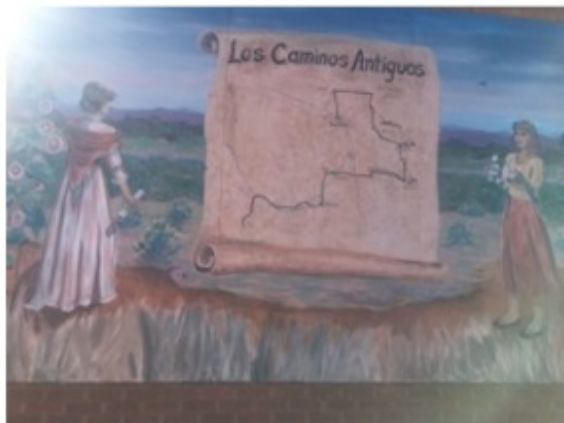
The Old Spanish Trail had several variations. We shall follow the North Branch of the Northern Route as experienced by Fathers Dominguez and Escalante in 1776. The eight trails were used to connect the Old Town of Santa Fe in New Spain to the missions in California. The trail chosen was dependent upon weather, water and other conditions at the time. The western journey took woolen goods made in and around Santa Fe and Taos to exchange for horses and mules in California. There was also trade with native Americans along the way. The journey took about three months going west and about half that coming back. The fathers created the north branch follow existing Native American trails. None of the trails ever developed into wagon roads during the time the land was still part of New Spain or later Mexico. This trade route was responsible for the development of the Santa Fe Trail bringing goods for the east after Mexico became independent and Spanish restrictions ended.



Our tour will take us into Taos where the Pueblo was occupied for over many centuries is still occupied. We will then cross the Rio Grande several times as we journey North through several Tribal territories and Colorado's oldest town of San Luis. We will see Ft. Garland once commanded by Kit Carson near the college town of Alamosa. We then travel by the easy route over Cochetopa Pass to Gunnison with its extensive Pioneer Museum. Then it is on to Montrose and its Museum of the West and the Ute Indian Museum via the black Canyon National Park. On our final leg of this Part One of the Old Spanish Trail, we shall stop at the re-created Ft. Uncompahgre originally established in 1825. We will close out part one with a tour over the Colorado National Monument before our closing banquet in Grand Junction.

The day after our closing, many of us will travel back to Santa Fe to retrieve our trailers and tow vehicles. We will go through Ouray, referred to as the Switzerland of America. and then over Red Mountain Pass to Silverton and on through Durango. Our trouble truck will cover the journey.

We will travel through some beautiful country as well as much of the poverty stricken areas typical of the southwest. We will go from high desert to high mountains and back to high desert.



[Look HERE for registration form](#)

[Look HERE for Itinerary](#)

[Look HERE for Hotel contact list](#)

2023 Great Lakes Region Tour of the Motor Cities National Heritage Area



*The
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*America's
National Parks^{NP}
Passport Stamp
Program*



Monday June 26th through Friday June 30th, 2023
Hosted by Bill & Pam Sturgeon of the Brighton Chapter

2023 Great Lakes Tour Highlights:

- Birthplace of GM - Factory One^{NP}
- Stahl's Automotive Collection^{NP}
- The World's Largest Christmas Store
- Sloan Museum Vehicle Gallery^{NP}
- RE Olds Transportation Museum^{NP}
- Wills Sainte Claire Museum
- Bavarian Inn Famous Chicken Dinner
- Meadow Brook Hall^{NP}

The Registration Form is available in the GLR Newsletter and on these websites:

tinyurl.com/GLRTour tinyurl.com/GLRVMCCA

Make your Hotel Reservations now. Registration opens Oct 1, 2022. Limited to 50 cars.

Best Western Plus (Host Hotel)

6075 Hill 23 Dr. Flint, MI 48507

\$89 per night + Tax (ask for 2023 VMCCA GLR Tour rate)

Phone: 810-233-9000

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/2023-GLR-Tour-BW>

Hampton Inn (Alternate hotel across the street)

6060 Rashelle Drive Flint, Michigan 48507

\$114 per night + tax. (ask for 2023 VMCCA GLR Tour rate)

Phone: 810-234-8400

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/2023-GLR-Tour-HI>

2023 GLR Tour Chairs:

Bill & Pam Sturgeon

3209 Erie Drive

Orchard Lake, MI 48324

Phone: 248-396-2703

Text: 248-396-9136

e-Mail: wsturgeon@live.com

Info: tinyurl.com/2023-GLR-Tour

Outdoor Adventures Lake Shore Resort (Campground) Located 16 miles northwest of the hotels.

Phone: 989-671-1125 Website: <https://www.outdooradventuresinc.com/lake-shore/>



Learn more at our 2023 GLR Tour website: tinyurl.com/2023-GLR-Tour

Look HERE for registration form

Seven Bridges and Crooked Roads Tour



VMCCA National 1 & 2 July 9-14, 2023

Join us in Richmond, Indiana for covered bridges and crooked roads! We'll be visiting the "Central Station of the Underground Railroad" in Fountain City, IN; Mansion House, Historic Courthouse, & Warm Glow Candle outlet in Centerville, IN; Brubaker Metal Crafts in Eaton, OH; Preble County Historic Center of Gratis, OH; ~~Quiet Harmony Elk Farm of New Paris, OH~~; Murals, Hayes Arboretum, Wayne County Historical Museum, Gaar House & Farmstead, & Model T Museum in Richmond, IN; antique stores & more in Indiana and Ohio.

Hosted by Dave & Kelly Copeland. Registration will be on the VMCCA website calendar. Email grizzsgarage2019@gmail.com to receive registration or call (419) 306-1727 with any questions.

Tour is open to all VMCCA members driving 1 & 2 cylinder cars, steam cars, or electric cars built in or before 1915; and 4-cylinder cars of 10 horsepower or less built in or before 1904.

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton - \$ 114/night
(765)966-5200 at 455 Commerce Rd Richmond, IN 47374
Check-In: 07/09/2023 - Check-Out: 07/14/2023
Cutoff Date: 06/02/2023 - Group Code: **VMC**



RV Guests: Due to space limitations, only car trailers may be parked at the hotel.
Campground options: Archway Campground (937)533-4663 (1.6 miles from hotel), Deer Ridge Camping Resort (765) 939-0888 (3.9), Natural Springs Resort (937)437-5771 (4.6), Grandpas Farm Campground (765)962-7907 (6.1), Richmond KOA (800)562-0611 (8.1)

Look [HERE](#) for registration form



#28 • RICHMOND, INDIANA

GRAND INDIANA AUTO TOUR • July 17–20, 2023

Holiday Inn Richmond • 6000 National Rd E • Richmond, IN 47374 • 765-488-1975

Room Rate \$109 per night (Grand Indiana Tour) • Deadline for hotel registration is June 10, 2023.

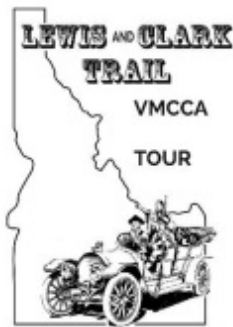
Contact Mike Rowda • Ph 317-893-5323 • rowda@sbcglobal.net • www.grandindianaautotour.com

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WWW.VMCCA.ORG

Look HERE for Registration Form



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Those "Tremendous Mountanes"

Lewis and Clark in Idaho

Total trip approximately 580 miles

Crosses three high mountain passes:

Lemhi Pass 7,373'

Lolo Pass 5,233'

Lost Trail Pass 7,021'

Registration includes admission to all venues, two coffee breaks, three dinners and two lunches

A large part of this tour is in areas with no cell phone coverage, but we will have a trouble trailer

This tour will be limited to fifty vehicles

Tour Synopsis: **August 20, 2023 - August 26, 2023**

Tour start, Sunday, August 20, 2023: Dillon, Montana – Tour registration in FairBridge Inn.

Welcome 'banquet' – at Barrett's Park – Lewis and Clark's 'Rattlesnake Cliffs'

Tour Day #1, Monday, August 21, 2023 –Travel to Bannack State Park, coffee break and ghost town tour, then return to Dillon for lunch on own. After lunch visit Beaverhead Rock highway pullout, walk up to **Clark's Lookout**, and then return to Dillon to visit the Beaverhead County Museum. Dinner on own in Dillon.

Tour Day #2, Tuesday, August 22, 2023 – Travel to Salmon on MT #324 over Lemhi Pass (**10 miles of this road is gravel with a 13% down grade for 1,340'**) visiting Lewis & Clark's Camp Fortunate overlook and eating lunch at Sacajawea picnic area at the top of Lemhi Pass. Stop in Tendoy, ID for ice cream at Tendoy Store. On to Stagecoach Inn in Salmon. Banquet and speaker at Sacajawea Learning Center.

Tour Day #3, Wednesday, August 23, 2023 –Travel north on Hwy 93, over Lost Trail Pass. Turn east on Hwy #43 to Big Hole Battlefield NP with Ranger presentation then drive up the Bitterroot Valley to

VMCCA –Idaho Lewis & Clark 2023 Tour August 20 - 26

Look [HERE](#) for registration form

VMCCA 2023

Heritage Tour

"Where We Began"

Newport News, Virginia

September 10-16, 2023

Highlights

- Jamestown Settlement
- Williamsburg
- American Revolution Museum at Yorktown
- Fort Monroe
- Plantations
- Mariners' Museum
- Local foods including ice cream

Preference given to vehicles
1954 and older.

Limited to 60 vehicles.



Mid-Atlantic Region



Tour Chairmen

James & Becky Woodall

757-641-1021

jbmwoodall@cox.net

Jamestown Settlement's *Susan Constant* under sail in the Chesapeake Bay. Courtesy of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, jymuseums.org

Look HERE for PRINTABLE
registration form

Link to Holiday Inn, New Port
News Reservation Page



VMCCA 18th Heritage Tour
September 10-15, 2023, Newport News, VA
"Where We Began"



Hosted by Mid-Atlantic Region

Preference given to 1954 and older vehicles -- Limited to 60 vehicles or 120 people.

Please print

Owner _____ Driver (if different) _____
Address of Driver _____ City, State, Zip _____
Phone (H) _____ (C) _____ Email Address _____
Region/Chapter _____ Will you accept email confirmation? Yes _____ No _____

Print names for name tags

Driver _____
Passenger 1 _____ City & State _____
Passenger 2 _____ City & State _____
Passenger 3 _____ City & State _____
Vehicle 19 _____ Make _____ Body Type _____ Body Color(s) _____
State & License Plate No. _____ Need trailer parking? Yes _____ No _____

Children are welcome. Please call Becky for prices.

REGISTRATION FEES include Hospitality Room, 2 dinners, 1 lunch, all admissions except optional and pre-tours, and Tour Book.

One vehicle & driver _____ \$340.
Non-VMCCA driver add annual dues \$40.00 _____
Passengers _____ x \$310. _____
Extra Tour Book _____ x \$15. _____
Wed Optional Tour Colonial Williamsburg* _____ x \$40. _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ \$ _____

*Includes entrance to most shops, Capitol Building, Governor's Palace, Wren Building, and Magazine.

Friday dinner choices (how many of each?):

_____ pork chop w/pecan glaze _____ mahi-mahi _____ vegetarian

Mail on or after MAY 15

- Make check payable to: **Becky Woodall**.
- Write **Heritage Tour** on memo line.
- Postmark May 15 or until filled.
- Mail to Becky Woodall
Heritage Tour
536 Saddlehorn Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23322
- Registration, cancellation, and refund deadline is July 31.
- Chairs: James & Becky Woodall
757-641-1021, jbmwoodall@cox.net

Hotel and Campground

Holiday Inn, 980 Omni Blvd, Newport News, VA 23606 - \$119 + tax for single or double--includes 2 breakfast tickets per room.
Reservations accepted until August 10. Group: VMCCA Heritage Tour, Phone 757-223-2110, then PRESS 0, King and 2 queens available.

Camping at Newport News Park. Call campground office at 757-888-3333.

Owner/Driver Commitment/Release Statement: I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described in the Virginia Motor Car Club of America 2023 Heritage 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 attorney's 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 2023 Heritage 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 is _____ Policy No. _____ 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 representatives will not, and cannot, be held responsible for the "safety certification" of any participating vehicle.

Signed _____ Owner _____ Date _____ Driver (if different) _____ Date _____

Join The Old Car Nuts
Touring South Georgia & North Florida

77th Revival AAA Glidden Tour®



October 22-27, 2023

Thomasville, Georgia



**Open to
pre-1943
Historically
Correct
Automobiles**

Registration Opens May 1, 2023

Steve, David & Blanche Gordon - Tour Hosts

John Nikodym Registrar
gliddentour2023@gmail.com
402-746-3825

Look [HERE](#) for Registration form

2024 Events and Tour Fliers

The 2024 VMCCA Annual Meeting February 8-12, 2024

The 2024 VMCCA Annual Meeting will be held aboard the Radiance of the Seas as our members enjoy a 3-day, 4-night cruise to Cozumel Mexico.

Cruise departure date is Feb 8, 2024 leaving from the Port of Tampa returning to Tampa on Feb. 12th

For those who are still pondering over attending the 2024 Annual Membership and 1st Quarter meeting on Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas, there's still time to sign up with our group. The 3/22/2023 deadline has passed, our cabin rates are no longer guaranteed. For those who would prefer cabins other than those we have reserved, you are welcome to book them and use our group code to be sure you are seated with the VMCCA group for dinner.

If you prefer to book through your favorite travel agent, we cannot guarantee you will be seated with our group but you might try asking them to transfer your reservation to our group.

You are booking this cruise after 3/22/2023, however you may still use the group code and contact information which we will provide, and will keep you with our group.

The Registration form for the meeting will be available by mid-

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Any VMCCA member who plans to attend this event will need to send an email to dgcopley46@yahoo.com

Your email will be acknowledged and your name will be placed on the contact list and by return email receive the code and cruise line contact information which is required for the above noted cabin rates. Additional information will be included which we encourage you to read.

THESE RATES ONLY APPLIED UNTIL 3/22/2023. AFTER THAT DATE YOUR PER PERSON RATE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOOKING AGENT AND IS NO LONGER GUARANTEED

COME JOIN THE FUN!

View and Download the
Royal Caribbean Cruise
Agreement [HERE](#)

summer.

To receive the group code and contact information for the Annual Meeting and a fun cruise, please send you request to:

dgcopley46@yahoo.comce article

2024 WESTERN NATIONAL TOUR

Az. Sonora Desert Museum



San Xavier Mission



NOVEMBER 3RD – NOVEMBER 8TH 2024

Host Hotel: Desert Diamond Casino–Tucson, Arizona

Registrar: Steve Partman 2170 E. Lynx Pl., Chandler Az. 85249
630-470-3749 smpartman@outlook.com



SPACE IS LIMITED TO 35 VEHICLES !

Join us for a fun filled week in the warmth of the Arizona sun! The Tucson area has some wonderful scenery and a variety of events to enjoy. These include the Franklin Car Museum, Pima Air Museum, Tombstone, Kartchner Caverns, the last Titan Missile Base, Mini Time Machine Museum, Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson Auto Museum, Saguaro Natl. Parks (east & west), San Xavier Mission and **LOTS OF BACK ROADS TO EXPLORE.**

No resort fees, Free breakfast, Free Wifi, Segregated parking.

A 3 MINUTE PREVIEW VIDEO OF THINGS WE WILL SEE AND DO!

➡ <https://youtu.be/LoYO24bKGVA> ⬅

Pima Air Museum



Titan Missile Base Museum



The 1952-55 Aero Willys Paved the Way for Future Compacts

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher
Images Courtesy of Various Auto Collectors, the Robert Tate Collection
Published 5.24.2023



During the 1950s, many Americans were purchasing a new or second vehicle for their household. Some families wanted a smaller vehicle for their driving needs, and women were driving more frequently and becoming more independent. On the other hand, other Americans still wanted a full-size vehicle with more horsepower and large tail fins.

The Aero Willys models, manufactured between 1952 and 1955, were practical, clean-lined compact vehicles that some liked and some did not. They were designed by Clyde Paton and Phil Wright. Some automotive historians called the Aero Willys a design with monocoque construction

[Continue Reading Article](#)

Region and Chapter Newsletters Articles of Interest

Newsletter Article of the Month

Each Region or Chapter newsletter I receive has information that is

interesting and worth reading. Several of The Touring Chronicle readers give me feedback that they enjoy reading all of the newsletters. I believe the newsletters give the pulse of the organization. When our Regions and Chapters are active and engaging their members, that part of the VMCCA organization is healthy. It is my intent to feature an article every month from one of the Region or Chapter newsletters. This month I have chosen the Sequim Valley Car Club's article on their Garage Tour. The newsletter editor, Joe Flint, does an excellent job creating and producing the newsletter. Historically, SVCC's newsletters have been excellent. The portion of this month's newsletter I am highlighting has a brief introduction to the editor with an adventure story and then a summary of three member's garages visited on the tour. The photographs in the article are excellent. Enjoy reading this portion linked below and the complete newsletter linked in it's normal spot.

What our members were doing in April

Your newsletter editor started off the Month with a trip to Lightning McQueen's Racing Academy in Orlando, Florida. Wife Deb indicated to him however, that his Disney adventure did not appear to improve his driving skills any. For that remark she was treated to a ride on the dizzying Guardians of the Galaxy Cosmic Rewind. That unwound her clock a bit. That ride is not for the faint of heart.

Ralph and Heidi's Garage Tour

Speaking of fun shows, Ralph and Heidi Elston put on a fun garage tour on April 5th. They are one of our members with a great collection of vintage vehicles including a 1930 Model A pickup, a 1929 Model A Coupe, a 1931 Model A Victoria, a



1933 Ford Coupe, a 1944 Ford 2 ton truck, and a 1939 Buick Coupe.

Ralph and Heidi are the third owner of their pickup, which they rescued from extensive farm use in Southern California some 13 years ago. It had been outfitted with giant '39-'41 hydraulic brakes before they purchased it and they updated it further with a Mitchel synchromesh transmission a Laycock overdrive, and overhauled engine. What a quick stopping smooth shifting old truck!!

Ralph and Heidi were well into the car restoration

[Continue reading SVCC's Garage Tour article](#)

RUMBLESEAT CHATTER

FREDERICKSBURG VINTAGE CAR CLUB

MAY 2023

Message from Liz Lindig Chrome Glidden Tour Chairperson

41st Chrome Glidden Tour - I cannot express my thanks enough for all of the hard work that everyone involved put into making this tour happen. I am writing this note right before the tour began just to share that a "wrap-up" article will be in next month's newsletter sharing lots about the tour with pictures.

Until then, Beautiful Day, Gone Touring. --Liz

Message from Marilyn Talbot Chrome Glidden Hospitality Chairperson

A BIG Thank You to all those who brought snacks to share in the Hospitality Room at the Chrome Glidden. It was very much appreciated. All items that were left over will be served at the FVCC Meetings.

I would especially like to Thank Mary Ann & Lloyd Hill and Sharon & Mike Bloyer. We couldn't have done it without them.

Sincerely, Jim & Marilyn Talbot

Member's Featured Car of the month

Gary & LaDonna
Bergman's
1929 Ford Model A

Upcoming Events

May 2:

Membership meeting at Kroc Center in Kerrville, 5:30 pm. Program about Guadalupe River Center Presented by Charlie McIlvane.

May 13:

Bandera Horses & Horsepower Tour

May 20:

Antiques and Old Cars Event at Gillespie County Airport*

June 3:

Rotary Club Car Fest

June 6:

Membership meeting at the Golden Hub in Fredericksburg, 7 p.m. Program presented by the City of Fredericksburg about NASA plans for the October Eclipse

December 10:

FVCC Christmas Party at the YO Hotel in Kerrville*

*** more details about these events in this issue**

Continue reading the FVCC's Newsletter, May 2023

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April Dust-Off Tour



President's Corner

Hello, and thanks to those who were able to attend our April meeting at the Idaho Falls Activity Center. Our Vice President, Bill Beery, provided the details for the upcoming dust-off tour to the private Kirkham car and equipment collection and a tour of the railroad museum. Hope to see you at the May meeting May 4th. Hope everyone saw the note from Jeff about the car show on April 29th at the Westbank in Idaho Falls. The car show will be part of the Senior Celebration. Hopefully, some of you will be able to attend the car show.

As a reminder, our Spring Market Lake cleanup is just around the corner on May 13th. We will be kicking off the cleanup at Denny's for breakfast followed by a cruise to Market Lake and the Spring cleanup. Mark will have the final details at the May meeting.

See you at the May meeting,

Bob Thompson

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Touring Talk

Newsletter of the Sequim Valley Car Club



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Meetings: **General potluck dinner meetings** are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the Elks Lodge, Sequim, 143 Port Williams Road, 6 pm, 360-683-2763. July (Club picnic) excluded & December (Christmas meeting) requires advance signup. **Board meetings** are held at 6:30 pm the Thursday before the monthly general meeting at locations to be announced.

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

See newsletter for details.

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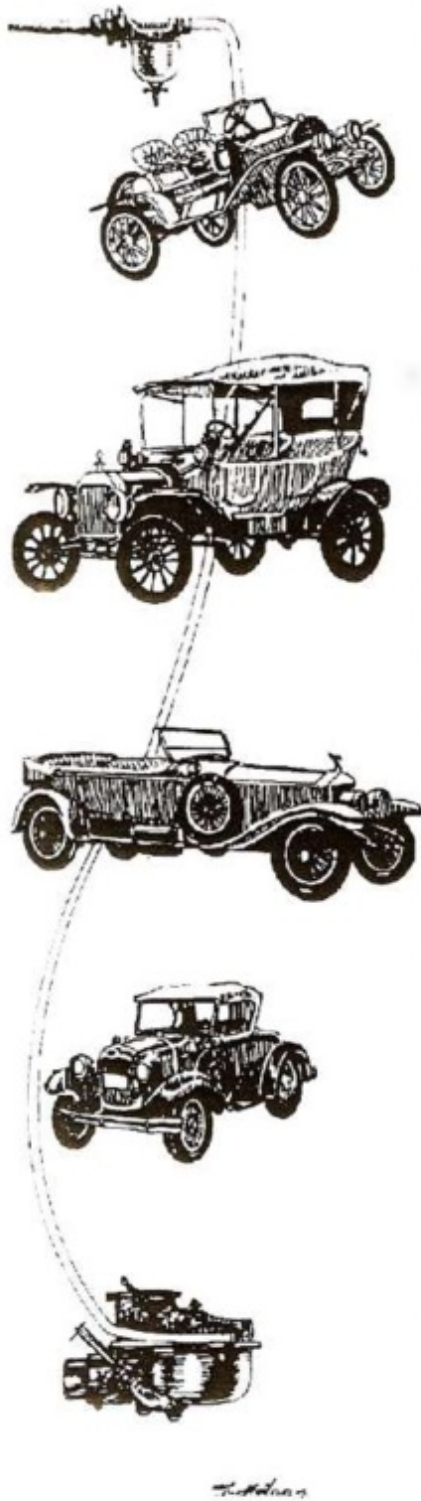
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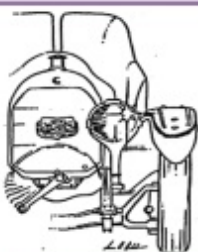
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May 6th—Coronation Tour



There were 30 members attending the tour in 16 automobiles, and some festive hats.

Thanks to Beth and Troy Kauffman for a pleasant tour and hosting the club meeting.



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The NEWSLEAK



Gold Dust Chapter *Est 1984*

Vintage Motor Car Club of America

Mountain & Plains Region—Western South Dakota

May 2023

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 MAY TOUR



Our Hosts: Randy & Patsy Schmidt



UPCOMING JUNE TOUR

Day: Friday & Saturday

Date: June 2-3, 2023

Where: Gillette WY

Hosts: Keith & Debs Mueske

See tour info on page 3!



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A Little History on Our Touring Cars

By Herb Huddle - Defiance Chapter

In 1948 the Napoleon graduating class trip went to the Ford Motor plant at River Rouge, Michigan. We watched them assemble the all new redesigned Ford automobile. This was a radical change for the future. The car came on the market in 1949. My father had put his name on the list at Bill Travis Ford Sales after WWII because new cars were scarce. In March 1949 his name came up to the top. A six cylinder, maroon car became available. You either take it or leave it with your name back to the bottom of the list. Dad took the car for me. In 2022 I purchased a restored 1949 like the one I had and the same color.

Ten years made quite a difference in the Ford car design. For about twenty years we drove a 1939 Ford coupe in the Vintage Motor Car Club, Defiance Chapter.

When we were on regular local car tours and shows we drove our 1950 Studebaker Star Lite, with the rear wrap-around window.

Sadly, my wife Betty died on December 23, 2020.

CALENDAR

May

Thursday, May 4th
Toledo Chapter Meeting

Saturday, May 6th
Fowlerville Swap Meet
GLR Meeting

Tuesday, May 9th
Brighton Chapter Cruise

Saturday, May 13th
Jim Haas Celebration of Life

Wednesday, May 17th
Defiance Chapter Cruise-In

Saturday, May 20th
Sauder Village Car Show
Defiance Chapter

Thursday, May 25th
Summit City Tincaps Outing

June

Thursday, June 1st
Toledo Chapter Meeting

Saturday, June 10th
GLR Meeting/Car Show
Michigan Military Technical
& Historical Society

June 13th
Filling Home of Mercy Car Show
Defiance Chapter

Sunday, June 18th
Defiance Chapter Meeting

June 26th—June 30th
GLR Tour of the Motor Cities
National Heritage Area

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Stay Healthy and keep on

driving your vintage cars.

See Ya Down the Road !



The VMCCA Page on Facebook!

Facebook has become an extremely popular social networking site, reportedly having more than 5.0 billion users. That is something like 40% of people on the planet! There is no doubt that it is a great tool for keeping in touch with people and organizations in a way that was undreamed of and impossible just a few years ago.

Our Facebook page is becoming more and more popular. It really is becoming a forum with many active contributors.

So join! Contribute! Make it a forum for all things VMCCA.

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