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The Touring Chronicle

A publication of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America

The VMCCA where vintage car touring brings people together and everyone is family!



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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

Registration Forms for the 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 2027 Calendar of Events

2027 Tours and Events

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

This a corrected date.
April 4 -10 2027, VMCCA Heritage Tour
Tyler, Texas
Tour Director: Robert Markman

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

September 19 - 24 2027 Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, Branson, Missouri. Tour Directors: Jim and Ginger Cohen

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The Journeys That Lie Ahead



Happy Fall!
I see snow on the mountain tops, a good sign for the western states. Perhaps this winter will be more sustaining as far as relieving the drought conditions. Do you have your vintage beauties all winterized and tucked away until spring. Having just returned from the “Who Knew” Western

National Tour in Salina, KS, we are working on that process.
What a great experience in Kansas. When the idea for this tour was explored, the initial visit to Kansas created the tagline “Who Knew”. We had no idea that there was so much to see in this agricultural area of Kansas. I think that holds true for many of the “off the beaten path” destinations we have visited in our years of touring with VMCCA. There are places we would have never seen had it not been for the tour directors’ insight into amazing things that exist off of the Interstate highway system.
Thank you to all of our members that have planned, attended and supported our travels in 2026. It takes all of us to continue to provide the mechanics of creating a successful tour. I’m looking forward to the places we will go in 2027.

Carol

The view from my side of the road

Wishing for more time straddling the center line

I often pick up local newspapers and home sales magazines when we travel. The Western National Tour in Kansas was no exception. *The Spotlight, A Beacon of News in the SE Region of Saline County* is a monthly publication I picked up in Lindsborg, Kansas. The article titled "Wishing for more time straddling the center line" caught my attention. As I read the article, it started a thought process that took me all over the road. Is there a message here for me? Carol also made a purchase that day, a shirt with the message "Hold on, let me overthink this."
The article was written by David Olson. I believe David might be a regular contributor to the newspaper. He writes about a known community member who was also his and his brother's neighbor and occasional babysitter when they were younger. They lived about one mile apart. Here is an excerpt from the article.

On one occasion, we were at her house and my brother and I insisted on going home to sleep in our own beds. Our babysitter did not drive that often and almost never at night. Her 1970's Nova meets the definition of a car driven by the little old lady only on Sundays.
As she backed out of the garage and fumbled to find the headlight switch, anticipation was certainly building. The tires displaced an inordinate amount of gravel as we proceeded sideways out of her driveway onto the blacktop. As the car quickly reached 30 miles per hour, the car was straddling the centerline and wandering back and forth down the road. The car picked up more speed, and even more speed. We were still straddling the centerline.
My brother and I both exclaimed. "You're not in the right lane!"
She replied. "It's okay, I am just taking my half out of the middle."
That was probably the shortest car ride that anyone could have.
Now I wish it would have lasted longer.

I can't stop thinking about different parts of this article, actually over thinking it, and how it relates to life in general. How do we fumbled around searching, how much gravel has been displaced, are we in the right lane, do we straddle the centerline? I believe the article is intended to bring some level of humor into our thoughts.

In conclusion, the writer is correct. The ride is short and we wish it to be longer. She replied *"It's okay, I am just taking my half out of the middle."*

Ray Maxfield
VP Publications

2027 Annual Membership Meeting, Awards Dinner, and 1st Quarter Board of Governers Meeting
February 21-24, 2027 ~ French Lick, IN



The Touring Club

Arrive: Sunday, February 21 **Depart:** Wednesday, February 24

Registration includes Sunday, Monday and Tuesday events. (alcohol not included cash bar)

Sunday Feb 21: Registration in French Lick Lobby & Welcome event light food and beverage.

Monday Feb 22: Annual Membership Meeting, Fruit & veggie car build & race and Tour French Lick hotel.

Tuesday Feb 23: 1st Quarter meeting, Tour West Baden hotel and Dinner & Awards Banquet.

Wednesday Feb 24: Check out by 11:00 AM

Hotel: French Lick Springs Hotel 8670 W. State Rd. 56, French Lick, IN. 47432

Individuals call the resort directly **1-844-241-6361** and using the **group 0227VMC.**

Individuals must identify themselves as being with **VMCCA Board of Governor's Meeting** at the time reservation is being made in order to receive the special group rate.

Day early check in Saturday night rate is $209.00 + tax.

Sunday through Wednesday night is $139.00 + tax

HOTEL CUT OFF DATE JANUARY 21, 2027

Airport: Louisville Muhammad Ali Internationl airport. Code SDF, Louisville, KY

Airport: Indianapolis Internationl airport. Code IND. Indianapolis, IN.

Airport: Evansville Regional airport. Code EVV , Evansville, IN.

Registration information needed:

Person's Attending: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cost per person: $215.00

# of people _____ X $ 215.00

Total amount enclosed $ _____

Will you accept email notifications? (circle one) Y or N

If yes, please provide email address: _____

Make check payable to **Black Swamp Chapeter VMCCA** and **mail before 01/04/2027** to:

Sue Hanely, 1653 Short Rd, Curtice, OH, 43412

Questions: Call or text Gary Miron 586-344-9598 email: gam29a@gmail.com

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Here is the link to the printable registration form.

Registration is due before January 4, 2027.

Hotel Reservations are due before January 21, 2027.
Don't miss out on a room there, it is a beautiful resort.

Donations to the VMCCA Scholarship Foundation are Tax Deductible

I have commented before that I firmly believe that the VMCCA Scholarship Foundation is one of the top benefits of our club. The VMCCA Foundation was formed to award scholarships to deserving young people who are relatives of VMCCA members. Imagine helping young people further their education, follow their dreams, and find fulfilling careers. The Foundation makes quarterly reports to the VMCCA Board of Governors. Their most recent report mentioned that 107 scholarships have been awarded. Our members have been generous donors and the scholarship recipients are grateful.

The VMCCA Scholarship Foundation is organized as a 501(c)(3) organization meaning donations are tax-deductible for the donor.

Please consider an end of year donation.

Thank You!!
Ray Maxfield

Visit the VMCCA Foundation website to make a donation HERE

Attention Students!



Are you the child, grandchild, or great grandchild of a current VMCCA member who is attending/will be attending a college or a vocational program? If so, apply for a VMCCA Foundation Scholarship.

- **Can used at any accredited school or vocational school.**
- **Full and part-time students are eligible.**
- **Applications are accepted year-round.**
- **For more information and for an application, please visit our website at: vmccafoundation.org or call Pat Crandall at 281-468-6175.**
- **Mail completed application to:**
  VMCCA Foundation
  P.O. Box 161
  Hempstead, TX 77445

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

- Annual Membership & 1st Quarter Meeting (Feb or Mar)
- Chrome Glidden Tour (Mar thru Oct)
- 1 & 2 Cylinder Tour (Jun thru Aug)
- Eastern Nickel Tour (May, Jun or early Sept)
- Western Nickel Tour (May, Jun or early Sept)
- Heritage Tour (May thru Oct)
- Western National Tour (May thru Sept)
- Muscle/Convertible/Orphan (any time)

- Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (rotates between VMCCA and AACA Sept)

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

Western National Tour

The Western National Tour was special for a lot of reasons. You will read about some of those reasons in the next Chronicle and the Bulb Horn. It was also special because of the creative and generous contributions of Ron Becker. Ron and Carole Becker are members of the Northern Colorado Chapter. Ron is an artist who has an eye for turning ordinary items into extraordinary lamps. On many occasions he has donated those lamps to the Chapter and other organizations for their fund raising events. For this tour, Ron donated three lamps and tickets were sold for the opportunity to win each of the lamps. The proceeds were given to the VMCCA. Ron's generosity helps us keep the VMCCA funded and is very much appreciated. The creative and artistic value of these lamps is more than the money they raised, the winners of these lamps get to enjoy and display them in their homes.



2027 Revival AAA Glidden Tour®

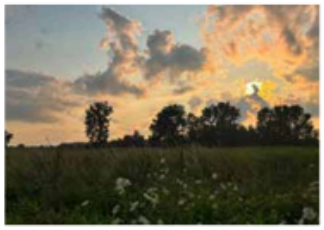
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Articles of Interest

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Brighton Chapter Cruise Night July 28, 2026

Text & Photos by Rick Thomas

Had a great cruise tonight on part of the historic Pontiac & Grand River Trail that dates to 1833. Included a delicious ice cream stop at The Dam Twist in downtown Byron, home of NASCAR's Eric Jones. Also stopped at Walkerville Family Mart, a historic former BOC Gas Station dating from about 1942. Great rides and great times with great people. Join us next time!

CALENDAR

September

Tuesday, September 1st
GLR Meeting (via ZOOM)

Monday, September 7th
America 250 Car Show
Lakeshore Chapter

September 9–11th
Fall Tour
Summit City Chapter

Saturday, September 19th
Cars & Coffee
ACD Museum, Auburn

Saturday, September 19th
Rolling into Roanoke Car Show
Roanoke, IN

October

Sunday, October 4th
Newport Hill Climb
Newport, IN

October 6–9th
Hershey Swap Meet
Hershey, PA

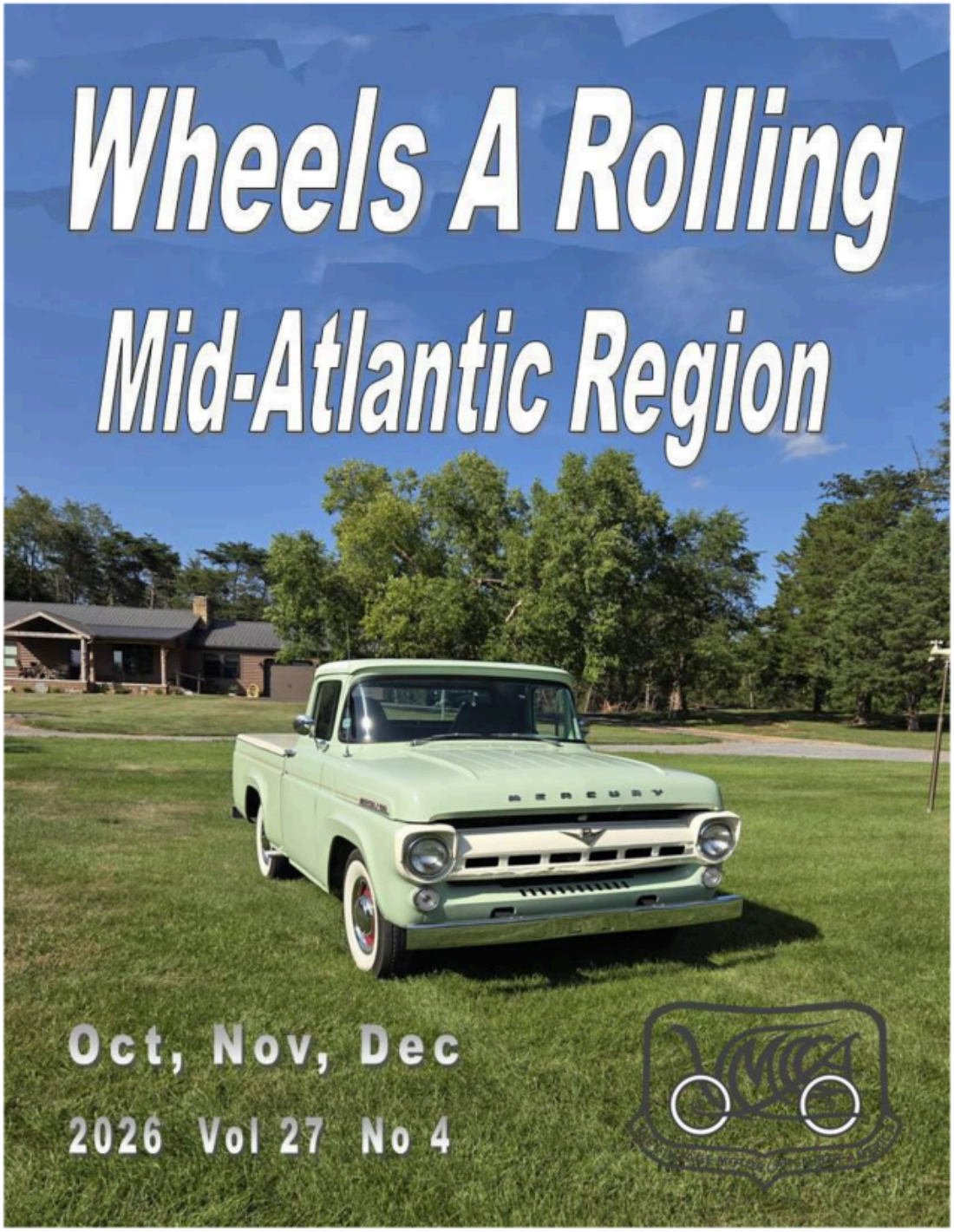
October 11–16th
VMCCA Western National Tour
Salina, KS

Sunday, October 18th
Fall Color Tour
Defiance Chapter

Saturday, October 24th
Fall Color Tour
Brighton Chapter



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Continue reading Wheels A Rolling, Oct, Nov, Dec, 2026

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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
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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 on the Thursday before the monthly general meeting at The Black Bear Diner in Sequim.
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.

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The NEWSLEAK

Gold Dust Chapter *Est 1984*

Vintage Motor Car Club of America
Mountain & Plains Region—Western South Dakota

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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 *OCTOBER* TOUR



Our host: Joan Lemer



UPCOMING *NOVEMBER* MEETING

Day: Saturday ***Date:*** November 7, 2026

Time: 12:30pm ***Hosts:*** Randy & Patsy Schmidt

Lunch: **King's Buffet, Baken Park, Rapid City**
New in Rapid City, just opened in October All you can eat buffet. A full spread of sushi, hibachi, seafood, chicken, beef, and hot dishes, cooked fresh and served buffet-style.

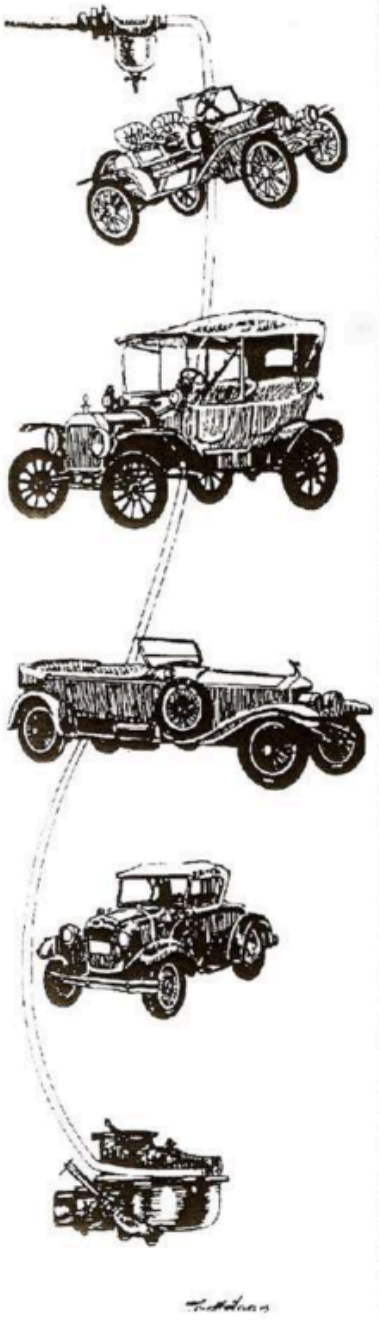
RSVP: By Mon, November 2nd to: randyandpatsyschmidt@gmail.com
-or- 605-391-0937



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GAS LINE

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

Happy Fall Pumpkin Days!!!

PROGRAM

Dick Thompson, long term CCCC President, will be the guest speaker at the October Membership Meeting.

Colorado Collector Car Council (CCCC) is an umbrella organization serving as a centralized representative interacting between Colorado's collectible car enthusiasts and the Colorado state government.

CCCC employs a lobbyist to assist with recognizing potential bills which might affect the hobby and, where necessary, to provide appropriate counsel as to impacts the bill might have on the hobby. Dick's presentation will include time for our members to ask questions. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about this important organization protecting the interests of our car hobby.

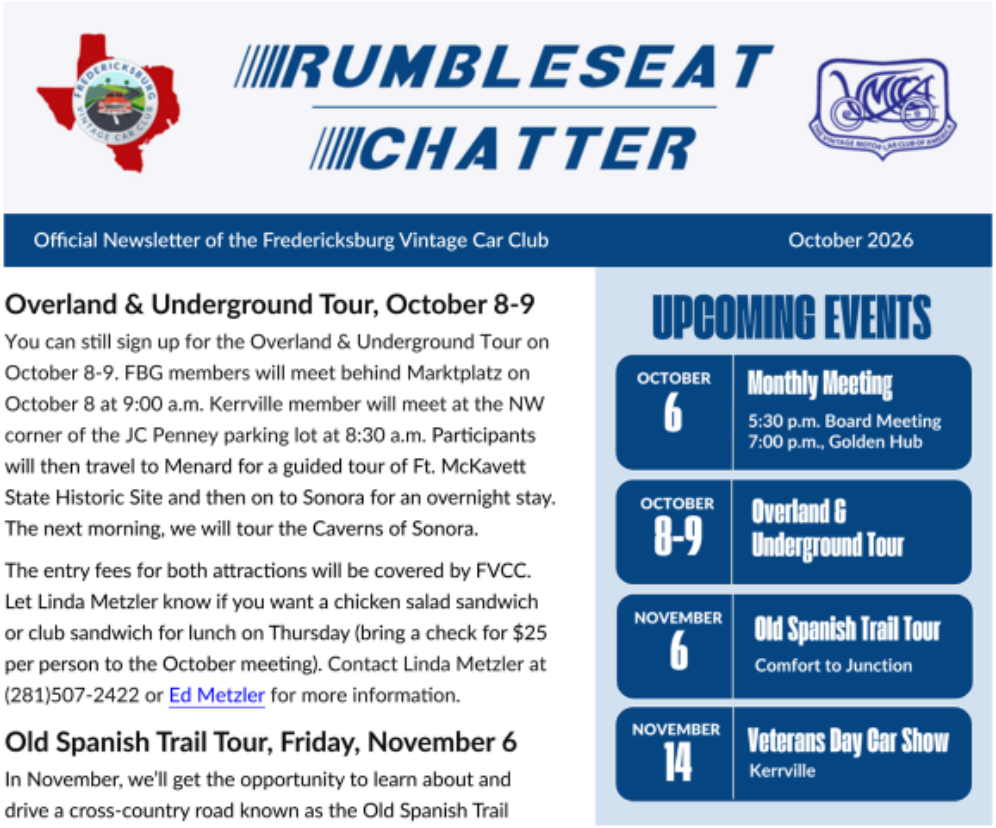


Meeting goodies to be provided by:
Will and Nancy Webb
AJ and Elaine Johnsen
Cherie and Emily Henley



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, October 2026



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Dear Chrysler: I Remember Your ‘Letter Series’ Cars

By A. Wayne Ferens
Images courtesy of Ferens collection and Chrysler Corp.
Edited by MotorCities National Heritage Area Staff
Part 2 in the MotorCities Story of the Week "Letter Series"

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The 1961 Chrysler 300G was still among the most powerful and luxurious cars available. On the outside, Chrysler revised the grille again. The grille, which had formerly been wider at the bottom than the top, was inverted. The quad headlights, which had always been side by side, were now stacked at an angle, giving the car a wider appearance. Small parking lamps below the headlights were likewise slanted and V-shaped. At the rear, the taillights were removed from the fins and placed just above the rear bumper. The front bumper was canted upward at each end.

With automotive styling beginning to change, the 300G would be the last Letter Series car to sport Virgil Exner's big fins. The controversial faux spare tire on the trunk was also eliminated.

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1960s–70s: Leading Women of Dodge Advertising

By: Robert Tate, award-winning automotive historian and researcher
Images courtesy of Chrysler Corporate Historical Collection - MMC Detroit
Edited by MotorCities National Heritage Area Staff
Published 6.03.2026



During the 1960s and 1970s, Dodge captured the attention of American consumers with Ms. Joan Parker, who became known as the Dodge Rebellion Girl and the Dodge Fever Girl. Her memorable appearances helped showcase Dodge vehicles and strengthen the brand's connection with the public.
The advertising campaigns were an immediate hit and helped define an exciting era in automotive marketing. Featured prominently in Dodge television commercials, Ms. Parker enthusiastically promoted the company's latest models and special "White Hat" deals. Her charm and on-screen presence made her one of the most recognizable faces associated with Dodge advertising during the period.

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VMCCA National Awards

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, Mountains and Plains Region

3. **BEST PRESERVED ORIGINAL CAR AT LEAST 60 YEARS OF AGE**
   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.
   Sponsor: 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-WWII car driven the longest distance to a national tour.
   Sponsor: Kentucky Region in memory of Tom Smith

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 - 1959.
   Sponsor: BD 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 AWARD**
    Best professionally restored car through 1913.
    Sponsor: New England 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: Southeast Region

13. **FORREST G. DOWNING MEMORIAL TROPHY**
    Best owner restored car built between 1920 and 1939 (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 Colorado Chapter, Mountains and Plains Region
    The chapter selects the recipient

16. **BEST BUICK 25 YEARS OR OLDER**
    Best Buick on a regional or national tour.
    Sponsor: William Shepherd

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 in his/her region during the year.
    Sponsor: Mountains and Plains Region

20. **PAST PRESIDENT'S MEMORIAL TROPHY**
    Person or couple, who best symbolizes 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.
    Sponsor: Mike and Joan Huffman

22. **MASTER MECHANIX EXTRAORDINAIRE**
    Plays a starring role in the repair team that accompanies a regional or national tour. 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 demonstrating these heroic acts are encouraged.
    Sponsor: Judyth Derbidge

23. **THE BILL PRESTON MEMORIAL AWARD**
    For outstanding national tour director as voted upon by the National Board
    Sponsors: Jim and Ginger Cohen

24. **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**
    Outstanding contributions to the VMCCA as selected by the president.
    Sponsor: Board of Governors

25. **THE DOROTHY HOUDEK MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP AWARD**
    For symbolizing the spirit of VMCCA.
    Sponsor: Bob and Sally Murray

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The Vintage Motor Car Club of America

Nomination Form for Annual VMCCA National Awards presented at each year's Annual Meeting
Please submit nominations by November 1 of each year for review and plaque design time

Nomination for Award Number _____ Name of the Award _____

Nominated by _____

Your mailing address with City/State/Zip _____

Your Phone Number where you can be easily reached _____

Your e-mail _____

There are awards for individuals and vehicles. Please see the listing of awards: A member may nominate himself or his vehicle or another individual or vehicle. A member is not limited by the number of individuals or vehicles they would like to nominate. A member or vehicle may not receive the same award more than once.

If nominating an individual, please complete the following section. Please attach a note/letter describing why the nominee should earn the award. If you have one, submit a photo via email or hard copy of the individual. The information provided will help to obtain a photo if you don't have one. Their photo will be included in the Bulb Horn and on the plaque. Submit a self-addressed envelope if you want photos back.

Name of the Nominee _____

Address _____

Phone number where they can be reached _____

Their e-mail address _____

If nominating a vehicle, please complete the following section. Also, try and include a minimum of four photos of the vehicle, hopefully with the owner. Digital photographs should be a minimum of 300 dpi; .jpg preferred and emailed. Please include additional background such as restoration history of vehicle or any other pertinent information. Photos and documentation will be published in the Bulb Horn and then kept in the VMCCA's archives. Submit a self-addressed envelope if you need photos and/or documentation back if unable to email the information/photos.

Year of vehicle _____ Make of the vehicle _____ Model _____

Body Style _____ Number of cylinders or horsepower_____

Owner's Name(s) _____

Mailing Address with City/State/Zip _____

Professionally restored? YES NO Company Name _____

Owner restored? YES NO Percent of work done by the owner personally_____%

When did restoration begin? _____ Year of completion_____

Name of VMCCA Tour/Event the vehicle was on/at: _____ Year _____

Submit application and photos to John Zimmerman, 764 Fairway Drive, Wauseon, OH 43567 or email to jzimmerman1666@gmail.com or vtechnical@vmcca.org Questions: John Zimmerman 419-350-3666

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Printable Nomination Form Printable Awards List

The Progression from Horsedrawn Carriages to Automobiles: The Men Behind the Movement 1891 - 1948

David Setterland (author)

David Setterland has been a member of the VMCCA since 2015. When I started as the editor of the Touring Chronicle, David submitted articles from the book he was writing. He was very helpful to me as I struggled to fill the Touring Chronicle with content. Over the years I have include many of David's book chapters. David and I met when Carol and I travelled to Boston in 2016 to interview and write the story of Bruce Harvey and the 1911 Corbin he had sold

in 1963. Bruce had lost track of the car and not seen or heard anything about it in over 50 years. Bruce contacted me for help tracking it down. Through David's contacts, the current owner was found just a few miles from Bruce's home.

David's Story:

When I retired 2005, my love of antique cars led me to researching the lives of the pioneers who built the earliest horseless carriages from 1891 Veteran era, into the late 1890s and first decade of the 1900s into the brass era.

Once I started learning about the first pioneers and the inventions, patents and how they made our world more simplified and efficient. It became more interesting in each man and his accomplishments, learning from the time he was born till his death. My goal when I first started researching and writing was much smaller and not so intent on carrying on to learn or write about all of the pioneers. As days went on, my friends told me you should write a book. So, I started purchasing 100s of books, car history magazines in order to build my own library to have multiple reference materials. My most important and interesting books are biography books written on different pioneers. There is no better info on a person or manufacturer than one written by the actual pioneer!

Their stories of struggles and overcoming different problems that stood in their way in building the first automobiles is an American story that should be preserved. Once the first twenty automobile manufacturers overcame the different problems from the obnoxious smells from the exhaust, to making the vehicles quiet enough to not scare horses that were the main way of travel. Then you had the difficult ways of most vehicles in getting them started by having to crank the engine over by hand. Early pioneer Byron Carter who built the Jackson car in Jackson, Michigan, started building the Carter Car with the gearless transmission invented by John William Lambert who built the first internal combustion engine powered vehicle in America. Sadly, Byron Carter lost his life because the 1904 Cadillac had yet to use electric starters.

Byron stopped on the side of the road in winter to help a lady in Detroit who needed help to restart her Cadillac. Byron hand cranked the vehicle that had the side crank just behind the front driver's side front tire. Henry Leland took over Detroit Automobile Company that had started building the first Ford car and wagons, thought by moving the hand crank to the side gave the operator less distance to get back in the vehicle for safety. Byron Carter hand cranked the woman's Cadillac with the crank snapping back hitting him in the jaw. He fell down and, in a few weeks, he died from the injuries.

That is when Leland said "no Cadillac will be sold that could cause an injury to its driver". He then had the Dayton Labs use a motor manufactured for business machines, just powerful enough to turn the engine over and create the spark needed to start it.

Volume 1 of David's 3 volume book, "The Progression from Horsedrawn Carriages to Automobiles", The subtitle:*The Men Behind the Movement 1891 - 1948* has been published and is available on Amazon Books. If you are interested in previewing the book look for it there or on our website.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation the VMCCA Scholarship Foundation using the instructions in the link below.

Donation Instructions Link

Stay Healthy and keep on driving your vintage cars.

Regardless of what road you are on or what vintage car you are driving, enjoy every minute.

See Ya Down the Road !



The VMCCA Page on Facebook!

Our VMCC 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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