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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, fliers announcing upcoming tours, and other vintage car related information.

[Visit the VMCCA Facebook page HERE](#)

Registration Forms for the 2026 and 2027 tours will be posted on the **[VMCCA website](#)**, in the Bulb Horn Magazine, and in The Touring

VMCCA 2026 Calendar of Events

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

October 18-22 2026, Mid-Atlantic VMCCA Regional Fall Tour, Berlin, Ohio. Information contact, Hosts: Chris Dear, Email: cdchrisdear1@gmail.com Cell phone: (585) 230-4108

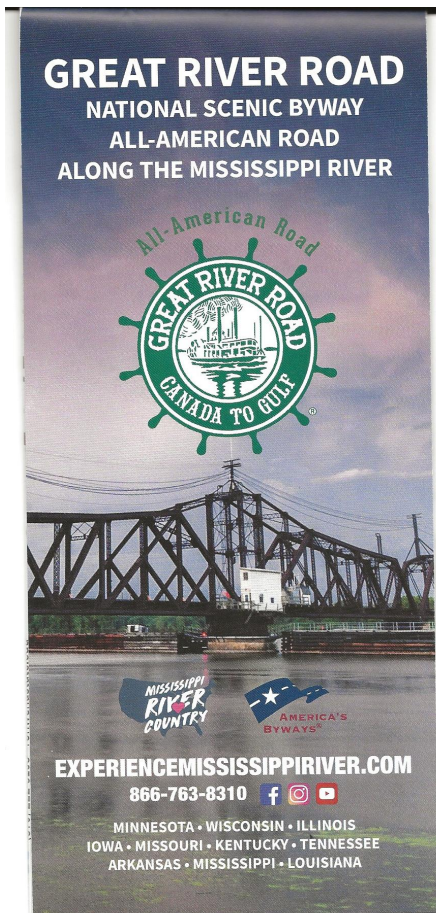
2027 Tours and Events

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

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

The Journeys That Lie Ahead



Many of the conversations I have with friends and acquaintances' eventually get around to our travels, personal and VMCCA. I like to share about our travels and hear about places I've not yet been. In a recent conversation, someone asked if we've ever been on The Great River Road and highly recommended, I take a look at it.

For those of you who live in the Midwest and farther east, you may be familiar with this tour route. It encompasses 10 states, approximately 3000 miles and follows the Mississippi River from Itasca, Minnesota to New Orleans, Louisiana. I requested a brochure and was fascinated with how the tour was organized and what is showcased to experience along the route. The information is broken up into segments because it would take weeks to travel the full route. My thoughts, someone has done the work, how could we adapt areas of The Great River Road for potential VMCCA tours.

Progressive tours are fun but not necessarily easy to plan. Perhaps picking some areas along the route and planning hub tours. If this idea perks your interest, perhaps a segment of the route would be in your region or chapter. I would invite you to search "The Great River Road" and entertain some discussion about this possibility. Please give me a call or email, I'd love to get your feedback.

Carol

Carol Maxfield
Vice President Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

80th Anniversary Revival AAA Glidden Tour®

Members and participants of any Revival AAA Glidden Tour® are invited to share Tour memories in the Memories Book. This book is a continuation of the book started after the 2022 tour by tour host Vince Delisi. Please send your memories directly to Vince.

vincentdelisi@comcast.net

[Use this link to view the current Revival AAA Glidden Tour® Memories Book](#)

3rd Quarter 2026 VMCCA Board of Governors Meeting

August 27, 2026 7:00pm Mountain Time

VMCCA members are invited to attend the Board of Governors meetings. Members cannot participate without the president's approval.

The BOG meetings are conducted on ZOOM technology, however, members do not need a ZOOM account to logon to the meeting.

Members do need to request the ZOOM logon address from Secretary, Andrew Shepherd.

Email: vsecretary@gmail.com

Phone: 419 349 5692

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

2026 Event Registration Forms and Fliers



**Registration has been extended to
September 31st.**



www.vmcca.or

2026 WESTERN NATIONAL WHO KNEW?! TOUR THE BEST KEPT SECRETS OF KANSAS

October 11-16, 2026 – Salina, KS

Sponsored by the NOCO Chapter of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America. Registration is limited to 60 vehicles, and registration deadline is Sept 1st, 2026. Tour Directors: Randy & Sandy Carlson 970-215-8427 rasacarl@lpbroadband.net

PLEASE PRINT

Owner _____ Driver (if different) _____

Address of driver _____ City, state, zip _____

Phone (C) _____ (H) _____ Email address _____

Yes ___ No ___ to put cell phone# in tour book

(PLEASE PRINT) Use names that you prefer for your name tag (if children, indicate ages as of Sept 1, 2026)

Driver _____ City & State _____ Phone _____

Passenger _____ City & State _____ Phone _____

Write additional passenger info on reverse side. Registration confirmation will be sent via email

Registration Fee

One Vehicle & Driver		\$ 330.00
Passenger	_____ x \$300.00 ea	\$ _____
Passenger (age 6-12)	_____ x \$300.00 ea	\$ _____
Extra Tour Book	_____ x \$17.00 ea	\$ _____
Total Enclosed		\$ _____

Make check payable to: **2026 Western National Tour.**

Registrations postmarked by Sept. 1, 2026, or until filled.

Mail to: Sandy Hamlin, Registrar,
6385 S Eaton Ct, Littleton, CO 80123
markhamlin1@juno.com 303-909-2440
Registration, cancellation, and refund
deadline is September 1, 2026

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn 3145 South 9th Street Salina Ks 67401. \$114.00 + taxes. King or queen rooms, includes 2 breakfasts per room, pet friendly. Trailer parking in Lowe's parking lot next door. **Booking link:**
<https://www.ihg.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=SLNAA&checkInDate=11&checkInMonthYear=092026&checkOutDate=16&checkOutMonthYear=092026&PMID=99801505&GPC=VCC&cn=no&adjustMonth=false&showApp=true&monthIndex=00> If you prefer to call: **785-404-6767** code **VMCCA Room Block**
RV Parking: Salina Campground, 1109 W Diamond Dr. Salina KS 785-827-3182

Vehicle yr _____ 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 Western National 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 (our) participation in the 2026 Western National 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 the Registration Form

Look HERE for printable Flier

Look HERE for printable Western National Tour Itinerary

Book Your Hotel Room HERE

Mid-Atlantic Region



— The Touring Club —

— 2026 —

MID-ATLANTIC VMCCA REGIONAL FALL TOUR

Ohio's Amish Byways



Berlin, Ohio



OCTOBER 18-22, 2026

Mid-Atlantic Region



2026 MID-ATLANTIC VMCCA REGIONAL FALL TOUR

Ohio's Amish Byways

Berlin, Ohio October 18-22, 2026

The 2026 Mid-Atlantic Fall Tour will be held in the Amish country of North Central Ohio.

Host Hotel

Comfort Suites and Conference Center

4810 Township Road 366

Berlin, OH 44610

Phone – (330) 893-7400

Rate - \$150.00/ night plus tax (Rate is also good on Saturday, October 17) All rooms are suites.

Block of Rooms are reserved under "VMCCA Mid-Atlantic" Room Block ends October 4, 2026

NOTE: DO NOT CONFUSE THIS WITH THE COMFORT INN, MILLERSBURG, OH

Sunday will be our registration day with an opening banquet catered at the hotel.

Monday – We will visit and have a presentation at the Amish Mennonite Heritage Center. The Amish Mennonite Heritage Center was established to accurately inform visitors about the faith, culture and lifestyle of the Amish, Mennonite and Hutterite peoples and has been in operation for almost thirty years

Next, we will drive to Lehman's Hardware. Here you will find a large assortment of practical, sustainable tools, housewares, toys, appliances and gardening gadgets, to help you begin your journey to a simpler life. Like 10 stores in one!

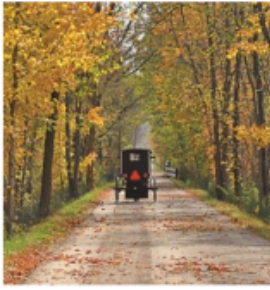
Behind Lehman's there is a store, World Crafts Fair Trade, featuring goods from over 30 countries, including home decor, baskets, jewelry, pottery and more. They partner directly with artisans to ensure they receive a living wage and are treated with respect.

Finally, we will visit Heini's Cheese Chalet, the family-owned business making cheese since 1935 and the factory retail store for Bunker Hill Cheese. **Bring a cooler.**

Lunch will be on your own, with plenty of time in to explore Berlin.

5-5:30- gather in the hospitality room, if you like, to meet your friends and make dinner plans.

Tuesday – First we will visit The Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum, located in Sugarcreek, Ohio. A museum roundhouse housing steam and diesel locomotives, passenger cars and other vintage United States and Canadian railroad equipment, built and opened in 2011.



MID-ATLANTIC VMCCA REGIONAL FALL TOUR

October 18-22, 2026

Berlin, Ohio

Ohio's Amish Byways

(For vehicles 25 years and older - Limit 40 cars)

NOTE: All drivers must be VMCCA members

Mid-Atlantic Region



The Touring Club

Please print

Owner _____ Driver (if different) _____
Address of Driver _____ City, State, Zip _____
Phone (H) _____ (C) _____ E-mail Address _____

Please bring your favorite name tag holder and a clipboard to hold tour directions

Print names for name tags

Driver _____ City & State _____
Passenger 1 _____ City & State _____
Passenger 2 _____ City & State _____

Vehicle 19 _____ Make _____ Body Type _____ Body Color(s) _____
State & License Plate No. _____ Need trailer parking? Yes _____ No _____

REGISTRATION FEES include Hospitality Room, 2 dinners, 2 lunches, 1 tour book and all admissions.

One vehicle & driver	\$ 210.00	_____
Passengers (Number ____ X)	\$ 185.00	_____
Non VMCCA Driver (annual dues includes printed Bulb Horn magazine)	\$ 58.00	_____
Optional Amish Country Theater (Number ____ X)	\$ 27.00	_____
Extra Tour Book	\$ 20.00	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Make check payable to:

Mid-Atlantic Region VMCCA

Mail to: **Chris Dear**

123 Ashbrook Circle

Webster, NY 14580

Do not mail before before May 1, 2026.

Registration, cancellation, and refund
deadline September 1, 2026.

Host: Chris Dear

Email: cdchrisdear1@gmail.com

Cell phone: (585) 230-4108

Host Hotel

Comfort Suites and Conference Center

4810 Township Road 366

Berlin, OH 44610 NOTE: This is also listed as Millersburg, OH

Phone - (330) 893-7400

Rate - \$150.00/ night plus tax (This rate is also good on Saturday, October 17) All rooms are suites.

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Owner/Driver Commitment/Release Statement: I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described in the Mid-Atlantic Region Vintage Motor Car Club of America 2026 Fall 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 or nature, to property or persons, resulting from my (our) participation in the 2026 Fall 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 From _____ to _____

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

Printable Registration Form

Printable Flier

2027 Revival AAA Glidden Tour®

Save the Date

2027 REVIVAL AAA GLIDDEN TOUR®

Heart of the
OZARKS

81ST
REVIVAL AAA
GLIDDEN
TOUR®

★ **BRANSON, MO** ★

September 19-24, 2027

Hosted by

 REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1, 2027	DAILY TOURING TO ICONIC OZARK DESTINATIONS!	REGISTER ONLINE AT VMCCA.org AACA.org
 OPENING BANQUET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19		or registration materials available in the VMCCA Touring Chronicle
 CLOSING BANQUET FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24		

Jim Cohen, Chairman
417-860-1446 (cell or text)
Email Jim or Ginger - gliddenrevivaltour2027@yahoo.com

Ginger Cohen, Registrar
870-577-4572 (cell or text)

Region and Chapter Newsletters
Articles of Interest



The Summit City Chapter Spring Overnight Tour

By Frank Guzik—Photos Steve Blakey & Cindy Guzik

The Summit City Chapter embarked on an exciting Spring overnight tour this year, heading to the Kokomo area. Robbie and Steve Ortman, residents of the region, organized a memorable itinerary. The group consisted of 31 participants and 15 cars.

On Tuesday, the tour began in Fort Wayne, with the first destination being A Summer Place in Sharpsville, Indiana. This unique spot is the fulfillment of Jim Richardson's dream—a replica of a 1950s town. Participants enjoyed touring the town, lunch at a functioning diner featuring cheeseburgers, fries, and banana splits, and watched "Via Las Vegas" in the town's movie theater.

The next stop was the Elwood Haynes Museum. Haynes, along with the Apperson brothers, established Indiana's first automobile manufacturing company and one of the earliest in the United States. According to local

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CALENDAR

July

Tuesday, July 14th
Brighton Chapter Cruise

Sunday, July 19
Fish Fry and Meeting
Defiance Chapter

Wednesday, July 22nd
Ice Cream Run
Toledo Chapter

July 31–Aug 2
Grizz Garage Memorial Tour
Defiance Chapter

August

August 3–6
Grand Indiana Auto Tour
GIAT Chapter

Thursday, Aug 6th
Cruise for a Cause Car Show
Brighton Chapter

Saturday, Aug 8th
Great Lakes Region Picnic
Toledo Chapter

Friday, Aug 14th
Fulton County
Senior Center Car Show
Defiance Chapter

Sunday, Aug 16th
Henry County Tomato Festival Parade
Defiance Chapter

Sunday, Aug 23rd
Meeting and Lunch
Defiance Chapter

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Wheels A Rolling Mid-Atlantic Region

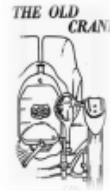


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The Old Crank



August 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
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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 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.



Which of these sweet rides
can you see me driving?
~ Sherry



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A Great American from Our Past, George Selden

Submitted by David Setterland
08-22-2026

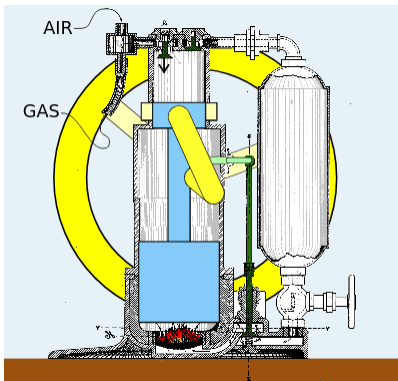
The very first "Selden Patent" plate I have seen was about fifteen years back at the Seabrook, Texas, "Wheels & Keels" event. The event helps raise money for local scholarships in the Houston area. The display of antique automobiles



was truly a great show of early pioneers who built some of the largest and most beautiful cars during the first few years of the automobile.

George Selden, a friend of George Eastman, who invented Kodak film, was Eastman's patent lawyer. At the time Eastman was a bank teller in Rochester, New York, and his hobby was photography. Selden, a lawyer who represented anybody needing one, also filed patents for inventors. George Selden had attended the 1876 Bicentennial fair held in Philadelphia. The fair showcased many of the latest inventions from around the world. From steam engines to a single gasoline engine called the "Ready Engine" with one-cylinder and being vertical. Another George from Compton, Rhode Island, named George Brayton had exhibited it with a plate attached saying patent applied for with a date a few years before.

The Ready Engine



Selden, the lawyer, saw the Ready Engine and thought to himself, I can surely make money off this engine by sketching how it works and attaching it as the power in making a gasoline combustible engine propel a carriage.

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The NEWSLEAK



Gold Dust Chapter *Est 1984*

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

Aug 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 AUGUST TOUR



Our hosts: Randy & Patsy Schmidt sadly wave goodbye to the group as the water pump failed in their '71 Caddy



The group (whose water pumps worked fine) left for Pierre: Keith, Debs, Kay, Rod, Jaan, Jan, Randy

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER TOUR

Day: Saturday **Date:** September 19, 2026
Time: 9:00am **Hosts:** Jim & Judy Johnson
Meet: Common Cents/Exxon gas station, 3501 E Hwy 44, Rapid City
Tour: Murder, Missiles and The Old Milwaukee!
Lunch: Wagon Wheel Bar & Grill, Interior
RSVP: By Sept 14th to: 605-639-6335 or judyannjohnson@rap.midco.net

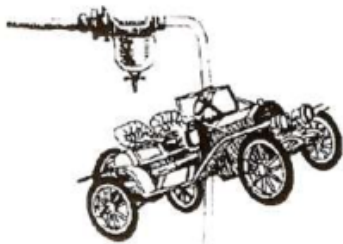
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T. Bullis

June July 2026

The GAS LINE

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

No June Membership Meeting

If you were not at our last meeting you missed the Trolley. David Stang, our program director, presented a "Thank You" certificate to John Haney our conductor and volunteer at the Trolley Museum who did a great presentation on the history of trolleys in Colorado Springs. He has written a very informative book a few of which were sold at the presentation. If you missed the Trolley you can pick up the book at the Trolley Museum found at the south end of Steele Drive.

<https://coloradospringstrolleys.com/>

A July program has not been identified as yet.



**July TREATS Compliments of
Ron Lewis and Scott and Cindy Bullis**

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, August 2026



August 15 Der Stadt Friedhof Tour

On Saturday, August 15, we will tour the Der Stadt Friedhof (The Town Cemetery). Established in 1846 for the original German settlers, it is the oldest known cemetery in the Fredericksburg city limits. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center parking lot, to leave at 8:30 a.m. to head to the cemetery (starting early before the heat of the day). Glen Triebs, a local historian, will provide commentary for the tour, which should last about 1½ hours. (Please note that the concrete curbs in the cemetery are not easily accessible for those who use a walker or wheelchair.) Then, at 10:30 a.m., we will drive to Tim Crenwelge's home on Main Street to see his car collection and Coca-Cola memorabilia. Tim lives in the old Coke Bottling Company building. At 11:30 a.m., we will then head to Friedhelm's Bavarian Restaurant for lunch, followed by a tour to see some of the older homes in town. Contact [Molly Wyatt](#) by August 12 to sign up, or sign up at the August meeting.

September 17 Tour of Camp Lucy

On Thursday, September 17, we will head to Dripping Springs to tour Camp Lucy, a luxury resort and event venue, offering lodging, a restaurant, and gift shop. We will have lunch in a 200-year-old Vietnamese town hall that was bought and reassembled on their property using no nails. After lunch, we will go to Speeding Springs to see their rotating private collection of classic and exotic cars. Annette Crowhurst and Kathy Freedlun are leading this tour. More details to come.

Overland & Underground Tour, October 8-9

If you plan to join us for the curated tour of Ft. McKavett and the guided tour of the Caverns of Sonora on October 8-9, make your hotel reservation now for October 8 at Quality Inn Sonora (311 Hwy. 277, (325)530-5883). A block of rooms are being held for FVCC until August 30. Reference FVCC at the time of your reservation. The rate is \$100 per

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST
4

Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m., Golden Hub

AUGUST
15

Der Stadt Friedhof Tour

Meet at 8:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER
17

Camp Lucy Tour

Dripping Springs

OCTOBER
8-9

Overland and Underground Tour

night + tax for a King or two Queen beds (breakfast included). There is a 48-hour cancellation. The tickets for the curated tour of Ft. McKavett will be covered by FVCC. To sign up for the tour, contact Linda Metzler at (281)507-2422. An early head count is needed.

Save the Date:

- **Tuesday, September 1**— Our September Monthly Meeting will be held in Kerrville. The venue is to be determined.
- **Saturday, November 7**— Tour to Junction led by Pete Delforge
- **Saturday, November 14**— Car Club members will once again be judges at the Veteran's Day Car Show in Kerrville.



RUMBLESEAT CHATTER



Official Newsletter of the Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club

September 2026

September 1 Monthly Meeting in Kerrville

Our monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 1, will be at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant (1718 Sidney Baker St.) in Kerrville. Their meeting room in back will be reserved for us beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be individual checks with the club contributing \$5 per person towards the meal.

September 17 Tour of Camp Lucy

On Thursday morning, September 17, we will meet at Stage Coach Shop at the corner of Highway 290 and Ranch Road 1376 (time to be determined) before heading to Dripping Springs to tour Camp Lucy, a luxury resort and event venue. We will have time to look around the property before having lunch at 11:00 a.m. (individual checks) at Tillie's, a restaurant in a 200-year-old Vietnamese town hall that was bought and reassembled on their property using no nails. After lunch, we will go to Speeding Springs to see their rotating private collection of classic and exotic cars, antique store, and memorabilia. Contact [Annette Crowhurst](#) or [Kathy Freedlun](#) to sign up for the tour.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m., Kerrville

SEPTEMBER

17

Camp Lucy Tour

Dripping Springs

OCTOBER

8-9

Overland & Underground Tour

NOVEMBER

14

Veterans Day Car Show

Kerrville

Linda Metzler at (281)507-2422 or [Ed Metzler](#) to sign up. See more details about what is planned on page 5.

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- **Sunday, December 6** — Our Christmas Party will again be at Riverhill Country Club in Kerrville. There will be a four-piece band for entertainment.

Continue reading FVCC Rumbleseat Chatter, September 2026

A Trip Back in Time: Packard's Great Automotive History

By: Robert Tate, award-winning automotive historian and researcher
Images courtesy of Packard Archives/Detroit Free Press
Edited by MotorCities National Heritage Area Staff
Published 08.12.2026



Early Packard automobile with William Doud Packard.



Packard's Final Show Car the 1956
"Predictor"



Packard Plant Undergoing
Demolition

Packard's great automotive history started in the 1800s, when the automobile was beginning to take the place of the horse and buggy as a form of transportation in America. The first Packard automobile was completed on Nov. 6, 1899, in Warren, Ohio. The following day, the new automobile was successfully tested and reportedly reached a speed of 35 mph. Many automotive historians have called the Packard nameplate "truly one of America's magnificent and great icons."

In 1898, James Ward Packard purchased a Winton automobile built by Cleveland auto pioneer Alexander Winton. Packard was not satisfied with the automobile and offered suggestions for improvements. That experience helped inspire Packard and his brother, William Doud Packard, to develop their own automobile. In 1899, they completed their first automobile in Warren, Ohio. The Packard name would eventually become one of America's most respected automotive marques.

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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 HOUEK 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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