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The Touring
Chronicle

A publication of the
Vintage Motor Car
Club of America

"America the Beautiful"

"O beautiful for heroes
proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their
country love
And mercy more than life."



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[Visit the Vintage Motor Car Club of America website](#)

Announcements



Membership Specials



Heads turn when an old car drives down the street. People stop to admire and ask questions and “remember when.”

Summer is a great time to invite new folks to join us as VMCCA members. Our Membership Specials can help encourage registrations.



The **Half-Year Special** runs from July 1 through August 31. New members who join then will receive the second half of 2025 for half the usual annual dues.

The **Car Purchase Special** is always available. It gives a year’s free membership in VMCCA to a non-member who purchases a vintage car from a VMCCA member.



The **Swap Meet Special** offers the rest of the calendar year for half the usual dues, to new enrollees who sign up *and pay dues* at a VMCCA swap meet booth.

We have special deals for military veterans and students, too. Keep a bunch of our brochures handy in all your vehicles, and invite everyone who admires old cars to come join in the fun with our Membership Specials!



VMCCA Board of Governors Meetings Invitation

Quarterly and Special Meetings of the Board of Governors are for the

The next 2 Board of Governors Meetings are scheduled for

purpose of conducting the business of VMCCA. Non-Board members may speak at these meetings if given permission or are requested to do so in advance by the President. All others visiting zoom meetings will be muted by the zoom administrator.

August 13th and November 12th, 2025
9PM EST.

For meeting invitation and ZOOM logon link.

Contact Mike Welsh
vsecretary@vmcca.org

Phone 816-298-6412

Dear fellow VMCCA member,

As you well know, any organization like the VMCCA depends upon the generous contributions of its members. I would like to encourage you to seriously consider being a nominee for one of the VMCCA national officer positions for 2026. While all positions, except the Secretary, will be on the up-coming ballot, the club is especially in need of an Executive Vice President, an Activities Vice President and a Technical Vice President

You can read the description of duties at
<https://vmcca.org/resources/VMCCA-Officers-Handbook.pdf>

Are you interested in serving in any of these positions? If so, please reply stating which position you may be interested in and Carl Worstell will contact you with the next steps in the nomination/election process.

Please reply to carleworstell@aol.com ASAP but before June 1, 2025.

Thanx for Thinking About It,

Carl Worstell, Chairperson, VMCCA Nominating Committee

VMCCA 2025 Calendar of Events

Registration Forms for 2025 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!

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

(Volunteers to plan and host these tour are always needed.)

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

Contact Trisha Copley, VP Activities, for details
vactivities@vmcca.org

***** 2025 Tours *****

June 8-12, 2025, This Tour is Full. Lewis & Clark Regional Hub Tour, Three Forks, Montana.
Co- directors Jim & Judy Johnson 605-390-4410

June 22-27, 2025, VMCCA Orphan Car Progressive Tour, starts in Ypsilanti, MI,
John Zimmerman, Tour Director,
jzimmerman1666@gmail.com, 419-350-3666

July 27 - August 1, 2025, 74th Great Lakes Region Tour, "Down By The Bay" **Checks payable to: Edward Wright** Mail to registrars:

Judy & Ed Wright
8300 Whiteford Rd
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

NO REFUNDS AFTER June 30, 2025

Tour Hosts: Gary Miron & Sue Hanely

Any questions: Gary Miron Email:

mustang64a29@gmail.com

586-344-9598

August 4 - 7 2025, Grand Indiana Auto Tour,
Centered around Horse Cave, Kentucky.

Host: Roger & Cherryl Goodman 270-473-0722

The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express Horse
Cave, KY Hotel phone: 270-786-5000

**August 24-28, 2025, Definance Chapter's Farm
Boys Tour, French Lick, Indiana, Kelly Copeland**
419-306-1727

**September 7-12, 2025, Revival AAA Glidden
Tour®**, Owensboro, KY, Jeff Stumb, Tour Director,
misterglass@trace.com,
2025gliddentourky@gmail.com 423-385-4414

**October 31 - November 4, 2025, VMCCA
Foundation Tour, Navasota, Texas, Information**
contact B.D. Berryhill bdberryhill@procominc.net
phone 432-889-5722
Registrar: Pat Crandall jamieandpat@gmail.com

2025 Events and Tour Fliers

**The Lewis and Clark Tour is full!
Register for the wait list only**

Lewis and Clark Regional Hub Tour Three Forks, Montana

June 8-12, 2025



Gateway of the Mountains



Lewis and Clark at Three Forks



Helena



Sacajawea Hotel



Montana Historic Prison

Tour Summary:

- Day 1: Arrive at Host Hotel Sacajawea, Welcome Dinner, Lewis & Clark Speaker
- Day 2: (175 miles) Gates of the Mountains, Canyon Boat Ride
- Day 3: (185 miles) Montana Historic Prison, Montana Auto Museum
- Day 4: (150 miles) State Capitol with Lewis and Clark Mural, Train Trolley Tour Historic Helena, Meriwether Lewis Masonic Apron
- Day 5: (80 miles) Renown Museum of the Rockies Regional History & Paleontology, Headwaters State Park, Talc Manufacturing, Closing Banquet, and Rod Frazier Sing-a-long



Missouri River Headwaters

See Registration Form on next page.

Look **HERE** for printable Flier]



Lewis & Clark Hub Tour

Three Forks, Montana

June 8-12, 2025



Driver must be current VMCCA member. This Regional tour will be limited to 40 vehicles. Register by May 1, 2025. Trailer parking available in Three Forks beside Sacajawea Hotel whose 36 rooms are reserved for VMCCA.

SACAJAWEA HOTEL, 5 N Main St, Three Forks, MT 406-285-6515. RESERVE BY APRIL 23, 2025

VMCCA HAS BOOKED THE ENTIRE BOUTIQUE HOTEL. ADD ABOUT 9% TAX. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST INCLUDED. NOTICE 6 DIFFERENT ROOM TYPES:

Shoshone (Quaint) \$183	Sacajawea (Moderate)\$199	Lewis & Clark (Double) \$215
John Colter (Spacious) \$232	Charbonneau (Suite) \$260	Cottage \$304.

WE HOPE ALL CAN STAY AT THIS SPECIAL HOTEL WHICH HOSTS OUR REGISTRATION & BANQUETS.

Note: Bozeman motels cost over \$400.

Overflow hotel, 5 miles away is the Travelodge at Three Forks, 406-285-3233 with group rates \$144-154 plus tax. Reserve by May 24.

RV camping available at Three Forks Market & RV Park 406-285-3010

Registration Information (please PRINT)

Vehicle: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Body Type _____ Body Color _____

Driver _____ Cell Phone _____ VMCCA Region _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email _____

_____ Owner Name (if different from driver) _____

Passengers _____ City & State _____

Registration Fees

Registration Fee Includes: 2 banquets, 3 lunches, boat ride, Helena historical tour, and museum fees.

Entry Fee—(Driver & Guests) = **\$350 each**, times # of participants (including driver) _____ = \$ _____

Extra Tour Books = \$30 each (1 included with car registration) _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE..... = \$ _____

Mail Registration by May 1, 2025 to:

Please send this completed, signed application and your check payable to **VMCCA—Lewis & Clark 2025 Tour**

Mail to: Holly Crawley, 7325 S. 5th West, Idaho Falls, ID 83405. Email holly.h.crawley@gmail.com

Cell 208-521-0203. Confirmation will be emailed upon registration acceptance.

Additional contact Jim Johnson, 605-390-4410, Judy Johnson 605-939-6335 email jim.judy.johnson@rap.midco.net

OWNER/DRIVER RELEASE STATEMENT: I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described for this event. In consideration of the right to enter this event and for other valuable considerations, I/we do hereby agree to indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless the Vintage Motor Car Club of America, Inc. and its Chapters, Regions, Officers, and Representatives from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities, and attorneys' fees arising from damage or injury, actual or claimed, of any kind or nature, to property or persons, resulting from my(our) participation in the Three Forks, MT Lewis & Clark 2025 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 or \$300,000 combined. Insurance Co: _____

Policy No. _____ Term: _____ to _____. The owner/driver certifies that the vehicle entered in this tour has duly passed requirements of the motor vehicle authorities, or other governing bodies, of the state in which the vehicle is registered and the vehicle is legally registered and licensed. The Vintage Motor Car Club of America, Inc. and its representatives will not, and cannot be held responsible for the "safety certification" of any participating vehicle.

Owner/Driversignature: _____ Date: _____

[Look HERE for printable WAIT LIST Registration Form](#)



“Too Many to Name” National Orphan Car Tour Sunday, June 22 through Friday, June 27, 2025

Begin in Ypsilanti, MI, travel back roads across Michigan,
down into Indiana, ending in South Bend, IN

VMCCA, GLR Region Tour Director John Zimmerman
(419-350-3666) • zimmerman1666@gmail.com

“Too Many to Name” Highlights:

- Opening banquet at the Firehouse Museum, Ypsilanti, MI Sunday evening
- The Bomber Restaurant, Automotive Heritage Museum, and Michigan Flight Museum (FKA Yankee Air Museum) ... all near Ypsilanti, MI
- Ye Ole Carriage Shop, VMCCA member Lloyd Ganton's museum of Jackson, MI made vehicles and lots of other diverse memorabilia and autos. Spring Arbor, MI
- In Marshall, MI area, Cornwell's Turkeyville, U.S. Postal Museum, Walter's Gasoline Museum, and Honolulu House Museum
- Air Zoo Aerospace and Science Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI New exhibits and Number 1 car museum in the world
- Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Automobile Museum, National Auto and Truck Museum, Early Ford V8 Museum in Auburn, IN
- Studebaker National Museum, Oliver House, South Bend Museum of Art and evening closing banquet



Hotels and Registration Form Coming Soon!

[Printable Flier](#)

[Look HERE for Printable Registration form](#)



Tour for cars 25 yrs and older, limit 60 cars

Drivers required to be a VMCCA member to participate on this tour.

Registration deadline is May 30, 2025

Participant Information (please print)

Owner: _____

Driver (if not owner) _____

Passengers Names: (Children include age)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____

Zip: _____ Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone on tour (____) _____

Email: _____

Your VMCCA Chapter _____

Vehicle: Year _____

Make _____ Model _____

Color _____ State/License Plate _____

Number _____

Driven? _____ Trailer? _____

Motor home? _____

Accept email confirmation? _____

Owner/Driver Release Statement I (we) do hereby agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the Vintage Motor Car Club of America and its chapters, regions, officers & representatives from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities, and attorneys' fees arising from damage or injury, actual or claimed resulting from my (our) participation in the 2025 GLR 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 combined.

Insurance Co: _____ Policy No. _____

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

Owner/Driver Signature: _____ Date: _____

74th GLR Tour
"Down by the Bay"
July 27th-August 1, 2025
Hosted by Black Swamp Chapter



Lodging: GLR Down by the Bay Country Inn & Suites, \$89-\$109, 9790 Clark Drive, Rossford, Ohio

419-872-9900

Overflow Hotel: True by Hilton, \$110

419-874-7701

One Vehicle & One Driver: \$350 _____

Not a VMCCA Member add \$48 _____

Adult Passenger: ___ x \$300 _____

Children 12 and under ___ **paid by GLR**

Total Enclosed: _____

Checks payable to: Edward Wright

Mail to registrars: Judy & Ed Wright

8300 Whiteford Rd

Ottawa Lake, MI 49267

NO REFUNDS AFTER June 30, 2025

Tour Hosts: Gary Miron & Sue Hanely

Any questions: Gary Miron Email:

mustang64a29@gmail.com

Cell no. 586-344-9598

Highlights of tour:

Sun: Registration (12 to 4pm) 6pm banquet

Monday: Museum of the Great Lakes

Tuesday: Hayes Museum, Schedel Garden

Wednesday: Canal Boat Ride

Thursday: Kelly's Island, Put in Bay Tour

Friday: Closing Banquet NOON

All admissions included in price.

Look HERE for Printable Registration Form



 **GRAND INDIANA**
AUTO TOUR 2025

#29 • Join us in Horse Cave, KY

GRAND INDIANA AUTO TOUR • AUGUST 4–7, 2025

Holiday Inn Express • 750 Flint Ridge Dr. • Horse Cave, KY 42749 • Ph 270-786-5000

Room Rate \$119 per night (dial 0 to speak with front desk for reservations)

Hosts: Roger and Cheryl Goodman • Ph 270-473-0722

Deadline for hotel/registration 7/3/25. Contact Lou Ann Bowman • Ph 502-777-3498

dalabowman@gmail.com • www.grandindianaautotour.com

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WWW.VMCCA.ORG



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Room Rate \$119 per night (Grand Indiana Auto Tour) plus taxes • Deadline for hotel/registration 7/3/25.

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Driver Name
Address
City State Zip
Phone
E-Mail

of Previous Grand Indiana Auto Tours?

All Participants Must Be Listed – Adults & Children

Passenger 1
City State # Prev GIATs
Passenger 2
City State # Prev GIATs
Passenger 3
City State # Prev GIATs
Passenger 4
City State # Prev GIATs

Are any of the above handicapped or require assistance?

Any dietary restrictions, vegetarian, gluten, etc?

Driver must be a member of VMCCA national club. Online application forms may be found at www.vmcca.org. Tour will be limited to vehicles 2000 and older. No modern replicas of old vehicles, modified or hot rods will be accepted. The vehicle may not display any advertising of a current nature. Registration closes July 3, 2025. No refunds for cancellation received after July 3, 2025.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Year Make
Body Style Body Color

FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

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

OWNER/DRIVER COMMITMENT/RELEASE STATEMENT

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

I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described in the Veteran Motor Car Club of America, KYR, 2025 Grand Indiana Auto Tour. In consideration of the right to enter this event and for other valuable considerations, I (we) do hereby agree to indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless The Veteran Motor Car Club of America and its Chapters and/or Regions, Officers and Representatives from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities and attorneys' fees arising from damage or injury, actual or claimed, of any kind or nature, to property or persons, resulting from my (our) participation in the 2025 Grand Indiana Auto Tour.

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

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

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

Signed (Owner)
Driver (If Different)
Date

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

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

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WWW.VMCCA.ORG

Look HERE for Printable Grand Indiana Auto Tour Registration Form

Farm Boys Tour French Lick Indiana

August 24-28, 2025



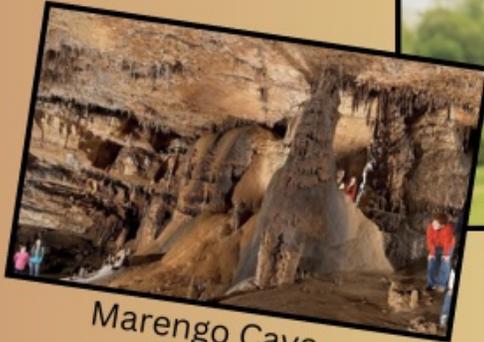
French Lick Resort



Patoka Lake State Park



Wilstem Wildlife Park



Marengo Cave



Spring Mill State Park

West Baden Springs Hotel



Sunday: arrival & opening banquet

Monday: (80 mi) Patoka Lake & Marengo Cave Tours

Tuesday: (70 mi) Gasthof Amish Village & French Lick Museum

Wednesday: (50 mi) Spring Mills State Park

Thursday: (30 mi) Wilstem Wildlife Park tour w/closing luncheon

Look HERE for printable registration form

ALL ROADS
LEAD TO

Owensboro
KENTUCKY

Revival AAA
**GLIDDEN
TOUR®
2025**

Save the Date

SEPT. 7-12

Questions? Contact Jeff Stumb

☎ (423) 385-4414 ✉ 2025gliddentourky@gmail.com



The Touring Club
www.VMCCA.org

Distance from these cities...

Chicago ~ 6 hours

Atlanta ~ 6 hours

St. Louis ~ 3 hours

Nashville ~ 2 hours

Indianapolis ~ 3 hours

Columbus ~ 5 hours

Look HERE for the Revival AAA Glidden Tour Registration
UPDATED form with additional hotel. Must be Post-Marked
between March 15th and June 15th 2025

Owensboro, Ky., hotels — 2025 Glidden Tour



The Home2 Suites is brand new and will open in the Spring of 2025. The rate for the Glidden Tour is \$129 a night and includes breakfast each morning. Reservations can be made by calling 270-570-9797 or my emailing Nate Taylor at ntaylor@superhosthospitality.com.

Look [HERE](#) for printable UPDATED hotel map





Don't miss the bus!!!

Coming this Fall to Navasota, Texas the VMCCA Foundation will be hosting a tour to help raise funds for scholarship applicants.

**Oct. 31st—
Nov. 4th**

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ANTIQUE CAROUSEL
- BUSH LIBRARY
- COTTON GIN TOUR
- TX PRISON MUSEUM

Host Hotel— Candlewood Suites Navasota
(936) 510-8700

Overflow Hotel— Comfort Inn
(936) 825-9461



**Foundation
Tour 2025**

For more information contact:
BD Berryhill at (432)889-2522 or
email: bdberryhill@procominc.net

Tour Registrar: Pat Crandall
jamieandpat@gmail.com

ALL CARS WELCOME!

Tour Limit: 65 Cars

\$\$\$ Bring your wallet \$\$\$

Look HERE for a printable Flier



VMCCA Foundation Tour
Oct 31 - Nov 4, 2025, Navasota, Texas
Hosted by VMCCA Foundation
ALL CARS WELCOME -- Limited to 60 vehicles
 (Please Print)



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

Print names for name tags

Driver _____ City&State _____
 Passenger 1 _____ City&State _____
 Passenger 2 _____ City&State _____
 Passenger 3 _____ City&State _____

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

State & License Plate No. _____ Need trailer parking? Yes No

REGISTRATION FEES include Hospitality Room, 4 meals, 4 coffee stops, admissions to attractions, Tour Book.

One vehicle & driver	1	x \$395	\$395.00
Non-VMCCA driver add annual dues \$48	_____	x \$48	_____
Passengers	_____	x \$395	_____
Passengers (ages 4 thru 11)	_____	x \$200	_____
Extra <i>Tour Book</i>	_____	x \$15	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

Make check payable to:
VMCCA Foundation

- Mail to: Pat Crandall, Registrar
 P. O. Box 161
 Hempstead, TX 77445
- **Deadline is OCTOBER 15, 2025**
- Chair: BD Berryhill (432)889-2522
- <mailto:bdberryhill@procominc.net>
- jamieandpat@gmail.com

Hotel and RV Park Information

Candlewood Suites
 9313 State HWY 6
 Navasota, TX 77868
 Phone (936) 510-8700
 VMCCA Block \$110 plus tax

Comfort Inn & Suites (Overflow)
 9345 State HWY 6
 Navasota, TX 77868
 Phone (936) 825-9461
 VMCCA Block \$110 plus tax

Western RV Park
 9524 HWY Loop S
 Navasota, TX 77868
 Phone: (936) 306-3821
www.thewesternrvpark.com

Owner/Driver Commitment/Release Statement: I hereby agree to enter the vehicle described in the Vintage Motor Car Club of America event. 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 VMCCA Foundation 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 _____ Date _____ Driver (if different) _____ Date _____

Look HERE for a printable REGISTRATION form



THE VMCCA FOUNDATION

The VMCCA Foundation scholarships are rolling in. If approved, each applicant is awarded \$1500.00.

Here are four ways you can help:

1. Sell or donate an old car you're not driving.
2. Plan a chapter or regional fundraiser.
3. Don't forget we accept old fashion CASH!
4. Attend the Foundation Tour Oct 31– Nov 4th in Navasota, Texas.

Any questions can be answered by visiting the VMCCA Foundation website. Please mail your donations to:

The VMCCA Foundation

P. O. Box 161

Hempstead, TX 77445

Learn more about the VMCCA Foundation at
www.vmccafoundation.org

[Visit the VMCCA Foundation website
HERE](#)

Region and Chapter Newsletters
Articles of Interest

Remembering the 1969 Mustang Shelby GT 350/500 Models

By Robert Tate, Award-Winning Automotive Historian & Researcher
Images courtesy of Ford Motor Company Archives, Motor Authority Auctions,
CT Pony Parts, Mecum Auctions
Published 5.21.2025



A 1969 Shelby GT 500 owned by Carroll Shelby (Mecum Auctions)

One of the most popular names in automotive history is Carroll Shelby. In 1960, he retired from automotive racing and became involved with specialty cars, which included many performance cars for the Ford Motor Company. The 1969 Mustang Shelby GT 350/500 models were great-looking, high-performance vehicles when they were introduced to the public in 1968. They came equipped with a 351 Windsor V8 engine with 290 horsepower. The convertible sold for \$4,594 and the fastback sold for \$4,473. The first Shelby model was introduced in 1965 and started a history that created a huge following that continues to this day among the many Mustang clubs and automotive enthusiasts around the world.

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Wheels A Rolling

Mid-Atlantic Region



April, May, June 2025
Volume 26 No 2

**Continue reading Wheels A Rolling, AMJ
2025**



Anniversary of the End of Vietnam War

The Veterans Council of Gillespie County, VFW Post 7105, and Fredericksburg's three Rotary Clubs are teaming up to host a four-day event, May 1-4, honoring the 50th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War. Our club has been invited to display our cars on both Wednesday, April 30, arriving at 1:00 p.m. inside Lady Bird Park for the arrival of the Mobile Vietnam Wall (our Vietnam veterans Norman Crader and Randy Pullen will accompany the wall procession), and on Saturday, May 3, arriving at 9:00 a.m. for the Airport Open House. Questions? Contact Larry Buchhorn at larry.buchhorn@hotmail.com or Joe Brown at jbbrown1980@gmail.com.

May Meeting at Mamacita's in Kerrville

Our May 6 Monthly Meeting will be held in Kerrville at Mamacita's Restaurant (215 Junction Highway). Join us between 5:00-5:30 p.m. for drinks and conversation; a fajita buffet dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$20 per person (cash only please).

The 20th Annual Fredericksburg Car Fest

The 20th Annual Fredericksburg Car Fest is Saturday, June 7, at Marktplatz. Go to fredericksburgcarfest.com for details about entering your car in the competition. FVCC volunteers are also needed to serve as judges at this event and to man the Car Club's booth that day. John Hutcherson is the contact person; more details to come.

June 18 Tour to Heritage Place

Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the back parking lot of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 18, before we head to Heritage Place to show off our cars and visit with residents. The event should be over by 11:30 a.m. Larry Buchhorn is the contact person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 3	50th Anniversary of the End of the Vietnam War Gillespie County Airport
MAY 6	Monthly Meeting 5:00 p.m. at Mamacita's Restaurant in Kerrville
JUNE 7	20th Annual FBC Car Fest Fredericksburg Marktplatz
JUNE 18	Heritage Place Tour Fredericksburg
JULY 4	July 4th Parade Fredericksburg
JULY 25-27	Hill Country Swap Meet Lady Bird Johnson Park

July 4th Parade

Deck out your car and join leaders Doug and Shawn Reeves for the annual July 4th parade down Fredericksburg's Main Street. Those participating in the parade and those cheering from the sidelines will meet for lunch at Campo Azul after the parade.

Continue reading the FVCC's Newsletter, MAY 2025

Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club's JUNE edition of the Rumbleseat Chatter is available [HERE](#)



The 20th Annual Fredericksburg Car Fest

The 20th Annual Fredericksburg Car Fest is Saturday, June 7, at Marktplatz. Go to fredericksburgcarfest.com for details about entering your car in the competition. If you signed up to be a judge, please arrive by 9:00 a.m. and report to John Hutcherson. The following are scheduled to work the FVCC/VMCCA Information Tent:

9:00-11:00 a.m. Greg Roing, Liz Lindig
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Mike and Colleen Brezden
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wyatts, Greg Roing
 4:00 p.m. Greg Roing, Liz Lindig

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Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the back parking lot of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church (bring your VMCCA Driver Release Form) on Wednesday, June 18, before we head to Heritage Place to show off our cars, visit with residents, and answer any questions they may have. Afterward, we will go to Backwoods BBQ (320 FM 2093) for a Dutch treat lunch. Larry and Lorin Buchhorn are the contacts.

July 4th Parade and Picnic

Deck out your car and join leaders Doug and Shawn Rivers at 10:00 a.m. for the annual July 4th Parade down Fredericksburg's Main Street (again, bring your VMCCA Driver Release Form). Doug will share details about the time and place to line up at the June and July club meetings. Then, at 12:45 p.m., all members are invited to the Wyatt's home (4721 Eckert Road, FBG) where the club will provide a hamburger and hot dog picnic, baked beans, and potato salad. Paper goods, tea, and water will also be furnished. Bring your own drinks of choice and a dessert.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JUNE 4** Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m., Golden Hub
- JUNE 7** 20th Annual FBG Car Fest
Fredericksburg Marktplatz
- JUNE 18** Heritage Place Tour
Fredericksburg
- JULY 4** July 4th Parade
Fredericksburg
- JULY 25-27** Hill Country Swap Meet
Lady Bird Johnson Park

48th Hill Country Swap Meet

The 2025 Hill Country Swap Meet will be held at Lady Bird Municipal Park (432 Lady Bird Drive, Fredericksburg) Friday through Sunday, July 25-27. Times are Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come check out the vehicles, parts, tools, auto accessories, and flea market items available for purchase. Concessions will be available; admission is free.

2025 VMCCA National Awards

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1. BEST OWNER RESTORED OR MAINTAINED CHRYSLER PRODUCT AWARD

Best Chrysler Product 25 years or older.
Sponsor: Toledo chapter, Great Lakes Region

2. BUCK SHAVER AWARD FOR THE BEST OWNER RESTORED TRUCK

Sponsor: Pikes Peak Chapter, Mtns. and Plains Region

3. BEST PRESERVED ORIGINAL CAR AT LEAST 60 YEARS

Original running gear, body, paint, upholstery and top are required. Minor repairs and touchup are allowed. Cars with the least score higher. Required mechanical and structural repairs plus tire replacement to permit safe driving on touring events accepted.
Sponsors: Jim and Marilyn Talbot in memory of Past President Dorothy Houdek

4. BEST OWNER RESTORED OR MAINTAINED ORPHAN MAKE AWARD

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

5. FOUNDER'S TROPHY

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

6. THE JIM SPENCER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best Antique Car, 1960 through 25 years old.
Sponsor: Bob and Sally Murray

7. LARRY AMES MEMORIAL AWARD

Best owner restored car 1913 through 1937.
Sponsor: The Ames Family in memory of Larry Ames

8. THE NIFTY FIFTIES AWARD

Best Restored Chevrolet 1950 through 1959.
Sponsor: B.D. Berryhill in memory of Catherine Berryhill

9. PIKES PEAK CHAPTER MEMORIAL AWARD

Best restored foreign car, 25 years old or older.
Sponsor: Pikes Peak Chapter, Mountains and Plains Region

10. RALPH BUCKLEY AWARDS

Best professionally restored car through 1913.
Sponsor: New York Region

11. SOUTHWEST REGION AWARD

Best VMCCA recognized car driven on a regular basis.
Sponsor: Southwest Region

12. BEST MUSCLE CAR AWARD

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

13. FORREST G. DOWNING MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best owner restored car built between 1920 to 1929 (excluding the Model A Ford). Car must have been driven on a VMCCA Regional or National Tour during the year.
Sponsors: Shirley Downing Doherty and Barbara Downing Fox

14. THE MIKE DERBIDGE MEMORIAL AWARD

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

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

Driven on a Regional or National Tour this year.
Sponsor: Northern Colo. Chapter, Mt. and Plains Region

16. BEST 40'S BUICK

Best 1940 to 1949 Buick on a Regional or National Tour.
Sponsor: Michael Stemen in memory of Karen Lynn Stemen

17. THE BOB ERAUSQUIN AWARD

Best Packard on a Tour.
Sponsor: Great Lakes Region

18. CARL DAWES MEMORIAL AWARD

Member (excluding members of the Board of Governors) doing the most for the club.
Sponsor: Great Lakes Region

19. OUTSTANDING REGIONAL DIRECTOR AWARD

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

20. PAST PRESIDENT'S MEMORIAL TROPHY

Person or Couple who best symbolize(s) the spirit of the VMCCA while on a Regional or National Tour.
Sponsor: The Werckle Family in Memory of Dr. Mike Werckle

21. YOUNG ENTHUSIAST AWARD

Youngest owner/driver to participate in a VMCCA Regional or National Tour
Sponsors: Mike and Joan Huffman

22. MASTER MECHANIX EXTRAORDINAIRE

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

23. THE BILL PRESTON MEMORIAL AWARD

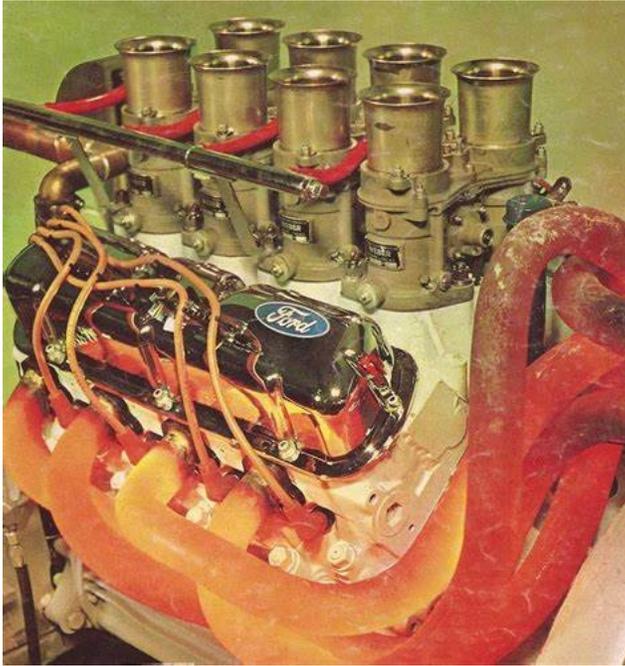
For outstanding National Tour Director as voted upon by the National Board.
Sponsors: Jim and Ginger Cohen

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

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Ford's Engine That Could



Ford's Engine that could!

As the 1960s approached, it became apparent to Ford Motor Company that consumer demand was shifting to smaller economical mid-size cars and smaller, lighter six cylinder and eight cylinder engines would be needed to power them.

The new Ford 90-degree OHV pushrod cast iron small-block

was introduced in July 1961 as a successor to the Ford Y-block engine. It displaced 221 cubic inches (3.6L) and was light-weight using thin wall casting for a short-skirt block that does not extend below the centerline of the crankshaft. Ford called it the "Challenger V8" and manufactured it in Cleveland, Ohio and Windsor, Canada in various displacements and horsepower ratings until 2001.

Ford kicked off their "Total Performance" campaign to promote its new line of cars and sell their new performance image to the "baby boomer" generation, who were getting their first driver's licenses in droves. Ford decided to participate in a full range of competitive events to attract these potential buyers into the showroom. Henry Ford II got the word out that the company would not only participate in the Indianapolis 500 in 1963, but was serious about competing in international motorsports as well. The Advanced Engine Department of Ford's Engine and Foundry Division (E&F), under the direction of Bill Gay and Design Engineer Joe Macura, was eager for the challenge.

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The 1970 Mercury "El Gato" Show Car

By Robert Tate, Award-Winning Automotive Historian and Researcher
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The 1970 Mercury Cougar "El Gato" show car was an experimental design

concept introduced at the Detroit Auto Show in November 1969. El Gato, is Spanish for "the cat," was a unique automobile that made a statement at auto shows in Detroit, Chicago and across the country. The concept stood out with a great-looking lime green, mist green paint job that was right at home in the psychedelic era. The car also offered shaved door handles for that sporty look, as well as 16-inch wheels and a chopped top. Automotive historians have said El Gato was the first fastback design Cougar model Ford introduced to the public. The El Gato featured a dramatic design look, with both the windshield and the sloping back window introducing an enormously rakish angle to enhance the car's low, sleek look.



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1945 M I D - S U M M E R T W O - D A Y M E E T

Saturday, July 28 - Mr. Ira Warner's Estate
Fairfield, Connecticut - 11:45 a.m.
Sunday, July 29 - Mr. James Melton's Farm
Westport, Connecticut - 11:00 a.m.

75 to 100 Veteran Cars.... 300 to 500 people.... all members and guests of the VMCCA - - that's the forecast for the biggest event ever planned by the N. Y. Region.

Strictly a private affair - the club will meet Saturday on Mr. I. Warner's hilltop, 40-acre estate, overlooking Long Island Sound. Just as private - we will meet at Mr. James Melton's lovely 20-acre wooded farm on Sunday.

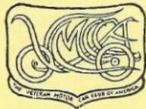
Practically all details except the timing, are shown on Registration Form. Read this carefully. Sure - this form is complicated - and you'll puzzle over it, too - but that's the only way we can insure everything will run smoothly, Here is the schedule:

SATURDAY - 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Arrival - Assembly - Picnic Lunch on grounds. You provide your own basket lunch - Mr. Warner will furnish the refreshments.
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Welcome Address & Inspection of Cars.
a. 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Race for 1 cylinder cars only.
b. 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Race for 2 cylinder cars only.
c. 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Race for Racer & Speedster models.
d. 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Race for Electric cars only.
e. 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Race for all cars - handicap - all models.
f. 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Grand Parade - all cars - past Grandstand.
g. 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Awarding of Prizes & Awards by Mr. I. Warner.

PRIZES - The club will donate prizes to each winner of races a to e.
AWARDS - h. For most Elegant Car for Cup Donated by Texas Company.
j. For most Interesting Car for Cup given by Mr. James Melton.
k. For Car coming longest distance for Cup given by Mr. Alec Ulmann.
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. DINNER FAIRFIELD HUNT CLUB. Informal talks - and showing of All-Meet VMCCA movies.

SUNDAY - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Inspection of the 80 cars comprising the Melton collection.
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Luncheon at your convenience on trip to N.Y.C. Mr. James Melton will furnish refreshments.
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Banquet in N.Y. City as guests of Texas Co.
8:45 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Guests of Texas Co. at C.B.S. Broadcast of Veteran Car Program starring Jimmy Melton - with his "Old Car" songs, and notables from Automobile World.

Well, - is that some party, or is it? How to get there? Maps will be mailed to everyone registering. Close to Merrit Parkway - Fairfield 10 miles from Bridgeport - Westport 4 miles closer. Main roads will be marked with VMCCA signs. There will be loud speakers on the Warner grounds - with Alec Ulmann, as M.C. COME ONE - COME ALL.
Alec Ulmann, Director - H.G. Fales, Treas. - L.S. Gillette, Secy.

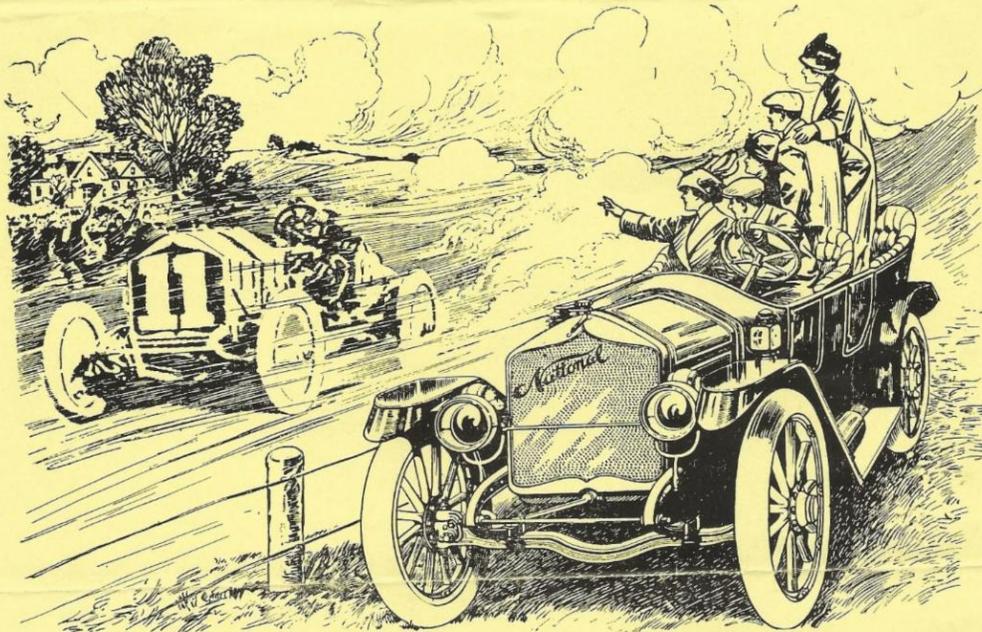


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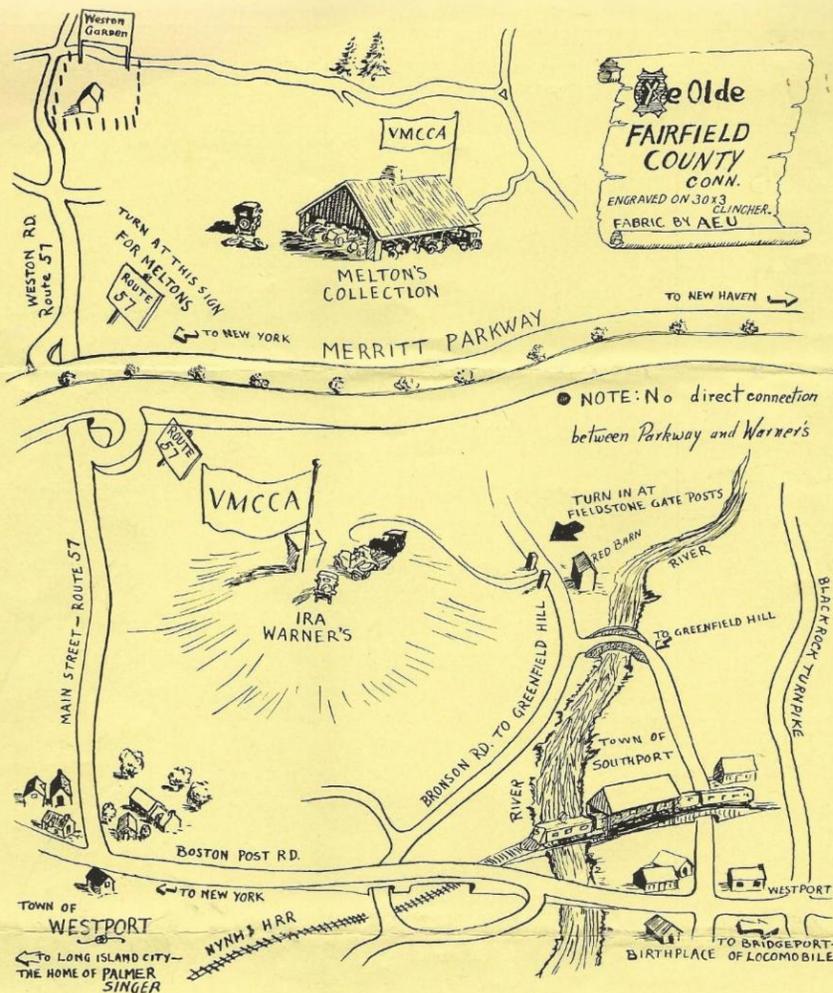
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L. S. GILLETTE

Director and Vice-President

Secretary



CHAIRMEN OF THE MEET

MASTER OF CEREMONIES	Alec Ulman
PROGRAM and RESERVATIONS	Leslie Gillette, 6 East 44th St., N. Y. 17
FIELD ACTIVITIES	Jim Glazebrook
OVERNIGHT RESERVATIONS	William Pitt

Committee Officials Identified by Red Arm Bands

— THANK YOU —

The Officers and Members of the New York Region sincerely hope their guests and friends have enjoyed an interesting and pleasurable two-day outing. Next meeting *Skipper Restaurant*, 7 East 44th St., New York 17, Tuesday, September 11, 1945.

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!](#)

Facebook has become an extremely popular social networking site, reportedly having more than 12.0 billion users. That is something like 48% 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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