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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As I am writing this, we are getting unseasonably warmer temps for this time of year. I sure am getting the itch to drive a vintage car until I look at the roads and see all the white dust..... I have been getting some parts ready to sell at the Springfield February Swap Meet Saturday the 18th. I know Dave Cufur will be there also.

Dad and I have started working on the 61 Bonneville Conv. again, and like everything else it is amazing to see the price difference with materials now from 5 years ago and from 10 years ago.

We had a great meeting and discussions in January. I feel great about the direction we are going as a Region! As you will read in the minutes, we are going to try quarterly meetings this year with monthly gatherings, instead of having a "meeting" each month. This will allow us to enjoy our monthly gatherings and to focus on the more important things of spending time with each other and enjoying our Chevrolets.

Please step up to host one of the monthly gatherings, this could be a pot luck at your house or a different site, tours, and any other activity you would like to do!

We are also stepping into the 21st century, those that gave Ashley Cook your email address, you to be added to the Google Calendar notification. Ashley has stepped forward and created an actual website for our Region. Check it out at gcrvcca.org Please help support this page and share it. If you have pictures you would like to share with Ashley get them to her!

Glass Capitol Region Website

The Glass Capitol Region website that Andy referred above can be accessed at: gcrvcca.org Ashley did a GREAT JOB developing it but she needs the help of GCR members add content. That is our JOB! Look at the Website and determine how you will help her present our Region as we go forward.

GCR Meeting - Sunday, February 26th

The Indoor Miniature Car Show & Social will be hosted by Chris & Debbie Cufur at Christ United Methodist Church, 5757 Starr Ext., Oregon, Ohio 43616. If you GPS the directions, remember to include "Extension" after 5757 Starr Avenue address. (Starr Ext. is a one-mile section of road northeast of the eastern end of Starr Avenue east of Pearson Metropark Park between Wynn and N. Stadium roads. Registration opens at 2:00 pm with food activities until the 4:00pm Awards Presentation. An Event flyer is attached to this newsletter.

GCR Meeting – January 22nd

Andy & Stephanie hosted the Board & General meetings at their home on the winter Sunday afternoon. In addition to the “meetings” there was light food and socializing was had by those in attendance. It was great to be a part of a Region meeting with the joyful play of five young children! (We older folks would like to have some of the energy of those children; hopefully the future of our Club!)



MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2023 BOARD MEETING AND GENERAL MEETING OF THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA GLASS CAPITOL REGION

It was a beautiful, snowy, January day when GCR members ventured to Andy and Stephanie Jurski’s home for a Board Meeting, General Meeting, and potluck where there was plenty of delicious food to share. Members Dave & Eileen Cufu, Art & Donna Lutz, Karen & Lynn Rupp, Mary Lou Lister, Paul Svatik, Andy, Steph, & Bennett Jurski, Mike, Ashley, Hudson, & Holly Cook, and Brian, Emily, Braxton & Myles Lescallett were in attendance for the board meeting. Chris & Debbie Cufu were in attendance for the general meeting.

Board Meeting:

- Andy called the meeting to order
- Art prepared the financial report for the end of 2022. The board approved tabling the treasury report while Art reviews a discrepancy between his year end balance and the bank statement.
- Paul reported that there have been no brackets sold since our last meeting in December and we currently have 132 on hand.
- Andy reported that Stephanie had minor surgery and is recovering well.

Old Business

- The year-end donation discussion was brought back to light from the December Christmas party and Andy proposed the Glass Capitol Region donate \$300 to the Toledo Police Museum and have a personalized brick created in memory of Harold Cuthbertson. The idea of the brick to honor Harold was well received. Lynn brought up the suggestion that was made in December about donating some of the money to the NextGen chapter of the VCCA as well. Andy made a motion for \$200 to go to the Toledo Police Museum for a brick to honor Harold, and \$100 to the NextGen chapter as seed money. Seconded by Lynn. Motion passed.

New Business

- Andy proposed opening a separate savings account to be used for Central Meets and Dave clarified the 501c rules regarding interest-bearing accounts. No motion made.
- Andy reported that 2023 is The Glass Capitol Region's 50th anniversary on December 3rd and he would like to host a 50th anniversary banquet to give back to the members of the region. Lynn made a motion that the club will provide up to \$1000 for food and expenses related to this celebration. Any extra would need to be brought back to the board for voting. Art Seconded. Motion passed.
- Andy made motion to adjourn. Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned.

General Meeting:

- Andy called the meeting to order
- Treasury has been tabled.
- Mary Lou motioned for December's meeting minutes to be approved as published in the January issue of the Stovebolt News, and Debbie seconded.

New Business

- Emily made a motion to move to quarterly business meetings and still target monthly gatherings such as an event, tour, or a pot-luck to get together with a mini-meeting to discuss any pertinent information and keep current on Sunshine. Chris Seconded. Motion passed.
- February's gathering is the indoor car show on February 26th! Chris shared additional details about the event and we discussed food options. Chris made a motion for the club to provide \$100 for food and any proceeds from the \$1 per entry will go back to the club with the 50/50 winnings going to the church youth. Eileen Seconded. Motion passed. Dave will assist with registration, Eileen will be the food station monitor, and we still need a volunteer to help with the 50/50 raffle.
 - o There will be 4 classes:
 - 1:64 scale (Hot Wheels/Matchbox Cars)
 - Purchased/Die Cast Cars
 - Self-Built and Craft
 - Display Only

Old Business

- Ashley provided an update on the web design. It looks great! The group discussed the domain name and the use of ads on the page. The cost of our own web domain will be \$120 billed annually. Andy made a motion to use GCRVCCA.org as the domain name and Paul seconded. Motion Passed.
- The charitable donation recommendation by the board is to have a personalized brick made in memoriam of Harold Cuthbertson at the Toledo Police Museum and contribute \$100 to the NextGen chapter seed money. This was well received by the region as the Police Museum is a great cause and it was Harold's passion, and we are all very excited about the creation of the NextGen chapter. Chris also reported that the NextGen chapter has 12 members.
- Andy reported that the 1949-1954 Chapter is official
- Please be sure to let Dave know if you plan to host an event or gathering so we are able to keep the schedule of events up to date!
- Andy made motion to adjourn. Donna seconded. Meeting adjourned.

See you all next month!

Emily Lescallett, Secretary

Prayers needed for GCR Family

Lynn and Karen Rupp, long standing members of the GCR, have shared that their daughter, Lynda Penn, has unexpectedly been diagnosed with colon cancer that has metastasized. Lynda and her husband, Mike, are in limbo with all the tests and appointments they have scheduled. Lynn and Karen and their whole family would really appreciate your prayers for Lynda's recovery.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February		March	
8	Steve Oltman	17	Chris Cufu
11	Doug Brainard		
19	Lynn Rupp		
21	Rene Oltman		
25	Charlene Bendzick		
28	Dave Cufu		

New VCCA Chapter Formed

The 1949-1954 Chevrolet/GMC Non-Geographic Chapter is now official. It is for those VCCA members own or are interested in cars and trucks from that time period. Anyone interested or want more information on the Chapter send email 49.54chaptervcca@gmail.com.

The 1949-1954 Chevy/GMC Chapter will include periodic electronic calls, newsletters, Gatherings/Driving Tours at larger VCCA Meets and events planned by the Chapter.

**Glass Capitol Region
2023 Calendar of Events**

January

- Sunday January 22nd 1pm – GCR BOD Meeting; 2pm GCR Club meeting @ Andy Jurski's home – 4507 Indian Ridge, Sylvania OH 43560

February

- Saturday, February 18th – 2023 Springfield February Swap Meet @ Clark County Fairgrounds Springfield, OH. Gate opens at 8am.
- Sunday, February 26th 2- 5pm – Indoor Miniature Car Show & Social @ Christ United Methodist Church 5757 Starr Ext., Oregon OH 43616

March

- (Date to be determined) Brian & Emily Lescallett

April

- **Host for April GCR gathering NEEDED!**
- Sunday, April 16th – Monroe Swap Meet @ Monroe County Fairgrounds Monroe, MI. Gate opens at 7am.

May

- **Host for May GCR gathering NEEDED!**
- Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 26-28th – 2023 Springfield Spring Swap Meet @ Clark County Fairgrounds Springfield, OH.

June

- **Host for June GCR gathering NEEDED!**
- Saturday, June 3rd 10am - Western Buckeye Region 3rd Annual Public Car Show, Lima Auto Mall, Lima, OH

July

- 60th Central Meet July 19-23 – Kalamazoo, MI (flyer included in newsletter)

August

- **Host for August GCR gathering NEEDED!**

September

- **Host for September GCR gathering NEEDED!**
- Mid-America Tour – September 4 – 8th; Piqua, OH; limited to 4 & 6 cylinder Chevrolets & GMC's 1954 and older

October

- **Host for October GCR gathering NEEDED!**

November

- **Host for November GCR gathering NEEDED!**

December

- GCR 50th Anniversary Celebration

The **60th Central Meet** tentative schedule, hotel information and other Meet details are presently available @ **vccacentralmeet.org**

The Meet Registration form is expected to be available April 1st. A flyer on the Meet is included below.

Indoor Miniature Car Show & Social

Sunday February 26th

Open to anyone - Bring a friend!

Registration opens @ 2:00pm

Participant voting until 4:00 w/Awards immediately afterwards

Location: Christ United Methodist Church fellowship hall
5757 Starr Ext. Oregon, Ohio 43616

**Free Food – Music – 50/50 Raffle
Mini Trophies – Participant Voting**

4 different classes of Chevrolet & GMC vehicles:

Cost: \$1 per entry – Limited to 1 entry per class per person

Class 1: Small scale Die Cast or Slot Cars

(Smaller than 1/24 scale): Hot Wheels, Matchbox, and "HO scale" vehicles

Class 2: 1/24 scale and larger – purchased

Franklin Mint, Danbury mint, factory promotional

Class 3: Self Built Car/Truck

Plastic models of any scale and Pinewood Derby cars

Class 4: "Auto Themed" Creations

Includes self-made crafty auto themed creations

*"Snow or Shine"
event*



Show hosted by the
**Glass Capitol Region
Vintage Chevrolet Club of America**

For questions or more information:
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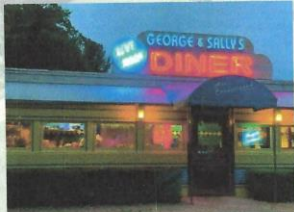
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*VCCA members
can get more information,
and register at: vccacentralmeet.org*



Sneak Peek Article - Chapter 2

by Dave Cufu

Last month I introduced the Speedster Project that Chris & I are working on this winter. This is a 30-day update! Our 1923 Chevrolet Speedster is beginning to look like a vehicle with a long ways to go! Those “daytime dreams” are still coming to us and some are making it into the physical presence of this Speedster Project!

Again stating the Speedster Chapter Motto:

All men dream but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds, wake in the day to find that it is vanity. But the dreamers of the day are dangerous men for they act their dream with open eyes, to make it possible.

T.E. Lawrence



Our plan is to build this **DREAM** vehicle, a 1923 Chevrolet Speedster, primarily from the large accumulation of 4-cylinder parts in my barn and Chris’ garage! We did have to deviate from using the 30 x 3½” tires in the barn that were acquired from Pinky Randell several years ago. They were mounted on wheels that Pinky removed from one of his vehicles. While removing them from the rims, the tires began ripping apart rendering them useless, so new (safe) tires were purchased! It is believe those tires were form the 1960’s; those 60 year old tires would not work on this project! This was my first experience mounting tires on “clincher” rims; a great deal of patience and muscle was required but I got it done!

Several years ago Chris purchased a 1922 Chevrolet chassis from a VCCA member in central Pennsylvania that I dug home for him. The chassis included a motor and transmission that were reportedly have very few miles on it. Over the winter I have disassembled the motor and found there was next to no wear on the babbitt crank & rod bearings and cylinder walls. During the cleaning of the motor components I did break two piston rings but was able to go to the barn and find pistons Chris had saved from the original “junk” motor from his 1923 Chevrolet Touring. Those pistons rings were standard bore and fit the 1922 pistons perfectly! That 1922 Chevrolet motor has now been assembled and ready for the 1923 Speedster **DREAM**! The 1922 transmission is next on my list to disassemble, inspect and prepare for the project.



Digging thru “stuff” in the barn allowed us to find a radiator, hood and a 1923 closed car cowl (as shown in the photos earlier in the article).

Now the fun part is to fit these on the 1924 Chevrolet frame that was removed from the stack of frames behind the barn. The 1923 frame we were going to use was totally disassembled and we found our hot riveting skills did not allow us to use that frame! The 1922 frame did not satisfy Chris’ *DREAM*, therefore, it was not considered! The 1924 frame is the one on the bottom of the pile. Note that it was once used as a trailer with a hitch attached to the front steering mechanism. The 1924 frame was one we acquired from Pinky several years ago. We discovered that there were differences between the 1922, 1923 & 1924 frames that have caused difficulties in the assembly of this *DREAM*!



When “things” don’t fit, modifications are required as the sparks show in this photo!

Our hope is have a 1922 Oldsmobile 3-port on this Speedster motor sometime in the future. Need to see if we can find the missing parts for the head in the barn or Chris’ garage!



The plan is to have this Speedster on the Road this summer to celebrate its 100th Birthday!

And yes, it *Will it be a Rusty Relic!*