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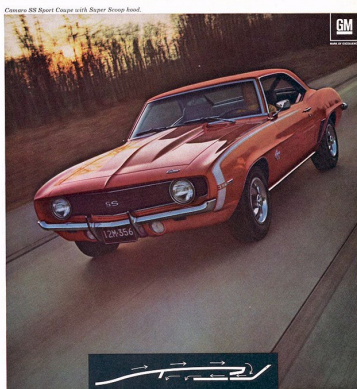
Lone Star Region Meetings

Next Region Meeting

Sunday February 11, 2024

@ 2:30 PM

Grace Presbyterian
Church
5500 Mansfield Rd.
Arlington, TX 76017



Camaro's New Super Scoop:
It's like frosting on the frosting.

Basic ingredients, Camaro SS. The Huger, 300 hp 302 V6. Wild oval seats on 14.7 wheels. Bucket-top suspension. Power disc brakes. A recommended speedometer. Extra topping you can order. A new Super Scoop hood that shoots cooler air to the carburetor for an added dash of dash.
The whole scoop works off the counter-top. You slip on the air, it slips up top and goes.
Then you have it: Super Scoop with Super Scoop. Add you and stir.
Putting you first, keeps us first.

Director's Minute

Hello to everybody. On January 7th our Board met and agreed on several important items.

Excerpts of the meeting are:

Fall Tour. Lone Star Region will host the Fall Joint Tour scheduled for the first week in September. Roger Perez has volunteered to take the lead on this with locations and activities TBD. Please give Roger your full support.

Marketing. In order to increase membership, it will be necessary to broaden our approach to include more face to face (car shows, parades, etc.) and supplement traditional outreach including banners, brochures, cards, etc.

Newsletter. Will be published on a quarterly basis with plans to go all online beginning 2025.

Meetings. Meetings will be changed from monthly to quarterly (January, April, July and October). Christmas dinner will be scheduled in December.

Note: Since we had to cancel the January meeting due to weather, we will meet February 11th instead. The location and time remains the same.

2024 looks to be more activities and a bit less meetings. In between those meetings, information on scheduled day tours and activities will be coordinated by e-mail. All members are encouraged to propose activities and coordinate through Glen and Eileen Rogers.

See you in February, *Barry*



Sunshine 'n Shadow Report

By Sheila Kinsey

Nothing to report this month. Chuck and I wish everyone a sweet Valentine's Day

To report Sunshine 'n Shadow News, contact Sheila Kinsey at chuck-sheila@sbcglobal.net or Phone 972-623-2523.

You may already know that Valentine's Day was named after its patron saint, St. Valentine — but there's actually some confusion surrounding *which* St. Valentine the holiday technically honors. According to [History.com](https://www.history.com), there are at least two men named Valentine that could've inspired the holiday, including one Valentine who was a priest in third century Rome. As the story goes, this Valentine defied Emperor Claudius II's ban on marriage (he thought it distracted young soldiers), illegally marrying couples in the spirit of love until he was caught and sentenced to death. Another legend suggests that Valentine was killed for attempting to help Christians escape prison in Rome, and that he actually sent the first "valentine" message himself while imprisoned, writing a letter signed "From your Valentine."

At the end of the 5th century, Roman Pope Gelasius officially declared the date of February 14 "St. Valentine's Day." It wasn't until the Middle Ages, though, that the holiday became associated with love and romance, a tradition that first started from the common belief in France and England that birds started their mating season on February 14.

According to Hallmark, a whopping 145 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged every February 14 (and that's not even including all those kids' valentines exchanged in classrooms!). This makes Valentine's Day the second biggest holiday for exchanging greeting cards, after Christmas. And how sweet: Teachers receive the most Valentine's Day cards annually, followed by children, mothers and wives. Needless to say, we've come a long way from 1913, which was when Hallmark Cards produced their first Valentine's card.

Announcing the 2024 VCCA Southern Fall Tour

Chip and Cathy Sweet, Tour Registration

I am pleased to announce the 2024 VCCA Southern Fall Tour is being planned by Richard "Tiny" Thomas in the Wichita, KS area. There are still several things that need to be confirmed but the dates and hotel are set.

The first official tour day will be Monday, October 14, 2024 with the ending dinner on Friday, October 18, 2024.

A registration form will be sent to those that have replied that they are interested. We anticipate the form will be available January 2024. You can make hotel reservations NOW if you intend to attend. As you should note there are only 42 rooms in our block. Once those are committed there may not be any more.

Hampton Inn
1701 Cambridge Street, Derby KS
1-316-425-7900 (Ask for the block of rooms under Richard Thomas)
\$90 per night for all rooms, a block of 42 rooms set aside for us.
Room rate applies for October 13 through October 18, 2024.
Unbooked rooms will be released Sept 29, 2024.
Limit of 40 vehicles pre 1955.

Please email Chip Sweet at chevychip@yahoo.com to receive a registration form when they are available.

Chip & Cathy Sweet, Tour registration

Sixth Generation Camaro Bows Out, Chevrolet Announces Final Collector's Edition

Chevrolet Motorsports will continue to compete across the world; Chevrolet announces this is not the final chapter for nameplate.

DETROIT – After nine strong model years in the market, with hundreds of thousands sold, the sixth generation Chevrolet Camaro will retire at the conclusion of model year 2024. The final sixth generation Camaros will come off the assembly line at the Lansing Grand River Assembly Plant in Michigan in January 2024.

Available in coupe and soft-top convertible variants, this latest generation Camaro is known for supreme athleticism and composure. Magnetic Ride Control became available on the Camaro SS in the sixth generation and track-focused 1LE packages proliferated through all levels of the lineup for the first time. The ultimate street-legal track Camaro, the 650 horsepower ZL1 1LE, produced the fastest time for any Camaro around GM's Milford Road Course at the company's Milford Proving Ground in Michigan.

Whether it is picking up awards for on-road performance, or race wins and championships at tracks across the world, Camaro has demonstrated Chevrolet's ability to win in the most demanding environments.

“As we prepare to say goodbye to the current generation Camaro, it is difficult to overstate our gratitude to every Camaro customer, Camaro assembly line employee and race fan,” said Scott Bell, vice president, Global Chevrolet. “While we are not announcing an immediate successor today, rest assured, this is not the end of Camaro's story.”

Chevrolet will celebrate this storied nameplate with the addition of the Collector's Edition package on the 2024 Camaro RS and SS, and on a limited number of ZL1 equipped vehicles available in North America. The Collector's Edition pays homage to Camaro, resurfacing ties that date back to the development of the first generation Camaro in the 1960s, most notably the program's initial code name: Panther.

More information on the 2024 Camaro line and Collector's Edition package will be available closer to the start of orders this summer.

Since our founding days with Louis Chevrolet, performance always has been and will continue to be an integral part of Chevrolet's DNA. From Corvette to Colorado and Silverado ZR2, to Tahoe RST and Blazer EV SS¹, the brand will continue to offer a range of exhilarating vehicles for the street, the track and off-road.

Motorsports

Chevrolet campaigns the sixth generation Camaro in a variety of series, including NASCAR, IMSA, SRO, NHRA and the Supercars Championship. Camaro will continue to compete on track, working with motorsports sanctioning bodies to ensure Chevrolet's presence in racing moving forward.

“Chevrolet's products and our relationship with our customers benefit from motorsports,” said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. vice president, Performance and Motorsports. “Our plan is to continue to compete and win at the highest levels of auto racing.”



William Thomas “Hooker” Vandergriff (1902–1992), entrepreneur and civic leader, son of John Thomas and Mollie Wilkinson (Hudgins) Vandergriff, was born in Farmers Branch, Texas, on January 2, 1902. He attained the nickname “Hooker” from his classmates in elementary school after they studied the Puritan preacher and founder of Connecticut, Thomas Hooker. A graduate of Carrollton High School, Vandergriff later attended Grubbs Vocational College, the forerunner to the University of Texas at Arlington. On October 6, 1923, he married Charles Pleasant Mayes. They later had a son and a daughter.

In 1926 Vandergriff’s father, who operated a blacksmith shop, partnered with his son to open a combination blacksmith shop/automobile dealership in Carrollton. The blacksmithing operation was phased out a short time later as the business became a full-time dealership. In 1937, after a brief falling out with his father, the younger Vandergriff contacted General Motors (GM) and took out loans to open his own Chevrolet dealership in Arlington. This first dealership, located on U.S. Highway 80 (later Division Street), prospered and helped give birth to the “Arlington Auto Aisle,” a string of competing car dealerships between Dallas and Fort Worth. At their peak Vandergriff’s businesses included five dealerships in Arlington, Irving, Carrollton, and Grand Prairie, and two furniture stores, but the original Chevrolet dealership and Vandergriff Buick (also on Division Street), were the most successful during his lifetime.

His accomplishments in the business world allowed him to become an influential booster of Arlington, although he mostly avoided politics. His investments in Arlington earned him recognition as Arlington’s “Citizen of the Year” by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce in 1950. But perhaps his most notable achievement, accomplished in coordination with his son Tom, occurred in 1951. The two successfully lured General Motors to Arlington with an offer to sell the company 250 acres of land east of town, which were shortly thereafter annexed to Arlington, for the construction of a new assembly plant. The first of many GM cars rolled out of the Arlington plant in 1954, and this facility sparked remarkable growth for the city, the population of which increased from fewer than 8,000 residents in 1950 to more than 250,000 four decades later. Vandergriff was also noted for his real estate holdings, which at one time totaled more than a thousand acres, in and around Arlington. His interest in acquiring land led to some financial difficulties for his family in the later years of his life as property taxes mounted, but his philanthropic efforts endeared him to his community. His charitable work included donating large tracts of land for the sites of the Carrollton City Hall, Arlington Memorial Hospital, an Arlington YMCA location, the Arlington Independent School District administration building, and two Arlington city parks—Vandergriff Park and the Harold Patterson Sports Center. These contributions, along with many donations of equipment, instruments, and buses to Arlington schools, earned Vandergriff his reputation as a shrewd and aggressive businessman who enjoyed giving as much as he gained.

Vandergriff foresaw that the two larger cities of Fort Worth and Dallas would eventually grow together, ultimately benefitting Arlington’s progress. This confidence in the city’s future drove his business dealings and influenced his family’s pursuits. His son Tom worked with him at the dealerships and left his own mark on Arlington through his civic leadership and by serving twenty-six years as the city’s mayor and one term as a U. S. Congressman. Other members of his family included his daughter Virginia Sue “Ginger” (Vandergriff) Deering, who owned and operated the Vandergriff Buick dealership, and his grandson Victor Vandergriff, commissioner of the Texas Department of Transportation. Vandergriff spent the last several years of his life at Arlington Memorial Hospital (built on his donated land), as he suffered from various medical problems, including Alzheimer’s disease. As a measure of the respect he had among his peers, while hospitalized he received regular visits from former auto dealer competitors. Hooker Vandergriff died from complications from pneumonia on July 7, 1992, and was buried at Moore Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Arlington. He was survived by his wife of almost sixty-nine years, Charles.

LSR EVENTS

February 11, 2024 – LSR Monthly Meeting, 2:30pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 5500 Mansfield Road, Arlington

April 14, 2024 – LSR Monthly Meeting, 2:30pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 5500 Mansfield Road, Arlington

July 4, 2024 – Arlington 4th of July Parade

July 9, 2024 – LSR Monthly Meeting, 2:30pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 5500 Mansfield Road, Arlington

September – Fall Tour TBD

October 13, 2024 – LSR Monthly Meeting, 2:30pm, Grace Presbyterian Church, 5500 Mansfield Road, Arlington

December – Christmas Party TBD

2024 Membership Drive Update

It's only February and I already feel like I'm running behind. If you feel the same, don't worry, there's plenty of time to get your 2024 membership renewed.

Thanks to those of you that reached out to say you would pay your dues at the January meeting – oh rats! – that meeting was canceled because of cold weather. Still no worries – let's try again at the February meeting.

Thanks to everyone that has mailed their dues to me. The list below shows the names of those that have renewed as 1/22/2024. If you're not one on the list, please take a few minutes today to get your dues payment in the mail to me or bring them to the next meeting.

Dues for the Lone Star Region are \$12 per year per family and due in January of each year.

Bobby included the membership application in the last two newsletters, You can also [download it from LSRVCCA.org](https://www.lsrvcca.org). Please complete the application and mail it with your payment to me.

Please remember to keep your national VCCA dues current. The VCCA will send you a reminder when your national membership needs renewing.

Please feel free to email or call with any questions you have.

Thank you,

Jeff Newhouse

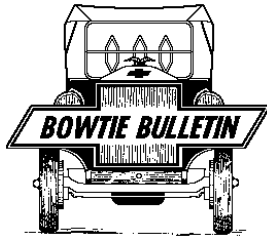
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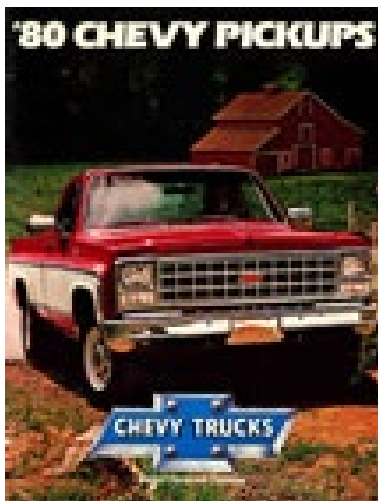
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 "MONEY CANT BUY HAPPINESS"**



DIDN'T SPEND IT THE RIGHT WAY

When you buy a car that's already been modified by someone else



VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

The national Vintage Chevrolet Club of America was founded in 1961. Our local organization, the Lone Star Region, was started in April of 1971. The organization is family oriented and promotes interest in antique and classic Chevrolets (and GMC). We preserve and restore old Chevys (and GMC) just for the fun of it. National dues are \$40 per year, and region dues are \$12 per year. Our Lone Star Region VCCA meetings are held at the Grace Presbyterian Church, 5500 Mansfield Road, Arlington, Texas 76017. The regular meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM, except for the month of December, and the May meeting will be held on the third Sunday because of Mother's Day. MMM

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