

Nuts & Notes Newsletter

HIGH ROLLERS
LAS VEGAS CHAPTER VMCCA, INC.

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March Birthdays

Michael Wattenbarger 3/3 John

Pendergast 3/5

Tom Rowlett 3/13

March Anniversaries

John & Judy Pendergast 3/4



April Birthdays

Frank Wilcox 4/9

Sue Struve 4/23

Skip Yarema 4/25

April Anniversaries

Tom & Betty Rowlett 4/15

President's Message

The Pioneer Saloon tour was great. We had a good turnout; the food and service were great. All the members expressed they had a really good time and would do it again. All our cars ran great and the weather was perfect for a walk around Welder Up's compound. That's going to become a big attraction for folks that love rust and old-time vintage stuff. I don't want to take away from Jeanie's write up so I'll end it here. Thank you everyone who attended and especially Jeanie.



Next up is the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The key here is to decorate your ride with Irish green & gold bling for St. Patrick's Day just like we do for the Electric Light Parade in Boulder City. The one year we had The Beast all decked out and it made the front page of the Henderson website for the year. You could be next. It might have helped that we have a green car. We currently have seven cars signed up, but the more the merrier. Look for details in the Nut & Notes.



The Show & Shine is 2 months away and we need to get fliers out. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute fliers over the course of the next 2 months. Give me a call or email me if you are going out to Cars & Coffee on Saturdays or Westend Boyz on Sunday. I will have a new batch of fliers by next week. Also, if you know of any car shows you think we need to be passing fliers out at please let us know.



See you at the Parade,
John Pendergast

HIGH ROLLERS CHAPTER of the VMCCA minutes for March 10 , 2026

High Rollers Chapter of the VMCCA for March 10th

7:02 Pledge of allegiance was led by Danny Barnett.

7:03 Roll call was taken by Brian Pucio. All board members were in attendance. 20 members total at meeting.

7:03 No new members or guests.

7:04 President John Pendergast thanked all for attending. Thanked Jeanie for the Pioneer tour and mentioned a possible Tour of Steve Darnel's place by Pioneer bar in the future.

7:04 Treasurers report was read by Treasurer Judy Pendergast. Motion to accept was first by Brian and second by Skip. All in favor.

7:08 Secretary Brian Pucio read minutes from February meeting. Motion to accept was first by Jerry and second Skip. All in Favor.

7:09 Activities Director Jeanie Prouty spoke about the Pioneer run. March 14th St. Patrick's Day Parade. Harri is working on the

Green widow squares. April 21st is Viva Los Vegas car show. April 25th is the Las Ventanas car show. May 16th is Show & Shine.

7:18 Show and Shine chair Paul Roland had flyers on the back table. The 15th of March is the Water Street St. Patty's Day car show.

And he could use help handing out our flyers at the show. He reminded people to get raffle items together for baskets.

7:32 Membership V.P. Paul Roland had membership pamphlets on back table.

7:32 Publications V.P. Hartley Delvalle will be getting this month news letter out this Thursday.

7:33 Sunshine Chair Donna Pucio sent a card to Elizabeth Devalle. Dion Stams cleared up the mystery of his recent hospital visit.

7:37 Club Store clerk John Pendergast had goodies on the table.

7:38 Telephone Chair Skip Yarema and Joan Saucier have been making reminder calls to members.

7:38 Social Media position is still open.

7:39 Tour Master John Munoz spoke about the Pioneer run and mentioned his son Kalib got hired by IBM.

7:42 Web Master Anthony Adsit said website is up to date and to visit it.

7:43 Western region Director Dion Stams is off to the Board of Governors meeting next week.

7:43 Old Business: 2nd quarter board meeting is April 21st @ Amore A Taste of Chicago @ 6 P.M.

7:44 New Business: We still need a Social Media director for e-mail reminders.

7:45 50/50 drawing was for \$35 and won by Darrel Smith who generously donated it back to the club.

7:45 Next meeting is April 14th. Call for motion to adjourn meeting was first by Brian and second by John. All in favor.

Past Activities



Twenty-three (23) of us in ten vehicles toured to Goodsprings, NV, on Saturday, February 21, 2026. It turned out to be a good weather day for the tour. Once arriving in Goodsprings from the Antique Mall in Las Vegas, via the old L.A. Highway, we ate at the Pioneer Saloon Restaurant. The only disappointment about the tour was that the Pioneer Saloon had replaced some of the pictures on the walls in the restaurant. One of those that had been taken down was that of Joan Saucier, our club member, and her bandmate--what a disappointment!!

One of the walls still had pictures and information about Clark Gable's being at the Pioneer Saloon, waiting on a Las Vegas to Los Angeles, CA, plane flight that crashed at the top of Mt. Potosi, taking the life of all aboard, including Clark Gable's wife, Carol Lombarde, her mother, and eight servicemen--they were on a military flight from Nellis AFB. Prior to taking the flight Carole and her mother had been touring the U. S., via train, selling war bonds, aiding the WW II effort. Once arriving in Las Vega, via train, Carole and her mother had the opportunity to take the flight, and did, since they were anxious to return to Los Angeles. The flight took off in December in bad weather and just missed making it over Mt. Potosi. There is still some wreckage of the plane at the very top of Mt. Potosi.

I want to thank Judy and John Pendergast for getting out my e-mail about making the Goodsprings restaurant reservations, prior to the tour, and for correcting the address I had (from the Internet--don't trust the internet!) which was 9950 LVBS, when, in fact, the mall is at 9151-9175 LVBS, making it just north, not south of the South Point Hotel. I have made a note of this address, which I think I may have had from another write-up about a Goodsprings tour, plus the name of the mall which is Vegas Pointe Plaza/Antique Mall on LVBS at Serene.

After leaving the restaurant we stayed in Goodsprings, going to Steve Darnell's property where he has a "ton" of collectibles, including vehicles. I spoke with his son, Chase, who told me they are having a car show, he thinks in April, in Goodsprings with an after party at the Darnell property. Steve Darnell had an automotive fabrication shop in Las Vegas; and he and the Vegas Rat Rods were featured in a series on the Discovery channel. We then toured around Goodsprings before taking the old L.A. Highway back to Las Vegas.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty

Photos from Goodsprings, NV



15th ANNUAL CAR SHOW SHOW & SHINE

Join us Saturday, May 16, 2026

**REGISTER
EARLY**

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

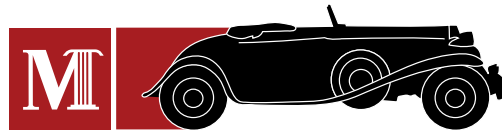
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Today, one of its academic programs is recognized as the only curriculum of its kind in the nation: a Four-Year Bachelor's Degree in Automotive Restoration. The degree can be tailored for the restoration of early 1900s horseless carriages all the way up through the muscle-car era.

The school's notoriety in automotive restoration has captured the attention of Jay Leno and Peter Heydon, who endowed the Fred Duesenberg Scholarship.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

Judging by People's Choice

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|-----------------|--------------|--|
| Oldest Car | Street Rod | American Muscle Car Original Stock |
| Modified Custom | Rat Rod | Truck Pre-WWII and Post-War |
| Foreign Car | Best of Show | Best 1920s, '30s, '40s, '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s |

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Owner's Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Vehicle: Car Truck Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

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Registration Fee: \$35 early bird (must be received by May 11)
(per vehicle) \$45 after May 11

Total Amount \$ _____

MAIL TO: High Rollers Chapter VMCCA, 1566 Bridgetown Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89123

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants by execution of this entry form, release and discharge Skyline Hotel & Casino, the High Rollers Chapter of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America, Officers and members, participants, spectators and anyone else connected with this car show from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims.

I have read and agree to all conditions and rules governing this car show. I agree to observe all rules and decisions made by the show officials and staff. I certify that my vehicle is properly insured to legal liability requirements in the State of Nevada.

Signature _____ Date _____

EV's Exterior Subscription:

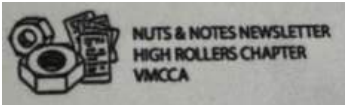
- Remember, I am an optimist.
- One of the cool things people say about owning an electric vehicle is the front cargo area commonly called the “Frunk” It’s an extra storage compartment on your EV. (By the way Volkswagen did this with the Type 3 Fastback in the 60’s)
- I saw something online (the most reliable source for truthful information) that said automakers are looking at charging for a subscription service in order to be able to access and use the Frunk. Potentially called the “Exterior Subscription Package”. I don’t have first hand knowledge that this is real so read this as entertainment and not fact.
- You were so proud to purchase the new Mustang Mach E a year ago and you signed up for the Exterior Subscription Package that includes the “Frunk” option.
- You go to the grocery store exactly 364 days and 23 hours after you subscribed.
- For some reason the credit card you originally used is no longer valid.
- No big deal, right?
- You load up three bags of groceries — about \$500 in today’s money — and toss them into the frunk.
- You get home.
- It is now 365 days and 1 minute since you subscribed.
The credit card didn’t auto-renew.
- The frunk won’t open.
- Your ice cream is melting.
The hamburger is going bad.
- You frantically call the 1-800 number.
- A cheerful robotic voice says:
• “Due to heavy call volume, your current wait time is 2 hours and 45 minutes. Press 4 and we will call you back.”
- You’ve fallen for that Press 4 lie before.
- Press 4 means they call you back sometime in the year 2087 after civilization has collapsed and the call center is run by raccoons.
- So, you stay on the line.
The hold music begins.
- A badly compressed version of “Muskrat Love.”
- On repeat.
Forever.
- Occasionally interrupted by the loudest voice ever recorded by mankind:
• “YOUR CALL IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. PLEASE CONTINUE TO HOLD.” Which is corporate speak for:
• “We know exactly how miserable you are and we absolutely do not care.”
- Meanwhile the ice cream is now completely ruined.
- Because you’re a cheap bastard, it’s in one of those cardboard tubs. It begins oozing out of the bag.
- And because you care about the environment, you chose paper grocery bags.
- So now the ice cream is melting through the paper bag and running all over the frunk floor like a delicious dairy crime scene.
- You remain on hold.
- “Muskrat Love” continues.
At this point you begin sincerely hoping all muskrats go extinct.
- Finally, the voice breaks in again:

- “YOUR CALL IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. PLEASE CONTINUE TO HOLD. You are now number 10 in line.”
- At least we’re getting somewhere.
- Outside the sun is relentless. The frunk has now reached the internal temperature of a pizza oven. The ice cream is dripping out of vents and onto the electronics. So far, it’s not doing too much damage.
- The ribeye’s you were planning to cook for dinner are fermenting nicely.
- You also bought a six-pack of Diet Coke, because according to your personal nutritional science, if you drink Diet Coke you can still eat ice cream.
- The temperature in the cans is approaching thermonuclear levels.
“YOU ARE NOW CALLER NUMBER 3.”
Almost there.
- “YOU ARE NOW CALLER NUMBER 2.”
- Your heart begins to race.
“YOU ARE NOW NEXT IN LINE.”
- You feel a small spark of hope. Maybe the system works after all.
- Maybe Captain and Tennille don’t have to die!
Meanwhile inside the frunk, the Diet Coke cans reach their breaking point.
- One by one they detonate, spraying hot sticky soda all over the frunk, out the drain holes, and onto the electronics and battery pack.
- Diet Coke — a beverage deemed perfectly safe for human consumption — has the curious property of being able to strip corrosion off a battleship.
- It immediately begins attacking the aluminum battery casing.
The ribeye’s are now entering a stage scientists refer to as “legally questionable.”
Then suddenly—
CLICK.
- You look down, in horror, at your phone.
The screen says:
- CALL FAILED
- And because you are a calm, rational, emotionally balanced human being, your \$1,400 iPhone 99 immediately leaves your hand at approximately Mach 3.
- Unfortunately, it strikes your elderly neighbor Mrs. Goldberg directly in the eye.
Mrs. Goldberg’s son is Morton Goldberg, Esq.
He owns a law firm with more lawyers than Starbucks has locations.
- Meanwhile inside the frunk the ice cream, meat juice, and Diet Coke have found a weak spot in the lithium-ion battery.
- A tiny chemical reaction begins.
- Which is science talk for:
- “Oh no.”
Four hours later the fire trucks finally leave.
- Your Mustang is now a molten abstract sculpture in the driveway.
- Your 2003 Toyota Camry, which would have run for another 300,000 miles out of pure spite, was parked next to it.
- It is also gone.
- You could buy another car.
- But the Goldbergs sued you so thoroughly you are now financially classified as a houseplant.
You’re lucky to still own a pair of Converse sneakers.
So now you ride the city bus everywhere.
Doing your part to save the environment.
- Which, if you think about it, was probably the plan all along.
- Happy ending.

- Submitted by: John Munoz

ACTIVITIES FOR 2026

DATE	ACTIVITY
January 17th	Dust-Off Breakfast, Chloride, AZ
February 21st	Pioneer Saloon Tour & Lunch
March 14th	St. Patrick's Day Parade & Lunch
April 24th	Las Ventana's Car Show
May 16th	15th annual Show & Shine
June 20th	Morelli house and lunch
July 17th	Annual Pizza Run
August 15th	Ice Cream Cruise to Boulder City
September	Tuachan Tour/Show Over Night
October	Pic-Nic
November 21st	Poker Run & Lunch
December 5th	Electric Light Parade & Dinner
December	Holiday Awards Banquet



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