

VIPER CLUB HISSSSSSSTORY



Like many enthusiast cars, the Viper has owners' clubs devoted to it. For Viper, there are two national clubs, the Viper Club of America (VCA) and the Viper Owners Association (VOA), both founded by the same president, Maurice Liang!

Viper Club of America was officially launched on May 12th, 1995 by a group of fourteen Viper fans, including our first Regional Club President, Jim Roppo. Led by Maurice Liang (CA) and Steve Ferguson (IL), and with the support of Ron Smith from Dodge Marketing and Chrysler President Bob Lutz, the VCA became the first car club to be officially recognized and supported by Chrysler. Twelve "Viper Owner Invitationals" were held between 1994 and 2012 for VCA members from all over the world to enjoy. They were held at strategic locations, such as Detroit (twice), Monterey, Indianapolis, Las Vegas (twice), Disneyworld, St. Louis, Nashville, Dallas, Salt Lake City, and Charlotte.

In 2014, a new club was established – the Viper Owners Association. Led by Maurice Liang (CA) and Alex Ristanovic (IL) and a few others, including our second Regional Club President, Jim Johnson, the majority of VCA regions voted to join this new national organization. VOA has 37 regions around the world in the US, Canada, Japan, and the UK. Membership has included a subscription to *Viper Quarterly* magazine, membership badges, access to local and national events, liability insurance, and discounts on Viper merchandise. Local regions host many social, technical, and track events for members, and provide a great way for Viper owners to share their passion with fellow "Viperholics."

The Viper Owners Association has held 5 National Viper Events. NVE 1 was held in Detroit, the birthplace of the Dodge Viper. Our regional club held a very successful "Bucket List" event in Steamboat Springs in 2015, with 100 participants. The second NVE was held in New Orleans, in which 58 of our members participated and most did the Road Trip there and back. The excitement continued as over 60 from our Club drove to the 3rd Las Vegas NVE in May, 2018 & then 25 of us drove to Florida in April, 2021 to the NVE in Miami & the Keys. NVE 5 was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, was planned and sponsored by our regional officers and was a huge success. For more information visit: [VOA NVE5 CO Springs 2023](#)

The first Colorado Viper Club event was held in May, 1995 at Bandimere Speedway, Morrison, Colorado. At least seven Viper owners showed up with their cars to test their skills at this world class drag strip. The Club has grown to be called the Colorado/Montana/Utah/Wyoming Viper Club and, in addition to these four states, has members from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska. New Mexico, Hawaii & Switzerland plus Viper friends from several other states that join us on many of our events.

Our Club has had just two Presidents in the last thirty years: Jim Roppo from 1995 to 2003 and Jim Johnson since then. We usually have about 70 to 75 memberships, including about 2 people per membership and many more than 75 Vipers, since several families own more than one Viper.

We host about 18 events per year. Several are day events throughout the year and three or more of those yearly events span long weekends and longer. We've been to places like Sedona, AZ, Carlsbad, NM, Bryce & Zion Canyons, plus other Utah destinations, Black Hills, SD, The Enchanted Circle in New Mexico, Wine Country, Colorado and many other beautiful spots in Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. We've spent the 4th of July in Breckenridge or Ouray, Colorado for many years, participating in parades, car shows, barbecues, dinners, auto-cross and other fun hikes, tours and activities. We've taken one to two-week cross country road trips to all of the Viper Owners Invitationals and to National Viper Events. A favorite Club trip was our 12-day road trip to Banff / Lake Louise Canada. In 2017 we toured Vancouver / Victoria, B.C. & the Pacific Coast, the Black Hills of SD and Aspen, CO. 2018 found us in Las Vegas, NV and Park City, UT; 2019 to California National Parks & Monterey, CA; 2020 to Ouray & Meeker, CO & Omaha, NB; 2021 to Florida for NVE4, Ouray & Meeker, CO; 2022 included New Mexico over Memorial Weekend, Ouray, CO over the 4th of July Weekend, Meeker, CO over Labor Day Weekend and to Branson, MO in September; 2023 included road trips to Durango & Meeker, CO and of course NVE 5 in Colorado Springs in September; 2024 trips included Palisade Wine Country, Grand Lake & Meeker, Colorado, plus our Yellowstone & The Wonders of Idaho Road Trip in September. Go to www.coviperclub.com for proof that the Colorado / Montana / Utah / Wyoming Viper Club has some amazing people that have an amazingly good time! *Live life at redline!*