

Nuts & Notes Newsletter

HIGH ROLLERS
LAS VEGAS CHAPTER VMCCA, INC.

April 2023



May 4, 2023 - High Roller Meeting

May 20, 2023 - Annual High Roller Picnic!
(Please RSVP)

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April Birthdays

Frank Wilcox 4/9

Sue Struve 4/23

Don Derr 4/24

Skip Yarema 4/25



May Birthdays

Mary Picchi 5/2

Suzan Reed 5/12

Greg Munoz 5/13

Sally McClary 5/15

Harry Ransom 5/15

Addie Lemasters 5/21

Brian Hawley 5/22

Gretchen Harper 5/24

April Anniversaries

Tom & Betty Rowlett 4/15



May Anniversaries

Fosco & Mary Picchi 5/2

John & Debbie Huizenga 5/6

Steve & Sue Struve 5/13

President's Message

Dear fellow members of the High Rollers,

This will be the first newsletter put out for our club by our new editor Gretchen Harper. We are very lucky to have a qualified person to continue the newsletter for us. I'm hoping we all get to know her in the future, I know I'm looking forward to it.

I want to encourage all members to submit articles for the upcoming newsletters. We are all car guys and gals, and love to tell stories about our cars and cars in general.

Once again, I want to wish Fosco and his wife Mary all the best and a quick recovery. He has done a lot for the car clubs he was a member of here in Las Vegas.

Joe Provenza and Jeanie Prouty are working on updating the activity schedule for the club, and I'm looking forward to fun tours and get togethers for the rest of the year.

I have been working with the executors of the Pill Maloof estate on their desire to reopen the collection of collector cars, and theater organs that Phil acquired over the years. We will schedule a tour later on in the year when everything is ready.

Lastly, John Pendergast has got in a stock of new hats and shirts for the club store. You can update your club merchandise now. Please take advantage of it.

Danny



CAR OF THE MONTH

Fosco's 1977 Avanti II

When we moved from Maine to Las Vegas in 2012, We brought with us a 1963 Studebaker GT Hawk which I thought would be the perfect Las Vegas car...white, factory air, 4 speed. It was not. Of particular concern was the single chamber brake master cylinder. This single point of potential failure is a serious liability driving in an urban environment.



Despite receiving the blessing of my new mechanic, I did encounter a total brake failure while on my way to Cars & Coffee. Fortunately, it was early morning and blowing through a red light did not end in disaster. But it did cause me to decide to trade the GT for something with a dual braking system. The "something" that came to mind was an Avanti II.

I had previously owned an Avanti II and found it a very satisfying driver. So, the hunt was on. I didn't have to search for long, as one turned up a few weeks later at Cars & Coffee. It was a bit rough around the edges, but the price was right...and, I loved the color. The seller was a big burly New Yorker. When I mentioned that I really liked the orange, he looked down at me, leaned in, and in a heavy New York accent said: "It's not orange...It's Calypso Coral".



Calypso Coral was a 1968 Mercury color (ever seen an orange Mercury Cyclone?). Since all Avanti IIs were built to order, the original owner had specifically selected that color. The interior was all original, but after more than 40 years of desert sun, it was very rough. The original special-order fabric was not available so I quickly picked out something that looked good and would be more serviceable. The original shag carpet was in great shape and remains intact.

With over 90,000 miles of use, the Avanti was pretty tired. Over the next few years, it was treated to a complete suspension/brake overhaul, a new 350 crate motor (replacing the original 350), and an upgrade to a 700R4 transmission with overdrive.



While attending the Studebaker Zone Meet in Reno, I saw another Avanti II wearing reproduction Halibrand mag wheels. These were briefly available on Avanti's in 1964. I was smitten and had to order a set for my car. I think they give it a certain 007 character (Did you know that Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond, drove an Avanti?).

In March, we made the move to Houston Texas...not that we wanted to...but we needed to for medical treatment. The Avanti moved with us and is about to begin a new chapter in its long life.

Fosco

PS: For those of you that are curious, here is a little background on the Avanti.

What is an Avanti?

The Avanti was originally produced by Studebaker in South Bend, Indiana. Studebaker built 4647 Avanti's for the 1963 and 1964 model years.

When Studebaker ceased production, two South Bend dealers bought the rights, tooling, and a section of the factory. They created Avanti Motor Corporation to continue Avanti production, building cars by hand and to customer's specifications as the "Avanti II".

Avanti II's used Studebaker body and chassis components and Corvette engines sourced from GM. Production was limited to around 100 - 150 cars each year. Avanti Motors continued producing cars and made a small profit each year until the company was sold in 1983.



The company then changed hands several times with subsequent Avanti's built by various owners in South Bend, Youngstown OH, Villa Rica GA, and Cancun Mexico. Eventually a modern Chevrolet chassis was substituted. Convertibles and even a four-door sedan became available in later years. In 2001 a new body design created by one of the original Studebaker Avanti designers went into production.

The final year for Avanti was 2007. Total Avanti production for all years 1963 through 2007 is 8487. My Avanti II is one of 146 built in 1977. It's purchase price in 1977 was a hefty \$16,365 ...\$5000 more than a Cadillac Eldorado!

Excerpts from the Rear View Mirror

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty

Seat belt crusader wouldn't buckle under

an Alabama congressman who became known as "Seat Belt" Roberts is not well remembered today. But Kenneth Roberts was the firebrand behind the first federal law requiring safety devices in all new American cars.

The popular myth in the mid-1950s was that seat belts cause more injuries than they prevented. Despite strong public and automaker opposition, Roberts finally got legislation enacted in 1964 that gave the General Services Administration oversight of safety standards for federally purchased cars.

The GSA mandated 17 safety features, including padded instrument panels, safety door latches and a uniform sequence for automatic transmissions (P-R-N-D-L). It also required anchors where seat belts could be installed, but not the belts themselves.

Lobbyists for the automakers immediately began watering down the GSA's regulations. Roberts' law might have had little impact if not for the events of 1965.

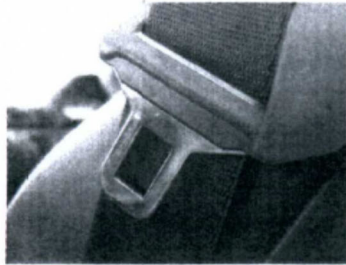
Grassroots groups joined the cause with the publication of Ralph Nader's landmark book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*. Thirty medical doctors got into the act by picketing the International Auto Show in New York, demanding safer designs.

The growing uproar spurred a Senate subcommittee to hold public hearings on automobile safety and to invite automakers to testify. When pressed, GM officials admitted that their company spent less than 0.1 percent of its profits on safety.

Feeling the political heat, President Lyndon Johnson put his weight behind an auto safety bill.

Successful legislation led to the establishment of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It applied the GSA's standards to all automobiles and further required those built after 1967 to have seat belts.

Roberts lost his re-election bid but stayed active by serving as a highway safety advisor.



30 years of Nevada automobile firsts

In 1901 automaker Alexander Winton drove his 12-horsepower Winton from San Francisco to Reno, becoming the first person to drive a car across the Sierra Nevada.

In 1906, there were two known automobiles in Reno. By early 1907, the number had risen to 30.

On May 31, 1907, a chauffeur named Peter Snyder was arrested for breaking Reno's new speed limit law of eight miles per hour. He was the first Nevada motorist arrested for speeding and was fined \$20. The first drunken driving conviction in the Silver State was on Feb. 25, 1927.

Competitors in the Great Auto Race of 1908 drove through Ely, Tonopah, Goldfield and Rhyolite in their three-day dash across the state. The race's winner was George Schuster in his Thomas Flyer, which is on display at the National Automobile Museum in Reno.

The Nevada Legislature passed a law in 1909

requiring cars to be licensed and charging \$1.88 plus 12½ cents for each horsepower. The first license plates were issued in 1916. For the next 20

years the plates comprised many color combinations until silver and blue were adopted in 1936. Two exceptions were silver on red in 1944 and gold on green in 1953.

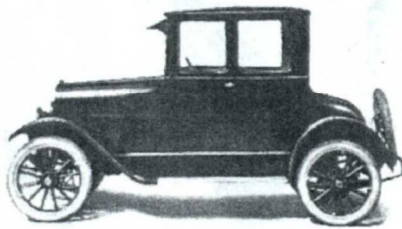
In 1913 Nevada staged its first road race, covering a 70-mile loop encompassing Carson City, Virginia City and Reno. The winning time was three hours, 22 minutes and 50 seconds.

The first time a car was used in a bank robbery getaway was in Virginia City in 1927. The first stolen car was reported five years earlier.

On April 17, 1930, the last section of the transcon-

tinental Lincoln Highway between McGill and Wendover was completed. A four-day celebration began on June 4 in Ely marking the official opening of the highway, which became U.S. 50.

The first car reported stolen in Nevada was in 1922.



55th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade and Festival, Henderson, NV

Seven of us in six classic vehicles participated in the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

There was a huge turnout of spectators, who are always so appreciative of our vehicles all the way of the parade route. It seems like the largest crowd to date. It was a good weather day for the parade--sunny with a breeze, but no rain. Rain had been in the forecast for the day of the parade, until about two days before the parade.

We were number 23 in the parade, with the Corvair Club behind us. Since we were nearer the front of the parade, we arrived at Sunset Pizza, before others from the parade showed up. Two more club members were at Sunset Pizza, so we had a total of eight members there--one did not go to Sunset Pizza, but stayed in Henderson to enjoy the further activities associated with St. Patrick's Day.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty Photos by Danny Barnett



Photos by Danny Barnett

COMING ACTIVIES

LAS VEGAS HIGH ROLLERS 2023 EVENT ACTIVITY LIST 2.10.2023 - CURRENT				After Event Notes
MONTH	DATE	EVENT	HOST	
January	1/21/2023	Dust Off Breakfast	Jeanie Prouty	
		Sandy Valley & Good Springs		
		Lunch at Idle Spurs Restaurant		
February	2/18/2023	1) Eldorado Canyon Mine Tour	Joe Provenza	
		Lunch at Fox Smokehouse		
	2/25/2023	2) Breakfast at Paiute Golf Course	Danny Barnett	
March	3/11/2023	1) St Patrick Day Parade	Harry Ransom	
		Henderson		
		Lunch at Sunset Pizza		
	3/25/2023	2) China Ranch Date Farm	Joe Provenza	
		Lunch at Crowbar Restaurant Shoshone		
April	In	1) Las Ventanas Car Show 4/TBD/23	John Munoz	
	Planning	2) Walking Box Ranch OR, (UNLV)	Joe Provenza	
		Searchlight Mususem		
		West of Searchlight		
		Lunch at Coffee Cup Cafe		
		3) Team Challenge???	Jeanie Prouty?	
May	5/20/2023	Annual Club Picnic	John Pendergast	
June	6/17/2023	1) Pin Ball Collection	Danny Barnett	
		McCormick Street		
		Lunch at Goldstrike Resturant?		
	6/24/2023	2) Jim Marsh Dearlership Lunch at???	Jeanie	
July	7/8/2023	1) Atomic Museum Tour	Joe Provenza	
	7/22/2023	2) Pizza Run	Barbara Boudoin	
		Rosati's on Eastern		
August	8/6/2023	1) Heinrich Collection Tour???	Joe Provenza	
	8/19/2023	2) Ice Cream Social	Barbara Boudoin	
September	9/3/2023	1) Cottonwood Junction Lunch 11:00 am	Jeanie Prouty	
	9/16/2023	2) Tuachan Tour	Carla Adsit?	
		Lunch/Dinner TBD		
October	10/14/2023	1) Show and Shine Car Show	John Pendergast	
November	11/18/2023	1) Desert Research Center	John Pendergast?	
	11/TBD/2023	2) Calville Bay Boat and Car Show?	Joe?	
December	12/2/2023	1) Santa Electric Light Parade	Deon?	
	12/16/2023	2) Christmas Party / Awards Banquet/ Tuscany Grill	Host???	

Show and Shine Update

12th ANNUAL CAR SHOW SHOW & SHINE

Join us Saturday, October 14, 2023



HOST/SPONSOR



DESIGNATED CHARITY

HOSTED BY THE HIGH ROLLERS CHAPTER OF THE VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA (VMCCA)

5825 W Sahara Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89146
Parking Lot

10:30 A. M. - 3:00 P. M.
Register Early

AWARDS IN MANY CATEGORIES
RAFFLE DRAWINGS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
50/50 DRAWING



SILENT AUCTION
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SPONSORS WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



located in McPherson, Kansas was chartered in 1887. It is associated with the Church of the Brethren and accordingly it is a non-profit institution as defined by their 501 (C)(3) status. The college started with 60 students and a faculty of 5. From its meager beginnings it has now grown to a sprawling 27-acre campus with over 800 students on the west side of McPherson, Kansas.

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 1900's 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. And in 2023, the McPherson College Automotive Restoration program will compete to win at the Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance with a fully restored 1953 Mercedes Benz 300 S Cabriolet.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES
Judging by People's Choice & Independent

Oldest Car	Street Rod	Best 1920's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's
Modified Custom	Rat Rod	Sponsor's Choice (Selected by each sponsor)
Foreign Sport Car	American Muscle Car Original Stock	Two People's Choice
Foreign Luxury Car	Truck Pre-War II and Post-War	Best of Show

ALL ENTRY'S MUST BE 25 YEARS OR OLDER

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PLEASE PRINT & MAIL IN WITH PAYMENT MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: HIGH ROLLERS CHAPTER VMCCA

Owner's Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Vehicle: Car Truck Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Entry Fee (PER CAR) \$25 Early Registration \$35 Day of Show

Total Amt. \$ _____

MAIL TO: High Rollers Chapter VMCCA, 439 Cannes St., Henderson, NV 89015

LIABILITY RELEASE: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants by execution of this entry form, release and discharge Blue Ox Tavern, The High Rollers Car Club officers and its 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: _____

Club Store

New Items Available!

CLUB STORE			
L.S. Denim Shirt (S-XL)	\$34	Caps	\$20
L.S. Denim Shirt (2-XL)	36	Tee Shirt (S-XL)	14
L.S. Denim Shirt (3-XL)	38	Tee Shirt (2-XL)	16
L.S. Dress Shirt (S-XL)	28	Tee Shirt (3-XL)	18
L.S. Dress Shirt (2-XL)	30	Windbreaker (M-XL)	40
L.S. Dress Shirt (3-XL)	32	Windbreaker (2-XL)	42
Polo Shirt (S-XL)	36	Windbreaker (3-XL)	44
Polo Shirt (2-XL)	38	VMCCA Vehicle Magnet	
Polo Shirt (3-XL)	40	VMCCA Vehicle Magnet (2)	
Lightweight Polo Shirt (S-XL)	36	VMCCA Patch	
Lightweight Polo Shirt (2-XL)	38	High Rollers Patch	5
Lightweight Polo Shirt (3-XL)	40	VMCCA Decal	1
Sweat Shirt (S-XL)	36	VMCCA Plate Frames	
Sweat Shirt (2-XL)	38		
Sweat Shirt (3-XL)	40		

Club Items Make Great Gifts. Call John @ 702-436-2940



HIGH ROLLER MEETING & EVENT REMINDER

MAY 4, 2023

MARIE CALENDAR'S
8175 West Sahara
Las Vegas, NV 89117
702-341-0232

THE HIGH ROLLER ANNUAL PICNIC IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

May 20, 2023
Annual High Rollers Annual Picnic
THE AHERN ORCHARD
700 Clarkway Drive
Las Vegas, Nv 89106

TIME 11:00 UNTIL ????????????????

HOST	John Prendergast	PHONE	702-523-2940	EMAIL	jjjmarketing@earthlink.net
	Joe Provenza	PHONE	702-726-1918	EMAIL	joseph.provenza@yahoo.com

INVITATION - The taxes have been filed, the weather is warming up and it is time for the High Rollers Annual picnic. Your hosts have been out and about gathering all of the supplies to feed everyone. We just need to know how many are coming. A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting on May 4, 2023. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, just drop Joe Provenza or John Pendergast a note to add you to the attendance list. We don't want anyone to go hungry.

If anyone would like to contribute a covered dish or desert to the table, we will be glad to accept it.

There is only one event scheduled for May so let's make it a good one. Dust off your classic beauties, enter the directions into your GPS, let us know you are coming and get ready for a good time.

If you have not already done so, please advise the host if you will be attending for a head count. If you need to cancel, we would appreciate a heads up. Thank you

DIRECTIONS TO THE AHERN ORCHARD. YOUR GPS WILL GET YOU DIRECTED FROM YOUR LOCATION TO 700 CLARKWAY DRIVE, LAS VEGAS, NV. 89106. ONCE YOUR GET TO THE LOCATION, JUST LOOK FOR THE CLASSIC CARS.

IF YOU GET LOST OR HAVE TO CANCEL, JUST CONTACT JOHN PENDERGEST OR JOE PROVENZA FOR ASSISTANCE.

JUNE EVENT - IN PLANNING - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

6/17	Pin Ball Collection	McCormick St., Las Vegas, NV Lunch at the Gold strike Restaurant
	Hosts -	Danny Barnett and Joe Provenza
6/24	Jim Marsh Dealership Host	Jeanie Prouty

NEXT HIGH ROLLER MEETING

DATE June 1, 2023

5 May wrkshst Take #1

Classic Car Registration Tips and Tricks

By Danny Barnett

As most everyone knows, the requirements to get a smog test waiver for vehicles manufactured after 1968, and 25 years old for Classic Vehicle Plates, and 20 years old for Classic Rod have changed since January first. You now have to have Classic Vehicle Insurance on them and they are limited to 5,000 miles a year mileage.

This was brought on by serious car collectors upset at seeing daily driver older cars and trucks with classic plates on them in order to avoid having to get a smog test. I was lucky that I was able to get a new policy from Hagerty Insurance for my collector cars. All I had was liability for many years. Now, I have much higher liability coverage, along with agreed value to replace one of my vehicles if it is totaled in an accident and the person hitting my car is uninsured. There is even more coverage, including medical, and the cost is less than half what the Operator Policy I carried for over 30 years. If you need good coverage for your collector cars, I would look into it.

In order to renew your Classic Vehicle/Classic Rod plates you have to now show up in person at DMV with the statement of Declarations for your Classic Car Insurance. DMV will not let you renew these plates over the internet anymore. This is for the older vehicles that normally require a yearly smog test.

I had two of my cars due for renewal, and I made an appointment at DMV, and with all my papers in order, was in and out in less than 25 minutes. Not too bad.

(Tech Tips with Joe-Pro will return in May)



Classifieds!

1995 Chevy 2-Dr. Tahoe 4 Wheel drive, push bumper, auto air heater
Sell or trade. Info Number: 702-249-7934 from 10 AM – 4 PM



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