

Nuts & Notes Newsletter - May 2023

HIGH ROLLERS LAS VEGAS CHAPTER VMCCA, INC.



May 20, 2023 - Annual High Roller Picnic! Host John Pendergast, (Please RSVP)
June 17, 2023 – Pin Ball Collection, Host Danny Barnett
June 24, 2023 – Jim Marsh Dealership, Host Jeanie Prouty

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May Birthdays

- Mary Picchi 5/2
- Suzan Reed 5/12
- Greg Munoz 5/13
- Sally McClary 5/15
- Harry Ransom 5/16
- Addie Lemasters 5/21
- Brian Hawley 5/22
- Gretchen Harper 5/24



June Birthdays

- Kelvin Dews 6/1
- Dennis Rutkoskie 6/5
- Donny Warmus 6/7
- Anthony Adsit 6/10
- Bobi Spangrud 6/10
- Doug Wheeler 6/11
- Nancy Myers 6/18
- Paul Rolland 6/24
- Emily Hodson 6/24
- Ann Macmillan 6/24
- Debbie Huizenga 6/28
- Vicci Mason 6/30
- James Lukavich 6/30



May Anniversaries

- Fosco & Mary Picchi 5/1
- John & Debbie Huizenga 5/6
- Steve & Sue Struve 5/13

June Anniversaries

- Don & Lois Derr 6/15
- Doug & Kay Wheeler 6/26

President's Message

Dear Members,

So far, it's been an interesting and sometimes eventful year for the club. I hope everyone is happy with the work our new newsletter editor Gretchen Harper is doing.

I want to ask all the members to contribute to the newsletter too. You can submit stories about cars you own now, or in the past. Personally, I like stories about the old days. If need be, I will ask you one at a time to see if you will add to the newsletter.

May 20th is our annual club picnic at the Ahern Orchard on Bonanza west of Martin Luther King Blvd, and across from the Ahern/United Rental Equipment yard. It sits back off of Bonanza Rd. but is easy to find. If you have never done it before you will really like the venue, and all the fruit trees around there. It's an oasis just a few minutes from downtown.

On June 17th we will all be invited to the pin ball machine collection of Larry McCormick and his father at 4625 Wynn Road. It's in an industrial area with lots of parking. We will be there from 10;00am to around noon, and then go to lunch that I'm arranging for now. Let me know if you are planning to go, so I can get a headcount.

I hope we all have a great time at these upcoming events.

Joan, John Pendergast's mother is now in charge of the Sunshine Committee. If you know of anyone in or associated with the club that needs a card sent to them for get well or condolences, please let her know. Thank you Joan!!

Here's to great days ahead,
Danny



HIGH ROLLERS CHAPTER OF THE VMCCA TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 2023

General Membership Account:

Beginning Balance \$ 4919.49

Deposits:

April Meeting 50/50 53.00

Club Store 140.00

Total Deposits: \$ 193.00

Expenses:

Returned Check 25.00

Logo Apparel 1349.86

Total Expenses: \$ 1374.86

ENDING BALANCE GENERAL \$ 3737.63

Western Region Account:

Beginning Balance \$ 2280.03

Deposits:

Total Deposits: \$ 0.00

Expenses:

Total Expenses: \$ 0.00

ENDING BALANCE WESTERN REGION \$ 2280.03

Anatomy of a Professional Photo Shoot

Who, What, Where, When, How & Why

Who

The people involved with this photo shoot are a diverse group and all have different backgrounds. Jordan “Joker” Smith is the main instigator of this effort. Joker is a Lt Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He is a man of many talents. He is a drone pilot (Joker is his callsign). He is a professional photographer. He is a collector of vintage cars. And, of course he is a joker!

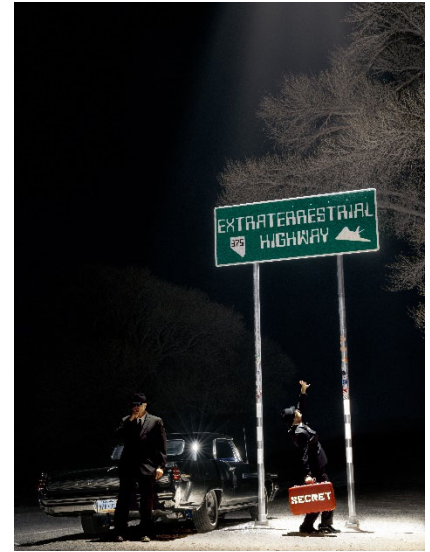
Another person involved in this photo shoot is David Keetch. David has a collection of six vintage cars. All of them are of exceptional restoration quality and four of his six cars could easily be described as “concourse” quality cars. David is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and after retiring from the Navy, he also had a second career with UPS.

John Pendergast and John Munoz are both members in the same car club, The Vintage Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA) as David and some of the others involved in this photo shoot. They have vintage cars and are also both past executive members of the club. Also, they both work for the same national equipment rental company in Las Vegas.

Joe Provenza is also a mutual friend of Joker, David, John and John; and also, a member of the VMCCA. Joe is a retired engineer and amateur photographer. He also has a small vintage car collection.

David Keetch III is the grandson of David Keetch. David III along with his wife, Jenifer, assisted in the photo shoot. David III and Jenifer are also avid car enthusiasts with several collector cars of their own, although some are not yet vintage.

Others who have contributed to this photo shoot at one point or another were Karl and Stephanie Ferazzi, former VMCCA members and Keith Cobb with the Nevada DOT.



What

As an active officer in the Air Force, Joker is living in Las Vegas temporarily while taking a four-month advanced course on drones at Creech Air Force Base. Since David and Joker have been acquaintances for some time, David invited Joker to use his house during Joker’s stay in Las Vegas. In his role as a professional photographer, Joker is on the staff of the “Linkage” a prestigious automotive publication. Joker took the photograph featured on the magazine cover of the fall, 2022 edition. He also wrote the accompanying automotive article in the magazine.

In an ensuing conversation between David and Joker, the subject of David’s 1963 Pontiac Bonneville convertible came up. This car is a sterling example of a perfect restoration. In addition, this particular car also has a removable hard top, making it very rare (maybe only four are in existence). As a photojournalist, Joker got an inspiration to submit a photo of this car for the cover of a future issue of Linkage. Thus, a plan was hatched.

Where

Since David’s Pontiac has a beautiful, lustrous deep black color, it would make a very interesting, if not mysterious, photo if taken at night. The photo would be particularly stunning if the car was in a special place and had special lighting on it with darkness in the background.



One thing led to another and to add even more of a mysterious allure to the photo, it was decided that it should be taken alongside the Extraterrestrial Highway near Area 51 in Nevada. And to add to that, the car would be photographed directly under the Extraterrestrial Highway sign just off of Nevada Highway 375 near the community of Crystal Springs.

When

After much discussion and planning, April Fools Day, 2023 was the designated date for the photo shoot. However, the joke was on us. After a false start, the shoot actually took place on April 2nd.

How

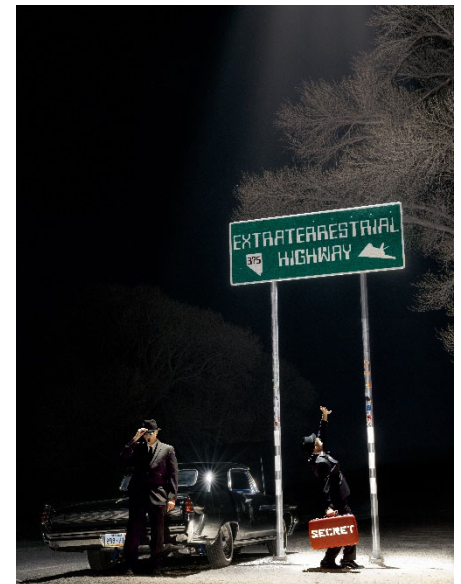
Now the fun starts! All of the members of the group started out at about 3:00pm for the trek to the final photo location. It was about a 100-mile drive from Las Vegas up Hwy 93 in south central Nevada. Joker, the consummate planner, provided all in the group with walkie-talkies so we could keep in touch with each other during the drive.

On March 31, we all met at a local restaurant and reviewed the detailed written guide that Joker had developed. It was essential that all involved knew what was expected (and what to do for the unexpected). Joker led the discussion. Joe provided some safety tips. Keith provided helpful information as it pertained to Nevada DOT guidelines. From everyone who spoke, it was stressed that safety was the most important element of this photo shoot.

John and John had positioned a man-lift at the site the prior day. It was sourced from the rental company where they worked. This piece of equipment was essential for the main effect of the shoot. The lift, with John Pendergast in it, was positioned high above (about 30 ft.) the Pontiac which was parked next to the Extraterrestrial Hwy sign. Up on the lift with John was an extremely bright spot light – 100,000 lumens!

On cue from Joker, John would turn the other-worldly light on while he was directly above the Pontiac giving the illusion that the light beam shining on the car was coming from a UFO. Of course, the lift with John in it was not in the picture. For a more surreal effect, a 12ft. ladder was set up to capture the shot from above rather than from ground level. After Joker set up the proper camera settings for nighttime photos, Joe took the pictures from the top of the ladder while Joker and David were staged with the car.

Joker and David dressed up in black suits, black ties and sunglasses giving them a “Men in Black” look. Numerous shots were taken of Joker and David in different positions around the car. In one shot Joker was looking up at the bright light and was holding a briefcase with “SECRET” stenciled on the side. To add authenticity, Joker handcuffed the briefcase to his wrist. David is an aficionado for exclusive cigars; accordingly, he posed with his cigar for most of the shots. For the majority of the shots, the car, the roadside sign and Joker and David were all included.



WHY

Why not? How much cooler could this photo shoot get? The photos came out fantastic!

COMING ACTIVIES

LAS VEGAS HIGH ROLLERS YEARLY ACTIVITY EVENTS CALENDAR 4.17.2023 After Event Notes

updated 4.17.2023 activity list current
Mark all previous versions as obsolete

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	HOST	
May	5/20/2023	Annual Club Picnic - 11:00 UNTILL????	John Pendergast	
		Ahem Orchard	Joe Provenza	
June	6/17/2023	1) Pin Ball Collection	Danny Barnett	IN PLANNING
		McCormick Street, LAS VEGAS, NV ?????	Joe Provenza	IN PLANNING
		Lunch at	Jeanie Prouty	IN PLANNING
	6/24/2023	2) Jim Marsh Dealership Lunch at???	Jeanie Prouty	IN PLANNING
July	7/8/2023	1) Atomic Musuem Lunch ??	Joe Provenza?	IN PLANNING
		Lunch - Jeanie PARADISE - JOE - FLAMINGO		IN PLANNING
	7/22/2023	2) Pizza Run	Barbara Boudoin	TIME TBD
		Rosati's on Eastern -		
August	8/6/2023	1) Heinrich Car Collection? Joe struck out	Joe Provenza	PENDING
		Jeanie will retry reaching him	Jeanie Prouty	IN PLANNING
		Need to consider alternated		IN PLANNING
	8/19/2023	2) Ice Cream Social -	Barbara Boudoin	TIME TBD
		Lucy's Waffle and Ice cream Shop		
September	9/3/2023	1) Cottonwood Junction?	Jeanie Prouty	IN PLANNING
		Time will be 11:00 instead of noon		
	9/16/2023	2) Tuachan Tour	Carla Adsit	In Planning
		Play: Charley and the Chocolate Factory		
		St George		
		Lunch/Dinner TBD		
October	10/14/2023	1) Show and Shine Car Show	John Pendergast	IN PLANNING
		5825 West Shara Ave, Time 10:30 - 3:00 pm		
		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		
November	11/18/2023	1) Desert Research Center?	Joe Provenza	IN PLANNING
		the VA home in Boulder City		
December	12/2/2023	1) Santa Electric Light Parade	Dion Stams	IN PLANNING
	12/16/2023	2) Christmas Party / Awards Banquet/ Tuscany Grill	NEED 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

OUR SPONSORS



McPherson College

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 ENTRIES 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 _____

Registration Fee: \$35.00
Please indicate shirt size by circling size 5" M** L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL**
**Due to deadline and having shirts available for the show register by Sept. 1

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: _____

SPONSORS WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dennis Rutkowski's Car Collection Tour Washington, UT - April 15, 2023

A total of 16 signed up for this tour. However, after word got out about this tour and Dennis Rutkowski's awesome collection, a total of 20 actually showed up. The difference was made up by three guests invited by the members and a spouse who initially didn't sign up. It's always good to see more people who showed up than who signed up and it's particularly nice to see guests on our tours as possible new members.



The tour met on April 15 at the "Dirt Lot" at the Apex exit on I-15. This is the same location used for the Tuachan tours of years past so it was familiar to all who came. The group left at 10:00am sharp and made an interim pit stop at the Flying J truck stop just south of Mesquite. Continuing north on I-15, at approximately 12:30pm (we lost an hour due to time change in Utah) the group met Dennis at Exit 2 in Utah. From there he led us to his shop in Washington, a St George suburb.

What a collection! We were welcomed at the shop by Dennis and his wife, Jackie. He has everything in his collection from a 1916 Cadillac to a late model Rolls Royce. Several vintage Ford Model A's and numerous cars from the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's and more are all included, not to mention a few vintage Cushman scooters for good measure.

All of his cars were in immaculate running condition except the Cadillac as it is currently being restored. The collection was presented in a bright, spacious and clean building with plenty of room to house all of his cars, over 30 in all. In addition, the shop has offices, a fully outfitted area for performing mechanical work and even a fully furnished upstairs apartment.



As much as we wanted to linger longer to absorb all the cars, we had to leave earlier than anticipated to get to the restaurant; now that we were arriving an hour later than the original pre-planned agreed-to time. We went to the Utah Rib and Chop House restaurant. Again, Dennis and Jackie led the group to the restaurant to keep us from getting lost (and late). Dennis's help in guiding us to his shop and then to the restaurant was of great help. Thanks, Dennis!

At the restaurant a special back room was set up for us for private dining. After ordering, the food came out rather fast. It was a pleasant surprise to have such quick service. However, in their haste to quickly bring out the food there were a few mis-ques. Ultimately, the prices of the meals were not commensurate with the quality and preparation.

Overlooking the restaurant, this tour was a great success. After all, it was Dennis's car collection that we went there for. And what a collection it is! Many thanks to Dennis and Jackie for hosting us at this fabulous facility. The High Rollers are fortunate to have them as members and for attracting more visitors than expected.





Photos by Danny Barnett

ANNUAL PICNIC!

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	jjpmarketing@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. Thankyou

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.

Las Ventanas Car Show

We had a good turnout of members and cars for the Annual Las Ventanas Car Show hosted by John Munoz. The residents of Las Ventanas came out and really enjoyed going through the parking lot viewing our cars. We all appreciated refreshments provided including hot dogs, drinks and chips along with early morning coffee, tea, and doughnuts.

It was good to see former long time members Bill and Myara Carpenter who drove across town in their 1927 Chevrolet Roadster. Everyone had a really good time showing off our cars, and socializing with other members and the residents. It has become a great yearly event appreciated by all.



Photos by Danny Barnett

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			

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