

# Nuts & Notes Newsletter

**HIGH ROLLERS**  
LAS VEGAS CHAPTER VMCCA, INC.

**January 2024**



**January 20th - Dust Off at Boulder Creek Golf Club**

**February 20th - Brunch at Paiute Golf Club**

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**January Birthdays**

- Jeanie Prouty 1/4
- Joyce Burke 1/12
- Connie Padilla 1/21
- Joan Saucier 1/22
- Susan Popovich 1/30

**February Birthdays**

- Jackie Rutkoskie 2/3
- David Keetch 2/9
- Jerry Meyer 2/13
- Betty Rowlett 2/14
- Lois Derr 2/15
- Joe Baudoin 2/18
- Richie Clyne 2/23

**February Anniversary**

- Dennis & Jackie Rutkoskie 2/21

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# President's Message

Happy New Year to All! I Hope everyone had a great Holiday and Santa brought you everything you were looking for! While I'm on the subject of Santa, I had the opportunity to play the role back on December 16<sup>th</sup> for Women in Construction Holiday Brunch. You know what I found out is that these kids REALLY believe in Santa. They come up and whisper in your ear what they want for Christmas. You just never know what to believe anymore, but I can tell you one thing; there's a lot good parents out there instilling "The Magic of Christmas" in the kids.



I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who has renewed so far. But Just like every year we still have several members out there that have not paid or responded to Judy's emails to let us know whether you are renewing or not. I have started to call these individuals to try and get an answer to this annual question and I think everyone is either on vacation or out of town still celebrating. Hopefully we can get the balance of you renewed before the end of January and we can put this to bed for the year.

We had our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month at Dean's Place and the service was Impeccable and the food was even better. We had a decent turn out, but it could always have been better. February's meeting will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and, with that said, for some strange reason we have a low turn out when the meeting lands on the 1<sup>st</sup>. So, what I need from every member is to surprise me February 1<sup>st</sup>.

I also want to give Carli and Joyce a big thank you for making the Annual Holiday Awards Banquet a big hit. Joyce came through with Beautiful Centerpieces and Carli enjoyed doing it so much that she has volunteered to chair Holiday Awards Banquet Committee for 2024. If anyone has any questions or want to donate prizes for the event, please contact Carli Medina. Her info is in the roster. While I'm at it, I want to thank John Munoz for volunteering to take over Tour Master. Joe Provenza has Volunteered to be Club Photographer. In the not-so-distant future we may want to form a Club History Committee to try and preserve the history in digital format so everyone can be able to view photos of cars and events from our past. Just thinking.

I want to thank everyone who continues to step up and volunteer for positions when asked. We still have a couple of vacancies though. I really need everyone's feedback on whether we want to continue having an annual Show & Shine and if so, we need a committee chair for the position. Please reach out and either email or call anytime and let's discuss it. Also, it really would be nice to have someone take the Club Store. It's not that difficult if you are committed to being active in the club and our activities. It's not that hard to bring the inventory to the meetings and display it. I need the room in my garage. I do not want anyone to take the store and then decide we should close the store. If you are not committed then don't take it.

We will be having a board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. If you decide to show up for the meeting, please rsvp so I know what kind of space we will need. Currently I'm trying to reserve the room at Ellis Island. If we end up there it only has room for 12. Be on the lookout on your emails.

See you down the road,

John Pendergast

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## HIGH ROLLERS CHAPTER OF THE VMCCA TREASURER'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

### General Membership Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 5540.14
Deposits:	
November Meeting 50/50	43.00
Memberships	546.00
Donation	42.00
Christmas Banquet	855.00
Newsletter Mailing Fee	20.00

Total Deposits: \$ 1506.00

### Expenses:

S & S Donation (Wells)	66.00
Western Region Dues	33.00
National Dues	480.00
Sunshine Supplies	120.13
Business License/List of Officers	51.25

Total Expenses: \$ 750.38

**ENDING BALANCE GENERAL ACCOUNT** \$ 6295.76

### Western Region Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 2298.03
Deposits:	
Membership Dues	33.00

Total Deposits: \$ 33.00

### Expenses:

Total Expenses: \$ 0.00

**ENDING BALANCE WESTERN REGION** \$2331.03

## HIGH ROLLERS CHAPTER OF THE VMCCA TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER 2023

### General Membership Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 6295.76
Deposits:	
Christmas Banquet 50/50	82.50
Memberships	700.00
Dust Off Breakfast	22.00
Christmas Banquet	285.00
Newsletter Mailing Fee	20.00

Total Deposits: \$ 1109.50

### Expenses:

H & J Trophies (Yearly Awards)	97.54
Western Region Dues	51.00
National Dues	336.00
Christmas Banquet	1373.46
Carli Medina (Banquet)	574.00

Total Expenses: \$ 2432.00

**ENDING BALANCE GENERAL ACCOUNT** \$ 4973.26

### Western Region Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 2331.03
Deposits:	
Membership Dues	51.00

Total Deposits: \$ 51.00

### Expenses:

Total Expenses: \$ 0.00

**ENDING BALANCE WESTERN REGION** \$2382.03

**SUBMITTED BY JUDY PENDERGAST**

# Fourth Quarter Board Meeting

The Fourth-Quarter Board Meeting of the High Rollers Car Club was held on November 15, 2023, Wednesday. All Board members were in attendance with the exception of Club President Danny Barnett and Publications Vice-President Gretchen Harper. Also in attendance were Club members John Munoz, Barbara and Joe Baudoin, Carla Adsit, and Western Region Director Dion Stams. Vice President Anthony Adsit called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. The Roll was called, noting there has been no club secretary for the year 2023 and that the club requires a Publications Vice-Present. Both of these issues have since been resolved. The following items of business were discussed.

1. The October Show and Shine was reviewed to include the monies which will go to the scholarship fund at Mac Pherson College. Club Treasurer Judy Pendergast provided information about the monies collected at the Show and Shine, but will provide a final report in 2024. It was/had been decided that tee shirts for the Show and Shine would not be provided, due to lack of interest, so the monies can either be donated to the Club and/or refunded. A decision about a 2024 Show and Shine will be forthcoming. One of the door prizes, a Smoker Grill, from the Show and Shine went unclaimed and may be presented to the Club as a raffle item, with a winner drawn in May 2024--further details about this will be provided.

2. Judy Pendergast pointed out that name tags cost \$7.50 each and consideration was given as to what point to provide a name tag to any new member.

3. A discussion was held about the cost of mailing the club's printed newsletter, for the year 2025. This item was tabled until January 2024.

4. Need for a Publications Vice-President. Activities Vice-President Jeanie Prouty said she would contact Club Member Fosco Picchi about taking over the newsletter/taking back the newsletter. Fosco has VERY graciously agreed to do that.

5. Year 2024 Activities. Those in attendance went over the proposed activities for 2024, narrowing the list down to one, perhaps two activities each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-JANUARY 4TH, 2024

President John Pendergast called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was said. Brian Pucio announced roll call. All were present with the exception of Fosco Picchi.

President John Pendergast welcomed everyone. Hope you all had a great holiday and are ready for the New Year. I want to welcome our newest members: Ann Fettinger and Debra Gambill. We have a lot of business to cover tonight so lets keep everything to a minimum. I want to start by thanking Carlie Medina and Joyce Burke for doing a great job on the holiday awards banquet. Also thanks to Dion Stams for hosting the Santa Electric Light Parade.

Tonight we will be looking for volunteers to chair the following: Holiday awards banquet, the Show & Shine(if we decide to di it this year), the Club Store and Tour Master.

No minutes available from December.

Treasurer Judy Pendergast Gave the December report. President called for motion to pass. Motion passed.

Judy Pendergast announced that dues are due.

Activities:

Jeanie Prouty circulated signup sheet for the Dust Off Breakfast. We do have enough for event to happen on January 20th.

SNORKEL FACTORY TOUR: This event is still being arranged.

St. PATRICKS DAY PARADE: Signup sheet circulated.

Old Business:

Nothing reported. Looking for a picnic location.

New Business:

Fosco Picchi would like members to send photos of club events to him via email or text for future publications.

Show and Shine needs someone to chair the event.

We need someone to sell raffle tickets for the smoker left over from the Show and Shine event last year.

This years holiday banquet will arranged by Carli Medina who did an excellent job for last years banquet.

We need volunteers to run the Club store.

50/50 Drawing:

Winer received \$45 dollars.

The next meeting will be held on February 2nd 2024 at Deans Place.

Motion to adjourn meeting made and seconded. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Brian Pucio, Secretary

*Scheduled 2024 Activities as of 12/30/23.  
Updated by Jeanie Prouty*

January 20, 2024, Saturday, 10:00 A.M., Dust-Off, Boulder Creek Golf Club--D. Barnett

February 20, 2024: Brunch, Paiute Golf Club--D. Barnett

March 10th, 2024, Sunday, 8:00 A.M. - Noon, Laps for Charity, Speedway--H. Ransom

March 16, 2024, Saturday, St. Patrick's Day Parade/Sunset Pizza, Henderson;--H. Ransom--

March 2024: Marsh Madness, Jim Marsh Car Dealership--J. Prouty/D. Barnett

April 2024: Las Ventanas Assisted Living Car show--J. Munoz; and Pioneer Saloon--J. Prouty

May 2024: Club Picnic--J. Munoz

June 2024: Mc Cormack Arcade Collection--D. Barnett

July 2024: Pizza Run--B. Baudoin

July 2024: Jim Marsh Dealership, Southern Nevada Railroad Association Garden Club Display--J. Prouty

August 2024: Ice Cream Social--B. Baudoin; and possibly Atomic Energy Museum--J. Prouty

September 7, 2024: Tuachan Play--"Jersey Boys"--C. Adsit; and Veteran's Home--J. Prouty

October 2024: Laughlin, NV--events to be determined--J. Prouty

November 2024: Cottonwood Junction Restaurant, Blue Diamond, NV--J. Prouty and Jim Marsh Dealership, Southern Nevada Railroad holiday display--J. Prouty

December 2024: Parade of Lights, Boulder City--D. Stams  
Club Christmas Party



The Parade of Lights in Boulder City was an absolutely fabulous parade/start to the holidays. As usual, the spectators were amazing, from the beginning to the end of the parade. As it turned out, it was a good weather day for the parade. Thank you, Dion, for hosting the parade. We ate at Sunset Pizza after the parade, enjoying good food and good company.

The annual club Christmas party at the Tuscany was a beautiful event. It really set the pace for the holiday season. Thank you, Carli, and your elf helper for putting the party together. Your party favors were really appreciated by all; and Joyce outdid herself, if that's possible, with her centerpieces for the tables.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Club activities for the year 2023. I look forward to an at least, equally good 2024 Activities year.

Submitted by: Jeanie Prouty

## Desert Wildlife Research tour - November 18th 2023



For all you folks out there that missed The Oasis in the desert on November 18<sup>th</sup>, you really missed out! The weather was perfect; sunny and clear with not one drop of rain. We met up at the Santa Fe Mining club parking lot and headed out 95. We arrived at an oasis in the desert. All eight of us regrouped at the Wildlife center and checked the displays and watched the video about the Wildlife refuge which is about 1100 acres of mountains and forests that you can drive, all the way over to Hwy 93, but do it in a 4 x 4. Then we were greeted by our tour guide, Brandi. She was very informative and told us all about the old ranch and the Desert Wildlife Research Center. All the trails around the immediate area are either type 2 or paved. We chose to take the longest groomed trail of a whole .4 mi. It started out heading East towards the mountains and then returned to the cottonwoods and the ranch that once existed there and finished at the center. Once back at the center we met more members and took photos and all ten of us headed to the Paiute Golf Course for lunch. The service was great and the food even better. They let us hang out and socialize till about 1:30. I want to thank everyone who showed up and hope more can make it on these tours in the future. The holidays are among us and we have the annual Santa's Electric Parade in Boulder City and our annual Holiday Awards Banquet at the Tuscany Grill. Hope you can make it.

Your Host,  
John P.



Photos by Danny Barnett



# *Christmas Party & Awards Banquet*

*December 10th*



*Photos by Carli Medina*



## Welcome - Class of 1999!



Okay, I know what you're thinking. 1999??? That was like...well...25 years ago. So why is 1999 being mentioned in a vintage car club newsletter? Because, believe it or not, cars from 1999 now qualify as vintage cars by VMCCA rules.

But those are just used cars right? If you're my age maybe...but to a younger generation they're cool. So here's to the young folks joining the VMCCA. Go out and find a clean, well maintained 1999 something-or-rather, and join the club! Or perhaps even save something that interests you from the crusher.

A couple of points to consider: In the 1920s, GM President Alfred P. Sloan implemented a policy of yearly styling updates, a practice adopted from the fashion industry. This meant that customers could tell if a car was old or new...a sort of "planned obsolescence". In the 1930s as streamlining became the rage, styling changed rapidly and by the 1950s annual styling changes had the nation captivated each fall as the next year's new designs were unveiled.

That began to wane in the early 1970s as the cost of major design changes seemed less and less necessary. So by 1999, a new model being introduced would remain mostly unchanged...at least visually for many years. When new designs ARE issued, they typically aren't that dramatically different from what came before.

Secondly, back-in-the-day cars didn't last very long unless they were very well cared for and driven sparingly. My 1st "woods car", a 1960 Chevrolet Biscayne was so rusty by the time it was 10 years old that I bought it for \$25. Newer cars just don't rust like that. Even the paint can still look good 20 years on. In those days it was also an amazing event when a car "rolled over"...that is when the odometer went from 99999 to 00000. Not many cars made it that far...and if they did they probably blew a lot of blue smoke. People today typically drive a lot more miles...BUT the newer cars can easily go two to three times the distance...and with minimal care.

The result of all this is that cars 10, 20, even 25 years old are still in daily service. Certainly that has changed our perception of what a vintage car is. Maybe at some point the rules will change but for now...**welcome Class of 1999.**

Submitted by Fosco Picchi

Several years back, not that long ago, I bought a flat-screen television. They had just come on the market and they were very expensive at the time. I gladly laid down over \$2,000 for mine to have one of these marvels in my living room. Of course, you can now get a flat-screen TV for much, much less. I actually saw a 65-inch flat-screen TV at Walmart recently for under \$400. Go figure.

I have had another similar experience with my car. When the ceramic waxes first hit the market only shops with “trained” technicians could apply it properly. Again, I paid over \$2,000 for a nice ceramic wax to be applied to my wife’s car. They kept the car all day to apply the ceramic coating. The results came out great. And wouldn’t you know it, I see now (again years later) that anybody can buy ceramic waxes right off the shelves at a host of stores for about \$20. Go figure again.

So, what’s the deal with all these ceramic waxes being produced by numerous companies, and what makes them so special and why are they now so cheap? I will tell you why.

This is not a case where the product became less expensive over time like TV’s, but rather, the product concentration is commensurate with the price. This happens when any product is “watered down” and it then becomes cheaper to buy. But, hey, that’s not necessarily a bad thing.

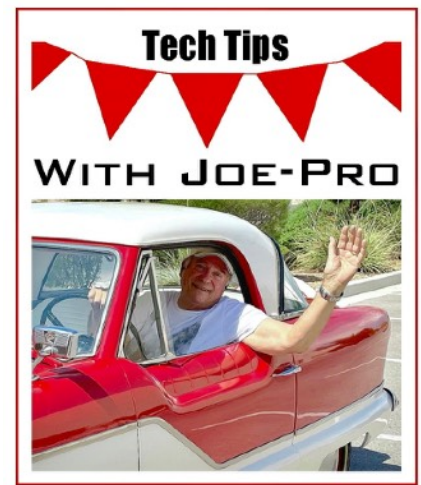
The ceramic wax products on the market generally do a good job. And, they certainly are easy to apply. All you have to do is spread it on and wipe it off with a microfiber cloth. I use \$20 ceramic waxes all the time with good results.

When I paid a shop to apply a ceramic wax to my wife’s car, they used a very concentrated formula that required a special applicator to apply it to the paint surface. In addition to microfiber cloths, they used mechanical buffers to bring the shine to a lustrous finish. The ceramic was also applied to the windows and chrome which were also buffed to a sparkling shine.

So why can’t anybody just use the special concentrated ceramic wax. You can! However, instead of it only costing \$20 for a 16 ounce bottle, the four ounce concentrated bottle may cost you up to a hundred dollars (again, depending on the concentration). Most high end auto product stores sell it both ways. To name one company, Chemical Guys has both concentrations and they also have the applicators and buffers for the concentrated wax.

The high end automotive shops claim that the brilliant shop-applied shine will lasts for months, if not for years. However they also sell you a bottle of the \$20 ceramic solution to “refresh” the shine every so often.

Unless you are in the car detailing business I would stick to the \$20 ceramic wax kits. To me, the results are undistinguishable.





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