



# Bow Tie

Bring on  
the  
NEW YEAR!

January  
2017

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Love those pistons.

## Director's Notes

Mother Nature sure didn't remember we were having the Chevy Christmas Party as we had our first blizzard of the year. While it was a small crowd it was a great time to visit and share holiday cheer.

2016 has been a busy year for our club as well as my family. The Club has had another great year with the annual auction and our great auctioneer Dave. We had parades we drove in and the fellowship we shared afterwards, our Car Shows and all the work that Kyle, Tom and Dave put in to all the planning to make these a success again this year. Jo and I attended the Anniversary Meet in Lake Tahoe (even though our names didn't appear) to meet old friends and share stories. Lastly, we had the Tri-Tour that is always a great time to renew friendships and make new ones.

Thanks to the Board that helped make this year another successful one. Gene and Jane, who planned the fish fry. During the meetings where Tom kept all the club minutes, Dennis who counted our money and made sure everything balanced. Ron brought us snacks and kept us all crunching during the meetings. Lastly to Gene, who keeps us on the right path and provides us with great historical information.

If you haven't sent in your RSVP and check for the banquet, please do so as soon as possible. We need to provide a count to the restaurant. We will have the privilege of Mary and Roger James attending our banquet (Weather permitting). Remember your Don Miller "Make Your Own Fun" gag gifts.

May you and your family have a Happy and Healthy 2017.

Your director,

*Bob Swanson*



**Please plan to attend our annual banquet at the Thunder Bay Grille on January 21<sup>st</sup>. See your December Bow Tie for the reservation form. If you have anything to present whether it be for:**

- ❖ job well done
- ❖ reminder of an embarrassing moment that you recall
- ❖ or you have a good joke to tell

**Bring it along as this is the venue to share them. See you there!**

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

**Have you sent in your renewal?  
If not, this will be the  
last publication of the  
Bow Tie that you will receive.**

Don't miss out on all of the activities we have planned for this year and get your renewal in promptly to be included in our Club roster.

Thank you, Gene Caspersen

## **PONY MUSCLE CAR CONVERTIBLES 1967 – 1971**

According to Wikipedia a *Pony car* is an American class of automobile launched and inspired by the Ford Mustang in 1964. The term describes an affordable, compact, highly styled car with a sporty or performance-oriented. So how does your pony convertible stack up to the competition?

Don Narus lets you decide in "Pony Muscle Car Convertibles 1967 – 1971." Camaros, Mustangs, Firebirds, Barracudas and Cougars drop-top models, engines, and prices are provided when the open-air street warriors were fresh out-of-the-wrappers.

During the period covered, the author provides an entertaining and informative illustrated tour of each make. All 149 black-and-white photos feature not only images of each sun worshipping vehicle, but also close-ups and detail shots of engines, interiors and more.

Enthusiasts who want to get some Vitamin D gazing at pony machines with their lids off can enjoy the ride by ordering the 91-page soft cover book for \$8.95 plus \$3.99 shipping at [www.newalbanybooks.com](http://www.newalbanybooks.com).

## **ORPHAN CAR MANUFACTURERS**

Muntz 1951 – 1954 400  
A former Kaiser-Fraiser dealer, Earl "Madman" Muntz, who bought out an already failing sports car operation made many changes to the pre-existing model which included adding a back seat, removable top and adding a Cadillac V8. He found however that losing about \$1000 on each car would not allow him to keep building them so he finally opted to bow out.

Nash 1916 – 1957 1,375,000  
Offered seat belts and combined heater / air conditioner units. In 1954 they acquired Hudson and shortly thereafter, created American Motors. By 1957, both Nash and Hudson name plates all but disappeared.

Oldsmobile 1897 – 2004 31 million  
Similarities between it and Buick were one of the reasons for this nameplate to disappear. Cutlass, one of the more popular models, was decimated when they offered up to four different model names. (Ciera, Calais, Supreme, Classic)

Packard 1899 – 1958 692,000  
The 1930's saw Packard re-tooling and making a vehicle that could be bought by the average owner. Although this worked well for a while, it ultimately hurt their sales as Packard was known for its line of more luxurious cars. The purchase of Studebaker did not help the company even though they outsold the Packards because they did not push the overselling brand.

## **Freedom Road Rally**

June 4 – 9, 2017 Freedom Road Rally 19<sup>th</sup> tour,  
Minnesota, Great River Road, etc., etc.  
6 day, 5 night tour. Pre 1975 vehicles. See website at  
<http://freedomroadrally.com/2001-event/>

The deadline for the February  
Bow Tie is January 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Please send any information  
you have for this issue by then.

*Thank you!*

# WI Region VCCA Calendar of Events

January

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Annual Banquet (Thunder Bay Grill)

Pewaukee



Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. typically on the third Sunday during October, November, December, February, March and April at the Waukesha State Bank in Sussex located at W249 N5577 State Road Hwy. 164.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ken Cebula	25 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Demming
14 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Carini	25 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Piel
16 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Zimmermann	26 <sup>th</sup>	Suzanne Nicgorzski
20 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen Trimberger	26 <sup>th</sup>	Butch Ott
24 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Jones	27 <sup>th</sup>	Vicki Oberdorf



## 1955 CHEVROLETS PRICED FROM \$1500 - \$3200

### GOT YOUR ATTENTION!

I recently picked up some old G & D's that our member, Ken Cebula, offered to the Club and have been looking through them and found some interesting advertisements for 1955 Chevrolets back in 1975. These were all California rust free cars, all body styles and the owner had 16 of them!

## Milwaukee Gas Price Trends 2016

