



# Bow Tie

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## Director's Notes

Happy Holidays! This is my *favorite* time of year. With the smell of Christmas cookies in the air, it means my job of official Cookie Taster is near. It's a time for friends and family coming together to celebrate.

It is also time for the club's Christmas Party bringing Santa and all the club members, with their families, together.

The meeting will take place in the big hall at 12:30 p.m. with a pot luck lunch to follow. Don't forget to bring the camera for pictures with Santa.

I would like to thank the three members who stepped forward to be on the new board for 2012-2013. If you are interested in being part of the volunteer jobs of the Bow Tie Editor and/or car show coordinator, please contact Tom Gawronski.

Your director,

*Mike Mudler*

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### VCCA Membership Rosters

A limited number (1,000) of the printed "VCCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Membership Roster" will be available in December. This 136-page document is similar to previously issued membership rosters containing member names, addresses and vehicles. Members are listed by state and in alphabetical order (unless restricted by member request). This new edition also includes telephone and email addresses and an index of members to easily locate club members.

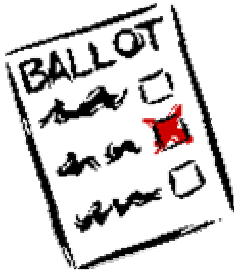
#### To Order a Printed Roster send:

Name, address and VCCA membership number, with a check or money order for \$10.00 PAYABLE TO "VCCA" to:

Nick Matlaga  
VCCA Membership Committee  
33 Turkey Ridge Road  
Mount Bethel PA 18343

Note: The printed roster provides a "snapshot" of our membership. Members are reminded that an on-line roster is available in the "Members-Only" section of our website. It is more current than the printed roster and is a free service provided to all members.

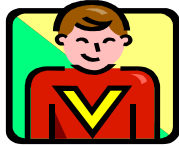
## November Election



For those that missed the November meeting, we did not have the need for a vote because we only had three candidates for the 2012 – 2013 Board. If you forgot who was running, you will need to attend the banquet in January where it

will be announced as to who is on the Board and what positions they will be holding.

**Thank you for stepping forward!**



## Volunteer Services

### Non-Elected WI Region Positions

Although the Board for next year may already be decided, there are still a couple of positions that are non-elected with our Club that many may not think about. These positions are just as rewarding as serving on the Board but don't always need a specific time to be available to perform them and we don't always think to offer them up for other members to assist the Club in their function. Here is a brief summary of those positions.

Tom Gawronski has served in the next two positions for several years and is hopeful that others would be interested in helping our Club by taking on one or both of these functions.

**Car Show Coordinator** – This person will serve as the liaison between the WI Region VCCA and the sponsor. They also coordinate the following:

**Advertising:** They approve the show flyer printed by the host and distributes to the membership and at other shows. They would also suggest and implement other advertising such as Internet listings.

**Supplies:** Gather all supplies needed for registration.

**Updates:** Provide updates to the membership and the Bow Tie Editor as needed.

**Coordinate Teams:** Ensure that members are available to assist the day of the show.

A checklist has been created that makes this process easy.

**Bow Tie Editor** – This person is responsible for the publishing of the Bow Tie newsletter each month. They need to coordinate with the Director and keep the Club updated on all upcoming events.

For more information on the Car Show Coordinator or the Bow Tie Editor positions please contact Tom Gawronski or one of our Board members.



This year's annual Christmas party will take place on Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

The meat, rolls and beverages will be provided by the Club. **Please bring a dish to pass and your own plates and utensils.** The weather forecast looks promising for Santa to be able to visit. He will have presents for those boys and girls that have been good this past year. He is looking forward to seeing all of the Chevy children and grandchildren.



Any members that have that 'hard to find car part' on their Christmas list have only a short time to get moved from the naughty to the nice list.

The meeting will start at **12:30 p.m.** with merriment to take place shortly thereafter so mark your calendars!

Come one, come all and share the Christmas joy!

# Membership

# Don't be late

## Renewal Time

It is important that you RENEW by December 31<sup>ST</sup> so that you receive uninterrupted delivery of the Bow Tie News and are included in our annual membership roster. Please return your renewal form included in the October and November Bow Ties soon.



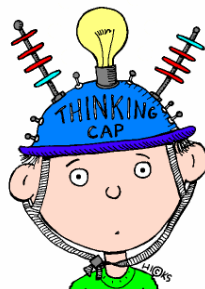
Members that have renewed are listed be below:

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| Steve Carini      | Dan Meyer       |
| Gene Casperson    | Don Miller      |
| Ken Cebula        | Mike Mudler     |
| Ralph Cornell     | Ed Nicgorski    |
| Ted Demming       | Kyle Oberdorf   |
| Dave Denmark      | Ron Ohm         |
| Dave Ehlers       | Butch Ott       |
| Sondra Ferguson   | Cecil Parker    |
| Clarence Franklin | Gary Peil       |
| Tom Gawronski     | John Romppainen |
| Tom Griepentrog   | Don Smidt       |
| Charlie Hanson    | Bob Swanson     |
| Robert Hensel     | Phil Trimmerger |
| John Horvath      | Terry Zimmerlee |
| Phil Jones        | Mike Zimmermann |
| Don Kastenholz    |                 |
| David Lang        |                 |

*Sondra*

## GAG GIFTS

Start thinking about those silly things that took place with your fellow Club members this past year and bring a story or interesting gift to present at our banquet in January.



## Recollections of Capitol Court at Christmas

*By: Gary Nosacek, Milwaukee Freelance Writer*

Capitol Court was not a mall like the wimpy spoiled kids of today hang out in. It had no roof. If you wanted to go there, you'd have to brave whatever weather the day had to throw at you. It didn't seem to matter; the place was always filled with people.

The day after Thanksgiving giant wooden candy canes appeared. They were x-shaped and stood on white boxes that looked like toy blocks. Early in the 60's, Santa Claus could be visited at both Penney's and Gimbel's. Having more than one Santa became a bit confusing, so Capitol Court solved that by creating the legendary Kookie Cookie House. The Kookie Cookie House was an actual wooden house that looked like a North Pole toy factory. The windows had little displays built into them, so you couldn't see in. Some days visitors had to wait in long lines, while on other days you could walk right in. Either way, a visit to the Kookie Cookie House was worth it.

If memory serves, the first thing you saw upon entering was a metal robot who was working levers. He was the brains behind the operation. Next you would come to little gingerbread men stirring dough. They were small, rubbery creatures with aprons and chef hats. Then there was a conveyor belt with sheets of dough that were stamped into gingerbread man shapes. The process ended with toy Tonka trucks leaving the factory on a small moving road, bringing the cookies to Capitol Court. And how did they come into the hands of good little girls and boys? Santa was sitting on a throne at the end of the house, and he gave them to us! I can still taste those cookies.

In the early days, The Kookie Cookie House was put up near Hagensick's Playroom toy store. That added to the excitement, because you could go to the store and see what you wanted for Christmas before you talked to Santa. Later it was moved to the Chapman's end of the mall. That wasn't quite as cool. I remember going just for the cookies and then going home. There were only big people stores around it. Who wanted to go into those? In the late 70's when Capitol Court finally put a roof on, The Kookie Cookie House didn't seem to fit the new environment. A house inside a house didn't seem right. It was replaced with a typical mall Santa sitting on a chair selling photos of him and you. The House is now owned by WKTI producer Gino Salomone who says it's in pretty bad shape. He has no current plans to do anything with it.



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# WI Region VCCA Calendar of Events



December	11	Meeting / Christmas Party	McKinley Lodge ( <b>12:30 p.m.</b> )
January	29	Banquet	Charcoal Grill



All indoor meetings are held at McKinley Lodge. McKinley Lodge is located less than one (1) mile north of Capitol Drive on Pilgrim Road. Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. typically on the third Sunday during the months of October, November, December, February, March and April.



8<sup>th</sup> KATHLEEN JONES

## December

9<sup>th</sup> HELEN PEIL

## Birthdays

10<sup>th</sup> JOPCE NALEPINSKI



13<sup>th</sup> ANN LANG

21<sup>st</sup> KIM SERGEANT

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

*Thank you*

*...from your Bow Tie Editors*

### Milwaukee Christmas/Shopping Memories

Santa's Secret Gift Shop at Gimbel's

Schuster's Department Store  
Opened in 1884 bought out by  
Gimbel's in 1962

Mayfair Mall  
The talking reindeer  
The Ice Chalet which  
Opened in 1973 – Closed in 1986

Southgate Mall  
Southgate Shopping Center, later  
Southgate Mall (opened in 1951), was  
the first significant post-World War II  
suburban-style shopping center in the  
Milwaukee area.

Northridge Mall  
Opened in 1973 – Closed in 2003  
Both Northridge and Southridge were  
partially funded by Herb Kohl

