

CLASSIC CHEVY CLUB

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI JANUARY, 2024

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Editor's Notes

Snoopy and Woodstock celebrate the new year.



Stay safe

Louis Chevrolet (1878 – 1941)

LOUIS CHEVROLET (1878-1941) The man behind Chevrolet came from Switzerland

On Christmas Day 1878, a boy was born in the Swiss town of La Chaux-de-Fonds in the Jura mountains who was destined to change the world of the automobile forever. His name was Louis Chevrolet. At the end of 1887, when Louis was just nine years old, the Chevrolets moved to Beaune in France with their five children (Alfred, Louis, Fanny, Berthe and Arthur), where the family continued to grow. After Marthe – the third daughter – Gaston appeared on the scene in 1892, the last of seven children.

While father Joseph earned his living in the clock making trade, Louis decided to become a mechanic. He found a job with the Roblin haulage contracting company that also repaired carriages and bicycles. Legend has it that, in the spring of 1896 or 1897, Louis Chevrolet was fetched from the workshop to fix the car of a guest who was staying at the "Hôtel de la Poste". The vehicle, which created enormous excitement at the time, belonged to the American multi-millionaire, Vanderbilt. That must have been the moment that Louis Chevrolet "fell in love" twice: once with the car and once with the idea of emigrating to America.

In Beaune, Louis Chevrolet discovered another passion – racing. Around that time, the teenager competed in his first cycle races in the hills behind Beaune, winning many of them.

It was actually his "Gladiator" cycle that induced him to go to Paris at the beginning of 1899. He was given a job in the workshop of the car manufacturer Darracq (who also built the Gladiator bicycles at that time), where he learned everything there is to know about the combustion engine. It is also said that he worked with De Dion-Bouton, Hotchkiss or Mors. But one thing is certain: Louis had fallen victim to the "automobile virus".

With the money he earned in Paris, he financed the crossing to the American continent, starting off in Canada. In Montreal, he worked as a driver and mechanic (which at that time was the same thing), only to move on a few months later to New York, again with some money in his pocket.

Major successes and serious accidents as a car racing driver

In New York, he first worked in an engineering workshop run by William Walter, a fellow Swiss from Biel who had emigrated to Brooklyn. In 1901, Louis moved to the American branch of De Dion-Bouton. He made the headlines in 1905 when he entered his first race. He drove his Fiat in grand fashion, winning the "Three Miles" at his first attempt and recording a new speed record over one mile. His average speed was 109.7 km/h. The achievement brought him fame overnight and, the same year, he clipped another second off his own world mile record. He also broke the world record for a distance of 68 miles. In 1906, he joined Walter Christie to help with the design of a new racing car with front-wheel drive and a Darracq V8 engine. The result was another new world record — 191.5 km/h.

But the name Chevrolet was destined to become even more famous: In the following years, Arthur and Gaston followed their now famous brother into the world of motor racing, with the result that there were sometimes three Chevrolets on the starting grid for the races. In most cases, however, Louis was the hero, and was lovingly nicknamed by the Americans "the dare-devil Frenchman".

a Buick, a Cornelian and above all a Frontenac he designed attention of the industry again and, with the "Stutz Motorcar himself. In 1916, Gaston and Louis drove in the "Indianapolis" Co", he built the first production-line Frontenac despite the 500", each in a Frontenac, but neither completed the race. After the First World War, in 1919, the big races started again. Following some very serious accidents in Indianapolis, the Chevrolets nevertheless managed to finish well up the field, Louis coming in seventh and Gaston tenth.

One year later, seven Frontenacs (four of them under the name Monroe) qualified for Indianapolis, but the event turned out to be a dramatic experience: Louis Chevrolet, always intent on having the very newest materials, decided at the last moment to mount one-track rods he had just received made of vanadium.

Unfortunately, the vanadium had not been hardened properly. The result was that one car after the other had to pull out. Only Gaston Chevrolet finished, winning the legendary race with an average speed of 141 km/h.

But the brothers' racing careers took their toll. Following a series of accidents between 1905 and 1920, Louis Chevrolet spent a total of three years in hospital. On November 25, 1920, his brother Gaston was killed during a race in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles. After that, Louis Chevrolet never competed in a race again.

An ingenious designer has a dispute with the brand that bears Louis Chevrolet died on June 6, 1941, at the age of 63 in his his name

of General Motors, crossed on several occasions. "Billy" Durant recognized the tremendous skills of Louis Chevrolet and joined up with him to found the "Chevrolet Motor Car Company" on November 3, 1911. The first Classic Six models left the factory in Detroit at the beginning of 1912.

Louis Chevrolet had always wanted to build high-quality cars, but Durant recognized very early the trend towards the "people's car". His aim was to manufacture cars as cheaply as possible. Neither of the two protagonists would yield, with the result that, in 1913, Louis Chevrolet threw in the towel and left his own company. He did, however, leave behind his name.

While the Chevrolet brand developed rapidly in line with Durant's plans, Louis Chevrolet returned to his original passion, namely to build state-of-the-art vehicles that could compete in top races. For this purpose, he founded the "Frontenac Motor Corporation" in 1914. For their time, the first racing Frontenacs were very high-tech with a lot of aluminum, and already boasted, for example, a locking differential for the rear axis.

Over the next few years, Louis competed in many races, driving Louis Chevrolet's newest developments soon attracted the difficult economic situation. It soon became the showpiece car for the American motor industry in the 1920s.

> But Louis Chevrolet wanted to continue designing. In 1926, together with his brother Arthur, he began developing a light aircraft engine in a company they founded under the name "Chevrolair 333". The company came to an end when he fell out with his brother.

> Thereupon, Louis immediately set up the "Chevrolet Air Car Company" in Indianapolis, but it was forced to close again during the subsequent economic crisis. He made his final big "engineering coup" in 1932 with a 10-cylinder radial engine for which he applied for a patent. But by the time the patent was finally registered on February 19, 1935, Louis no longer had the strength to build the company up again. Instead, he worked - as he did at the beginning of his professional career - as a mechanic. And his employer was - the Chevrolet production plant in Detroit.

> In 1934, Louis Chevrolet became ill and suffered a stroke. The same year, his 27-year-old son, Charles, died. His second son, Alfred, lived in Detroit until 1971 and died at just 59.

house in Lakewood, to the east of Detroit. He has left behind millions of cars bearing his name. An American journalist once Through his involvement with Buick as a racing driver, the asked him whether he was so famous because of the Chevrolet paths of Louis Chevrolet and William C. Durant, the founder brand or vice versa. Chevrolet answered with a smile: "It was certainly a little of each. But one thing is certain: I was there first ..."



Lexophile Funny's

The math professor went crazy with the blackboard. He did a number on it.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

Don't Forget – Club Meetings of 2024 Have Been Scheduled



The next Classic Chevy Club Meeting date, time and venue will be Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the Library Center at 2:00 pm, in Springfield.

The next Dinner Night Out event will be held at Big Whiskey's on Republic Road, Monday, January 22, at 5:00 pm.

Event	Location	Date
Dinner Night Out	Big Whiskey's on Republic Road	22-Jan
Club Meeting	Library Center Community Rooms A/B	21-Apr
Dinner Night Out	Big Whiskey's on Republic Road	26-Ғев
Club Meeting	Library Center Community Rooms A/B	19-Мау

Additional Flimsy Whimsey

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Website & Newsletter Updates

Website Updates: Our club newsletters are current through January, 2024. Membership Lists are current through January and are available in the website. The latest version of the list is January, 2023. We are working on all lists to get them updated. Birthday and Anniversary Lists are also up to date. Both are available on the website on the members only page. The online member list is being updated, too.

If you see something that should be changed or added, let the editor know.

The Bowtie editor searches for scheduled events in 2024. I have listed below what I have to date. Let me know if you come across any that are not listed.

Looking Ahead Through February 2024

Event	Location	Date
World of Wheels	Kansas City, MO	2-Feb to 4-Feb

Newsletter Email Page

Newsletter email page: Usually, on the email page, there is a link to the newsletter attachment. Just the link to cruise-ins and car show flyers are in the club website and photo album are available this month. Complete schedule (that I know of) is on the website right now as well at the end of the Newsletter. January schedules in brief are in the newsletter.

West Plains Car Club 2024 Newsletter for January is available in the website.

Classic Chevy Club New Fliers and Analytics

No new fliers were added this month. Normally, access to fliers is available from the photo album link

published with the newsletter email.

Website Analytics will not be available on the website until end of the week

Christmas Parade – December 8, 2023

Travelogue from Melinda follows:

The annual Nixa Christmas Parade was held on December 3rd. The Bishers, Trospers and Owens showed their cars in the parade and the parade was led by member Brent Forgey in his D.A.R.E. car.

The weather was perfect and a treat for this event. In years past it has been cold enough to "almost" be miserable, but not this year. Sunshine was prevalent with a mild breeze. The parade lasted for one hour and 15 minutes and was viewed by several thousand people. Candy was tossed, kids squealed and lots of adults gave thumbs up to our classics.

Three memorable observations:

While waiting for the parade to start a mother and small daughter, who were decked out in Christmas garb, were headed to their float. The mother asked the child, "when you toss candy what will you say?" The child, in a loud voice said "Christmas Tree!" The mother chuckled and said "no, you say Merry Christmas". The child, in a loud voice, repeated Merry Christmas!

Again, while waiting for the parade to start a father and his small son walked by our classics. As the son approached, he pointed to our cars, looked at this dad, and proclaimed happily, "Look Dad, Hot Wheels."

When tossing candy to one young boy on the parade route he replied, "We appreciate you" with a big smile. This struck me as especially tender during this festive season.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable and rewarding event. I would encourage everyone to consider participating in the parade next year. Even when the weather is "almost miserable" it is still heartwarming and rewarding.

New or Revised Fliers

Event	Location	Date

Big Whiskey's Dinner Night Out

Next Dinner Night Out in 2024 is Monday, January 22, at 5:00 pm at Big Whiskey's at 1440 W Republic Road. There was no dinner night out in December.

Carroll County Veterinary Clinic





Club Meetings and Dinner Night Out Schedule

Club Meeting (Meetings Start at @: 2:00 pm)

Event	Location	Date
Club Meeting	Library Center (Rooms (A/B	21-Apr
Club Meeting	Library Center (Rooms (A/B	19-May

Club Dinner Out Night (Dinners Start @ 5:00 pm)

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Event	Location	Date
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's – Republic Road	22-Jan
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's – Republic Road	26-Feb

Harvested from a Club Member's Facebook



Steak 'n Shake Cruise-In - April 6, 2024

First cruise-in in 2024.

Hot Rod Holiday – November 18, 2023

Just a quick note that Club Member Walt Kruger attended Hot Rod Holiday event. I apologize for the omission from the December newsletter.

Classic Chevy Club Meeting - April 21, 2024

The future club meetings will be held on Sundays at 2:00 pm, at the Library Center on Campbell. First meeting will be on April 21, 2024.



Event: Club Meetings – 2024 (3rd Sunday of month with exceptions) Location: Library Center Community 4653 S Campbell Ave, Springfield, MO Auditorium 2:00 pm

Meeting Date	Holidays Close to Events
21-Apr	31-Mar is Easter
19-May	
09-Jun	16-Jun is Father's Day
14-Jul	04-Jul is Independence Day
18-Aug	
15-Sep	02-Sep is Labor Day
20-Oct	

. Club Membership Alert

Club Members: If any of you know of a club member that is ill, in the hospital or nursing/rehab facility, we would like to send a card from the club. Please notify Bill or Jeanie Huyett by email or phone call with mailing information and we will send a card.

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Happy Anniversary to You Two			
January	Name	February	Name
12	Don & Loneta Sunderland		
30	Twila & Leroy Winkle		





Happy Birthday to You, Too			
January	Name	February	Name
22	Steve Barrow	2	Frank Burch
4	Dana Jennings	9	Jess Owen
5	Glenna Tomlin	14	Eugene Dilbeck
7	Mary Partlo	24	Judy Wilgus
25	Sue Arnold	27	Bev Cox
31	Joe Oldham		

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For the Record

Classic Chevy Club was formed in 1975 for the enjoyment, preservation and restoration of Classic Chevy's. Members need not own a car, but a sincere interest is requested. Dues are \$40.00 a year, payable in August, but are pro-rated at \$3.33 per month if you join after August.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at The Library Center on 4653 South Campbell. Meeting convenes at 2:00 pm in the Community Room A & B.

Room Legend:

AB = Community Room A & B

Aud. = Auditorium

SHR = Story Hour Room

Can = Canceled

TBD = To be determined

BW = Big Whiskey's

Genius at Work



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Thoughts & Prayers

Always keep our great country and our military in your prayers.

The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 145:8

































































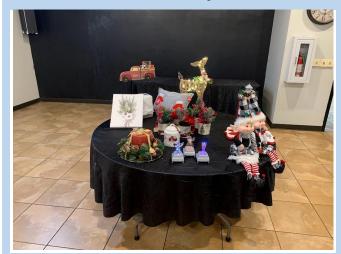






















Nixa Christmas Parade – December 8, 2023





Classic Chevy Car Club - About Us

Address for Classic Chevy Club Website

COPY LINK BELOW AND PASTE INTO YOUR INTERNET BROWSER

CLASSICCHEVYCLUBSPRINGFIELDMO.COM

Chevy Car Club Website Mission Statement & More

Mission Statement: The website centers on the



membership, events, and member's cars. We hope that this approach will allow us to grow the club membership, maintain current traditions, and to use technology to assist us with improving communication to current and future members.

Contacts for joining the organization or answering questions about the newsletters or website are listed below

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From the Editor

From the Editor: The Bowtie Editor is always looking for ways to improve the format and content of the newsletter. Any comments are welcomed. News about past (participants/ trophies) happenings, upcoming car shows, or events are certainly appreciated.

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Classic Chevy Car Club Calendars - 2024

Event: Club Meetings – 2024 (3rd Sunday of month with exceptions)

Location: Library Center Community

4653 S Campbell Ave Springfield, MO

Rooms A/B or Auditorium 2:00 pm

Date	Reason for Exception
21-Apr	31-Mar is Easter
19-Мау	
09-Jun	16 th is Father's Day
14-Jul	In conjunction with Club Picnic?
18-Aug	
15-Sep	02-Sep is Labor Day
20-Oct	

Federal Holidays and Special Events - 2024

Event	Date
New Year's Day	01-Jan
President's Day	19-Гев
St. Patrick's Day	17-Mar
Easter Sunday	31-Mar
Mother's Day	12-Мау
Memorial Day	27-Мау
Father's Day	16-Jun
Independence Day	04-Jul

Event	Date
Labor Day	02-Sep
Halloween	31-Oct
Veterans' Day	11-Nov
Thanksgiving	28-Nov
Christmas Day	25-Дес
New Year's Eve	31-Dec

Event: Dinner Out Night – 2024

(4th Monday of month with exceptions)

Location: Big Whiskey's 1440 W Republic Road Springfield, MO 5:00 pm

Date	Reason for Exception
22-Jan	
26-Гев	
25-Mar	
22-Apr	
27-Мау	
24-Jun	
22-Jul	
26-Aug	
23-Sep	
28-Oct	
25-Nov	

Event: Ladies Luncheons – 2024 (Quarterly)

Location: Various

Event	Location	Date
Ladies Luncheon	ТВД	Mar
Ladies Luncheon	ТВД	Jun
Ladies Luncheon	ТВД	Sep
Ladies Luncheon	ТВД	Nov

Signature Events - 2024

Event	Location	Date From	Date To	Comments
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	22-Jan		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	26-Гев		
Ladies Luncheon	ТВД	Mar		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	23-Mar		
SWMO Hot Rod 100	Springfield to Crane	Ярr		
Midwest America Muscle Show	Springfield, MO	Дрг		
Club Meeting	Library Center	21-Apr		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	22-Apr		
Rockbridge Cruise (9:00 am)	Ava, MO	Ярr		
Magic Dragon	Lake of the Ozarks, MO	3-Мау	5-Мау	
LTCC Classic Car Show	Lebanon, MO	Мау		
Alice & Irene's Cruise	Marionville, MO	Мау		
Club Meeting	Library Center	19-Мау		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	27-Мау		
NSRA Nationals	Fairgrounds, Springfield	24-Мау	26-Мау	
Ladies Luncheon	ТВО	Jun		
College of the Ozarkṣ (8:00 am)	Point Lookout, MO	16-Jun		
Club Meeting	Library Center	9-Jun		
Cave State Cruisers Car Show	Waynesville, MO	Jun		
Cruise to Rocking Chair Restaurant	Conway, MO	Jun		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	26-Jun		
Annual Club Picnic	Republic Recreation Center	Jul		
Club Meeting	Republic, MO	Jui		
Cedar Gap Church (9:00 am)	Seymour, MO	Jul		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	22-Jul		
Revved Up Rides	Sedalla, MO	Jul		
Hillbillies Hot Rods	Buffalo, MO	Jul		
Birthplace of Route 66 Festival	Springfield, MO	8-Aug	10-Аид	
Club Cruise to Marshfield	Marshfield, MO	Аид		
Club Meeting	Library Center	18-Aug		
Clever Band Show	Clever, MO	Аид		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	26-Aug		
Strafford Parade	Strafford, MO	1-Sep		
Labor Council Labor Day Car Show	Fassnight Park, Springfield	ТВД		
Gearhead Ministries	Springfield, MO	Sep		
Battle on Elm Street	Lebanon, MO	Sep		
Strafford Route 66 Festival	Strafford, MO	7-Sep		
Club Meeting	Library Center	15-Sep		
Fordland Memorial Car Show	Fordland, MO	Sep		

Event	Location	Date From	Date To	Comments
Ladies Luncheon	ТВД	Sep		
CoxHealth Car Show	Springfield, MO	Sep		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	23-Ѕер		
Cruisin' the Coast	Biloxi, MS	6-Oct	13-Oct	
Veterans Appreciation Day	Branson, MO	Oct		
Springhouse Village Cruise	Springfield, MO	ТВД		
Club Meeting	Library Center	20-Oct		
Ash Grove Car Show	Ash Grove, MO	Oct		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	28-Oct		
Club Cruise to Flat Creek (Fall Foliage)	Cape Fair, MO	Oct		
Veterans Parade	Branson, MO	11-Nov		
Ladies Luncheon	ТВД	Nov		
Hot Rod Holiday Car Show	Springfield, MO	23-Nov	24-Nov	
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	25-Nov		
Nixa Christmas Parade	Nixa, MO	Дес		
Club Christmas Dinner @Noon	Knights of Columbus	Дес		
Dinner Out Night	Big Whiskey's	23-Dec		ТВД

Cruise-Ins - 2024

Cruise-In	Location	Date	Comments
Steak n' Shake	Glenstone @ Cinderella, Springfield	1 st Saturday	Confirmed
Marshfield Cruisers	First Baptist Church, Marshfield	2 nd Saturday	Confirmed
Rusty Bones Car Club	Wrink's Market, Lebanon	3rd Saturday	Confirmed
Bolivar	City Square, Bolivar	3rd Saturday	Not Confirmed
McDonald's	Strafford	3rd Saturday	Not Confirmed
417 Coffee & Cars	Second Baptist Church, Springfield	1 st Saturday	Confirmed
Cruising Kearney Street	Springfield	2 nd Saturday	Not Confirmed
The Leftovers	Hardee's, Springfield	Every Sunday	Confirmed