

To: All VSCCA Members
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From: John Schieffelin, President, VSCCA, Inc.

As I write this, our Pocono event is just a few days away. So even though the leaves are not yet on the trees in my neighborhood, spring is officially here. It has been a long winter, but for those of our ilk there is nothing better than getting out in a vintage sporting car to erase the memories of those cold, grey days.

Many of our members have taken the opportunity to renew their annual dues at the sponsor level of \$100 and some have even gone beyond that in their support of the Club. Needless to say, we appreciate all our members who renew. We are certainly starting off our outdoor activities on a decent financial footing, but our dues are intended to support our member services primarily mailings and publications that go out to everybody regardless of whether they participate in our activities. As far as our activities are concerned, participation is the key. We offer a full calendar of events, and entry fees are what pay for the expenses involved in putting on an event (which at a few of our events also include charitable donations). All of our event chair people not only set up events to give participants a rewarding and fun time, but also to generate enough income to cover expenses. We need to at least break even on our whole season to keep the wheels rolling. Beyond the satisfaction that comes from participating in VSCCA events, this year, as already announced, members will be getting some tangible tokens of their enthusiasm to display on or about their person or their vehicle - the VSCCA Triple Crown badge, the Lime Rock 3 out of 4 patch, and the 4 event VSCCA patch. Earn all three!

As a car club, our main interest is in pre-1960 sports and racing cars. Each post 1960 car that is admitted will be carefully vetted to be compatible with our present list of eligible cars. And also to be compatible with our philosophy of preservation and keeping and presenting our cars in as close to original condition as possible. A few very special cars from the 1960s do not represent a drastic shift in our eligibility rules or an end of life in the VSCCA as we know it. 51 years ago, when our club was founded, the late 50s cars that are now eligible were brand new and not part of the mix, so there has been evolution.

That being said, we have evolved to a particular and viable niche in the 21st century vintage/historic world. At our events we see a wide variety of interesting cars that are seen in fewer and fewer numbers at other club events around the country. And I would wager that the cars listed under each member's name in our roster contain a larger percentage of pre-war cars than most if not all of the vintage/historic organizations in this country.

In less than a month, we will be at our home track, Lime Rock, for the VSCCA Spring Sprints. My MG TB is looking forward to seeing many pre-war friends there as well as the usual grand turnout of post-war vehicles. I look forward to meeting many of our new members (keep your friends joining) at our events. And, of course seeing everyone else who keeps making our band of sisters and brothers the wonderful organization summed up by ³VSCCA².