

OCTOBER 2019

the
Chevy Chatter
Lower Michigan Region



Fellow Club Members,

I come to you asking for your help. At the last meeting, nominations were held for officer positions for 2020. After pulling some teeth we were able to garner nominations for all positions except Assistant Director. I have accepted the nomination for Director and am looking for someone to step forward to serve as my assistant.

For those who are unsure what the responsibilities are for the assistant director they are:

1. Find volunteers to host our club events (dust-off tour, summer picnic and mothball tour)
2. Host the end of year banquet. (Determine location, date, time and menu)
3. Run any meeting the director is unable to attend.

Per our By-Laws, each of the officers' terms is for a period of one year, and may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office.

There are many people in this club that have experience in this position, including myself, and would gladly assist anyone who volunteers. For many years we have had many enthusiastic members who have held the reins of this club in their hands, in many different capacities. We know that you joined the Lower Michigan Region of the VCCA for many different reasons, but we hope that the main reason you remain a member is for the people that you meet during these events. And if you haven't been to an LMR event lately, or participated in a discussion at one of our meetings, now is the time to become involved! There isn't one single concern that people might have for not participating, but the one common factor we do hear is "I wish they would do "X", "Y" or "Z" DIFFERENTLY. But then people stop showing up for functions, or don't take their turn as an officer, and we never have the opportunity to make the changes that they want, or address the issue.

Please help move our club forward - bring some fresh ideas to the Board!

If you feel like you would be able to help me out, or want to further discuss this position, please let me know by either replying to this email or calling myself (989-513-5129) or Pat Mehl (269-217-1253) by October 1.

-Tim Reinke

Don't Forget!!

**October 5th
Mothball Tour
Canton, Mi. – Grass
Lake, Mi.**

**October 9th-12th
ACCA Car
Show/Swap Meet,
Hershey, PA.
Details in the G&D**

**October 20th Board
& Membership
Meeting
1pm/2pm Junction
of Hope Restaurant**

**November 2nd
Awards Banquet
The Vault Deli
Mason, Michigan**

Nominations for the Board**Director: Tim Reinke****Assistant Director: To Be Nominated****Secretary: Phyllis Rickabus****Treasurer: Pat Mehl****Members-At-Large (2 to be selected): Brian Granger, Andy Mehl, and Denice Thomas****IMPORTANT!! Save some money!!**

The following members have already PRE-PAID their LMR dues for 2020. If your name is on this list, PLEASE fill out and return the form - WITHOUT MONEY - AFTER checking your info printed on the 2019 Roster. If the Roster is still correct, just write "same" on the renewal form.

BULLER, GALBRAITH,
HARBON, JACKSON,
JORGENSEN, KELLY, KLOCK
MAVEAL, PENCE, D. REINKE,
SCHEURING

From The Driver's Seat

Here we are with fall upon us, and we are still seeking nominations for Assistant Director at this time. The mothball tour is next weekend, but I am not able to attend as we have a family Wedding that will occur on the same day as the tour. I was looking at trying to attend both events, but timing will not allow me to make both.



It was great seeing everyone at the Golden Memories show in Flint, and it makes it more fun to have something to drive when I go! I am now looking forward to the Hershey meet. I need to start packing and saving up some cash for trim parts to replace on the '51.

This letter is shorter than usual, but none the less I am looking forward to meeting at Junction of hope Restaurant so we can complete our nominations and vote in the new board!

- Jim Schott

Birthdays

3rd Pinky Randall & Darrell Dowdy
6th Richard Beach
7th Melissa Lauria
12th Clarence Straus
23rd Mark Whalen
25th Cherie Johnson
29th Gerald Nagy
31st James Steinbauer

Anniversaries

October 7, 1950
Pinky & Joyce Randall
October 10, 1987
Mark & Wendy Whalen
October 12, 1985
Dave & Phyllis Rickabus
October 13, 1990
Verle & Sharon Wetherwax
October 18, 1997
Jeff & Jennifer Bladow
October 19, 1957
Lloyd & Marjorie Henige
October 31, 1964
Chip & Cathy Sweet

LMR Members at the Golden Oldies Car Show

Photos provided by Rod and Denice Thomas



Robin Reinke's 1931



Jim Schott's 1951



Richard Beach's 1955



Bob Sovis's 1939



Clarence Straus's 1932



Dave & Phyllis Rickabus's 1956



Brian Granger's 1965



Mike McFarland's 1954



Dennis Reinke's 1941



Lloyd & Marge Henige's 1956



Rod & Denice Thomas's 1949



Andy Jurski's 1915



Bill Anderson's 1932



LOWER MICHIGAN REGION

VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

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The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolet and GMC-manufactured vehicles twenty-five or more years old.

Ownership of a vintage Chevrolet/GMC is not a prerequisite for membership.

In accordance with the NATIONAL VCCA ORGANIZATION BY-LAWS and the LOWER MICHIGAN REGION, VCCA BY-LAWS, each applicant **must be a NATIONAL VCCA MEMBER in good standing** in order to become a REGION MEMBER and must maintain that NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP status for continued REGION membership. YEARLY NATIONAL DUES ARE CURRENTLY \$40.00

Your National VCCA # _____ National expiration date _____

(Regional dues are accepted pending receipt of National VCCA member & expiration date)

LOWER MICHIGAN DUES ARE \$20.00 PER YEAR. Region renewal dues must be received by mid-January. All region members will receive a monthly newsletter, January - December. Region members are entitled to participate in all Region activities and will be notified of all such events in advance.

Member 1 _____ Member 2 _____

Birthdays (mo/da) Mbr1 _____ Mbr2 _____ **Anniv (mo/da/yr)** _____

Address A _____ Dates of Res _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Address B _____ Dates of Res _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ Mobile: (____) _____

Email 1 : _____ Email 2 : _____

LIST VINTAGE CHEVROLETS OWNED (if any--attach list if needed)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u># Cylinders</u>	<u>Condition</u>

Return completed form with dues to:

LMR VCCA Membership
 2894 Island Point Drive
 Metamora, MI 48455-9726

Checks Payable to:
VCCA Lower Michigan Region

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New _____ Renewal _____

VCCA Join Date _____

Paid \$ _____

Cash _____ Check _____

LMR Annual Awards Banquet

Please join us for our annual Awards Banquet! This year, we are meeting on Saturday, November 2, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at The Vault Deli, attached to the Bestsellers' Bookstore, 360 S. Jefferson, Mason, MI.

We have the pleasure of introducing Janice Ritenburg, the daughter of Clarence and Marie Straus, who will present a program on her tenure as an engineer for Corvette, specifically working with the Corvette Engine program.

Our meal will be buffet-style, begin at 12:15 p.m. and will include:
Chicken Breast with Sage Bread Stuffing
Penne Pasta with vegetables and butter & herb sauce
Spring Greens salad with dressing
Cupcake dessert tray

Iced tea and water will be available with your meal. Soda, coffee, wine, and beer are also available for an additional charge (cash).

Your reservation will be required no later than October 20, with a check made out to LMR-VCCA for \$30.00 per person. A reservation form is included in this newsletter.

Any questions, please call or email Pat Mehl
(Jakobs.Grama@gmail.com, 269-217-1253)

2019 Winter Awards Banquet

Member No. _____

Member Name _____

Guests' Names _____

Total Attending: _____ x \$30.00 per person

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail Reservation and Check (made out to LMR-VCCA) to:

Pat Mehl

4082 Ivy St.

Galesburg, MI 49053

Minutes of the September 15, 2019 LMR Meeting Submitted by Mike McCarty

The September 15, 2019 LMR Membership meeting was held in the Longway Planetarium class room during the Golden Memories Car Show in Flint. The meeting was called to order by Director Jim Schott at 1:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members.

There were 26 members and two guests in attendance including new member Cecil Klock of Davison (53 Chevy BelAir) and his son-in-law, potential member Scott Dodge of Grand Blanc (27 Chevy). Also attending was former LMR member John Krupp. The minutes from the June 23, 2019 LMR Membership Meeting were approved as published in the July 2019 Chevy Chatter.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Mehl provided an update on the budget. She reported that the LMR is under budget. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Membership: Phyllis Rickabus has updated the LMR Roster with a new page 7 (dated 9/7/19). Bill Anderson continues to expand the LMR photo Roster. See him if your photo is not yet included.

Sunshine: A sympathy card was sent to Clarence Straus on the passing of his brother.

Newsletter: Corrie Mehl asks that members let her know what they do and do not like in the Chevy Chatter.

National Board: Tim Mehl reported that discussions continue on a change to the VCCA logo.

History: Bruce Granger plans to sell some of his memorabilia collection. Contact him for details.

Old Business: The Central Meet in West Lafayette, Indiana on July 14-18, 2019 was well organized and a well attended fun event.

New Business: The regular meeting was suspended to accept nominations for 2020 LMR officers. The members that were nominated are: Director – Tim Reinke, Asst. Dir. – open, Secretary – Phyllis Rickabus, Treasurer – Pat Mehl, Jr. Board Members (2 open positions)– Brian Granger, Andy Mehl & Denice Thomas. (Appointed positions: Sunshine – Denice Thomas, News Letter – Corrie Mehl, Awards – Bob Sovis, Historian – Bruce & Brian Granger, Membership – Bill Anderson.)

A motion was made to close the nominations and reconvene the General Membership Meeting.

LMR Web Site: Jim Karras our new web master and Tim Reinke, are working to update the LMR Web Site. Future development should lead to on-line membership registration, renewal, and payment capability. It is expected to be available for use by November. A motion was made to move ahead with the on-line registration software development. The motion was approved. The traditional membership renewal procedures will be maintained.

Pat and Tim Mehl Proposed that the LMR host the 2022 VCCA Central Meet. A motion was made and approved to move ahead with planning for the 2022 Central Meet in the Greater Kalamazoo area.

Andy Jurski reported that the Monroe swap meet is on October 27 at the Monroe County Fair Grounds. Contact Andy for details. He also mentioned that the H Model Chapter of the VCCA is selling Chevrolet oil cans and firewall mounting brackets as a fund raiser. See the September G&D (pg. 45) for details.

Bill Anderson distributed registration forms for the LMR Mothball Tour on October 5. He emphasized the need to complete the emergency contact information.

Robin Reinke mentioned that there is space available for transportation and lodging for the ACCA Car Show & Swap Meet in Hershey, PA. Contact Robin for details.

50/50 Drawing: No drawing.

Adjournment: Approximately 2:30 p.m.

2019 Lower Michigan Region VCCA Officers

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