



# CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965



(above) Passing the gavel to 2016 director Bill Anderson, is 2015 director Mike McCarty.



(right) A special award was given to Leon Eisemann for his 10 years of service as LMR treasurer.



(right) Jim and Jo Carpenter stand in the buffet line with Bill and Joann Tylka and Don and Vickie Gale.



Accepting a special founding member award plaque for Howard Reinke is his grandson Tim Reinke and his son Robin Reinke.



Receiving a plaque for 50 years of LMR service is Bob Sovis while Mike McCarty also received one for his service as the 2015 director.

## LMR wraps up the year with banquet

Returning to the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum located in Lansing for the annual December banquet was again an enjoyable event with great food and drinks and conversation with fellow LMR members in the remarkable antique car setting. During the banquet, special plaques were awarded to founding members Lew and Norma Clark, Pinky and Joyce Randall and Howard Reinke. Special service award plaques were given to Leon Eisemann and Mike McCarty, as well as 50 year service awards to Ed and Francis McFarland and Bob Sovis.



While Pat and Tim Mehl and Mike Sparks enjoy their meal, Dave Rickabus attempts to nab a taste of his wife Phyllis' fudge cheesecake dessert, which was "to die for!"



The chicken and pork medallion entrees were crowd pleasers. Not only were members encouraged to have seconds but also to take leftovers home.

**April 17, 2015** (Sunday)

First LMR membership meeting of 2016 to be held at Layton Corners, 7 miles east of Chesaning on M-57. Board meeting begins at 1 p.m. and membership meeting at 2 p.m.



## from the driver's seat . . . Bill Anderson [old50grit@comcast.net](mailto:old50grit@comcast.net)

Okay, here I am in the driver's seat for 2016. Wow! And just a short, few years after joining LMR, you folks have elected me as director! Now what? Well, we've got our cars tucked away for the winter, reflecting on what a great year 2015 was for touring and club activities: Dust Off, Central Meet, Summer Picnic, 50th Anniversary Celebration, and Mothball. For 2016, there is again a busy schedule on the calendar. In addition to the standard tours, we have the 6-Cylinder Tour coming to Michigan, courtesy of Verle Wetherwax and Mike McFarland and others who have stepped up to serve on committees, and of course, the 55th VCCA Meet at Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

I'm still debating my strategy to get my '32 Chevy to that venue, since Lake Tahoe is just above 6200 feet altitude. The surrounding terrain will be a bit higher since we won't be walking across the lake surface, which is 6227 feet. For some of us, we will be huffing and puffing a bit. And for our cars, this will mean a few will run just a bit rich when it comes to carburetion. Some black clouds of smoke will result, adding to the already loss in power due to less oxygen. For those who know a bit of carburetor magic, changing over to jets that are 20% leaner (smaller) might be in the game plan.

Then there is the VCCA/LMR membership drive. I've already had conversation with several members relative to what we need to attract new members. We have a great 2016 calendar of tours, as well as members with great ideas and venues to offer. Now we need to get the word out to prospective new members. Ideas kicked around involve mentoring the younger folks to get them interested in hand-on mechanics of the hobby or inviting other area collector car groups to participate in our activities. We need to continue this conversation and develop an executable plan. In an ever-changing collector car hobby, we need to create opportunities to get the next generation of young folks to adopt and share our appreciation of automobiles, especially Chevrolets.

So, while you are hibernating through this winter, keep a few thoughts about these topics ready for our first meeting, which will be held on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at Layton Corners. Better yet, wake up for a minute or two, and give me a call. I'll try not to talk your ear off!

### 2016 Lower Michigan Region Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Officers

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The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolet manufactured vehicles 25 years old or older. Ownership of a vintage Chevrolet vehicle is not a prerequisite for membership. Lower Michigan Region dues are \$20 per year. To become a member, an applicant must be a National VCCA member in good standing. Yearly national dues are \$40.

# Dates & Events in the upcoming new year

## JANUARY 2016

- 16-24 North Amer. Intern'l Auto Show, Cobo Hall, Detroit MI
- 16 CCCA "Sweet 16" 16-cylinder show, Novi, MI Suburban Collector Showplace
- 28-31 Michigan Internat'l Auto Show, DeVos Place, Grand Rapids MI
- 31 34th Annual Saginaw Swap Meet, McDonald Cadillac, Saginaw MI

## FEBRUARY 2016

- 6-7 53rd AARC Kalamazoo Winter Swap Meet, Kalamazoo County Expo Center
- 7 44th VCCA Auto Parts Swap Meet, Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield OH
- 25-28 Winter AutoFest, Lakeland Linder Airport Lakeland FLA (not held at Zephrrhills anymore)
- 26-28 AutoRama, Detroit MI Cobo Center

## MARCH 2016

- 13 Eastside A's 46th Annual Swap Meet, Russ Milne Ford, Macomb MI

## APRIL 2016

- 17 **LMR VCCA Board and Membership Meeting, Layton Corners, 1pm Board, 2pm Membership**

## MAY 2016

- 4 Gilmore Museum Wednesday Nights Cruise-In Event begins, Hickory Corners MI
- 13-15 **LMR VCCA Dust-Off Tour & Business Meeting To Be Determined**
- 15-21 Happy Days Tour VIII, Mount Arlington NJ

## JUNE 2016

- 4-5 Back to the Bricks Tour, Cadillac MI
- 10-15 Back to the Bricks Promo Tour, Flint
- 18-19 Greenfield Village Motor Muster
- 25-26 Sloan Museum Auto Fair, Flint MI
- 26 **LMR VCCA Business Meeting Sloan Museum, Flint MI 1 p.m.**

## JULY 2016

- 7-9 Old Car Show & Swap Meet, Iola WI
- 14-17 VCCA Central Meet, Perrysburg, OH
- 22-23 **LMR Summer Tour & picnic meeting**

## AUGUST 2016

- 6 Red Barn Spectacular, Gilmore Museum
- 7-12 VCCA National and 55th Anniversary Meet Lake Tahoe, Nevada
- 16-20 Back to the Bricks Event, Flint MI
- 20 Woodward Dream Cruise, Detroit MI
- 26-27 28th St. Metro Cruise, Grand Rapids MI

## SEPTEMBER 2016

- 10-11 Greenfield Village Old Car Festival
- 9 Frankenmuth MI Auto Fest
- 11-16 **LMR Sponsored 6-Cylinder Tour**
- 18 Sloan Museum Golden Memories Car Show, Flint MI
- 18 **LMR VCCA Business Meeting Sloan Museum, Flint MI 1 p.m.**

## OCTOBER 2016

- 5-8: Hershey PA International Car Show & Swap Meet
- 15-16: **LMR VCCA Mothball Tour & Business Meeting To Be Determined**

## NOVEMBER 2016

- 6 **LMR VCCA Business Meeting, Election of Officers, Layton Corners 1-3 p.m**

## DECEMBER 2016

- 3 **LMR VCCA Annual Banquet Noon - 4 p.m., Lansing, MI**

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*On the national scene . . .*

## Board focuses on two areas



Tim Mehl, LMR member & VCCA Board of Director, Central #7 B Area

The National Board recently approved a motion to create a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization to be called *The Vintage Chevrolet Heritage Foundation*.

The purpose of this foundation will be the preservation of original Chevrolet and GMC information and literature. (*The library that houses these types of information is now located at the ACCA Library in Hershey, Pennsylvania.*)

The second motion, currently under consideration by the Board, is a change in the wording in the Judging Manual. The Judging Manual is being revised by the judging committee. This change would

standardize the language for judging CDPC (Chevrolet Driver Participation Class) cars. This wording should help to eliminate confusion when judging CDPC.

More information regarding the outcome of this motion will be discussed in a future *G & D* issue.

**Check It Out!** Many LMR members were photographed with their vintage Chevys. The photos are displayed under the category "Pride & Joy" on the website [lmrchevy.com](http://lmrchevy.com). Send a photo of you and your Chevy to the *Chevy Chatter* address or email the editor so we can add more photos. Members can have more than one photo, since many members own multiple vintage Chevys.



**2016  
VCCA Central Meet**

**July 14 - 17**

**Judging: Saturday, July 16**

**Banquet: Saturday eve, July 16**

*hosted by Ohio's  
Glass Capitol Region*

**Holiday Inn French Quarter  
10630 Fremont Pike  
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# Autos, Parts & Services

LMR Chevrolet Club members may place personal ads free of charge; professional businesses \$5

**For Sale:** 1931 Chevy 2-Door Sedan Deluxe with rear luggage rack, changed to unleaded gas. Asking \$7,000 OBO. Call Marc Milburn 989-422-3262 (landline) or 989-202-5020 (cell); PO Box 430 Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629.



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**For Sale:** 4-door, 1951 two-tone Chevy, gray paint, manual transmission, 50,000 miles, runs and drives nice. Asking \$7,000. Call Dave French 269-375-4386.

**For Sale:** 1926 1 ton "C" cab Chevrolet truck with stake body. Manufactured by Chevrolet. All original cab, sheet metal, wheels, running boards. 28 engine (includes 26 engine rebuild) runs, drives, stops good. Original manuals, parts book and brochure. Recently refurbished with new glass, seat, floor mat and top material. \$16,000. Call for more details: Jim Morningstar 810-423-2765.



**Wanted:** 1933 Chevrolet Standard CC 3 window coupe. Stock. Must be complete and running. Contact Robert Pence at 989-745-3663 at 1540 Clark Road, Lapeer Michigan 48446.



Mike McFarland  
(810)790-1812

Collector Car Sales

**Ads Needed!** If you have a Chevy vehicle or parts that you want to buy or sell, send the information to the *Chevy Chatter* address or email the editor. If you are a member, the ad is free. If you know a business that does any type of restoration, contact the *Chevy Chatter*. An ad is only \$5.

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