

CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

from the driver's seat . . . Director Bill Anderson

Some days spring has sprung; other days not so much. We keep getting hints to tempt an old car guy (like me) to fire up his classic and go tooling down the street. Then the snowflakes appear, and that plan is brought to a halt. So hope you are anxious (like me) for spring to appear on a more permanent basis.

We have another exciting year of Chevy activities in the works. Two of our standard three club tours will be coupled with meets at Flint's Sloan Museum for the Summer Fair and Golden Memories events. August will be busy with our picnic and tour to Hickory Corners Gilmore Car Museum's Red Barn Spectacular event followed by the Back to the Bricks celebration in Flint. I have been working to get the WPC folks and the EFV8 Club to join us for one or two of these activities. No feedback yet, but sometimes it takes a couple of meetings to warm-up to an idea.

Our basic tour plan is for a Flint based one day Dust-Off Tour, a one day Summer Picnic Tour with a stop at the Gilmore Museum Red Barn Spectacular, followed by the Fall Mothball Tour on the west coast of the state. This plan will help balance logistics and locations for activities, especially since the Sloan Museum based events and the Back to the Bricks activities are on the east side of the state.

So, aside from reading collector car magazines all winter, you may have wondered what's going on in the back room? First, as you may recall, we will be repeating our 2016 end-of-year calendar and meeting sequence with the club's annual banquet in early November to accommodate our snowbirds. Secondly, Phyllis Rickabus is working on updates to the "Remember When" section in the club roster so you can add that information to your copy of the roster. Third, Tim Reinke and I have just begun reconstructing our web presence after winding down our 2016 version. We will have more information as to the web game plan at the April 23 club meeting, which will be held at Junction of Hope restaurant, located in Layton Corners. at 1 pm.



And here's a chuckle for those who subscribe to *Old Cars Weekly* magazine. We saw Bruce Granger's car in the Readers Wheels section. Not bad looking for a car that is 132 years old!

Bruce Granger recently got this 1885 Buick LaSabre Limited as a gift from his uncle. "He [was] 87 on Dec. 28th and decided he didn't need it anymore and asked if I wanted it free!" Granger says. "Of course, I said yes! I will need to do some body work to the rear wheel wells and bottom of the doors, but not much! I'll also have to look for another rear bumper. It drives like a dream! 77,200 original miles. I've already put it away in my pole barn with my '71 Chevelle and the '75 Caprice."

2017 Calendar of Key Events

4/23: LMR VCCA Membership Meeting, 1 pm, Layton Corners

5/7-11: Happy Days Tour in western NY

5/20: LMR Single day Dust-Off Tour to Flint

6/24-25: Sloan Museum Auto Fair, Flint

6/25: LMR VCCA Membership Meeting, 1 pm, Flint's Sloan Museum

7/25-29: 54th Central Meet, Elmira, NY

8/5: LMR Summer Picnic & Tour, Gilmore Car Museum Red Barn Spectacular Car Show & Swap Meet, Hickory Corners and nearby park

8/15-19: Back to the Bricks, Flint

9/11-14: 6-Cylinder Tour, PA and Ohio

9/17: Sloan Museum Golden Memories, Flint

9/17: LMR VCCA Membership Meeting, Officer Nominations, 1 pm, Sloan Museum

10/4-10/7: Hershey PA International Car Show and Swap Meet

10/14-15: LMR Mothball Tour, western Michigan, TBA

10/22: LMR VCCA Membership Meeting, Officer Elections, 1 pm, Layton Corners

11/4: LMR VCCA Annual Banquet; Place and Time TBA

Lower Michigan Region 2016 Budget Analysis					
Category	Revenues	Budget	Expenses	Budget	
Membership	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 2,000.00			
50/50 Drawing	\$ 204.50	\$ 250.00			
Badge Fines	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00			
Ads	\$ 5.00	\$ -			
Miscellaneous	\$ 5.00	\$ -			
Donations	\$ 60.00	\$ -			
Charter			\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
Roster			\$ 56.27	\$ -	
Newsletter			\$ 998.08	\$ 1,300.00	
Web Hosting			\$ 379.35	\$ 500.00	
Membership			\$ 72.00	\$ 200.00	
Sunshine			\$ 120.00	\$ 300.00	
Treasurer			\$ 7.72	\$ -	
Historian			\$ 13.45	\$ 100.00	
Banquet Awards			\$ 34.33	\$ 250.00	
Donations:					
Sloan Museum			\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Junction of Hope			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
National Meet			\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	
Central Meet (not hosting)			\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
Miscellaneous			\$ -	\$ -	
Administrative Subtotal	\$ 2,839.50	\$ 2,260.00	\$ 2,481.20	\$ 3,450.00	
Events					
Dustoff Tour (Spring)	\$ 285.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 331.00	\$ 200.00	
Summer Tour/Picnic	\$ 310.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 226.41	\$ 200.00	
Mothball Tour (Fall)	\$ 544.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 542.00	\$ 200.00	
Annual Banquet	\$ 1,417.73	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,579.53	\$ 500.00	
Central Meet (hosting)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Event Subtotal	\$ 2,556.73	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,678.94	\$ 1,100.00	
Totals	\$ 5,396.23	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 5,160.14	\$ 4,550.00	