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LOWER MICHIGAN REGION - VCCA – 2013 CALENDAR of EVENTS

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Many of you may have attempted to make reservations at the Port Huron Doubletree Hotel on April 1st as previously announced, in preparation for the 50TH Central Meet, only to find that the Doubletree was unable to accept your reservation at that time. The Doubletree has assured us that they will be ready for us in July and have made arrangements to accept your reservation through their Corporate Office until such time as their Port Huron facility is prepared to accept reservations. Please follow the following procedure:

Call the Doubletree Corporate Offices at 616-647-3505. You can either wait until prompted or enter Extension number 170 on your phone key pad as soon as the initial recording starts. Ask to speak with Amanda Gibbs. Tell her you are making reservations for the July VCCA event being held at the Port Huron, MI Doubletree. Mention the Group rate of \$94.

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Directors Message, June 2013

The Dust-off Tour was a great success, those of you who couldn't attend missed an informative, delightful time. I have never seen so many cows.....NOT CARS.....under one roof. Thank you Dave and Phyllis for an interesting, unusual day !

It looks like the Central Meet is progressing along very well. Mike McFarland has asked that those of you who have large coolers please bring them to the meet, they will be used for bottled water. There will be more items finalized at the Sloan Meeting. We will also need to make another practice run of the car tour in Port Huron before the meet.

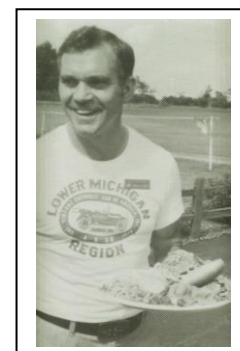
Pinky Randall and myself have started a new 'Gang' called the Cushman Raditors, we are open to new members; the attire includes tattoos, ear-rings etc. Personal note-----our wives are not sure that we haven't lost our minds ! On a more serious tone, as of this writing,Lew Clark still has 3 Cushmans for sale

Hope you all had a safe , enjoyable holiday as we remembered our active and deceased military; we are forever grateful.

Respectfully,
Verle Wetherwax

WHO ARE THESE FOLKS?

Old LMR Photos



LOWER MICHIGAN REGION, VCCA MEETING MINUTES – MAY 18, 2013, RED ROSTER CAFÉ, ELSIE, MI

Director Verle Wetherwax called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-two members present and one guest. Phyllis Rickabus introduced her step son, Jeff Rickabus.

The April Meeting minutes were amended to read, “There will be no toy museum on the May Tour”. Motion by Bob Gardner, seconded by Ve Conrad to accept the April Meeting minutes as amended, was approved by the membership present.

Sunshine Lady reported that Region member Don Harbron’s mother passed away recently.

Jim Morningstar reported good news that he and Barb had visited with Walt and Yvonne Davenport recently and that both were improving and doing better. Based upon earlier reports, Jim was most impressed with Walt’s ability to respond appropriately to questions asked, his interest in pictures reviewed and discussed and his ability to tie his shoes while they were there. Those were all good things!

Director Wetherwax stated that he and others would be traveling to Port Huron soon to work on the Tour routes and mapping for the upcoming 50th Central Meet. Director Wetherwax also mentioned that the 50th Central Meet Chair Mike McFarland expressed a need for the loan of large coolers from the membership for use during the Meet.

Jim Morningstar (trophy chair for the upcoming Central Meet) showed an example of a proposed trophy for the upcoming 50th Central Meet. Membership present agreed the example presented was acceptable.

We heard that Pinky and Verle will be riding around on Cushman’s soon.

Phyllis Rickabus reported that their “Patty” (1934 Standard 4-door sedan) has been invited to participate in the upcoming “Eyes on Design” event in June.

Jim Morningstar announced that the Lingenfelter Collection Museum entrance fee will be half price during the “Eyes on Design” Event by prepay.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Marjorie Henige

Submitted by PinkyRandall:

AACA EVENT – ALBURN, INDIANA

The Antique Automobile Club of America held its Central Spring Meet near Auburn, Indiana, May 9 – 11, 2013. Several Lower Michigan Region members and VCCA members from surrounding states were in attendance.

Lower Michigan Region Attendees

John Mc Mullen
Tom & Margaret Taylor
Scott & Janet Taylor
Charlie Scheer
Jim & Barb Morningstar
Richard Oldenburg
Robert Sovis
Don & Linda Harbron
Pinky & Joyce Randall
Howard Reinke

Out of State VCCA Member Attendees

Andy Flagge, IA
Tom Flagge, IA
Roger & Mary James, MN
Dick & Pat Lytle, OH
Randal Jones, OH
Franklin Gage, MD
Bob Ronnigen, MN

Twenty-two Lower Michigan Region members and one guest gathered at the Red Roster Café in Elsie, Michigan, on Saturday May 18th at 8 AM for the start of the annual Dust Off Tour for what our Tour planners, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus, billed as a, “Day in your Chevrolet along with *Cows, Culture, and Sculpture*”.

Once seated in the Café, Region Director Verle Wetherwax conducted a brief monthly Region Business Meeting (how about 15 minutes worth) followed by a Breakfast Buffet.

Shortly after 9 AM we were on our way to our first adventure of the day. Two and one half miles later we arrived at the Green Meadows Farms.

“COWS” The Green Meadows Farms is currently in its third generation of family ownership. Originally founded by Merle H. Green, his first registered Holstein was purchased in 1917. The home farm was purchased in 1922. In 1943 the Green Meadow herd was sold with the dispersal of 325 registered Holsteins, the largest in history for the breed at that time. Another herd was soon assembled and dispersed again in 1945 but this time all open heifers were kept, including Green Meadows Lily Pabst. She went on to make a world record 42,805 lbs. of milk in 1951, a record she held for 20 some years.

In 1954 250 cows were being milked at barns at a number of locations. In 1960 a milking parlor with loose housing was built and the herd expanded to 500. In 1961, another 500 cows were added. Between 1961 and 1980 the herd continued to grow.

In 1985 a 32 stall polygon parlor was built. Included in the expansion was a calf barn with a capacity for 352 calves. The milking herd was 1,700.

The largest expansions occurred from 1998 to 2002. This included a 2200 cow milking facility (1998), two more transition and calf barns (1999), a 1500 close cow and fresh cow milking facility (2001), and a nutrient/waste management facility (2002). The milking herd was now at 3200 cows.

Today the Green Meadows Farms is the sum of several pieces of farm land in the same general area of the Elsie community and totals some 6,500 acres of land and 8,000 head of cattle, most of which are registered.

The Green Meadows Farms offices are located at the Hollister Rd facility (also known as Farm #1). Also housed at this location, in open-lot free barns, are dry cows and pregnant heifers. It also is the location of the calf barns. Calves are fed 4 quarts of colostrum and housed in one of seven barns with the capacity to hold 770 calves. The calves are weaned at 5 weeks and moved to the Meridian Rd heifer complex at the end of their 10 week stay.

The Milking Center is located (Farm #2) on Riley Rd. This is the facility that our touring group visited. It contains a milking observation area, office space, and employee lobby. The building was completed in 1998 and has a double 30 herringbone DeLaval system. Pipeline, milk meters, pulsation, etc. are located in the basement. Vacuum pumps, compressors, boilers, and backup generator are located in the utility room. The boiler provides hot water and heats the parlor floor. After milking, all cows return through one of two sorting gates which divert selected cows to the handling area for breeding, etc. There are four 465' X 98' free stall barns. Each housed up to 540 cows. During the short period that our group was observing the milking station (approx. 30 minutes) the double 30 herringbone milking station (60 cows) was filled and emptied twice with the third group entering as we departed. Six workers were viewed tending the 60 cows installing and removing the milking equipment. The cows are milked three times a day. Many of employees work 12 hour shifts, six days a week.

Farm #3 is located at the Riley Rd complex also. Completed in July 2001, this facility is focuses on pre-fresh and fresh cows with a capacity to house 1,500 cows. The milking parlor is a DeLaval double 20 couture herringbone with pulsation, pipeline, meter, etc. in the basement. Attached to this facility is a 90' X 128' special needs barn with 16 – 10' X 12' individual stalls, office space, indoor surgery room, two rows of head-locks, and space for a tilt table or stand up trim chute. Also attached is the maternity barn with 24 – 10' X 12' individual box stalls, a 34' X 90' sawdust pack, office and storage space.

Total milk production in one day at Green Meadow Farms is 250,000 lbs. which is almost 30,000 gallons.

There is a lot more to the story of milk production at this facility going on such as feed grown on the farm to meet the roughage needs of the herd. Over 3,000 acres of corn and 3,000 acres of alfalfa are grown and harvested. Manure produced on the farm is being used to produce and capture methane gas (cow gas) in three Methane Digester tanks, each a domed structure 85' in diameter and 24' high. The captured methane is used at three different places, the generator, the boiler, or the flares, all environmentally friendly.*

Leaving Green Meadows shortly before 11 AM we toured some 54 miles to the Ziibiwing Center in the Mount Pleasant, MI area. Arriving at the Ziibiwing Center we used one of their conference rooms to have lunch prior to touring the Center

“CULTURE” The Ziibiwing Center is a museum type setting dedicated to the Cultural Story of the Native American Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. The Center has 15 areas dedicated to the various aspects of their culture.

1. Petroglyphs: Are very powerful places of learning and spirituality for Anishinabek people.
2. Introduction to Anishinabe Creation Story. (there is balance between all things)
3. Teaching Lodge: (How are ancestors used what was available to them)
4. How we lived through the seasons for thousands of years.
5. We congregated in large groups in spring, summer, and fall, spreading out in smaller groups in winter.
6. Contact and Co-Existence: The arrival of the French.
7. Colonization: Loss of land, language, and life. Devastating diseases, Harmful government policies.
8. Environmental changes: Plants, Water, Animal losses, Changes in landscape (lumbering).
9. Ancestral connection to our language, songs, spirituality, teachings, etc.
10. Our language , Anishinabemowin expresses our philosophy and relationship with all of Creation.
11. Our Commitment to our families, our resilience and adaptability.
12. Encroachment on our inherent right of sovereignty, disruption of our traditional social system.
13. The obstacles we overcame to be where we are today.
14. The continued struggle for our sovereignty
15. Continuing the Journey – The Seven Grandfather Teachings

Leaving the Ziibiwing Center we traveled 49.5 miles to the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum. This is a Fine Arts Center which is a part of the Saginaw Valley State University.

“Sculpture” Our time at the Fine Arts Center was spent browsing the Main Exhibit Gallery, the Sculptor’s Studio, and Special Exhibition Gallery, plus the Outdoor Sculpture Garden which surrounds the Fine Arts Center.

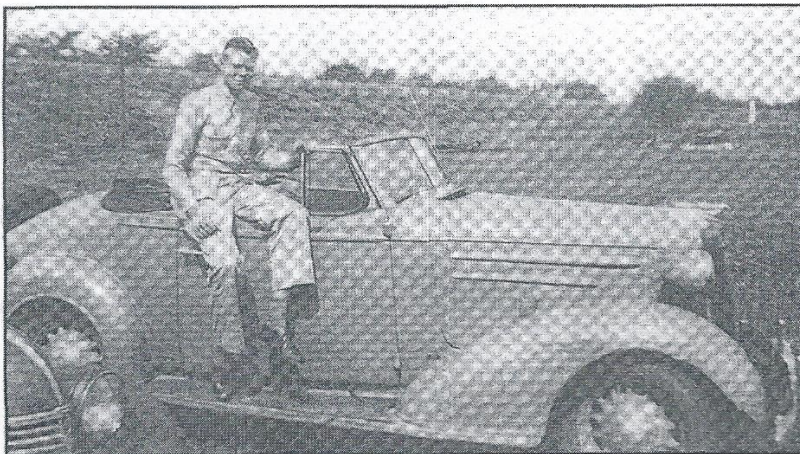
This concluded our day with our **Chevrolets, Cows, Culture, and Sculpture**. Special thanks of appreciation to our hosts, **Dave and Phyllis Rickabus**, for their time and efforts in directing us to these areas of interest. It was a good day and as usual, those Chevrolets performed flawlessly!

Cars In My Past

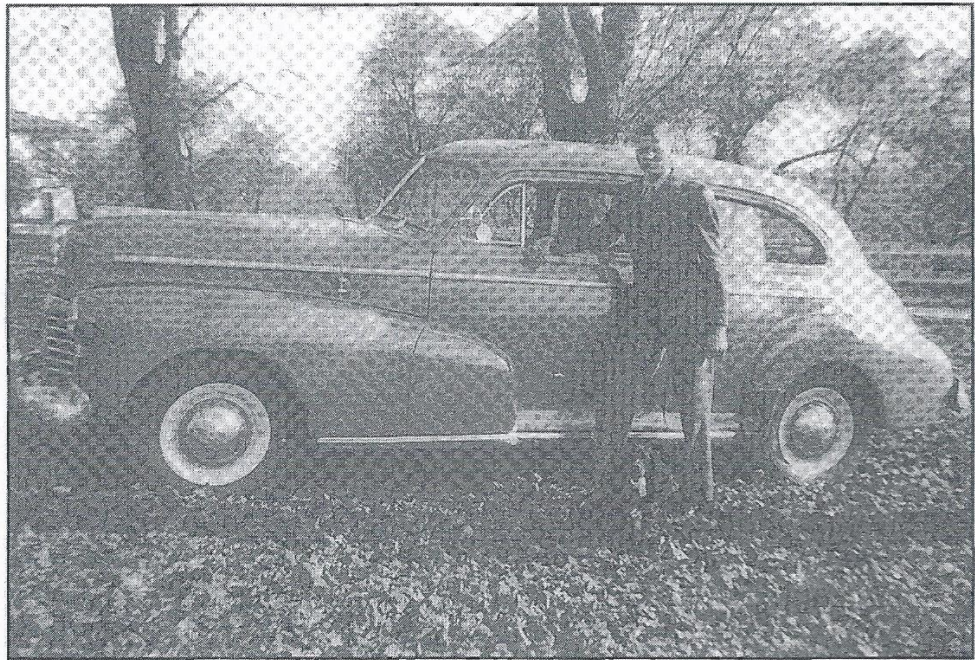
Bryce Whitmore #32758 of Talent, Oregon

In the December 1997 G&D there was a letter written by Bill Purchase from Great Britain. This letter reminded me of the two Chevy's that I had while in the army about 1944. Bill mentions he has a 1942 4-door and I acquired a 1942 2-door while in the service.

After six weeks of basic training it didn't take me long to figure out life in the service would be much easier to swallow if I had a Chevy. My home was in Ohio and I was stationed in Michigan, so I could drive home on a weekend pass. The first weekend home I found a 1936 Convertible. The cost was only \$50.00 because the owner had hit a tree dead center. With a replacement bumper, grill, radiator and fan it ran good as new.



1936 Convertible



1942 2-door

I soon transferred to Indiana where I found it possible to submit a bid on a Red Cross 1942 2-door. It was not driveable and the driver's side fender was caved in, but just the part on the door. I took a change and submitted a bid below

\$100.00 which was the successful bid. It was an easy fix. The hit on the side had sheared the rubber motor mounts and cocked the motor and transmissions off to the side. Didn't the Red Cross know Chevys almost never die? I jacked up the motor right there in the scrap yard, lined it up with the motor mounts, put in a battery and drove it the rest of my time in the army. I replaced the fender part and trim and covered the olive drab paint with new blue. After removing the OD paint from the bumpers, found the chrome underneath was just like new. Not so lucky with the hub caps for they only had brass under the olive drab paint. I found that when that brass was polished it looked really swell. The car was sold in Ohio in 1946.

Is anyone out there driving a 1942 2-door with brass hub caps and loose motor mounts?

ADVERTISEMENTS

Note: Your advertisement will be placed here free of charge to club members

Wanted: Volunteers to help man Information Booth Saturday and Sunday morning during Sloan Auto Fair, June 22 – 23, 2013 [two hour shifts from 8AM–10 AM or 10AM – Noon] Call Bruce Granger 810-667-0144.

Wanted: 1934 Chevy Eagle type hood ornament. Phone Mike McCarty at 248-528-1273 or michaelmccartuy@gmail.com.

For Sale: 1999 Oldsmobile Silhouette, 80,000 miles. New brakes, tires, and battery. Gold Package. Build in air compressor, Independent ear phone, Rear radio controls, Dark Green color, Stored in winters, so no rust. \$5,000. Call 616-263-9545 or 616-308-5832. Vince Vicarie

For Sale: 2 ½ ton Hydraulic Floor Jack \$40; Four Jack Stands \$25; Cloth Car Cover \$10; Two Dash mounted Compasses \$5; Car Caddy (floor mounted – misc. storage) \$4; Two 1953 Chevy Service Manuals \$5 each; Two `1963 Corvair Manuals \$5 each: Dick Silagi, phone 734-451-1145.

For Sale: 50th Anniversary Meet Posters \$4 each [1] art work by David Chapple & [2] 4 different “Woodard Dream Cruise” Chevrolet billboard, will have at info booth during Sloan Auto Fair. Bruce Granger 810-667-0144

For Sale: Large accumulation of 1933 Chevy Master parts (4-Dr. Sedan) for sale located near Ann Arbor, MI. Too many to list. Call or Email and I will send pictures and negotiate prices. Joe Scheuring, Phone 734-426-3586 or Email Scheuring5@aol.com.

Wanted: Parts for 1940, 1941, 1942, 1946, 1947, and 1948 Chevrolet Passenger cars; Lester March, ph 810-658-9614