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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

When one brand just won't do ...

Strawberry? Chocolate? Blue Moon? Peppermint? Butter pecan? Remember as a kid what a big decision it was to choose a flavor of ice cream to be scooped into your cone at the local ice cream shop? But, if your parents were really nice, you could order two scoops, each a different flavor!

For LMR member Jim Morningstar, just owning one vintage brand, the Chevrolet, does not make sense when General Motors also developed other brands: the Oldsmobile, the Cadillac, the Buick, the Pontiac, the GMC truck, and the GMC suburban. So instead of collecting just the Chevrolet, he has a collection of most General Motor brands except one, the Pontiac. "I just can't find what I want," explained Morningstar. "I am willing to sell a couple of Jaguars for a Pontiac that catches my eye. It has to be the best vehicle available between the

1940's through the 60's. That means it has to be fully restored in very good condition."

The first GMC brand to catch his eye was a GMC truck when he was in his 20's. "I restored a 1950 Canopy Express, which I sold two years ago at Hershey. When I restore a vehicle, I am the one to do the tear down and the reassembly, and I will do the upholstery on a truck, but not painting and chroming or rebuilding the inside of an engine."

Although he and his wife Barb have been LMR VCCA members since 1983, it wasn't until the mid 90's that his goal was to collect all the brands of General Motors. Currently, he and Barb own a 1923 Buick Depot Hack Taxi, a 1951 GMC Suburban, a 1926 Chevy One Ton C Cab, a 1937 Chevy yellow pickup cab under restoration, a 1940 Cadillac 60 Special, a 1928 Chevy Sports Cabriolet, a 1947 Oldsmobile

78 Series 4 door Fastback, a 1952 Chevy Suburban, and a 1993 Corvette Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Edition.

For the past 33 years that he and Barb have been LMR members, they have served as officers on the Board and been involved in many activities including chairpersons of the swap meet first at Swartz Creek Raceway, then Shiawassee Fairgrounds and finally at Mt. Brighton for over 10 years.

Although it has been frustrating to find that special Pontiac brand, Morningstar keeps checking magazine ads and the Internet, but it seems that he always finds the time to enjoy one of everybody's favorite things. . . an ice cream cone!! What flavor is it today Jim?



1951 GMC Suburban



1923 Buick Depot Hack Taxi



1928 Chevy Sport Cabriolet

1940 Cadillac



1952 Chevy Suburban



1947 Oldsmobile 78 Series Fastback

Dressed in 1920's attire, Jim and Barb Morningstar are with their 1928 Chevy Sport Cabriolet that was judged Best of the Best National Early 4-Cylinder in 2011 and awarded First Place Early 4-Cylinder at the 50th Anniversary VCCA meet in Flint. The 1952 Chevy Suburban received Best of Show Commercial at the 28th Central Meet in Illinois, while the 1951 GMC Suburban was chosen Best of Show Commercial at the 2015 Central Meet in Hudson, Ohio. Their 1926 Chevy One Ton C Cab is featured for sale on page 4.

June 26, 2016 (Sunday)

LMR membership meeting at 1 pm at Sloan Museum, Flint, Michigan, during the AutoFair. Meeting to be held inside the Sloan Museum.

July 14-16, 2016

VCCA 53rd Central Meet to be held in Perrysburg, Ohio. Registration to enter a vehicle is June 15, 2016



from the driver's seat . . . Bill Anderson old50grit@comcast.net

Here we are on the edge of summer with many activities on the calendar: Central Meet, LMR Picnic, Sloan AutoFair, and the 55th VCCA Anniversary Meet to list a few. If you missed the Dust -Off Tour, you missed a really fantastic two days. Each day had its interesting attractions, courtesy of Mike McCarty and myself.

Most of us started off Friday's Dust-Off Tour at my workshop, but about 7 miles down the road my '32 decided that it didn't like its electro-lock ignition cabling and ground to a halt at the side of the road. So, I had a different type of tour for the morning, riding shotgun in the flatbed! By noon, I caught up with the tour with my trusty '89 Olds, and we were on our way to see the GM Pontiac Powertrain Engineering in action. A great Tour!

Saturday's tour highlights took us to the Van Hoosen Farm, and then for the car buffs, to the Terrence Adderley Collection followed by a tour of Classic and Exotic Restorations. Wow! is all I can say.

We did not conduct a business meeting on the Dust-Off Tour, but we have a full docket for our June 26 meeting at the Sloan Museum Summer Fair located in Flint, Michigan. Summer Fair entry forms are available on the web, or you can register the day of the event. We will meet at 1 p.m. before the Auto Fair awards are presented. Contact Bruce Granger if you want to park with fellow club members.

During the club meeting, we will have a guest speaker, Paul Ayers, who will talk about a Chevy Club based museum. He has had involvement with other clubs that have museum displays at the Gilmore Museum and will share information with us on that topic.



There are opportunities to input for the Summer Picnic and Fall Mothball tours. See Tim Reinke with your ideas and suggestions. He will have details and sign-up forms at the meeting.

See you at the Sloan Museum's AutoFair. My '32 Chevy will try to be there without the flatbed escort!

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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.

During the two day **Dust-Off Tour**, LMR members and guests visited the GM Engineering Center in Pontiac, the GR Auto Gallery in Wixom, the Historic Van Hoosen Farm and Rochester Mills Brewery in Rochester, the Terence Adderley Private Car Collection in Troy and the nearby Classic and Exotic Services, an auto restoration business that has won many awards.

Special exhibits to highlight Sloan Museum's 50th during the June AutoFair

During the Sloan Museum's 50th Anniversary celebration, the 44th Annual Sloan Auto Fair, June 25-26, will give spectators a chance to see the "frame off" restored 1953 Buick Skylark convertible purchased 18 years ago. Restoration was over an 8 year time period. Also a 1954 Buick Skylark convertible donated last fall also will be on display.

Other special displays include a vintage fire truck, police cars, tractors, vintage motorcycles, and the GMC futureliner.

Applewood, the estate of CS Mott, located on Kearsley Street, will celebrate its 100th anniversary with an open house, which is free for those attending the AutoFair. On display will be Mott's last personal car, a 1969 Corvair, in addition to other GM vehicles.

Bruce Granger has arranged a meeting room for the LMR VCCA club to use, a non-judged area, so the club can park as a group. Judged vehicles are in a separate area.

If you have time, volunteer to direct traffic, show where to park, or man the gates. Call Cathy Gentry of the marketing department at 810-237-3450.

VCCA sponsored raffle tickets still available

There is still time to purchase tickets for the July 30 VCCA Opportunity Raffle to support VCCA and the 55th Anniversary Meet at Lake Tahoe. Tickets can be purchase from Bill Anderson or Tim Mehl for \$10. Winners need not be present.



(above) Tour group enjoys lunch at a brewery. (left & below) Group examines many of the 170 autos of the Adderley collection. (below left) Exotic car in restoration at Classic & Exotic Services.



(left) Interactive videos at the GM Engineering center. (below left) LMR member views a powertrain model. (below) Members point out farm antiques at the VanHoosen Farm after listening to a farm & mill presentation.



Worthwhile stops while cruisin' the state in our Chevys!

May-September: Drive south to the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI. Wednesday Night Cruise-In, 5-8 pm.

June 18-19: Drive east to Greenfield Village Motor Muster, Dearborn, MI 9:30-9 pm

June 25-26: Drive east to Sloan Museum AutoFair, Flint, MI 8-5 pm.

July 23: Drive east to Bay City, Legacy Car Show Cruise, 11-3 pm.

July 4: Drive to central Michigan's County Seat Old Car Club 4th of July Show, Mason, MI, 8-4 pm.

July 30: Drive to central Michigan's R.E. Olds Car Capital Auto Show, Lansing, MI, 7:30 am to dusk.

June 17-18: Drive north to St Ignace, Antiques on the Bay, 9-5 pm.

June 25: Drive north to the Copperfest Classic Car & Bike Show, Ontonagon, MI 8-5 pm.

July 23-25: Drive west to the Bay Harbor Vintage Car & Boat Festival, Bay Harbor/Petoskey, MI 10-4 pm.

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.

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 600 W. Jackpine Loop, Mio, Michigan 48647.



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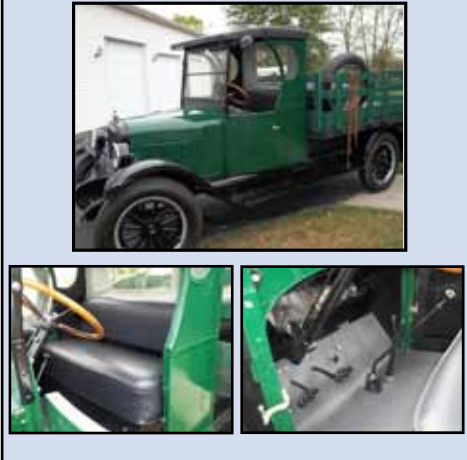
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Collector Car Sales

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: 1931 Chevy 4 door Special Sedan, dual side mounts, new paint & wood, partially disassembled but complete project car. Also 1931 Chevy 4 door parts car. All for \$9,000 OBO. No parts sale. Call C. Andrzejewski 586-264-4289 in Sterling Heights, MI.

For Sale: 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air 4 door-sedan 265 V8 power pack automatic, black & white, nice driver \$14,000. 1958 Impala Coupe 348 Tri-Power automatic power steering, Continental Kit Red car restored to original, very nice \$60,000. 1954 Corvette Polo White Red interior, tan top restoration just completed, very nice \$90,000. 1966 Caprice Coupe 283 automatic, triple black bucket seats, under dash air ps, pb \$16,000. For more information, contact Mike McFarland 810-790-1812. Pictures can be sent via Email.

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