



# CHEVY CHATTER

[www.lmrchevy.com](http://www.lmrchevy.com)



LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965



(Upper left) This 1913 Chevrolet Classic Six is the oldest surviving Chevy in the United States. It has a left handed drive, electric lights, a fuel gauge and a lamp to illuminate the speedometer. (Upper right) The Flint Road Cart of 1886 was known for its innovative stirrup seat suspension providing a smooth



ride. The company name was later changed to the Durant-Dort Carriage Company. (Above right) Marge Henige studies the spokes of a carriage wheel with pictures of the founders.



(below) Marie Straus and son Ralph read about the historic Factory One with Tim Reinke.

## LMR is first auto club to tour Flint's historic Factory One

We were all smiles after our lunch and an amazing historic presentation given by Flint native Gary Fisher (extreme right).



**June 25, 2017** (Sunday)

Lower Michigan Region meeting to be held at Sloan Museum at 1 p.m. in the Longway Planetarium, (see both sides of enclosed flyer), during the Sloan Auto Fair, Flint MI.

**June 26, 2017** (Monday)

VCCA 54th Central Meet in Elmira, New York, July 26-30, 2017 at the Elmira Holiday Inn. Registration deadline is June 26, 2017. (See both sides of enclosed flyer.)



## from the driver's seat . . . Bill Anderson, LMR director

May was a busy month. Brian Granger did a fantastic job hosting the Dust-Off Tour at Factory One in Flint. I could not make the event but did visit the facility during its May 1 dedication. It truly is a first class operation. Many thanks to General Motors and Mark Reuss and Kevin Kurbitz for spearheading the project. I do believe it will be open during Back to the Bricks in August for those wanting to visit.

The Sloan Museum Auto Fair (SMAF) is just around the corner, June 24-25. If you haven't submitted an entry form, either use the one from the May issue *Chevy Chatter* or contact me and I will send you one with our logo and prices. We receive a \$5 discount as LMR VCCA club members.

Sunday, June 25, 1 p.m. is our meeting during the Sloan Auto Fair, but we will meet in the Longway Planetarium, which is closer to where we park for the event. Brian Granger informed me that vehicles will be on display at Applewood, the C.S. Mott estate, which is adjacent to Sloan. Also, the estate will be open for free tours and has expanded to include the basement bowling alley and second floor sleeping quarters.

I have not heard too many confirmations relative to the *Celebrate the Mitten Day* at Cross Roads Village, Saturday, June 19. Nine people said they plan to attend but I do not have that many confirmations. The deadline to confirm is upon us and the Mitten organizers have set aside special parking for our group.

Included in this issue is the 54th Central Meet at Elmira, NY registration form. Registration deadline is June 26.

Updates of the *Remember When* section of the club roster updated by Phyllis Rickabus again will be available at a later meeting. Email copies are available now.

We will be repeating our 2016 end-of-year calendar and meeting sequence in 2017 so the banquet can be held in early November to accomodate snowbirds.

One more item. Mary Samulski is stepping down from the responsibility of club membership chairman at the end of the year. We need a new candidate to step up beginning this fall, during an overlap period, and then take it on fully in 2018. Please give this position serious consideration. It is not a lifetime position, but perhaps a two year adventure.

### 2017 Lower Michigan Region Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Officers

Director: Bill Anderson	old50grit@comcast.net	Sr. Board member: Dave Rickabus	daphyrick@yahoo.com
Asst.Dir: Brian Granger	grangerb59@yahoo.com	Sr. Board member: Bob Sovis	risopp@yahoo.com
Secretary: Mike McCarty	michaelrrrmccarty@gmail.com	Sr. Board member: Verle Wetherwax	sharonwetherwax@comcast.com
Treasurer: Pat Mehl	tterrab55@hotmail.com	Jr. Board member: Bruce Granger	brucedgranger@yahoo.com
Historian: Bruce & Brian Granger	brucedgranger@yahoo.com	Jr. Board member: Tim Reinke	trreinke@gmail.com
Sunshine: Marge Henige	mhenige57@yahoo.com	Jr. Board member: Andy West	andywest@tmiworldwide.com
Ex-Officio Board member: Mike McCarty	michaelrrrmccarty@gmail.com		
Chevy Chatter: Barbara Sparks	chevy chattermi@gmail.com	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.	
	PO BOX 353 Saranac, MI 48881		
Membership: Mary Samulski	lmrvccamembership@gmail.com		
	LMR VCCA Membership		
	PO BOX 303, Imlay City, MI 48444		

## Get ready for another great tour, picnic and Gilmore event

Saturday, August 5, our Summer Tour and Picnic has us sharing breakfast at Mike and Barb Sparks' home, located in Saranac, between Lansing and Grand Rapids, just off I-96. After fueling up with coffee and delicious treats, we will caravan through the back roads of western Michigan to end up at the Gilmore Auto Museum's Red Barns Spectacular.

This show brings in over 1000 ve-

hicles of all makes and models, boats, campers and other vehicular oddities. The museum itself is one of the best in the nation and is beautifully situated in the rolling hills outside the small town of Hickory Corners.

There will be a swap meet as well as a judging program, complete with awards. We will have a box lunch on the campus, and food vendors are avail-

able onsite for those that want to indulge in ice cream or other treats later in the day.

A complete story with a registration form and directions will be published in the July issue of the *Chevy Chatter*. Reservations will be due by July 15, but if you want to get your registration in early, contact Pat Mehl at 269-200-3012, or email her at tterab55@hotmail.com for further information.

### Summer Tour & Picnic Registration Form to Gilmore Museum

VCCA Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact & phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Choices provided by North End Deli (NED's) on Gull Lake: Pick one. All Sandwiches include chips, a pickle spear, choice of canned cold drink or water, light dessert. Additional water available.

\_\_\_\_\_ **New York Reuben:** corned beef, swiss cheese, coleslaw, 1000 island dressing, rye bread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Roast Beef Combo:** roast beef, turkey, ham, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo, wheat bread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Garden Grille:** cucumbers, spinach, artichokes, red pepper, tomato, basil pesto, mustard, wheat bread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ham & Cheese:** ham, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo, wheat bread

Per person: Registration fee (includes breakfast & lunch) \$20 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Driving my: \_\_\_\_\_ antique Chevy Cost: \$18/ vehicle (prepay to receive gate pass) \_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_ modern vehicle Cost: \$12/person (receive gate pass for entry) \_\_\_\_\_

(For class judging, go to <http://www.kaarc.org/ka/RedBarnsSpectacular.aspx>) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

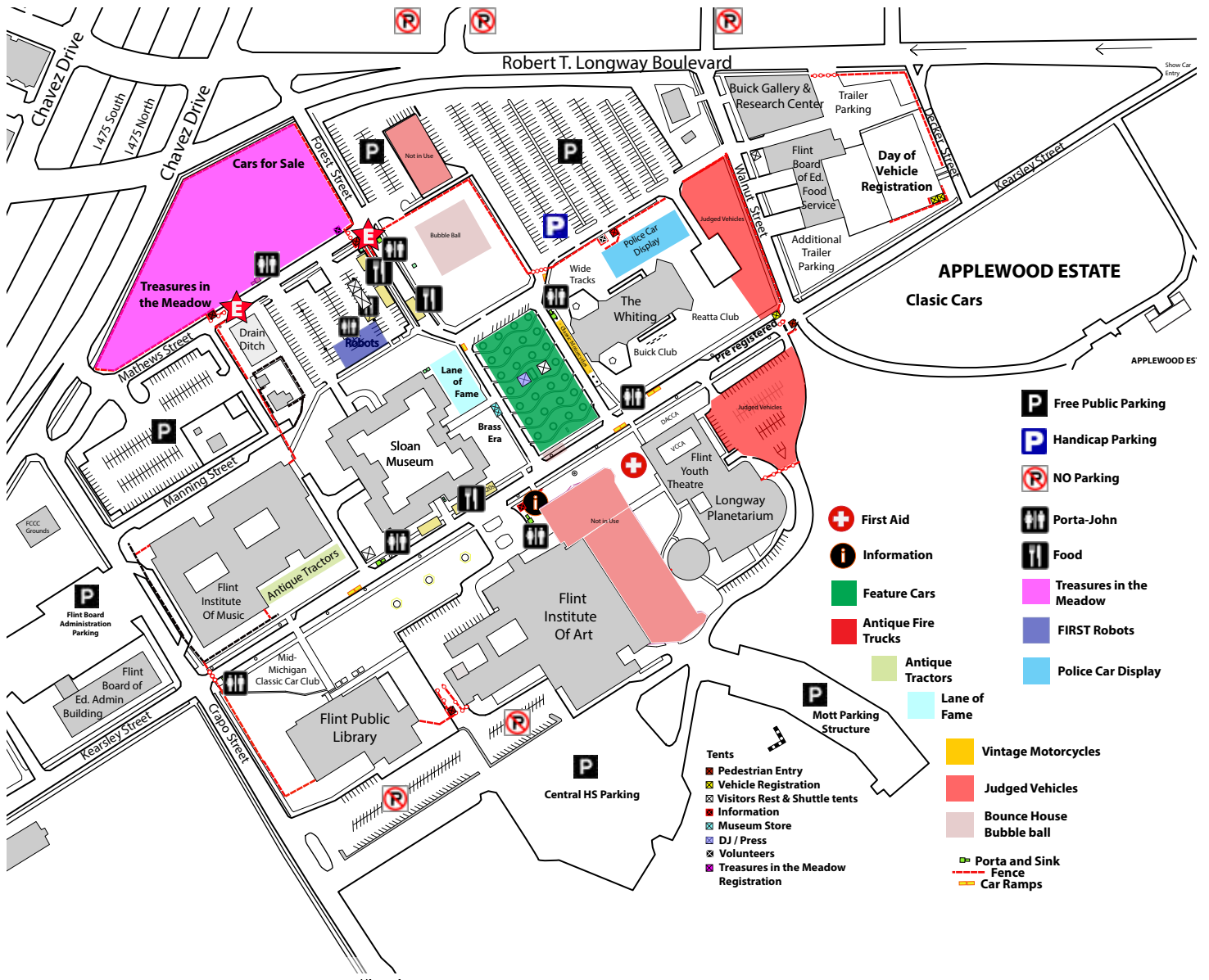
**Make checks out to LMR-VCCA and mail to Pat Mehl, 4082 Ivy St., Galesburg, MI 49053 by July 15 or bring registration and check to the June 25 LMR meeting during Sloan Auto Fair**

## Minutes of the past meeting *by Phyllis Rickabus & Brian Granger*

Informal meeting held during the Dust-Off Tour at Durant-Dort Building, Flint, MI. 30 members and guests were present. • **Brian Granger made the announcement that Sloan Auto Fair will have club parking available. Send in a registration form, marking it "Lower MI Region, VCCA Club" to pay only \$10 instead of \$15 for non-judged vehicles. Non-judged vehicles will be in front of the Bower Theatre.** • Applewood will be open during the Fair with 10-passenger golf carts shuttling those who do not want to walk that far. • **The Titanic Exhibit is extended to September 3, so the LMR meeting will**

**be in the Longway Planetarium at 1 p.m., Sunday June 25. Brian will send diagram to find meeting room.** • Tim Reinke noted that he spent the winter working on a new LMR website. Contact Tim for a sneak peek. • **During Dust-Off Tour, our speaker Gary Fisher, a Flint native and avid historian, made William 'Billy' Durant and other major historical businessmen Nash, Chrysler, Whiting, Kettering, Mott, Patterson, and Dort involved in what eventually became General Motors come alive.** • Brian Granger tabulated Dust-Off Tour attendees and they are now part of LMR VCCA history. Brian Granger

er - 1965 Corvair, Bruce Granger -1971 Chevelle, Rod Thomas - 1967 Chevy II, Bob Sovis - 1939 Town Sedan, Robin & Tim Reinke - 1931 Cabriolet, Paul & Deb Pawlosky - 1948 Fleetline, John Dargel - 1928 1 1/2 32 Four Door Sedan, Dennis & Bonnie Reinke - 1941 Chevy Coupe, Dave & Phyllis Rickabus - 1956 Bel Air, Lloyd & Marjorie Henige with Ron & Marilyn Henige - 1956 Bel Air HT, Clarence & Marie & Ralph Straus - 1932 4Door Sedan. Other guests driving modern vehicles were Gary & Pam Mehl, Jim and Barb Morningstar, Barb Sparks & guest Chris Segerlind.



Robert T. Longway Boulevard

APPLEWOOD ESTATE  
Classic Cars

- Free Public Parking
- Handicap Parking
- NO Parking
- Porta-John
- Food
- Treasures in the Meadow
- FIRST Robots
- Police Car Display

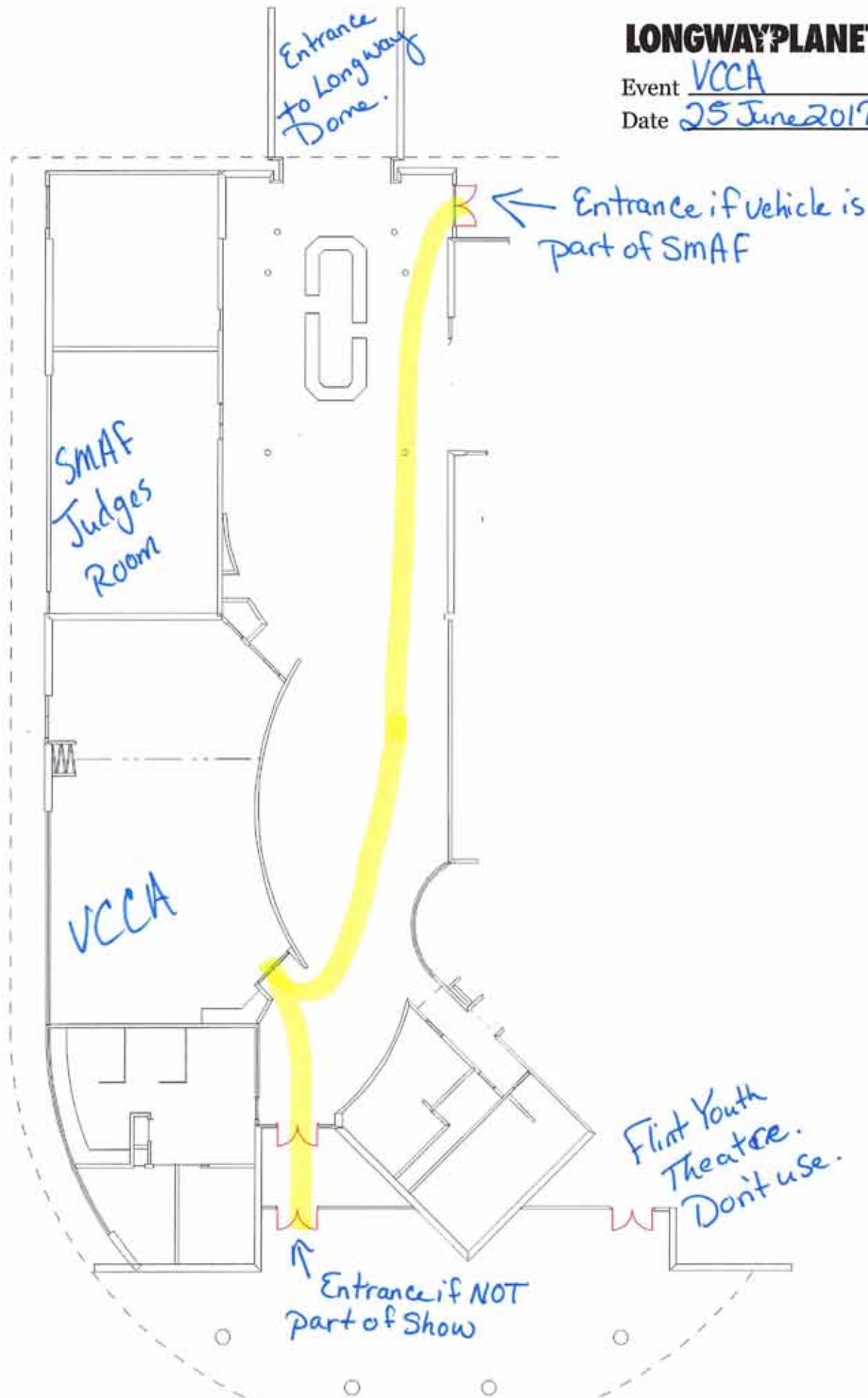
- First Aid
- Information
- Feature Cars
- Antique Fire Trucks
- Antique Tractors
- Lane of Fame

- Tents
- Pedestrian Entry
- Vehicle Registration
- Visitors Rest & Shuttle tents
- Information
- Museum Store
- DJ / Press
- Volunteers
- Treasures in the Meadow Registration

- Vintage Motorcycles
- Judged Vehicles
- Bounce House
- Bubble ball
- Porta and Sink
- Fence
- Car Ramps

# LONGWAY PLANETARIUM

Event VCCA  
Date 25 June 2017



Entrance to Longway Dome.

← Entrance if vehicle is part of SMAF

SMAF Judges Room

VCCA

Flint Youth Theatre. Don't use.

↑ Entrance if NOT part of Show

Vintage Chevrolet Club of America  
54<sup>TH</sup> Central Meet  
Elmira, New York  
July 26 - 30, 2017

Holiday Inn  
Elmira, New York  
Registration Deadline– June 26, 2017



Name (Last): \_\_\_\_\_, (First) \_\_\_\_\_, (Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_, VCCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Children (Age) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ), \_\_\_\_\_ ( ), \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_, City \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ VCCA Region \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

Engine 4 \_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_ V-8 \_\_\_ Vehicle to be Judged? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Vehicle Trailered to Meet? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Last Award received at a VCCA Meet (excluding an Anniversary Meet) First time shown? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Jr. \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. \_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Jr. \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Sr. \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sr. \_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sr. \_\_\_ Preservation Board \_\_\_ Miniature \_\_\_

HPOCF Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ CDPC: \_\_\_\_\_

Personalized/Modified: \_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

Swap Meet Space Needed? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (No charge, VCCA members only)

Registering more than one vehicle? List above information at the bottom of this page or on a separate sheet for each additional vehicle. Please include your name and VCCA# on each sheet.

I am willing to judge: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Class Preferred 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to participate as: Observer: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Runner: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tabulator: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Field Check: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday Information Tables: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone wishing to display model vehicles or crafts may do so at the Banquet on Saturday night.

Meet registration fee includes all immediate family members, registration of one vehicle, meet dash plaque, registration materials, and admission to: evening social, all seminars, swap meet, models & crafts display. All VCCA members attending the 54<sup>th</sup> Central Meet must register and pay registration fee. Awards are paid for out of the registration fees collected.

EVENT SCHEDULE AND FEES

		How Many?	Amount
Meet Registration Fee	\$50	_____	<u>\$50</u>
Additional Vehicles (same owner or spouse)	\$10 each	_____	_____
VCCA Award Fee	\$5 per vehicle	_____	_____
Wed. Evening Early Bird Welcome	\$17 each	_____	_____
Thursday Morning Seminars		_____	<u>N/C</u>
Thursday Ladies' Luncheon	\$25 per person	_____	_____
Thursday Children's Luncheon		_____	<u>N/C</u>
Thursday afternoon/evening	\$17 per person	_____	_____
(Corning Museum of Glass, dinner on your own)			
Friday VCCA Class Judging			
Friday Evening Picnic (Historic Eldridge Park, restored Carousel, boat ride on lake)		_____	<u>N/C</u>
Saturday Plaque Tour to Windmill Market, Old Watkins Grand Prix Track		_____	<u>N/C</u>
Saturday Children's Banquet	\$12 per child	_____	_____
Saturday Social 6:00 – 6:30 PM	Cash Bar		
Saturday Evening Awards Banquet 6:30 PM	\$35 per person		
	Pot Roast w/vegetables	_____	_____
	Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast	_____	_____
	Broiled Haddock	_____	_____
54 <sup>th</sup> Central Meet Shirts, 100% Cotton (Pre-order only):			
_____ S	\$18	_____ M	\$18
_____ L	\$18	_____ XL	\$18
_____ XXL	\$18	_____ XXXL	\$18

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES– Checks payable to 54<sup>th</sup> VCCA Central Meet \$\_\_\_\_\_

You must be a member in good standing to register for the 54<sup>th</sup> Central Meet.

A charged UL approved automotive fire extinguisher must be with your vehicle at all times during a VCCA Meet

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a copy of this form before sending to the meet registration chairperson:

Kathleen Spallone  
 1672 State Route 13  
 Cayuta, New York 14824-9630  
 Phone: 607-739-0094 (evenings)  
 Cell: 607-426-6378 (days)  
 E-mail [rkspallone@aol.com](mailto:rkspallone@aol.com)

Attach Latest G&D Mailing Label Here

Confirmation will be sent immediately to all registrants, along with a map and directions to the 54<sup>th</sup> Central Meet headquarters hotel, Elmira Holiday Inn. Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Holiday Inn Riverview, 760 E. Water Street, Elmira, New York 14901 at (607) 734-4211. Rates are \$94 plus tax per night for a standard room double or single. Please mention VCCA when making reservations. Motor homes are welcome at \$15/night. There is no hook-up for electric, sewer or water.

# Autos, Parts & Services

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

**For Sale: 5 15"x5 Chevy passenger wheels**, 4 handholds, 6 bolt holes and all hubcap tabs in place. Some minor rust. Also a box of parts, 1938 water pump, 1934 generator, 1937 steering gear and so on. Asking \$50. You pick up. Contact Carl Eggers, St. Clair Shores 586-294-4856

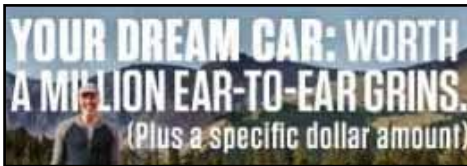


**Felice**  
AUTOMOTIVE

**CHRIS FELICE**  
(616) 527-3227  
2859 E. Tuttle Rd.  
Ionia, MI 48846  
www.feliceracing.com

COMPLETE MACHINE SHOP  
IN-HOUSE DYNO SERVICE  
PERFORMANCE PARTS

**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.



**SAM POWER**  
REGIONAL ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE

141 RIVER'S EDGE DRIVE, TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684  
P •1-231-632-5837 W HAGERTY.COM  
E SPOWER@HAGERTY.COM

**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.



**Wanted: For 1934 Chevy Master 4 Door:** Cross chassis brake shaft with bearings. Contact Mike McCarty VCCA#45888 at 248-528-1273 Troy, MI

**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: Pole barn crammed** with truck parts 1967-69, new fenders, doors, grills, hoods still wrapped; a shed full of other car parts; Also 1954 Chevy, 1969 Chevelle coupe, 1975 Buick convertible under 23,000 miles, 1964 Pontiac 2 door with 421 engine under 49,000 miles, 8N Ford tractor & 3 point equipment. Contact Michelle Arvoy-Corn 734-657-8557 or email: mikwah@gmail.com (Also houses in Swartz Creek & Ann Arbor for sale.)

**SARANAC, MI 48881  
PO BOX 353  
CHEVY CHATTER**