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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

LMR members impressed with Bellevue Gothic Mill operation and restoration during Dust-Off Tour



(lower left) Mill owner Bill Stockhausen takes LMR members to the basement level where electricity is produced for the mill and some of the Bellevue area. (upper left) Outside of the mill, the Battle Creek River roars in the background. (right) Stockhausen shows the mechanical area which controls the electricity.



(left) On the second floor of the five story mill there are multiple guest beds like a bunk house. (right) Mill owner Bill Stockhausen demonstrates the five story pulley system that can be used rather than the stairs as Phyllis Rickabus watches. The main floor has a sitting room, dining room, kitchen and bathroom. The Stockhausen's five adult children helped to restore the mill over a 40 year period with Bill & his wife Carole Jean.

Robin & Tim Reinke, Bob & Lois Gardner, Clarence & Marie Strauss & son, Dave & Joyce French, Ole & Marie Hagen, Don & Linda Harbron, Gary, Pam & Aaron Mehl, Dave & Phyllis Rickabus, Tim & Pat Mehl, Bruce & Brian Granger, Jim & Verna Schott area ready to eat at Eaton Place in Charlotte.



Now is the time to voice By-Laws Reform concerns

Members should have received the proposed LMR By-Laws rewrite by either email or postal delivery. Information was sent out in mid-April.

If you have NOT received this document, please contact Pat Mehl (Jakobs.Grama@gmail.com or 269-217-1253) to obtain the document. We, the By-Laws Committee, would like your feedback - questions, concerns or unofficial approval, by June 15.

In the late summer or early fall, we will be presenting the changes with an official motion, which if accepted, will need a majority vote of more than 50 percent of ALL LMR members in good standing. This will require the following:

- 1) Confirmation with our membership chair, Phyllis Rickabus, as to which members of your household are eligible to vote. Due to some changes at the national level, the registration on file with the national membership office is what will be official at the regional level. Each household is eligible to have up to TWO voting members such as a husband/wife or father/son combination, but this must be on record. If you are not sure, contact Phyllis who can help you verify and update your membership if necessary.
- 2) If you have no issues with the motion, please vote YES and return your ballot as instructed when you receive it at your household. If you do not return your ballot, it will be a NO vote, and will count against the efforts to get this document updated to current standards.

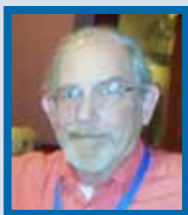
We ask again, please vote, and we encourage you to vote YES. If you have concerns about the motion, which is the overhaul of the By-Laws, please make your concerns known. now, so we can address them.

June 8-13, 2018

Back to the Bricks Mighty Mac and Back Promo Tour. Contact Pete Cimbala at 810-241-8593 or corvairkid1963@lentel.com for more information regarding the adventure tour on the back roads of northern and central Michigan. Registration cost is \$55 for driver and one passenger.

June 24, 2018

Second LMR membership meeting of the year will be held 1 p.m. at the Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad in Genesee County at the Mill Street Warehouse and Dining Room.



from the driver's seat . . .

Brian Granger, LMR director

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS,

Can you believe it's June already? It seems we went from winter to summer with hardly a sign of spring! Where has this year gone? . . . it is almost half over!

The Dust-Off Tour is now behind us. We got a little wet and some details did not go as planned, but we got through it. Our most memorable and interesting event was at the Bellevue Gothic Mill, located in Bellevue, Michigan. I have the mileage and stamp for any of the 26 of you who have a tour passbook. Our total mileage was 135 miles for those of you that travelled the scenic way! Participants were Robin and Tim Reinke, Bob and Lois Gardner, Clarence and Marie Strauss and son, Dave and Joyce French, Ole and Marie Hagen, Don and Linda Harbron, Gary, Pam and Aaron Mehl, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus, Tim and Pat Mehl, Bruce and Brian Granger, Mike and Barb Sparks, Pinky and Joyce Randall, and Jim and Verna Schott.

Fortunately, there was only one minor vehicle problem during the tour. Ask Dave and Phyllis Rickabus about that. I'm told Phyllis was driving. Bob Gardner deserves a great big THANK YOU for coming to the aid of the Rickabus' with his large steel bar. I will let them tell you the details of their story.

If you plan to bring a vehicle to the Sloan Auto Fair, please let me know ASAP so I can reserve plenty of spaces. The plan is to park near the information booth which I will be running this year. It will be located near the corner of Church and Genesee Streets in the Village Green. Our LMR meeting will be on Sunday, June 24, 1 p.m. at the Mill Street Warehouse and Dining Room.

June is one of the busiest months of the year with many milestones: students are graduating from high school; young couples are getting married; and one of our long time members Winnie Crawford, widow of Carleton, is turning 100 years old on June 13. Please take a moment to send a card or note to her at 2535 South Hill Road, Milford, Michigan 48381.

Happy Father's Day and of course, safe driving/cruising. See you at the Auto Fair!!

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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.

Minutes of the May 20, 2018 Meeting

submitted by Pat Mehl, acting secretary

The May 20, 2018, LMR membership meeting was held in Bellevue, Michigan, near the Bellevue Gothic Mill during the Dust-Off Tour. The meeting was called to order by Director Brian Granger at 10:45 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

• **PRESENT:** Bruce Granger, Jim & Verna Schott, Tim & Pat Mehl, Robin & Tim Reinke, Bob & Lois Gardner, Clarence & Marie Strauss and son, Dave & Joyce French, Ole & Marie Hagen, Don & Linda Harbron, Gary, Pam, and guest Aaron, Mehl, Dave & Phyllis Rickabus. Also present for the mill tour were Pinky & Joyce Randall, Mike & Barb Sparks. • **OLD BUSINESS:** October 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented in the April *Chevy Chatter*. • **BY-LAWS:** Pat Mehl, representing the committee including Phyllis Rickabus and Brian Granger, reviewed the contents of the mailing sent to all members outlining the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Two parties received printed copies of the proposal, (who indicated they did not receive a copy by email). Pat asked that members please review the proposal and respond to her with any questions, concerns. Phyllis explained the voting process, including the clarification needed by the club as to the status of spouses on their memberships. When the proposal is presented for a vote, hopefully in the fall, only those members who have indicated on their national membership that there are two voting members in the house-

hold will be allowed two votes. We NEED everyone's participation to pass this important update to our by-laws: it is stated that a majority vote of ALL members (Not just those present at a meeting) will be required to pass the amendment. This vote will most likely be by mail. • **AWARDS:** As no award winners from last year were present at this meeting, no awards were handed out. • **NEW BUSINESS:** Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented by Treasurer Pat Mehl. • **Tours & Activities:** Director Brian Granger presented the schedule for tours and events, as currently organized:

1) **Presented a map** of the Crossroads Village for the Sloan Auto Fair on 6/24/18.
 2) **LMR meeting** will be 6/24/18, Crossroads Village, 1 p.m.
 3) Back to the Bricks 8/18/18.
 4) **Golden Memories** - location TBD - 9/16/18. Meeting at 1 p.m., includes nomination of officers for 2018-19 LMR Board.
 5) **Mothball Tour** - October 16-20; Itinerary TBD - Jim Schott looking for ideas!
 6) **Board Meeting**, 1 p.m. Junction of Hope, Layton Corners; General Meeting at 2 p.m. with election of officers.
 7) **Winter Awards Banquet:** November 3, Noon-4 p.m., Brick Street Grill, Grand Blanc, MI; menu: buffet style including fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, California mixed vegetables, tossed salad, apple pie a la mode for dessert; cash bar

available.

• **Membership/Roster:** Phyllis Rickabus handed out new membership rosters, not the booklet) to all members present and will be mailing out rosters to those not in attendance. She noted that we are trying to include the widows of members in our *Chevy Chatter* mailings and asked for help in getting emails for them or family/friends who could copy and distribute. • **Sunshine:** Pat Mehl reported (for Marjorie Henige) that cards and memorials were sent honoring the passing of long-time members Howard Reinke, father of Robin and grandfather of Tim, and Cleland "Bud" Cook. Mary Granger was reported to be preparing for shoulder surgery next week for a torn rotator cuff. Winnie Crawford, wife of longtime member Carlton Crawford, is turning 100 years old in June. Marie Hagen will provide a mailing address and asked that as many members as possible sent Winne birthday wishes ahead of the celebration. • **HISTORIAN:** Bruce Granger updated the club on additions to our collection, including several donations of *G&D* magazine collections to our library. He also shared some of the club's archives with us. • **Winter Activities:** Tim Reinke again asked for help and ideas in planning some winter activities for those of us in the club who don't go south in the winter.

• **ADJOURNMENT:** Ole Hagen motioned for adjournment at 11:30 a.m.

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•1928 Chevrolet 4 door touring car (Pheaton). Good paint & tires. New top side curtains & interior. Great car for the VCCA 4 cylinder tours. Originally restored by the late Glenn Honeyman in Ohio. Asking \$18,500.

•1931 Chevrolet Pheaton, older restoration with nice paint, interior, chrome. New running board mats & trim, 5 new hubcaps, Eagle radiator cap, top will be replaced next month so available in July. This is a rare car since only 852 produced. Asking \$35,000 or may trade for ?

•1949 Chevrolet Deluxe Convertible, fully restored show car. Must see. Asking \$40,000.

•1952 Chevrolet 2 door deluxe, new paint, interior, chrome tires, etc. Power glide split manifold. Great for local shows or VCCA 6 cylinder tours. Asking \$19,000.

•1955 210 2 door hardtop 6 cylinder, green/white restored to show car standards. Asking \$35,000.

•1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2 door hardtop, black with black & silver interior. Nice driver. Asking \$38,000.

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Mastodon Exhibit also part of Dust-Off Tour

Jim and Verna Schott spent quite a bit of time looking over the mastodon bone display in Bellevue. Bones included rib, leg, shoulder, hip, the base of the tusk and pieces of vertebrae.

Another stop on the Dust-Off Tour was the antique store and mastodon bone exhibit in the village of Bellevue.

Some LMR members took the time to visit the antique shop where the 42 massive bones are located after the mill tour. On display are the collection of Ice Age bones dug up by Daniel LaPoint, Jr. and his neighbor Eric Witzke in 2014.

Although LaPoint was going to donate the bones of the five ton male mastodon to the University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology, he and Witzke will wait to see if the Bellevue Mastodon Museum will become a reality.

Presently, the bones are on display at the back of the antique store.

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