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Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

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**When the First Central Meet was in full progress,**

**This 1964 Impala SS Convertible was New**

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**LOWER MICHIGAN REGION - VCCA – 2013 CALENDAR of EVENTS**

July						
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16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Corvair Nationals  
 Kalamazoo, Michigan  
 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Central Meet

3<sup>rd</sup> - Hickory Corners Red Barn Spectacular.  
 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at Wetherwax Residents  
 24<sup>th</sup> Back to The Bricks  
 24<sup>th</sup> Woodward Dream Cruise

15<sup>th</sup> Golden Memories @ Sloan Museum and Regular Business Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**50<sup>th</sup> CENTRAL MEET, - JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> thru 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 – PORT HURON, MICHIGAN.**

Bad News – Good News

On Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> the Port Huron Doubletree (Host Hotel) informed the Lower Michigan Region that they would be unable to fulfill their commitment to host our 50<sup>th</sup> Central Meet.

On Friday June 21, an alternate site was obtained in the Port Huron area to hold the 50<sup>th</sup> Central Meet located on the water approximately 3 miles south of the original location. The site is named the “Seaway Terminal” and has sufficient “secured” space and facilities to house trailer parking, motor homes parking, judging field layout, and all of the other activities planned for this event, i.e. Banquet, Picnic, Registration, Swap Meet, etc. Access to the facility is by digital touch pad.

Everyone currently on the Meet Registration List will be contacted via telephone by the Meet Chairman Mike McFarland within the next two days to provide specific details such as where the Seaway Terminal is located and the access code for entry to the facility. The Doubletree provided a listing of those VCCA Individuals who made reservations with them for our event, so we are aware of who needs lodging. Several Hotels in the area have blocked rooms for our event. Mike will provide reservation information when you are contacted.

If you made motel reservations earlier at a location other than the Doubletree Host Hotel, nothing changes for you.

Do you have questions, concerns, or want to change your current reservation? Call Mike 1812.

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**LOWER MICHIGAN REGION – VCCA – MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 23, 2013, Sloan Museum “Halfway Café”, at Sloan Auto Fair**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Director Verle Wetherwax called the meeting to order at 2:03p. He then asked Pinky Randall to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-seven members were present.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None present at the start, but Bob & JoAnn Forman, longtime prospective members, joined us. Also, Tim Shickles, Director of Sloan\*Longway, greeted the group and thanked the LMR-VCCA for its continued support of the museum and its activities.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** In the absence of corrections, the previous meeting minutes stand approved. (In the absence of the secretary, Phyllis Rickabus is to blame for these minutes.)

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** None; not present.

**REPORTS:**

**Sunshine:** Mike McFarland reported that his dad, *Ed McFarland*, is in hospital. *Norma Clark* has chronic mobility issues, per Pinky. Darrell Dowdy brought *Walt Arvoy* to the Auto Fair on Saturday.

**Membership:** We had phoned Dick O. to report 110 memberships active and paid. Verle again asked the membership to recruit new members by going to meets and shows with VCCA info and “talk up” the club to Chevy owners.

**ACTIVITIES:**

**Mothball:** Mike McCarty outlined the Fall tour for us. This will be held Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18. Mike has arranged for a tour of the Chevy Volt plant in Detroit on Thursday (The plant is open for tours only M – Th.), followed by a tour of the Ford Paquette Avenue Plant/Museum, a walking tour of the area, tour of GM Headquarters in the Ren Cen, drive-by of the Highland Park Ford Plant, with lunch and dinner mixed in there. On Friday, we’ll begin with a tour of Meadowbrook Hall Gardens, then on to the Packard Proving Grounds, lunch, then to the Stahl Automotive Museum. Mike has worked out a very complete tour schedule; watch the *Chatter* for specifics and registration form.

**Banquet:** Save the date – December 7<sup>th</sup>. Menu and room are arranged, per Brian G.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2013 Central Meet – LMR hosts:** Before this meeting Mike McFarland had informed everyone about the loss of the Port Huron hotel (which will NOT be ready in time for the Central Meet). Mike and Mary, with the help of Judy at the Port Huron Chamber of Commerce, as well as key club members, have already relocated the Central Meet to the Port Huron Seaway Terminal, about 3 miles south of the former site and still on the river. Mike and Mary have phoned every registrant to personally explain the changes involved. Mike has also contacted all Port Huron motels to arrange room blocks.

Jim Morningstar showed the group a really beautiful “artist’s rendition” of the Central Meet award plaque design. The finished product will be even nicer!

Bruce Granger will have miscellaneous Anniversary Meet items available at the Central Meet.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There will be a Board Meeting at the Wetherwax home on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2p. All interested members are welcome to attend.

We still have not filled a vacant Junior Board Member spot. Verle asked for a volunteer, and Jim Morningstar stepped forward. Jim will be the third Junior Board Member. Thanks, Jim! Verle reminded the membership to think seriously about serving the club by becoming an officer in 2014.

**TECH TALK:** *Don Harbron* reported that there is a place in PA that makes honeycomb radiators, and the cost is less than from the catalog stores. *Jim Morningstar* shared something about a ’56 Nomad, chassis, frame, engine,

but the temporary secretary got distracted and missed the rest. Talk to Jim ... *Don H* is parting out two '41s. *Lew Clark* is downsizing and getting rid of LOTS of car stuff. He has parts, memorabilia, manuals, etc. Give him a call.

**50/50:** No Denice; no drawing. However, badge fines were gleefully collected by Don Harbron. Don was last seen leaving the museum with Dave R's hat full of money ...

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the director adjourned the meeting at 2:50p so everyone could enjoy the Auto Fair awards announcements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Rickabus, temporary secretary

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### Director's Message July, 2013

July is rapidly approaching which means we are halfway thru this year. There are still tasks to accomplish before next year arrives.

At the banquet in December, I stressed how important it was that we all work on increasing our club membership, so far there hasn't been any growth, in fact, we have a negative four. Let's all try to work on this area.

It won't be long and we will need to elect new officers, please start seriously thinking this matter.

We had a great car show this weekend at Sloan, congratulations Bob Sovis. He won Best of Show with a 1965 Corvair in the original unrestored class. We also held an LMR meeting there, it went well considering all the problems arose the week prior. Thank You Mike McFarland and Mary who spent countless hours in Port Huron resolving the issues.

It sounds to me like Mike McCardy has planned a great fall tour on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> and `18<sup>th</sup> . Mark this on your calendar now so you will be available to attend, I don't think you'll want to miss it.

We have approximately nonly 4 weeks before our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Central Meet. Let's all band together in co-operation to show everybody how great our region is.

Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Respectfully,

Verle Wetherwax      810-275-7719

## The First Central Meet and “I Have a Plan”.

Submitted by Pinky Randall

*Editor’s note: Pinky wrote me a note about the 1<sup>st</sup> Central Meet and with his permission I’ll attempt to paraphrase his memories of that event to you:*

The first Central Meet was held at the Urbana, Ohio Fair Grounds on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21, 1964. The event was Co-sponsored by the Miami Valley Region and the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America, INC.

Urbana, Ohio was chosen for the meet location because it was deemed to be the most central for most members at the time. Several committees worked hard to make this a successful meet so that many members of the club might get together for the first time. The event was planned around suggested Activities as the result of a membership survey. Registrations were received from several states. All members were urged to attend, bring their family and friends, and participate, weather they could bring their “pride ‘n joy” or their modern iron. Each participant received a Dash Plaque, Window card, and a Roster of the participants that included a listing of their cars. An advanced registration fee was \$2.00 and a late “at the gate” fee was \$2.50. *(things have changed!)*

Pinky and Bob Donohoe were the leaders in putting the First Central Meet in motion and the two made several trips to the Urbana-Dayton, Ohio while setting up the event. Jim Koontz was actually selected as the Meet Chairman as he was the first National VCCA member outside the state of California (VCCA #00028). Unfortunately, Jim became ill and was hospitalized for quite sometime. Fortunately, Jim was released from the hospital in time to attend the First Central Meet.

*As the Lower Michigan Region prepares to host the 50<sup>th</sup> Central Meet in Port Huron later this month, Pinky went on to talk about “THE PLAN”.*

Joyce and I are the **ONLY PEOPLE** that (will) have attended all of the 50 Central Meets. I’m trying to assemble a special display of ALL of the 50 Central Meet Plaques and Dash Plaques for display at the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Central Meet later this month. Although we attended all 50 events, I did not always receive a Dash or Tour Plaque and over the years I may have lost or mis-placed some that I did receive. Therefore I’m requesting your help. Following is a listing of those VCCA Dash Plaques and Tour Plaques I’m in need of to complete my project. I’m willing to purchase the listed missing Dash plaques and Tour

Plaques or trade my extra Dash or Tour Plaques. The Plaques I seek may never have been issued but I’m searching for those listed years that were issued providing you can help. SEE FOLLOWING LIST OF NEEDS

**Pinky Randall, P. O .Box 700, Houghton Lake, MI 48629. (home phone) 989-422-5444; Cell Phone 989-302-0866.**

VCCA Plaques needed:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Central Meet, Pleasant Run, IL, July 1985, Great Lakes Region
- 28<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Springfield, IL, July, 1991 Central Illinois Region
- 29<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Westlake, OH, July 1992, Lake Erie Region
- 40<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Chillicothe, OH, July 2003, First Capitol Region
- 44<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Perrysburg, OH, July 2007, Glass Capitol Region
- 45<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Cincinnati, OH, July 2008, Miami Valley Region
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Tour Plaques needed:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Central Meet, Pleasant Run, IL, July, 1985 Great Lakes Region
- 28<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Springfield IL, July 1991, Central Illinois Region
- 29<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Westlake, OH, July, 1992, Lake Erie Region
- 36<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, July 1999, Southern Ontario Region
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Central Meet, Fort Wayne, IN, July 2005, Indiana Region
- 43<sup>rd</sup> Central Meet, West Lake OH, July 2006, Lake Erie Region
- 44<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Perrysburg, OH, July, 2007, Glass Capitol Region
- 45<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Sharonville, Oh, July, 2008, Miami Valley Region
- 47<sup>th</sup> Central Meet, Nashville, IN, July 2010, Indiana Region

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Pinky

### ADVERTISEMENTS

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

**For Sale:** 1921 Chevrolet 490, 4 door sedan. Good Condition. Contact Steven Newnam 317-896-3597 or email [steven.newnam@frontier.com](mailto:steven.newnam@frontier.com).

**Wanted:** 1934 Chevy Eagle type hood ornament. Phone Mike McCarty at 248-528-1273 or [michaelrrrmccarty@gmail.com](mailto:michaelrrrmccarty@gmail.com).

**For Sale:** 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Scheuring5@aol.com).

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